

New York State Governor — October 2026

Survey Results & Crosstabulations

Pollster: Pollfinity Research LLC **Universe:** Registered NY State voters **Frame:** Statewide voter file, cell-phone sample **Weighted:** Yes (age, gender, race/ethnicity, region, 2024 and 2022 recalled vote)

KEY FINDINGS

- **A three-point race:** Hochul 47%, Blakeman 44%, Sharpe 2%, undecided 6%. With leaners, 48%–44%. Head-to-head, Hochul 48%, Blakeman 47%.
- **Hochul's approval is net negative:** 43% approve, 53% disapprove (44% strongly). 52% say New York is on the wrong track.
- **Suburbs decide it:** Blakeman leads Long Island 57%–42% and the Hudson Valley 53%–36%; Hochul leads New York City 57%–33%; Upstate is 47%–45%.
- **Gender gap:** women 56%–36% Hochul; men 54%–38% Blakeman.
- **Near-total partisan sorting:** 77% of enrolled Democrats back Hochul; 84% of enrolled Republicans back Blakeman. No-party voters split 58%–28% for Blakeman.
- **Sharpe is still unknown:** 66% have never heard of him; favorability 10% / 18%. He draws 31% against Hochul one-on-one, with 22% undecided.
- **More choices, but keep the signature rule:** 49% agree New York needs more political choices; on the 45,000-signature requirement, 42% keep, 19% lower, 12% raise, 26% not sure.
- **Cost of living dominates:** 25% name cost of living and inflation as their top issue; civil liberties (12%), government spending (10%) and crime (10%) follow.
- **Political violence:** 17% agree Americans may have to resort to violence; 71% disagree.

HOW TO READ THE TABLES

Weighted column percentages among respondents who answered each question. Party enrollment, region, age, gender and race/ethnicity group come from the matched voter-file record, not from respondents. Columns with fewer than 50 unweighted respondents (Other party, 18-29, 30-39, Black, Hispanic, Very/somewhat/not very likely to vote) carry margins of error above ± 14 points and should be read as directional. The row marked "n" is the unweighted number answering. The Sample columns show the two text sends separately. Weighting targets and diagnostics are published in the companion workbook.

Crosstabs by Party registration, Region

		Total	Party registration				Region			
			Democratic	Republican	No party	Other party	NYC	Long Island	Hudson Valley	Upstate
<i>Unweighted n</i>		499	259	141	76	23	177	80	61	181
S1. Are you a registered voter in the State of New York?	Yes	98	99	98	97	100	97	99	100	97
	No	2	1	2	3	0	3	1	0	3
	<i>n</i>	499	259	141	76	23	177	80	61	181
S2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 election?	Extremely likely	90	94	86	90	79	86	94	96	90
	Very likely	7	5	12	3	11	10	5	2	7
	Somewhat likely	2	1	2	2	4	2	2	0	2
	Not very likely	1	1	0	5	6	2	0	2	1
	<i>n</i>	499	259	141	76	23	177	80	61	181
G1. If the 2026 election for Governor of New York were held today, and the candidates were Kathy Hochul (Democrat), Bruce Blakeman (Republican), and Larry Sharpe (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul (Democrat)	47	77	7	28	23	57	42	36	47
	Bruce Blakeman (Republican)	44	18	84	58	63	33	57	53	45
	Larry Sharpe (Libertarian)	2	1	1	4	4	1	0	0	3
	Someone else	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	3	1
	Undecided	6	4	8	7	10	9	2	9	4
	<i>n</i>	499	259	141	76	23	177	80	61	181
G1L. Governor ballot with leaners (G1, with undecided and "someone else" respondents assigned by G1a)	Kathy Hochul (Democrat)	48	78	9	29	23	57	43	39	48
	Bruce Blakeman (Republican)	44	18	84	58	63	33	57	53	45
	Larry Sharpe (Libertarian)	2	2	2	5	4	3	0	0	4
	Still undecided	5	3	5	8	10	8	0	9	3
	<i>n</i>	499	259	141	76	23	177	80	61	181
G2. If the Governor's race were just between Kathy Hochul (Democrat) and Bruce Blakeman (Republican), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul	48	77	9	27	23	54	41	39	50
	Bruce Blakeman	47	19	84	63	72	35	58	54	47
	Undecided	5	4	6	10	6	11	1	7	3
	<i>n</i>	493	254	141	75	23	173	78	61	181
G3. If the Governor's race were just between Kathy Hochul (Democrat) and Larry Sharpe (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul	47	76	9	28	27	57	39	41	46
	Larry Sharpe	31	13	58	39	44	25	21	33	39

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F1. What is your overall opinion of Kathy Hochul?	Undecided	22	11	34	33	29	18	40	26	15
	n	489	251	141	75	22	173	75	60	181
	Very favorable	22	35	4	11	30	29	20	13	21
	Somewhat favorable	21	34	4	18	4	24	18	21	21
	Somewhat unfavorable	7	9	6	3	4	5	3	12	8
	Very unfavorable	44	19	80	60	55	36	53	54	43
	No opinion / don't know	5	4	6	7	6	5	6	1	6
	Total favorable	44	68	8	29	35	53	38	34	43
	Total unfavorable	51	27	86	64	59	41	56	65	51
	n	488	251	140	75	22	173	75	59	181
F2. What is your overall opinion of Bruce Blakeman?	Very favorable	31	14	56	41	32	25	37	42	27
	Somewhat favorable	13	5	25	16	19	10	16	13	14
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	6	4	7	4	5	7	4	6
	Very unfavorable	37	56	10	25	24	38	31	31	40
	No opinion / don't know	14	19	5	11	22	21	9	10	12
	Total favorable	44	19	81	57	50	35	53	55	42
	Total unfavorable	42	62	13	32	28	43	38	35	46
	n	485	250	138	75	22	172	74	59	180
	F3. What is your overall opinion of Larry Sharpe?	Very favorable	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	0
Somewhat favorable		9	4	16	9	23	5	9	12	12
Somewhat unfavorable		8	9	8	3	13	9	5	8	8
Very unfavorable		11	13	7	8	12	13	4	11	12
No opinion / don't know		71	73	68	80	49	71	81	69	68
Total favorable		10	6	17	10	26	7	11	12	12
Total unfavorable		18	22	15	11	25	22	8	19	20
n		483	249	137	75	22	170	74	59	180
F4. How familiar are you with Larry Sharpe?		Very familiar	3	2	3	3	9	2	1	5
	Somewhat familiar	14	12	20	12	11	13	15	14	15
	Just the name	17	15	21	13	34	15	7	21	23
	Never heard of him	66	70	56	73	46	69	77	60	60
	n	481	248	136	75	22	169	74	59	179

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F5. What is your overall opinion of Donald Trump?	Very favorable	23	9	48	28	15	21	23	27	23
	Somewhat favorable	17	6	34	20	25	10	26	19	18
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	5	5	6	23	8	12	3	3
	Very unfavorable	51	76	12	43	38	54	39	50	56
	No opinion / don't know	3	4	1	2	0	7	0	2	1
	Total favorable	40	14	82	49	39	31	50	45	40
	Total unfavorable	57	81	17	49	61	62	50	53	59
	n	477	246	136	73	22	168	73	59	177
	A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathy Hochul is doing as Governor of New York?	Strongly approve	22	35	4	10	20	27	19	19
Somewhat approve		22	33	5	18	8	26	16	18	23
Somewhat disapprove		8	9	6	9	5	6	6	10	10
Strongly disapprove		44	18	83	58	67	37	52	54	43
Not sure		4	5	2	5	0	4	7	0	4
Total approve		43	68	9	28	29	53	35	37	42
Total disapprove		53	27	89	67	71	43	58	63	54
n		474	246	135	72	21	167	73	59	175
A2. Do you think New York is generally headed in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?		Right direction	39	62	7	21	29	47	31	30
	Wrong track	52	24	91	69	71	42	57	66	52
	Not sure	9	14	2	10	0	11	12	4	9
	n	474	246	135	72	21	167	73	59	175
	C1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "New York needs more political choices beyond the two major parties."	Strongly agree	20	16	18	33	18	19	11	33
Somewhat agree		29	32	22	28	51	31	43	21	25
Somewhat disagree		19	24	20	6	7	19	11	13	25
Strongly disagree		17	15	21	14	16	19	21	19	12
Not sure		15	13	18	19	8	12	15	14	18
Total agree		49	48	41	61	70	50	53	54	44
Total disagree		36	39	41	20	23	38	32	32	37
n		466	241	134	71	20	161	72	59	174

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C2. To appear on the November ballot for statewide office, an independent or third-party candidate in New York currently must collect 45,000 valid signatures from registered voters. Nominees of parties with automatic ballot status do not need to collect signatures. Do you think the 45,000 signature requirement should be lowered, kept as it is, or raised?	Lowered	19	19	17	22	24	21	13	15	23
	Kept as it is	42	47	39	36	37	37	55	42	41
	Raised	12	8	17	15	21	13	12	15	10
	Not sure	26	26	27	27	18	30	20	28	26
	<i>n</i>	455	233	132	70	20	155	71	57	172
C3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Americans may have to resort to violence in order to get the country back on track."	Strongly agree	7	5	9	6	19	7	8	8	5
	Somewhat agree	11	12	8	12	5	10	13	6	12
	Somewhat disagree	11	10	12	15	9	16	13	12	7
	Strongly disagree	60	62	59	56	64	60	51	64	63
	Not sure	11	12	12	10	4	7	15	10	12
	<i>Total agree</i>	17	17	17	18	24	17	21	14	17
	<i>Total disagree</i>	71	72	71	72	72	76	64	75	71
	<i>n</i>	451	230	132	69	20	152	70	57	172
C4. Which ONE issue is most important to you in deciding your vote this year?	Cost of living / inflation	25	26	20	29	27	31	22	22	24
	Taxes	8	5	12	9	5	2	11	8	10
	Crime and public safety	10	6	13	15	8	12	16	8	5
	Housing affordability	4	6	1	2	10	8	3	3	2
	Immigration	6	2	13	4	19	7	9	8	4
	Healthcare	6	10	4	0	0	6	3	6	8
	Government spending and fiscal responsibility	10	5	23	8	0	7	7	15	12
	Civil liberties and personal freedom	12	17	6	9	10	12	14	14	12
	Education	3	5	0	3	0	2	4	0	4
	Economy and jobs in general	7	8	6	7	8	8	3	7	9
	Something else	8	9	2	13	13	5	7	9	10
	<i>n</i>	444	228	130	66	20	150	68	57	169

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D1. In the 2024 presidential election, did you vote for...	Kamala Harris	47	76	7	36	22	55	41	44	46
	Donald Trump	37	13	74	42	47	30	51	42	33
	Another candidate	3	3	3	5	14	2	0	4	6
	I did not vote in 2024	5	3	5	10	5	6	0	3	6
	Prefer not to say	8	6	11	7	13	7	8	8	9
	n	443	228	129	66	20	150	68	56	169
D2. In the 2022 election for Governor of New York, did you vote for...	Kathy Hochul	43	71	6	23	31	56	33	37	41
	Lee Zeldin	38	13	72	50	58	29	55	38	36
	Another candidate	3	3	3	3	3	4	0	9	1
	I did not vote in that election	10	7	11	19	0	8	1	8	16
	Prefer not to say	6	6	8	5	9	3	11	8	6
	n	440	227	128	65	20	149	68	56	167
D3. What is your age?	18-24	2	0	4	2	0	1	3	1	2
	25-34	6	9	4	1	15	8	10	3	5
	35-44	13	12	11	18	23	16	8	8	15
	45-54	18	21	13	20	17	22	10	15	21
	55-64	20	17	28	20	19	20	20	22	21
	65-74	25	27	20	34	19	21	33	35	22
	75 or older	13	12	20	3	4	10	17	12	13
	Prefer not to say	2	3	1	2	4	2	0	4	3
	n	438	226	127	65	20	148	68	56	166
I2. Would you ever describe your political views as "libertarian"?	Yes, I already do	5	4	3	6	12	5	6	7	3
	Yes, I might	15	11	17	20	32	13	13	18	17
	I used to, but not anymore	7	6	5	10	4	8	4	7	7
	I've never really thought about it	20	20	22	14	15	20	18	15	22
	No, I wouldn't	54	58	53	49	37	54	58	54	52
	n	391	203	112	57	19	133	62	50	146
P1. Would you be willing to participate in future New York voter research surveys conducted by Pollfinity Research?	Yes, include my contact information for future surveys	46	45	45	46	58	45	41	51	46
	No thank you	54	55	55	54	42	55	59	49	54
	n	389	202	112	57	18	132	62	50	145

Crosstabs by Age, Gender, Ethnic group

			Age (voter file)					Gender		Ethnic group			
		Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	Women	Men	White	Black	Hispani c	Asian / other / unkno wn
Unweighted n		499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
S1. Are you a registered voter in the State of New York?	Yes	98	92	97	96	98	100	97	99	99	94	94	99
	No	2	8	3	4	2	0	3	1	1	6	6	1
	n	499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
S2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 election?	Extremely likely	90	82	81	90	90	95	88	93	91	93	72	93
	Very likely	7	12	12	5	8	5	8	6	6	7	18	6
	Somewhat likely	2	4	0	3	2	1	2	1	1	0	6	1
	Not very likely	1	2	7	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	3	0
	n	499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
G1. If the 2026 election for Governor of New York were held today, and the candidates were Kathy Hochul (Democrat), Bruce Blakeman (Republican), and Larry Sharpe (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul (Democrat)	47	35	43	54	39	54	56	38	41	78	56	51
	Bruce Blakeman (Republican)	44	50	45	36	50	42	36	54	51	15	21	45
	Larry Sharpe (Libertarian)	2	0	3	3	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	1
	Someone else	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	0
	Undecided	6	13	6	4	9	3	7	5	4	7	22	3
	n	499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
G1L. Governor ballot with leaners (G1, with undecided and "someone else" respondents assigned by G1a)	Kathy Hochul (Democrat)	48	39	43	56	41	54	56	39	42	78	60	51
	Bruce Blakeman (Republican)	44	50	45	36	50	42	36	55	52	15	21	45
	Larry Sharpe (Libertarian)	2	5	5	3	2	1	3	2	3	0	3	1
	Still undecided	5	6	7	4	6	3	5	4	3	7	16	3
	n	499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
G2. If the Governor's race were just between Kathy Hochul (Democrat) and Bruce Blakeman (Republican), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul	48	39	38	55	41	55	55	40	42	80	52	51
	Bruce Blakeman	47	50	50	39	53	43	39	56	55	15	22	46
	Undecided	5	11	11	5	6	2	6	4	4	5	26	3
	n	493	33	47	61	147	205	208	285	325	44	39	85
G3. If the Governor's race were just between Kathy Hochul (Democrat) and Larry Sharpe (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul	47	37	41	55	42	52	54	39	41	77	54	52

		Total	Age (voter file)					Gender		Ethnic group			
			18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	Women	Men	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian / other / unknown
<i>Unweighted n</i>		499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
Larry Sharpe		31	42	33	29	38	25	29	34	36	10	20	30
Undecided		22	21	26	16	20	24	17	27	24	14	26	18
<i>n</i>		489	33	47	61	147	201	207	282	323	44	38	84
F1. What is your overall opinion of Kathy Hochul?	Very favorable	22	11	19	17	15	32	27	17	18	52	32	20
	Somewhat favorable	21	19	17	29	21	20	22	21	21	28	16	22
	Somewhat unfavorable	7	8	8	11	7	5	8	6	7	0	10	8
	Very unfavorable	44	57	47	37	50	39	36	54	51	16	36	38
	No opinion / don't know	5	5	9	5	7	3	8	2	3	3	7	12
	<i>Total favorable</i>	44	30	36	46	36	53	49	38	38	80	48	43
	<i>Total unfavorable</i>	51	65	55	49	57	44	44	60	58	16	46	46
	<i>n</i>	488	33	46	61	147	201	207	281	323	44	38	83
F2. What is your overall opinion of Bruce Blakeman?	Very favorable	31	44	27	28	28	33	25	37	36	8	19	29
	Somewhat favorable	13	7	17	7	23	8	11	16	14	7	3	16
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	7	1	3	4	9	5	7	7	3	5	2
	Very unfavorable	37	33	40	38	35	37	40	32	32	61	49	35
	No opinion / don't know	14	9	15	24	10	13	18	9	11	21	23	18
	<i>Total favorable</i>	44	51	44	35	51	40	36	52	50	15	22	44
	<i>Total unfavorable</i>	42	40	41	41	39	46	45	39	39	63	54	38
	<i>n</i>	485	33	44	61	146	201	205	280	321	44	38	82
F3. What is your overall opinion of Larry Sharpe?	Very favorable	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	2
	Somewhat favorable	9	14	12	9	8	8	10	9	12	6	2	6
	Somewhat unfavorable	8	12	10	6	7	8	7	9	7	8	18	6
	Very unfavorable	11	6	10	16	10	10	11	10	9	12	22	12
	No opinion / don't know	71	68	68	65	75	73	72	71	72	74	58	74
	<i>Total favorable</i>	10	14	12	13	9	9	10	10	12	6	3	8
	<i>Total unfavorable</i>	18	18	21	22	17	18	18	19	16	20	39	18
	<i>n</i>	483	32	44	61	146	200	204	279	320	44	37	82
F4. How familiar are you with Larry Sharpe?	Very familiar	3	3	5	5	3	2	2	4	3	6	3	1
	Somewhat familiar	14	21	13	13	16	12	16	12	15	14	19	9
	Just the name	17	8	8	24	14	22	15	20	18	8	22	17
	Never heard of him	66	68	74	58	67	64	67	64	63	72	57	74

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<i>n</i>		481	32	44	61	145	199	202	279	318	44	37	82
F5. What is your overall opinion of Donald Trump?	Very favorable	23	28	28	9	24	25	19	27	27	12	12	19
	Somewhat favorable	17	21	16	16	19	15	14	21	20	5	3	16
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	0	6	10	7	5	6	6	5	0	7	11
	Very unfavorable	51	48	48	59	46	54	58	44	46	75	74	49
	No opinion / don't know	3	4	1	6	4	1	3	3	2	8	4	5
	<i>Total favorable</i>	40	49	44	25	43	40	33	48	48	17	15	35
	<i>Total unfavorable</i>	57	48	54	69	53	58	64	50	51	75	81	60
	<i>n</i>	477	32	44	59	143	199	200	277	316	43	37	81
A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathy Hochul is doing as Governor of New York?	Strongly approve	22	8	20	20	13	31	28	15	18	46	35	19
	Somewhat approve	22	14	16	22	26	22	22	22	20	32	19	23
	Somewhat disapprove	8	19	14	14	6	4	9	8	9	2	13	7
	Strongly disapprove	44	57	44	37	51	40	36	54	51	13	30	45
	Not sure	4	2	6	6	4	3	6	2	2	7	4	8
	<i>Total approve</i>	43	22	36	42	39	52	49	37	38	78	54	41
	<i>Total disapprove</i>	53	76	58	51	57	44	45	62	60	15	43	51
	<i>n</i>	474	32	43	59	142	198	198	276	313	43	37	81
A2. Do you think New York is generally headed in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?	Right direction	39	22	40	38	36	43	43	34	34	65	43	39
	Wrong track	52	70	49	47	61	46	45	60	58	15	46	52
	Not sure	9	8	12	15	4	11	12	6	8	20	11	8
	<i>n</i>	474	32	43	59	142	198	198	276	313	43	37	81
C1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "New York needs more political choices beyond the two major parties."	Strongly agree	20	35	30	28	23	9	17	22	18	7	49	19
	Somewhat agree	29	22	32	25	26	33	31	28	26	44	16	38
	Somewhat disagree	19	21	13	15	18	23	18	21	20	21	11	19
	Strongly disagree	17	5	9	23	17	18	16	18	18	14	20	12
	Not sure	15	17	16	8	16	17	19	11	18	14	4	12
	<i>Total agree</i>	49	57	62	54	50	42	48	50	45	51	65	56
	<i>Total disagree</i>	36	26	23	38	35	41	33	39	38	35	32	32

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			18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	Women	Men	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian / other / unknown
<i>Unweighted n</i>		499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
<i>n</i>		466	32	42	57	142	193	194	272	310	42	36	78
C2. To appear on the November ballot for statewide office, an independent or third-party candidate in New York currently must collect 45,000 valid signatures from registered voters. Nominees of parties with automatic ballot status do not need to collect signatures. Do you think the 45,000 signature requirement should be lowered, kept as it is, or raised?	Lowered	19	20	23	26	21	15	20	19	21	17	17	17
	Kept as it is	42	59	35	47	41	42	37	48	45	34	40	40
	Raised	12	2	12	10	16	12	13	12	12	8	10	17
	Not sure	26	20	30	17	23	32	30	22	23	41	33	26
	<i>n</i>	455	32	41	52	139	191	188	267	306	40	35	74
C3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Americans may have to resort to violence in order to get the country back on track."	Strongly agree	7	4	9	2	6	8	5	9	7	2	11	6
	Somewhat agree	11	14	17	9	8	11	11	10	11	23	0	9
	Somewhat disagree	11	16	16	12	12	9	12	10	10	21	23	6
	Strongly disagree	60	50	48	69	62	61	60	60	61	45	50	70
	Not sure	11	16	11	7	12	11	12	11	12	9	15	9
	<i>Total agree</i>	17	18	25	11	14	19	16	19	18	25	11	15
	<i>Total disagree</i>	71	66	64	81	74	70	73	70	71	65	74	76
	<i>n</i>	451	32	39	52	139	189	186	265	304	38	35	74
C4. Which ONE issue is most important to you in deciding your vote this year?	Cost of living / inflation	25	28	30	37	23	21	24	27	21	35	43	27
	Taxes	8	13	5	7	9	8	6	10	9	3	3	10
	Crime and public safety	10	8	0	8	9	13	9	11	8	3	13	17
	Housing affordability	4	4	5	8	4	2	4	4	4	6	0	5
	Immigration	6	12	3	7	8	5	5	8	7	7	2	6
	Healthcare	6	0	4	9	2	10	9	3	7	4	3	5
	Government spending and fiscal responsibility	10	9	3	3	14	12	9	12	14	0	5	6
	Civil liberties and personal freedom	12	8	17	8	12	14	17	7	10	27	17	11
	Education	3	13	10	0	1	2	3	2	1	6	7	5
	Economy and jobs in general	7	0	12	8	10	5	7	8	10	7	4	0

		Total	Age (voter file)					Gender		Ethnic group			
			18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	Women	Men	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian / other / unknown
<i>Unweighted n</i>		499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
D1. In the 2024 presidential election, did you vote for...	Something else	8	3	11	4	8	9	8	8	9	3	3	8
	<i>n</i>	444	31	38	50	139	186	184	260	298	38	34	74
	Kamala Harris	47	36	43	49	43	53	55	39	42	73	57	50
	Donald Trump	37	43	37	30	37	37	28	46	43	9	19	35
	Another candidate	3	4	2	11	3	2	3	4	4	2	3	4
	I did not vote in 2024	5	11	13	2	4	2	4	5	4	0	18	2
	Prefer not to say	8	7	6	7	13	5	9	6	7	17	3	9
	<i>n</i>	443	31	38	50	139	185	184	259	297	38	34	74
D2. In the 2022 election for Governor of New York, did you vote for...	Kathy Hochul	43	33	38	46	37	49	51	35	39	82	37	43
	Lee Zeldin	38	43	34	29	42	38	29	48	45	9	23	34
	Another candidate	3	0	2	6	4	2	3	2	2	0	19	0
	I did not vote in that election	10	24	19	15	12	2	10	9	9	4	21	10
	Prefer not to say	6	0	7	4	5	9	7	6	6	6	0	12
	<i>n</i>	440	31	38	50	138	183	184	256	294	38	34	74
D3. What is your age?	18-24	2	20	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	6	1
	25-34	6	46	32	0	0	0	5	8	5	5	4	12
	35-44	13	0	62	45	2	0	11	15	15	10	18	7
	45-54	18	10	0	53	33	2	19	17	16	16	27	22
	55-64	20	17	6	0	58	3	20	21	23	11	18	17
	65-74	25	4	0	3	2	61	29	21	25	42	12	27
	75 or older	13	3	0	0	0	31	12	14	13	17	13	12
	Prefer not to say	2	0	0	0	4	2	2	2	2	0	3	2
	<i>n</i>	438	31	37	50	138	182	182	256	293	37	34	74
I2. Would you ever describe your political views as "libertarian"?	Yes, I already do	5	0	5	6	7	3	3	6	5	2	3	6
	Yes, I might	15	18	5	16	14	19	13	17	14	14	13	21
	I used to, but not anymore	7	13	17	6	6	3	6	7	7	3	21	2
	I've never really thought about it	20	15	17	14	15	26	21	18	19	36	23	15
	No, I wouldn't	54	53	56	57	58	49	56	52	56	45	40	56
	<i>n</i>	391	28	36	46	129	152	162	229	262	31	31	67

		Total	Age (voter file)					Gender		Ethnic group			
			18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	Women	Men	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian / other / unknown
	Unweighted n	499	33	48	61	148	209	213	286	329	44	41	85
P1. Would you be willing to participate in future New York voter research surveys conducted by Pollfinity Research?	Yes, include my contact information for future surveys	46	42	52	51	46	42	37	55	43	37	48	57
	No thank you	54	58	48	49	54	58	63	45	57	63	52	43
	n	389	28	36	45	129	151	162	227	262	31	30	66

Crosstabs by 2024 vote, Likely to vote, Libertarian self-ID, Sample

		Total	2024 vote			Likely to vote		Libertarian self-ID		Sample	
			Harris	Trump	Other / did not vote / refused	Extremely likely	Very / somewhat / not very	Yes / might	No / not anymore / never thought	Fresh sample (Oct 8)	June resp ondents re-texted (Oct 9)
Unweighted n		499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
S1. Are you a registered voter in the State of New York?	Yes	98	100	99	94	99	91	98	98	98	99
	No	2	0	1	6	1	9	2	2	2	1
	n	499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
S2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 election?	Extremely likely	90	96	94	71	100	0	87	93	87	96
	Very likely	7	3	5	18	0	71	11	4	8	4
	Somewhat likely	2	1	1	6	0	16	2	2	2	0
	Not very likely	1	0	0	5	0	13	0	1	2	0
	n	499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
G1. If the 2026 election for Governor of New York were held today, and the candidates were Kathy Hochul (Democrat), Bruce Blakeman (Republican), and Larry Sharpe (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul (Democrat)	47	90	2	25	50	26	37	51	41	61
	Bruce Blakeman (Republican)	44	5	96	46	45	38	51	43	50	33
	Larry Sharpe (Libertarian)	2	2	0	6	1	3	6	0	2	1
	Someone else	1	1	0	4	1	4	0	1	1	2
	Undecided	6	2	2	19	3	28	6	5	7	4
	n	499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
G1L. Governor ballot with leaners (G1, with undecided and "someone else" respondents assigned by G1a)	Kathy Hochul (Democrat)	48	92	3	25	51	28	38	52	42	62
	Bruce Blakeman (Republican)	44	5	96	46	45	40	51	43	50	33
	Larry Sharpe (Libertarian)	2	2	0	12	2	8	9	1	3	2
	Still undecided	5	1	1	17	3	24	2	4	5	3
	n	499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
G2. If the Governor's race were just between Kathy Hochul (Democrat) and Bruce Blakeman (Republican), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul	48	92	3	27	50	29	41	51	41	63
	Bruce Blakeman	47	5	96	57	46	49	54	44	53	33
	Undecided	5	3	1	16	4	22	5	5	6	4
	n	493	206	172	65	448	45	75	316	320	173
G3. If the Governor's race were just between Kathy Hochul (Democrat) and Larry Sharpe (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Kathy Hochul	47	89	5	24	50	24	38	52	40	62

		Total	2024 vote			Likely to vote		Libertarian self-ID		Sample	
			Harris	Trump	Other / did not vote / refused	Extremely likely	Very / somewhat / not very	Yes / might	No / not anymore / never thought	Fresh sample (Oct 8)	June resp ondents re-texted (Oct 9)
<i>Unweighted n</i>		499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
F1. What is your overall opinion of Kathy Hochul?	Larry Sharpe	31	5	57	51	29	46	50	27	36	20
	Undecided	22	5	38	25	21	30	11	21	24	18
	<i>n</i>	489	206	172	65	444	45	75	316	318	171
	Very favorable	22	44	0	11	24	8	15	25	17	33
	Somewhat favorable	21	40	4	12	22	19	22	23	19	26
	Somewhat unfavorable	7	5	5	16	7	12	4	7	8	5
	Very unfavorable	44	8	90	48	44	47	56	41	50	32
	No opinion / don't know	5	4	1	11	4	14	2	4	6	3
	<i>Total favorable</i>	44	83	4	24	45	27	37	47	36	60
	<i>Total unfavorable</i>	51	13	95	65	50	59	60	49	58	37
<i>n</i>		488	206	172	65	443	45	75	316	317	171
F2. What is your overall opinion of Bruce Blakeman?	Very favorable	31	3	68	25	33	7	26	31	33	25
	Somewhat favorable	13	4	25	17	11	33	24	12	15	9
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	9	1	8	5	13	12	5	5	8
	Very unfavorable	37	69	4	31	38	24	27	42	30	50
	No opinion / don't know	14	16	2	19	13	23	11	10	17	9
	<i>Total favorable</i>	44	6	93	42	44	40	50	43	49	34
	<i>Total unfavorable</i>	42	78	5	38	43	37	39	47	35	58
<i>n</i>		485	206	172	65	440	45	75	316	316	169
F3. What is your overall opinion of Larry Sharpe?	Very favorable	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Somewhat favorable	9	2	12	30	8	19	19	7	9	9
	Somewhat unfavorable	8	9	7	9	7	15	9	9	8	8
	Very unfavorable	11	17	7	5	11	3	15	10	8	16
	No opinion / don't know	71	72	72	56	72	63	58	74	73	67
	<i>Total favorable</i>	10	2	14	30	9	19	19	7	11	9
	<i>Total unfavorable</i>	18	26	14	14	18	17	23	19	16	24
<i>n</i>		483	206	172	65	439	44	75	316	315	168
F4. How familiar are you with Larry Sharpe?	Very familiar	3	2	2	6	3	0	7	2	3	3
	Somewhat familiar	14	12	15	27	14	14	23	13	14	15
	Just the name	17	18	19	17	17	24	23	18	15	22
	Never heard of him	66	68	64	50	66	61	47	67	68	60

		Total	2024 vote			Likely to vote		Libertarian self-ID		Sample	
			Harris	Trump	Other / did not vote / refused	Extremely likely	Very / somewhat / not very	Yes / might	No / not anymore / never thought	Fresh sample (Oct 8)	June resp ondents re-texted (Oct 9)
<i>Unweighted n</i>		499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
<i>n</i>		481	206	172	65	438	43	75	316	313	168
F5. What is your overall opinion of Donald Trump?	Very favorable	23	0	53	13	23	23	12	23	24	21
	Somewhat favorable	17	0	37	25	16	21	28	15	20	11
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	4	6	14	6	10	9	6	8	2
	Very unfavorable	51	94	4	43	52	40	46	54	45	64
	No opinion / don't know	3	2	1	5	3	6	4	2	4	1
	<i>Total favorable</i>	40	0	89	38	39	44	41	38	44	32
	<i>Total unfavorable</i>	57	97	10	57	58	50	55	60	53	66
	<i>n</i>	477	206	172	65	435	42	75	316	309	168
A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathy Hochul is doing as Governor of New York?	Strongly approve	22	43	0	6	23	6	13	24	16	32
	Somewhat approve	22	40	3	17	22	20	26	22	20	26
	Somewhat disapprove	8	8	5	17	7	17	9	8	10	4
	Strongly disapprove	44	5	92	50	44	45	52	42	49	35
	Not sure	4	3	0	10	3	12	0	4	4	3
	<i>Total approve</i>	43	83	3	23	45	26	39	46	36	57
	<i>Total disapprove</i>	53	14	97	67	52	61	61	50	59	39
	<i>n</i>	474	206	172	65	433	41	75	316	306	168
A2. Do you think New York is generally headed in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?	Right direction	39	76	2	15	41	17	31	43	32	52
	Wrong track	52	10	98	71	51	63	62	49	59	37
	Not sure	9	14	0	14	8	20	6	8	9	10
	<i>n</i>	474	206	172	65	433	41	75	316	306	168
C1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "New York needs more political choices beyond the two major parties."	Strongly agree	20	17	15	39	19	31	28	16	23	14
	Somewhat agree	29	35	31	18	30	24	32	33	29	30
	Somewhat disagree	19	21	19	15	19	16	16	21	18	22
	Strongly disagree	17	16	19	12	18	4	17	16	14	23
	Not sure	15	12	15	17	14	26	7	14	17	11
	<i>Total agree</i>	49	52	47	56	48	55	60	49	52	44
	<i>Total disagree</i>	36	36	38	27	37	20	32	37	31	45

		Total	2024 vote			Likely to vote		Libertarian self-ID		Sample	
			Harris	Trump	Other / did not vote / refused	Extremely likely	Very / somewhat / not very	Yes / might	No / not anymore / never thought	Fresh sample (Oct 8)	June resp ondents re-texted (Oct 9)
<i>Unweighted n</i>		499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
<i>n</i>		466	206	172	65	426	40	75	316	301	165
C2. To appear on the November ballot for statewide office, an independent or third-party candidate in New York currently must collect 45,000 valid signatures from registered voters. Nominees of parties with automatic ballot status do not need to collect signatures. Do you think the 45,000 signature requirement should be lowered, kept as it is, or raised?											
	Lowered	19	19	15	34	18	27	23	20	19	21
	Kept as it is	42	52	40	24	43	34	46	43	42	43
	Raised	12	8	16	18	13	9	11	14	11	14
	Not sure	26	22	30	24	26	31	20	24	28	22
<i>n</i>		455	206	172	65	416	39	75	316	293	162
C3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Americans may have to resort to violence in order to get the country back on track."											
	Strongly agree	7	2	13	4	7	1	4	7	8	4
	Somewhat agree	11	13	9	8	11	5	9	12	11	11
	Somewhat disagree	11	11	10	16	11	15	15	11	13	8
	Strongly disagree	60	64	57	61	60	59	64	60	57	67
	Not sure	11	10	10	12	10	20	7	11	12	10
	<i>Total agree</i>	17	15	23	12	18	6	13	18	19	15
	<i>Total disagree</i>	71	75	67	77	71	74	79	71	70	75
<i>n</i>		451	206	172	65	412	39	75	316	289	162
C4. Which ONE issue is most important to you in deciding your vote this year?											
	Cost of living / inflation	25	28	19	29	24	40	23	25	25	25
	Taxes	8	4	14	7	9	0	6	8	8	7
	Crime and public safety	10	4	15	12	10	9	11	9	11	7
	Housing affordability	4	6	2	3	4	8	5	4	3	5
	Immigration	6	1	14	5	7	0	9	6	7	5
	Healthcare	6	9	3	6	6	5	4	6	7	5
	Government spending and fiscal responsibility	10	4	18	13	11	8	14	10	9	12
	Civil liberties and personal freedom	12	21	5	4	13	10	10	14	11	15
	Education	3	6	0	2	3	5	2	4	2	5
	Economy and jobs in general	7	9	4	11	8	5	9	7	8	7

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<i>Unweighted n</i>		499	206	172	65	451	48	75	316	324	175
D1. In the 2024 presidential election, did you vote for...	Something else	8	9	6	9	8	11	7	8	7	9
	<i>n</i>	444	206	172	65	407	37	75	316	284	160
	Kamala Harris	47	100	0	0	50	20	43	50	41	61
	Donald Trump	37	0	100	0	38	26	35	38	42	27
	Another candidate	3	0	0	21	3	8	9	2	3	3
	I did not vote in 2024	5	0	0	29	2	29	2	5	6	2
	Prefer not to say	8	0	0	50	7	17	10	5	8	7
	<i>n</i>	443	206	172	65	406	37	75	316	284	159
D2. In the 2022 election for Governor of New York, did you vote for...	Kathy Hochul	43	82	3	18	44	30	34	46	35	59
	Lee Zeldin	38	5	84	28	39	29	46	35	41	31
	Another candidate	3	1	2	9	3	4	4	3	4	1
	I did not vote in that election	10	7	7	23	8	27	10	10	12	5
	Prefer not to say	6	4	4	22	6	12	6	6	8	4
	<i>n</i>	440	206	170	64	403	37	75	316	282	158
D3. What is your age?	18-24	2	1	1	5	1	5	0	2	2	0
	25-34	6	6	5	10	5	16	5	7	7	6
	35-44	13	11	14	17	13	16	11	15	15	9
	45-54	18	23	11	22	18	16	14	20	18	19
	55-64	20	15	29	16	20	25	27	19	22	18
	65-74	25	29	25	18	26	15	25	25	23	30
	75 or older	13	13	15	7	13	6	16	10	11	16
	Prefer not to say	2	2	1	5	2	0	2	2	2	3
	<i>n</i>	438	205	170	63	402	36	75	316	281	157
I2. Would you ever describe your political views as "libertarian"?	Yes, I already do	5	5	5	4	5	6	24	0	5	4
	Yes, I might	15	13	14	25	14	24	76	0	15	15
	I used to, but not anymore	7	9	5	3	7	5	0	8	9	2
	I've never really thought about it	20	18	21	21	19	27	0	24	18	22
	No, I wouldn't	54	55	55	47	56	39	0	67	53	57
	<i>n</i>	391	185	153	53	359	32	75	316	244	147

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P1. Would you be willing to participate in future New York voter research surveys conducted by Pollfinity Research?	Yes, include my contact information for future surveys	46	48	48	33	47	37	57	43	43	50
	No thank you	54	52	52	67	53	63	43	57	57	50
	<i>n</i>	389	184	152	53	357	32	75	314	243	146