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1 If Eliot Spitzer runs for public office again, which of the following best describes you:
One: I would vote FOR Eliot Spitzer no matter what office he runs for and no matter who runs against him.
Two: I would vote AGAINST Eliot Spitzer no matter what office he runs for and no matter who runs against him.
Three: I need to know what office Spitzer is running for and who else is on the ballot before I know how I would vote.

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
For Spitzer No Matter What	15%	20%	10%	14%	21%	6%	16%	17%	11%	13%	15%	16%	25%	21%	17%	6%
Against No Matter What	39%	36%	41%	30%	38%	46%	46%	34%	46%	42%	27%	35%	42%	40%	34%	47%
Depends On Office / Ballot	47%	44%	49%	56%	41%	48%	37%	49%	43%	45%	58%	49%	33%	39%	49%	47%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	47%	53%	32%	29%	22%	17%	61%	39%	64%	14%	14%	8%	20%	51%	27%

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Against No Matter What	39%	45%	36%	40%	35%	44%	40%
Depends On Office / Ballot	47%	36%	51%	45%	50%	43%	45%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	22%	40%	26%	42%	26%	32%

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2 On a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you have total respect for Eliot Spitzer and 1 means you have absolutely no respect for Eliot Spitzer, how much respect do you have for Eliot Spitzer?

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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
1	33%	29%	36%	29%	33%	30%	41%	31%	35%	34%	25%	29%	40%	35%	28%	41%
2	8%	4%	11%	6%	7%	11%	10%	7%	10%	9%	5%	7%	9%	1%	10%	8%
3	6%	7%	6%	5%	4%	10%	8%	4%	9%	8%	3%	5%	3%	7%	7%	4%
4	8%	6%	10%	10%	6%	9%	4%	8%	7%	6%	9%	16%	2%	11%	7%	7%
5	20%	17%	22%	19%	25%	18%	15%	22%	17%	18%	29%	19%	17%	21%	20%	20%
6	6%	9%	5%	10%	4%	7%	4%	7%	6%	7%	13%	1%	0%	6%	7%	5%
7	7%	10%	5%	9%	7%	6%	5%	8%	6%	9%	5%	3%	5%	8%	9%	4%
8	7%	11%	3%	7%	8%	5%	5%	8%	5%	7%	4%	6%	13%	3%	7%	8%
9	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	5%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	3%	0%	3%	0%
10	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	1%	4%	13%	8%	7%	2%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	47%	53%	32%	29%	22%	17%	61%	39%	64%	14%	14%	8%	20%	51%	27%
Averages	3.9	4.5	3.4	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.5

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5	20%	27%	18%	17%	19%	16%	24%
6	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	8%	8%
7	7%	7%	6%	10%	7%	5%	9%
8	7%	4%	11%	3%	7%	6%	7%
9	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
10	3%	5%	2%	5%	7%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	22%	40%	26%	42%	26%	32%
Averages	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.9

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Who is better qualified to be governor of New York? Eliot Spitzer? Or David Paterson?

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Spitzer	41%	48%	34%	44%	41%	39%	35%	43%	37%	39%	42%	44%	45%	49%	44%	29%
Paterson	24%	26%	22%	18%	23%	33%	27%	20%	30%	23%	24%	32%	19%	17%	26%	28%
Not Sure	35%	25%	44%	38%	36%	28%	38%	37%	32%	38%	34%	24%	35%	34%	30%	42%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Not Sure	35%	34%	42%	25%	33%	40%	35%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	22%	40%	26%	42%	26%	32%

4 Who is better qualified to be governor of New York? Eliot Spitzer? Or Rudolph Giuliani?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Spitzer	25%	32%	19%	18%	30%	30%	24%	23%	27%	21%	30%	31%	38%	18%	31%	21%
Giuliani	59%	58%	60%	66%	57%	55%	57%	62%	55%	65%	50%	52%	45%	79%	50%	64%
Not Sure	16%	10%	20%	16%	14%	15%	20%	15%	17%	14%	20%	17%	16%	3%	19%	15%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	47%	53%	32%	29%	22%	17%	61%	39%	64%	14%	14%	8%	20%	51%	27%

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Spitzer	25%	13%	30%	30%	32%	19%	21%
Giuliani	59%	83%	50%	55%	51%	72%	60%
Not Sure	16%	3%	20%	15%	17%	9%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Paterson	27%	32%	22%	30%	23%	30%	23%	27%	27%	20%	53%	25%	35%	8%	33%	29%
Giuliani	61%	59%	62%	59%	67%	53%	64%	62%	58%	69%	39%	46%	55%	86%	50%	64%
Not Sure	13%	9%	16%	11%	11%	17%	14%	11%	15%	10%	9%	29%	10%	5%	16%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	47%	53%	32%	29%	22%	17%	61%	39%	64%	14%	14%	8%	20%	51%	27%

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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%		Conser	Modera	Liberal	NYC	NYC su	Upstate
Paterson	27%	9%	30%	36%	34%	15%	27%
Giuliani	61%	87%	55%	49%	52%	76%	60%
Not Sure	13%	4%	15%	15%	14%	10%	13%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	22%	40%	26%	42%	26%	32%

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Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

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