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**CAMPAIGN FINANCE GAINING SUPPORT IN NEW YORK,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS SPLIT LIKE A FRACKED ROCK ON GAS DRILLING**

Support for public campaign financing for statewide offices and the State Legislature is growing in New York State as 46 percent of voters now support the idea, with 44 percent opposed, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters have opposed this idea in the past, including 52 – 38 percent opposed in a November 27 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

Democrats support the idea 57 – 33 percent. Opposition is 58 – 31 percent among Republicans and 48 – 44 percent among independent voters.

New York State government is dysfunctional, voters say 55 – 38 percent. A total of 81 percent of voters say government corruption is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem. The governor should have primary responsibility for cleaning up legislative corruption, 42 percent of voters say, while 41 percent say legislative leaders should have primary responsibility.

Only 37 percent of voters say New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is doing an “excellent” or “good” job cleaning up corruption, while 51 percent say “not so good” or “poor.”

Grades for legislative leaders are worse: 19 percent “excellent” or “good,” and 71 percent “not so good” or “poor.”

But New York State voters approve 48 – 34 percent of the way Gov. Cuomo is handling ethics in government and only 24 percent have read or heard anything about his decision to end the Moreland Commission which was investigating government corruption.

“An overwhelming majority of voters call government corruption a big New York problem,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. “But we're jaded: 56 percent of voters say New York is about as corrupt as other states.”

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“Some reformers think public financing of campaigns might help clean up corruption,” Carroll added. “Support for that idea is up in the last six months.

“The people who focus on government ethics squawked when Gov. Andrew Cuomo killed the Moreland Commission that he appointed, but most voters weren't paying attention. Among the handful who knew about it, a big majority called the commission's demise a deal with the Legislature.”

A small majority of New York State voters, 52 percent, prefer the coalition of Democrats and Republicans which currently controls the State Senate, while 26 percent want Democratic control and 18 percent want Republican control. The State Senate coalition is “effective government,” 48 percent of voters say, while 33 percent call it a “power grab.”

“New York's oddly split legislature, with a group of Democrats joining Republicans to control the Senate, doesn't please political purists but voters seem to like it,” Carroll said. “Is it an effective way to run the Senate or a power grab? Most say ‘effective.’”

Natural Gas Drilling

New York State voters remain divided on drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale, as 44 percent support drilling because of economic benefits and 45 percent oppose drilling because of environmental concerns.

Republicans support drilling 68 – 22 percent, with Democrats opposed 60 – 29 percent. Independent voters are divided, with 45 percent for drilling and 43 percent opposed. Upstate voters are divided 46 – 45 percent, with New York City voters opposed 47 – 39 percent and suburban voters in favor of drilling 48 – 41 percent.

Gov. Cuomo is “dragging his feet” to avoid a decision on hydro-fracking, 38 percent of voters say, while 23 percent say he is “carefully evaluating the issue.”

“We should call it ‘electoral fracking.’ The contentious issue of natural gas drilling has divided New York State voters for more than a year,” Carroll said.

From May 14 – 19, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,129 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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21. As you may be aware, the Democrats control the New York State Assembly. Who do you want to control the New York State Senate, the Democrats, the Republicans, or a coalition in which Democrats and Republicans share power in deciding what bills come up for a vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Democrats	26%	1%	52%	13%	26%	26%	27%	28%	25%
Republicans	18	50	1	16	23	14	18	16	20
Coalition of both	52	48	45	65	47	57	51	54	51
DK/NA	4	1	1	5	4	3	4	3	4

TREND: As you may be aware, the Democrats control the New York State Assembly. Who do you want to control the New York State Senate, the Democrats, the Republicans, or a coalition in which Democrats and Republicans share power in deciding what bills come up for a vote?

	May 22 2014	Dec 12 2012
Democrats	26	31
Republicans	18	17
Coalition of both	52	48
DK/NA	4	4

22. As you may be aware, state senate Republicans and five state senate Democrats formed a coalition where they share control of the New York State Senate, deciding which bills come up for a vote. Do you think this coalition leadership of the New York State Senate is a good way to create effective government or a power grab by a handful of elected officials?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Effective gov't	48%	48%	47%	53%	48%	49%	63%	50%	41%
Power grab	33	33	34	31	38	29	27	36	35
DK/NA	18	19	19	16	14	22	10	13	24

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	May 22 2014	Apr 17 2013	Dec 12 2012
Effective gov't	48	35	53
Power grab	33	50	30
DK/NA	18	15	17

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling ethics in government?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	48%	38%	61%	43%	46%	50%	41%	51%	49%
Disapprove	34	45	19	40	39	29	34	33	34
DK/NA	18	17	20	18	15	21	25	16	16

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling ethics in government?

	May 22 2014	Feb 13 2014
Approve	48	52
Disapprove	34	31
DK/NA	18	17

39. Some people say there should be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the economic benefits. Others say there should not be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the environmental impact. Which comes closer to your point of view?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Drilling	44%	68%	29%	45%	51%	36%	46%	42%	45%
No drilling	45	22	60	43	40	50	51	45	43
DK/NA	11	10	11	12	9	14	2	13	13

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Drilling	46%	39%	48%
No drilling	45	47	41
DK/NA	9	14	10

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	May 22 2014	Feb 12 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 06 2013	Apr 18 2013	DRILLING.....	
						High	Low
						Aug 11 2011	Mar 20 2013
Drilling	44	41	44	46	42	47	39
No drilling	45	45	46	44	46	42	46
DK/NA	11	14	10	9	12	12	14

40. Which comes closer to your point of view Governor Cuomo is carefully evaluating the issue of hydro-fracking, or Governor Cuomo is dragging his feet and trying to avoid making a decision on the issue of hydro-fracking, or don't you have an opinion on that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Carefully evaluating	23%	11%	28%	26%	22%	23%	16%	23%	27%
Dragging his feet	38	47	29	43	47	30	41	36	39
No opinion	36	41	40	28	29	43	43	38	29
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	2	4	-	3	5

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Carefully evaluating	25%	24%	17%
Dragging his feet	47	25	43
No opinion	26	46	38
DK/NA	3	4	2

TREND: Which comes closer to your point of view; Governor Cuomo is carefully evaluating the issue of hydro-fracking, or Governor Cuomo is dragging his feet and trying to avoid making a decision on the issue of hydro-fracking, or don't you have an opinion on that?

	May 22 2014	Feb 12 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 06 2013	Apr 18 2013	Mar 20 2013	Dec 13 2012
Carefully evaluating	23	23	21	22	24	21	26
Dragging his feet	38	35	39	36	32	30	25
No opinion	36	37	38	38	41	46	44
DK/NA	3	5	3	4	3	3	4

41. Do you support or oppose public financing of campaigns for governor, other statewide offices and the state legislature?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	46%	31%	57%	44%	50%	43%	59%	45%	43%
Oppose	44	58	33	48	43	46	35	47	46
DK/NA	9	11	10	8	7	12	6	8	11

TREND: Do you support or oppose public financing of campaigns for governor, other statewide offices and the state legislature? (* Low also 37% Apr 2013)

	May 22 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Dec 12 2012	SUPPORT.....	
						High May 22 2014	Low Jun 05 2013*
Support	46	38	37	37	39	46	37
Oppose	44	52	53	53	51	44	53
DK/NA	9	10	9	10	9	9	9

42. How much of a problem, if at all, is government corruption in New York State today; is it a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not too serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Very serious	36%	41%	30%	33%	39%	32%	31%	36%	37%
Smwht serious	45	42	45	47	43	47	39	44	48
Not too serious	14	14	19	11	15	13	23	14	11
Not a problem at all	1	-	-	3	1	1	3	1	1
DK/NA	5	2	5	6	3	6	5	6	3

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	May 22 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Dec 12 2012	VERY+SMWHT....	
						High Apr 17 2013	Low Nov 06 2003
Very serious	36	41	51	48	31	48	28
Smwht serious	45	41	35	39	42	39	44
Not too serious	14	13	8	8	18	8	19
Not a problem at all	1	1	1	2	2	2	3
DK/NA	5	4	5	3	6	3	5

43. Compared to other states, do you think there is more government corruption than in other states, less government corruption or about as much government corruption?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
More	22%	30%	19%	18%	26%	17%	29%	23%	18%
Less	15	9	19	14	18	12	24	16	11
About as much	56	52	55	60	49	62	44	55	61
DK/NA	8	9	7	8	7	8	3	6	11

TREND: Compared to other states, do you think there is more government corruption than in other states, less government corruption or about as much government corruption?

	May 22 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Oct 02 2007
More	22	25	24	24	17
Less	15	10	9	10	13
About as much	56	56	60	58	60
DK/NA	8	9	7	8	9

44. Who do you think should have the primary responsibility for cleaning up legislative corruption in New York State, the governor or legislative leaders?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
The governor	42%	37%	44%	46%	47%	38%	44%	44%	41%
Legislative leaders	41	48	40	40	40	42	52	38	39
DK/NA	17	15	16	14	13	20	4	17	21

TREND: Who do you think should have the primary responsibility for cleaning up legislative corruption in New York State, the governor or legislative leaders?

	May 22 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Dec 12 2012	Sep 12 2012
The governor	42	51	49	47	48	54
Legislative leaders	41	36	33	34	36	32
DK/NA	17	13	18	19	16	14

45. How would you rate the job Governor Cuomo is doing cleaning up legislative corruption; excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Excellent	3%	1%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Good	34	27	43	31	29	38	27	37	33
Not so good	36	36	33	37	37	34	38	32	40
Poor	15	26	7	18	19	12	15	17	13
DK/NA	12	10	13	13	11	13	17	12	11

TREND: How would you rate the job Governor Cuomo is doing cleaning up legislative corruption; excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	May 22 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Dec 12 2012	Sep 12 2012
Excellent	3	2	4	3	4	6
Good	34	37	34	34	44	50
Not so good	36	36	32	35	26	22
Poor	15	15	18	17	7	7
DK/NA	12	10	11	11	19	15

46. How would you rate the job legislative leaders are doing cleaning up legislative corruption; excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Excellent	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Good	18	14	23	15	16	19	21	21	14
Not so good	45	50	45	42	42	47	46	42	47
Poor	26	28	19	28	33	20	18	27	28
DK/NA	10	8	11	12	9	12	12	9	9

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	May 22 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Dec 12 2012	Sep 12 2012
Excellent	1	-	1	-	1	2
Good	18	17	14	16	19	22
Not so good	45	46	43	45	43	42
Poor	26	29	32	30	21	21
DK/NA	10	8	9	9	16	14

47. Some people have said that New York State government is dysfunctional. Do you agree or disagree?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Agree	55%	68%	42%	61%	56%	54%	56%	58%	53%
Disagree	38	29	49	33	39	37	40	35	41
DK/NA	7	3	9	6	4	9	3	7	6

TREND: Some people have said that New York State government is dysfunctional. Do you agree or disagree?

	May 22 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 14 2011	Jul 28 2010	AGREE.....	
						High Jun 23 2010	Low May 22 2014
Agree	55	62	67	72	75	83	55
Disagree	38	33	29	23	20	14	38
DK/NA	7	5	4	5	4	3	7

48. (If agree government dysfunctional q47) Who do you think is most to blame: Governor Cuomo, the Republicans in the state legislature, or the Democrats in the state legislature?

Agree government dysfunctional Q47

Cuomo	19%
Reps/State leg	26
Dems/State leg	25
DK/NA	31

TREND: (If agree government dysfunctional) Who do you think is most to blame: Governor Cuomo, the Republicans in the state legislature, or the Democrats in the state legislature?

AGREE GOVERNMENT DYSFUNCTIONAL

May 22 Nov 27 Jun 05 Apr 14
2014 2013 2013 2011

Cuomo	19	15	12	6
Reps/State leg	26	29	27	32
Dems/State leg	25	29	33	29
DK/NA	31	27	28	33

49. Have you heard or read anything about Governor Cuomo's decision to end the Moreland commission which was investigating government corruption?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	24%	22%	24%	21%	30%	18%	22%	24%	25%
No	73	73	73	74	67	78	76	74	70
DK/NA	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	2	5

50. (If yes q49) Do you think Governor Cuomo's decision to end the Moreland commission was a decision based on good government, or was it a political deal with legislative leaders?

Heard/Read Moreland Commission End Q49

Good government	10%
A political deal	78
DK/NA	12

51. Do you think that investigations into state government corruption that were started by the Moreland commission should be completed by federal prosecutors or don't you think so, or haven't you heard enough about it to decide?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	31%	26%	32%	31%	38%	24%	30%	32%	31%
No	2	3	2	2	3	2	1	2	3
Hvn't hrd enough	64	68	63	66	56	72	68	63	62
DK/NA	3	3	4	1	3	3	1	3	4

52. Do you think federal prosecutors should investigate the entire state government for possible corruption or don't you think so, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	47%	45%	47%	47%	51%	43%	50%	51%	42%
No	12	10	12	11	14	9	9	10	14
Hvn't hrd enough	39	43	37	40	33	45	40	35	41
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	2	3	-	3	2

53. Do you think federal prosecutors should investigate Governor Cuomo's decision to shut down the Moreland commission or don't you think so, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	27%	33%	25%	26%	30%	24%	33%	29%	24%
No	14	10	16	14	18	10	11	15	16
Hvn't hrd enough	57	56	59	60	51	64	56	56	58
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	2	-	1	2