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CUOMO THUMPS TRUMP, ASTORINO IN NEW YORK GOV RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; CLINTON RUNS BETTER AGAINST CHRISTIE IN 2016 RACE

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has a 63 – 28 percent job approval rating, higher than the current scores for any governor in the nine states surveyed by Quinnipiac University, and tops either of two possible Republican challengers to his reelection by margins of more than 2-1, according to a poll released today.

Gov. Cuomo buries Donald Trump 63 – 26 percent and tops Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino 58 – 24 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Cuomo deserves to be reelected, New York State voters say 59 – 31 percent. The governor gets 59 – 28 percent favorability rating, compared to negative 27 – 60 percent favorability for Trump. Astorino remains largely unknown as 86 percent of voters haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion.

The governor gets high grades on character traits as voters say:

- 75 – 21 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 62 – 30 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 51 – 42 percent that he cares about their needs and problems.

“Take your pick: Gov. Andrew Cuomo, an opponent nobody knows or an opponent nobody likes. It comes out the same either way: Gov. Cuomo trounces Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, the unknown, or Donald Trump, the unliked,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“New Yorkers think their governor does a good job and that he deserves a second term, and they say he scores high on all the standard traits that pollsters measure.”

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New York State voters give Cuomo mixed grades on handling issues that usually pull down approval ratings for other governors: A split 45 – 43 percent job approval for handling taxes and a split 46 – 45 percent score for his handling of the economy and jobs.

Cuomo’s positive grades include 52 – 31 percent approval for handling ethics in government and 49 – 32 percent approval for handling energy and the environment. By a narrower 44 – 39 percent, voters approve Cuomo’s handling of gun policy.

New York State voters give the State Legislature a negative 28 – 57 percent job approval rating, but say 46 – 25 percent that their State Assembly member deserves reelection and 54 – 28 percent that their state senator deserves another shot.

In an early look at the 2016 presidential campaign, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton tops New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie 58 – 31 percent, leading among all groups except Republicans.

Cuomo tops Christie 50 – 34 percent, with 79 – 11 percent support among Democrats. Republicans go to Christie 69 – 19 percent while independent voters are divided, with 39 percent for Cuomo and 38 percent for Christie. New York City voters back Cuomo 63 – 23 percent, while upstate voters are divided 40 – 39 percent and suburban voters go 46 percent for Cuomo and 42 percent for Christie.

“We’re two years away from the New Hampshire Primary, but people will gossip about politics and for now New Yorkers put former Secretary of State – and former New York Senator – Hillary Clinton, and current Favorite Son Andrew Cuomo ahead of Christie,” Carroll said.

President Obama, Sen. Schumer, Sen. Gillibrand Approval Ratings

New York State voters approve 52 – 44 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, compared to a negative 47 – 49 percent approval rating November 26.

Voters approve 61 – 24 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is doing and give U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand a 58 – 19 percent approval rating.

“He’s down in Quinnipiac University’s national polls and polls of other states, but New Yorkers keep President Barack Obama above water in his approval ratings,” Carroll said.

From February 6 – 10, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,488 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.5 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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1. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Rob Astorino the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	58%	27%	86%	50%	55%	60%	49%	70%	54%
Astorino	24	55	5	25	29	20	31	15	28
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	4	2	2	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	1
DK/NA	13	14	8	17	11	15	14	11	14

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Rob Astorino the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013
Cuomo	58	56
Astorino	24	25
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2
DK/NA	13	15

2. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	63%	32%	89%	58%	59%	66%	51%	76%	61%
Trump	26	56	5	28	30	22	35	13	30
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	2	3	2	4	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	4	3	3	4	3	2
DK/NA	6	8	3	8	5	7	6	6	7

3. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	50%	19%	79%	39%	46%	53%	40%	63%	46%
Christie	34	69	11	38	38	30	39	23	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	5	4	3	6	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	2	6	4	5	5	4	3
DK/NA	9	6	7	12	8	10	10	8	6

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013
Cuomo	50	46
Christie	34	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3
DK/NA	9	10

4. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Clinton	58%	20%	86%	53%	51%	65%	51%	72%	50%
Christie	31	70	8	34	38	26	37	21	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	4	4	1	3	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	1	2	3	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	5	3	4	6	5	5	6	4	6

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013
Clinton	58	59
Christie	31	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2
DK/NA	5	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	59%	40%	76%	56%	57%	61%	50%	68%	61%
Unfavorable	28	50	9	31	32	24	41	13	29
Hvn't hrd enough	10	7	12	10	9	12	6	16	9
REFUSED	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	4	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Andrew Cuomo favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? (*High also 63% Apr 2009 and Feb 2009/**"Governor Andrew Cuomo")

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	Mar 19 2013	Jan 26 2011**	Sep 01 2010	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Jun 24 2009*	Low Jan 26 2011**
Favorable	59	55	52	47	54	63	47
Unfavorable	28	27	27	11	21	15	11
Hvn't hrd enough	10	14	17	36	22	20	36
REFUSED	3	3	3	6	3	2	6

6. Is your opinion of Rob Astorino favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	8%	13%	4%	10%	9%	6%	6%	6%	12%
Unfavorable	6	1	7	7	6	6	5	5	9
Hvn't hrd enough	86	85	88	83	84	87	88	88	78
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Rob Astorino favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013
Favorable	8	10
Unfavorable	6	5
Hvn't hrd enough	86	84
REFUSED	1	-

7. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	27%	46%	13%	26%	29%	24%	33%	18%	29%
Unfavorable	60	37	76	60	59	61	54	67	59
Hvn't hrd enough	11	15	10	11	10	13	11	13	10
REFUSED	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	41%	65%	28%	41%	46%	36%	42%	35%	49%
Unfavorable	38	16	50	40	35	41	35	43	37
Hvn't hrd enough	18	16	20	16	16	20	21	18	12
REFUSED	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2

Trend: Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013
Favorable	41	55
Unfavorable	38	17
Hvn't hrd enough	18	27
REFUSED	3	2

10. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	65%	32%	91%	60%	59%	70%	58%	78%	55%
Unfavorable	30	61	6	34	35	25	37	16	40
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	2	4	4	3	3	4	2
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013	Jun 11 2008	Apr 18 2008	Mar 21 2008	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Mar 19 2013	Low Apr 18 2008
Favorable	65	71	53	48	53	71	48
Unfavorable	30	24	40	45	40	24	45
Hvn't hrd enough	3	5	4	5	5	5	5
REFUSED	2	-	3	2	3	-	2

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	63%	45%	81%	58%	61%	65%	55%	72%	65%
Disapprove	28	47	13	30	33	25	40	15	29
DK/NA	8	8	6	11	6	10	6	13	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as Governor?

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Mar 19 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 12 2012	Low Jun 05 2013
Approve	63	62	53	57	55	74	53
Disapprove	28	25	30	29	27	13	30
DK/NA	8	14	17	15	18	13	17

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	61%	44%	78%	58%	59%	63%	55%	68%	59%
Disapprove	24	44	6	30	30	20	29	15	31
DK/NA	15	12	16	12	11	18	15	16	10

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Charles Schumer is handling his job as United States Senator? (*High also 69% Oct 2001)

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Mar 19 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 08 2004*	Low Apr 15 1999
Approve	61	60	59	64	61	69	51
Disapprove	24	30	30	26	27	16	22
DK/NA	15	10	11	10	13	15	28

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	58%	47%	69%	55%	55%	60%	57%	59%	55%
Disapprove	19	31	6	23	26	13	25	14	18
DK/NA	23	22	24	22	19	27	18	27	26

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

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Mar 19 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Dec 12 2012	Feb 17 2009
Approve	58	57	55	57	57	61	28
Disapprove	19	24	24	21	21	18	10
DK/NA	23	19	21	21	22	21	62

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	52%	14%	82%	43%	48%	55%	44%	68%	40%
Disapprove	44	83	14	51	48	41	53	27	57
DK/NA	4	2	3	6	4	4	4	5	3

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Mar 19 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Feb 19 2009	Aug 12 2011
Approve	52	47	55	55	57	72	45
Disapprove	44	49	41	41	39	17	49
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	4	10	6

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	28%	22%	38%	20%	29%	27%	24%	33%	27%
Disapprove	57	64	46	66	59	56	64	48	60
DK/NA	15	13	16	14	12	17	12	19	13

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Apr 17 2013	Mar 19 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 12 2012	Low Sep 01 2010
Approve	28	34	27	30	30	35	15
Disapprove	57	53	60	57	55	46	75
DK/NA	15	13	13	12	15	18	9

16. Do you feel that Andrew Cuomo deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes/Deserves	59%	41%	76%	54%	57%	60%	51%	67%	59%
No/Does not	31	49	15	33	35	28	40	21	32
DK/NA	10	10	9	12	8	12	9	12	9

TREND: Do you feel that Andrew Cuomo deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	Jun 05 2013
Yes/Deserves	59	59	58
No/Does not	31	31	31
DK/NA	10	11	11

17. Do you feel that your state assembly member deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that your state assembly member does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes/Deserves	46%	42%	53%	42%	47%	45%	49%	47%	40%
No/Does not	25	31	15	30	30	20	26	19	32
DK/NA	29	27	33	28	23	35	24	35	29

18. Do you feel that your state senator deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that your state senator does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes/Deserves	54%	44%	69%	46%	51%	56%	50%	57%	55%
No/Does not	28	44	15	31	35	22	35	19	32
DK/NA	18	12	17	23	14	22	15	24	13

TREND: Do you feel that your state senator deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that your state senator does not deserve to be reelected?

	Feb 13 2014	Jun 22 2009
Yes/Deserves	54	48
No/Does not	28	27
DK/NA	18	25

19. 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	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very satisfied	4%	3%	6%	2%	6%	3%	2%	7%	3%
Smwht satisfied	47	25	64	43	45	49	39	54	48
Smwht dissatisfied	27	35	20	30	26	28	31	23	27
Very dissatisfied	21	35	9	24	23	20	27	15	21
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	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?

	VERY+SMWHT SAT							
				High	Low			
	Feb 13	Nov 26	Jun 05	Apr 17	Mar 19	Feb 25	Jun 23	
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	1998	2010	
Very satisfied	4	5	5	5	4	13	1	
Smwht satisfied	47	45	45	40	42	60	18	
Smwht dissatisfied	27	28	26	28	29	20	33	
Very dissatisfied	21	22	23	26	23	7	47	
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - taxes?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	45%	34%	56%	43%	48%	42%	38%	53%	44%
Disapprove	43	57	30	46	42	43	50	34	45
DK/NA	12	9	13	11	9	15	12	13	11

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - the economy and jobs?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	46%	36%	58%	42%	47%	45%	45%	47%	45%
Disapprove	45	57	34	48	46	44	47	42	47
DK/NA	9	8	9	10	7	11	8	11	8

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - gun policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	44%	19%	62%	41%	42%	45%	34%	55%	43%
Disapprove	39	65	20	41	47	32	54	23	38
DK/NA	17	16	18	18	10	24	12	22	19

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling gun policy?

	Feb 13 2014	Apr 17 2013	Mar 19 2013
Approve	44	52	49
Disapprove	39	38	38
DK/NA	17	10	13

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - energy and the environment?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	49%	37%	62%	45%	50%	48%	45%	53%	48%
Disapprove	32	44	19	37	35	30	40	23	32
DK/NA	19	20	19	18	15	23	15	23	20

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	52%	42%	65%	49%	52%	53%	47%	57%	54%
Disapprove	31	45	19	34	35	28	38	23	33
DK/NA	17	13	17	17	13	20	15	20	14

27. Would you say that Andrew Cuomo - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	75%	64%	88%	72%	72%	78%	72%	78%	75%
No	21	32	8	24	25	17	26	15	21
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	3	6	2	7	4

TREND: Would you say that Andrew Cuomo has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Feb 13 2014	May 01 2002
Yes	75	32
No	21	32
DK/NA	5	36

28. Would you say that Andrew Cuomo - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	62%	50%	76%	59%	62%	62%	58%	66%	63%
No	30	44	18	32	32	29	36	24	31
DK/NA	8	6	6	9	5	10	6	9	7

TREND: Would you say that Andrew Cuomo is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Feb 13 2014	Jul 31 2007
Yes	62	58
No	30	20
DK/NA	8	22

29. Would you say that Andrew Cuomo - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	51%	34%	68%	47%	50%	52%	45%	60%	49%
No	42	60	25	47	44	40	51	30	45
DK/NA	7	6	7	6	6	8	4	10	6

30. Do you think Andrew Cuomo is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AREA.....		
							UpStat	NYC	Sub
Liberal	27%	56%	6%	30%	31%	23%	36%	16%	28%
Conservative	8	3	12	9	9	8	9	9	6
About right	55	34	74	51	52	58	46	64	55
DK/NA	10	7	8	10	8	11	9	10	11