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SCHUMER UP MORE THAN 2-1 IN NEW YORK SENATE RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS

Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, in line to become the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, and possibly the Senate Majority Leader if Democrats win control of the Senate this November, leads a largely unknown Republican challenger, Wendy Long, 63 – 24 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Schumer is up 89 – 2 percent among Democrats and 58 – 25 percent among independent voters, while Republicans back Long 59 – 26 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

New York State voters approve 62 – 25 percent of the job Schumer is doing and give him a 58 – 24 percent favorability rating. For Long, 85 percent of voters don't know enough about her to form an opinion.

“Sen. Charles Schumer is poised to become the Democratic leader of the U. S. Senate, one of the most powerful positions in the nation. And if Democrats win control of the Senate this November, Schumer becomes even more powerful,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

“Back here in New York, voters endorse Sen. Chuck's reelection over Wendy Long, his all but anonymous opponent. New Yorkers have high regard for Schumer. His job approval is healthy in all sections of the state, and tops 3-1 in New York City.

From March 22 – 29, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,667 New York State voters, with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 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, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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14. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Charles Schumer the Democrat and Wendy Long the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Schumer | 63% | 26% | 89% | 58% | 57% | 68% | 61% | 67% | 62% | 65% |
| Long | 24 | 59 | 2 | 25 | 30 | 18 | 17 | 23 | 28 | 24 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| DK/NA | 11 | 13 | 7 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 21 | 9 | 7 | 9 |

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| Schumer | 56% | 73% | 59% |
| Long | 32 | 14 | 26 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | - | - | 1 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| DK/NA | 11 | 11 | 13 |

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

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Favorable | 58% | 35% | 77% | 51% | 53% | 63% | 46% | 63% | 59% | 65% |
| Unfavorable | 24 | 49 | 6 | 29 | 31 | 18 | 16 | 25 | 30 | 24 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 16 | 13 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 17 | 38 | 11 | 10 | 8 |
| REFUSED | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 3 |

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| Favorable | 53% | 65% | 56% |
| Unfavorable | 30 | 17 | 27 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 16 | 17 | 15 |
| REFUSED | 1 | 1 | 2 |

16. Is your opinion of Wendy Long favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Favorable | 9% | 18% | 5% | 7% | 12% | 6% | 10% | 8% | 10% | 8% |
| Unfavorable | 5 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 85 | 79 | 86 | 90 | 81 | 89 | 85 | 85 | 83 | 88 |
| REFUSED | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - |

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|------------------|-----|----|----|
| Favorable | 10% | 8% | 8% |
| Unfavorable | 3 | 8 | 6 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 86 | 83 | 86 |
| REFUSED | - | 1 | - |

18. 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 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Approve | 62% | 38% | 81% | 56% | 57% | 66% | 54% | 65% | 63% | 67% |
| Disapprove | 25 | 49 | 8 | 29 | 31 | 20 | 18 | 28 | 29 | 23 |
| DK/NA | 13 | 13 | 11 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 28 | 8 | 8 | 10 |

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| | UpStat | NYC | Sub |
| Approve | 56% | 69% | 60% |
| Disapprove | 30 | 19 | 27 |
| DK/NA | 14 | 12 | 13 |