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**NEW YORK STATE VOTERS SUPPORT AMAZON-TYPE DEALS 2-1,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
35% OF NEW YORKERS EXPECT TO MOVE FOR BETTER LIFE**

New York State voters support 62 – 29 percent offering tax breaks to encourage corporations and businesses to locate in the state, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Support is strong among every listed party, gender, education, age, racial and regional group.

Voters say 64 – 28 percent that Gov. Andrew Cuomo and other leaders should try to convince Amazon to revive its plans to build a headquarters in Long Island City, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Again, all listed groups support this by wide margins. Voters say 59 – 32 percent that the jobs Amazon promised were worth the \$3 billion in tax breaks and other benefits offered by the city and state.

New York State voters are divided on whether to allow people charged with a crime, but with no history of violence, to be released without bail pending trial as 45 percent support the no-bail option, with 42 percent opposed. Support for releasing non-violent suspects under 21 years old without bail is 50 – 38 percent.

Among men 47 percent support releasing all non-violent suspects without bail, as 40 percent are opposed. Women are divided as 43 percent support the no-bail idea, with 44 percent opposed. Democrats back the measure 57 – 30 percent. Republicans are opposed 68 – 23 percent and independent voters are divided as 42 percent support the no-bail idea, with 43 percent opposed. White voters are divided with 42 percent in support and 45 percent opposed. Non-white voters back the idea 51 – 37 percent.

“New York State voters to Amazon: ‘Can you deliver a second chance?’ In hindsight, New Yorkers think those hotly debated incentives offered to Amazon were worth it in the end. Almost two-thirds of New Yorkers want elected officials to try and woo Amazon to reconsider its decision not to build a campus in New York,” said Mary Snow, polling analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“As the clock ticks toward the April 1 deadline for the state budget, two key measures pushed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo have mixed results. New Yorkers are divided on eliminating cash bail and on the congestion pricing plan to raise revenue for the region’s mass transit system,” Snow added.

New York State voters remain divided on the issue of congestion pricing in Manhattan as 46 percent support it, with 44 percent opposed. New York City voters back the measure 54 – 43 percent, while suburban voters are opposed 52 – 39 percent. Upstate voters are divided with 42 percent supporting congestion pricing and 41 percent opposed.

New York State voters approve 50 – 41 percent of the job Gov. Andrew Cuomo is doing, the first time his approval rating has hit 50 percent since a 54 – 39 percent rating May 2, 2018.

Approval ratings for other New York State leaders are:

- 54 – 36 percent for U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer;
- 46 – 30 percent for U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand;
- 15 – 15 percent, with 71 percent undecided, for State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie;
- 22 – 16 percent, with 62 percent undecided, for State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

Living in New York

New York State voters say 61 – 35 percent they feel like they can afford to live in the state. By region, 67 percent of upstate voters, 55 percent of New York City voters and 63 percent of suburban voters feel they can afford to live here.

Voters say 35 – 59 percent they “will be forced to move in the next five years for better economic opportunity.”

Voters support 65 – 32 percent “allowing adults in New York State to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use.” This 2-1 support is consistent with Quinnipiac University New York State polls for the last year.

Voters support 59 – 38 percent the sale of legal marijuana in their community.

From March 13 – 18, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,216 New York State voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	50%	14%	69%	49%	46%	54%	45%	37%
Disapprove	41	81	20	44	47	36	48	53
DK/NA	9	5	11	6	8	10	7	10
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	50%	47%	54%	48%	39%	44%	42%	65%
Disapprove	36	43	42	45	54	47	50	25
DK/NA	13	11	4	7	7	9	8	11
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	39%	61%	49%					
Disapprove	54	28	43					
DK/NA	7	11	8					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	54%	16%	78%	50%	47%	60%	58%	39%
Disapprove	36	80	12	40	44	29	37	51
DK/NA	10	4	11	10	9	10	5	10
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	51%	55%	59%	55%	46%	54%	50%	62%
Disapprove	29	37	35	39	48	38	43	24
DK/NA	20	7	5	6	6	8	7	14
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	50%	59%	52%					
Disapprove	42	30	37					
DK/NA	8	11	12					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	46%	22%	62%	41%	40%	52%	51%	40%
Disapprove	30	63	16	28	37	24	32	40
DK/NA	24	16	22	31	23	24	17	20
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	46%	48%	51%	43%	41%	51%	46%	48%
Disapprove	20	27	32	38	43	29	35	20
DK/NA	34	26	17	19	16	20	18	32
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	47%	48%	42%					
Disapprove	36	23	31					
DK/NA	16	28	27					

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	28%	83%	5%	26%	33%	25%	32%	45%
Disapprove	68	15	95	67	63	72	67	50
DK/NA	4	3	-	7	4	4	2	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	17%	27%	32%	32%	43%	33%	38%	13%
Disapprove	81	67	65	65	55	63	59	83
DK/NA	2	6	3	3	2	4	3	5
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	38%	17%	32%					
Disapprove	58	81	61					
DK/NA	3	2	7					

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carl Heastie is handling his job as State Assembly Speaker?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	15%	7%	19%	12%	16%	14%	12%	11%
Disapprove	15	18	15	12	18	12	12	14
DK/NA	71	74	67	75	66	74	76	75
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	24%	11%	13%	13%	12%	11%	12%	20%
Disapprove	13	20	14	13	18	9	13	18
DK/NA	63	69	73	74	70	80	75	62
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	12%	20%	10%					
Disapprove	15	16	12					
DK/NA	73	64	78					

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrea Stewart-Cousins is handling her job as state Senate Majority Leader?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	22%	9%	29%	18%	22%	21%	19%	19%
Disapprove	16	25	13	14	18	14	15	19
DK/NA	62	65	59	68	59	65	66	62
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	31%	21%	21%	18%	18%	20%	19%	27%
Disapprove	15	17	14	17	22	13	17	15
DK/NA	54	61	65	65	60	68	64	59
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	18%	25%	22%					
Disapprove	18	15	15					
DK/NA	65	60	63					

20. 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	6%	5%	9%	2%	4%	8%	7%	6%
Smwht satisfied	41	16	58	36	41	41	44	37
Smwht dissatisfied	26	25	19	36	24	27	23	27
Very dissatisfied	26	53	12	26	30	23	25	30
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very satisfied	9%	4%	5%	7%	4%	9%	7%	6%
Smwht satisfied	50	33	42	41	39	43	41	42
Smwht dissatisfied	25	29	25	26	26	24	25	27
Very dissatisfied	16	33	27	25	31	24	27	23
DK/NA	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very satisfied	6%	7%	5%
Smwht satisfied	36	44	45
Smwht dissatisfied	26	26	24
Very dissatisfied	32	21	26
DK/NA	-	2	-

21. 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	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%
Good	48	33	58	48	50	47	52	46
Not so good	30	34	23	36	28	32	28	30
Poor	16	29	11	11	16	15	13	18
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	2	3	3	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Excellent	6%	1%	4%	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%
Good	60	44	44	45	48	51	50	48
Not so good	20	36	34	33	28	29	29	32
Poor	14	15	16	16	17	13	15	15
DK/NA	1	3	2	5	1	4	3	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Excellent	2%	5%	4%
Good	40	50	58
Not so good	36	28	25
Poor	20	15	10
DK/NA	2	3	3

22. 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	No
Excellent	12%	20%	8%	11%	15%	9%	17%	10%
Good	57	58	58	58	56	57	65	61
Not so good	22	16	22	23	20	23	14	20
Poor	8	4	10	9	7	10	3	6
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	3

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non	
					Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Excellent	11%	11%	12%	13%	19%	10%	14%	8%
Good	57	56	58	55	59	66	63	47
Not so good	21	25	23	20	15	17	16	30
Poor	10	7	6	10	4	5	4	14
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	3	2	3	-

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Excellent	13%	10%	11%
Good	61	50	62
Not so good	17	27	20
Poor	6	12	5
DK/NA	3	2	1

23. Do you feel like you can afford to live in New York State, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	61%	60%	66%	60%	63%	60%	72%	64%
No	35	38	31	36	31	38	26	33
DK/NA	4	3	3	4	6	2	2	3

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non	
					Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	54%	55%	64%	70%	71%	66%	69%	50%
No	41	43	33	26	25	33	29	45
DK/NA	5	2	2	3	4	1	2	5

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	67%	55%	63%
No	30	41	34
DK/NA	3	4	4

24. Do you think that you will be forced to move in the next five years for better economic opportunity, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Yes/Forced to move	35%	35%	31%	35%	35%	34%	24%	32%
No	59	60	64	57	60	58	73	63
DK/NA	6	5	6	7	4	8	4	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Yes/Forced to move	45%	35%	38%	22%	29%	26%	27%	47%
No	47	61	57	73	67	70	69	44
DK/NA	8	4	5	6	4	5	4	9

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes/Forced to move	31%	41%	30%
No	64	52	62
DK/NA	5	7	8

25. 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.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	23%	13%	28%	22%	25%	22%	17%	20%
Disapprove	53	62	51	50	54	52	55	50
DK/NA	24	24	21	28	21	26	27	30

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Approve	28%	21%	25%	20%	19%	18%	18%	31%
Disapprove	55	58	51	51	56	50	53	52
DK/NA	17	22	24	29	25	32	29	17

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	18%	27%	23%
Disapprove	41	63	55
DK/NA	41	10	22

26. 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, buses, and commuter railroads?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	46%	26%	58%	45%	45%	47%	50%	34%
Oppose	44	62	34	44	47	42	38	53
DK/NA	10	13	8	11	8	11	12	13
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	56%	54%	43%	39%	45%	41%	43%	51%
Oppose	39	38	46	48	44	44	44	44
DK/NA	4	8	12	13	11	14	12	6
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	42%	54%	39%					
Oppose	41	43	52					
DK/NA	17	4	10					

27. Do you support or oppose allowing people who are arrested and charged with a crime, but have no prior history of violence, to be released without paying bail while they await trial?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	45%	23%	57%	42%	47%	43%	47%	35%
Oppose	42	68	30	43	40	44	42	50
DK/NA	13	9	13	15	13	12	11	15
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	55%	49%	44%	39%	43%	41%	42%	51%
Oppose	32	41	44	47	43	47	45	37
DK/NA	13	9	11	14	14	12	13	12
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	44%	49%	38%					
Oppose	43	37	51					
DK/NA	13	14	11					

28. Do you support or oppose allowing people under 21 years old who are arrested and charged with a crime, but have no prior history of violence, to be released without paying bail while they await trial?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	50%	26%	62%	51%	51%	49%	55%	43%
Oppose	38	66	26	34	38	38	37	46
DK/NA	12	7	12	15	11	13	9	12
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	59%	54%	49%	45%	47%	52%	49%	52%
Oppose	33	34	42	43	42	39	40	34
DK/NA	9	12	9	12	11	9	10	14
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	52%	51%	46%					
Oppose	37	36	42					
DK/NA	11	13	12					

29. As you may know, charter schools are operated by private or non-profit organizations. The schools are paid for with public funds. Do you think there should be an expansion of charter schools in New York State or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	40%	53%	35%	37%	38%	41%	33%	32%
No	50	35	59	49	52	49	60	54
DK/NA	10	12	6	14	10	9	8	13
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	41%	39%	40%	39%	33%	31%	32%	52%
No	52	53	52	47	56	59	57	39
DK/NA	7	8	8	14	11	10	10	9
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	35%	49%	33%					
No	55	44	54					
DK/NA	10	8	13					

30. Do you support or oppose giving driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants throughout New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Support	37%	10%	52%	36%	35%	40%	41%	24%
Oppose	57	89	42	55	60	54	54	72
DK/NA	6	2	6	8	5	6	5	4
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	59%	36%	32%	31%	34%	34%	34%	43%
Oppose	37	59	64	63	61	62	61	50
DK/NA	3	6	4	5	5	4	5	7
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	32%	46%	31%					
Oppose	64	48	62					
DK/NA	5	5	7					

31. As you may know, Amazon cancelled its plans to build one of its new headquarters in New York's Long Island City. Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Cuomo and other prominent New Yorkers trying to convince Amazon to revive its plan to build one of its new headquarters in Long Island City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	64%	73%	64%	61%	66%	63%	65%	59%
Disapprove	28	21	30	29	29	27	29	32
DK/NA	7	6	6	10	5	9	6	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	62%	64%	67%	63%	65%	60%	63%	68%
Disapprove	36	30	27	26	30	30	30	24
DK/NA	3	6	6	11	4	10	7	8
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	57%	67%	71%					
Disapprove	32	28	22					
DK/NA	10	5	6					

32. As you may know, Amazon would have received roughly 3 billion dollars in tax breaks and other benefits from the state and the city as part of its deal to locate one of its new headquarters in Long Island City. Amazon said it would have created 25,000 new jobs. Which comes closer to your point of view: the tax incentives and benefits were worth the jobs Amazon said it would bring to New York City, or the jobs Amazon said it would bring to New York City are not worth giving Amazon those tax incentives and benefits?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Worth incentives	59%	71%	54%	60%	62%	57%	60%	59%
Not worth incentives	32	22	37	31	31	33	35	33
DK/NA	9	7	9	9	8	11	5	8

	Tot	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Worth incentives	59%	61%	57%	56%	61%	59%	60%	58%	
Not worth incentives	34	33	34	32	34	34	34	28	
DK/NA	7	6	9	12	5	7	6	14	

	Tot	AREA.....	
		UpStat NYC	Sub
Worth incentives	55%	59%	65%
Not worth incentives	36	31	25
DK/NA	9	10	10

33. In general, do you support or oppose offering tax breaks to encourage corporations and businesses to locate in New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	62%	77%	57%	60%	63%	61%	66%	62%
Oppose	29	16	34	28	31	26	27	28
DK/NA	10	7	9	11	6	13	7	10

	Tot	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	51%	62%	66%	66%	62%	67%	64%	57%	
Oppose	39	32	26	24	31	24	27	32	
DK/NA	10	6	8	10	7	10	8	11	

	Tot	AREA.....	
		UpStat NYC	Sub
Support	64%	55%	70%
Oppose	27	34	22
DK/NA	9	11	8

34. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in New York State to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	65%	43%	72%	66%	71%	59%	69%	60%
Oppose	32	53	24	30	26	37	28	37
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	83%	73%	62%	49%	71%	59%	65%	64%
Oppose	17	25	33	45	26	37	32	31
DK/NA	1	2	5	6	3	4	3	5
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	63%	66%	65%					
Oppose	34	31	30					
DK/NA	3	4	5					

35. Would you support or oppose the sale of legal marijuana in your community?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	59%	38%	67%	58%	65%	53%	64%	56%
Oppose	38	58	28	39	31	44	32	41
DK/NA	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	3
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	80%	64%	55%	46%	66%	55%	60%	56%
Oppose	19	32	41	50	30	42	36	40
DK/NA	1	5	5	4	4	3	4	4
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	60%	60%	54%					
Oppose	37	36	41					
DK/NA	2	4	5					