

# SURVEY OF VOTERS, NY-09 SPECIAL ELECTION (SEPTEMBER 13, 2011) FREQUENCIES

Survey Sample: 251 actual or likely voters, randomly selected from among registered voters likely to vote in a special election, interviewed by telephone on September 13, 2011.

### [ASK FOR LISTED INDIVIDUAL REGISTRANT]

Hello, this is (<u>interviewer name</u>), and I'm calling from the New York Survey Research Center. We're calling to learn your opinions regarding some important issues of the day. This is not a sales call; we won't ask you to buy or do anything, and we are not calling on behalf of a candidate or political party. My questions should take only about 5 minutes.

- 1. Today a special election is being held here in New York to elect a new congressman for the 9<sup>th</sup> congressional district, replacing Anthony Weiner who resigned. How likely are you to vote in this special election are you absolutely certain to vote, very likely to vote, fairly likely to vote, fairly unlikely to vote, or very unlikely to vote or did you already vote in this election?
  - 74% ALREADY VOTED
  - 17% ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN
  - 5% VERY LIKELY
  - 4% FAIRLY LIKELY
  - 0% FAIRLY UNLIKELY [THANK AND TERMINATE]
  - 0% VERY UNLIKELY [THANK AND TERMINATE]
  - 0% DON'T KNOW / NO RESPONSE [THANK AND TERMINATE]
- 2. As you know, the candidates are:

[ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES]

Democrat David Weprin [weh-PRIN]; and

Republican Bob Turner.

[IF VOTED] For whom did you vote? [IF INTEND TO VOTE] For whom do you expect to vote?

- 47% DEMOCRAT DAVID WEPRIN
- 53% REPUBLICAN BOB TURNER
  - \* SOMEONE ELSE
  - 0% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE
- 3. One issue which was discussed somewhat in this election was the legalization of marriage between two people of the same gender.

### [ROTATE CANDIDATES, ASK SAME QUESTION FOR EACH CANDIDATE]

From what you have heard or read, does David Weprin [weh-PRIN], the Democratic candidate for Congress, favor or oppose the legalization of same-gender marriages in New York State?



- 62% FAVORS
  - 9% OPPOSES
- 30% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE
- 4. From what you have heard or read, does Bob Turner, the Republican candidate for Congress, favor or oppose the legalization of same-gender marriages legal in New York State?
  - 4% FAVORS
  - 63% OPPOSES
  - 33% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE
- 5. Would you say that David Weprin's [weh-PRIN's] position on same-gender marriage was or was not a factor in your decision of which candidate to vote for?
  - 34% WAS A FACTOR
  - 60% WAS NOT A FACTOR
    - 6% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE
- 6. Do you personally agree or disagree that marriage should only be between a man and a woman?
  - 50% AGREE
  - 38% DISAGREE
  - 13% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

I have just a few more questions to ask you for statistical purposes ...

- 7. Gender [BY OBSERVATION, DO NOT READ UNLESS UNCERTAIN]
  - 48% MALE
  - 52% FEMALE
    - 0% NO RESPONSE
- 8. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent? [IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN] Do you consider yourself to be a strong [DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN] or not?
  - 32% STRONG DEMOCRAT
    - 9% WEAK DEMOCRAT
  - 19% STRONG REPUBLICAN
  - 9% WEAK REPUBLICAN
  - 23% INDEPENDENT
    - 5% NONE OF THESE/OTHER [VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE ONLY]
    - 4% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE [DO NOT READ]



- 9. Are you currently married or are you single? [IF SINGLE] Have you ever been married?
  - 72% MARRIED
  - 17% SINGLE, PREVIOUSLY MARRIED
  - 10% SINGLE, NOT PREVIOUSLY MARRIED
  - 1% NO RESPONSE
- 10. Do you have any children? [IF YES] Are any of your children under 18 years of age?
  - 22% NO CHILDREN
  - 41% HAVE CHILDREN, NONE UNDER 18
  - 36% HAVE CHILDREN, ONE OR MORE UNDER 18
    - 1% NO RESPONSE
- 11. Which of the following best describes your religious preference: are you ... [READ OPTIONS]
  - 34% JEWISH;
  - 36% CATHOLIC:
  - 12% CHRISTIAN OTHER THAN CATHOLIC;
    - 6% OTHER, OR
    - 8% NONE?
    - 4% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]
- 12.[IF JEWISH] Would you describe your Judaism as an Orthodox, Conservative, or Reformed?
  - 37% ORTHODOX
  - 26% CONSERVATIVE
  - 31% REFORMED
  - 6% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]
  - [66% NOT ASKED]
- 13.[IF "NONE"/DK ON RELIGION] Would you say your family has a Jewish heritage, or not?
  - 32% YES
  - 44% NO
  - 24% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]
  - [88% NOT ASKED]

#### **COMPOSITE RELIGION**

- 13% ORTHODOX JEWISH
- 9% CONSERVATIVE JEWISH
- 17% OTHER JEWISH (CONSERVATIVE, REFORMED, SECULAR)
- 36% CATHOLIC:
- 12% CHRISTIAN OTHER THAN CATHOLIC;
- 15% OTHER, NONE, NO RESPONSE



14. Do you consider yourself to be Latino or Hispanic?

4% YES

92% NO

4% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

15. Do you consider yourself to be Asian-American?

5% YES

90% NO

5% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

16. Finally, in what year were you born, please? [RECORD EXACT RESPONSE]

## **COLLAPSED AGE CATEGORIES:**

11% 18-39

15% 40-49

41% 50-59

33% 60+

That's the last of my questions. Thank you very much for your time and participation.