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## Siena College Poll:

### **Trump Ratings – Still Decidedly Negative – Edge Up**

**Voters Remain Concerned About Russian Involvement in Election; Majority Want Investigation Concluded, 4 in 10 Now Say Enough  
*Two-Thirds Want Obamacare Kept & Improved; Only 12% Say Senate Should Pass Bill Similar to House Bill with Only Republican Support  
Putin Doesn't Have Worst Favorability Rating in Siena History, But It's Close***

Loudonville, NY. President Donald Trump is viewed favorably by 34 percent of New Yorkers and unfavorably by 62 percent, up a little from a *negative* 30-65 percent favorability rating in May. Thirty percent give Trump a positive job performance rating and 68 percent rate him negatively, including 52 percent who say he's doing a poor job as President, up slightly from a *negative* 27-71 percent job performance rating in May, according to a new Siena College Poll of New York State registered voters released today.

By a 64-35 percent margin, voters say they're concerned about Russia's attempt to sway last year's election, down a little from 68-31 percent in May. And while 56 percent want a thorough investigation concluded, down from 68 percent in May, 41 percent say it's been investigated enough, up from 30 percent.

On Obamacare, 65 percent want it kept and improved, compared to 32 percent who want it repealed and replaced (little changed from 67-30 percent in May). Only 12 percent of voters say the Senate should pass a bill similar to the House bill with just Republican support, while 37 percent want no bill passed and Obamacare kept, and 44 percent want the Senate to pass a bill that can garner support from Democrats and Republicans.

Although President Trump remains largely unpopular with his fellow New Yorkers, both his favorability and job performance ratings ticked up since May. While Democrats and Republicans appear to be locked in – 83 percent of Democrats view Trump unfavorably and 71 percent of Republicans view him favorably – independent voters are more fluid in their views of the President. While 57 percent of independents currently have an unfavorable view of Trump, that's down from 71 percent in May, said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

Still, two-thirds of New Yorkers – including 85 percent of Democrats, 64 percent of independents and at least 62 percent of voters from every region – give Trump a negative job performance rating, Greenberg said.

“In addition to his negative overall job performance rating, Trump gets negative reviews from New Yorkers for the job he did at the recent G-20 summit overall, as well as his specific dealings with America’s European allies and in his first meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin,” Greenberg said.

Voters give Trump a *negative* 31-63 percent job performance rating for his handling of the G-20 summit, a *negative* 31-65 percent rating for his work with European allies at the summit, and a *negative* 29-61 percent rating for his first meeting with Putin, who is viewed favorably by 10 percent of voters and unfavorably by 73 percent.

“While New Yorkers give Putin an abysmal favorability rating, it’s not quite as bad as the lowest-ever favorability rating in a Siena College poll. In March 2008, 79 percent of voters viewed Eliot Spitzer unfavorably immediately after his resignation as governor,” Greenberg said. “Trump’s lowest was 72 percent last August.”

**Strong Concern About Russian Election Meddling Remains; Still Support for Investigation, but Smaller**  
By a 64-35 percent margin, down a little from 68-31 percent in May, voters are concerned that Russia attempted to sway last year’s presidential election. Now, 56 percent want to see a thorough investigation concluded, compared to 41 percent who say it’s been investigated enough, down from 68-30 percent in May.

“Three-quarters of Democrats say both that they are concerned and want a thorough investigation,” Greenberg said. “Among Republicans, nearly two-thirds are not concerned and nearly three-quarters say enough investigations, let’s move on. Almost two-thirds of independents are concerned, however, they are closely divided on whether to continue the investigation, 51-46 percent, down sharply from 69-27 percent in May.”

**Little Support for Senate Republicans’ Healthcare Bill; Two-Thirds Still Say Keep/Improve Obamacare**  
By a 65-32 percent margin – down only slightly from May – voters prefer to keep and improve the Affordable Care Act – Obamacare – rather than repeal and replace it. Only 12 percent of New Yorkers want the Senate to pass a healthcare bill similar to the House bill, while 44 percent want the Senate to pass a bill with support from Republicans and Democrats, and 37 percent want the Senate to not act and leave Obamacare in place as is.

“Healthcare continues to divide voters – largely along partisan lines. Sixty percent of independents and 83 percent of Democrats want to keep and improve Obamacare, while 68 percent of Republicans want it repealed and replaced,” Greenberg said. “There is little support for the healthcare bill the Senate had been considering, even among Republicans. Only 27 percent of Republicans want the Senate to pass a bill similar to the House bill, while 47 percent would like to see a bipartisan healthcare bill passed in the Senate.”

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This Siena College Poll was conducted July 9-13, 2017 by telephone calls conducted in English to 793 New York State registered voters. Respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest male in the household. It has an overall margin of error of  $\pm 4.0$  percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline and cell phone telephone numbers (both from Survey Sampling International) from within New York State weighted to reflect known population patterns. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party, region and gender to ensure representativeness. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in NYS. SCRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, call Steve Greenberg at (518) 469-9858. For survey cross-tabs: [www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY](http://www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY).



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## Siena College Poll Trends – July 2017

**Q. 7** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2017	34	62	4
May 2017	30	65	5
April 2017	34	61	6
March 2017	33	63	4
February 2017	36	59	5
January 2017	37	55	8
December 2016	41	53	6
November 2016*	34	63	3
October 2016*	26	69	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>41 (12/16)</b>	<b>72 (8/16)</b>	<b>10 (10/13)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>24 (8/16)</b>	<b>53 (12/16)</b>	<b>2 (9/15)</b>

**Q. 29** How would you rate the job that Donald Trump is doing as President? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2017	11	19	16	52	2
May 2017	11	16	14	57	2
April 2017	11	17	19	50	3
March 2017	10	16	14	57	2
February 2017	12	17	20	48	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>12 (2/17)</b>	<b>19 (7/17)</b>	<b>20 (2/17)</b>	<b>57 (5/17, 3/17)</b>	<b>3 (4/17)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>10 (3/17)</b>	<b>16 (5/17, 3/17)</b>	<b>14 (5/17, 3/17)</b>	<b>48 (2/17)</b>	<b>2 (several)</b>

**Q. 33** Thinking about the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, are you more in favor of repealing and replacing it or keeping and improving it? ^ (Choices were rotated.)

DATE	REPEAL/REPLACE	KEEP/IMPROVE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2017	32	65	3
May 2017	30	67	2
March 2017	30	67	3
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (7/17)</b>	<b>67 (5/17, 3/17)</b>	<b>3 (7/17, 3/17)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (5/17, 3/17)</b>	<b>65 (7/17)</b>	<b>2 (5/17)</b>

**Q. 35** How concerned are you that the Russian government attempted to sway last year's presidential election?

DATE	VERY	SOMEWHAT	NOT VERY	NOT AT ALL	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2017	45	19	13	22	2
May 2017	50	18	12	19	1
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>50 (5/17)</b>	<b>19 (7/17)</b>	<b>13 (7/17)</b>	<b>22 (7/17)</b>	<b>2 (7/17)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (7/17)</b>	<b>18 (5/17)</b>	<b>12 (5/17)</b>	<b>19 (5/17)</b>	<b>1 (5/17)</b>

**Q. 36** Which of the following two choices comes closest to how you feel: federal authorities should conduct a thorough investigation into Russian involvement in last year's presidential election until its conclusion, OR Russian involvement in last year's presidential election has been investigated enough, it's time to move on to other issues? (Choices were rotated.)

DATE	CONDUCT/CONCLUDE	INVESTIGATED ENOUGH	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2017	56	41	4
May 2017	68	30	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>68 (5/17)</b>	<b>41 (7/17)</b>	<b>4 (7/17)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>56 (7/17)</b>	<b>30 (5/17)</b>	<b>2 (5/17)</b>

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**Q. 8** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2017	53	37	9
May 2017	57	33	10
March 2017	60	33	7
February 2017	64	31	6
January 2017	63	29	9
December 2016	67	23	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>70 (7/05)</b>	<b>37 (7/17)</b>	<b>17 (2/05)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>53 (7/17)</b>	<b>20 (2/05, 11/06)</b>	<b>4 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 11** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2017	43	24	33
February 2017	46	24	29
December 2016	51	22	27
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>61 (12/12)</b>	<b>34 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>56 (1/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (3/09)</b>	<b>14 (1/09)</b>	<b>14 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 3** Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2017	33	58	8
May 2017	28	61	11
April 2017	36	51	13
March 2017	31	61	8
February 2017	34	56	10
January 2017	39	48	13
December 2016	34	56	10
October 2016*	40	54	6
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>62 (5/09)</b>	<b>74 (10/13, 8/11)</b>	<b>17 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (10/13, 10/08)</b>	<b>24 (12/09)</b>	<b>5 (1/13)</b>

**Poll Trend Notes:** \* All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: September thru November 2016, July thru October 2014, August/October 2012, October 2010, September/October 2008, and September/October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.

Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since December 2016.

“Highest Ever” and “Lowest Ever” are provided at the bottom of each question.

^ Inconsequential wording change.