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CUOMO DOMINATES NEW YORK GOV RACE WITH 23-POINT LEAD, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; GILLIBRAND HAS BIG LEAD OVER LITTLE-KNOWN CHALLENGER

A 6-1 lead in New York City overcomes a shortfall upstate as New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the Democratic incumbent, tops Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, the Republican challenger, 58 – 35 percent among likely voters, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

While 5 percent of New York State likely voters are undecided, 13 percent of voters who do name a candidate say they might change their mind by November 6, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Gov. Cuomo benefits from a 62 – 30 percent lead among women and 54 – 40 percent support from men.

The Democrat leads 77 – 13 percent among New York City likely voters. Cuomo gets 52 percent of suburban voters to Molinaro's 45 percent. Upstate likely voters go to the Republican 52 – 41 percent.

Cuomo leads 88 – 6 percent among Democrats and 54 – 38 percent among independent voters. Republicans back Molinaro 81 – 13 percent.

White voters go 48 percent for Cuomo and 46 percent for Molinaro. Non-white voters back Cuomo 77 – 15 percent.

Likely voters give Cuomo a 51 – 40 percent favorability rating. Molinaro gets a 28 – 22 percent favorability, with 48 percent who haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion.

 "Besides running in a deeply blue state against Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a two-term incumbent with a big advantage in campaign funds, the lack of name recognition for Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro is a huge hurdle to overcome in less than three weeks until Election Day," said Mary Snow, polling analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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"In a campaign where Gov. Cuomo continues to hammer President Donald Trump and his policies, Molinaro also has the challenge of running in a state where Trump has a 37 percent job approval rating," Snow added.

Health care is the most important issue in deciding how they will vote for governor, 17 percent of New York State likely voters say, as 16 percent list taxes and 15 percent say the economy, with 13 percent each for education and immigration.

U.S. Senate Race

In the U.S. Senate race, Democratic incumbent Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand tops Republican challenger Chele Farley 58 – 33 percent, leading among both men and women.

While 8 percent of likely voters are undecided, 15 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind by Election Day.

Sen. Gillibrand gets a 48 – 29 percent favorability rating. For Farley, 66 percent haven't heard enough to form an opinion.

"As U.S. Senate elections are being closely watched in battleground states, some New Yorkers may be surprised to know there is a Senate race here, as Chele Farley, the Republican challenger to Democrat Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, is largely unknown," Snow said.

President Trump's Job Approval

New York State likely voters disapprove 60 – 37 percent of the job President Donald Trump is doing. Disapproval is 73 – 22 percent in New York City and 54 – 46 percent in the suburbs. Upstate voters are divided as 49 percent approve and 48 percent disapprove.

From October 10 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 852 New York likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Marc Molinaro the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Andrew Cuomo the Democrat or more toward Marc Molinaro the Republican?

	LIKELY VOTERS						WHITE	
							COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Cuomo	58%	13%	88%	54%	54%	62%	54%	40%
Molinaro	35	81	6	38	40	30	41	53
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	3
DK/NA	5	5	5	4	4	6	3	4

	WHITE			Non	AREA		
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	45%	51%	48%	77%	41%	77%	52%
Molinaro	50	41	46	15	52	13	45
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	3	3	–	2	2	–
DK/NA	2	5	4	8	4	8	3

	WHITE			
	COLLEGE DEG		NO COLLEGE	
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Cuomo	45%	63%	46%	34%
Molinaro	50	32	51	54
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	2	2	5
DK/NA	3	4	1	7

	REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		INDEPENDENT	
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Cuomo	15%	10%	83%	91%	57%	52%
Molinaro	82	81	9	5	40	36
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	–	1	–	1	6
DK/NA	1	9	8	4	2	6

	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN HOW TO VOTE Q7						
			Health		Gun		
	Econ	Taxes	Care	Imgrtn	Policy	Eductn	Envirmnt
Cuomo	45%	31%	85%	44%	62%	73%	81%
Molinaro	49	64	11	52	30	22	16
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	–	–	–	8	2	1
DK/NA	5	5	4	5	–	2	2

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1		
		CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1	
	Tot	Cuomo	Molinaro
Mind made up	84%	79%	92%
Might change	13	17	7
DK/NA	3	4	1

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2. Is your opinion of Andrew Cuomo favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

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                 LIKELY VOTERS.......................................
                                                         WHITE......
                                                         COLLEGE DEG
                 Tot    Rep    Dem    Ind    Men    Wom    Yes    No

Favorable        51%    18%    77%    43%    47%    55%    47%    35%
Unfavorable      40     79     15     44     45     36     49     56
Hvn't hrd enough 6      -      7      8      6      5      3      3
REFUSED          3      3      1      5      2      4      2      6


                 WHITE.....            Non    AREA.............
                 Men    Wom    Wht     Wht    UpStat NYC    Sub

Favorable        37%    46%    42%     69%    35%    68%    48%
Unfavorable      57     46     52      19     58     20     47
Hvn't hrd enough 3      2      3       11     3      10     2
REFUSED          2      5      4       1      5      1      3


                 WHITE...................
                 COLLEGE DEG   NO COLLEGE
                 Men    Wom    Men    Wom

Favorable        39%    54%    35%    36%
Unfavorable      56     42     59     53
Hvn't hrd enough 3      3      4      2
REFUSED          2      2      2      9


                 REPUBLICAN    DEMOCRAT..   INDEPENDENT
                 Men    Wom    Men    Wom    Men    Wom

Favorable        16%    19%    72%    80%    48%    38%
Unfavorable      83     74     16     14     43     45
Hvn't hrd enough -      1      11     4      6      10
REFUSED          1      6      1      1      3      7
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3. Is your opinion of Marc Molinaro favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS						WHITE COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	28%	58%	6%	34%	32%	24%	30%	36%
Unfavorable	22	5	36	16	24	21	20	14
Hvn't hrd enough	48	34	55	48	43	52	48	46
REFUSED	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	4

	WHITE			Non	AREA		
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	37%	28%	32%	21%	36%	17%	34%
Unfavorable	20	15	18	31	16	29	19
Hvn't hrd enough	41	53	48	48	46	51	44
REFUSED	1	4	3	1	2	2	3

	WHITE			
	COLLEGE DEG		NO COLLEGE	
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Favorable	36%	25%	39%	32%
Unfavorable	22	18	17	11
Hvn't hrd enough	41	55	42	51
REFUSED	1	3	1	6

	REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		INDEPENDENT	
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Favorable	61%	55%	9%	5%	33%	35%
Unfavorable	6	4	39	35	20	10
Hvn't hrd enough	32	37	51	58	45	51
REFUSED	1	4	1	2	1	4

4. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Kirsten Gillibrand the Democrat and Chele Farley the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Kirsten Gillibrand the Democrat or more toward Chele Farley the Republican?

	LIKELY VOTERS..						WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Gillibrand	58%	18%	86%	53%	51%	65%	59%	40%
Farley	33	78	5	39	40	27	36	54
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	8	3	9	8	9	7	5	6

	WHITE.....			Non	AREA.............		
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Gillibrand	43%	59%	51%	71%	49%	71%	52%
Farley	51	37	44	15	46	16	44
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	6	5	5	13	5	13	4

	WHITE.................. COLLEGE DEG		NO COLLEGE	
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Gillibrand	49%	68%	34%	45%
Farley	46	27	57	51
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	5	8	4

	REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT..		INDEPENDENT	
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Gillibrand	18%	19%	80%	90%	51%	56%
Farley	80	76	7	3	42	35
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	2	4	14	6	7	9

4a. (If candidate chosen q4) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS............... CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q4.......... CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q4		
	Tot	Gillibrand	Farley
Mind made up	84%	80%	89%
Might change	15	19	10
DK/NA	1	1	1

5. Is your opinion of Kirsten Gillibrand favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

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                  LIKELY VOTERS.......................................
                                                       WHITE......
                                                       COLLEGE DEG
                  Tot    Rep    Dem    Ind    Men    Wom    Yes    No

Favorable         48%    14%    69%    47%    42%    54%    54%    31%
Unfavorable       29     68      6     30     37     21     34     46
Hvn't hrd enough  22     16     24     23     20     24     11     23
REFUSED            1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1


                  WHITE.....            Non    AREA............
                  Men    Wom    Wht    Wht    UpStat NYC    Sub

Favorable         37%    51%    44%    55%    45%    53%    45%
Unfavorable       46     31     39     11     40     15     37
Hvn't hrd enough  16     17     16     33     14     31     18
REFUSED            1      1      1      1      1      1      1


                  WHITE...................
                  COLLEGE DEG  NO COLLEGE
                  Men    Wom    Men    Wom

Favorable         46%    61%    26%    36%
Unfavorable       42     26     52     40
Hvn't hrd enough  11     12     22     24
REFUSED            1      2      1      1


                  REPUBLICAN   DEMOCRAT..   INDEPENDENT
                  Men    Wom    Men    Wom    Men    Wom

Favorable         15%    13%    66%    72%    41%    53%
Unfavorable       73     63      9      4     36     22
Hvn't hrd enough  11     22     25     24     22     24
REFUSED            1      2      -      1      1      1
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6. Is your opinion of Chele Farley favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

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                 LIKELY VOTERS.......................................
                                                       WHITE......
                                                       COLLEGE DEG
                 Tot     Rep     Dem     Ind     Men     Wom     Yes     No

Favorable        19%     40%      6%     20%     24%     15%     16%     29%
Unfavorable      13       3      18      14      16      11      13       7
Hvn't hrd enough 66      56      75      63      59      73      70      61
REFUSED           1       1       1       3       2       1       1       3


                 WHITE.....              Non     AREA.............
                 Men     Wom     Wht     Wht     UpStat  NYC     Sub

Favorable        25%     18%     21%     14%     25%     11%     24%
Unfavorable      12       9      10      19      12      14      15
Hvn't hrd enough 61      72      67      67      63      73      60
REFUSED           3       1       2       1       1       2       1


                 WHITE..................
                 COLLEGE DEG   NO COLLEGE
                 Men     Wom     Men     Wom

Favorable        20%     12%     31%     27%
Unfavorable      14      12       9       5
Hvn't hrd enough 66      75      55      68
REFUSED           1       1       5       1


                 REPUBLICAN    DEMOCRAT..    INDEPENDENT
                 Men     Wom     Men     Wom     Men     Wom

Favorable        40%     39%     10%      3%     22%     17%
Unfavorable       4       3      25      15      16      13
Hvn't hrd enough 54      58      65      81      58      69
REFUSED           2       -       -       1       3       2
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7. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for governor this year: the economy, taxes, health care, immigration, gun policy, education, race relations, or the environment?

| | LIKELY VOTERS | | | | | | WHITE COLLEGE DEG | |
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Economy	15%	24%	8%	16%	18%	12%	18%	15%
Taxes	16	23	7	20	19	12	17	24
Health care	17	9	24	14	13	22	17	17
Immigration	13	19	14	10	12	14	10	8
Gun policy	9	9	10	8	8	9	9	12
Education	13	8	16	14	14	12	10	13
Race relations	5	1	8	3	5	4	2	1
Environment	7	3	7	10	5	8	11	4
SOMETHING ELSE(VOL)	2	1	2	3	3	1	3	2
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	3	5	4	3

| | WHITE | | | Non | AREA | | |
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Economy	20%	14%	17%	11%	15%	13%	16%
Taxes	22	18	20	7	20	10	19
Health care	13	21	17	19	17	18	16
Immigration	10	9	9	22	11	15	13
Gun policy	10	10	10	7	9	8	10
Education	12	11	11	16	9	16	13
Race relations	2	2	2	10	2	8	3
Environment	7	9	8	5	9	6	6
SOMETHING ELSE(VOL)	3	2	2	-	3	1	1
DK/NA	3	4	3	4	4	5	3

| | WHITE | | | |
| | COLLEGE DEG | | NO COLLEGE | |
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Economy	23%	14%	15%	14%
Taxes	22	13	23	24
Health care	13	20	12	23
Immigration	10	10	10	7
Gun policy	6	11	15	9
Education	8	12	16	10
Race relations	3	1	-	3
Environment	10	12	4	5
SOMETHING ELSE(VOL)	3	3	3	1
DK/NA	3	4	2	4

| | REPUBLICAN | | DEMOCRAT | | INDEPENDENT | |
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Economy	22%	25%	9%	8%	21%	10%
Taxes	23	23	11	4	23	17
Health care	2	17	17	29	15	12
Immigration	24	13	9	17	9	10
Gun policy	16	2	7	12	5	10
Education	9	6	27	10	8	20
Race relations	-	2	13	5	1	4
Environment	2	5	3	9	11	9
SOMETHING ELSE(VOL)	1	-	3	1	3	3
DK/NA	1	7	2	4	3	4

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

| | LIKELY VOTERS... | | | | | | WHITE......
COLLEGE DEG | |
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	37%	87%	10%	37%	44%	31%	36%	65%
Disapprove	60	9	88	59	54	65	59	34
DK/NA	3	4	2	4	2	4	5	2

| | WHITE..... | | | Non | AREA............. | | |
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	56%	41%	48%	18%	49%	22%	46%
Disapprove	41	56	49	79	48	73	54
DK/NA	3	3	3	3	3	5	1

| | WHITE...................
COLLEGE DEG | | NO COLLEGE | |
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Approve	44%	29%	72%	58%
Disapprove	52	66	26	41
DK/NA	4	5	2	1

| | REPUBLICAN | | DEMOCRAT.. | | INDEPENDENT | |
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Approve	88%	85%	15%	7%	39%	34%
Disapprove	9	8	85	90	56	63
DK/NA	2	6	–	3	4	3