



TO Interested Parties
FROM Lawler for Congress
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RE New York's 17th Congressional District likely voter survey, September 28–30, 2026

KEY FINDINGS

- Congressman Mike Lawler leads Cait Conley **50 to 47** among likely general election voters in New York's 17th District, with 3 percent undecided.
- Lawler holds **92 percent** of Republicans, wins unaffiliated and other voters **52 to 40**, and takes **20 percent** of registered Democrats, in a sample where Democrats outnumber Republicans 44 to 31.
- Lawler is the only candidate in the race with a net-positive image: **50 percent favorable, 46 percent unfavorable**. Conley is 42 favorable and 48 unfavorable. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is 40 favorable and 57 unfavorable in the district.
- Bruce Blakeman leads Governor Kathy Hochul **51 to 47** for governor among NY-17 voters, carrying unaffiliated and other voters 55 to 37.

CONGRESSIONAL BALLOT

If the election were held today	Share
Mike Lawler (R, Conservative)	50%
Cait Conley (D, Working Families)	47%
Undecided	3%

By party registration	Lawler	Conley	Undecided
Republicans (n=124)	92%	6%	2%
Democrats (n=176)	20%	79%	1%
Unaffiliated and other (n=100)	52%	40%	8%

By gender and age	Lawler	Conley	Undecided
Men (n=188)	54%	43%	2%
Women (n=212)	47%	50%	4%
Age 54 and under (n=196)	52%	45%	3%
Age 55 and older (n=204)	49%	48%	3%

FAVORABILITY

Name	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion	Net
Mike Lawler	50%	46%	3%	+4
Cait Conley	42%	48%	10%	-6
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	40%	57%	3%	-17

By party registration (favorable / unfavorable)	Republicans (n=124)	Democrats (n=176)	Unaffiliated and other (n=100)
Mike Lawler	89 / 8	22 / 77	53 / 41
Cait Conley	8 / 82	69 / 23	36 / 52
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	4 / 94	72 / 26	29 / 64

No opinion includes respondents who had never heard of the person.



GOVERNOR

NY-17 voters		Share
Bruce Blakeman (R, Conservative)		51%
Kathy Hochul (D, Working Families)		47%
Undecided		2%

By party registration	Blakeman	Hochul	Undecided
Republicans (n=124)	92%	8%	0%
Democrats (n=176)	20%	79%	1%
Unaffiliated and other (n=100)	55%	37%	9%

SAMPLE COMPOSITION

Composition	Share
Party: Republican / Democrat / unaffiliated and other	31 / 44 / 25
Women / men	53 / 47
Age: 18–34 / 35–54 / 55–64 / 65 and over	17 / 32 / 21 / 30
County: Westchester / Rockland / Putnam / Dutchess	42 / 38 / 14 / 6
Religion: Catholic / Protestant / Jewish / other, none or no answer	45 / 15 / 14 / 27
Education: less than college / college graduate / post-graduate	29 / 40 / 31
Mode: landline / mobile phone / text-to-web	23 / 40 / 37

Unaffiliated includes other and non-enrolled registrations. Republican includes Conservative registrants; Democrat includes Working Families registrants.

METHODOLOGY

This survey of New York's 17th Congressional District was conducted by McLaughlin & Associates on behalf of Lawler for Congress among 400 likely general election voters from September 28 to 30, 2026. The sample is a mix of 23% landline, 40% mobile phone and 37% text-to-web interviews. Interview selection was at random within predetermined election units structured to statistically correlate with actual general election turnout. The accuracy of the sample of 400 likely general election voters is within plus or minus 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval. Subgroup results carry larger margins of error. Numbers are rounded and may not add to 100%.