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Budget Survey Results

1.) Based upon what you know about it, does Governor Cuomo's proposed 2011-2012 state budget put New York State on the right track?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
60%	30%	10%

2.) Do you support state spending reductions in the following areas:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Education	69%	31%
Economic Development	52%	48%
Health Care	69%	31%
Agriculture	60%	40%
Environmental Protection	64%	36%
Crime and Correction	62%	38%
Local Assistance	63%	37%

3.) Is reducing the cost of New York State's system of Medicaid one of the top 3 priorities facing the Governor and the Legislature this year?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
86%	14%

4.) Do you support Governor Cuomo's proposal to place a 2% cap on school and local property tax levy increases?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
74%	26%

5.) Do you agree with the following statement: Any legislative action to cap local property taxes must be accompanied by actions to provide school districts and local governments with relief from underfunded and/or unfunded mandates.

<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
62%	25%	9%	7%

6.) Do you support proposals to address the state's short- and long-term fiscal challenges

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
without raising taxes or state borrowing?	81%	19%
by limiting annual state spending growth to the rate of inflation?	86%	14%
by increasing taxes on individuals and households earning more than \$1 million a year?	70%	30%
by providing targeted tax incentives to encourage private-sector job growth?	78%	22%
by encouraging local governments to merge/consolidate, share services, etc.?	87%	13%
by consolidating, restructuring and reducing the cost of the state bureaucracy?	97%	3%
by implementing a one-year wage freeze on state employees?	82%	18%
by permanently reducing the size of the state work force?	80%	20%
by reforming the public pension system?	74%	26%

7.) Is legislative action to encourage private-sector economic growth and create private-sector jobs one of the top 3 priorities facing the Governor and the Legislature this year?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
76%	24%

8.) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: State government spending must be cut even if it means significantly reduced state support for local schools and health care?

<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
38%	27%	33%	2%

9.) Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions?

<u>Optimistic</u>	<u>Pessimistic</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
43%	44%	13%

10.) My family will/will not be living in New York State 5 years from now?

<u>Will</u>	<u>Will Not</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
48%	13%	39%