

What is your name?		Additional comment
		They are failing taxpayers, like me, at every turn.
		The majority of my friends, and myself, have to deal with a 2-3% pay raise. Where do you get off thinking you deserve 47%! And how are we, the taxpayer supposed to pay for this!? You planning on raising our taxes even more!?
		As long as NY has this ridiculously high tax base and it is so hard for low to medium income people to get ahead here, I don't think any more money should go to any politicians in any form.
		The only raise deserved by these crooks is at the end of a rope!
		Being a politician isn't a career
		The only thing that they've gotten done is passing the budget on time.
		Tied to a limitation on any outside income.
		What on God's green earth have they truly accomplished to be worthy a raise?Is it because they pushed the \$15 per hour through that they feel entitled? If anything they should get a pay reduction.
		Until our representatives are required to perform only representation, no raise in the private sector many of them wouldn't have a job. These people continue to serve only a small group of special interests and unlike private sector jobs which over my 45 yr. career has lost benefits theirs have increased and unlike our budgets which require discipline Cuomo and cronies continue to remain disconnected from average wage earners and their struggles.
		Respectfully, if one could tie productivity to performance, NY might not be run as poorly as it is.
		And there should be a pension tier, they don't
		As a health care worker my top yearly percent raise is 3%. Lawmakers are simply state employees and should not be receiving raises that the vast majority of workers in the state would never see.
		Most jobs only have a small increase every year. I do not believe lawmakers should get roughly a 50% raise.
		They are currently paid as part time legislators, I think thy should be full time, and people like Nozzolio should have to give up their part-time "consulting" jobs. It makes who they answer to cleaner. And they would have to be in Albany more, working.

		Anything more than 2 percent is too much. The working class people don't get over that why should a state workers whom already makes enough money to live comfortably even get a raise when most Americans make less than 30 thousand dollars a year
		I receive 2-3% annually if our company meets our financial goals. I work so hard and in order to meet that 2% I must complete all goals set forward by my company. A 47% pay raise means they not only met but exceeded every single goal set forward by the state; which we are all aware is not the case. Please don't mock the working group who does exceed goals for 2%.
		They are already amongst the highest paid in the nation. Is it really necessary to give them a raise on a salary that is more than a good portion of the population when it is supposed to be a part time job?
		The proposed 47 percent raise on their base pay of \$79,500 does not include all their other pay -- like stipends, travel and housing money and health benefits. Also, consider that these legislators are PART TIME. A 47 percent raise would make them the highest paid in the country. Based on the work that they have done, any increase is too much.
		Under performance
		This legislature seems incapable of accomplishing anything other than lining their own pockets.
		In any business, merit raises are earned by going above and beyond expectaitions. Represenatives in Albany have not accomplished enough to merit an increase. They think they are leaders of their constituents, when in actuality they are elected represenatives. Until they start listening to the people that voted them in, they do not deserve a raise.
		if any raises are given it us usually cost of living approximately 3%. I work full time and have not had a raise in 3 years, even though our company is making a profit monthly. Lawmakers need to face reality, New York is a dead job state. Taxes are way to high
		How dare you even consider this when the average worker is lucky to get 1 to 2% and we have to perform to earn this unlike what they are doing.
		Please, first off who gets a 47% increase?? That's insane. I totally get that everyone needs increases, as all of our obligations have increased. Electricity, cable, water , trash,...TAXES. However, I'm on disability and I have not had a raise in HOW LONG? Years!!! I can No longer pay my bills on time...lets make our politicians DO SOMETHING for there money. Absolutely NO RAISE.
		The rest of the working world is content with a 3% raise (if they are lucky!)
		47% is insane! Us people working the "regular" jobs that keep the economy going are lucky if we get 1-3% if any at all!!!
		They have not done anything this year that warrants the large increase they have put in for. This was the least productive year, why would that warrant a raise of that size. They are already over paid for the job they are doing
		The only way they deserve a pay increase is if they were to lose their travel stipend and any other bonuses they get for being on any special committee
		They don't work enough hours and aren't doing their jobs very well, merely "playing politics".
		try living on the average tax payers annual income and see what you think is fair

		In over thirty years of employment my salary was never greater than three percent.
		The only increase that benefits me is in my Social Security pension. I would benefit from a 47 percent raise there but realize that also would only be inflationary.
		When most employees are no longer receiving acceptable pay raises, it doesn't make sense for the commission to go beyond what the normal low-paid employees receive.
		NYS law maker do nothing at all
		No raises until Monroe County Law Enforcement get the raises these men and women deserve. They are not getting raises and these Deputies are losing benefits. The Deputies are basically being asked to do more work, for less pay. Let's help the Monroe County Deputies that work in the courts, in the jails, in the civil bureau and on the road. I'm appalled at the subsidized money for NYS dairy industry. Lawmakers, wake up!
		You lost me at the safe act.
		Taxpayers aren't getting raises so what makes them think they're entitled to one AND at the rate they are proposing???
		No one deserves a 47 percent pay increase. Our founding fathers would be appalled, as I am at the mere suggestion of that high of an increase on the backs of the state taxpayers.
		As a retired registered nurse, who helped save lives on a regular basis ,even though I received excellent reviews the most increase was 5 percent Now as a senior citizen and not receiving a raise in my social security please tell
		Their existing salary and stipends for a part time job is exorbitant in itself.
		Term limits need to be established as well. Two terms the same as the President. If those term limits were in place, then talks of a pay raise wouldn't be necessary.
		Annual increases at my current employer range from 0% - 5% depending on performance objectives met. Let's get the state lawmakers on a similar plan
		They are a disgrace to New York and to the country.....
		No other employee receives that high of a raise. Until I see less corruption and more positive work accomplished, I will not support a pay increase.
		Continued me why they deserve 47 % increase from taxpayer money when their accomplishments are few, their bickerings many, and their benefits are something we would all
		I believe there is mistreatment with our tax dollars in the system. How about stop taking vacations on our tax dollars that cost thousands of dollars. Use that vacation and bonus money for your raise.
		It Part time job . They taxed us to much , have unfounded bills .

		Not a raise in social security why should the political elite keep getting raises for part time work!
		The American worker does not see a 47% increase why should they? Plus they recieve addition benefits.
		While many of NYS union workers are without contracts they seem to feel they deserve a 47%increase? How about ratification of your state employees contracts with some decent increases and leave the health care alone. Then come and ask us if you deserve a pay increase
		I am a nurse in a family of 4. I gross approx. \$40,000 / year. Make your current salary work for you. It's PLENTY. Be grateful you already earn that much.
		It is a part time job. Enough is enough!
		Just like everyone that works in the private sector they should get paid based on their performance. Based on their dishonesty and refusal to pass a real ethics reform that cancel their pension if the take advantage of the position they're in they don't even deserve the job. Do they work for us or themselves. Actions show its for them selves. For this reason I'm moving from NY. reform
		They need to do more for people in nys
		Pay raises in the real world are merit based, not just for showing up. Based on the state of the NY economy and lack of corruption reform, I don't think they have earned a raise based on results. NY ranks worst on many items including taxes so why should lawmakers be ranked first in compensation? More pay for worse results makes no sense and further diminishes any respect for lawmakers.. This should not be a career position and there should be a 2 term limit.
		They are already over payed! Put the money toward people they are supposed to be helping
		They have done nothing to earn a raise.
		They have done little to earn this kind of pay increase, if any! Our personal tax rate is the highest in the country! Property taxes are obscene! People and businesses are leaving the state in droves! Then there is the corruption within their ranks which they refuse to reform in any significant way such as loss of pension and benefits if convicted! No, a raise is not deserved.
		It is outrageous to give yourself a 47% pay increase, your job is in public service not self service.
		No Way, No How!
		The job should not be about the money. The current salary plus benefits is more than most would earn in New York.
		if they get a pay raise so should the working community.at lease you can see the hard work that and accomplish mental of our workers,they deserve the raise way more then albany
		With all the additional perks and stipends \$79,500 is over pay for a position that was never intended by the founders of the country to be a career.

		They've done nothing but screw the taxpayer's, and drive small businesses out. And, give special treatment to down state. The best thing they can do to help the state is commit suicide.
		They do not work a full year
		My household pay raise last year was 2%. That is easily spent on taxes, and insurance. These expenses are paid outside of our legislators salary. Fortunate for them. Politics should be a passion, serving the country an honor, it should not be centered on money earned. Increase the pay no more than the cost of living increase.
		Most people receive cost of living pay increases of 3-10%. That's about what is deserved by lawmakers.
		I'd be less reluctant towards a pay raise when we see reductions in spending that put us in at least the middle of the pack. We are already last in many senses, this will further increase that divide.
		Social Security And Retired State Emoloyees increased are tied to increases in the cost of living and average less than 3% annually, perhaps that is a sound guideline for Legislator pay increases as well. If the legislators do not think so then they should rethink it for the rest of us also!
		They are over paid for what we as tax payers get fom them. They don't seam to do anything , except collect a fat paycheck
		With their job performance they should get a cost of living increase only. That's more than many upstate New Yorkers are getting.
		Real average people usually actaully work for their pay
		I do not agree with a pay increase. Right now is not the appropriate time with the economy in New York.
		It is time to separate from New York City
		When they straiten out the budget process so they all work on it and not the big three then they might earn it. They should also lower thbudget by the amount of the raise.
		\$79,000 is more than sufficient. They do not deserve to be the highest paid in the country with their track record. NYS has been going downhill for the past decade. If the concern is the higher cost of living districts, then simple: make their wage dependent on the median wage of the district they represent. You want a raise, do your job and help the people you represent.
		They are already overpaid for what they produce.
		no pay rise till the minimum wage gose up
		I am on social security. I would love a raise. My meds I take cost over \$150-\$200 a month. I don't have much left over for other expenses. We need a raise and not no little 1 or 2%. That won't cover medical premiums increase s.

		The people these lawmakers represent don't get these kind of pay raises ever. The workers, retirees get a small COLA - cost of living allowance. Your taking this raise directly out of my pension. These raises should be based in reality, these raises hurt the very people they serve.
		They already make too much for the little amount of time they work!
		Get some real work done and introduce term limits.
		I do not understand how there is a potential 47% pay raise on the table when the rest of us are struggling to make ends met with a 1 or 2 raise.
		No state legislator should make more money than the median wage of his/her constituents. This is why we have "career" politicians- they would never make what they do in "public service" in a private sector job. It's a travesty that hard-working people are going without, and out "leaders" and I use that term very loosely, want a pay raise that most of us can only dream about!!
		A raise for failing to pass budgets on time every year? are you kidding me?
		A pay increase is NOT warranted - they should be evaluated by the PEOPLE they REPRESENT!!! Too many mis-steps in Albany and not enough being done to correct it. Term limits would keep them honest - no more career politicians!!
		This is why people are migrating from this STATE. TAX, corruption, TAX, corruption, TAX, no representation, broken system, etc.... Division from UPSTATE to NYC. BROKEN!!! Nothing will solve this system unless it goes into complete bankruptcy and a complete overhaul of "OUR" representatives, cause our "esteemed" (and I use the term "esteemed", loosely) delegates can't use common sense anymore.
		The seniors of this state can't afford to live on what we get from Social Security and they want a pay raise? I think they make more then enough already. Don't we pay enough in taxes already? I vote we get rid of everyone of them and start over.
		The fact that legislators aren't in session year round to make the "good" decisions makes this an even harder pill to swallow. I get paid for the work that I actually do when my feet are in the actual restaurant. I still do research for new recipies/techniques/etc. with no added compensation.
		Until they get budget in black they should not get paid period!
		"Do your job...."
		80k for part time job? I'll take it!
		They should be paid the median wage of their district. Improve your district get paid more.
		What they make for a year is more than adequate for the little they accomplish.

		I'm expected to survive on my Social Security disability with NO pay increase. I receive \$931 a Month. Medicaid turned me down so I have no health insurance. These people want an increase of 47%? September can't come soon enough where my hope is they'll be looking for new "jobs."
		The government should be run like a business. How many business's are able to give their employees a 47% pay increase. I believe for the amount of time they spend working and for what they have accomplished their salaries are more than adequate now.
		Term limitations of two terms then out should be attached to the salary increqse
		Really, who gets a 47% raise? Raises have to be earned. I see them sitting on there hands, servants to the throne. Favors to the high test bidders.
		This is very disturbing, who deserves a pay increase of this amount. Only the military.
		The state is first in taxes, fees and last in everthing else. How good a job have they done?
		Sad, Sad, Sad!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
		No politicians in N.Y. should receive a pay raise until the corruption is weeded out. the total taxes of N.Y. is not the highest in the country, and large business and industry find N.Y. a desirable state to relocate in.
		Our representatives do not work for our needs. They only support their own pet projects, and cow-tow to the civil service unions requests for enrichment. Staff cuts and elimination of all union jobs is needed. Proper supervision and accountability for responsibilities is needed all the way through the entire state workforce, including the office holders.
		I didn't get a raise for my social security disability this year...and these lawmakers are living extremely comfortably and want another pay increase...for what? what reasoning do they have to justify a pay raise. they are listening to the citizens, they are approving laws that restrict our freedoms and they want US to support a pay raise...NO I think they should have their pay cut in half...so they can see how hard it is to struggle and have their rights taken away.
		They should get nothing more than the same COLA that every person in NY gets.
		What about social security? Give us 47%!!! Haha
		When they actually accomplish something, then maybe a 10 percent raise. Everyone gets one except the seniors ! Tired of NY State,
		No other state employee receives more than a 3or 4 % wage increase. That is for full time employment. When you are in session, you have your work cut out for you. Your perks alone make up for any wage increases.
		Most pay raises from corporate US to EMPLOYEES is less than 3%. Why should they get more than the majority of people they are represeting. They are thinking NY City wages, not upstate!
		Not merely no, but hell no!

		You jerks get paid too much as it is.
		There has to be more scrutiny on travel expenses. I also think there must be a cap on number of years one can serve. We say change is needed, which we do need, however nothing changes. Our political arena in this country is scattered with people that should be kicked out of their positions.
		People in New York are not happy people.
		I would support a pay raise were it a full time job
		They really have done nothing to earn a raise. I'm a senior & have not seen a raise in 2 yrs. I do more every day than they do in a year. Besides most have other employment.
		They do not work enough weeks in the year. They need to produce more and give less away !!
		What have you done for Western New York, look at our roads, bridges, parks, you can't live on 175000 a year? Try living on 35000 a year...
		any pay increases for Government Employees should be tied to inflation index just like many other people. In view they get a taxpayer paid pension, they are already more than fairly compensated.
		This is a part time job at best and they are actually are overpaid for what they have accomplished or actually NOT accomplished...
		this decision should be put to the voters for approval
		If all I can get is a cost of living increase thats all they get!
		I have a Civil Service job, i get a 2.2% raise a year, REALLY??? 40% besides the stipends they get- no way
		No one I know in public service or private receives that much of a pay raise. There are so much other benefits and perks that come with the job it's embarrassing that our elected officials receive added credit when those they are called to serve don't have such outstanding pay raises. Do you serve the pep
		The NYS Legislative Session calendar shows approximately 130 days - clearly it's designed to be a part time job. (Another bone of contention.) Some of our constituents don't show up for half those sessions. A raise is in order (1999 was along time ago) but I think a 15% increase is more in line with what might be typical in industry. Passing on time budgets and keeping spending within 2% is commendable, but it's also their job.
		If they cannot get a job done, they do not deserve a pay raise. If they want a pay raise, then they should show up, learn to work together to get the job done, pass sensible legislation, be made to work full time with NO outside income, no payments from lobbyists or special interests, have a 2 term limit, travel allowances should be at the cheapest hotel possible and receipts must be submitted for all travel.
		It should be a 2% increase per year over the next 4 years. Then re-evaluate. After all we are talking about a part time position. They get all expenses covered as well as full payment of Health care. So the real need for a raise is covered by the extras they receive.



		A raise will just encourage them to campaign harder to get re-elected. They have not earned a pay raise!
		corruption will never end in ny..teach your kids to lie,steal,deception so they can live here.
		I can't get over a 6% raise at my job.
		They should not get a pay raise while social security recipients are not. After all - the cost of living index doesn't support it - right?
		Term Limits!!!!
		They deserve a raise if they get rid of laws and allow the state to be more free.
		Really how much more can we take????
		NY Taxes are already out of control and when NY ranks 42 for fiscal health ( <a href="http://mercatus.org/statefiscalrankings/newyork">http://mercatus.org/statefiscalrankings/newyork</a> ) then there should be no increase. I honestly don't feel we are getting what we are currently paying for let alone a 47% increase. Nobody is getting a 47% increase in their pay. I will be lucky to get 2%. Who do they think they are?
		Same as private sector jobs over the same time period.
		Government employees should not be treated differently than regular workers. Aside from CEOs I don't know of anyone including myself have ever received such a substantial raise. It would not be fair especially with the other income opportunities available.
		None of them deserve a pay raise.
		Nothing ever gets accomplished in our senate. In the private sector if you can't get your job done you don't keep your job, let alone even asking for any kind of raise. The idea of any pay raise is insulting to the tax payers of this state.
		you people should be ashamed of yourselves. who the hell do you think you are?
		These positions are considered part time. Their salaries are high for part time work.
		How can lawmakers even think about a pay raise for themselves, when people on Social Security are struggling to get by, and we didn't receive a C.O.L increase this year?
		If they are unable to "live" on over 79,000.00 dollars a year how are we as a the people supposed to do it for less than 24,000 dollars a year with NO PAID BENEFITS?Why do your municipalities get cut while they work outside making roads and bridges safe and every year their benefits are cut they have to pay more out of pocket. If these law makers feel the need for more cash then cut their benefits, no health care, no stipend no paid "4 week recess" only major holidays.

		pay increase, certainly but no one gets a 47% increase at one time.
		It is a part time job, enough said. They don't earn what they get right now.
		How dare you ask for a raise,when I haven't one in overy 8 years due to not having a contract.You have a lot of nerves to ask for such a request.
		Pay increase should be at the level of other state and private sector employees and should never be greater then the people paying their salaries (the tax payer) . Some how the system became skewed and where as the employee is usually paid their (bosses) and responsive to same, the political world has it perfectly reversed. They can resign if they don't approve of their raise. Another one will appear to take his place.
		They also need to be voted out!
		Does their performance deserve a Raise.....NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
		Work to earn the money you already make for once. Or be fired like the rest of us would be.
		Get a Real job !!
		Once the lawmakers start really working, maybe then they'll deserve a raise. They don't believe the poor and impoverished should have minimum wage hikes, why do they deserve them?
		enough is enough no raise the state is messed up enough
		They do not deserve a pay raise. NY State ranks close to last in everything except taxes (where they rate 2nd highest if not the highest). I'd rather see most of them replaced during the elections. They should forfeit all paid travel expenses. We already pay them too much. Why should we pay travel expenses for them to "go to work?"
		Who gets pay increases in today's world. Not many average people. I am tired of paying more money out when my pay does not increase to cover the expense.
		How about we cut the taxes for middle class. I pay 36% into taxes and then another 8 when spent totaling 44% of my living wages go straight to taxes. Where's my 47% pay raise? I work over 2000 hours a years no paid time off. None of these politicians can say that.
		It's a part time job and most of them have other outside income and stipends for commitee duties
		Raises in pay should be tied to real accomplishments
		who came up with 49%? we can't raise the minimum wage so people can live but they deserve a 49% increase NO

		I drive a school bus and this year we received a whopping 2% increase. That's not even enough to cover inflation. They don't even listen to their constituents, we already are in the top 5 for highest taxes and they want to burden us with even more? I don't really think the deserve any increase.
		Nothing accomplished regarding corruption.
		Why don't you start doing something FOR THE PEOPLE instead of for your special interests and yourselves? New York State is Not the Empire State, it is the Oppressive State. You give yourselves a pay raise, you'll give us ANOTHER tax hike. The State should change the slogan to "Welcome to New York. if you can do it, we'll tax you for it" or "Welcome To New York, Screw the citizens."
		What have they accomplished to even deserve a pay raise
		They make too much now for the little that they do for us taxpayers. The money for the raise can go for education and Veteran's Benefits.
		I've received a \$0.50 per hour raise this year. Health Insurance and cost of living go up every year but our pay doesn't. \$
		I don't really feel they have done their jobs so they do not deserve a raise
		I'm retired and feel they should get the same COLA as I'm getting which is nothing.
		Pay increase should be equal to or less than increase granted to average state employee.
		If increase must be implemented give them the same that SS recipients get.
		Why? Already over paid for a part time job and the benefits completely out of hand.
		When they start doing their job properly, then a pay increase should be considered.
		I have a master's Degree in Social Work and I didn't make \$79000 a year working full time. I also didn't make stipends. For the amount of work that has been accomplished they don't deserve a raise. I want to seem them pass Ethics reform then maybe I'll think about a raise for them. Do some work for that \$79000 you already get.
		they took to long to expose water proplem
		A 10% increase is a whole lot more than people, like myself, on SS, will get in this century.
		They make enough with all the extras they get - and they don't do enough for us.

		are you kidding me
		The raise should take into account any stipends, increased costs of health care benefits and all other sources of taxpayer provided income such that it should not exceed 2% unless approved by voters in the state every 4 years.
		They make enough on the perks.
		Who are the lobbyists and why are they involved?
		No way. Why in the World should they ? Some of NYS laws make no sense, don't help the 'ordinary' person. If they want a raise give them what the ones on S.S. got, about \$8 more a month, and it's their own money !!
		Until our legislators significantly lower the taxes in our state, I feel they deserve little or no increase in compensation.
		I am an RN and worked for 25 yrs, raised 4 children, have no pension, am now on Medicare, and still make \$21/hr. No raise in sight for me!!
		Most companies give their employees a raise based on job performance NOT on just showing up for work. Poor performance? No Raise!!!
		Why should they get a pay raise when according to them there is no cost of living increase. Social Security didn't get a pay raise because there was no cost-of-living.
		47% uncrease? People who live on social security, (myself included) don't get even a 1% increase...where is the justice in this?
		Your hearts maybe in the right place, but you need to make decisions in a timely manner and get things done, We need Change, if you can work for what's best for the ppl and get things done, i feel you would deserve a raise, but right now no!! i only get cost of living raises, and so should you!!
		I would luv a 40% increase in my pay. do you really think that is going to happen for a regular tax payer. i
		They do not do anything. We are the ones who deserve the ra
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		If taxpayers vote you in to the job then they are the boss. They should say if you get a raise, not just a few individuals. State, county and even federal workers I know have to pay so much more for their benefits with little or no raise at least the past 10 years I can remember. And it is a fight at that to get the raise.
		No Rsises, you make to much for doing not much of anything for Change!!
		NO to raises at this time. We don't even get raises antwhere close to 10%-- these law maker do not deserve any raise. We need to re-place everyone.

		When was the last time there was an increase? How much? are they allowed to earn other money...how many hours a month are they actually working?
		We can not pay any more tax raises we need more tax cuts
		Consider all lawmakers should be earning no more than minimum wage.
		We live in the one state that has high taxes and expenses , i would only agree to a raise when i get one of 47% too. Seriously how much more do you expect taxpayers to pay? Its time all of you listen to the taxpayers. After all those convicted of crimes still get a pension. In addition you all get monies paid for your travel etc. Again, i urge you to reconsider that you are expecting taxpayers who are actually hardworking people like me who cannot continue to foot the bill for your foolishness.
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		I have never heard of a working person getting a 45% pay raise. The average person gets a 1-3% raise with no perks. No wonder New York State is broke greed.
		They get enough perks. And they have great benefits.
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		Too many crooks in albany out to waste taxpayers money buying elections deserve no raise. They can have what social security people got 0 because the price of gas is low.
		City School gave clerks 3%. Social Security gave me zero. Any raise above 4% is unbelievable!
		It is a part time job and pay should reflect that.
		gIVE THEM THE SAME % AS THE GOVERNMENT GIVES sOCIAL SECURITY. With all the perks don't see any reason for a huge pay raise.
		Nothing has been done to help taxpayers, limit Welfare, Repeal Safe Act,, Cut Education Costs, Prevent Gov't officials from collecting pensions while in jail/prison. Haven't passed Ethics Reform and Term Limits like the Majority of people want
		I believe that if the state has that kind of money to hand out, money from our pockets, something needs to change in how our taxes are put to use.
		NO RAISE UNTIL WE GET ONE IN SOCIAL SECURITY WITHOUT MEDICARE TAKING IT.

		Y'all don't deserve any pay raise. You earn enough money by doing absolutely nothing. Living off the hard working "middle class."
		When NYS law makers can agree and pass laws to decrease our out of control crime rates, revive economy, and restore the American dream for the middle class, only then will pay raises be justifiable. The better question remains; who actually DOES think NYS law makers deserve raises beside themselves!? Scam artists!!!
		I work for a school district as a director of Transportation. I reviece a raise on a yearly basis but NOT 47 %. That is ridiculous! I make less than 79,500 a year and I can live quite comfortably on that amount. If this goes through... how much MORE will new yorkers have to pay in taxes. Does anyone remember the Boston Tea Party?
		pompous lawmakers do very little for the people
		They accomplished nothing the last two years. Except corruption.
		I think over \$75'000 a year is one helluva wage for a part time job, not counting "incentives", especially when you consider how little they accomplish
		We only get between 1.5 to 2.5% increase per year, why should they get any more...
		I am retired and have not received an increase in pension since 2007.What have they done to receive this increase? They do not work a full year and are traveling all the time which we pay for.
		They are employed by us, (we the people). We should decide if and when a raise is deserved. Now there is no data to warrant a raise.
		Most people are receiving 0-3%. The position they have is much appreciated, and it is what they chose. Their salary is currently very fair and some increase may be deserved, but please be fair!
		When they leave Albany with a platterful of unfinished business, they'e earned NO increase. That's how it works in the REAL world!
		The average yearly pay increase the last 5 years has only been 3%, they should get what the average is.
		since most workers expect to get LESS than a 10% raise, i dont see why this body of lawmakers should expsect anything more for their footdragging agenda
		We did not receive an increase in our social security payment this year and when they are awarded they are very small. As retirees we make a lot less in social security than the State Lawmakers are collecting. It would be nice if they truly looked out for our interest.
		Standard cost of living increase due to current economy
		As a tax payer, I haven't gotten a raise in YEARS. I have to live within my means & so should they. Actually I'd like to see a pay decrease since nobody is doing their jobs. Every time someone politically gets a raise, I get a decrease in pay. SO F them!!

		Why are they even considering a raise of that magnitude when the biggest share of the citizens they represent are getting meager if no raises at all!
		No increase~ paid to much! Try changing the laws that allow for 2 jobs, double dipping,etc ., then maybe.
		Our elected politicians should be more focused on fulfilling campaign promises and the overall health of NYS and it's citizens before they even consider a pay raise based on non-performance.
		If the lawmakers were privately employed they would have already been terminated or been demoted with a reduction in pay.
		Their looking for a large pay increase and I'm trying to make ends meet here. All I see is money going out and no pay increase for people on SS.
		Who in this state with high cost of living, high taxes, etc has gotten even a 5% pay increase? Certainly not me or anyone I know that works for a living. Maybe if they did their job and actually accomplished something a 10% pay increase might be debateable, but almost 50%???? Outrageous!!!
		\$79,000 is a lot more than most individuals make and they don't get housing stipends. Get some real meaningful work done.
		They want a pay raise? Make it a full time job. Retirees are the ones that need a pay raise!
		Our taxes are already sky high
		These lawmakers have done nothing to stem the corruption which is rampant in Albany. They get elected on false promises over and over and then do nothing.
		"We should applaud effort but only reward results. On that basis no more than 10% pay increases is appropriate.
		If I were consistently late on my assignments at work and continuously let people down the way they do I would be out of a job, not asking for a raise.
		As a retired person we have had go without any raises the past few years. I have not seen any changes to what do. As I understand it is considered a part time job, with alot side benefits. We are considering leaving NYS because of the very very high taxes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
		Lobbying should be outlawed as well donations to political parties from unions, PACs, special interest groups and corporations.
		They didn't do what 93% of people wanted done this session: Take pensions away from corrupt officials!
		Will they work 47% harder? Will we then have 47% more unnecessary laws?
		No one holds a gun to their head to stay in Albany- if they don't like the pay then don't run for elected office. It's a part time job with full retirement benefits. There should be term limits for the Senate and Assembly. Don't they get enough with the additional daily expense money .

		They deserve no raise - they haven't earned it
		If they want this pay raise, then they had better figure out how to make the \$15 minimum wage work. New Yorkers deserve to have a living wage.
		You've accomplished nothing that merits a 47% increase. Start making laws that protect the taxpayers first. For example: stripping pensions from corrupt politicians.
		They get paid too much for what they do
		Combined with the benefit package they are entitled to, a small pay increase would be appropriate.
		Tell the commission to get a real job with a private companies and go tell your boss you want to get a 47% pay raise!!!
		They havn't had a raise in years, but they are already overpaid for the results we are getting.
		2% was enough for the other state workers it should be enough for those that "lead" us. Especially since they have gotten full time pay for part time work for years.
		Most workers have received no pay increase for 6 or more years (CSEU FOR ONE), some have received 1 1/2 %- 2%. That excludes the top executives who received astronomical raises. You only "work" part time and have not extricated the corruption from the political arena. When you stand up, do you job with integrity and have you country in mind, then a pat raise might be in order.
		You need to produce results to EARN a pay raise, not just show up and get nothing accomplished. What have you done lately?
		Until they deal with the high property and school taxes they should get no raise!
		They are making a lot of money now. They have already taken too much from us tax payers, they don't deserve more. There have already been 2 corrupt politician's and they are entitled to their pension. How many more corrupt politicians are in office now. OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!?
		Until there are improvements, in there average workers pay raise they should get none. Cost of living goes up but my pay rate stays Flat.
		everyday citizens are lucky to get 0-3% raise, why 47% for lawmakers? Corruption continues in New York state.....
		If they make \$80,0000 now... not counting the many other perks they receive .... I feel that's enough based on what gets done.
		They do not work 365 days or even 265 to get a pay increase. If anything they should take a pay cut and work harder when in session to get what needs to be done. Then maybe a pay increase



		They do not work enough days to be entitled to a pay increase. If anything they should take a 20% pay decrease.
		I've been retired on a fixed income for 15 years -- and they want to get pay raise? No.
		They should give back all their wages and quit now !! They haven't done anything of value get rid of them!!!
		They are t axing people out of there homes
		\$80000.00 is sufficient pay for any politician at any level it shouldn't be a career if you need more money go get a better job.
		We have the highest taxes in the whole state. Many of us have not seen raises in our own jobs for multiple years. Another pay raise another tax increase there will be no one left to pay their salaries because we are forced to leave NYS and the county because of the high tax base.
		Do not know of other employees who can give themselves a raise, let alone a percentage that is that high.
		10 to 20 percent would be appropriate along with cuts to ability receive outside income
		The taxpayers who pay their salary feel lucky to get a raise equal to the cost of living increase...the lawmakers have earned nothing more.
		I work in local government and have not had a pay raise in over 4 years. New York taxes are high enough. Just keep doing your job, like I have, without a raise.
		COST OF LIVING AND MERIT BASED ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS WOULD BE NO MORE THAN 10% TOTAL
		Seniors-0% My part time job-.30/hour(might as well be 0). Medicare-\$122/mo(so on top of it being taken out of our checks for years and still is--we still have to pay for it)
		Our workforce is more productive than ever, but our wages are dropping. Lawmakers do nothing, but they deserve a self-imposed raise? NO.
		Taxes keep going up. The roads are crumbling around us,and they want a 47% pay increase??? I think not.
		In any business raises are given by the employers not a commission. they are also given based on individual performance not across the board. Therefor we as the employers should be the ones to determine which individuals (not all) deserve an increase and how much. In most businesses part time employees do not make anywhere near what these people make plus most have to pay for there own medical. All this needs to be put in perspective and the employers (all People ) should vote on a one by on
		you need to work to earn a raise and stop lying to the ppl who elected you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

		Any New York State residents (other than government employees) that I know have not received a pay raise in excess of 1 to 2% for the past 10 years. In many cases we have not received any raises on a regular bases or are actually earning less. This is a direct result of the lack of growth in the economy (and in certain areas shrinking) in Upstate, NY. So should government officials whose failed policies have led to this be rewarded? No!
		I do not get those levels of raises. They need to show some real progress for that kind of \$\$
		I know they do not merit to be the highest paid in the U.S., so no 40% and above. Under 10% is what I've usually gotten in my jobs. I don't have a full set of information to decide, but the commission seems way out of reality.
		The majority of nys workers arent getting more than 2-3%
		Many teachers and we NYS retirement people haven't had a raise and we don't make half of what they do. And I'm sure over half our elected officials do not work half as hard as a classroom teacher.
		I think a COLA increase would be good when other public service get an increase.
		I have always believed that one should accomplish something to deserve compensation.
		They haven't earned the increase. Taxes are still high, corruption reform is not credible, they are not doing much for businesses
		The amount should be dependant on when they got their last raise? Maybe Cost of Living since their last raise. And for anything else, it should not be an across the board raise, based on individual merits, if any.
		They already get a huge stipend that they don't even have to use and get balance. They make enough money and DON'T DESERVE more than 10%. NY State cannot afford this payraise.
		They haven't done shit this session. I know that for non performance they merit a big fat 0% pay raise.
		Graft, corruption, 6 months work, and you want a raise? 47% Laughable... When pigs fly! I'm sick of the performance, and 33 convictions, or is it 34? I forget... Introduce anti corruption, and stop pensions to those convicted. End double dipping, and pay to play. Then ask me what % you deserve? An angry taxpayer
		If 15% is considered an appropriate raise for fast food workers, and our lawmakers are balking at that, why is a 47% raise seem appropriate? I believe a raise should be proportional to the level of legislation passed to support the constituents of NYS.
		We all made sacrifices, they should do the same!
		It's a part time job, really they want that much of a pay raise
		As a state employee, our union contract only allows us 1% salary increase. What make state legislators' job so important that they deserve much more than other state employees?

		2% like the rest of us or get out of politics!
		It's ridiculous to raise their pay such an exorbitant amount. They should get a similar increase that most of their constituents get which is barely a cost of living increase. We also get a raise based on performance in many cases! I struggle to pay my bills. I have done everything right. Got a college degree...work not 1 but 2 jobs, volunteer on a full time basis even, and am struggling.
		are you serious?!! We have some of the highest taxes in the country, and if these legislators were above average, then they would devise a way to make us one of the lowest tax states. Why don't you do a story about the pay difference between NY senators and ones in New Hampshire!
		Try 1% like I get, which is about \$5 a wk at my level. You get enough in comps. No more healthcare for life either.
		They earn enough for doing nothing
		We need to get rid of Income Tax and raise sales tax.
		Hell no, they accomplish nothing for the tax payers. In fact, we should eliminate 25% of them.
		I work for nys 52 weeks, 5 days a week and been without a raise for 5 years. Why do they deserve more than me?
		Stop the thievery! Our taxes are the highest in the US FOR WHAT????????????? NOTHING- eliminating tax on tampons and approving MMA?????? LAUGHABLE!!
		Once real solutions to to our real issues start flowing then I would consider a higher increase.
		the typical so-called raise in private industry in rochester is approximately 3%. i work my a** off for that little raise, our "lawmakers" should do the same!
		After bonuses, benefits, & compensations I do not believe lawmakers should receive a large pay increase. I certainly have not received in the past 10 years any increase of that magnitude.
		They need to accomplish more, much more. In most of the private sector pay raises are related to accomplishment.
		I fail to see any improvement
		they do nothing for the common people, just do things that is best for thier interests
		I'm struggling barely making it pay check to pay check, I get no services and they want an increase. They need a decrease.
		Why not a COLA like the Social Security recipients and Civil Service employees & retirees.

		Term limits.
		I haven't received an increase in my pension since my retirement in 1994. My cost of living is higher but my pay is the same. Why should you get a raise ???
		My husband received no social security raise. I have received no more than 1.5% over last two years. My health care costs are nearly \$600 per month. I work very hard and many more hours than our law makers. If I don't accomplish my duties I have no job. I don't feel they accomplish half of what they should yet think they deserve an unrealistic raise.
		The pay increase should be the same as school teachers pay increase who also have not gotten pay raises for the last few years and got a two percent pay raise this year.
		Horrible state results across the board equals no increase
		Same as COLA
		no one in government deserve a raise
		They don't deserve a pay raise. They already make too much for sitting there butts. And not doing enough for the public
		Lawmakers should be rewarded based on accomplishments, of which there have been few. Such performance in private industry would not be rewarded.
		Standard pay increases in employment are btw. 3-7%, but then health insurance goes up and most of them don't have add-ons, so No they should not get a pay raise.
		It is unrealistic to deny a wage increase to the legislators who have not received one in years.
		aWHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD BE HAPPY TO BE MAKING WHAT THEY'RE ALREADY MAKING AND ONLY WORK PART TIME AS IT IS WHAT ABOUT OUR SHERIFFS AND DEPUTYS WORKING WITHOUT A CONTRACT THEY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY FOR VERY LITTLE PAY I'M SO SICK OF OUR POLITICIANS CRYING THEY'RE NOT GETTING PAID ENOUGH TRY WORKING IN A FACTORY
		Pay increases should NOT be across the board and just because. My pay increases are based upon performance throughout the year. The available funds are a percentage allowed by the University (cost of living-never about 3% pool), the percentage given to each staff member is then based on our performance appraisal. In other words-never a guarantee. BUT, I like the idea of choosing what I want my raise to be-whether I perform well or not... any political jobs available!!!!
		Most representatives are making over \$100,000 considering their total compensation. With their health care paid for now and for life as well as pensions. Many put in much effort but the actual productivity and positives coming out of Albany are few and far between. As I am nearing retirement and depending on an IRA that I funded myself and my Social Security, I may have to leave the state to be able to live comfortably. Resolve the high taxes and unfriendly business climate.
		These lawmakers have more benefits and \$ coming in for the amount of work they do than the average person working in a similar position in the corporate world.

		I have to live on Social Security Disability. In case you do not know, my quality of life is already at a very low point. My taxes, health care costs have continued to rise, while I have not even gotten a cost of living raise, in years. You make over four times more than I do, and you already get more with your expense accounts and benefits. You should be ashamed of yourselves to be looking for any raise, let alone 47%.
		I work for NY State and only get a 2% raise every few years. The Lawmakers have the summer off and get a bunch of perks for there job. If they get a huge raise the rest of us state employees should get one also.
		With bonuses, benefits, life time insurance, retirement even while still working , I can't imagine why they need a pay raise.
		How do we not have enough money for schools but enough for pay raises. why doesn't it go up for a public vote like school budgets after all they used to work for us . now seems we work for them
		I do not believe that they need a pay raise, as I am a senior citizen and I haven't had a pay raise in two years. They are living high on the hog while I have to go to several different food pantries just to make sure my kids have enough to eat for the month.
		They make to much now !!!!perks are unreal
		We only get about a 4% raise and no perks
		Raise should directly reflect what was accomplished for they great good of the people. If we the people do not perform well at our jobs we do not get good review. Mostly meaning no pay raise for the individual.
		With all the add on, and the free medical and pensions, the job allows you to become a very wealthy person, and as we have noticed over the last several years, get nothing accomplished.
		With their bonus, health benefits, travel, per diem and any other compensation they receive for 65 days that are in session I feel they are duly compensated.
		hours of work dont justify dont do a good job cut school taxes for retired home oweners
		They only work 65 days a year. \$79,500.00 is completely adequate for two months of service. They also earn bonuses and other stipends. Their pay should be tied to what they accomplish just like in the REAL world. If they don't like the no pay increase, they can look for similar employment elsewhere but no where else will they find such unreasonable compensation for such poor job performance. Unbelievable.
		I think,,that the Vetrans,,and people on Social security should be first,,to het a raise,,We put all that money in all tjese years and dont get SHIT bck;;;We struggle every day to servive,,But the goverment dont give a shit;;;Hell people on Welfare live better then we do...So i think the raises should be voted on by the PEOPLE!!!!!!!
		my tax levy has gone up 50% from 1999
		I believe that lawmakers should get merit raises voted on by the people who elected them to the positions they hold. It should be based on job performance which at this time they do not deserve a raise, as they have not done anything significant this year.

		As a tax payer on NYS where do these law makers feel their proposed pay increase come from. In a State where more and more businesses and residents are moving to other states the financial burden is falling on fewer and fewer remaining residents. I personally can not afford to pay more. No one is giving me a raise to off set their requested raise. The vicious circle really needs to stop as I can't afford it. Moving out of NYS is sounding better and better.. Thank you for asking.
		2 %.if any!!! Who gets 47%????? Time they put in and what they accomplish does not deserve what they receive.
		They make more money than most people and do little or nothing to help those who need help. Why should we pay for their travel. Most people get no money for their car use, gas , tolls etc. the people should not pay for members of government to live well when the citizens of New York need relieve from taxes
		dont do good jobs
		I do not think they are working on helpful legislation that is good for ordinary people.
		0 raise
		If they could accomplish something I'd maybe feel they would deserve a little bit more
		They should get a 2% increase just like the rest of us working folks. No increase in compensation pay, I don't think they should have free health care, they should pay something towards this benefit. It's frustrating that we have to pay for satisfactory service.
		They should give us little people the 47 per cent raise and THEY get the little 1 or 2 per cent. I would love to live on what they get for doing nothing
		100,000-200,000 for a part time job outrageous
		If the commission feels they need a raise, it should not be anymore than what social security gives for cost of living.
		Social Security gets no rais & W have to pay Our insurance ,copay, Rent/home payments,taxes ,etc
		They should give us little people the 47 per cent raise and THEY get the little 1 or 2 per cent. I would love to live on what they get for doing nothing
		Tree terms not for life
		They need to start doing the peoples business and stop special interest pork spending. Term Limits and Legislation to stop all the criminal activity in Government.
		A normal working man would never see a 47 percent pay increase with all expenses paid for doing there job

		As benefit is reduced to pay as go a 10% raise is appropriate for base pay .
		47% IS ABSURD. THE AVERAGE INCREASE FOR MOST GOVERNMENT WORKERS IS 2-3% PER ANNUM.
		With average pay increases for those of us who are working are at best 2% in the past few years, how is a 47% increase warranted?
		There are a lot of hard working people in New York that only get raises of 2 to 5 %. That is not much more then the change of the cost of living every year. That should be what the law makers get.
		Start paying the lower class I pat of living. Plus. A percentage. Then maybe. Something for them but. I get nothing. And I have a state job !!!! ????
		When they do a better job and pass some bills instead of sitting around doing nothing give them the same as seniors live on no raise they make enough on free food, gas and lodging they get to write off they have not earned a raise
		Also elimimate stipends, travel and housing money and health benefits then consider a small annual raise!
		Pay raises of legislators should be pegged to Social Benefit formula amounts that are 3.48% per year on average. This should not be retroactive.
		Making laws at midnight, sneaking laws in, not giving the people a chance to voice, playing with our money as they please, fix the system that takes from the elderly and sick. SSD and SSI is unacceptable for anyone to live on and keep their homes. Perhaps a wages 100% of SSI should be the lawmakers wage, 100% of minimum wage. People that work or worked all their lives should not be victims
		Other gov't employees, CSEA union, only being offered 1%. What a joke this difference is.
		47% ?? How about doing something to earn it? Like: School Bus Cameras. Anything ! This is the most DYSFUNCTIONAL legislature in the Nation.
		They're paid way too much for the little they do already--No raise.
		andel
		They make enough now for the few days that they work. I don't get a raise and I work for a lot less than they do.
		I have not had a raise in 6 years, why should they
		They get more perks then anyone else. They are no longer representing us.
		They need to "suffer" to make ends meet, just like the people they represent. They have no idea how hard it is! They don't have to worry about the cost of health insurance or save for retirement. They have done themselves enough favors, but have not done anything to make life better for the rest of us.

		Total Compensation far exceeds base pay. This is for a part-time position.
		They should be ashamed of themselves making all the money they in such a short period of time.
		Nobody deserves 47% increase in this economy, especially overpaid career politicians
		They should be ashamed of themselves making all the money they in such a short period of time.
		100k+ salary provides a very comfortable and secure lifestyle. That's a lot more than most New Yorkers.
		My increase is usually 2-3%!!
		Middle class.
		They want a pay raise, but us seniors don't get one? What's up with that?
		The rest of us get 1% maybe and that is not even every year. The politicians don't really think appropriately when making rules. They should live like other people. The salary they get is way too high
		Not warranted at all and we will pay increases in taxes to cover this raise-no one deserves that raise
		Total comp in 6 figures for 80% of our lawmakers? Really? For doing their job?
		Contract employee for NYS -received .12 raise.this year (have no benefits).
		closer to 10%
		I realize congressmen and women haven't had a pay raise in many years. That does not mean they are not well compensated overall. 10% max seems appropriate. 47\$ is Corruption!
		We should make State Representatives a full time Job and eliminate all other income sources for the representatives
		Their salary is to much for what they do
		10% is in line or above what NORMAL workers get!



		I'm on social security, when they want to help me get a raise equal to theirs or a portion of their benefits, I will support them getting one.
		We should have to vote on it!! It should NEVER be up to the politicians to decide!!How inappropriate !
		I believe they should get no more than 10% due to all the perks they get
		There are too many laws and regulations passed without proper input from the citizens of NY. This is another example of a practice that needs to change. Put more of this type of thing up for public vote, not commission.
		base pay only increase not applicable to allowances
		Why should they get a pay raise when seniors couldn't get a social security pay raise, especially since we have paid into the fund. They make more in one year than the average citizen. Should be able to live on that.
		Look at how the private sector issues pay raises. I worked in the private sector for 35 years and no one ever got a 10% raise!
		Increase social security and the like by 47%.
		They need to compare like positions in other states for pay equity and adjust for cost of living in those states to do a proper comparison. My guess is that they are already overpaid.
		they don't deserve anything,the are all a bunch of worthless crooks that have done nothing and should be ashamed of themselves
		when everyone else gets a job, and immigration is under control, we'll discuss a raise
		They make more money than they are productive.
		I have been employed as a nurse for over 30 years at the same hospital. NEVER have I received more than 3% per year. Politicians barely do the minimum requirements to meet standards for their job description. Most of them should be on a remedial plan. My tax dollars are not being used in my best interest or any one else's.
		The majority of their public only get a 4 - 5% raise every few years! Since they have a 6-figure annual income including all the extras I think they're already well paid. Maybe they could take some of that money and actually invest it back into their communities!
		Already making 6 digits with stipends, pensions, benefits--what public sector job gets a 47% raise--none. They earn plenty for what they do!
		10%

		The pay rate should be done before any election. There should be term limits on the Assembly and the Senate. Maximum 20 years if reelected. They should be oversight on Cameta any any any other state money. No money should be given to any other sports team because it New York State is in financial debt !
		I also believe that there should be term limits on these positions - no raises would be needed as the position would be limited to max. 8 years.
		I firmly believe that members of the NYS Assembly are over-compensated for what was designed to be a part time position.
		A legislative payraise should be consistent with other state employees. As a teacher in New York, I am LUCKY to get a 3% increase.
		Add money to get more competent people in government? Will not happen! And then we will be paying state legislators for what? They continue to avoid solving the significant problems of NYS -- and the tax payer base keeps shrinking! Start solving problems! Address the horrible taxes of local and state government! Push back on teachers' unions with too much power! Eliminate pensions for state workers who commit felonies! These legislators already make too much money!
		They make to much now with all there perks and don't get anything done for the people
		High on the priority list in their job description should be STOP wasting taxpayer's money. They can have a raise after they achieve that.
		What have they done to possibly deserve a 40% plus pay raise? Seriously???
		We need are law makers to realize they are serving the public not themselves. I would like to see a decrease in their salary, closer to that of Vermont's pay rate
		they make enough money for what they do
		You've passed an on time budget 5 years in a row. You mean you've actually did your job. Good for you. Now represent the people of this community please.
		they dont get enough done as far as passing imporant laws
		The average employee receives less than 10% merit increases, hourly employees average 3-5%. By no means should our lawmakers who already make \$100,000+ increase our state budget to pay 40% merit increases. Those of us who will never see that kind of pay increase should not have to pay for their substantial increase.
		Unbelievable why crooks would expect to get more money. There is always talk about getting paid for what you do. Keeping this in mind I think you should all take a pay cut
		They should not receive an increase until they address gun reform
		When I get a raise I only get 2 to 3 % which comes down to about .50 to .65 cents , if you want a raise do it yearly and only a few percent like the rest of us . Don't you only work part time???

		Totally absurd!! Prefer NO raise, but 3-4 percent acceptable like average person. Their benefits alone warrant little to no raise.
		Also, per diem \$ should be a reimbursement with receipts, not carte blanche.
		I receive a max of 2% raise, offset by increases in medical deductions for less coverage, netting an annual decrease in wages, and zero pension, and work to the best of my ability. I am more fortunate than many.
		10 percent Max, I do not trust the commission because they let 40 percent to even be considered!
		If you divide their salary into the days they work (without results), except their own well-being, it's a pretty good daily salary
		We the people should be voting in any and all pay increase for any politicians. They are working for us, they are our workers, and workers do not vote in pay raises
		10 to 20% is more than I received in the last 17 years
		The pay rate should be done before any election. There should be term limits on the Assembly and the Senate. Maximum 20 years if reelected. They should be oversight on Cameta any any other state money. No money should be given to any other sports team because it New York State is in financial debt !
		Seniors or middle class have not gotten raises. They have not done anything for the raise
		No increase until corruption is put into law.
		As a person who worked in a leadership role for over 40 years my annual pay increases were merit based and were on average between 1.5 -2.5 %
		Make it the same as Social Security is giving
		This should be applied to their BASE SALARY only.
		Lawmakers have great benefits, besides their salary. A modest increase in salary is sufficient. They need to pass some much needed ethics reforms.
		I am held accountable for performing my job and I receive a merit pay increase. are they?
		there over paid as it is
		Lawmakers have great benefits, besides their salary. A modest increase in salary is sufficient. They need to pass some much needed ethics reforms.

		Please stop playing games with injured workers and their caregivers and pay my chiropractor ALL the money you owe them and STOP objecting and appealing to the Workers' Comp Board decisions. Until you pay my hard-working chiropractor, NYS lawmakers should receive NO pay raise! You're rich enough, and my chiropractor and I are suffering physical and psychological torture since Cuomo's Worker's Comp "reforms" in 2011! How DARE you think of taking a pay raise when people like us are suffering?!
		I have to work hard for my money. I earn it. I will be 70 years old on 11-1-1946, and I still work full time for attorneys. The lawmakers do not earn their money.
		With the average pay/benefits over \$100,00 I don't believe that these people deserve any more money especially for a part time job. iOS takes me 2 1/2 years working full time to make \$100,00!!!!
		Social security hasn't given us raises in years and when they did it was just over 1%
		The people of NY have to live on a 3% or les so why should they get more they won't do anymore work for the money.
		No pay raise until they pass an ethics bill. Fines, jail and no pensions! They already make twice the national average with their benefits. Vote them out! They all take handouts from special interests! .
		They don't deserve any merit raises due to lack of performance. Shouldn't receive more than 3%
		seriously, highest taxed state in us, my income has gone down because of diminished work in construction
		I have worked for many years with no raise even though I have received outstanding reviews. My employer can't afford to pay raises . Why pay state lawmakers more for doing a mediocre job? New York already has one of the highest tax rates. Who is going to pay for these raises? TAX PAYERS.
		when you add term limits and repeal the safe act then we will talk about a raise
		I do believe that most of them are there just for the glory and not for the good of New York State. Although I do like Rich Funke and Senator Robach.
		This should be applied to their BASE SALARY only.
		There was a period of time when lawmakers refused to work, they should have all been fired.
		A 10% pay raise is typically given in the business world when a promotion is granted. The business world also typically grants yearly merit raises between 2% - 5% to account for the Cost of Living and to reward a job well done. If these lawmakers are doing an exceptional job, then a 10% increase is a very good pay increase. A raise higher than 15% is somewhat extreme.
		Nobody here in upstate ever gets a pay raise, only increases in our cost of living. Why should our tax dollars go to increase pay for elected officials when they already are receiving hefty pay and perks,and don't forget those pensions.Only the state workers get \$\$\$\$ for life,no co pays, no premiums,its criminal.

		It's been many years since I realized an annual salary increase greater than 5%. While I do think merit increases might be warranted, I do not believe anyone's work is likely to be worth 47%.
		I feel this 10% would be fair for the amount of time they spend actually doing something. I feel most of all politicians are over paid for what they do for the public. Over 100k is way to much money for these people when most are not honest people.
		The number of days they work per year and what they accomplish do not warrant what they currently earn.
		Unless they are giving other state workers that are struggling to make ends meet on antiquated pay scales, then NO,
		I do not feel that lawmakers should get a pay raise at all considering that most of their constituents in New York State are not getting a raise and often cannot even find good paying jobs.
		Workers in NYS are not getting as much as 10% and haven't for a long time
		They should be paid an average of what the people they service earn.
		Elected officials working for the good of the people. A majority of THE PEOPLE haven't seen a raise in years and their salaries come for our paychecks
		Enough is enough. A large majority of New Yorkers who actually go to work everyday to support their families don't receive a cost of living pay increase. We are struggling to support ourselves let alone our lawmakers who milk their positions with more perks and "extra's" than is necessary.
		They need to get more more work done...example: finish construction, pave city neighborhood streets..etc
		3% may be a fair increase for a part time job, but not what they are asking for. Shameful!
		Other states salary is as low as \$0 to \$5,000 a year.
		people in normal everyday jobs could only hope for that % of a raise!! every job that I have ever had ...5% was the best raise that was evr available even with an exceptional review !!! its CRAZY
		Their benefit package is worth more \$ than most of their constituents annual salary.
		It would be nice if seniors could get 10% raise since our cost of living keeps growing exponentially!
		A raise just like the average worker.. They still have their Benicia and stipends!
		The average citizen would like to make what they are for a part time job. For the work they do, they do not deserve more than that.

		There has been no increase for social security
		Only CEOs get double digit raises. 3% is adequate and if it is not, the legislators can get another job.
		It is supposed to be a pt job not a means to profit
		10-20% is good enough. I wish I had there paycheck and benefits as it is.
		I really don't believe they deserve anything. Any of them. Once they get in office they lose their integrity and morals and want nothing but to better thier lives and feed the public with what they think we want to hear. I hate living in this state and wish I had the means to move all my family elsewhere. The people in charge are are useless.
		They need to show they can do more before they deserve more.
		This is a part time job. They milk the time they are in session. The constituents should vote on raises based on their performance
		There is never any money for thoses of us on social security to get even a 1% raise how do you rate any raise at all.
		Before I retired last years working as an RN in a non profit I went without pay raises for many years and when we did have a pay raise it was 1-2 % only. Passing a budget on time is nothing to be proud of, it is required part of their jobs
		They go into this job knowing full well what their responsibilities are. Getting such a huge pay raise is unacceptable.
		we can't even afford a good education,them we shouldn't afford a raise for you.How about the hard working New Yorkers!!! If I'm not doing my job right I get fired and sure don't get a rasie. None of you deserve a rasie!!
		Get the work done that needs to be done on behalf of the people who elected you. Stop pensions on the crimianls
		We do not believe our state government officials merit raises, given their base & fringe salaries.NYS is severely, overly taxespd as is.
		My last raise was only 2.6 percent 2 years ago.
		Thats way more than any raise I would ever get. I know they jobs areimportant.
		Get the work done that needs to be done on behalf of the people who elected you. Stop pensions on the criminals in your offices.
		New York can't even afford to keep our bridges or roads up. Lately, they can't even cut the grass at intersections so we can see to safely pull out. No, if there's no money to keep our infastructer up and running, then there's no money for a pay raise..

		I get 2% every year, I'd love to get 40%. I'd be happy with more than 2%. Don't get so greedy.
		most people make in the 30 grand ballpark and get 3% a year have to pay into a 401K..healthcare is a joke 300 a month you already make more than most..
		When they start doing the jobs they were voted into and passing a balanced budget on time without gouging the taxpayers then they could be eligible for a payraise, of less than 10%/
		Senior citizens and veterans received a 0% raise this year. If they don't deserve a raise what makes state lawmakers believe they are?
		Shame on them for believing they deserve more money with what they've delivered.
		I am out of a job that went to Mexico, lets see these people earn the salary before you talk about a raise.
		I am disgusted with the leadership in this State, BOTH SIDES OF THE ISLE. It's my home, where I grew up, raised my children and invested my life. We are the worst taxed state in the nation, our population has been in decline for years, companies and jobs have left the state, corruption and cost to the taxpayer are at all time highs and you want to be rewarded with a pay increase. You've got to be kidding me. I want my property and school taxes reduced by 47%, where do I sign up for that.
		Politics was originally intended to be performed by citizens. It was never intended to be a career. As such, lawmakers should receive what the average worker in NY earns, and all without benefits. Let them live within their means like us taxpayers have to do.
		how can they even consider an high pay raise when most of their constituents rarely get a raise. shame on them!
		They really dont deserve this. Also those found guilty of fraud should not get a penny in pension
		ANY pay raise is too much if it is coming out of my taxes.
		47% !!!! That's ridiculous!
		47% is ludicrous,as are stipends, housing allowances,travel expenses(and sometimes cars). The rest of get paid to do a job-and out of our pay-we pay our expenses.
		Raises should be based on accomplishments and there's seemingly very little being accomplished by our law makers. Spending valuable time debating what our state food should be rather than cutting waste and lowering taxes seems non-productive
		I've worked my whole life and now have to survive on less than \$12,000 a year and can't afford my medications.
		Let them pay for their own living expenses-and no bonus for being in Albany-where the job is!
		Not doing enough for the requests the communities - just doing enough to say they been there - raises are not appropriate for mediocre performers.

		Many are over-paid now. The retirements previous members receive is sickening.
		If I proformed as poorly as these people do, in my job, I would not only not get a raise I would be fired. There are people who put their lives in danger every time they go to work and they are not able to negotiate a truly deserved raise. What have they done to deserve a raise? Not only should they not get a raise their jobs should be abolished.
		When the rest of us get a pay raise and when the seniors get a social security increase then ask.
		Regular citizens don't receive large pay increases when organizations have frozen pay rates. As a master degree educated teacher it is difficult for my family to live on my modest salary. Lawmakers , whose salary is well above the average salary, are currently afforded financial resources that are superior to the financial resources of their constituents.
		They haven't accomplished anything in their last session.Packed up and went on vacation.
		Most Americans have to pay for health insurance. We pay for our own meals and transportation. They need to live like the people they represent.
		Most other people's salaries have remained flat; these politicians don't work hard enough for the money they do pull in.
		The fact that the raise will be finalized after the elections is an indicator of where this will be heading. Clearly starting at the highest levels, the rule of law is gone and complacency is pointing us towards very turbulent times.
		Stop spending money you don't have!
		Citizen legislators are very well compensated. They need to spread wealth to their constituents, not put it in their pockets.
		Just like those who have needed a pay raise, a significant one, and usually pay to the Hilton in STATE TAXES, WE may receive pennies on the dollar for working so hard and sweating to near heat exhaustion if not even that.. 17 yrs for them huh?? No pay raise; however, some think they deserve one.. f
		No one in private business get over 40% and it not considered a fulltime job is it?
		Do some real work for a change
		Award them with same percentage senior citizens receive each year.
		Please get something done. This state has turned into a joke. Just do your job please!
		No one else is getting raises, why should they?



		if I did my job like Albany I would of been fired. I have not had a raise higher than 2.5% in 10 years. Are you insane?????
		Although the lawmakers claim to not have a raise for 15+ years, but they still earn 2X as much as the median family 2 person income when you include the extra housing and food subsidies. They seem to be recession proof.
		Let's start off with %15 and see how they feel after a couple years.
		As a town board member we are struggling to give a 1.5% increase in pay!
		They have not done a thing for New Yorkers. We are over taxed and over regulated. Any where in this country is better. We are losing our tax paying residents to states where they can live far cheaper than here. This state sucks!
		Part-Time Pay for Part-Time Work!
		Although the lawmakers claim to not have a raise for 15+ years, but they still earn 2X as much as the median 2 person family income when you include the extra housing and food subsidies. They are recession proof. How do they think they can give themselves a raise without the public voting on the issue. Put it on the ballot!
		If they should some interest in cut bugj
		give the same raise we have incurred in our social security cost of living increase 0%
		Workers should be paid for performance and accomplishments. They have done nothing!
		When they are allowed to keep what is leftover from their stipends then it is like a raise already!
		I did not get pay raises, or pay, if I did not go to work. I most certainly did not get paid for life. They are corrupt and I believe the pay raise should be put to a vote by the people they serve.
		They make enough money as it is.
		It is a part time job and they don't do it well
		They are grossly overpaid for their part time job already. The don't even do their job now.
		Really why don't you give the raise to the veterans they deserve it more than you.
		If they raise is on merit only it should be \$0.00. In this economic climate anything over 3% is a travesty. As for the upcoming election, our entire family is NOT voting for any incumbent!! This is also the sentiment of many of my friends.

		Give them what I received from social security, \$0.
		They make more than enough already for the amount of work they do.
		All you people do is tax us to death!! If anything you should take a cut in pay!!!
		No raise without term limits & no pensions for convicted felons.
		How many bills were never brought to the floor? And ethics is a concept beyond albania... And you want a raise... For cheating and not voting on or passing any laws. I say No!!!!#
		They should get the same pay raise our men & women serving in the military receive, which isn't much for defending our country!!
		Their "part-time" pay is greater than my full-time pay ever was!
		How many bills were never brought to the floor? And ethics is a concept beyond albania... And you want a raise... For cheating and not voting on or passing any laws. I say No!!!!#
		If they show some interest in cutting the budget, taxes and work to get New York in a better position than in 50th place out of 50 state's. I'm out of here as soon as I retire but what about my children and grandchildren do. Leave also?
		They're justly compensated with a salary and expenses paid right now. 6 figures
		Stop their free Health Care for life and put them on Medicare that they have to pay for. Have them submit their accomplishments. Stop letting their brothers and Sisters determine their eligibility for a raise. I don't see many of them quitting for greener pastures..
		They already make enough for not doing anything.
		What have they done to earn a raise?
		Give the raise to the veterans!!!!
		Ethics Reform should be done before pay raise.
		To be honest 3% would be fair
		To many people on welfare and the roads such. That's just a start of what's wrong. What have they done to deserve a raise?

		Pay raises should be tied to performance (accomplishments) and COLA
		Thats what most employees get as a pay raise. The NYS politicians dont deserve more than the average worker.
		They should get the same raise that the average teacher and other public employees get. Just because they have not gotten a raise in while does not mean they should get a HUGE raise all at once..
		Our law makers have used their power to abuse our children with over testing. Citizens have complained but they do not listen! It feels like they are only interested in money and not representing the people.
		Elected officials should not receive a pay increase at all. Until they are willing to sign legislation that will hold them criminally responsible for corruption, strip them of there pensions when found guilty and putting them behind bars. Elected officials should also have to provide receipts for there expenses and be held accountable for all spending, Until these issues are resolved I will vote no for a pay increase.
		Most employers "pay for performance" in this day and age. These lawmakers aren't getting enough done to justify a ridiculous forty-seven percent pay increase. Who else gets a forty-seven percent pay raise? You're lucky if you get three percent.
		Totally unjustifiable based on our current fiscal situation: DENIED!
		When they step up ab
		Raise based on performance
		I live on a fixed income and didn't get a raise
		I'd love the opportunity to live on \$100,000.
		They need to submit receipts for travel and other daily expenses. 80% of legislatures have other committee compensation which puts them above \$100,000 per year.
		Remove pensions from lawmakers caught in illegal activity
		We send people to Albany to do the people's business why isn't it getting done!
		For a pay increase, I would like to see, programs that work.
		Our service men and women deserve a raise before lawmakers do.
		once lawmakers can pass laws that fix the corruption in NY, than they can receive any type of rise. Until then, they make plenty and even more than the average New Yorker.

		If they want a pay raise, cut off all compensation
		47% is outrageous, but I believe a small raise is appropriate.
		They are public servants. They make too much as it is. Do there time and then get their life benifits that come with serving. No more no less.
		Most of New Yorkers are seeing very little pay raise over the years. Given your total benefit packages are over six figures, 10% raise is more than fair.
		If people on fixed income don't need a raise why do our lawmakers? They are already one of the highest paid on the country. They have perks that add up to more income than many of their constituents make to live on.
		When they step up and deal with the tough issues I will consider a rsise.
		The state government should lower taxes on seniors to make retirement affordable.
		The average New York resident has not seen a raise in over 10yrs. This is a part time job with better benefits than most.
		These lawmakers are already highly compensated. A 47% raise is just outrageous!
		They don't get anything done,just give our money away come election time!
		They are getting more than enough for the LITTLE they do.
		Maybe the "critical mass" has not been involved because they were not aware this was happening! I feel that the state legislature has been stalled and NOT highly effective in working together and making needed decisions.
		During a time when people are not thriving , 3% is good. Cost of living increase.
		Our lawmakers should not get a raise until towns like Brighton get the money they are owed.
		Absolutely absurd that state government officials can magically find money for their own pay raise yet always cutting from education, road/bridge repairs and other necessities because the state is broke. I am retired military and can't even find a decent paying job in NY for more than \$15.00 an hour and the state wants to increase their salaries and benefits by 47%. Justify this please.
		The only salary increase this bunch of do-nothings deserves is a COLA adjustment.
		Are you kidding me! New State ranks the highest in all the categories that cost us money and jobs with nothing to show for it! Pay for performance and they're not delivering!!! Why do you think people are leaving?

		Lawmaker salary and raises should be based on performance, in particular a balanced state budget
		My State Pension has not gotten a raise since I retired in 2010
		most of them are double dipping with another job and are getting all their health care, travel expenses. What ever happened to public service, like what we as common folks do formate jury system?
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		Show me results ... what have my lawmakers done for middle class citizens and small business owners in upstate NY.
		People everywhere are losing their pensions and struggling to pay their bills and you are all making over 6 figures! Outrageous!
		I work in health care and if we get raise it is no more than 2%- it is hard for me to accept my lawmakers getting more than health care workers!
		They should be paid an hourly rate for the number of hours they actually work st their jobs then we would know who is getting the job done and who isnt they are already maikng 3 times the normal wages for the working middle class.
		When they fix the Ethics issues and double dipping like Gantt, then I would consider a larger raise.
		A 47% wage increase is outrageous. I am a public servant as well working for a school district in a classroom with special education students. I have done this for 12 years and make \$12.54. I work hard and am lucky if I receive a 2.5% wage increase. A 47% wage increase would be a slap in the face to taxpayers.
		10-20% BASE pay increase. Travel stipends should cover only what was actually SPENT, not what is ALLOWED. This is consistent with the private sector. Hotel accommodations should be modest (clean, comfortable, quite) and air travel should be coach/economy, not business or first.
		They should get the same increase that the middle class has gotten in the last 8 years and there positions hsvc never experienced LAYOFFS!!
		People who worked all of their lives only get a 1% COLA raise. Why should elected officials get 47%???
		How in the world can you justify a 47% increase in your pay. Your annual performance certainly does not reflect that kind of pay raise. You should try to live on the minimum wage for just one month and you will appreciate and make your current salary work for you. This is outrageous.....we have so many issues in New York state and you are only concerned with boosting your salaries to the highest paid legislators in the nation!!! You disgust me!
		Any pay increase should be based on merit, attendance and quality of their wrok. The voters should be able to make the decision for the increase for their own law makers.
		I only get 3%

		A part-time job? What have the legislators done for their constituents? Highest income/property taxes in the United States. SAFE act, have seen any impact, other than on law-abiding citizens. No ethics reform. The "3 men in the room" continues, at least the faces change. When I look at my pay stub & my net pay is close to half of the net, no raise is warranted until the elected officials do the will of the the people that hired them. Broken promises, all to keep their jobs.
		I have worked for 18.5 years in this position and I don't even make \$20,000.00. I will get a 2.5% increase this year.
		In the private sector, you're fortunate if you get a 3% increase. How many days a year do they work? Do they pay the same medical premiums as the private sector? Do they pay into social security? I think not. If they commit fraud, their legal fees are covered by the taxpayers. They should feel our pain. Again the taxpayers get the bill.
		I don't see anything that any of these Members do for the inter City of Rochester but take care of their of own families & collect High Income. No one hears from them until it's time to get elected again. All they do is get FAT at , WE, the Taxpayers expense. They sit there year end and year out and buildup FAT PENSIONS, and we poor taxpayers have nothing to show it. Where are the JOBS for people who live in the City of Rochester. I wish we could collect \$100,000 plus yearly for nothing.
		Why should they get raises our government cannot provide our citizens !
		State workers had to take a lag and give back a portion of their salary for the last 5 to 6 years. Social Security raises are based on how the economy is doing. Apparently we are doing just fine, so no raise. Shouldn't they have to do without.
		Right option is not here.... Make it a full time job at an appropriate salery, no 'outside' jobs allowed,live in Albany/no travel junket,reduce number of members ...FIX IT PROPERLY!!!
		I feel the folks are paid adequately.
		An 8% raise is more than adequate! People in the private sector get 3-5%.
		I am basically retired at 65 now and work part-time seasonal jobs. Before being forced out of my long term occupation in a blue collar, physical, middle management job in the service industry due to across the board cost cutting measures six years ago. I had worked for 10 years without an additional nickel as well as cuts in benefits.
		Average increases are 2.5% over past years. Must include the perks!
		It's a part time job!
		They should get under 3% just as I recently received this year. I'll bet I work more hours than they do in a year and get paid way more less and don't get the benefits they get or retirement that they will receive. They should get off their high horse and earn their raise just like me.
		Don't you need to earn a raise first before you get one, so clean up the Government first then get your raise.
		I have not had a raise in 7years.

		The commission should consider the financial situations of the constituents in the state. What regular person would receive a 47% raise for doing the job they were hired to do. The logic that they will do a better job if they are given a raise is insane. These lawmakers are public servants and if they want to earn large sums of money they should return to the private sector and learn their employment worth in the real world. .
		They are not doing enough to merit the pay raise that is being sought after, so I feel that they deserve less than a 10% pay raise when they help the residents of New York State then maybe they can get a better percentage and raise but I feel that they make more than their fair share of money while working for the government. David F Gantt is a perfect example he's been in office forever and what has he done for us?
		they are doing anything positive for this state, driving residents away with high taxes regulations etc pay raise not warranted.
		No higher than 10%
		i'm on as with on ride an I must pay my way with on help from government
		Considering that most of their constituents are lucky to receive no more than a COLA each year, perhaps that should be the standard.
		These jobs are part time! Many have other sources of income. They also have sizable pensions and fully funded health insurance. Their pay should be based on performance; they are well able to pay for their own health care and the voters should be the ones who vote them a pay raise, etc.
		Where is this money suppose to be coming from? We are over taxed now. No one ever gets
		Why do you deserve a pay raise when your constituents are scraping by because of high t
		I'm a tax payer, I won't be getting a raise. I'm make about 1/4 of what these people make and I haven't gotten a raise in 3 yrs. I believe 10% is more than enough.
		As a state employee who only makes 29,985 after two years I fail to see how they work any harder than an other state worker. We all do more than less I have a supervisor who always threat termination and make time off ( which I've earned and requested off in omh policy ) should not be granted grade 6 don't deserve time off. I think we all work just as hard since they are granted stipend, travel etc they are already greatly taken care of.
		I believe a 10 percent raise at the most. Being elected is a privilege not a lifelong right. People convicted of corruption should lose their pensions. Albany did nothing regarding election reform and term limits. They are hiding behind this commission to get a large raise. I went without a raise for 8 years and got offered 2 percent
		They're paid enough already. If they don't like the compensation find another job.
		Working in the Congress of NYS should not be paid as a full time job.
		How can you even think about a 47% raise with the little work you have done??

		Increase based upon participation ( times voted and not abstained from voting))
		It's very difficult if not impossible to see anything get done anywhere. I'm very involved in politics and often wonder what exactly these folks do other than walk in parades and collect taxpayer funded salaries and pensions. It wouldn't take me much convincing that these jobs could be eliminated or at least made volunteer.
		To me, the amount they get now is more than I ever would dream of making. If you can't live on that I don't know what to tell you.
		A 47% increase is a joke. Who gets a 47% increase in the real world. Under ten percent-- just like the rest of the public-- is more appropriate. Out lawmakers knew what the pay was when they ran for office. It is their sacrifice to make-- which, really, is quite a healthy paycheck, especially considering all the perks they get.
		They are highly over compensated already compared to the people they supposedly work for!
		A pay raise only if they give up their per diem for hotel/meals while in Albany.
		They should take a 10 % cut in pay.
		My raise as a public librarian is .05 per hour per year. I think our politicians are already overpaid, a raise can wait until our economy is in better shape.
		I just watched the Thursday night news at 6 show. What was said is if we pay them better we will get better people in office. That is such a load of crap. There is a book called Punished By rewards. It basically says a dangling carrot will only work for a very short time, the people doing the job have to want to do the JOB. Why do they deserve such a raise let them feel the pain like everyone else who is lucky to get a raise. Most are not getting cost of living
		I'm very disheartened and discouraged to see our leaders flourish while those of us working as hard as we can while our leaders drag their feet to help us. Stop killing us with more regulations. Our lives aren't as fulfilling as in times past.
		they're not working well enough to merit a higher "raise".
		They need to be paid based on performance not automatic pay increases.
		don't feel sorry for them, I haven't had a raise in 10 yrs!!! do the work and maybe you deserve a little raise! and stop the corruption!!!
		Our state lawmakers should get a raise only when they have a record of doing a good job. That hasn't happened. I'm a small business owner in this state, and all I see is NYS making more and more difficult for people like me.
		They make double of what I do working 45 hrs a week



		I've only chosen the "under 10% increase" because it has been a lot of years since they've had one, but on the other hand, the cost of paying their health insurance in full should more than make up for any incremental salary bump. Let them all join the rest of us in choosing a health plan and sharing in the cost. Furthermore, they've done nothing noteworthy that would make me feel more generous.
		tell "our" representatives that being an elected official is not intended to be a life's calling. Please just represent your constituency and try not to enrich yourself, like so many have, on the taxpayer's dime. please be and act like you are part of your constituency who aren't getting raises nor are they getting healthcare for life. please be part of the real world.
		i did not get a raise in my social security..they do not deserve one either by their performance.
		Why do they deserve a pay increase when they're already making over \$100k?
		we as tax payers and retired people can,t increase our income,but we are put in a position to pay for more.what is wrong with this picture ?
		New York State never seems to have enough money to fix the things that need fixing (bridges, roads, Lake Ontario State Parkway, etc.). So how would we have the funds to give the state lawmakers raises? We should use the money for the good of New Yorkers, not for politicians who do not need or deserve it.
		Politicians just line their pockets while sitting down. Ordinary folk sweat to earn their money and receive little or no pay raises. There should be strict term limits and incumbents return to their private sector job with no takeaway pay or pension.
		i feel working for 2 months and accomplishing nothing does not deserve rewards. what can we do to adjust the benefits in the pay increase? we will pay their obama care premiums.
		Getting paid \$80k for a part time job is already a lot. No increase is necessary when so many live on much less.
		The COLA isn't more than a few percentage points, there's no reason to make it any higher than what any other citizen on Social Security would get for their COLA
		With the extra benefits they receive - housing, travel, health care etc. they are making a very good amount of money. Understand they do an important job, but so do I, so do teachers and police and firemen and we are not compensated anywhere close to those figures. They are getting enough.
		To make NY competitive, we need to lower taxes. Our representatives should not be asking for any raise at this time.
		Many of us middle class citizens work very hard for a living and are lucky to see a 2% raise every 3-5 years if any at all.
		You all deserve pay cuts. You have done nothing to help the people of NY
		They have too many month's off.
		They do a terrible job now most need to lose their job

		They need to actually do something like lower taxes, a raise would mean more taxes
		same type of raises we get 3-4 %
		They should receive no more than an other State employee receives. Additionally, if they are convicted of a crime when serving in public office - any and all retirement benefits should be revoked for themselves and their family.
		A pay raise should be a reward for good performance. When they start being productive we can revisit the matter.
		They're already making too much money for only working a part time job. I think it's time to vote them out of office.
		Nothing more than 5%. The vast majority of their constituents get 2-3% raises a year and must live with that. They should do the same.
		Where would I begin. If it was a pay for performance, they would owe the taxpayers of this fine state money
		Most people get 2 or 5 % if they do a great job and meet their deadline
		Lawmakers are completely out of touch with their constituents. NYS taxes are far too high and the State government is ineffective
		Have them pay for their own medical, like the majority of the country and possibility they would deserve a 2 to 3 % raise like the rest of the country. If we acted like they did on the job, we would not be employed for long. Yet they are allowed to keep their job till the end of their term.
		Until we're in a surplus economy and our taxes are lowered. You get NO payraise. You pigs need to stop raping us.
		I am retired and even when I was working the most if any raise was only 3%. That would not include new employees or ones who had not worked up to the standard to receive a raise.
		Pay raises in life are usually based on performance. New York is lacking in many areas that require better performance from our leaders!
		They need to do the job for which they have been elected.
		Pay raises in life are usually based on performance. New York is lacking in many areas that require better performance from our leaders.
		Their raise should be tied to the state debt ratio and other increases. If state taxes increase they should not be receiving any increase.
		Shorter terms - limited to 5 years, no raises until

		aNO ONE I KNOW receives a 40% pay increase. It's absurd. Do any of them actually get held accountable for even showing UP for work?
		I haven't received a raise in 5 years and my taxes and health insurance have gone up considerably
		aNO ONE I KNOW receives a 40% pay increase. It's absurd. Do any of them actually get held accountable for even showing UP for work?
		I believe that they do not deserve a pay raise at all. Although they claim that they have covered a lot of legislation, much of it was not acted on, thus leaving a lot of important legislation being delayed or not having anything done at all. If they get an increase, most people, if they are lucky get maybe a 2% or 2.5% payraise. If you are on Social Security Disability or Retired, you get 2% or no raise at all but yet the proce of everything keeps rising. A 47% increase is rediculous!!!
		They already make enough to live on and much more than many New Yorkers. Definitely don't need a raise when they spend money in Albany so frivolously.
		How about if we get the same perks for all our years of work in companys that closed and peoples lived going from mddle class to poverty
		They haven't earned the right to have their pay increased---they are supposed to SERVE the people-not themselves.
		They don't have to pay for their health care like we do and get plenty of other "percs". Learn to use the money you have wisely as the middle class does.
		I think their raises should be tied to the condition of the local economies.
		Their pay raise should mirror the average pay raise for middle class New Yorkers.
		most people they work for can't even get \$15 an hour
		They are already overpaid
		If the compensation was too low, there would not be competition for these positions. The compensation is fine, maybe too high.
		\$100,000+ isn't enough????
		If the general public working gets a pay increase 0-2% at most every year which doesn't cover increase in health care which they get paid, they can use outside money for speeches, events and working another job to pay for their increase like the rest of us who work more than 1 job.
		When they have dealt with corruption and can handle the business of the people in a timely and prudent fashion they can ask for a raise.

		Any raise for NYS lawmakers should be merit based on actual results that positively impact the public. NYS is rapidly declining and they have no clue. Anyone in private industry has measureable goals that not only have to be met, but exceeded, to even get a modest raise.
		It's a part time job. Maybe a 2 percent raise would be OK. Why do they get healthcare benefits for life when they leave? Where can I get a deal like David Gantt gets?
		I pay for their benefits for the remainder of their life and all those other perks add up to more than enough compensation especially considering they don't get anything worthwhile done and the vast majority are only looking to line their own pockets in my opinion. Nobody seems to be able to do the right thing anymore--very disheartening!
		It's supposed to be a part time job and there should be term limits
		Any pay raise for any member of the most dysfunctional state government in our nation's history is ridiculous. 47%? Laughable. No doubt there will be no movement on this matter until after the election. Be forewarned - We the People have great memory. We've also had enough.
		Let us get a raise on Social Security so we can live a worry free life style and don't have to decide what to pay first. I also think everyone of you are greedy and need a change in your life style.
		3% cost of living increase. The majority of legislators do not earn pay. Let them stay in the private world and contribute so little to their companies and see how long they will have a job.
		I feel they should receive a yearly Fifty-Cent raise ( Same as the Average Citizen ). They can get the funds to support everyone's wage increase by randomly drug testing everybody who receives W.I.C, Section 8, and has those EBT cards that they can use at liquor stores, strip clubs, casino's, ETC.! The State would save a lot of money!!!! and might even be able to help the working class for once!
		you can make a living making less than 75k.. they just don't want to lose all their big expensive toys and going on vacation every week.
		When work is accomplished then a raise would be talked about.
		Do something to better our communities and quality of life for residents instead of worrying about filling your already overflowing pockets.
		Retirees and Senior citizens should get the same consideration for increases as lawmakers
		More progress needs to be made to make ny affordable and a place I can retire before you can get a raise. More action less talk!
		Take away the lifetime health care & fine them for missed votes. If a raise is given, it should only be 2 - 3% at the most.
		Even tho I recognize that the law makers have a very important job but so do we. I work for Monroe County & like many others make less than \$40,000/yr haven't had a raise in 9 years, our medical has more than tripled, union dues have gone up, not to mention the cost of living. Many of us are single parents who have to work 2 jobs to try to make ends meet. So, my question is when will we be compensated for our hard work. I feel our jobs are just as important as theirs

		More like 2%. Let them see what the real world is like!!!!
		No way! They waste too much of our money. Stop handing out money for lack of hard work New York!!
		I personally don't get more than 10% raises and I have to show measurable performance over the previous year to qualify. Given their current compensation, I'd say no more than 5% is warranted - they make substantially more than most of their constituents.
		NO PAY INCREASE IS JUSTIFIED, BY THE LACK OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS THEY HAVE COMPLETED WHEN IT COMES TO ETHICS REFORM, AND LACK OF GETTING THINGS DONE TO MAKE THIS STATE BETTER AGAIN.
		making over a 100,000. is good pay in todays economy
		It is not appropriate they get to give themselves a pay raise.
		The average employee does not get a 47% raise so why should they get one?What makes them different than us? I feel like I'm a good worker but, you don't see my job giving me a 47% raise.
		How can you give under 1% to seniors and propose 47% for legislators.I worked 43 years and never got close to a 47% raise.Join the real world!
		The average employee does not get a 47% raise so why should they get one?What makes them different than us? I feel like I'm a good worker but, you don't see my job giving me a 47% raise.
		We have to many "LAW" makers and could do with a few less!!! They haven't earned a pay raise in my book!!!
		10% is appropriate
		They are truly underserving.. I got a 2% raise and you can see my production day in day out..
		Increase with cost of living 2-4%, change their healthcare to a high deductible plan, switch pension to 401K with 10% match, and not able to collect pension to until retired and required NYS to be primary residence to collect 100% of pension.
		3% seams fair thats all I get each year and you're not even doing a job!
		When we get a raise then maybe I'll consider it.
		when I see them put as much effort into passing legislation that will help communities and individuals, as they are putting into getting themselves raises, maybe then they'll deserve them. until then, over 100 thousand dollars a year is plenty. just ask any of us that are making less than half that in a year working well over 40 hours a week
		I DON'T SEE THEM DOING ANYTHING TO HELP NEW YORK STATE..

		A part time job should be paid as such.....only wish I could find a 79k part time job...as many college graduates feel as well. By the way, what is a pension? I saw it mentioned in my history books but never understood what it was..
		This was a good idea to do the survey. Thanks
		Although they do NOT deserve, they can get 3% increase just like the rest of us. There are many smart New Yorkers that work hard and don't make 6 six figures or \$79,500 a year plus a cushy job. If they want the pay EARN IT!
		I feel that I fairly represent the hard-working middle class. Worked for 36 years; master's degree; etc. My pay in NY is the same as it was in 2005 with 3 job changes in between. Make a difference in NY's ability to create and attract jobs and maybe the raise should go up. I haven't seen it happen in the last 15 years.
		Also feel there should be term limits and revamp their retirement and pension they do NOT deserve full medical and pension for their service the government was NOT set up as a Careerit was designed as a priveledge do duty then return to your jobs. If WE as employees do not do their job effeciently they get fired or replaced! Why are our New York State taxes one of the highest in the Nation I live out in Orleans county and I pay higher taxes than Pittsford! WHY.. and where is this tax money going
		They're doing pretty good, considering.
		If they want to increase there pay. Let them lower our taxes so the public can get a pay increase,
		We have the second highest salaries for state legislatures in the country. We should do what NH does, \$200/2 year term
		The pay raise decision should be put to a public people vote in November
		i have to take a 31%cut in my pension because its underfunded and the state law makers passed this law that states they can cut a persons pension cut there pay
		How can anyone think a 47% increase is justified? Most employees are getting less than a 5% raise if they are fortunate to get one at all. Add this to the rising cost we are paying for healthcare and most of us are actually bringing home less as time goes on. We work just as hard for our money, without all the perks they are getting. I dont doubt that they work for their paychecks, but so do I. I'm certain that if I asked my employer for that kind of pay increase, he would laugh.
		NO More Lifetime Pensions and FREE LIFETIME Healthcare !!! Time for TERM LIMITS ... no more career politians... Time for Lawmakers to try and live on SOCIAL SECURITY and try to pay for their Health care and medicine... choice eat or buy medicine!!!!
		You don't deserve a pay raise
		they make more then the people they surve just perks, they do not need a pay increase
		give them a pay decrease of 40%
		State government is inefficient & driven by special interests, not great governance.

		The state government is a joke and it's broken. Too many corrupt and greedy politicians. You don't care about the common man. All you care about is lining your pockets. You are asking for a raise? That must be a joke too. Usually people who suck at their jobs get fired. Shame on you, you are a disgrace!
		They haven't accomplished anything!!
		why would anyone think that NYS Lawmakers deserve a 47% pay raise with all the compensation and lifetime health care they receive? Tell me what they deserve that raise for? For doing an excellent job in NYS? i am 56 years old plan on retiring at 62 and leaving this state. been here my whole life. NYS is no place to retire unless of course you are a NYS lawmaker!
		THEY HAVEN'T DONE A GO JOB, ALSO THE GOVERNOR ALSO..
		Lawmakers need to keep their egos in check against the average income for the people they represent. I am very proactive in my job, but I'll never see a 47% increase in pay without a substantial promotion
		There have been no ethics reform,no accountability,convicted CORRUPT politicians that the taxpayers have to pay for there enormous state pensions and Cadillac medical benefits,no restitution,this does not merit a pay raises but a reduction.
		I do not feel these lawmakers have a need for a pay raise, I think they all are OVERPAID for their jobs now. Anyone making \$177,000 should be able to live off this salary and quite well.
		Most people get between 3% and 5% yearly increases. Even 10% would be an excessive pay increase. Increases should be more in line with what the average person gets.
		We as workers get 1.5% at best ,now they are putting caps on that. This means no raise for us.
		I never heard of a 40% pay increase. I have been working for 40 years. That is . B .S.
		They are there for us, poverty levels are bad and they keep getting richer and not fixing the issues at hand.
		Pay for performance!
		Any pay raise over 10% is a slight to every tax paying NYS resident who is finds him or herself lucky to get a 2-3 % raise every year. Most get a 1% raise. Why do YOU get anything more than a 10% raise? , tax paying middle class person in NYS. We are lucky to get a 2% raise each year and are scratching hard to get by. How can you explain why you deserve any more than a 10% raise?
		until they fix the broken tax system and endemic corruption no raise they now make double the average taxpayer for what is suppose to be a part time job and like the federal congress all pay no work
		I received 2%. RN
		What about everyone else working. I work for Monroe county and I haven't had a raise in four years and they refuse to give me a retroactive raise. The cost of living went up in those four years but my pay has remained stagnant. Is that right or fair? I work just as hard as you but under much worse circumstances in the county jail

		They should receive no more than cost of living,such as the rest of us.
		these guys dont deserve to take no action and get paid..they all suck
		It is insane to even consider paying these public servants anymore compensation for a part time job. They have not done a very good job at all considering the mass exodus of jobs , citizens , lack of transparency , and the lack of responsibility to the public trust.
		When working folks are treated fairly than politicians will be treated fairly
		I don't believe they earned a raise.
		Most civil service employees are lucky to get a 3% raise, have to work 30 years in order to get a full pension, and most have no health insurance when they do retire! These lawmakers make a ridiculous amount of money now, I see why they need more!
		Pay for a six month job is too high already. No wonder N.Y. Cost so much to live here. Our government is corrupt and is not solving the financial and other problems.
		3% TO 4% IS COST OF LIVING FOR MIDDLE CLASS
		In the last 10 years I have never received more than a 5% increase in my wages, I have a self fund retirement and my medical coverage is taken from my salary.
		Many teachers and we NYS retirement people haven't had a raise and we don't make half of what they do. And I'm sure over half our elected officials do not work half as hard as a classroom teacher.
		Our corrupt state government has no business giving themselves a disgusting pay hike of this magnitude , they have done nothing to deserve it . We have more people on public assistance than actual workers that pay taxes , we have the highest property and school taxes in the nation . Our criminally corrupt governor is bought and paid for by his own special interests . Hell no , no raises ! In fact , they should forfeit their pay for failing us , the people
		Total compensation tells the story, they get paid too much for lack of results. Upstate population is shrinking, jobs are not growing.. No results no pay increase! Based on taxes increasing they should get a pay cut
		Pay raise should be 3% every 3-5 years like the rest of the hard worker
		I don't believe that they are doing the right job for the citizens of NY State
		they don't do squat!
		The request for pay raises for the New York State Legislature is utter nonsense. If they require more money, let them leave their positions, supposedly working for the good of the public, and see what they are worth in the private sector. Most people can't vote themselves raises. These under achievers shouldn't be able to either.



		New York is one of the highest tax states with proven foolish spending. At the end of the day, how much more do these politicians think we can afford? I already struggle with high school and property tax, and costs of monthly bills are a challenge. To hear the commissioner state that no public has attended the hearings is dense, after all if I could be compensated for my travel expenses like these politicians, then I would be more than happy to attend.
		Most blue collar workers won't even receive a cost of living raise
		They already make enough and do not need a pay increase. Do something to help this crazy expensive state of NY. You asking for a pay increase is just madness!!!
		No one deserves a 47% pay raise, that is absurd.
		when they start working for the people then we could discuss a raise. their base pay is twice anything I ever made.
		I survive on less than half of what these guys make. A pay raise for them is unnecessary considering how many
		I don't think the merit is there for a 47% base pay increase
		When somebody doesn't perform the job they're hired for they don't deserve a raise. They are all overpaid now!
		80k is already a lot of money. They have not tried to reverse the effects of inflation.
		I, like countless other NYer's have not had a pay increase in almost eight years, yet my employer keeps asking me to do more for my salary because he cannot afford to hire more employees or so I am told. My healthcare was 100% paid for by my employer prior to the Obama Care Act, so I now see and additional \$500 in taken out of my stagnant pay check. In short I have less money to work with and my taxes keep raising. Legislation that lawmakers pass is the reason our taxes keep raising. Refusal to
		Disappointing that they seem to prioritize themselves first; constituents second.
		Government raises need to be aligned with what the industry standards for blue collar/middle class workers are getting
		With most of the "working middle class" not having received a raise in several years and worker wages being stagnant, our law makers should NOT receive a raise until the American public sees better wages and compensation. Until they really prove their worth, they should get the base salaries they are getting now, perhaps even pay cuts dependent on performance in office.
		Who gets a 47% pay increase in the workforce? With the politicians base pay and all their extra perks, they are making quite a nice amount now. If they were really working FOR the people and not lobbyists, etc. I might think they deserved a pay raise. As it stands NO.
		This is just crazy. Why not distribute that money to the working families? This ultra liberal state is a joke.

		The average state worker gets an annual pay raise of approximately 1.5-2%. Good paying jobs are scarce in upstate, and small businesses can't survive. Upstate is dying! Any pay raise above 3% is just greed!
		THEY ARE OVERPAID NOW
		HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! These people already make DOUBLE what most people make in a year, maybe even triple! They get stipends, free meals, transportation, and MOST NY'ers can't even afford to eat! They deserve exactly the same raise MOST NY'ers have received in the last several years, like our public servants, NOTHING!
		Our legislature may deserve a small increase but they should be in session more as well. They are barely in Albany and accomplish little.
		I also work for a NYS govt agency. We received a 2.5% pay raise this year. Our highest paid employee in our agency makes nowhere near what legislators do, and our jobs are full time, not part time, which legislators are.
		No pay cut option? Being a representative was never meant to be a full time job. In this day and age with the technology we have there's no reason for the public's voice and opinion to require representation.
		Why give them a pay raise higher than we would get ourselves. Most would receive a 3% raise
		what do these people know about how the lower and middle class survive. A six figure income is absurd. How long will it take for these
		between legislative and administrative decrees NY government is strangling our state both economically and with personal liberties
		Lawmakers should make sure the little people like civilians, police officers and corrections officers are paid applicable to other Agencies because we are way under paid.
		overpaid!!!!!!!!!!!!overcompensated!!!!!!!!!!!!lower and middleclass struggling and these spoiled folks are at it again how much do they need and when will we stop this.
		If any pay raise is granted it should be equal to the average amount the middle class has received in the last 17 years. As a middle class taxpayer we have received 1 to 3% or 0% for many years and have had to find ways to survive. There is not many middle class people that will receive health insurance for life. Being a cancer patient, I have an understanding of how that could change one's life. What our future holds not only as a state but as a country is unnerving.
		Pay raises have to be earned. You don't get them just for showing up.
		Until they start decreasing onerous regulations, doing something to actually lower taxes, and impose term limits on all state office holders there should be no pay raises. In fact, I would cut their pay in half and only allow them to meet from January to June. Upstate NY needs self governance. It is not all about NYC.
		I haven't got a raise in 2 years...Mainly because the economy is not going so well in upstate NY. Therefore they do not deserve much of a raise. Come up with a plan and follow thru with it, make the upstate economy better and we could revisit the raise question!
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		If they are not happy with what they get, don't run again. We aren't exactly happy with them either.
		If they did more for veterans and their families and helped out the low income maybe then I'd consider a 10% raise
		End career politicians and return to citizen politicians who must earn an honest living
		They should have full time status so that they cannot have out of office jobs and get other compensation
		My social security increase was 0%.
		I worked for the largest employer in Roch.and use to get a 3% raise but the last 2 years less than 3% with no perks. What makes the commission think that 47% should be given to a group of mostly untrusted people get more than honest, hardworking people.
		The real world gets 1-2% . I suggest they join the real world.
		I am on a fixed income. I receive no bonuses. You do. I receive no daily housing and food allowances. You do. I receive no benefits, pensions, and health care coverage. You do. I am not receiving more than \$100,000 in compensation per year as you are. Rather, there has been no increase in my social security for the past two years because the government has told us that "there has been no cost of living increase." Poverty is everywhere, and you are asking for a raise in your salary?
		They're grossly overpaid for a part time job
		make them pay there own medical I work 28 years in public works I have to pay 100%
		Taxes have increased, it is unconstitutional for our lawmakers to extort the American tax payer!
		Just like the rest of us.
		Just another way to screw New York taxpayers
		I work for a school distract all year w/out cost of living raise,we'er told times are tough. And I have to pay all my medical.Good ol USA THANKS Berkley
		For all the laws being proposed and the deteriorating condition of this state, there is no way that a law maker deserves to make over \$80,000 plus massive state-subsidized benefits.
		I never got anthing higher than 3%

		Fix the general puplics stagnant salaries amd maybe you will deserve one. My father invested 25 years into a company making 25 dollars an hour and was laid off without notice. He now works a BS job for 10 an hour. The policy's which allow such are yhe reson America is in a downfall!
		Taxes in NY State are already too high-enough already
		if 100,000 a year isnt enough,your doing it wrong.hightaxes,low employment,corruption.prove to us you deserve a raise,and well vote on it.
		I didn't get a raise, they say th cost of living hasn't increased
		Pay raise for what not doing your jobs!!
		I get they haven't had a raise in years but most get extra money for things they do in Albany and they are not effective as a legislature.
		It's a part-time job, and they currently make way above average income in NY.
		Do Nothing, Earn Nothing ! Until they earn it, and get this State on its feet, they deserve No raise. Quite frankly, they are ALREADY overpaid for what they do (or more correctly, DON'T DO!!! !)
		Their past actions to not reflect any Merritt for a raise in salary, they have the option of leaving office and allowing others to step in who would work for the current already approved budget salary.
		Given their history of few worthwhile accomplishments, they deserve a CUT in pay.
		They have done nothing but raise our taxes
		what do you do for a pay raise we are deep in the red and you want more money i would be fired if i did the job you guys do not get more money what a waste
		six figure salary is already above and beyond what they deserve for doing a minimum amount of work
		This is nothing short of a voter-insulting phish tactic. The lawmakers know that if something as ridiculous as a 47 percent pay raise is put on the table, they'll likely end up netting a raise that's close to their secretly targeted increase increment. Political Kentucky windage - NYS lawmaker business as usual.
		NYS has the most inept government in the country. I consider it an outrage that they think they're entitled to any raise. With all the perks they get they shouldn't ever get a raise in my book. The gravy train has to stop.
		A 2% pay raise is what most working people would see

		Most companies, when they are in economically stressed times, give only a cost of living increase if they give an increase at all. Since, I believe we can describe our economy as economically stressed, that would be appropriate.
		Most working people do not even make \$15,000 let alone in the high thousands. Executives working or retired make more then the rest of us hurt and retired human mules. Who made the executives look good to companies! So they could weasel out there incomes.
		Are you kidding me? No Wonder NYS is bankrupt!! In what kind of a business do you EVER get a 40% increase. NONE.
		For 65 days they make a good wage
		I do not think an increase should be given until an ethics reform bill has been passed.
		It would be nice if they would earn the money they are making and then think about given them a raise
		I honestly can't think of anything that our State officials hve done for Western N.Y. At a time when wasteful government spending is at an all-time high, everyone is aware of why and where our money is going!
		47% is outrageous! Especially considering their effectiveness and performance.
		The benefit package makes this a very good paying position. They should release their tax returns and then we could see all the other ways they benefit from this job.
		No cost of living increase since 1999 warrants the increase.
		Every time the big wigs get a raise, i dont get a social security disability cost of living raise. How about raises for the people on a fixed income, scraping to get by???
		Based on their full compensation, I believe 6% is a sufficient increase when you take into consideration results and percentage of the year worked (actual hours per year).
		You already make much more than the average American. Use the money for those who need it.
		I haven't had a raise in 8 years. After NY's economy improves, then the lawmakers can consider voting themselves a raise.
		Our state's economy is in a shambles, and you're voting yourself pay raises? Learn to live within your means like the rest of us have to!
		Raises for Civil service employees are under 5% why should assemblymen get more
		I'm lucky if I get a 1% raise. I don't get travel or housing expenses either. Funke hasn't been in office for very long and he's making over \$100,000/year! Ruth Blackmore, MSN, RN, CNOR

		Their increase should be the same percentage that social security senior recipients get.
		and a 47% raise is automatic if not challenged? We need to change the rules of the game!
		They already receive more than \$1000. for each day they work in a year! How cushy is that??
		Lawmakers have not done their job and they also should have the same insurance and benefits as their constituents. They do not deserve any raise. Most taxpayers received 0 - 2% raises for the past 5 years. 40% - disgusting!!!!
		I believe that our legislators receive far too much compensation for the poor performance they have provided. The job is to provide a voice for the constituency, they only represent themselves and their own best interest. We New Yorkers deserve a refund if anything!
		Social Security has no raise, the average pay raise in the private sector is around 3 to 4 percent. How do you justify this kind of figure?
		2-3% raise. No free health care, they can assume 25% of that cost, with incremental increases over 5 years. You know, like the rest of us "State Employees".
		You can stop calling your job "public service" if you're priority is self-service. It's not like you're under a military service contract, stuck with the 1.5 - 2.5% that Uncle Sam gives. You're free to leave anytime to enter the private sector to climb out of your poverty.
		Their failure at ethics reform, corruption, greed while everyday working families suffer. They do a horrible job and if people performed like they do in the private sector they would be fired!
		I do not see state workers getting this amount of pay raise, so why should they
		40% is out of control, these idiots get enough perks. Maybe they should feel what the rest of the people in the state feel with regular job.
		Until there is ethics reform in Albany no one should receive one more cent increase, My salary has not changed in 10 years !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
		Enough is enough!! Take care of the people doing the real work in this state. These people are more than compensated for a part time job with benefits most people could only dream of. Stop feeding the rich more and more and take care of the middle class who struggle.
		Though they may work diligently I see very few positive results. They make a fair income for the amount of time they spend in session.
		We demand that you clean up the corruption.
		10-20s
		As a Private Duty Nurse, we have NOTHING received a payment increase in over 15 years. Not a cost of living increase.. Yes, that's right! 15 YEARS WITHOUT ANY SALARY INCREASE. Put in the budget a decent salary increase for private duty nurses. Then raises for any other occupation in the same position. After that is calculated into the budget, a reasonable raise of not more than 2% increase would be acceptable. .

		10 percent is all they deserve considering how dysfunctional they are. They should be ashamed to even ask for one.
		Why should they not be like the real working man? Pay for the health insurance, they don't get any different illness or disease than any of the rest of us. Why am I helping them with health coverage when they don't help any of us that put them there.
		My husband hasn't had a raise in 5 years and I am disabled on Social Security. We have struggled just to get by. My husband's boss struggles to keep a family business going while being chocked by your unfriendly business laws. Why should get a raise for doing nothing for us!
		There are people working in Monroe County that have not had raises in Thierry o
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		You should also be forming a convention of states initiative! I want to help.
		I too am a public employee and have worked multiple yeasts without a raise & unpaid overtime. Welcome to the club of public work.
		It is the most corrupt and costly state in the union and they do nothing about it!
		As a parent of four children with Down Syndrome, It boggles my mind that our legislators feel they have a right to raises when there is a whole population in this State with Developmental Disabilities who have had to grovel for years to try to get support & services because of lack of funding.
		Politicians should never be paid 6 figures unless their constituents allow it for good merit. They simply don't benefit us appropriately.
		With very little to show as accomplishments they should be happy with any kind of a raise. We in the regular job force have been getting 2-3% at best a year, and the average tax payer doesn't make a 6 figure paycheck.
		Pay for performance and based on that theory NYS politicians should be on welfare. This State gets worse by the day with the incompetence in Albany. If it weren't for family I would leave this State.
		Thank you for allowing us have a vote!
		They're over paid now ..let them find a real job that pays that kind of money. Health care for life and we pay for that 4 years and out let them find a real job...
		Oh HELL no
		Raises bringing them to highest paid in the country status, when we have the highest state taxes and the lowest graduation rates just to name a few pathetic statistics. How much did the good ol' boys photo shoot w/Cuomo cost us at the Brewery to announce that you can get a mimosa at 10:00AM on sundays. Top priority??? Get in touch w/reality. The rest of us don't have lifetime health care or most of the other perks paid for that they view as standard. NO RAISE!

		New York is becoming an increasingly difficult state to reside in. NY taxes are exhorberant - both property and personal. Please find a way to reduce state spending.
		Until those that receive social security get raises, lawmakers shouldn't either. Their salaries are far more than any retiree gets.
		They should also pay for there health insurance
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		Have the voters have a say it the pay increase
		we the voters who put them in office should decide and personally like all politicians they in my opinion haven't accomplished a whole lot of anything
		How can anybody seriously consider this considering our budget problems and the fact that most of their constituents aren't getting raises!
		they should be cut from benefits and purchase the unaffordable health care
		when is the last time any of the voters of NY got a 47% pay raise? and health insurance for life? our lawmakers are so out of touch with reality--they work a part time job, seriously?????
		When they work to cut out the corruption and properly spend money taken in taxes, then review their accomplishments and review possible pay raises.
		The private sector if we are lucky will get 3 percent and pay a large portion into our health care. We also work all year. Give yourself no more than 3 percent or i for sure will vote against everyone of you.
		They should cut their pay
		No retirement benefits when convicted of a crime. Two term limit for service.
		I work for New York State Dept. Of Corrections and the State never has enough money to give us a pay raise and all we would like is 3 percent . No raise for us that work and don't cheat people for a living , no pay raise , especially a 48% raise for those peopl . No way , not ever !
		I work 40 hours a week. 52 weeks a year and I got 2%.
		fall in line with the Blue collar man who hasn't seen an increase greater then 3% a year for the last 30 years. And we pay our own medical, you people definintely do not represent us
		The law makers of NYS are in Albany only 6 mos. of the year , and then only 2 or 3 days perweek- that is when the laws are made. The rest of the time, they are in their home district, supposedly listening to and addressing the needs of their constituency. Considering they are already making so much more than the average middle class family in NY, they would be a little more considerate as to what they are expecting for a pay increase!



		I am a teacher and I received a 3.4% increase. Yours should be similar.
		Our lawmakers already make enough money and they do a poor job at best.
		Companies generally give under 3% if any raises. Why should lawmakers get any more? They can never get anything accomplished and they want a 47% increase? That is craziness!!!!
		They have not earned it. Most Retirees live to the bone every week with no help and WE still have to pay our own ins. They don't listen to us . Between the lobbyist and the rich corporations buying into them it's pathetic. And they get all this for life. SERIOUSLY?? Yes give them a raise similar to what other working pepole get if they're lucky.
		Raise unemployment 47%
		Social Security gave no COL adjustment this year. I am on a fixed income .
		Raise unemployment for seasonal workers so they can feed their families in the off season. Seeing how I paid into it for years but was never able to use it !
		We're the highest taxed state in the union and get very little in return. Our government is corrupt. Why should they get paid at all? Payola should be plenty.
		I work more than 40 hrs every week and only get 2% a year! Such bullshit that they expect more for nothing.
		I checked no pay increase because they didn't have the 2% increase that I get. Stop spoiling these ppl and let them get paid what they are worth. The more you make the more you spend and I would bet many of these ppl are spending way more than they earn
		Base it on where we rank nation wide. If we rank 49 out of 50 gone them 1 percent
		No pay increase until real ethics reform and term limits
		The members of the legislature have done very little effective governing. Until they actually fulfill their job requirements, I don't think they should receive increases. Most people, if they are lucky enough to get a raise, earn an increased based on performance. Government should be no different.
		A legislature that is full of corruption and is spineless enough to allow the governor to shove legislation through in the middle of the night on the false pretext that it's an emergency should resign. They don't deserve a raise.
		They have done nothing to earn that raise and why should they get a pay raise when they have done nothing but increase taxes in N.Y. so much tat we are the highest taxed state in the U.S.,people are leaving N.Y. not coming here legally that is.
		Compensation is too generous. Full medical coverage needs to be reduced to only cover time in office. Lawmakers need to find insurance on the open markets like the average citizens do.

		Considering the average increase for a worker in NYS is ~3% why do they deserve so much more? I haven't seen anything that deserves much more than the average increase.
		Normal increases are 1% annually IF YOU'RE LUCKY! With the gap between lower, middle, and upper class growing-with residents fleeing "the most un-free state in the nation", do you really think it's wise to pay fat cats 45+% increase in pay??? It's common sense...These things do not go unnoticed to the everyday working man. Which is why I only have enough time to submit a paper voice! Please try to be real on somethings NYS so we can try to have some NY pride...
		unless they truly start working for the people who put them in these positions there should be no raises. Why should we compensate bad behavior.
		With the state going downhill these people believe they should get a raise on the backs of the taxpayers? Fire them all!!
		New York State residents work hard for their salaries and are not entitled to just vote themselves a pay increase. Representatives should be measured on their accomplishments for the constituents they represent; not just the fact that they are in attendance. Until both the Assembly and Senate represent the citizens of the state and not their respective political party interests, pay increase should not be on the table. Kindly learn the art of compromise, I will vote for pay increase.
		Legislature is not doing it's job. There needs to be accountability. Measureable markers for increase.
		They should look at teacher salaries and do something to get teachers statewide making equivalent pay. They are teaching the future leaders.
		They spend more time stealing than doing their job!!
		It is unconscionable for this to even be considered. I AM ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED!!!
		Our representatives need to protect the second amendment and have shorter terms so they do not become self serving.
		For a state that is cost or worst in the country, lawmakers has to prove that they can make NYS a top state. Jobs and people are still leaving NYS for a better, lower tax base state.
		They don't even work 40 hours at times
		state employees work 47% harder than state law makers
		They don't earn the money they get now. Government is one big joke and racket. I'm so tired of it.
		i haven't got the cost of living why should they
		i haven't got the cost of living in years why should they? They also get free health care

		I believe they deserve a pay raise but everything in moderation.
		my mother got a \$2 increase in her SS, then it was taxed she worked all her life. shameful what is done to retirees
		3% has been standard in the building trades
		Making our lawmakers the highest paid does not show my displeasure in their performance. They need to step up to get paid up
		47% are you kidding me!!
		THEY ARE STEALING ENOUGH AND MAKE ENOUGH. HELP THE POOR PEOPLE THAT ARE FOOTING THE BILL. SHAME ON ALBANY.
		Cost of living pay increase should do it.
		NYS lawmakers make enough money based on their base salary and outside income.
		Why should they be paid so much while so many people they are supposed to be helping are struggling just to meet their bills?
		Perhaps if we constituents felt Albany was working for US instead of worrying about their next election, we would be in a more generous mood to allow a pay raise for their "work". But given the gridlock, pocket lining antics of these representatives, I am hard pressed to approve a pay raise. Most employees wish they could just get a yearly cost of living raise, but wages have been stagnant for years in upstate NY. The perks of being an assemblyman are very generous. No raise is necessary.
		There should be NO pay increases until they can show their part in sucessfully promoting small business and the economy of their districts.
		The actual amount each receives is far, far greater than the salaries of those they are supposed to represent.
		Average citizens have not received a decent wage increase in years due to democratic policies. When if we do it probably will be under the inflation
		prefer less than 5%
		I feel they should receive the same amount as nys government employees who work without a contract or pay raise due to the governer who fights our unions on any kind of pay raise
		Most middle class New Yorks have been working with little or no increase in pay for several years. Our law makers do not deserve an increase for what is supposed to be a part time position.
		They should get cost adjustment the same as Social Security.

		I do believe in giving raises, to those that have done a good job to deserve it. However, in my years of work, I have yet to receive more than a 6% raise despite my education or position. Also, with the cost of Health Care and housing on the rise, it seems as though that would count as a huge pay raise on its own.
		How can they justify any type of a raise when New York is the highest tax paying state. Nothing has been fixed and why do state officials get to collect their pension and their pay. Pensions are supposed to be collected when you retire. Our government is sucking the middle class people dry and I am sick of it. Why do they think so many people are leaving New York state?
		I'm not aware of very many working people that get a raise over 10% if they get a raise at all.
		I just can't see how one can justify such a large increase.
		I wish we were receiving even half of what our so called leaders are being paid! They are on easy street - paid health insurance, travel expenses and ridiculously high retirement benefits, which WE are paying for. No RAISES.
		I have been working part time and still make the same as I did 10 years ago .
		If I was as unproductive at work as our law makers are I wouldn't even have a job!!!! They should get increases based upon performance and at their current levels of performance some should never get a raise and others should be just plain removed from their positions altogether.
		I feel as though they make enough money and more should be done for the community.
		they are doing a great job and they should have a little pay raise
		I feel that's money should go into the communities.
		30% seems to be more reasonable.
		A nearly 50% pay raise is ridiculous! When is that ever realistic for anyone else?? The taxpayers paying their salaries do not get raises like that so how are we to foot the bill for such a substantial increase in their pay? SS recipients can barely get a COLA increase, private employers offer minimal raises when revenue calls for it, Monroe County workers (MCSO, CSEA) haven't been able to get a pay inc in several years because the govt won't negotiate a fair contract. think logical & FAIR!
		I work as a N.Y.S. Correction Officer. When I get a raise, which is always a year or more after my contract has expired, it's 3% to 4%. Why should those that represent us in Albany get any higher of a raise?
		Assembly and senate should meet for 1 month and be done. They could also stay at their district/home office and do all the work via the computer. Also, they must have a week to read the budget and post it for all voters to also read before a vote.
		Based upon the "Total Comp" analysis performed, performance and accountability I believe they are already fairly compensated. Especially when one considers that many have other outside income streams which are generated by their active participation. I would also not apply the raise an "across the board". It should be given based upon meeting performance expectations.

		current pay is 3rd highest in US!
		No pay, because S.S. has'nt had any. Tit For Tat !
		With people that work more than 40 hours a week -can't make ends meet, can't afford health care, drive their vehicles till they die - how can this be justified?
		NYS is in rough condition. The salaries shown are already ridiculous considering our original governments, state, local, and federal, were supposed to be "volunteer" at one point in time. Salaries in the six figures are NOT acceptable for what most of these jobs entail. Combining these high salaries with the health benefits received make this a thorn in the publics side.
		living in this satate SUCKS....if not forthe beauty of the land I would be out of here, may still have to be with the increasing costs.
		Considering the "perks", why should they get a raise when most of us a facing cutbacks?
		I have not had anymore that a cost of living adjustment for the last 20 years on my job. THE economy in upstate is terrible even those with decent jobs are seeing their benefits cut and they have to pay more for them. Families are hurting more needs to be done to raise wages for the nub
		Most don't deserve what they get now.
		Create a sustainable manufacturing environment for upstate NY so that New Yorkers can afford a decent lifestyle... THEN we'll consider a pay raise for the NYS Govt. Manufacturers are STILL leaving NY or shutting down all together. Don't you realize that by gutting the business taxes, you'll be creating a wider tax base from the employees who get to keep their jobs?
		They should all be fired! We need term limits and they should not get lifetime benfits that we pay for. Our TAXES ARE OUTRAGEOUS AND WE NOTHING FOR IT!
		its a shame that they want or think they deserve a pay raise when they have really done nothing to help our state with the corruption and waste of the states funds. Lets all stand up for the hard working tax payers of NY State. No more pensions for convicted poloticians, lets start with a new Govenor that will stand up for us and the unions and the employees of the state that have been living a good life on our taxes.
		Recent articles point to the state losing 126000 taxpayers and Rochester ranks 15th out of 600 cities in the nation for poverty with 30% living in poverty. How do they deserve a raise. Cut all our taxes and start by cutting their salaries and implementing term limits for all positions.
		They should get a "cost of living" increase just like the rest of us who MAY OR MAY NOT get that this year!
		When the people on Social Security get one they should get the same COLA
		They should make minimum wage and only for the hours they are in session or performing some of the other necessary functions of their position. At the most their salery should be about the same as a military private and no more pensions. "Public service" as politicians call it, is an HONOR not a career.

		Pay should be reduced.
		'@\$79.5k/yr. 1st of all that needs to be cut down( starting salary), anybody is collecting a pension while working has to retire (double dipping) or have your salary cut, you work for the taxpayers not the other way around& also pay for your own food , lodging etc.
		NYS Senate: 15% Pay NYS Assembly: 15% - 10% = 5% raise for letting Skelos & Silver keeping pension
		I'm retired. Can't afford to stay in NY due to high taxes, and they want a raise. I don't think so.
		I think their pay raise should be linked to the Cost of Living just like ours on Social Security.
		You are all over paid and corrupt, We need less of you. There needs to be an investigation into all politicians in New York State along with term limits.
		I think they should take a decrease and only make 75k a year and trust me I only make 35k a year and I'm able to live off of that. How about stop taking less vacations, not having 5k parties, and having god knows how many houses.
		per diems should be curtailed Health coverage and pensions should be linked to those of private sector constituents
		There's no inflation so no reason for raises at least that's what people on social security have been told for 2 years so why should anyone get raises of any kind.
		Many people are not getting any pay raise and have escalating health insurance and food cost. Union are just trying to hang on to the benefits they have already fought for an many cases no pay raise if they want the health insurance cost to remain the same. Local governments have taken away benefits to new employees or reduced them. You work part time and get paid for travel, food, and lodging while in Albany among other perks with no accountability as receipts for expenses. So, no, I don't
		Most people are not getting raises but still have increases in health insurance as well as food cost increases. You work part time in Albany, get travel, food, and shelter expenses with no accountability as receipts. It appears to me as if you all agree in increasing your benefits but refuse to follow ethics reform. Make honesty and inter gritty apart of you system AND THEN ask for a raise
		fuck you, you incompetent douchebags
		The vast majority of New Yorkers only get an annual raise of 2.5% and work far harder than our government employees most due to the governments employees lack of work ethics and progress within our state. For anyone working within our state to get a raise for more than the states average is offensive
		If they take away all the perks that they do not have to declare and the money they get for staff and offices, they can live on what they are getting now.
		It should be voted on by tax payers
		If our "lawmakers: were paid what they were actually work, they'd get a bill from those of us who actually work and PAY their bloated salaries!

		All public officials should have a performance based evaluation just like every other resident of new york. If they truly represent us the we should be able to evaluate how theyve done and base their compensation on that.
		until they fix the broken tax system and endemic coruption no raise they now make double the average taxpaper for what is supose to be a part time job and like the federal comgress all pay no work
		Never more than inflation cola
		They get enough.
		It is very hard to make a decent living in NY, help the small businesses to make a better profit and get government out of the way.
		I just got a pay raise 10 years ago ..How much \$.25 cents an hour try living on that and paying your bills in the great state of NY..You lazy guys make to much now and doNOTHNG
		I have not had a raise in 6 years no one should be able to vote themselves a raise
		Until our legislature can do its work on a timely basis for its constituents, pass ethics rules with teeth and repeal the draconian DWI regulations passed by Executive Order in the dead of night with retroactive effect and a 25 year look back period that captures infractions with high point values regardless of intoxication, no one in the legislature deserves a raise. Over \$100,000 for a part time job with full paid health care is plenty when we cannot get a \$15 an hour minimum wage law passed.
		If snything, their salaries should be reduced. They're public servants, so they shouldn't be paid as if they're in a private industry.
		Are you kidding me? I haven't had a raise in years! Wake up or you will be replaced!
		Let them live off their perks, graft, bribes and kick-backs.
		Under no circumstances should New York State legislators be allowed to vote themselves a pay raise. Since their go to argument is that State judges pay is tied to their salary increase they should be seperated. Going forward there are a myriad number of issues that need reform, not the least of which is ensuring that a NYS Constitutional convention be held so that we, the voters, can put some real teeth into reform and holding these pandering clowns accountable to the voters they allegedly ser
		I don't know when the last time the got a raise was, but 47% seems outrageous. Is this a phased raise? I would be embarrassed to look my constituents in the eye if I just got that kind of raise.
		State employees are working under an expired contract, having received three years at zero percent, then two years with a two percent raise each year. Increased health insurance premiums and furlough days in the last contract. Lawmakers should receive the same compensation as state employees, 0% in 2016
		For a part time job they should never even make \$100,000 a year

		Th.ey have not performed. They condone corruption within their ranks
		All the senior citizens don't get raises in our pensions
		in the private sector my last 10 years before retirement the yearly merit pool was 2% o 3%. We didn't even keep up with inflation rates. The per diem just mentioned on TV of \$172 per day is outrageteous and to not have to submit receipts is allowing for some to take advantage of the daily rate. My husband works construction and is out of town most of the week; his company gives him \$17 a day for expenses such as meals; the company reimburses for the hotel stay and are required two to a room
		All the senior citizens don't get raises in our pensions ,
		this is a part time job. should not be a career. how have they earned a raise?
		Nobody gets a 47% increase. The state is in the toilet, they are totally corrupt, and don't do a damn thing. This is disgusting. They deserve nothing!
		5% raise is fair. 47% raise is just ridiculous an absurd. Give them a choice to get the 47% raise but they loose all there other benefits besides the base pay
		They get 6 figures for a part time job and per diem for expenses.
		Lawmakers should be allowed occasional increases, but certainly not over 20%. I chose the amount I did because I feel we, as taxpayers need to see more results. Our taxes are to high as it is. We don't need to pay out more for lawmakers who aren't doing their jobs appropriately.
		The lucky ones get 2% in my company ,the rest get none. If it were up to me they'd get 0,but all know their gonna get something. Must be nice to get free healthcare,while you raise ours!
		It's a part time job. And they get their travel paid for.
		The base pay is almost 2x the pay for a blue collar who works just a year. Do you think they deserve it.
		Hell no raise for them; clean up the corruption first. First lower Normal New York all our taxes, health insurance, cable bill, electric.They should Try to live on \$60 thousand a year now take out: Fed (M/O), OASDI, Medicare, NY (M/O), health insurance & \$12,000 high deductible: when that all taken out you live on a total of \$30 thousand a year. Plus you are not eligible for any form of assistance because your gross pay is over the limit.
		I just retired and between my health insurance and taxes it left me to make some very hard decisions Other states are looking better and better each month !! I cant remember getting a raise and something else not going up !! "Health Insurance "
		Cut their pay by 50% and eliminate all per diems.
		No increase, rather no salary unbtill they ALL get serious about ethics



		I haven't received a raise in 10 years. Why should they?
		I haven't received any significant pay increase in years. I think our law makers make way too much money
		They already make more than most people in the State. They don't really ever resolve any REAL issues. They get more perks than "Regular" people in NYS
		They get plenty from lobbyist, unions,PACs, special interest groups and corporations which should be illegal.
		Enough is Enough!!
		my pension is in jeopardy of being reduced by 31% of which state taxes are taken out of
		Today's paper stated that average pay raise for citizens is 2.74. Average person works and toils everyday taking care of their families. Why should these representatives receive 47% when some do not show up or vote, on top of the fact that they get stipends that give them a living wage that I would beg for. Please stop any such pay raise. I understand they also pocket any amount that is not used. What do other representatives in other states get paid? New York State is already the highest.
		No total income should exceed \$200,000
		It is unconscionable for lawmakers to vote themselves a 47% increase when they have not done the peoples work, that they promised. Plus put the burden of such an increase on the people when we are not getting raises and even those who have had raises only received 3% or less.
		When this state ranks at or near the bottom of all 50 states in survey after survey why should they get a raise
		No total income should be greater than \$150,000.
		Maybe a maximum increase of 5% ONLY IF they give up the per diem pay.
		I work in the Behavioral Health field. I help inner city moms enroll in high school equivalency classes (50% of case load dropped out of a Rochester high school), acquire vocational skills, and apply for jobs. My compensation is 1.5 times the "living wage." And I just found out I will be getting a 2% raise. Wow! I get 2% and my representative gets a 47% raise. Fair? Well, I should say not!
		I am a single mother of 3. I havent received any raise because of all the state/federal cuts. I am also not receiving any perks which they all do. Try living on \$14.00/hr with 3 teenagers.....yeah whine about needing a raise.
		Pay raises should be based on performance. If nothing of substance gets done, then no raise. If lawmakers like some we know, never show up they should get pay cuts. If lawmakers want raises, they should also be limited to shorter vacations.
		they need to do something before getting a raise

		They should pay their health Insurance out their pay
		When they get some issues accomplishrd try again, but doubtful!
		I am retired, I did not get an increase in SS...I know it is not the NYS Leg. that is to fault, but everything is relative.
		They take advantage of any extra pay like bonus payments. Get the work done in the time assigned to work and go HOME.
		If most if not all state and county workers cant get raises why should state officials get one !!!
		Make the job full time without outside compensation, the I could support some sort of a raise.
		We are too overtaxed already. If a raise is definite I would say tie it to the rate of inflation. In my life I have never recieved a raise of over 5% without changing employers.
		Give them a 10-20% raise but make them work year around!!
		Lowest graduation rates in the country, highest tax rates? Shame on NYS, the Commission and the state.
		Absolutely no pay raise!!
		Legislators willing to pass laws int he dead-of-night with no review by constituents are not doing their jobs correctly and do not deserve a pay hike. If anything they deserve a pay reduction!
		Highest paid and least effective? No pay raise! People are leaving this state in droves because of government here. They have lost touch with real people.
		They work the least amount of time then another state and already make the most money per state
		We are the highest taxed state in the nation and they do nothing to relieve us of that burden. Instead, they sit around and make up silly new laws to justify their existance. NO PAY RAISE!
		Their pay raises should be in line with others in the state and in the country not for the job they do because they do not really do much of anything in my eyes and apparently a lot of others here. Should be 3-5%. I JUST got a raise after several years. Unacceptable if they get any more than us taxpayers
		NEED TERM LIMITS!!
		No pay increase is deserved.

		Sunshine clarity about what each legislator earns every year. Thank you
		Considering the amount of other stipends, days off, vacation, retirement, pension and other perks, government officials make PLENTY of base pay already. The net dollar amount is almost a moot point, since government officials hardly have to SPEND what they earn, they are able to pocket significantly more than anyone else making a similar salary. They - lik those in the private sector - should be paid and rewarded based on performance and attendance.