## The New York Times POLL

## NEW YORK STATE Oct. 10-15, 2010

## Total N = 1,139Registered N = 943

Results are based on the total statewide sample unless otherwise noted. An asterisk indicates registered respondents. Percentages labeled with an L have been weighted to a likely voter model based on stated intention of voting and past voting behavior adjusted for regional differences in turnout in previous years.

TRENDS ARE BASED ON NEW YORK TIMES POLLS EXCEPT:

NEW YORK TIMES/CBS NEWS POLLS - OCT. 1998 - OCT. 2000

NEW YORK TIMES/WCBS-TV POLLS - SEPT. 1994 & OCT. 1994

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Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the election district where you now live, or aren't you?

Yes No DK/NA 10/10-15/10 74 26 -

1. How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2010 election campaigns in New York -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

	A lot	Some	Not much	No attention	DK/NA
9/29-10/2/94*1	23	47	26	4	-
10/26-29/94* <sup>1</sup>	34	44	19	3	_
10/1-6/98* <sup>1</sup>	20	45	25	9	1
10/21-25/98* <sup>1</sup>	21	51	24	4	1
10/12-16/02*1	27	47	19	7	_
9/24-27/06*1	20	42	28	9	1
10/10-15/10*	31	42	23	5	

<sup>1</sup> Question read: "How much attention have you been able to pay to this year's campaign for governor of New York . . ."

Definitely Probably Probably not Definitely not DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 67 21 8 3 1

<sup>2.</sup> How likely is it that you will vote in the 2010 election in November -- would you say you will definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote in the election for U.S. Senator?

3. Is your opinion of Andrew Cuomo favorable, not favorable, undecided or haven't you heard enough about Andrew Cuomo yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 3 AND 4 WERE ROTATED.

	Favorable	Not favorable	Undecided	DK enough	Refused
9/24-27/06*	26	20	34	20	1
6/6-11/08*	38	10	26	25	1
5/29-6/3/09*	56	7	16	21	_
10/10-15/10*	41	17	28	14	-

4. Is your opinion of Carl Paladino favorable, not favorable, undecided or haven't you heard enough about Carl Paladino yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 3 AND 4 WERE ROTATED.

	Favorable	Not favorable	Undecided	DK enough	Refused
10/10-15/10*	11	43	25	21	1

5. If the 2010 election for Governor were being held today, would you vote for Andrew Cuomo, the Democratic candidate, OR for Carl Paladino, Republican candidate?

## CANDIDATES' NAMES WERE ROTATED

	Cuomo	Paladino	Someone else, Neither	Won't Vote	DK/NA
10/10-15/10*	60	21	2	5	12
10/10-15/10* L	59	24	2	4	12

6. Other than running for Governor, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name Andrew Cuomo? *QUESTIONS 6 AND 7 WERE ROTATED*.

Attorney General His father/Mario Cuomo/Family name/legacy Democrat Liberal Experienced/Competent Honest/Reliable Will fight for the people/help people Good man/Family man His record Professional politician Don't trust him Albany Status quo/more of the same Head of HUD/housing Other Nothing DK/NA	10/10-15/10* 14 31 2 2 2 2 3 3 6 1 4 2 - 1 1 9 3 17
UK/NA	1/

7. Other than running for Governor, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name Carl Paladino? *QUESTIONS 6 AND 7 WERE ROTATED*.

Businessman Real estate developer 3 Buffalo/upstate Money/millionaire Angry/Has temper New/different Tough/aggressive Good man/fair Man for the people/will fight for people Don't like him/Not a good person Crazy/insane Racist/bigot/homophobic Republican Conservative Obnoxious Tea party Other Nothing DK/NA  7  Buffalo/upstate 1 1 Conservative 1 2 3 7 3 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	10/1	.0-15/10
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Conservative 2 Obnoxious 5 Tea party 1 Other 10 Nothing 7	Racist/bigot/homophobic	5
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Tea party 1 Other 10 Nothing 7	Conservative	2
Other 10 Nothing 7	Obnoxious	5
Nothing 7	Tea party	1
3	Other	10
DK/NA 29	Nothing	7
	DK/NA	29

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as State Attorney General?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
6/6-11/08	58	16	26
5/29-6/3/09	68	11	20
10/10-15/10	63	16	21

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York State Legislature in Albany is handling its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/4-13/05	32	47	21
9/24-27/06	35	38	27
6/6-11/08	29	47	23
5/29-6/3/09	33	47	20
10/10-15/10	16	70	14

27. How would you rate the condition of the New York State economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA
9/29-10/2/94*	1	37	37	23	2
10/28-29/94*	1	34	41	23	2
10/1-6/98*	8	68	16	5	3
10/21-25/98*	10	66	16	7	2
10/12-16/02*	1	41	41	14	2
2/4-13/05	3	46	29	18	4
9/24-27/06	2	58	26	11	3
6/6-11/08	2	31	38	28	2
5/29-6/3/09	1	21	46	30	1
10/10-15/10	1	19	40	39	2

28. How much do the decisions made by the state government in Albany impact your daily life -- a lot, some, not much or not at all?

A lot Some Not much Not at all DK/NA 10/10-15/10 38 42 13 6 2

29. How much do the decisions made by your local town or city government impact your daily life -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

A lot Some Not much Not at all DK/NA 10/10-15/10 35 41 15 7 2

30. Which of the following economic problems do you want the next governor to concentrate on FIRST: taxes, state spending or creating jobs?

Taxes Spending Creating jobs DK/NA 10/10-15/10 18 18 62 2

31. Which of these OTHER problems do you want the next governor to concentrate on FIRST: education, the environment, immigration, health care or transportation?

Education Environment Immigration Health care Transportation DK/NA

10/10-15/10 39 4 11 32 9 5

34. Which comes closest to your feelings about the way things are going in state government -- enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

Enthusiastic Satisfied Dissatisfied Angry DK/NA 10/10-15/10 2 14 61 21 2

35. IF ANGRY, ASK: What are you most angry about?

10/10-15/10 Spending 2 Economy 1 Unemployment 2 Taxes 3 Budget deficit 1 Corruption 1 Partisan politics 3 Self-interested 2 Not able to get things done 3 Wasting money Other Everything DK/NA

36. Some people have said that in order to deal with the problem of illegal immigration, state and local police should have the power to request proof of citizenship from anyone they have already stopped, detained or arrested. Do you think this would be a good idea or a bad idea?

Good idea Bad idea DK/NA

10/10-15/10 50 44 5

37. If state and local police have the power to request proof of citizenship from anyone they have already stopped, how likely do you think it is that police officers will detain people of certain racial or ethnic groups more frequently than other racial or ethnic groups? Do you think that is very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?

Very likely Somewhat likely Not too likely Not at all likely DK/NA 10/10-15/10 44 33 13 7 4

39. Which of these comes closest to your view? 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it; OR 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now; OR 3. Abortion should not be permitted?

	Available	Stricter limits	Not permitted	DK/NA
10/24-26/92*	52	31	14	3
9/29-10/2/94*	47	35	15	2
10/26-29/94*	49	36	12	2
10/1-6/98*	45	37	15	3
10/21-25/98*	51	34	13	2
10/23-28/99*	47	36	16	2
2/16-22/00*	45	36	15	4
6/4-10/00*	39	41	15	4
9/14-19/00*	46	34	15	5
10/10-15/10	50	31	15	4

40. Which comes closest to your view? Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, OR gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, OR there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

	Legally marry	Civil unions	No legal recognition	DK/NA
2/4-13/05	32	32	30	6
9/24-27/06	36	30	28	6
6/6-11/08	38	28	29	5
5/29-6/3/09	46	28	21	5
10/10-15/10	45	29	20	7

41. How common do you think corruption is in New York State government - is it widespread, or is it limited to a few isolated incidents?

	Widespread	Isolated	DK/NA
6/6-11/08	52	42	6
10/10-15/10	58	35	7

42. Do you think corruption in government is a part of the way things work in New York State, or do you think the state government can be run without corruption?

10/10-15/10	35	60	5
6/6-11/08	31	64	5
	Part of the way things work	Government can run without corruption	DK/NA

43. In general, do you think the Democratic party has too much power in the state government in Albany, or not?

	Too much power	Not too much	power Not	enough power	(vol)	DK/NA
10/10-15/10	32	53		3		12

47.	Is	your	opinio	on of	the	Tea	Part	су Мо	ovement	favorab	le,	not	favo	rabl	e,	undecided	or
have	en't	you	heard	enoug	gh al	bout	the	Tea	Party	Movement	yet	to	have	an	opi	nion?	

Favorable Not favorable Undecided DK enough Refused 10/10-15/10 17 28 23 31 1

50. From what you know, how serious are the current budget problems of New York State? Do you think the budget problems are very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not serious at all?

Very Somewhat Not very Not at all DK/NA
10/10-15/10 77 17 4 - 2

51. What do you think is mostly to blame for New York State's current budget problems — the state government in Albany, the federal government in Washington, Wall Street and financial institutions, or something else?

State Federal Wall Combination/all Something DK/ government government Street of the above (vol.) else NA 10/10-15/10 42 12 19 8 12

52. According to projections, New York State will NOT have enough money to balance its budget and pay for all its existing programs next year. If you had to choose among the following things to balance the state's budget, which would you prefer? 1. Raising taxes, OR 2. Reducing services, OR 3. Borrowing money?

10/10-15/10
Raise taxes 22
Reduce services 43
Borrow money 24
Taxes & borrow (vol.) Services & borrow (vol.) Taxes & services (vol.) All three (vol.) 1
DK/NA 9

53. IF TAXES, ASK: In order to help balance the state's budget, if you had to choose, which state taxes do you think should be raised — state income taxes, state property taxes or the state sales tax?

Income Property Sales Other (Vol.) Combination (Vol.) DK/NA

10/10-15/10 7 4 10 - 1 1

54. IF SERVICES, ASK: In order to help balance the state's budget, if you had to choose, which of these state funded services do you think should be cut -- local education, higher education, health care or transportation?

Local Higher Health Other Combination DK/education education care Transportation (vol.) NA

10/10-15/10 3 9 3 22 3 2 4

55. In order t	o help bala	nce the state	e's budget,	some lawmak	ers have suggested laying off
about five per	cent of sta	te employees	. Do you thi	nk that is	a good idea or a bad idea?
	Good idea	Bad idea	DK/NA		
10/10-15/10	35	58	7		
	on benefits				ers have suggested drastically oyees. Do you think that is a
	Good idea	Bad idea	DK/NA		
10/10-15/10	32	62	7		
57. In order t employees shou			et, do you t	chink pensio	on benefits for FUTURE state
	Yes N	o DK/NA			
10/10-15/10	51 4	3 5			
		-	· -		conomy of New York State will D 61 WERE ROTATED.
	Get better	Get worse	Stay same	DK/NA	
10/10-15/10*	27	10	53	10	
		_			economy of New York State will of 61 were rotated.
	Get better	Get worse	Stay same	DK/NA	
10/10-15/10*	15	29	41	15	
62. If Andrew stay about the				chink your t	axes will go up, go down, or
	Go up	Go down	Stay same	DK/NA	
10/10-15/10*	44	3	45	8	
63. If Carl Pa stay about the		_	_	think your	taxes will go up, go down, or
	Go up	Go down	Stay same	DK/NA	

36

64. Do you think Andrew Cuomo has the right kind of experience to be an effective

DK/NA

14

12

10/10-15/10\*

10/10-15/10\*

39

governor, or not? QUESTIONS 64 AND 65 WERE ROTATED.

Yes

72

12

No

15

65. Do you think Carl Paladino has the right kind of experience to be an effective governor, or not? *QUESTIONS 64 AND 65 WERE ROTATED*.

Yes No DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 22 55 23

66. Do you think Andrew Cuomo has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life, or not? If NO, ASK: Do you think Andrew Cuomo has less honesty and integrity than most people in public life or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life? QUESTIONS 66 AND 67 WERE ROTATED.

More Less Same DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 40 8 34 18

67. Do you think Carl Paladino has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life, or not? If NO, ASK: Do you think Carl Paladino has less honesty and integrity than most people in public life or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life? QUESTIONS 66 AND 67 WERE ROTATED.

More Less Same DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 17 28 31 24

68. How much do you think Andrew Cuomo cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself - a lot, some, not much, or not at all? **QUESTIONS 68 AND 69 WERE ROTATED.** 

A lot Some Not much Not at all DK/NA 10/10-15/10\* 21 53 14 7 5

69. How much do you think Carl Paladino cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself - a lot, some, not much, or not at all? **QUESTIONS 68 AND 69 WERE ROTATED.** 

A lot Some Not much Not at all DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 14 34 25 19 8

70. Do you think Andrew Cuomo has the right kind of temperament and personality to be a good governor, or not? *QUESTIONS 70 AND 71 WERE ROTATED*.

Yes No DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 73 14 13

71. Do you think Carl Paladino has the right kind of temperament and personality to be a good governor, or not? **QUESTIONS 70 AND 71 WERE ROTATED.** 

Yes No DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 23 59 18

72. Do you think Andrew Cuomo is better described as an Albany insider or as an Albany outsider? *QUESTIONS 72 AND 73 WERE ROTATED*.

Insider Outsider Depends DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 70 12 1 16

73.	Do	you	think	Carl	Paladino	is	better	described	as	an	Albany	insider	or	as	an	Albany
outs	side	er? (	QUESTION	s 72	AND 73 WERE	ROT	ATED.									

	Insider	Outsider	Depends	DK/NA
10/10-15/10*	22	53	1	24

74. Do you think Andrew Cuomo understands the complicated problems a governor has to deal with? *QUESTIONS* 74 AND 75 WERE ROTATED.

Yes No DK/NA 10/10-15/10\* 87 6 7

75. Do you think Carl Paladino understands the complicated problems a governor has to deal with? **QUESTIONS 74 AND 75 WERE ROTATED.** 

Yes No DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 42 47 12

76. Do you think of Carl Paladino as part of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Yes No DK/NA

10/10-15/10\* 34 36 30

77. Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been harder on Andrew Cuomo, easier on Andrew Cuomo, or have they treated him the same as other candidates? *QUESTIONS* 77 AND 78 WERE ROTATED.

	Harder	Easier	Same	DK/NA
10/10-15/10*	5	30	58	8

78. Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been harder on Carl Paladino, easier on Carl Paladino, or have they treated him the same as other candidates? **QUESTIONS** 77 AND 78 WERE ROTATED.

	Harder	Easier	Same	DK/NA
10/10-15/10*	38	3	49	9

87. How concerned are you, that in the next 12 months, you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not concerned at all?

Very Somewhat Not very Not at all DK/NA 10/10-15/10 45 24 14 17 1

88. Compared to four years ago, in general, is your family's financial situation better today, worse today, or about the same as four years ago?

10/10-15/10	14	45	39	1
9/24-27/06	29	25	43	2
	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA

89. If you were you say you belo lower class?							
	Upper U	Jpper-middle	e Middle	Workin	g Lower	DK/NA	
10/10-15/10	1	11	42	36	9	1	
92. Think about elections. Would equally for both	d you say	you always	vote Repui	blican, usu	ally vote Rep	oublican, v	
	Always Republic				y Always at Democrat	Never vot before	ed DK/NA
9/24-27/06*	7	16	33	24	16	1	3
10/10-15/10*	4	16	28	32	17	-	3
Did you vote in or did you choos vote for Barack	se not to	vote in the	ne Presiden	tial electi			
	Obama	McCain Oth		won't say r whom	Didn't vote	e DK/NA	
10/10-15/10*	58	26 3	3	3	9	1	
Did you vote in or did you choos vote for Eliot S	se not to	vote in th	ne election				
	Spitzer	Faso	Voted, wor	n't say or other	Didn't vote	DK/NA	
10/10-15/10*	44	9	3		33	11	
Are you now mari	ried, wid	lowed, divor	ced, separ	ated, or ha	ve you never	been marri	.ed?
	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never marri	led DK/NA	<u> </u>
10/10-15/10	48	6	9	3	33	1	
93. Do you consi	ider your	self to be	a supporte	r of the Tea	a Party moven	ment, or no	t?
Ύ€	es No	DK/NA					
10/10-15/10	L6 68	16					
Generally speaks		ou usually	consider y	ourself a Re	epublican, a	Democrat,	an
	Republ	ican Demo	ocrat Ind	ependent :	DK/NA		
10/10-15/10	17		44	30	8		

10/10-15/10 27 36 32 5

Liberal Moderate Conservative

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

DK/NA

What is your religious preference today?

Protestant Catholic Jewish Muslim Other None DK/NA

10/10-15/10 25 39 7 1 6 17 5

What was the last grade in school you completed?

Not a Some College H.S. grad H.S. grad college grad Post grad Refused

10/10-15/10 8 34 27 17 14 1

How old are you?

18-29 30-44 45-64 Over 64 Refused

10/10-15/10 22 28 32 17 1

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

Hispanic Not Hispanic Interviewed in Spanish DK/NA

10/10-15/10 12 83 4 1

Are you white, black, or some other race?

White Black Asian Other Refused

10/10-15/10 67 16 3 7 6

Was your TOTAL family income in 2009 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000 or was it between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or was it over \$100,000?

Under \$15,000- \$30,000- \$50,000- \$75,000- Over \$15,000 \$29,999 \$49,999 \$74,999 \$100,000 \$100,000 Refused

10/10-15/10 6 17 18 18 12 17 11

58. Are you -- or do you have a close friend or relative--who is gay or lesbian, or not?

Yes No DK/NA

10/10-15/10 48 48 3

Gender

Male Female

10/10-15/10 48 52