

Polling Results

October 19, 2006 - Cuomo Leads Pirro 55 - 34% Among Likely Voters, Quinnipiac University New York State Poll Finds; GOP Challenger Gains No Ground On Clinton

Former Federal Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, the Democrat, leads former Westchester District Attorney Jeanine Pirro, the Republican, 55 - 34 percent among likely voters in the New York State Attorney General's race, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Ten percent of voters remain undecided and 21 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

This compares to a 56 - 37 percent Cuomo lead in an October 5 poll by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

In today's survey, Cuomo leads 57 - 31 percent among women voters, compared to 60 - 33 percent October 5, and 53 - 38 percent among men, compared to 51 - 42 percent.

"You have to give Jeanine Pirro credit for being a battler, but Andrew Cuomo seems to be unstoppable in his march to the Attorney General's office," said Maurice Carroll, Director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"Pirro's domestic difficulties seem to have no impact on how men and women voters look at this race. Men tend to be more Republican than women, or in this case, slightly less Democratic.

"New Yorkers like their Attorney General to be the sheriff of Wall Street: 80 percent of likely voters want Eliot Spitzer's successor to stay on the attack."

In the U.S. Senate race, Democratic incumbent Sen. Hillary Clinton leads Republican challenger John Spencer 65 - 30 percent, with 5 percent undecided and 9 percent of those naming a candidate who might change their mind before Election Day.

This is virtually unchanged from a 66 - 31 percent Clinton lead October 5.

"John Spencer gets the standard Republican one-third in his bid to unseat Sen. Hillary Clinton. But barring some cataclysmic reversal, Clinton-for-President can start cranking up for real on November 8," Carroll said.

President Bush's Approval

New York State voters disapprove 64 - 29 percent of the job President George W. Bush is doing.

Because of the Bush Administration record, 45 percent of voters are less likely to back Republican candidates in New York races, with 11 percent who say they are more likely and 42

percent who say this won't affect their vote.

Looking at the controversy involving former U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, 64 percent of voters say this won't affect how they vote for candidates in New York.

"Will New York have the standard 29 Congressional elections or one big referendum on President Bush? The President's job approval remains abysmal in this oh- so-blue state and a sizable plurality of voters, mostly Democrats, of course, say they'll take it into account," Carroll said.

"The Mark Foley scandal doesn't seem as likely to spill over to other elections - except maybe, politicians wonder, in Buffalo."

From October 11 - 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,053 New York State likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 percent.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio and nationwide as a public service and for research.

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4. If the 2006 election for senator were being held today and the candidates were Hillary Rodham Clinton the Democrat and John Spencer the Republican, for whom would you vote?(If undecided q4) As of today, do you lean more toward Clinton or Spencer? This table includes Leaners.

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Clinton	65%	18%	94%	67%	60%	70%
Spencer	30	77	4	25	36	25
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	5	2	7	4	5

	UpState.....		UpState		
	Urban	Othr	Total	NYC	Sub
Clinton	74%	57%	61%	76%	56%
Spencer	22	36	33	20	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	6	6	3	5

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LIKELY VOTERS
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Clinton	65	66
Spencer	30	31
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-
DK/NA	5	3

4a. (If candidate chosen q4) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

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Made up	91%	91%	92%
Might change	9	9	8
DK/NA	-	-	-

TREND: (If candidate choice) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

LIKELY VOTERS
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Made up	91	85
Might change	9	14
DK/NA	-	1

5. If the election for State Attorney General were being held today and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Jeanine Pirro the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided q5) As of today, do you lean more toward Cuomo or Pirro? This table includes Leanners.

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Cuomo	55%	21%	80%	53%	53%	57%
Pirro	34	69	13	34	38	31
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	10	10	6	12	8	11

	UpState.....		UpState		Sub
	Urban	Othr	Total	NYC	
Cuomo	66%	48%	52%	67%	44%
Pirro	21	39	35	23	48
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-	2	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	13	13	13	8	7

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	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 19 2006	Oct 5 2006
Cuomo	55	56
Pirro	34	37
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	-	-
DK/NA	10	6

5a. (If candidate chosen q5) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY CHOOSING CAND Q5..		
	Tot	CAND OF AC	CHOICE Q5 JP
Made up	77%	77%	78%
Might change	21	21	22
DK/NA	2	2	1

TREND: (If candidate choice) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

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Made up	77	74
Might change	21	25
DK/NA	2	1

7. Regardless of how you intend to vote for State Attorney General this year; would you like to see the investigations of Wall Street activities that Spitzer started, continued by the new Attorney General or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes	80%	69%	87%	80%	82%	77%
No	12	20	6	12	12	12
DK/NA	9	11	7	8	5	11

	UpState.....		UpState		
	Urban	Othr	Total	NYC	Sub
Yes	75%	81%	80%	80%	79%
No	17	12	13	11	12
DK/NA	8	7	7	9	9

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	29%	64%	11%	23%	34%	25%
Disapprove	64	28	85	69	60	67
DK/NA	7	8	5	8	6	7

	UpState.....		UpState		
	Urban	Othr	Total	NYC	Sub
Approve	27%	34%	33%	22%	35%
Disapprove	70	59	61	69	60
DK/NA	3	7	6	8	5

10. Does the record of the Bush administration make you more likely to vote for Republican candidates in New York, less likely, or doesn't it make a difference?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
More likely	11%	28%	2%	6%	12%	10%
Less likely	45	8	69	48	44	46
Doesn't make dif	42	61	27	44	42	41
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	2	3

	UpState.....		UpState		
	Urban	Othr	Total	NYC	Sub
More likely	7%	12%	11%	9%	13%
Less likely	47	39	41	55	37
Doesn't make dif	45	46	46	33	48
DK/NA	2	2	2	3	2

11. Does the controversy over former Representative Mark Foley make you more likely to vote for Republican candidates in New York, less likely, or doesn't it make a difference?

LIKELY VOTERS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
More likely	3%	5%	1%	3%	2%	3%
Less likely	30	6	44	32	29	30
Doesn't make dif	64	85	50	63	65	62
DK/NA	4	3	5	2	3	4

	UpState.....		UpState		
	Urban	Othr	Total	NYC	Sub

More likely	6%	4%	5%	2%	1%
Less likely	28	27	27	32	31
Doesn't make dif	58	67	65	61	66
DK/NA	7	3	4	5	2