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**SUPPORT FOR MARIJUANA DOWN SLIGHTLY IN NEW YORK,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
MOST WOULD ALLOW MARIJUANA DISPENSARY NEARBY**

New York State voters support medical marijuana 83 – 15 percent and, by a smaller margin of 51 – 44 percent, they also support allowing adults to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to results of a February 17 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, which showed support for medical marijuana at 88 – 9 percent and support for so-called recreational marijuana at 57 – 39 percent.

Support for medical marijuana remains strong among all listed groups, ranging from 74 – 23 percent among Republicans to 87 – 12 percent among Democrats.

There are wide gender and age gaps on the question of recreational marijuana, with men in favor 57 – 39 percent and women opposed 50 – 45 percent. Support is 62 – 37 percent among voters 18 to 34 years old, with voters over 55 years old opposed 52 – 42 percent.

Support for recreational marijuana is 62 – 32 percent among Democrats and 53 – 42 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 69 – 28 percent.

“Medical marijuana in New York, and in every other state surveyed by Quinnipiac, is a no-brainer,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“The age gap on the question of recreational marijuana is not surprising: Young voters want it by large margins, while older voters say no. So it’s just a matter of time, unless young voters grow more conservative with age.

“The gender, with men in favor and women opposed, is interesting.”

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New York State voters support 62 – 34 percent having a medical marijuana dispensary in the town or city where they live. There is a wide partisan gap and a smaller age and gender gap. Support is 71 – 24 percent among Democrats and 65 – 33 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 56 – 42 percent.

Men support a local dispensary 67 – 32 percent and women agree 58 – 37 percent. Support ranges from 67 – 33 percent among voters 18 to 34 years old to 58 – 37 percent among voters over 55 years old.

New York voters are divided 35 – 34 percent in their approval of the way Gov. Andrew Cuomo is handling the issue of medical marijuana policy.

Alcohol is more harmful to a person's health, 60 percent of voters say, while 15 percent say marijuana is more harmful and 18 percent say both are equally as harmful.

If marijuana becomes widely available, alcohol would be more harmful to society, 53 percent of voters say, with 26 percent seeing marijuana as more harmful and 14 percent saying both are equally harmful.

Voters say 52 – 43 percent that legalizing marijuana would lead to more underage people trying it.

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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26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling medical marijuana policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	35%	22%	45%	34%	35%	36%	40%	35%	37%
Disapprove	34	47	24	36	39	30	34	32	36
DK/NA	30	31	31	30	27	34	26	34	28

54. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in New York State to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	51%	28%	62%	53%	57%	45%	62%	59%	42%
Oppose	44	69	32	42	39	50	37	37	52
DK/NA	5	3	5	5	4	6	1	4	6

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing adults in New York State to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	May 23 2014	Feb 17 2014
Support	51	57
Oppose	44	39
DK/NA	5	4

55. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in New York State to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	83%	74%	87%	85%	81%	85%	80%	87%	82%
Oppose	15	23	12	13	17	13	20	10	16
DK/NA	2	3	1	1	2	2	-	3	2

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing adults in New York State to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	May 23 2014	Feb 17 2014
Support	83	88
Oppose	15	9
DK/NA	2	3

56. Would you support or oppose having a medical marijuana dispensary in the town or city you live in?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	62%	42%	71%	65%	67%	58%	67%	67%	58%
Oppose	34	56	24	33	32	37	33	30	37
DK/NA	3	2	5	3	1	5	-	3	5

57. Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	43%	29%	46%	47%	52%	35%	50%	48%	39%
No	55	69	52	51	46	64	50	50	59
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	1	-	2	1

TREND: Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

	May 23 2014	Feb 17 2014
Yes	43	46
No	55	51
DK/NA	2	3

58. In your view, would legalizing marijuana lead to more underage people trying it, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	52%	68%	45%	49%	51%	53%	49%	45%	58%
No	43	28	50	46	46	41	50	50	35
DK/NA	5	4	5	5	4	7	1	5	7

59. Which do you think is more harmful to a person's health, alcohol or marijuana?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Alcohol	60%	43%	66%	62%	64%	56%	78%	65%	50%
Marijuana	15	32	8	15	15	15	14	15	17
BOTH (VOL)	18	20	17	17	16	21	7	14	24
NEITHER (VOL)	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	2
DK/NA	6	4	7	5	5	7	2	6	8

60. If marijuana were as widely available as alcohol, which do you think would be more harmful to society, alcohol or marijuana?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Alcohol	53%	34%	62%	54%	57%	49%	73%	58%	41%
Marijuana	26	46	18	23	27	25	17	25	31
BOTH (VOL)	14	15	13	15	12	17	8	11	17
NEITHER (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
DK/NA	6	5	7	7	3	9	2	5	10