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**NEW YORK REPUBLICANS TURN ON CUOMO FOR FIRST TIME EVER,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CLINTON IS TOP 2016 CHOICE AS CUOMO BEATS CHRISTIE**

Republican voters disapprove of New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo for the first time since he took office two years ago, leaving him with an overall 55 – 27 percent job approval rating, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Today's results compare to a 59 – 28 percent job approval January 30 and an all-time high of 74 – 13 percent in a December 12 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. Approval today is 69 – 12 percent among Democrats and 49 – 34 percent among independent voters, while Republicans disapprove 49 – 38 percent, the poll finds. Men approve 55 – 31 percent while women approve 55 – 24 percent.

Republican approval of Cuomo peaked at 69 – 19 percent July 25 and dropped to a 44 – 43 percent split January 30. Upstate voters approve 44 – 38 percent, while New York City voters approve 68 – 13 percent and suburban voters approve 53 – 33 percent.

New York State voters support 64 – 31 percent the stricter gun-control laws which Cuomo signed in January, with Republicans opposed 59 – 37 percent. Voters approve 49 – 38 percent of Cuomo's handling of gun policy, with Republicans disapproving 63 – 28 percent and upstate voters disapproving 55 – 35 percent. Approval is 67 – 18 percent among Democrats, 61 – 22 percent in New York City and 54 – 33 percent in the suburbs.

"New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo built his envy-of-the-nation string of approval ratings on huge support from the other party – unheard of in today's era of take-no-prisoners partisan politics," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"His first-in-the-nation move for gun control hurt Gov. Cuomo with Republicans and independent voters. The geographical split is wide: upstaters disapprove heavily of the way the governor handled the gun issue, but city voters support him even more heavily.

"But, by 2-1, voters approve of tougher laws and they approve 2-1 of Cuomo overall."

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“This week’s news on the state budget could help Cuomo win back some Republicans in the months ahead – or not,” Carroll added.

In an early look at the 2016 presidential race in New York State, voters back former Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton over New Jersey Gov. Christie 59 – 32 percent.

Cuomo tops Christie in New York 46 – 38 percent.

The big swing is among independent voters, who back Clinton over Christie 48 – 35 percent and back Christie over Cuomo 48 – 29 percent.

Cuomo gets a 52 – 27 percent favorability rating from New York State voters, almost matching his approval rating.

Clinton gets a 71 – 24 percent favorability rating, with 55 – 17 percent for Christie.

“Gov. Cuomo tops New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie in the way-down-the-road presidential election,” Carroll said.

“But the Empire State’s adopted daughter, Chappaqua’s own Hillary Clinton, is the New Yorker with the big numbers.

“When we look at favorability, Cuomo’s in third place, behind Clinton and Christie.”

New York State votes approve 57 – 39 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer gets a 61 – 27 percent approval rating, with 57 – 21 percent for U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.

From March 11 – 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,165 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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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	55%	38%	69%	49%	55%	55%	53%	66%
Disapprove	27	49	12	34	31	24	32	15
DK/NA	18	14	20	17	14	21	16	20

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS 50-100	INC >100K	AGE 18-34	IN 35-54	YRS..... 55+
Approve	64%	49%	53%	58%	62%	46%	54%	60%
Disapprove	25	29	26	31	27	26	30	27
DK/NA	11	22	20	11	11	28	16	13

	AREA..... UpStat	NYC	Sub	UPSTATE NY..... Rep	Dem	Ind
Approve	44%	68%	53%	30%	60%	38%
Disapprove	38	13	33	55	19	43
DK/NA	19	19	14	15	20	19

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

REGISTERED VOTERS.....

						APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
	Mar 19	Jan 30	Dec 12	Sep 12	Jul 25	Dec 12	Mar 19
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	2013
Approve	55	59	74	70	73	74	55
Disapprove	27	28	13	16	16	13	27
DK/NA	18	13	13	14	12	13	18

REPUBLICANS.....

						APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
	Mar 19 2013	Jan 30 2013	Dec 12 2012	Sep 12 2012	Jul 25 2012	Jul 25 2012	Mar 19 2013
Approve	38	44	68	66	69	69	38
Disapprove	49	43	18	21	19	19	49
DK/NA	14	13	13	12	13	13	14

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	61%	44%	75%	54%	56%	65%	58%	78%
Disapprove	27	47	10	35	33	21	30	12
DK/NA	13	9	15	11	10	14	12	10

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS 50-100	INC >100K	AGE 18-34	IN 35-54	YRS..... 55+
Approve	68%	56%	58%	63%	68%	45%	63%	66%
Disapprove	23	29	24	28	29	29	28	24
DK/NA	8	15	18	9	4	25	8	9

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

	APPROVE.....						
				High		Low	
	Mar 19	Jan 30	Dec 12	Sep 12	Jul 25	Dec 08	Apr 15
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2004*	1999
Approve	61	60	63	62	61	69	51
Disapprove	27	30	23	25	25	16	22
DK/NA	13	10	15	13	14	15	28

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	57%	40%	71%	51%	54%	61%	56%	70%
Disapprove	21	37	9	27	26	16	23	7
DK/NA	22	22	21	23	20	23	21	22

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	66%	51%	55%	60%	65%	51%	60%	60%
Disapprove	18	23	18	23	20	25	19	20
DK/NA	16	26	27	17	15	24	21	20

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

	APPROVE.....						
				High		Low	
	Mar 19	Jan 30	Dec 12	Jul 25	May 30	Dec 12	Feb 17
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	2009
Approve	57	57	61	54	60	61	28
Disapprove	21	21	18	20	22	18	10
DK/NA	22	22	21	26	18	21	62

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	57%	14%	86%	46%	53%	61%	49%	90%
Disapprove	39	81	12	48	43	35	48	9
DK/NA	4	4	2	6	4	4	4	1

	WHITE.....					
	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	Men	Wom
	Yes	No				
Approve	56%	43%	42%	43%	45%	52%
Disapprove	41	53	53	54	51	45
DK/NA	3	4	4	3	4	3

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	61%	55%	62%	55%	56%	59%	56%	58%
Disapprove	35	41	34	40	43	38	39	39
DK/NA	3	4	3	5	2	3	5	4

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

	APPROVE.....						
				High		Low	
	Mar 19	Jan 30	Dec 12	Jul 25	May 31	Feb 19	Aug 12
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2009	2011
Approve	57	57	62	57	58	72	45
Disapprove	39	39	35	38	39	17	49
DK/NA	4	4	3	5	3	10	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	30%	18%	42%	21%	32%	29%	25%	44%
Disapprove	55	68	42	64	56	54	60	45
DK/NA	15	14	16	15	12	18	15	11

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	31%	29%	32%	31%	30%	39%	27%	29%
Disapprove	53	56	49	57	59	46	60	54
DK/NA	16	15	18	12	11	14	13	17

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

	APPROVE.....						
				High		Low	
	Mar 19	Jan 30	Dec 12	Sep 12	Jul 26	Dec 12	Sep 01
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	2010
Approve	30	32	35	34	31	35	15
Disapprove	55	50	46	50	51	46	75
DK/NA	15	18	18	15	18	18	9

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Cuomo	46%	12%	75%	29%	42%	49%	38%	70%
Christie	38	77	13	48	40	35	44	17
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	3	3	5	4	3	4	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	5	3	4	4	1
DK/NA	10	6	8	14	11	9	10	8

WHITE.....
COLLEGE DEG

	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom
Cuomo	47%	31%	32%	32%	34%	41%
Christie	39	48	51	51	46	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	5	2	4	6	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	4	4	4	4
DK/NA	8	12	10	9	10	10

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Cuomo	50%	43%	49%	44%	43%	49%	45%	45%
Christie	36	39	32	41	46	32	41	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	5	3	4	1	2	5	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	4	4	2	3	3	3
DK/NA	8	11	12	7	8	14	6	10

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Clinton	59%	18%	88%	48%	53%	64%	51%	90%
Christie	32	74	9	35	35	29	39	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	3	2	1	2	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	-	4	4	1	2	-
DK/NA	6	6	2	9	6	5	6	3

WHITE.....
COLLEGE DEG

	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom
Clinton	58%	46%	44%	47%	45%	57%
Christie	33	43	46	44	41	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	3	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	1	2	4	1
DK/NA	6	5	8	4	6	5

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Clinton	62%	57%	65%	58%	54%	60%	60%	59%
Christie	29	33	26	32	39	31	31	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	-	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	2	3	1	5	2	1
DK/NA	7	5	6	5	5	3	5	7

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	55%	71%	45%	60%	57%	53%	57%	46%
Unfavorable	17	6	24	13	19	15	16	20
Hvn't hrd enough	27	21	30	24	23	30	25	33
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	52%	34%	69%	44%	49%	55%	51%	66%
Unfavorable	27	46	11	35	33	22	32	6
Hvn't hrd enough	17	14	17	19	16	19	15	23
REFUSED	3	6	3	3	2	4	3	6

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")

FAVORABLE.....							
	Mar 19	Jan 26	Sep 01	Jun 22	Apr 13	High	Low
	2013	2011**	2010	2010	2010	Jun 24	Jan 26
						2009*	2011**
Favorable	52	47	54	57	59	63	47
Unfavorable	27	11	21	18	19	15	11
Hvn't hrd enough	17	36	22	22	20	20	36
REFUSED	3	6	3	3	2	2	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	71%	37%	92%	67%	65%	76%	66%	98%
Unfavorable	24	55	5	28	30	19	30	1
Hvn't hrd enough	5	7	3	5	5	4	4	2
REFUSED	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

FAVORABLE.....							
	Mar 19	Jun 11	Apr 18	Mar 21	Dec 17	High	Low
	2013	2008	2008	2008	2007	Mar 19	Apr 18
						2013	2008
Favorable	71	53	48	53	53	71	48
Unfavorable	24	40	45	40	34	24	45
Hvn't hrd enough	5	4	5	5	9	5	5
REFUSED	-	3	2	3	3	-	2

11. 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	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	7%
Smwht satisfied	42	27	55	35	39	45	39	55
Smwht dissatisfied	29	37	26	30	28	30	32	26
Very dissatisfied	23	33	12	30	26	20	25	9
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	2	1	1	3

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Very satisfied	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%
Smwht satisfied	49	38	39	40	47	42	41	44
Smwht dissatisfied	28	30	32	26	28	33	29	27
Very dissatisfied	17	27	24	27	19	21	25	23
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	1	-	1	2

	AREA.....			UPSTATE NY.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind
Very satisfied	3%	4%	6%	1%	7%	1%
Smwht satisfied	35	52	39	15	52	31
Smwht dissatisfied	30	27	33	41	26	27
Very dissatisfied	32	16	19	43	15	41
DK/NA	-	2	2	-	-	-

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
	Mar 19	Jan 31	Dec 12	Sep 12	Jul 26	Feb 25	Jun 23
	2013	2013	2102	2012	2012	1998	2010
Very satisfied	4	7	5	5	4	13	1
Smwht satisfied	42	43	50	47	42	60	18
Smwht dissatisfied	29	24	29	30	33	20	33
Very dissatisfied	23	25	15	17	21	7	47
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

12. Do you approve or disapprove of Andrew Cuomo's handling of gun policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	49%	28%	67%	40%	48%	50%	45%	70%
Disapprove	38	63	18	47	44	33	43	17
DK/NA	13	9	15	13	8	17	12	14

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	57%	44%	47%	54%	55%	40%	49%	54%
Disapprove	33	41	36	40	36	46	39	34
DK/NA	10	15	17	6	9	14	11	12

	AREA..... UpStat	NYC	Sub	DENSITY..... Urban	Suburb	Rural	GUN Yes	HS HOLD No
Approve	35%	61%	54%	59%	48%	32%	25%	58%
Disapprove	55	22	33	27	39	60	71	26
DK/NA	9	17	13	14	13	8	5	16

	UPSTATE NY..... Rep	Dem	Ind
Approve	22%	55%	28%
Disapprove	73	32	63
DK/NA	6	12	9

13. Do you support or oppose the stricter new gun control laws in New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	64%	37%	86%	54%	57%	71%	57%	96%
Oppose	31	59	11	38	39	24	38	3
DK/NA	4	4	2	7	4	5	5	1

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Support	71%	60%	63%	62%	72%	58%	66%	66%
Oppose	26	35	30	35	27	36	33	28
DK/NA	3	5	7	3	1	6	1	5

	AREA..... UpStat	NYC	Sub	DENSITY..... Urban	Suburb	Rural	GUN Yes	HS HOLD No
Support	45%	82%	70%	77%	65%	36%	33%	76%
Oppose	49	14	27	20	29	59	64	19
DK/NA	6	4	3	2	6	6	3	5

	UPSTATE NY..... Rep	Dem	Ind
Support	25%	73%	35%
Oppose	71	24	55
DK/NA	4	4	10