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Noted pollster Maurice Carroll will give lecture at Staten Island's Wagner College on Wednesday

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On Wednesday, at 5 p.m., Wagner College's Hugh L. Carey Institute for Government Reform will host the lecture, "Why Polling is Important" by Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

The program will take place in Foundation Hall's Manzulli Boardroom. The program is free, and the public is invited.

The latest Quinnipiac University poll, released Tuesday morning, says that American voters oppose Congress shutting down the federal government to block implementation of the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, by 72 to 22 percent. Voters also oppose (by 64 to 27 percent) blocking an increase in the nation's debt ceiling as a way to stop Obamacare.

Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute, brings more than 40 years of experience as a political writer and columnist for New York and New Jersey newspapers. He is the chief spokesman for Quinnipiac's New York State, New York City and New Jersey polls, and works with Quinnipiac poll director Douglas Schwartz to develop, analyze and present the results of the many polls conducted by Quinnipiac.

Carroll's experience as a journalist includes work with the New York Times, Newsday, the New York Post, the Passaic Herald-News, the Jersey Journal and the Newark Star-Ledger. Carroll taught journalism at Columbia University, New York University and Montclair State College; he presently teaches in Quinnipiac's mass communications program. He has a B.A. in journalism from the University of Notre Dame.