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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## CLINTON LOSES INCHES ON HER HUGE 2016 LEAD IN NEW YORK, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; NATIVE SONS PATAKI AND CUOMO WAY BEHIND

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gets 51 percent in a possible 2016 Democratic presidential primary in New York State and tops Republican contenders by margins of 20 percentage points or more, with an inconsequential drop from matchups in December, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Trailing Secretary Clinton in the Democratic pack is U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts with 11 percent, Vice President Joseph Biden with 8 percent and Gov. Andrew Cuomo with 7 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. No other candidate tops 5 percent and 12 percent are undecided.

The Republican presidential primary in New York is a horse race, with former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker at 13 percent each, New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie at 12 percent, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida at 10 percent and U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky at 8 percent.

Former Gov. George Pataki and physician Ben Carson are at 6 percent each, with no other candidate above 3 percent and 18 percent undecided.

“New Yorkers love their Adopted Daughter from Chappaqua. Hillary Clinton simply wipes out the presidential opposition. Not only does she dominate the Democrats, she trounces every Republican wannabe, over the magic 50 percent mark in every contest,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“The local guys hardly show. In their respective parties, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and former Gov. George Pataki – remember him? – are in single digits.”

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“New York Republican voters are all over the lot with four – count 'em, four – candidates in double digits and no one in command,” Carroll added.

“Against Clinton, any Republican gets about a generic 30 percent. In the favorable-unfavorable measure, all of them come up ‘un.’ Except Pataki, who gets a split decision.”

The matchup of neighbors Clinton and Christie is the closest general election race, and the Democrat wins 54 – 34 percent, compared to 57 – 31 percent in a December 23 Quinnipiac University poll. Clinton tops other Republicans by larger margins:

- 59 – 31 percent over Paul, compared to 61 – 26 percent in December;
- 58 – 29 percent over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee;
- 58 – 30 percent over Bush, compared to 60 – 29 percent in December;
- 58 – 31 percent over Rubio;
- 60 – 27 percent over U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas;
- 58 – 31 percent over Walker;
- 55 – 34 percent over Pataki.

By a 59 – 36 percent margin, New York State voters have a favorable opinion of Clinton, compared to 64 – 30 percent in December. No Republican gets a positive favorability:

- 35 – 48 percent for Christie;
- 25 – 40 percent for Paul;
- 24 – 39 percent for Huckabee;
- 28 – 47 percent for Bush;
- 25 – 33 percent for Rubio;
- 21 – 26 percent for Walker, with 53 percent who don’t know enough about him to form an opinion;
- 18 – 38 percent for Cruz;
- 38 – 38 percent for Pataki.

### **President Obama, Sen. Schumer, Sen. Gillibrand Job Approvals**

New York State voters approve 51 – 45 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing. U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer gets a 60 – 26 percent approval, with 54 – 18 percent for U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.

From March 11 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,228 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. The survey includes 327 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 5.4 percentage points and 521 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 4.3 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 Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, John Kasich, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Rick Perry, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, and Scott Walker, for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED REPUBLICANS.....						
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						
CONSERVATIVE Mod/						
Tot	Very	Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom	
Bush	13%	7%	15%	18%	14%	13%
Carson	6	9	8	3	5	6
Christie	12	7	4	19	12	11
Cruz	3	5	2	2	5	1
Graham	-	1	-	-	-	1
Huckabee	3	2	2	6	2	5
Jindal	1	1	-	2	2	1
Kasich	1	-	1	1	2	-
Pataki	6	4	4	9	5	8
Paul	8	20	3	5	9	8
Perry	1	1	2	1	1	1
Rubio	10	8	13	5	10	9
Santorum	1	1	2	1	1	1
Walker	13	21	17	6	13	13
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	1	5	3	3
DK/NA	18	13	24	15	17	19

2. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Andrew Cuomo, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Jim Webb, for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED DEMOCRATS.....						
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						
LIBERAL..... Mod/						
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	
Biden	8%	6%	6%	10%	15%	4%
Clinton	51	45	59	50	40	58
Cuomo	7	2	11	8	5	9
O'Malley	1	1	-	1	1	1
Sanders	5	12	4	1	7	4
Warren	11	21	13	7	16	8
Webb	1	-	-	2	2	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	1	5	1	4
DK/NA	12	12	7	15	12	12

3. 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	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	54%	11%	87%	44%	49%	59%	62%	53%	53%
Christie	34	76	9	38	38	30	30	36	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	5	-	5	4	2	2	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	1	8	5	5	4	3	7
DK/NA	4	4	3	5	4	4	2	5	4

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?

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013
Clinton	54	57	54	58	59
Christie	34	31	34	31	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	4	6	7	5	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	59%	15%	93%	51%	53%	63%	69%	62%	54%
Paul	31	77	2	33	37	25	25	28	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	2	2	-	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	2	7	5	4	4	3	6
DK/NA	4	2	3	6	3	5	2	5	4

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

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014
Clinton	59	61	61
Paul	31	26	30
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	3
DK/NA	4	8	4

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	58%	13%	92%	50%	53%	63%	67%	60%	55%
Huckabee	29	78	2	31	33	26	21	28	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	5	3	2	1	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	2	9	7	4	7	4	5
DK/NA	5	4	4	6	4	6	5	5	4

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	58%	8%	91%	52%	52%	63%	74%	57%	53%
Bush	30	82	3	30	34	26	17	30	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	-	6	4	2	2	4	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	2	8	6	4	4	4	7
DK/NA	4	2	4	5	4	5	3	6	4

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

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014
Clinton	58	60	60
Bush	30	29	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	4
DK/NA	4	6	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	58%	9%	93%	50%	53%	62%	69%	59%	54%
Rubio	31	84	1	33	36	27	21	31	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	4	3	2	-	4	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	2	6	5	3	5	2	4
DK/NA	5	3	4	7	4	6	5	5	5

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Scott Walker the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	58%	12%	91%	49%	53%	62%	76%	55%	54%
Walker	31	80	3	34	36	26	17	33	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	2	2	-	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	2	6	5	3	4	2	5
DK/NA	6	5	4	8	4	7	4	7	5

9. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	60%	14%	93%	52%	57%	63%	73%	61%	56%
Cruz	27	73	1	30	31	24	18	27	30
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	4	2	2	1	4	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	2	7	5	4	4	2	6
DK/NA	6	5	4	7	4	7	4	6	6

10. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and George Pataki the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	55%	11%	88%	43%	49%	59%	61%	54%	54%
Pataki	34	78	7	41	37	32	29	38	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	5	-	5	5	2	2	4	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	2	6	5	3	4	2	5
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	3	5	4	3	4

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and George Pataki the Republican, for whom would you vote? (\* 2008 election, Hillary Rodham Clinton)

	Mar 23 2015	Sep 14 2004*
Clinton	55	51
Pataki	34	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1
DK/NA	4	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	59%	17%	90%	52%	53%	64%	70%	60%	55%
Unfavorable	36	79	7	41	42	31	26	35	40
Hvn't hrd enough	3	2	2	4	3	3	2	3	3
REFUSED	2	2	-	3	2	2	2	2	2

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

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Mar 19 2013	Low Apr 18 2008
Favorable	59	64	62	65	71	71	48
Unfavorable	36	30	34	30	24	24	45
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	3	3	5	5	5
REFUSED	2	2	1	2	-	-	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	35%	61%	24%	36%	38%	33%	37%	41%	32%
Unfavorable	48	24	61	46	48	48	38	47	52
Hvn't hrd enough	13	12	13	15	11	15	22	11	13
REFUSED	3	3	2	3	2	4	2	2	4

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

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013
Favorable	35	41	46	41	55
Unfavorable	48	41	39	38	17
Hvn't hrd enough	13	15	12	18	27
REFUSED	3	3	2	3	2

13. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	25%	45%	11%	29%	33%	19%	21%	28%	25%
Unfavorable	40	19	52	39	40	40	35	42	41
Hvn't hrd enough	32	35	35	29	24	39	43	29	31
REFUSED	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	3

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

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014
Favorable	25	21	31
Unfavorable	40	33	37
Hvn't hrd enough	32	44	31
REFUSED	2	2	1

14. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	24%	55%	5%	27%	29%	20%	11%	25%	28%
Unfavorable	39	14	53	36	42	37	39	41	39
Hvn't hrd enough	35	30	39	35	28	41	48	34	30
REFUSED	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2

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

	Mar 23 2015	Feb 14 2007
Favorable	24	7
Unfavorable	39	12
Hvn't hrd enough	35	81
REFUSED	2	1

15. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	28%	59%	15%	26%	31%	24%	10%	32%	33%
Unfavorable	47	21	58	46	44	50	58	45	45
Hvn't hrd enough	24	20	25	26	22	25	33	22	21
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	2	1	-	1	2

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

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014
Favorable	28	23	31
Unfavorable	47	39	44
Hvn't hrd enough	24	37	24
REFUSED	1	2	1

16. Is your opinion of Marco Rubio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	25%	51%	7%	27%	32%	19%	17%	23%	27%
Unfavorable	33	6	48	29	35	30	24	33	37
Hvn't hrd enough	42	41	43	44	33	49	58	42	35
REFUSED	1	2	1	-	-	2	1	1	1



17. Is your opinion of Scott Walker favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	21%	45%	5%	24%	27%	15%	11%	19%	24%
Unfavorable	26	4	39	23	30	23	21	25	28
Hvn't hrd enough	53	51	55	52	43	62	67	55	47
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-

18. Is your opinion of Ted Cruz favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	18%	41%	5%	19%	24%	13%	10%	20%	20%
Unfavorable	38	9	51	39	45	31	33	38	40
Hvn't hrd enough	43	48	43	42	30	54	57	42	39
REFUSED	1	2	1	-	2	1	-	-	1

19. Is your opinion of George Pataki favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	38%	57%	24%	45%	41%	35%	39%	42%	33%
Unfavorable	38	22	48	32	39	37	28	38	42
Hvn't hrd enough	22	19	25	21	19	25	31	16	23
REFUSED	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	4	1

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

	Mar 23 2015	Apr 13 2010	Feb 14 2007
Favorable	38	52	35
Unfavorable	38	33	55
Hvn't hrd enough	22	14	7
REFUSED	3	2	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	47%	32%	61%	45%	44%	50%	36%	52%	50%
Unfavorable	43	61	29	46	46	40	48	41	42
Hvn't hrd enough	8	6	8	7	7	8	15	6	6
REFUSED	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	2

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	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	37%	55%	54%
Unfavorable	56	34	37
Hvn't hrd enough	7	9	7
REFUSED	1	3	3

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 \*\*Low also 47% Jan 2011)

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Jun 24 2009*	Low Mar 23 2015**
Favorable	47	52	55	55	59	63	47
Unfavorable	43	33	36	30	28	15	43
Hvn't hrd enough	8	12	6	11	10	20	8
REFUSED	2	3	3	3	3	2	2

21. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	31%	6%	51%	24%	28%	33%	42%	30%	27%
Unfavorable	42	59	26	48	50	36	37	42	44
Hvn't hrd enough	25	32	21	25	22	28	19	26	27
REFUSED	2	2	1	3	1	3	2	2	2

AREA.....

	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	14%	48%	30%
Unfavorable	33	42	57
Hvn't hrd enough	52	6	11
REFUSED	1	4	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Feb 12 2014
Favorable	31	33	31
Unfavorable	42	36	24
Hvn't hrd enough	25	29	44
REFUSED	2	3	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	60%	43%	72%	59%	56%	63%	43%	66%	65%	
Disapprove	26	40	11	31	31	22	35	20	25	
DK/NA	14	16	18	9	13	15	22	13	10	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	58%	61%	61%							
Disapprove	28	24	26							
DK/NA	14	15	12							

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

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 08 2004*	Low Apr 15 1999
Approve	60	62	63	56	61	69	51
Disapprove	26	24	26	26	24	16	22
DK/NA	14	15	10	18	15	15	28

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	54%	38%	66%	54%	50%	58%	46%	54%	61%	
Disapprove	18	32	9	17	21	16	23	16	16	
DK/NA	27	30	25	28	29	26	31	30	23	
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	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	57%	52%	53%							
Disapprove	19	17	19							
DK/NA	24	30	28							

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kirsten Gillibrand is handling her job as United States Senator? (\*High also 61% Dec 2012)

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Aug 21 2014*	Low Feb 17 2009
Approve	54	58	61	53	58	61	28
Disapprove	18	18	20	18	19	20	10
DK/NA	27	24	20	29	23	20	62

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	51%	9%	82%	47%	49%	53%	58%	55%	48%
Disapprove	45	89	15	49	48	43	40	43	48
DK/NA	4	2	3	4	3	4	2	2	4

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	44%	64%	44%
Disapprove	53	32	54
DK/NA	3	4	3

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

	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 19 2009	Low Aug 12 2011
Approve	51	51	49	50	52	72	45
Disapprove	45	45	47	46	44	17	49
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	4	10	6