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# SUPPORT DIPS FOR CUOMO STAYING IN OFFICE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NEW YORK STATE POLL FINDS; GOV JOB APPROVAL, FAVORABILITY, HONESTY RATINGS HIT RECORD LOWS

As elected officials turn up the pressure on New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to resign over multiple allegations of sexual harassment and inappropriately touching women, nearly half of voters (49 percent) in New York say that he should <u>not</u> resign while 43 percent say he should resign, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uhpea-ack) University poll of registered voters in New York State. The poll was conducted from March  $16^{th} - 17^{th}$ . In a March  $4^{th}$  survey, voters said 55 - 40 percent he should not resign.

Today, Democrats say 67 - 23 percent he should <u>not</u> resign, 49 percent of independents say Cuomo should <u>not</u> resign with 42 percent saying he should resign, and Republicans say 72 - 26 percent he should resign.

In a separate question, voters were asked about the positions elected officials have taken about whether or not Governor Cuomo should step down. Just over 1 in 5 voters (22 percent) say they agree more with elected officials calling on Governor Cuomo to resign immediately. About three-quarters of voters (74 percent) say they agree more with elected officials saying they will wait until the New York Attorney General's independent investigation is completed before they decide whether or not to call for Governor Cuomo to resign.

"Though some of his fellow Democrats are clearly ready to usher him out the door of the Executive Mansion and point him toward the Thruway, the vast majority of the party sees a next step as necessary. They want a full investigation before deciding whether Cuomo should resign," said Quinnipiac Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

A majority of voters (54 - 36 percent) say that Cuomo should <u>not</u> be impeached and removed from office. Ten percent did not offer an opinion.

Voters are split 47 - 46 percent on whether Cuomo has lost his ability to be an effective leader, compared to March  $4^{th}$  when 43 percent said he had lost his ability to be an effective leader and 53 percent said he had <u>not</u>.

Two-thirds of voters (66 - 25 percent) say they would <u>not</u> like to see Andrew Cuomo run for reelection as Governor in 2022. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, that number was 59 - 36 percent that voters would <u>not</u> like to see him run for reelection.

#### **JOB APPROVAL & TRAITS**

Voters give Governor Cuomo a negative 39 - 48 percent job approval rating, down from a split 45 - 46 percent approval rating on March  $4^{th}$ . Today's numbers mark the lowest job approval for Cuomo since he took office in 2011.

Voters give Governor Cuomo a negative 33 – 51 percent favorability rating, his lowest favorability number since Quinnipiac University began tracking his favorability in 2008 while Cuomo served as New York Attorney General.

Nearly 6 in 10 voters (58 percent) say that Andrew Cuomo is <u>not</u> honest and trustworthy, 28 percent say he is honest and trustworthy, and 13 percent did not offer an opinion. That is his worst score since Quinnipiac University began tracking voters' views on his honesty and trustworthiness in 2007.

Voters are split (49 - 47 percent) on whether they think Cuomo cares about the needs and problems of people like them.

Voters say 61 - 34 percent that Cuomo has strong leadership qualities, his lowest number on this question since becoming governor.

"With so-so numbers on empathy and plummeting numbers on honesty and trustworthiness, it's too early to suggest Cuomo has gone from hero to zero, but his anti-COVID crusader standing has taken a brutal broadside," added Malloy.

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS

On the allegations that Governor Cuomo sexually harassed and made unwelcome sexual advances toward women, half of voters (50 percent) say they think those allegations are mostly true, 26 percent say they think the allegations are mostly <u>not</u> true, and 24 percent say they either don't know or didn't offer an opinion.

Half of voters (50 percent) say they are <u>not</u> satisfied with the way Governor Cuomo has responded to those allegations, 39 percent say they are satisfied, and 11 percent don't know or didn't offer an opinion.

### **NURSING HOMES**

Nearly 6 in 10 voters (58 percent) say they think Governor Cuomo deliberately tried to conceal the number of nursing home deaths during the coronavirus pandemic last spring, 30 percent say he did <u>not</u>, and 12 percent did not offer an opinion.

"Was there an act of deception concocted in Albany over the loss of the most vulnerable? History tells us cover-ups kill political careers... and for the moment, the voters have their concerns," added Malloy.

# COVID-19

Voters approve 54 - 41 percent of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling the response to the coronavirus.

Almost three-quarters of adults in New York say they have either been vaccinated (38 percent) or are willing to be vaccinated (36 percent), while 20 percent say they are <u>not</u> willing to be vaccinated and 6 percent say they are unsure or didn't offer an opinion.

Roughly 4 in 10 New Yorkers (44 percent) say they think the pace of reopening of the schools in their community is about right, 33 percent say it's not happening quickly enough, and 16 percent say it's happening too quickly.

## **MARIJUANA & TAXES**

Voters say by a more than 2 to 1 margin (64 - 29 percent) that they support allowing adults in New York State to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use.

Voters also support (59 - 35 percent) raising taxes on the state's highest income earners.

## OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Voters in New York approve of the way President Joe Biden is handling his job 59 - 35 percent. They also approve of the way he's handling the response to the coronavirus 69 - 26 percent.

Voters give U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer a positive 50 - 40 percent job approval rating, and give U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand a positive 44 - 33 percent job approval rating.

905 self-identified registered voters in New York were surveyed from March  $16^{th} - 17^{th}$  with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Email poll@qu.edu, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @QuinnipiacPoll. 1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as governor?

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
						COLL DEG			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	39% 48 13	11% 84 5	62% 22 16	37% 53 10	31% 56 12	46% 41 13	38% 53 8	23% 68 9	
	AGE IN 18-49		 65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	36% 47 17	40% 53 8	45% 45 9	23% 69 8	34% 56 9	29% 62 9	71% 17 12		
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	31% 56 13	48% 39 13	36% 53 11						

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

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS					
							WHITE. 4 YR CO	OLL DEG
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	50% 40 10	19% 77 4	80% 10 10	43% 47 10	42% 51 7	57% 31 12	58% 40 3	34% 57 9
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	48% 35 17	50% 46 4	58% 40 2	34% 60 6	52% 42 7	44% 50 6	82% 11 7	
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	43% 47 10	61% 30 9	40% 49 11					

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

	REGISTERED VOTERSWHITE								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR CO Yes	DLL DEG No	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	44% 33 24	24% 55 21	65% 14 21	39% 38 23	38% 40 22	48% 26 26	58% 31 12	33% 40 26	
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	42% 27 31	49% 37 14	48% 35 17	35% 43 22	50% 31 19	43% 36 20	60% 11 28		
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	44% 36 21	46% 27 27	39% 39 22						

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

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS								
							WHITE4 YR COLL DE				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No			
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	59% 35 6	21% 72 6	92% 5 3	53% 43 4	53% 42 5	64% 30 6	66% 32 2	38% 55 7			
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS 50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk				
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	60% 32 8	56% 40 4	62% 35 3	43% 51 5	54% 41 5	49% 46 5	89% 9 2				
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub								
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	50% 45 5	70% 24 5	53% 40 6								

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
							WHITE. 4 YR CO	OLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	33% 51 12 4		48% 30 19 3	33% 52 9 6	25% 61 11 3	40% 43 13 4		20% 69 9 2	
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS 50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
	32% 49 15 3	58	35% 50 11 4		26% 60 11 3	22% 67 9 3	66% 15 17 2		
		NYC	Sub						
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	26% 58 13 4	41% 42 14 3	31% 58 6 5						

6. Would you like to see Andrew Cuomo run for reelection as Governor of New York in 2022, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS										
							WHITE4 YR COLL D				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No			
Yes No DK/NA		7% 89 3		26% 64 10	71		14% 79 7	14% 81 5			
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS		WHITE. Men	 Wom	Wht	Blk				
Yes No DK/NA		25% 68 7	69		16% 78 7	14% 80 6	53% 36 10				
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub								
Yes No DK/NA	19% 74 7		20% 68 12								

7. Do you think Andrew Cuomo should resign as Governor of New York, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
					COLL DEG				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes/Should resign No DK/NA	43% 49 8	72% 26 3	23% 67 10	42% 49 9	51% 40 9			59% 34 7	
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS 50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Yes/Should resign No DK/NA	45% 47 7	47% 47 6	37% 54 9	59% 33 8	47% 45 8	53% 39 8	19% 76 5		
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Yes/Should resign No DK/NA	50% 40 10	37% 57 7	44% 48 8						

8. Do you think that Governor Cuomo should be impeached and removed from office, or don't you think so?

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
							WHITE 4 YR COLL DI			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes/Impeached No DK/NA	36% 54 10	62% 31 7	17% 72 12	37% 53 9	40% 51 9	32% 57 11	37% 52 11	51% 39 9		
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS 50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk			
Yes/Impeached No DK/NA	37% 53 10		30% 61 9	51% 40 9	41% 49 10	46% 44 10	18% 77 5			
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Yes/Impeached No DK/NA	44% 45 11	30% 62 8	32% 57 11							

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
			re R COLL DEG						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes No DK/NA	61% 34 5		82% 13 5						
	AGE IN			WHITE.		T-71- ±	D 1 1-		
	18-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Yes	60%		65%			55%			
No DK/NA	32 7	40 2	33 2	48 2	38 3	42 3	10 6		
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Yes No DK/NA	52% 44 5		61% 35 5						

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

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS					
								OLL DEG
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	28%		43%	26%	20%	36%	21%	16%
No	58	85	39	63	67	52	69	75
DK/NA	13	4	18	11	14	13	10	9
	AGE IN	YRS		WHITE.				
	18-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Yes	24%	28%	35%	14%	21%	18%	62%	
No	60	64	52	78	69	73	28	
DK/NA	16	8	12	8	10	9	10	
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	22%	36%	22%					
No	66	49	63					
DK/NA	11	14	14					
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11. Would you say that Andrew Cuomo - cares about the needs and problems of people like you, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
							WHITE. 4 YR CO	DLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes No DK/NA	47	80	19	52	58	58% 38 5	46	33% 64 3	
		YRS 50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Yes No DK/NA	48	48% 51 2	41	66		57	76% 18 6		
		NYC							
Yes No DK/NA	38% 57 5		48% 49 3						

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - Joe Biden is handling the response to the coronavirus?

	REGISTERED VOTERS										
							WHITE4 YR COLL DE				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No			
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	69% 26 5	34% 60 5	94% 4 2	70% 25 5	66% 29 6	73% 23 4	74% 21 4	55% 41 4			
	AGE IN 18-49		65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk				
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	71% 22 7	67% 29 4	72% 26 2	60% 35 5	65% 32 3	63% 33 4	96% 3 1				
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub								
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	62% 31 7	79% 19 2	64% 29 7								

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - Andrew Cuomo is handling the response to the coronavirus?

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	54% 41 6	20% 76 3	79% 15 6	52% 42 6	46% 49 5	60% 33 6	56% 42 2	39% 58 3	
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	51% 41 9	55% 43 2	60% 38 2	39% 58 3	52% 46 2	46% 52 3	83% 10 7		
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	49% 45 6	59% 35 6	50% 44 6						

# 14. (Adults) Have you gotten a COVID-19 vaccine, or not?

	ADULTS							
				WHITE4 YR COLL DEG				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	38%	35%	43%	36%	34%	41%	60%	40%
No	62	62	57	63	66	58	39	59
DK/NA	1	3	-	1	1	1	1	1
	AGE IN	YRS		WHITE.				
	18-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Yes	19%	42%	77%	45%	51%	48%	29%	
No	80	58	23	54	49	51	71	
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	45%	32%	37%					
No	54	68	62					
DK/NA	1	1	1					

14a. (Adults) Have you gotten a COVID-19 vaccine, or not? COMBINED WITH: (If no q14) Are you willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine, or not?

	ADULTS								
		WHITE 4 YR COLL							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes/Vaccinated Not vaccinated/	38%	35%	43%	36%	34%	41%	60%	40%	
Willing Not vaccinated/	36	30	43	31	40	32	30	29	
Not willing DK/NA	20 6	28 7	10 5	25 8	21 5	19 8	6 3	26 5	
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS 50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Yes/Vaccinated Not vaccinated/	19%	42%	77%	45%	51%	48%	29%		
Willing Not vaccinated/	47	32	17	34	25	29	41		
Not willing DK/NA	26 8	21 5	5 2	16 5	20	18 5	23 7		
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Yes/Vaccinated Not vaccinated/	45%	32%	37%						
Willing Not vaccinated/	26	43	39						
Not willing DK/NA	24 5	18 7	17 8						

15. (Adults) In general, do you think the pace of reopening of schools in your community is happening too quickly, not quickly enough, or at about the right pace?

	ADULTS							
								OLL DEG
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Too quickly	16%	7%	17%	18%	15%	16%	11%	10%
Not quickly enough	33	56	15	40	38	28	34	47
About right pace	44	36	62	33	39	48	49	37
DK/NA	8	1	7	9	8	7	6	5
	AGE IN	YRS						
	18-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Too quickly	19%	13%	10%		12%	11%	26%	
Not quickly enough	29	38	38	45	39	42	17	
About right pace	43	45	45	39	45	42	53	
DK/NA	9	3	7	7	4	5	5	
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Too quickly	13%	20%	11%					
Not quickly enough	37	29	32					
About right pace	41	43	51					
DK/NA	9	8	5					

16. Based on what you've heard or read, do you think that Governor Cuomo deliberately tried to conceal the number of nursing home deaths during the coronavirus pandemic last spring, or don't you think so?

	REGISTI	ERED VO	rers					
							WHITE.	DLL DEG
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes No DK/NA		78% 15 7				49% 38 14	65% 25 10	71% 17 12
		YRS				Wht	Blk	
Yes No DK/NA		63% 30 7				69% 20 11		
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes No DK/NA	62% 25 12	53% 37 11	60% 26 14					

17. Based on what you've heard or read, do you think allegations that Governor Cuomo sexually harassed and made unwelcome sexual advances toward women are mostly true or mostly not true?

	REGIST	ERED VOI	TERS					
	WHITE 4 YR COLL							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Mostly true Mostly not true DK/NA	50% 26 24	66% 20 14		53% 25 22	55% 21 24	47% 29 24	63% 17 20	61% 17 22
		YRS		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Mostly true Mostly not true DK/NA		55% 25 20	55% 25 20		60% 20 20	62% 17 21	28% 52 21	
		NYC	Sub					
Mostly true Mostly not true DK/NA	62% 16 22	41% 34 24	49% 24 26					

18. Thinking about these allegations made by women against Governor Cuomo, who do you agree with more: elected officials calling on Governor Cuomo to resign immediately, or elected officials saying they will wait until the State Attorney General's independent investigation is completed before they decide whether or not to call for Governor Cuomo to resign?

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. 4 YR CO	DLL DEG No	
Resign immediately Wait before deciding DK/NA	74	57	88		70	19% 77 4	74	33% 66 2	
		YRS	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Resign immediately Wait before deciding DK/NA	70						13% 86 1		
	AREA	NYC	Sub						
Resign immediately Wait before deciding DK/NA			22% 73 5						

19. In general, are you satisfied with the way Governor Cuomo has responded to the allegations of sexual harassment and unwelcome sexual advances being made against him, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		OLL DEG		
Yes/Satisfied No DK/NA	39% 50 11	28% 64 8	49% 40 11	37% 50 12		45% 44 11	31% 63 5	31% 57 11		
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS 50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk			
Yes/Satisfied No DK/NA	38% 47 15		45% 47 8	23% 68 9		31% 60 9	61% 27 12			
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Yes/Satisfied No DK/NA	31% 54 14	47% 45 8	36% 53 11							

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
				WHITE4 YR COLL DEG					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes	47%	71%	29%	48%	55%	41%	53%	60%	
No	46	25	63	45	38	54	39	37	
DK/NA	7	4	7	7	7	6	8	3	
	AGE IN	YRS		WHITE.					
	18-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Yes	48%	48%	46%	60%	55%	57%	23%		
No	44	47	48	34	41	38	72		
DK/NA	8	5	6	6	4	5	5		
	AREA								
	UpStat	NYC	Sub						
Yes	56%	40%	46%						
No	39	54	45						
DK/NA	6	6	10						
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21. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in New York State to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	REGIST	ERED VO'	TERS					
		WHITE. 4 YR C	COLL DEG					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	64%	50%	78%	60%	69%	60%	73%	57%
Oppose	29	41	20	34	26	32	23	35
DK/NA	7	9	2	7	5	8	4	8
	AGE IN	YRS		WHITE.				
	18-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Support	70%	66%	58%	68%	60%	64%	76%	
Oppose	23	30	38	26	34	30	18	
DK/NA	7	4	4	6	7	6	6	
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	68%	58%	69%					
Oppose	26	34	25					
DK/NA	6	8	6					

22. Do you support or oppose raising taxes on the state's highest income earners?

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
				WHITE4 YR COLL DEG						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Support Oppose DK/NA	59% 35 5	35% 59 6	83% 14 3	53% 42 6	53% 43 4	65% 29 6	68% 28 4	49% 46 5		
	AGE IN 18-49	YRS 50-64		WHITE Men	Wom	Wht	Blk			
Support Oppose DK/NA	59% 33 8	61% 37 2	61% 35 4	50% 45 5	62% 34 4	56% 39 4	72% 21 7			
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Support Oppose DK/NA	58% 39 3	63% 30 7	55% 39 6							