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**NEW YORK STATE VOTERS SPLIT ON PLASTIC BAG BAN,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
7-1 SUPPORT FOR RED-FLAGGING RISKY GUN OWNERS**

Wide gender and racial gaps leave New York State voters divided on the issue of banning plastic shopping bags, with 48 percent in support and 47 percent opposed, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Women support a bag ban 53 – 44 percent, with men opposed 50 – 42 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. White voters support a ban 51 – 44 percent, with non-white voters opposed 50 – 43 percent. Support is 58 – 34 percent among Democrats while opposition is 61 – 36 percent among Republicans and 53 – 44 percent among independent voters.

Upstate voters support a bag ban 52 – 44 percent. New York City voters are divided with 46 percent supporting a ban and 49 percent opposed. Suburban voters also are divided, as 45 percent support a ban, with 48 percent opposed.

New York State voters support 84 – 12 percent a so-called “Red Flag” bill, allowing police, family members or educators to petition a judge to remove guns from a person who may be at risk of violent behavior. By a similar 82 – 15 percent, voters support extending the waiting period for gun purchases from three days to 10 days.

“Given that more Democrats support a ban on plastic bags, what’s surprising is that opposition is greater in New York City than it is in upstate New York,” said Mary Snow, polling analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“A broad question about stricter gun laws in the state masks how New Yorkers rate individual measures. Only 29 percent of Republicans support the generic ‘stricter gun laws,’ while 90 percent of Democrats support them. But when asked about specific proposals such as extending waiting periods on gun purchases or the so-called ‘Red Flag’ bill, Republican support surges past 60 percent.”

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New York State voters agree 77 – 19 percent with the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v . Wade decision and support 73 – 22 percent updating state law to further protect a woman’s right to choose.

Congestion Pricing, Single Payer Health Care Plan

A split between suburban and New York City voters leaves all New York State voters split 45 – 44 percent on the “Congestion Pricing” plan, to charge a fee for cars and trucks entering the most congested areas of Manhattan and using the funds to improve buses and subways.

New York City voters support the measure 54 – 42 percent. Suburban voters are opposed 55 – 40 percent, with upstate voters divided 38 – 39 percent.

By a narrow 45 – 40 percent, New York State voters oppose establishing a single payer health care system. Men and women are almost identical in their opposition. Democrats support the idea 57 – 21 percent. Opposition is 76 – 13 percent among Republicans and 57 – 34 percent among independent voters.

If a single payer plan decreases health insurance costs while increasing taxes, voters remain opposed 50 – 42 percent.

Voters support 70 – 27 percent, with strong support from every listed party, gender, education, age, racial and regional group, raising the minimum age to buy tobacco products or e-cigarettes from 18 to 21 years old.

Legalized Marijuana

New York State voters support 65 – 31 percent allowing adults to legally possess small amounts of marijuana. Voters also support 59 – 38 percent, with similar results among New York City, upstate and suburban voters, the sale of legal marijuana in their community.

But 54 percent of voters say they “definitely” will not try marijuana if it is legal, and 58 percent are concerned that marijuana use will lead to increased auto accidents.

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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13. Do you support or oppose a plan to charge a fee for cars and trucks entering the most congested areas of Manhattan and using the money to pay for improvements to New York City subways and buses?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	45%	30%	58%	37%	43%	47%	50%	32%
Oppose	44	58	32	53	46	42	40	53
DK/NA	11	12	10	10	11	11	11	14
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	62%	39%	42%	42%	43%	43%	43%	51%
Oppose	33	49	45	46	47	44	45	41
DK/NA	5	11	13	11	11	14	12	8
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	38%	54%	40%					
Oppose	39	42	55					
DK/NA	22	4	5					

14. Would you support or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in New York State with a single payer system, in which all New York residents would get their health insurance from one state government plan?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	40%	13%	57%	34%	39%	40%	41%	34%
Oppose	45	76	21	57	46	44	46	53
DK/NA	16	11	22	9	15	16	12	12
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	36%	47%	38%	39%	38%	39%	39%	42%
Oppose	44	40	49	46	53	46	49	36
DK/NA	20	13	14	15	9	15	12	22
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	33%	50%	32%					
Oppose	51	33	56					
DK/NA	16	18	12					

15. Would you support or oppose a single payer system if it decreased health insurance costs, but also increased taxes?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Support	42%	12%	63%	33%	43%	41%	45%	28%
Oppose	50	80	29	59	50	50	47	65
DK/NA	8	8	7	8	7	9	8	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	57%	41%	37%	37%	39%	37%	38%	49%
Oppose	39	52	55	51	55	53	54	43
DK/NA	5	6	9	11	6	9	8	8

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	31%	58%	30%
Oppose	60	35	60
DK/NA	9	7	10

17. As you may know, there is currently a 2 percent per year cap on increases to local property taxes. Would you support or oppose making this cap permanent?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Support	59%	65%	56%	62%	61%	57%	68%	58%
Oppose	29	27	29	28	28	30	22	28
DK/NA	12	8	15	9	11	13	9	14

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	45%	64%	63%	64%	65%	64%	65%	50%
Oppose	37	28	29	25	25	24	24	37
DK/NA	18	8	8	11	10	12	11	12

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	64%	54%	58%
Oppose	23	33	32
DK/NA	13	13	10

22. Do you support or oppose raising the minimum age for buying tobacco products and e-cigarettes from 18 to 21 in New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	70%	66%	75%	69%	65%	74%	69%	61%
Oppose	27	30	23	28	33	23	27	34
DK/NA	3	4	3	3	2	3	4	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	70%	65%	71%	74%	61%	70%	66%	76%
Oppose	27	32	27	24	35	25	30	23
DK/NA	4	2	3	3	4	4	4	1
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	64%	72%	74%					
Oppose	33	25	23					
DK/NA	4	2	3					

23. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	64%	29%	90%	54%	55%	72%	64%	46%
Oppose	34	69	9	45	44	26	35	53
DK/NA	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	70%	62%	63%	63%	48%	65%	57%	77%
Oppose	29	38	36	34	51	34	42	21
DK/NA	1	-	1	3	1	1	1	2
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	48%	80%	62%					
Oppose	50	19	37					
DK/NA	2	2	1					

24. Would you support or oppose extending the current waiting period on gun purchases from 3 days to 10 days?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No
Support	82%	66%	90%	83%	76%	88%	85%	75%
Oppose	15	29	8	16	20	10	14	24
DK/NA	3	5	3	2	3	2	2	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	84%	82%	81%	85%	73%	87%	81%	87%
Oppose	13	15	16	12	25	11	18	8
DK/NA	3	4	3	2	1	2	2	5

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	75%	88%	84%
Oppose	22	8	15
DK/NA	3	4	1

25. Do you support or oppose a ban on gun modifications that can make a semi-automatic gun work more like an automatic gun?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No
Support	64%	51%	73%	60%	65%	63%	76%	55%
Oppose	32	40	24	36	30	33	21	40
DK/NA	5	9	3	4	5	4	3	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	63%	65%	69%	58%	68%	69%	68%	57%
Oppose	33	31	27	36	29	27	28	37
DK/NA	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	6

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	62%	63%	66%
Oppose	33	32	29
DK/NA	5	5	5

26. Do you support or oppose allowing the police, family members, or educators to petition a judge to remove guns from a person that may be at risk for violent behavior?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes	No
Support	84%	67%	93%	84%	78%	89%	86%	74%	
Oppose	12	29	3	14	18	7	10	19	
DK/NA	4	4	4	2	4	4	3	7	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	
Support	85%	87%	80%	88%	76%	87%	82%	88%	
Oppose	13	10	15	8	20	8	13	9	
DK/NA	3	2	5	4	4	5	5	3	
	AREA.....								
	UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Support	77%	89%	84%						
Oppose	18	8	11						
DK/NA	5	3	5						

27. Would you support or oppose a state law that would ban stores from providing plastic bags to shoppers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes	No
Support	48%	36%	58%	44%	42%	53%	56%	42%	
Oppose	47	61	34	53	50	44	40	52	
DK/NA	6	3	8	3	8	4	4	6	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	
Support	50%	40%	52%	50%	48%	54%	51%	43%	
Oppose	43	57	44	45	47	42	44	50	
DK/NA	7	3	4	5	5	4	5	7	
	AREA.....								
	UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Support	52%	46%	45%						
Oppose	44	49	48						
DK/NA	4	6	7						

28. 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	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	65%	52%	77%	59%	67%	64%	67%	60%
Oppose	31	44	20	35	30	31	29	36
DK/NA	4	4	3	5	4	5	4	4
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	84%	68%	65%	52%	67%	62%	64%	67%
Oppose	16	27	30	44	29	34	32	29
DK/NA	1	5	4	3	4	4	4	3
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	64%	69%	59%					
Oppose	32	27	34					
DK/NA	4	3	6					

29. Would you support or oppose the sale of legal marijuana in your community?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	59%	45%	71%	52%	60%	58%	64%	53%
Oppose	38	53	27	44	36	39	34	45
DK/NA	3	2	3	4	4	3	2	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	72%	61%	61%	47%	60%	60%	60%	58%
Oppose	25	35	36	50	37	39	38	37
DK/NA	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	5
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	58%	62%	56%					
Oppose	37	36	41					
DK/NA	5	2	3					

30. If marijuana were legalized for recreational use in New York State would you definitely try it, probably try it, probably not try it, or definitely not try it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Definitely try	12%	8%	15%	5%	14%	9%	12%	8%
Probably try	16	17	17	16	16	16	13	19
Probably not try	16	11	18	16	16	16	20	12
Definitely not try	54	59	48	63	51	58	52	57
DK/NA	3	5	2	-	4	2	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Definitely try	15%	15%	10%	7%	16%	6%	11%	13%
Probably try	28	15	15	9	16	15	15	17
Probably not try	18	18	16	14	15	19	17	13
Definitely not try	33	51	58	68	48	59	54	55
DK/NA	6	2	1	1	5	1	3	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Definitely try	7%	15%	13%
Probably try	15	19	11
Probably not try	17	16	13
Definitely not try	56	49	60
DK/NA	4	1	3

31. Do you support or oppose erasing criminal records for marijuana possession?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Support	67%	47%	80%	62%	68%	67%	69%	57%
Oppose	26	44	14	31	25	26	25	35
DK/NA	7	9	6	7	7	8	6	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	78%	65%	68%	63%	67%	63%	65%	72%
Oppose	18	28	28	29	26	31	29	21
DK/NA	5	6	4	8	7	6	6	7

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	62%	74%	63%
Oppose	31	20	27
DK/NA	7	6	10

32. If marijuana were legalized for recreational use in New York State, would you be concerned about a potential increase in car accidents, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Yes/Concerned	58%	68%	46%	71%	58%	58%	61%	65%
No	40	31	52	27	41	40	36	33
DK/NA	2	1	3	2	2	3	3	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes/Concerned	37%	54%	61%	71%	61%	65%	63%	49%
No	63	45	35	26	37	33	35	49
DK/NA	-	1	4	3	2	2	2	2
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes/Concerned	62%	50%	65%					
No	37	47	33					
DK/NA	1	3	3					

33. In general, do you agree or disagree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Agree	77%	57%	91%	75%	77%	78%	81%	68%
Disagree	19	39	8	20	19	20	18	27
DK/NA	3	4	1	5	5	2	2	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Agree	83%	81%	79%	71%	76%	76%	76%	81%
Disagree	16	17	18	25	20	22	21	16
DK/NA	1	2	3	4	4	2	3	3
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Agree	70%	84%	78%					
Disagree	26	14	18					
DK/NA	4	2	4					

34. Would you support or oppose updating New York State law to further protect a woman's right to choose an abortion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Support	73%	45%	92%	70%	70%	76%	74%	63%
Oppose	22	46	6	25	23	21	22	31
DK/NA	5	9	2	5	6	3	4	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	80%	75%	73%	71%	68%	72%	70%	79%
Oppose	18	19	22	25	26	25	25	16
DK/NA	2	6	4	4	7	3	5	4

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	62%	84%	72%
Oppose	31	12	25
DK/NA	7	3	3