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**HOCHUL HOLDS SLIGHT EDGE OVER ZELDIN IN NY GOVERNOR’S RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NEW YORK STATE POLL FINDS;
CRIME RANKS AS MOST URGENT ISSUE**

Three weeks before Election Day, Democratic incumbent Kathy Hochul has a slight edge on Republican challenger Lee Zeldin 50 – 46 percent in the New York governor’s race, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of likely voters in New York State released today.

Democrats (91 – 8 percent) support Hochul, while Republicans (92 – 7 percent) and independents (57 – 37 percent) support Zeldin.

Hochul leads in New York City 59 – 37 percent. The race is very tight in the suburbs with Zeldin receiving 50 percent and Hochul receiving 49 percent. Zeldin leads upstate 52 – 44 percent.

Forty-four percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Hochul, while 45 percent have an unfavorable opinion of her, and 9 percent say they haven’t heard enough about her.

Forty-three percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Zeldin, while 37 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him, and 18 percent say they haven’t heard enough about him.

“In the blue state of New York, the race for governor is competitive. Democrats have cruised to victory in gubernatorial races since 2006, but Governor Hochul’s narrow edge puts Republican Lee Zeldin well within striking distance of her,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Mary Snow.

MOST URGENT ISSUE

Asked to choose the most urgent issue facing New York State today, crime (28 percent) ranks first among likely voters followed by inflation (20 percent) and protecting democracy (14 percent).

There are wide gaps by political party.

Among Republicans, crime (42 percent) ranks first followed by inflation (31 percent).

Among Democrats, the top issues are protecting democracy (23 percent), crime (18 percent), and inflation (12 percent).

Among independents, crime (31 percent) ranks first followed by inflation (21 percent) and protecting democracy (11 percent).

“Across the board, crime ranks high on the list of pressing issues. Zeldin making crime a major part of his campaign could be where he’s making inroads in this race,” added Snow.

SENATE RACE

As Senator Chuck Schumer seeks a fifth term in the U.S. Senate, he leads his Republican challenger Joe Pinion 54 – 42 percent.

Democrats (94 – 4 percent) support Schumer, while Republicans (88 – 11 percent) and independents (50 – 42 percent) support Pinion.

Fifty-one percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Schumer, while 44 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

Twenty-six percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Pinion, while 14 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him, and 59 percent say they haven't heard enough about him.

VOTING

For the 2022 general elections, nearly 7 in 10 likely voters (68 percent) plan to vote in person on Election Day, 22 percent plan to vote in person at an early voting location, and 9 percent plan to vote early by mail or absentee ballot.

JOB APPROVALS

Job approval ratings for New York elected officials:

- Governor Kathy Hochul: 46 percent approve, while 49 percent disapprove;
- Senator Chuck Schumer: 51 percent approve, while 45 percent disapprove;
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand: 45 percent approve, while 36 percent disapprove.

Forty-seven percent of likely voters approve of the way President Joe Biden is handling his job, while 50 percent disapprove.

TRUMP FAVORABILITY

Thirty-three percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Donald Trump, while 60 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

1,617 New York State likely voters were surveyed from October 12th – 16th with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Kathy Hochul the Democrat and Lee Zeldin the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES ALREADY VOTED AND LEANERS)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Hochul	50%	7%	91%	37%	41%	57%
Zeldin	46	92	8	57	55	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	2	-	1	3	1	2
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Hochul	56%	44%	50%	56%	44%	59%	49%
Zeldin	40	50	48	42	52	37	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	-	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	2	2	1	1	1	3	1
REFUSED	-	2	1	-	2	1	-

2. Is your opinion of Kathy Hochul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	44%	11%	79%	30%	38%	49%
Unfavorable	45	82	10	56	52	39
Hvn't hrd enough	9	6	9	11	8	10
REFUSED	2	1	2	2	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Favorable	53%	40%	40%	53%	40%	52%	41%
Unfavorable	36	46	51	41	53	33	50
Hvn't hrd enough	11	12	7	5	6	13	8
REFUSED	-	1	2	2	2	3	1

3. Is your opinion of Lee Zeldin favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	43%	86%	10%	49%	49%	39%
Unfavorable	37	5	63	31	35	39
Hvn't hrd enough	18	9	25	18	15	20
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	2	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Favorable	38%	44%	44%	41%	50%	32%	47%
Unfavorable	34	36	40	43	33	41	38
Hvn't hrd enough	28	18	15	14	16	24	14
REFUSED	-	2	1	2	1	3	1

4. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Chuck Schumer the Democrat and Joe Pinion the Republican, for whom would you vote?
(INCLUDES ALREADY VOTED AND LEANERS)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Schumer	54%	11%	94%	42%	46%	60%
Pinion	42	88	4	50	51	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	3	1	1	5	2	4
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Schumer	66%	49%	54%	59%	46%	66%	51%
Pinion	29	46	45	39	50	29	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	5	5	-	1	2	3	3
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	1	1	1

5. Is your opinion of Chuck Schumer favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	51%	12%	89%	37%	40%	59%
Unfavorable	44	84	8	56	56	35
Hvn't hrd enough	4	4	3	6	3	5
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Favorable	52%	46%	51%	59%	45%	60%	48%
Unfavorable	32	49	47	37	50	34	49
Hvn't hrd enough	15	4	1	3	4	5	3
REFUSED	-	1	-	1	1	1	-

6. Is your opinion of Joe Pinion favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	26%	49%	9%	27%	29%	22%
Unfavorable	14	4	26	7	12	15
Hvn't hrd enough	59	46	64	63	57	60
REFUSED	2	1	1	3	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Favorable	20%	28%	25%	24%	28%	20%	29%
Unfavorable	14	14	15	15	12	15	15
Hvn't hrd enough	67	58	59	59	58	64	55
REFUSED	-	-	-	2	2	1	1

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kathy Hochul is handling her job as governor?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	46%	8%	84%	33%	38%	53%
Disapprove	49	89	10	63	59	40
DK/NA	5	3	6	4	3	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Approve	47%	39%	45%	55%	41%	53%	46%
Disapprove	49	55	50	42	55	39	52
DK/NA	3	6	5	3	4	8	3

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as United States Senator?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	51%	15%	89%	37%	42%	59%
Disapprove	45	84	8	58	55	37
DK/NA	3	1	3	5	3	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Approve	49%	49%	52%	61%	48%	60%	46%
Disapprove	44	47	47	37	51	34	51
DK/NA	7	3	1	2	2	5	3

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kirsten Gillibrand is handling her job as United States Senator?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	45%	16%	73%	37%	40%	49%
Disapprove	36	64	10	46	46	29
DK/NA	19	20	17	18	15	22

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Approve	46%	39%	46%	53%	43%	52%	39%
Disapprove	30	40	41	32	41	26	42
DK/NA	24	21	13	15	16	22	19

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	47%	9%	84%	34%	41%	52%
Disapprove	50	90	13	64	56	46
DK/NA	3	1	3	2	3	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Approve	54%	36%	46%	55%	40%	54%	48%
Disapprove	42	59	53	43	57	42	51
DK/NA	4	5	1	2	3	3	1

11. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	33%	75%	5%	35%	40%	28%
Unfavorable	60	19	90	57	54	65
Hvn't hrd enough	4	2	2	5	4	4
REFUSED	3	4	2	4	3	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Favorable	24%	32%	37%	31%	38%	28%	33%
Unfavorable	67	63	58	63	55	68	57
Hvn't hrd enough	5	4	2	2	4	1	8
REFUSED	4	1	3	3	4	3	2

12. In your opinion, what is the most urgent issue facing New York State today: immigration, protecting democracy, COVID-19, abortion, inflation, unemployment, homelessness, climate change, health care, racial inequality, schools, affordable housing, or crime?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Immigration	4%	7%	3%	4%	5%	4%
Protecting democracy	14	6	23	11	14	14
COVID-19	-	-	1	-	-	-
Abortion	6	2	9	6	3	8
Inflation	20	31	12	21	24	17
Unemployment	1	-	-	2	2	-
Homelessness	4	2	4	2	2	5
Climate change	4	2	7	2	3	5
Health care	3	-	5	3	2	4
Racial inequality	3	1	5	1	2	4
Schools	3	3	2	6	4	3
Affordable housing	5	1	8	5	5	5
Crime	28	42	18	31	31	26
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	4	3	2
DK/NA	2	1	3	2	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
Immigration	1%	3%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Protecting democracy	13	10	15	19	17	11	14
COVID-19	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Abortion	7	9	4	7	7	5	6
Inflation	24	18	23	18	27	12	20
Unemployment	4	2	-	-	1	2	-
Homelessness	6	2	3	3	1	6	4
Climate change	3	4	4	4	4	3	6
Health care	5	4	3	2	3	3	3
Racial inequality	3	5	2	2	3	3	1
Schools	8	2	1	3	3	3	4
Affordable housing	9	8	3	4	3	9	2
Crime	16	28	36	25	21	36	31
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	1	3	1	3	4	2	2
DK/NA	-	1	1	3	2	2	2

13. Thinking about the 2022 general elections, do you think you will vote in person on Election Day, vote early by mail or absentee ballot, or vote in person at an early voting location?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
In person/Elect. Day	68%	82%	57%	73%	72%	65%
Mail/Absentee	9	5	10	8	8	9
In person/Early vote	22	13	31	18	18	25
ALREADY VOTED (VOL)	-	-	1	-	-	-
WON'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				AREA.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	UpState	NYC	Sub
In person/Elect. Day	65%	66%	73%	66%	69%	65%	71%
Mail/Absentee	12	10	6	10	7	9	11
In person/Early vote	20	23	20	22	23	25	16
ALREADY VOTED (VOL)	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
WON'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	2	1	-	1	1	1	1