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**NEW YORKERS SAY 2-1, DON'T TRY KIDS AS ADULTS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS BACK FREE COLLEGE ALMOST 3-1**

Teenagers 16 and 17 years old who are accused of a crime should be treated as juveniles and not sent to adult prisons, New York State voters say 59 – 29 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Republicans say 49 – 40 percent these teenagers should be charged as adults, but every other party, gender, educational, age, racial and regional group listed says they should be charged as minors, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

New York State voters also support 70 – 26 percent providing free tuition to in-state public colleges and universities for New York students whose family income is \$125,000 or less. Again, Republicans oppose the measure 54 – 44 percent, while all other groups support it by wide margins. White voters with no college degree back the measure 61 – 34 percent.

Satisfaction with life in New York hits a 15-year high as a total of 56 percent of voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in the state, with 43 percent “somewhat dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied.” This is the highest satisfaction rate since a 62 – 37 percent rate in a September 26, 2002, Quinnipiac University poll.

Democrats are more than twice as satisfied as Republicans, with 76 percent very or somewhat satisfied, compared to 31 percent for Republicans.

Satisfaction is 63 percent among New York City voters, 60 percent among suburban voters and 48 percent among upstate voters.

“New Yorkers love their children. They don’t want to put them in prison with adults and they want to pay for college for low-income students,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Reformers often point out that it costs more to keep a kid in prison than it does to send him to Harvard, or in this case, SUNY Oneonta.”

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“Except for Republicans and upstaters, New Yorkers seem more satisfied than they’ve been in a long while,” Carroll added. “It can’t be the election of President Donald Trump, because Democrats are much more satisfied than Republicans.”

Government Corruption

A total of 80 percent of New York State voters say government corruption in Albany is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem. Voters are divided on whether Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the State Legislature will try to address the problem in 2017: 44 percent say they will and 43 percent say they won’t.

Gov. Cuomo is “part of the problem of ethics in government,” 43 percent of voters say, as 44 percent say he’s “part of the solution.”

Voters say 78 – 14 percent that elected state officials convicted of a felony should lose their pension.

“Corruption is an Albany problem, voters think, and they’re dubious about whether Gov. Andrew and the State Legislature will try to fix it,” Carroll said. “If an elected official is convicted, voters would punish their families by cancelling their pensions.”

Millionaire’s Tax, Mayoral Control of the Schools

New York State voters support 56 – 25 percent extending the state’s “Millionaire’s Tax.” Republicans are divided, with 34 percent for extending the tax and 38 percent for ending it. All other listed groups support extending the tax.

There are deep party, regional and racial divisions as voters statewide support 45 – 39 percent continuing mayoral control of the New York City public schools. Opposition is 62 – 27 percent among Republicans and 43 – 36 percent among independent voters, with Democrats supporting mayoral control 59 – 28 percent.

New York City voters support mayoral control 61 – 31 percent. Suburban voters are divided with 43 percent in favor and 39 percent opposed. Upstate voters oppose mayoral control 47 – 31 percent. White voters are opposed 45 – 36 percent, with non-white voters in favor 62 – 28 percent.

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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21. 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	8%	4%	13%	6%	9%	8%	7%	9%
Smwht satisfied	48	27	63	43	46	50	50	41
Smwht dissatisfied	21	26	15	25	22	21	23	24
Very dissatisfied	22	42	9	26	22	22	20	25
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very satisfied	4%	9%	10%	10%	8%	8%	8%	9%
Smwht satisfied	50	46	48	48	43	49	46	51
Smwht dissatisfied	26	22	19	21	25	22	23	18
Very dissatisfied	20	23	23	21	24	21	22	22
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very satisfied	7%	10%	9%
Smwht satisfied	41	53	51
Smwht dissatisfied	22	20	22
Very dissatisfied	30	17	17
DK/NA	-	-	-

22. How much of a problem, if at all, is government corruption in New York State today; is it a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not too serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	41%	59%	31%	42%	45%	38%	44%	44%
Smwht serious	39	28	45	38	35	42	41	34
Not too serious	13	6	18	11	15	11	10	15
Not a problem at all	3	3	3	4	3	4	1	3
DK/NA	4	4	3	5	3	5	3	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very serious	30%	46%	43%	39%	51%	39%	44%	36%
Smwht serious	43	31	42	41	34	41	38	40
Not too serious	15	18	11	10	13	12	12	14
Not a problem at all	8	2	2	3	1	3	2	6
DK/NA	5	2	2	7	2	5	4	5

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very serious	46%	33%	47%
Smwht serious	38	41	35
Not too serious	9	17	11
Not a problem at all	2	4	4
DK/NA	4	4	4

23. Do you think Governor Cuomo and the state legislature will or will not take steps to improve ethics in state government in 2017?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Will take steps	44%	23%	61%	36%	38%	50%	36%	39%
Will not	43	62	29	50	51	36	53	47
DK/NA	13	15	10	14	11	15	11	14
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Will take steps	48%	47%	42%	39%	31%	43%	37%	55%
Will not	37	43	48	44	60	42	50	30
DK/NA	15	10	9	17	9	15	12	15
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Will take steps	38%	48%	48%					
Will not	51	36	42					
DK/NA	11	16	10					

24. When thinking about the problem of ethics in government, do you think Andrew Cuomo is part of the problem or part of the solution?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Problem	43%	68%	26%	51%	49%	38%	53%	49%
Solution	44	19	63	34	40	47	35	35
DK/NA	13	13	11	15	11	15	12	16
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Problem	34%	45%	50%	45%	58%	45%	51%	31%
Solution	42	45	44	43	30	39	35	57
DK/NA	24	10	7	12	12	16	14	12
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Problem	53%	35%	41%					
Solution	37	50	44					
DK/NA	10	15	15					

25. Do you think elected state officials who have been convicted of a felony should lose their pensions or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Yes/Lose pensions	78%	88%	78%	73%	79%	78%	86%	84%
No	14	7	15	18	15	13	8	8
DK/NA	8	5	7	9	6	9	6	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non-Wht
Yes/Lose pensions	67%	81%	84%	83%	85%	85%	85%	69%
No	21	14	11	10	9	7	8	23
DK/NA	12	5	5	6	6	8	7	8

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes/Lose pensions	84%	71%	82%
No	10	20	10
DK/NA	6	9	8

27. As you may know, New York State's so called "millionaires' tax" is set to expire in December. Do you think the state should extend the millionaires' tax or end the millionaires' tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Extend	56%	34%	70%	52%	57%	56%	58%	53%
End	25	38	16	26	27	23	22	25
DK/NA	19	27	15	22	17	22	20	22

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non-Wht
Extend	61%	58%	53%	57%	56%	55%	56%	58%
End	21	24	29	23	25	22	23	26
DK/NA	17	19	19	19	19	23	21	16

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Extend	53%	59%	57%
End	24	24	26
DK/NA	24	17	17

28. As you may know, in New York City the mayor has control of the public schools. Mayoral control of the New York City public schools expires this year, unless the state legislature renews it. Do you think mayoral control of the New York City public schools should continue or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Continue	45%	27%	59%	36%	45%	46%	38%	32%
Stop	39	62	28	43	41	37	44	47
DK/NA	16	11	14	21	14	17	18	20
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Continue	55%	51%	41%	36%	39%	33%	36%	62%
Stop	30	37	42	47	45	46	45	28
DK/NA	16	12	17	17	16	21	19	10
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Continue	31%	61%	43%					
Stop	47	31	39					
DK/NA	22	9	17					

29. There is a proposal to provide free college tuition for New York State students, whose family income is \$125,000 per year or less, for them to attend public, in-state colleges and universities. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	70%	44%	86%	63%	65%	74%	63%	61%
Oppose	26	54	11	32	31	22	34	34
DK/NA	3	2	3	6	4	3	3	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	86%	73%	63%	61%	58%	66%	62%	83%
Oppose	13	25	34	31	39	30	34	15
DK/NA	1	2	2	8	4	5	4	2
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Support	59%	82%	68%					
Oppose	37	15	28					
DK/NA	3	3	4					

30. As you may know, New York State currently charges all 16 and 17 year olds suspected of committing any crime as adults. If they are convicted of a crime that requires prison time, they are sent to adult prisons and not to juvenile detention facilities. Do you think 16 and 17 year olds should continue to be charged as adults, or do you think they should be charged as minors?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Charged as adults	29%	49%	22%	30%	37%	22%	30%	30%
Charged as minors	59	40	68	58	53	65	59	54
DK/NA	11	11	11	12	11	12	11	16

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Charged as adults	31%	28%	32%	26%	39%	23%	30%	28%
Charged as minors	60	60	59	60	49	63	56	63
DK/NA	9	12	10	14	12	14	13	9

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Charged as adults	33%	27%	28%
Charged as minors	56	63	58
DK/NA	11	10	14