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CUOMO GETS APPROVAL BOUNCE, MANDATE TO BATTLE TRUMP, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BUT NEW YORK STATE VOTERS DON'T WANT GOV IN PRES RACE

New York State voters approve 52 – 31 percent of the job Gov. Andrew Cuomo is doing, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today, up slightly from a 49 – 34 percent approval rating December 20.

In fact, this is Gov. Cuomo's best job approval score since a 58 – 32 percent rating in a December 22, 2014 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

Cuomo gets a hefty 60 – 23 percent approval rating from New York City voters and a 54 – 31 percent thumbs up from suburban voters. Among upstate voters, 43 percent approve and 41 percent disapprove.

In his first home-state job approval rating since he was inaugurated, President Donald Trump gets a negative 29 – 67 percent score. Republicans approve 79 – 16 percent and white voters with no college degree are divided, with 47 percent approving and 49 percent disapproving. Every other party, gender, age, racial, area and education group listed disapproves.

Cuomo would <u>not</u> make a good president, New York State voters say 52 – 37 percent. New York City voters are divided 43 – 43 percent. Non-white voters and Democrats say he would make a good president, but by lukewarm margins, while all other groups say he is not ready for the White House. Voters say 53 – 40 percent that Cuomo should <u>not</u> run for president.

But New York State voters say 57 – 38 percent that Cuomo should become a national leader challenging the policies of the Trump Administration. If Cuomo challenges Trump policies, it would be good for New York, voters say 57 – 35 percent.

"Use the bully pulpit against President Donald Trump, Governor, but stay out of Washington – that's the mixed message that New Yorkers have for Gov. Andrew Cuomo," said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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"Most of his neighbors tell their Governor that he should be a national leader against Trump, and if he is, it will be good for New York," Carroll added.

"But – for now, at least – New York State voters don't think Gov. Cuomo would be a good President and they tell him not to run. Every politician in the state thinks he's already running, so he's not likely to obey voters' advice.

"But cheer up, Gov. Cuomo, you've got three years to change their minds.

"Back home in Albany, the Gov gets good job approval marks. And he ranks high on the standard traits that we measure – leadership, honesty, empathy.

"And, in the fight he's already in – the persistent squabble against New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio – New Yorkers feel more at home ideologically with Cuomo than with de Blasio."

Looking at Cuomo's personal qualities, New York State voters say:

- 65 – 27 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 49 – 38 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 54 – 39 percent that he cares about their needs and problems.

Cuomo more closely represents their political views, 31 percent of voters, including 45 percent of Democrats, say. Another 16 percent, including 24 percent of Democrats, say Mayor de Blasio more closely represents their views and 49 percent say neither represents their views.

Approval ratings for other New York State leaders are:

- 58 – 34 percent for Sen. Charles Schumer, down from 67 – 23 percent December 20;
- 56 – 22 percent for Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, virtually unchanged from December;
- 41 – 19 percent for State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli;
- 55 – 22 percent for State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

New York State voters approve 52 – 17 percent of the way Preet Bharara did his job as U.S. Attorney in Manhattan, but there is not a groundswell for him to jump into politics in 2018: 10 percent think he should run for governor; 6 percent say he should try for the U.S. Senate and 21 percent say he should run for State Attorney General.

 From March 23 – 27, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,446 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines 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, Iowa, Colorado 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	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	52%	24%	73%	44%	49%	56%	49%	43%
Disapprove	31	60	15	35	37	26	37	40
DK/NA	16	15	12	21	14	18	13	17

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	47%	51%	56%	57%	41%	52%	47%	62%
Disapprove	24	34	34	33	47	31	38	20
DK/NA	29	15	10	10	12	18	15	18

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	43%	60%	54%
Disapprove	41	23	31
DK/NA	16	17	15

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	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	58%	20%	85%	47%	51%	64%	63%	46%
Disapprove	34	71	11	42	40	28	32	45
DK/NA	8	9	4	12	9	8	4	8

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	42%	65%	63%	61%	48%	62%	56%	63%
Disapprove	35	31	33	35	46	31	38	26
DK/NA	23	4	4	4	6	6	6	11

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	52%	64%	58%
Disapprove	40	27	37
DK/NA	8	9	5

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	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	56%	29%	77%	46%	49%	62%	65%	45%
Disapprove	22	44	6	30	29	16	24	32
DK/NA	22	27	17	23	21	22	12	23

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	50%	53%	62%	59%	49%	62%	56%	56%
Disapprove	17	25	22	26	35	21	27	15
DK/NA	33	22	16	15	16	17	17	29

	AREA............. UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	54%	58%	55%
Disapprove	29	17	22
DK/NA	17	25	23

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	29%	79%	5%	35%	34%	26%	29%	47%
Disapprove	67	16	94	60	62	71	67	49
DK/NA	4	5	2	5	4	3	4	4

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	22%	26%	33%	35%	40%	35%	37%	16%
Disapprove	78	70	64	61	55	61	58	81
DK/NA	1	4	3	4	5	4	4	3

	AREA............. UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	38%	20%	31%
Disapprove	59	76	65
DK/NA	3	4	4

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	32%	28%	37%	31%	35%	29%	28%	33%
Disapprove	49	55	44	51	50	48	55	45
DK/NA	19	17	19	18	14	23	18	22

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	32%	35%	33%	28%	31%	30%	30%	35%
Disapprove	54	48	49	49	55	46	50	47
DK/NA	14	17	17	23	14	24	19	18

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	28%	33%	36%
Disapprove	55	47	44
DK/NA	17	20	20

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state assembly member is handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	50%	43%	60%	44%	50%	51%	48%	53%
Disapprove	30	35	23	34	33	27	31	27
DK/NA	20	21	18	22	17	22	21	20

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	56%	49%	49%	54%	51%	50%	51%	52%
Disapprove	27	32	33	24	33	26	29	30
DK/NA	17	18	18	21	17	23	20	18

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	48%	51%	53%
Disapprove	33	28	27
DK/NA	19	21	20

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state senator is handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	56%	40%	70%	46%	54%	58%	55%	53%
Disapprove	29	47	17	35	34	26	31	32
DK/NA	15	13	12	18	13	16	14	15

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	60%	54%	53%	58%	51%	57%	54%	59%
Disapprove	24	32	35	27	36	27	31	26
DK/NA	16	13	12	15	13	16	15	15

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	52%	59%	58%
Disapprove	36	25	27
DK/NA	13	16	15

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Thomas DiNapoli is handling his job as State Comptroller?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	41%	41%	46%	36%	43%	39%	43%	41%
Disapprove	19	20	13	23	19	18	15	15
DK/NA	40	39	41	42	38	43	42	43

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	30%	42%	46%	46%	47%	38%	42%	39%
Disapprove	24	18	20	12	16	15	15	25
DK/NA	45	40	34	41	38	47	43	36

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	45%	37%	42%
Disapprove	21	17	17
DK/NA	34	46	42

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Eric Schneiderman is handling his job as State Attorney General?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	55%	42%	66%	47%	55%	54%	60%	50%
Disapprove	22	32	13	27	25	19	20	23
DK/NA	24	25	21	26	20	27	20	27

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	48%	54%	58%	61%	54%	58%	56%	53%
Disapprove	24	25	21	17	27	16	21	23
DK/NA	28	21	21	22	19	26	23	24

	AREA............. UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	53%	54%	58%
Disapprove	24	20	21
DK/NA	23	26	22

10. 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	26%	23%	31%	21%	26%	26%	18%	26%
Disapprove	23	28	17	26	29	17	26	18
DK/NA	52	50	53	53	46	57	56	56

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	37%	24%	23%	22%	23%	21%	22%	32%
Disapprove	20	24	25	21	28	18	23	23
DK/NA	43	52	51	57	49	61	56	45

	AREA............. UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	32%	24%	19%
Disapprove	22	25	20
DK/NA	46	52	61

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Preet Bharara handled his job as U.S. Attorney?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	52%	36%	63%	49%	53%	52%	58%	49%
Disapprove	17	28	10	17	21	13	15	16
DK/NA	31	36	27	34	26	36	27	35

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve	45%	51%	58%	56%	53%	54%	53%	49%
Disapprove	16	20	17	12	20	11	15	19
DK/NA	39	29	25	32	27	35	31	32

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	49%	54%	54%
Disapprove	18	15	18
DK/NA	33	31	28

12. Do you think Andrew Cuomo would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Yes	37%	14%	50%	35%	34%	40%	32%	32%
No	52	79	38	54	57	48	58	60
DK/NA	11	7	12	11	9	12	9	8

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Yes	34%	32%	41%	41%	27%	37%	32%	45%
No	51	56	52	50	66	52	59	41
DK/NA	15	12	7	10	6	11	9	14

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	31%	43%	38%
No	62	43	52
DK/NA	7	14	10

13. Do you think Andrew Cuomo should run for President in 2020 or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Yes	40%	19%	53%	37%	38%	41%	32%	36%
No	53	77	39	55	57	49	60	57
DK/NA	7	4	8	8	6	9	8	7

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Yes	37%	40%	42%	39%	30%	38%	34%	48%
No	53	56	53	51	65	53	58	44
DK/NA	10	4	5	10	5	9	7	8

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	34%	45%	40%
No	62	45	52
DK/NA	5	10	8

14. If Governor Cuomo ran for President in 2020, do you think that would be good for New York State or bad for New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Good	54%	34%	69%	52%	53%	56%	54%	46%
Bad	31	52	18	34	35	28	31	40
DK/NA	15	14	14	14	12	17	16	14

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Good	54%	55%	59%	52%	51%	50%	50%	62%
Bad	32	28	30	34	37	33	35	25
DK/NA	14	16	11	14	12	17	15	13

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Good	48%	60%	54%
Bad	40	23	30
DK/NA	12	17	15

15. In 2018, do you think Preet Bharara should run for Governor, should run for United States Senator, should run for State Attorney General, or should he not run for any of these things?

| | | | | | | | WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG | |
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Governor	10%	6%	12%	8%	12%	8%	11%	7%
U.S. Senator	6	2	9	5	5	7	7	6
State Atty General	21	15	24	21	23	19	22	18
None	28	40	19	33	30	26	27	29
DK/NA	36	36	36	33	31	41	33	40

| | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | | WHITE..... | | | Non- |
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Governor	9%	10%	11%	10%	11%	8%	9%	11%
U.S. Senator	6	8	7	3	7	6	6	6
State Atty General	24	18	23	18	22	19	20	20
None	22	28	28	30	31	26	28	27
DK/NA	41	35	31	39	30	42	36	36

| | AREA............. | | |
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Governor	10%	11%	7%
U.S. Senator	6	7	5
State Atty General	16	22	24
None	30	24	30
DK/NA	38	35	33

16. Do you think Governor Cuomo should become a national leader challenging the policies of the Trump Administration or not?

| | | | | | | | WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG | |
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	57%	15%	82%	48%	50%	64%	57%	44%
No	38	81	16	44	46	31	40	49
DK/NA	5	4	2	9	4	5	3	6

| | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | | WHITE..... | | | Non- |
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	61%	62%	57%	53%	44%	58%	51%	67%
No	31	35	41	42	52	38	44	28
DK/NA	8	3	2	5	4	4	4	5

| | AREA............. | | |
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	48%	66%	57%
No	49	29	38
DK/NA	4	5	5

17. If Governor Cuomo became a national leader challenging the policies of the Trump Administration, do you think this would be good for New York State or bad for New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Good	57%	17%	80%	47%	53%	60%	55%	45%
Bad	35	74	13	40	38	32	36	45
DK/NA	8	9	6	12	9	8	9	10

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Good	63%	61%	54%	51%	48%	53%	51%	66%
Bad	30	34	37	37	43	37	40	26
DK/NA	7	5	9	12	9	9	9	7

	AREA............. UpStat	NYC	Sub
Good	48%	64%	57%
Bad	43	28	35
DK/NA	9	8	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Yes	65%	40%	83%	60%	60%	70%	64%	58%
No	27	53	13	30	33	23	31	36
DK/NA	7	8	4	9	7	7	5	6

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Yes	59%	69%	70%	66%	55%	67%	61%	72%
No	24	28	27	30	40	27	33	18
DK/NA	17	3	3	4	4	7	6	10

	AREA............. UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	58%	70%	69%
No	36	20	26
DK/NA	6	9	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Yes	49%	24%	66%	43%	47%	51%	42%	45%
No	38	65	23	43	43	35	46	44
DK/NA	13	11	11	15	11	15	12	11

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Yes	42%	50%	52%	51%	41%	45%	43%	58%
No	39	40	40	36	50	41	45	27
DK/NA	19	11	8	13	9	14	11	15

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	39%	56%	52%
No	50	29	37
DK/NA	11	15	11

20. Would you say that Andrew Cuomo - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Yes	54%	24%	76%	45%	51%	56%	51%	48%
No	39	70	19	47	43	35	42	46
DK/NA	7	6	5	8	6	9	7	7

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Yes	50%	54%	57%	56%	45%	54%	50%	61%
No	39	39	40	38	50	37	43	31
DK/NA	11	7	4	6	5	8	7	8

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	47%	60%	55%
No	47	32	38
DK/NA	6	9	7

26. Who do you think most closely represents your political views, Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, or neither?

| | | | | | | | WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG | |
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Cuomo	31%	13%	45%	27%	29%	33%	27%	32%
de Blasio	16	6	24	12	15	17	14	8
Neither	49	80	26	59	53	45	57	56
DK/NA	4	1	5	2	3	5	2	4

| | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | | WHITE..... | | | Non- |
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Cuomo	25%	29%	36%	35%	28%	30%	29%	36%
de Blasio	29	19	11	9	9	14	12	24
Neither	44	49	48	52	61	52	56	35
DK/NA	2	3	4	4	2	4	3	5

| | AREA............ | | |
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	29%	31%	35%
de Blasio	8	27	10
Neither	60	37	50
DK/NA	3	5	4