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**BLOOMBERG TOPS LIST OF NEW YORKERS IN LIMELIGHT,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NEW YORK STATE POLL FINDS;
GILLIBRAND APPROVAL RATING DROPS**

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg tops the list of New York State political leaders who have announced, or who are rumored to be interested, in running for president, or pushing into the national limelight, as 28 percent of voters statewide say Bloomberg would make the best president of anyone on the list, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Bloomberg is the choice of 34 percent of independent voters, 27 percent of Democrats and 24 percent of Republicans, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. He leads among men, with 30 percent, and women, with 26 percent.

Looking at other contenders:

- 17 percent say Gov. Andrew Cuomo would make the best president;
- 11 percent say U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand would make the best president;
- 7 percent say U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who won't be old enough until 2024, would make the best president;
- 5 percent say New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio would make the best president.

New York State voters approve 48 – 40 percent of the job Gov. Cuomo is doing, compared to 49 – 43 percent in a July 18 Quinnipiac University Poll.

Sen. Gillibrand gets a 46 – 35 percent approval rating and a 41 – 30 percent favorability rating, her lowest scores since 2010, in her first year after she was appointed to the U.S. Senate and voters knew little about her. She had a 52 – 30 percent approval rating and a 46 – 26 percent favorability rating July 18.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer gets a 52 – 37 percent approval rating.

“While Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand sailed to re-election in November, New Yorkers aren't showing as much enthusiasm about her presidential bid in 2020. Even though she has served in the Senate for a decade, roughly a quarter of New Yorkers say they don't know enough about her to form an opinion. That number jumps to 48 percent among young voters,” said Mary Snow, polling analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg doesn’t register much higher in his favorability rating than Sen. Gillibrand. Democrats in New York, however, think he’d make a better president than anyone else on the list, except Gov. Cuomo, with whom he’s neck and neck,” Snow added.

New York State voters disapprove 67 – 29 percent of the job President Donald Trump is doing, compared to a 57 – 36 percent disapproval July 19.

Cuomo has the best favorability rating, 50 – 39 percent, among New Yorkers possibly seeking the White House. Favorability ratings for other contenders are:

- 45 – 31 percent for Bloomberg;
- 34 – 29 percent for Ocasio-Cortez;
- Negative 32 – 44 percent for de Blasio.

State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli gets a 37 – 15 percent approval rating, with 40 – 18 percent for State Attorney General Letitia James.

Legislative Pay Raises, Millionaires’ Tax

New York State voters disapprove 56 – 36 percent of the decision to give state legislators a significant salary increase while limiting their outside income.

Democrats are divided on pay raises 44 – 43 percent. Disapproval is 72 – 21 percent among Republicans and 63 – 32 percent among independent voters.

Government corruption is a “very serious” problem in New York, 47 percent of voters say, while 38 percent say it is “somewhat serious.”

Voters are divided on whether limiting outside income for state legislators will help decrease government corruption, as 48 percent say yes and 43 percent say no.

Voters support extending the millionaires’ tax 56 – 25 percent. Republicans are divided, as 38 percent support an extension, with 36 percent opposed. Every other listed party, gender, education, age and racial group supports an extension by wide margins.

From January 16 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 929 New York State voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 4.1 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. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	48%	15%	72%	40%	45%	52%	46%	37%
Disapprove	40	75	17	50	45	36	45	55
DK/NA	12	10	12	10	10	13	10	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	44%	48%	52%	52%	38%	46%	43%	61%
Disapprove	36	40	41	40	53	44	48	24
DK/NA	20	11	7	8	9	9	9	15

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	39%	58%	46%
Disapprove	50	28	45
DK/NA	11	14	9

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Charles Schumer is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	52%	11%	83%	42%	47%	58%	52%	36%
Disapprove	37	79	8	49	43	32	42	56
DK/NA	10	10	9	8	10	10	6	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	46%	56%	55%	55%	39%	52%	46%	65%
Disapprove	29	35	41	40	54	42	47	18
DK/NA	25	9	4	4	8	6	7	17

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	47%	63%	44%
Disapprove	46	26	44
DK/NA	7	12	13

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kirsten Gillibrand is handling her job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Approve	46%	15%	72%	38%	41%	51%	52%	32%
Disapprove	35	66	13	43	40	30	37	48
DK/NA	19	19	15	20	20	19	11	20
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	36%	46%	54%	48%	39%	49%	45%	51%
Disapprove	40	29	34	36	46	36	41	22
DK/NA	23	26	12	16	15	14	14	26
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	41%	56%	38%					
Disapprove	41	25	41					
DK/NA	18	19	21					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Approve	29%	70%	4%	34%	35%	24%	29%	48%
Disapprove	67	25	93	61	62	71	68	51
DK/NA	4	5	3	6	3	5	3	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	20%	25%	34%	31%	41%	32%	37%	15%
Disapprove	72	71	64	63	57	64	61	77
DK/NA	8	4	2	5	1	3	2	8
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	39%	15%	36%					
Disapprove	57	80	60					
DK/NA	4	5	4					

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Thomas DiNapoli is handling his job as state comptroller?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	37%	35%	39%	39%	37%	37%	42%	42%
Disapprove	15	19	8	19	14	15	11	14
DK/NA	48	46	53	42	49	47	47	44
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	24%	36%	43%	46%	41%	43%	42%	30%
Disapprove	26	15	14	7	12	12	12	18
DK/NA	50	49	43	47	47	45	46	52
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	47%	29%	35%					
Disapprove	11	18	17					
DK/NA	42	54	48					

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Letitia James is handling her job as state attorney general?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	40%	17%	57%	32%	37%	43%	40%	26%
Disapprove	18	30	7	23	22	14	18	23
DK/NA	42	53	36	45	41	43	42	51
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	43%	46%	41%	36%	31%	38%	35%	52%
Disapprove	21	15	19	16	25	15	20	14
DK/NA	36	39	40	47	44	47	46	35
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	33%	49%	36%					
Disapprove	20	15	19					
DK/NA	48	35	45					

7. Is your opinion of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No	
Favorable	34%	6%	54%	30%	36%	33%	39%	13%	
Unfavorable	29	60	8	35	35	23	34	40	
Hvn't hrd enough	35	31	37	33	27	42	26	46	
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	
Favorable	43%	33%	30%	33%	29%	29%	29%	45%	
Unfavorable	21	24	33	33	44	29	36	14	
Hvn't hrd enough	35	39	34	32	26	40	34	37	
REFUSED	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	
	AREA.....								
	UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Favorable	25%	49%	25%						
Unfavorable	34	17	40						
Hvn't hrd enough	39	31	34						
REFUSED	2	3	1						

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No	
Favorable	41%	13%	63%	33%	37%	44%	50%	30%	
Unfavorable	30	63	9	38	33	27	35	39	
Hvn't hrd enough	28	24	27	28	29	28	15	30	
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	
Favorable	29%	40%	49%	45%	38%	45%	42%	41%	
Unfavorable	21	28	32	35	41	33	37	17	
Hvn't hrd enough	48	31	17	19	21	21	21	40	
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
	AREA.....								
	UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Favorable	38%	47%	34%						
Unfavorable	36	19	38						
Hvn't hrd enough	24	33	28						
REFUSED	2	1	-						

9. Is your opinion of Michael Bloomberg favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	45%	26%	56%	46%	46%	43%	53%	30%
Unfavorable	31	49	19	31	35	27	27	42
Hvn't hrd enough	20	21	21	19	16	24	16	26
REFUSED	4	3	3	3	3	5	4	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	30%	46%	49%	53%	47%	42%	44%	47%
Unfavorable	36	29	32	27	37	28	32	27
Hvn't hrd enough	27	22	16	16	13	26	20	22
REFUSED	8	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	28%	54%	55%					
Unfavorable	33	32	26					
Hvn't hrd enough	36	12	10					
REFUSED	3	3	8					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	50%	14%	75%	44%	49%	52%	46%	34%
Unfavorable	39	75	17	48	42	36	47	56
Hvn't hrd enough	8	9	6	5	6	9	4	8
REFUSED	3	1	2	3	3	2	4	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	46%	49%	54%	55%	35%	46%	41%	68%
Unfavorable	32	41	42	40	54	46	50	20
Hvn't hrd enough	20	5	3	3	6	5	6	11
REFUSED	2	5	1	2	4	2	3	2
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	39%	64%	45%					
Unfavorable	51	25	45					
Hvn't hrd enough	8	8	8					
REFUSED	3	3	2					

11. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	32%	5%	54%	22%	32%	31%	24%	15%
Unfavorable	44	66	25	57	48	41	51	50
Hvn't hrd enough	22	27	19	19	19	24	23	33
REFUSED	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	29%	32%	33%	32%	22%	18%	20%	51%
Unfavorable	41	49	45	43	54	48	51	33
Hvn't hrd enough	29	19	17	23	22	31	27	14
REFUSED	1	1	5	3	2	3	3	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	17%	50%	23%
Unfavorable	37	40	64
Hvn't hrd enough	43	8	11
REFUSED	2	3	2

12. Which of the following New York politicians do you think would make the best president: Kirsten Gillibrand, Andrew Cuomo, Michael Bloomberg, Bill de Blasio, or Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Gillibrand	11%	3%	16%	9%	9%	13%	19%	10%
Cuomo	17	5	26	15	16	18	10	13
Bloomberg	28	24	27	34	30	26	37	20
de Blasio	5	4	6	3	4	6	1	3
Ocasio-Cortez	7	1	8	8	7	6	5	3
DK/NA	33	63	17	30	34	32	28	51

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non	
					Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Gillibrand	7%	9%	15%	11%	11%	19%	16%	4%
Cuomo	18	20	16	17	9	13	11	27
Bloomberg	22	29	25	33	35	26	30	24
de Blasio	6	5	5	4	2	2	2	10
Ocasio-Cortez	18	8	3	2	5	5	5	11
DK/NA	29	29	35	34	38	36	37	24

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Gillibrand	16%	8%	8%
Cuomo	12	22	16
Bloomberg	16	30	42
de Blasio	4	6	2
Ocasio-Cortez	5	12	2
DK/NA	46	23	30

16. As you may know, New York State's so called "millionaires' tax" is set to expire in December. Do you think the state should extend the millionaires' tax or end the millionaires' tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Extend	56%	38%	68%	53%	56%	56%	59%	46%
End	25	36	15	32	29	21	23	32
DK/NA	19	26	17	15	15	23	19	22

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non	
					Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Extend	60%	56%	56%	58%	55%	54%	54%	62%
End	22	27	26	22	30	23	26	20
DK/NA	17	17	18	20	15	24	20	18

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Extend	49%	63%	54%
End	25	23	27
DK/NA	26	14	19

18. 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	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	47%	68%	27%	59%	48%	45%	41%	57%
Smwht serious	38	25	50	34	33	43	44	34
Not too serious	10	3	17	4	12	8	10	6
Not a problem at all	2	1	4	1	3	1	2	-
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very serious	48%	51%	46%	43%	50%	44%	47%	46%
Smwht serious	40	36	37	41	36	44	40	36
Not too serious	9	9	12	10	9	8	9	12
Not a problem at all	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	4
DK/NA	1	3	2	4	3	3	3	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very serious	52%	37%	55%
Smwht serious	38	43	31
Not too serious	6	14	9
Not a problem at all	2	3	1
DK/NA	3	2	5

19. As you may know, ethics reforms are being considered in Albany. What comes closer to your point of view: that ethics reforms will make a significant difference in fighting corruption in Albany, ethics reforms will make a difference but not a significant one, or ethics reforms won't make too much of a difference in fighting corruption in Albany?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Significant diff	24%	18%	31%	19%	25%	23%	22%	24%
Diff but not sign	37	37	42	34	35	39	48	36
No difference	29	38	17	40	32	27	23	31
DK/NA	9	7	10	7	8	11	7	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Significant diff	17%	24%	30%	22%	25%	21%	23%	25%
Diff but not sign	40	40	34	37	36	50	43	30
No difference	30	31	28	30	33	20	26	34
DK/NA	13	5	8	10	6	9	8	10

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Significant diff	22%	27%	21%
Diff but not sign	41	34	38
No difference	28	29	31
DK/NA	9	10	10

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to give New York State lawmakers a significant increase in salary while limiting their outside income?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	36%	21%	44%	32%	36%	36%	45%	22%
Disapprove	56	72	43	63	55	56	48	73
DK/NA	9	7	12	5	9	8	7	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	30%	41%	35%	39%	39%	33%	36%	36%
Disapprove	53	56	60	55	53	61	57	53
DK/NA	17	4	5	7	7	6	6	11
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	31%	40%	35%					
Disapprove	61	48	59					
DK/NA	8	11	6					

21. Do you think that limiting outside income for New York State lawmakers will help to decrease corruption in state government, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Yes/Help decrease	48%	37%	57%	44%	49%	48%	54%	35%
No	43	54	33	53	42	44	39	59
DK/NA	8	9	10	3	9	8	7	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes/Help decrease	46%	55%	52%	43%	51%	43%	47%	51%
No	43	41	41	48	41	52	46	37
DK/NA	11	4	7	9	8	6	7	11
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes/Help decrease	44%	53%	48%					
No	50	37	43					
DK/NA	6	10	9					