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**CUOMO GETS LOW GRADES FOR HANDLING MASS TRANSIT,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS SUPPORT CHILD VICTIMS ACT 90 – 6 PERCENT**

New York State voters disapprove 49 – 29 percent of the way Gov. Andrew Cuomo is handling the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Disapproval is 62 – 32 percent among New York City voters, 54 – 36 percent among suburban voters and 31 – 21 percent among upstate voters, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Even Democrats disapprove 44 – 36 percent.

There are wide party and racial divisions as New York State voters oppose 49 – 43 percent a congestion pricing plan to raise money for New York City buses and subways. Upstate voters support the measure by a narrow 46 – 39 percent, while opposition is 54 – 42 percent among New York City voters and 57 – 38 percent among suburban voters.

Democrats are divided on congestion pricing, with 47 percent in favor and 44 percent opposed. Opposition is 58 – 38 percent among Republicans and 50 – 40 percent among independent voters. White voters are divided 46 – 44 percent, as non-white voters oppose congestion pricing 56 – 38 percent.

“The consensus is someone has to pay the fare for bad mass transit, and at the moment, it’s Gov. Andrew Cuomo who’s getting his political ticket punched,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

New York State voters disapprove 41 – 29 percent of Gov. Cuomo’s idea to replace the state income tax with a payroll tax to reduce the impact on New Yorkers of the new federal tax law. The idea wins only 37 – 30 percent support among Democrats.

Voters do support 59 – 34 percent Cuomo joining New Jersey and Connecticut governors in suing the federal government, claiming the new tax law discriminates against their states.

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Government corruption is a “very serious” problem in New York State, 46 percent of voters statewide say, and 37 percent say it is a “somewhat serious” problem. Another 12 percent say corruption is “not too serious” and 1 percent say it is “not a problem at all.”

Gov. Cuomo and the State Legislature will not take steps in 2018 to improve ethics in government, voters say 50 – 42 percent.

Thinking about ethics in government, 49 percent of New York State voters say Cuomo is part of the problem and 38 percent say he is part of the solution. Cuomo is part of the problem, Republicans say 77 – 15 percent and independent voters say 57 – 32 percent. The governor is part of the solution, Democrats say 54 – 30 percent.

New York State elected officials are capable of ending political corruption in Albany, 38 percent of voters say, but 47 percent say they all should be voted out of office so new officials can start with a clean slate.

More Time for Sexual Assault Lawsuits

Sexual assault is a serious problem, 92 percent of voters statewide say. Agreement is at 87 percent or higher among every listed party, gender, education, age, regional and racial group.

New York State voters support 90 – 6 percent changing state law so that victims of sexual assault, especially children, have more time to file civil lawsuits against their alleged attackers.

There is overwhelming support in every listed group of voters.

“The empathy and outrage are clearly there and New York State voters overwhelmingly want their legislators to give sexual abuse victims – especially children – more time to get justice,” Malloy said.

From February 9 – 12, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,038 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Colorado as a public service and for research.

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21. 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	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	8%	5%	11%	6%	9%	6%	7%	6%
Smwht satisfied	43	16	59	38	39	46	45	35
Smwht dissatisfied	24	30	18	30	22	26	24	24
Very dissatisfied	25	48	12	25	29	21	23	34
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very satisfied	10%	6%	7%	10%	6%	7%	6%	9%
Smwht satisfied	37	45	45	44	37	44	41	46
Smwht dissatisfied	29	17	23	26	22	26	24	24
Very dissatisfied	23	32	25	18	34	22	28	20
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very satisfied	6%	10%	6%
Smwht satisfied	38	45	46
Smwht dissatisfied	24	23	26
Very dissatisfied	30	21	23
DK/NA	1	1	-

22. Would you describe the state of New York State's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Excellent	4%	3%	5%	3%	6%	2%	4%	4%
Good	45	26	57	43	44	46	51	39
Not so good	33	42	30	33	30	35	25	32
Poor	17	29	7	18	18	16	17	24
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Excellent	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%
Good	34	48	45	50	42	50	46	43
Not so good	42	30	34	30	28	29	28	41
Poor	19	18	16	15	24	16	20	12
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	3	2	1

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Excellent	3%	6%	2%
Good	38	46	55
Not so good	33	36	27
Poor	25	12	13
DK/NA	2	1	2

23. Would you describe your financial situation these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No
Excellent	9%	8%	9%	9%	12%	7%	14%	5%
Good	54	53	56	55	53	55	64	52
Not so good	25	31	26	22	24	26	16	33
Poor	9	6	7	12	8	11	5	9
DK/NA	2	-	2	2	2	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Excellent	8%	9%	8%	12%	12%	8%	10%	8%
Good	46	57	57	57	57	60	59	47
Not so good	29	24	26	20	23	24	23	29
Poor	17	7	7	9	7	7	7	14
DK/NA	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Excellent	8%	9%	11%
Good	56	50	58
Not so good	25	26	25
Poor	9	12	5
DK/NA	2	3	-

24. Do you approve or disapprove of Andrew Cuomo's handling of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the agency responsible for mass transit in the New York Metropolitan Area, including the subways and the trains?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No
Approve	29%	22%	36%	25%	30%	29%	21%	27%
Disapprove	49	53	44	53	51	47	51	44
DK/NA	22	25	20	22	19	24	28	29

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	30%	30%	30%	27%	25%	24%	24%	38%
Disapprove	58	50	45	45	50	45	48	51
DK/NA	13	20	25	28	25	32	28	11

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	21%	32%	36%
Disapprove	31	62	54
DK/NA	47	6	10

25. 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	43%	38%	47%	40%	42%	43%	48%	43%
Oppose	49	58	44	50	51	47	43	46
DK/NA	8	4	9	10	7	10	9	11
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	47%	43%	40%	45%	46%	45%	46%	38%
Oppose	49	49	52	44	45	44	44	56
DK/NA	4	8	8	11	9	11	10	6
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	46%	42%	38%					
Oppose	39	54	57					
DK/NA	15	4	5					

26. In order to lessen the impact of recent federal tax laws on individual taxpayers in New York, Governor Cuomo would like to replace the state income tax with a payroll tax. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	29%	17%	37%	24%	30%	27%	30%	26%
Disapprove	41	60	30	47	43	40	38	45
DK/NA	30	23	32	28	27	33	31	29
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	23%	32%	31%	28%	30%	27%	28%	29%
Disapprove	44	41	42	41	43	39	41	42
DK/NA	33	28	27	31	27	34	30	29
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	26%	26%	38%					
Disapprove	43	44	34					
DK/NA	31	30	29					

27. As you may know, Governor Cuomo has joined the governors of Connecticut and New Jersey to sue the federal government over the recently passed federal tax law. They allege that the tax law discriminates against Democratic states with high local and state taxes. Do you approve or disapprove of this lawsuit?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	59%	17%	84%	50%	52%	65%	63%	43%
Disapprove	34	78	7	44	45	24	35	47
DK/NA	7	5	9	6	3	11	3	10
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	53%	61%	60%	58%	48%	59%	54%	66%
Disapprove	33	36	36	34	47	34	40	24
DK/NA	15	3	4	8	5	7	6	10
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	53%	63%	58%					
Disapprove	39	28	35					
DK/NA	7	8	6					

28. 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	46%	60%	35%	49%	47%	45%	44%	47%
Smwht serious	37	30	45	34	35	40	41	41
Not too serious	12	7	16	11	12	12	12	9
Not a problem at all	1	3	1	1	2	-	1	1
DK/NA	3	-	4	5	4	3	2	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very serious	54%	45%	45%	40%	50%	41%	45%	47%
Smwht serious	26	37	43	42	37	45	41	31
Not too serious	11	16	9	14	8	13	11	14
Not a problem at all	5	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
DK/NA	5	3	3	3	3	1	2	5
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Very serious	45%	42%	55%					
Smwht serious	43	36	30					
Not too serious	9	15	12					
Not a problem at all	1	2	1					
DK/NA	2	5	2					

29. Do you think Governor Cuomo and the state legislature will or will not take steps to improve ethics in state government in 2018?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Will take steps	42%	26%	55%	33%	33%	49%	32%	36%
Will not	50	70	35	57	58	43	61	56
DK/NA	9	4	10	10	9	8	7	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Will take steps	46%	39%	41%	42%	27%	41%	34%	54%
Will not	49	55	52	46	65	52	59	36
DK/NA	5	6	7	11	8	7	7	10

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Will take steps	34%	47%	44%
Will not	59	41	52
DK/NA	7	13	3

30. When thinking about the problem of ethics in government, do you think Andrew Cuomo is part of the problem or part of the solution?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Problem	49%	77%	30%	57%	57%	41%	56%	60%
Solution	38	15	54	32	31	44	31	26
DK/NA	13	8	16	11	12	15	12	14

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Problem	44%	48%	55%	48%	64%	52%	58%	33%
Solution	33	40	37	41	22	36	29	53
DK/NA	23	13	8	11	14	13	13	14

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Problem	61%	38%	48%
Solution	27	45	42
DK/NA	12	17	10

31. Do you think New York State elected officials are capable of ending political corruption in Albany or should all current elected officials be voted out of office so new officials can start with a clean slate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Capable	38%	21%	49%	36%	35%	41%	40%	32%
All voted out	47	70	34	52	50	45	43	57
DK/NA	14	9	17	13	15	14	17	12
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Capable	35%	39%	43%	35%	31%	42%	36%	42%
All voted out	55	47	43	46	54	44	49	44
DK/NA	10	13	14	19	15	14	14	14
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Capable	35%	41%	37%					
All voted out	49	43	52					
DK/NA	16	16	10					

32. In general, do you think that sexual assault is a serious problem, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Serious problem	92%	87%	98%	89%	89%	95%	90%	92%
No	6	11	2	9	9	4	8	8
DK/NA	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	-
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes/Serious problem	95%	92%	93%	92%	89%	93%	91%	95%
No	5	8	5	6	11	6	8	3
DK/NA	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	2
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes/Serious problem	92%	96%	87%					
No	6	4	11					
DK/NA	2	1	1					

33. Do you support or oppose changing New York State law so that victims of sexual assault, especially children, have more time to file civil lawsuits against their alleged attackers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	90%	86%	96%	88%	87%	93%	88%	87%
Oppose	6	11	2	8	9	4	7	9
DK/NA	4	3	2	5	5	3	6	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	93%	91%	89%	89%	83%	91%	87%	94%
Oppose	5	6	6	7	10	5	8	3
DK/NA	1	3	5	5	7	3	5	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	89%	92%	88%
Oppose	6	5	6
DK/NA	4	3	5