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EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN HAS MOST SUPPORT IN NEW YORK, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS BACK MINIMUM WAGE 5-1, SPLIT ON GAS DRILLING

Looking at some of the proposals Gov. Andrew Cuomo made in his State of the State Address, New York State voters offer their strongest support for state action to achieve equal pay for women, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Equal pay for women should be the highest priority for Gov. Cuomo and the State Legislature, 53 percent of voters tell the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll. Another 36 percent say it should be a high priority, but not the highest, while 10 percent say it should be a lower priority.

Among women, 60 percent say highest priority and 33 percent say high priority. Among men, 46 percent say highest and 38 percent say high.

Voter sentiments on other issues are:

- Campaign finance reform – 31 percent highest priority and 37 percent high priority;
- Bar exam-type test for teachers – 28 percent highest and 43 percent high;
- Merit pay for teacher – 26 percent highest and 45 percent high;
- Longer school day/school year – 17 percent highest and 39 percent high.

“That liberal shibboleth – equal pay for women – wins overwhelming support in this liberal state,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Even Republicans make it their top priority, although with less support than Democrats.

“Campaign finance reform edges out New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s innovative idea of a ‘Bar Exam’ for would-be teachers on the to-do list. Merit pay for teachers is next on the list and voters don’t seem to have a lot of love for more classroom time.”

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New York State voters support 80 – 17 percent raising the state’s minimum wage. Support is 61 – 35 percent among Republicans, 95 – 3 percent among Democrats and 77 – 22 percent among independent voters. Support in every income, age, educational and regional group tops 70 percent.

Natural Gas Drilling

Voters, however, remain divided on the issue of drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale as 43 percent support drilling because of the economic benefits while 42 percent oppose drilling because of environmental concerns.

Support is 48 – 40 percent upstate and 48 – 36 percent in the suburbs while New York City voters are opposed 48 – 36 percent.

“Yes, yes, yes to a hike in the minimum wage, New Yorkers say overwhelmingly in poll after poll,” Carroll said.

“With the same consistency, Quinnipiac University polls show voters are divided on drilling for natural gas. It’s a persisting issue and it continues to split voters down the middle.”

In an open-ended question, where respondents can give any answer, 32 percent of New York votes say the economy is the most important problem facing the Empire State, followed by 17 percent who list taxes, 9 percent who cite education and 7 percent who say the state budget.

From January 23 – 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,127 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, Ohio, Virginia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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6. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New York State today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Very satisfied	7%	2%	11%	5%	6%	7%	4%	11%
Smwht satisfied	43	28	56	40	41	46	43	38
Smwht dissatisfied	24	28	19	27	26	23	24	33
Very dissatisfied	25	42	12	29	27	23	27	18
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	Rep No	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC <50K	50-100	>100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	35-54	55+
Very satisfied	6%	7%	9%	5%	1%	10%	3%	8%
Smwht satisfied	53	38	40	46	51	46	46	42
Smwht dissatisfied	24	24	26	25	23	29	24	23
Very dissatisfied	16	30	24	22	24	16	27	26
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1

	AREA..... UpStat	NYC	Sub	Union HsHld
Very satisfied	3%	10%	8%	4%
Smwht satisfied	33	53	46	45
Smwht dissatisfied	28	18	27	26
Very dissatisfied	34	19	18	25
DK/NA	1	1	1	-

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New York State today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Jan 31 2013	Dec 12 2102	Sep 12 2012	Jul 26 2012	May 31 2012	VERY+SMWHT SAT High Feb 25 1998	Low Jun 23 2010
Very satisfied	7	5	5	4	6	13	1
Smwht satisfied	43	50	47	42	46	60	18
Smwht dissatisfied	24	29	30	33	28	20	33
Very dissatisfied	25	15	17	21	18	7	47
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

7. What do you think is the most important problem facing New York State today? (Trend information is available upon request back through Aug 1997)

	Tot
Economy Total	32%
Economy general	6
Unemployment/jobs	23
Cost of living	1
Economy other	2
Taxes Total	17%
Taxes general	11
Property tax	3
Income Tax	1
Taxes other	2
Education Total	9%
Education general	3
Funding education	3
Teachers	1
Education other	2
Budget Total	7%
Budget general	2
Gov too big/Gov spending	2
Budget deficits	1
Budget priorities	1
Budget other	1
Gun control	4%
Politicians Total	4%
Politicians/Campaigns general	1
Governor/State leadership/Legislature	1
Political corruption	1
Politicians other	1
Healthcare/Costs/Ins/HMO's	3%
Hurricane Sandy Recovery	3%
Crime Total	2%
Crime/Violence general	1
Crime other	1
Hydrofracking/Natural Gas Drilling	1%
Welfare	1%
Pension	1%
Housing general	1%
Energy crisis/Gas prices general	1%
Environment/Pollution	1%
Other	4%
DK/NA	6%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling the state budget?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	53%	47%	61%	47%	54%	51%	56%	48%
Disapprove	31	35	21	39	32	30	29	35
DK/NA	16	18	18	14	14	18	16	17

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+
Approve	62%	47%	47%
Disapprove	25	35	34
DK/NA	14	18	19

	AREA.....	Union
	UpStat NYC Sub	HsHld
Approve	46%	54%
Disapprove	38	26
DK/NA	16	20

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling the state budget?

	APPROVE.....						
	Jan 31	Feb 15	Dec 20	Oct 26	Sep 20	High	Low
	2013	2012	2011	2011	2011	Sep 20	Jan 31
						2011	2013
Approve	53	57	56	57	62	62	53
Disapprove	31	31	32	29	25	25	31
DK/NA	16	12	12	14	13	13	16

9. Governor Andrew Cuomo has pledged that in trying to balance the state's budget that he will not raise taxes. Do you think Andrew Cuomo should have made this pledge or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	55%	66%	50%	53%	53%	56%	56%	57%
No	39	28	42	42	41	37	38	33
DK/NA	7	6	8	5	6	7	6	10

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+
Yes	54%	55%	52%
No	40	38	40
DK/NA	6	7	8

	AREA.....	Union
	UpStat NYC Sub	HsHld
Yes	55%	53%
No	39	40
DK/NA	6	8

TREND: Governor Andrew Cuomo has pledged that in trying to balance the state's budget that he will not raise taxes. Do you think Andrew Cuomo should have made this pledge or not?

	Jan 31 2013	Feb 23 2011
Yes	55	46
No	39	48
DK/NA	7	6

10. Do you think Andrew Cuomo will be able to keep this pledge or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	31%	25%	38%	26%	31%	30%	27%	44%
No	56	63	46	63	59	53	59	44
DK/NA	14	12	16	10	10	17	14	12

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Yes	34%	28%	28%	30%	33%	26%	31%	33%
No	52	58	59	57	59	63	60	50
DK/NA	14	13	14	13	8	11	10	17

	AREA..... UpStat	NYC	Sub	Union HsHld
Yes	23%	36%	36%	32%
No	65	48	53	56
DK/NA	12	17	10	12

TREND: Do you think Andrew Cuomo will be able to keep this pledge or not?

	Jan 31 2013	Feb 23 2011
Yes	31	29
No	56	60
DK/NA	14	11

16. 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	Wht	Blk
Drilling	43%	63%	28%	49%	53%	34%	47%	34%
No drilling	42	21	55	42	35	48	39	53
DK/NA	15	16	17	10	12	17	13	13

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Drilling	36%	48%	42%	44%	43%	36%	45%	46%
No drilling	53	36	39	44	46	47	44	39
DK/NA	12	16	18	12	10	17	11	15

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16. (cont'd) 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?

	AREA.....		Union	
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	HsHld
Drilling	48%	36%	48%	41%
No drilling	40	48	36	47
DK/NA	13	16	16	12

TREND: 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? (* Low also 43% Jul 2012)

	DRILLING.....						
					High		Low
	Jan 31	Dec 13	Sep 12	Jul 26	Dec 21	Aug 11	Jan 31
	2013	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2013
Drilling	43	44	45	43	44	47	43
No drilling	42	42	41	44	45	42	42
DK/NA	15	15	13	13	11	12	15

17. Would you support or oppose raising the minimum wage in New York State, which is now \$7.25 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	80%	61%	95%	77%	75%	85%	76%	95%
Oppose	17	35	3	22	23	12	21	3
DK/NA	2	4	2	1	2	3	2	2

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Support	82%	79%	85%	78%	78%	79%	83%	80%
Oppose	16	19	14	20	20	20	16	18
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3

	AREA.....		Union	
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	HsHld
Support	73%	87%	81%	86%
Oppose	24	10	18	13
DK/NA	3	2	1	1

TREND: Would you support or oppose raising the minimum wage in New York State, which is now \$7.25 an hour?

	Jan 31	Dec 13	May 30	Apr 04
	2013	2012	2012	2012
Support	80	80	79	78
Oppose	17	18	18	20
DK/NA	2	1	2	3

18. (Intro Q18-22 rotated) Governor Cuomo made a series of proposals in his State-of-the-State speech. For each proposal I name, please tell me what kind of priority you think Cuomo and the legislature should give it; the highest priority, a high priority but not the highest, or a lower priority.

Do you think Cuomo and the legislature should give - equal pay for women the highest priority, a high priority but not the highest, or a lower priority?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Highest priority	53%	41%	61%	51%	46%	60%	50%	72%
High/Not highest	36	45	33	35	38	33	38	22
Lower priority	10	14	4	13	15	5	11	6
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	-

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Highest priority	53%	54%	57%	50%	51%	49%	52%	57%
High/Not highest	38	34	34	37	39	37	36	35
Lower priority	9	10	7	12	10	12	12	7
DK/NA	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	1

	AREA.....			Union
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	HsHld
Highest priority	50%	56%	55%	60%
High/Not highest	39	33	35	31
Lower priority	11	9	9	8
DK/NA	1	2	1	1

19. Do you think Cuomo and the legislature should give - campaign finance reform the highest priority, a high priority but not the highest, or a lower priority?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Highest priority	31%	18%	32%	36%	33%	28%	30%	34%
High/Not highest	37	41	36	37	36	39	40	37
Lower priority	27	36	28	23	27	28	26	26
DK/NA	4	5	5	4	4	4	3	4

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Highest priority	30%	31%	28%	34%	31%	19%	27%	38%
High/Not highest	39	36	40	35	41	36	41	36
Lower priority	29	27	26	29	26	42	28	22
DK/NA	1	6	6	2	2	4	4	4

	AREA.....			Union
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	HsHld
Highest priority	30%	29%	36%	32%
High/Not highest	39	39	33	40
Lower priority	27	28	27	26
DK/NA	5	5	3	2

20. Do you think Cuomo and the legislature should give - merit pay for teachers the highest priority, a high priority but not the highest, or a lower priority?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Highest priority	26%	21%	27%	27%	23%	28%	22%	38%
High/Not highest	45	44	46	45	46	43	45	42
Lower priority	27	29	24	27	28	25	30	19
DK/NA	3	6	3	1	2	4	3	2

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Highest priority	23%	27%	29%	22%	24%	30%	27%	23%
High/Not highest	48	43	42	46	47	47	45	44
Lower priority	27	26	23	31	28	19	26	30
DK/NA	2	4	5	2	1	4	2	3

	AREA..... UpStat	AREA..... NYC	AREA..... Sub	Union HsHld	HAVE <18	KIDS..... InPubSch
Highest priority	20%	29%	30%	23%	31%	31%
High/Not highest	43	47	43	44	43	42
Lower priority	34	19	26	31	23	24
DK/NA	3	5	-	1	4	2

21. Do you think Cuomo and the legislature should give - a longer school day or longer school years the highest priority, a high priority but not the highest, or a lower priority?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Highest priority	17%	11%	20%	17%	14%	19%	14%	26%
High/Not highest	39	39	40	36	38	39	37	42
Lower priority	42	49	36	45	45	39	46	31
DK/NA	3	2	4	2	2	3	3	1

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Highest priority	14%	18%	21%	15%	13%	13%	15%	20%
High/Not highest	38	39	37	38	41	40	37	39
Lower priority	45	39	39	45	45	45	45	37
DK/NA	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	4

	AREA..... UpStat	AREA..... NYC	AREA..... Sub	Union HsHld	HAVE <18	KIDS..... InPubSch
Highest priority	18%	17%	15%	16%	13%	15%
High/Not highest	38	39	39	34	39	36
Lower priority	43	40	44	48	45	46
DK/NA	2	4	2	2	3	3

22. Do you think Cuomo and the legislature should give - a bar-exam type test for all prospective teachers the highest priority, a high priority but not the highest, or a lower priority?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Highest priority	28%	21%	28%	29%	24%	32%	22%	45%
High/Not highest	43	46	42	45	43	43	45	39
Lower priority	26	29	26	25	30	22	31	16
DK/NA	3	5	4	1	3	3	2	1

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Highest priority	21%	32%	33%	23%	23%	36%	27%	24%
High/Not highest	44	42	43	46	43	38	42	47
Lower priority	31	23	21	28	31	23	28	26
DK/NA	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	4

	AREA..... UpStat	NYC	Sub	Union HsHld	HAVE <18	KIDS..... InPubSch
Highest priority	22%	34%	30%	29%	33%	33%
High/Not highest	46	40	40	41	41	42
Lower priority	30	20	29	28	22	20
DK/NA	3	6	1	2	4	5

23. Do you think Cuomo's proposals are mostly about doing what is best for New York State or mostly about gaining political advantage in a possible Presidential campaign?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Best for NYS	47%	35%	59%	41%	42%	52%	47%	53%
Political advantage	44	57	30	52	50	38	45	37
DK/NA	9	8	11	7	8	10	8	10

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Best for NYS	51%	45%	44%	45%	52%	41%	46%	52%
Political advantage	40	46	46	46	41	49	47	38
DK/NA	9	9	10	9	7	10	7	10

	AREA..... UpStat	NYC	Sub	Union HsHld
Best for NYS	41%	51%	52%	46%
Political advantage	52	38	38	48
DK/NA	8	11	10	6