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NIXON TAKES A BITE OUT OF CUOMO IN NEW YORK GOV RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; CUOMO HAS STRONG PRIMARY, GENERAL ELECTION LEADS

With almost equal support from men and women, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo tops challenger Cynthia Nixon 50 – 28 percent in a Democratic primary as he seeks a third term, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Democratic women back Gov. Cuomo 49 – 24 percent, with 27 percent undecided. Men back the governor 51 – 34 percent, with 15 percent undecided, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

In a 2-way General Election matchup, Cuomo buries Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro 57 – 26 percent. Cuomo leads 89 – 4 percent among Democrats, 47 – 27 percent among independent voters, 50 – 34 percent among men and 63 – 20 percent among women. Molinaro takes Republicans 72 – 17 percent.

If Nixon is on the November ballot as the Working Families Party candidate, Cuomo's support drops to 40 percent, with 23 percent for Molinaro and 20 percent for Nixon. The governor leads Nixon:

- 64 – 24 percent among Democrats;
- 31 – 26 percent among independent voters, with 22 percent for Molinaro;
- 37 – 18 percent among men, with 30 percent for Molinaro;
- 43 – 22 percent among women, with 17 percent for Molinaro.

New York City voters shift from 70 – 13 percent for Cuomo over Molinaro in a 2-way race to 50 percent for Cuomo, 22 percent for Nixon and 12 percent for Molinaro in a 3-way race.

"Actress Cynthia Nixon is a nuisance to Gov. Andrew Cuomo as he seeks a third term, but at this stage she is not running strong enough to make either the Democratic Primary or General Election challenge successful," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. "Only half the electorate knows her. And in a 3-way race that includes Republican Marc Molinaro, Gov. Cuomo does about as well as his two challengers combined."

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New York State voters approve 54 – 39 percent of the job Gov. Cuomo is doing, his highest approval rating since a 58 – 32 percent score in a December 22, 2014 Quinnipiac University Poll.   Voters give Cuomo a 49 – 41 percent favorability rating.

Molinaro remains largely unknown as 74 percent of voters don't know enough about him to form an opinion of him. For Nixon, 52 percent don't know enough.

Cuomo has strong leadership qualities, voters say 67 – 29 percent. He cares about their needs and problems, voters say 51 – 43 percent. But only 46 percent of voters say he is honest and trustworthy, while 45 percent say he is not.

Voters prefer 60 – 29 percent a governor who has experience in politics rather than someone new to politics.

U.S. Senate Race

Democratic incumbent U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand thumps Republican challenger Chele Farley 58 – 23 percent, leading among all listed party, gender, education, age, racial and regional groups except Republicans. New York State voters approve 59 – 24 percent of the job Sen. Gillibrand is doing, her best score since a 61 – 20 percent approval rating in an August 21, 2014, poll, her highest score ever. Voters give Gillibrand a 52 – 22 percent favorability rating.

For Farley, 83 percent of voters don't know enough about her to form an opinion.

Sen. Schumer, President Trump Approval

Voters approve 57 – 35 percent of the job Sen. Charles Schumer is doing.

President Donald Trump gets a negative 31 – 66 percent approval rating, similar to his New York State scores since he was inaugurated.   Approval ratings for other officials are:

- 48 – 22 percent for State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman;
- 32 – 16 percent for State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli;
- Negative 40 – 45 percent for New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, with a 53 – 43 percent approval among New York City voters.

From April 26 – May 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,076 New York State voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points, including the design effect. The survey includes 473 Democrats, with a margin of error of +/- 5.7 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and Texas as a public service and for research.

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1. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo and Cynthia Nixon, for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED DEMOCRATS.................................

| | | POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY | | | | | COLLEGE DEG | |
| | | LIBERAL..... | | Mod/ | | | | |
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Cuomo	50%	31%	53%	59%	51%	49%	47%	54%
Nixon	28	49	25	20	34	24	32	21
DK/NA	22	20	22	21	15	27	21	24

| | AGE IN YRS....... | | | AREA............. | | | | Non |
	18-49	50-64	65+	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Wht	Wht
Cuomo	43%	51%	58%	50%	53%	42%	48%	54%
Nixon	34	29	19	27	28	28	29	26
DK/NA	23	19	24	22	19	31	24	19

2. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Marc Molinaro the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | | | | | | | WHITE...... | |
| | | | | | | | COLLEGE DEG | |
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Cuomo	57%	17%	89%	47%	50%	63%	56%	44%
Molinaro	26	72	4	27	34	20	29	39
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	1	-	3	2	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	-	1	6	3	3	2	4
DK/NA	12	9	5	16	11	13	12	10

| | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | | WHITE..... | | | Non |
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Cuomo	55%	67%	53%	56%	44%	57%	51%	71%
Molinaro	16	22	35	31	42	26	33	14
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	5	2	3	2	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	23	6	8	10	9	13	11	12

| | AREA............ | | |
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	44%	70%	56%
Molinaro	41	13	27
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	5	2
DK/NA	12	10	15

3. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat, Marc Molinaro the Republican, and Cynthia Nixon the Working Families Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

							WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Cuomo	40%	14%	64%	31%	37%	43%	39%	35%
Molinaro	23	74	1	22	30	17	26	36
Nixon	20	5	24	26	18	22	18	15
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	-	1	2
DK/NA	15	7	11	18	13	17	16	13

	AGE IN YRS..............				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Cuomo	38%	39%	39%	45%	33%	42%	37%	47%
Molinaro	16	13	31	30	38	23	30	10
Nixon	26	30	17	11	14	19	17	26
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	1	1	1	2	-	1	1
DK/NA	19	16	11	13	12	16	14	15

	AREA.............		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	33%	50%	36%
Molinaro	35	12	25
Nixon	17	22	23
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	2	-
DK/NA	15	14	16

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

							WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	49%	22%	71%	42%	44%	55%	47%	38%
Unfavorable	41	72	21	45	47	35	45	53
Hvn't hrd enough	7	4	5	11	7	7	5	6
REFUSED	3	1	3	2	2	3	3	3

	AGE IN YRS..............				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	44%	54%	45%	53%	36%	50%	43%	61%
Unfavorable	30	40	51	40	57	40	48	26
Hvn't hrd enough	24	3	2	4	4	7	5	11
REFUSED	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	2

	AREA.............		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	38%	62%	46%
Unfavorable	55	27	42
Hvn't hrd enough	5	8	9
REFUSED	2	3	3

5. Is your opinion of Marc Molinaro favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

| | | | | | | | WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG | |
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	13%	36%	3%	13%	18%	8%	15%	19%
Unfavorable	13	1	24	8	14	11	15	8
Hvn't hrd enough	74	62	72	79	68	79	70	72
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

| | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | | WHITE..... | | | Non |
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	8%	9%	14%	19%	22%	11%	16%	6%
Unfavorable	12	17	12	9	13	11	12	14
Hvn't hrd enough	79	74	73	70	65	76	71	79
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	2	1	-

| | AREA............ | | |
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	21%	5%	12%
Unfavorable	11	16	11
Hvn't hrd enough	67	79	77
REFUSED	1	-	1

6. Is your opinion of Cynthia Nixon favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

| | | | | | | | WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG | |
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	26%	11%	35%	26%	28%	24%	31%	16%
Unfavorable	21	37	15	19	23	19	27	24
Hvn't hrd enough	52	51	48	54	48	56	40	58
REFUSED	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2

| | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | | WHITE..... | | | Non |
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	25%	33%	29%	18%	24%	25%	25%	27%
Unfavorable	12	19	26	24	29	23	26	12
Hvn't hrd enough	62	46	44	55	45	50	48	60
REFUSED	-	1	2	2	2	2	2	-

| | AREA............ | | |
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	22%	29%	25%
Unfavorable	18	23	22
Hvn't hrd enough	58	48	52
REFUSED	2	1	1

7. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Kirsten Gillibrand the Democrat and Chele Farley the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Gillibrand	58%	12%	85%	56%	50%	65%	65%	49%
Farley	23	72	2	21	31	15	26	32
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	1	3	3	3	3	1	4
DK/NA	16	15	9	20	15	17	8	15

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Gillibrand	52%	63%	57%	61%	51%	64%	58%	59%
Farley	16	18	29	27	37	22	29	11
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	4	2	3	1	2	2	2	3
DK/NA	27	18	10	10	10	12	11	25

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Gillibrand	53%	63%	56%
Farley	31	13	28
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	5	2
DK/NA	16	19	13

8. Is your opinion of Kirsten Gillibrand favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	52%	18%	76%	49%	48%	56%	63%	46%
Unfavorable	22	53	6	22	28	18	24	28
Hvn't hrd enough	24	28	17	26	23	24	12	24
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Favorable	45%	52%	56%	56%	51%	60%	56%	47%
Unfavorable	9	18	29	30	31	20	25	16
Hvn't hrd enough	46	27	13	13	17	18	17	36
REFUSED	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	2

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	52%	54%	48%
Unfavorable	30	16	23
Hvn't hrd enough	17	28	28
REFUSED	1	2	1

9. Is your opinion of Chele Farley favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

							WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	8%	21%	1%	9%	11%	5%	9%	9%
Unfavorable	9	2	15	6	9	9	12	4
Hvn't hrd enough	83	77	83	85	79	86	79	86
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1

	AGE IN YRS..............				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	7%	5%	10%	8%	12%	6%	9%	5%
Unfavorable	8	12	8	8	7	9	8	10
Hvn't hrd enough	84	83	82	83	80	84	82	84
REFUSED	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	-

	AREA.............		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	9%	4%	12%
Unfavorable	6	13	7
Hvn't hrd enough	84	84	80
REFUSED	1	-	1

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

							WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	54%	29%	73%	50%	50%	58%	49%	47%
Disapprove	39	68	19	45	45	33	45	48
DK/NA	7	3	7	5	5	8	6	5

	AGE IN YRS..............				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	63%	59%	47%	50%	42%	53%	48%	67%
Disapprove	28	35	50	42	54	40	47	24
DK/NA	9	6	4	7	4	7	5	9

	AREA.............		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	43%	63%	56%
Disapprove	51	28	39
DK/NA	6	9	5

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

							WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	57%	25%	80%	51%	52%	61%	61%	44%
Disapprove	35	72	11	39	43	28	32	49
DK/NA	8	3	8	10	5	11	7	6

	AGE IN YRS..............				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	51%	61%	54%	58%	48%	59%	54%	63%
Disapprove	32	29	41	37	49	31	40	25
DK/NA	16	9	4	5	3	10	6	12

	AREA.............		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	51%	69%	45%
Disapprove	43	23	44
DK/NA	7	8	11

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

							WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	59%	28%	81%	56%	53%	64%	67%	51%
Disapprove	24	54	8	24	31	18	24	30
DK/NA	17	18	11	20	16	18	9	19

	AGE IN YRS..............				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	57%	63%	57%	59%	54%	65%	60%	58%
Disapprove	15	22	31	27	34	21	27	19
DK/NA	28	15	12	14	12	14	13	24

	AREA.............		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	55%	63%	57%
Disapprove	31	18	26
DK/NA	15	19	18

13. 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	31%	85%	6%	29%	39%	23%	31%	43%
Disapprove	66	14	92	67	57	73	66	55
DK/NA	4	1	3	4	3	4	3	2

	AGE IN YRS............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Approve	28%	23%	36%	35%	43%	31%	37%	19%
Disapprove	68	72	62	62	55	66	61	76
DK/NA	5	4	2	3	2	3	3	5

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	39%	21%	35%
Disapprove	58	74	63
DK/NA	3	5	2

14. 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	32%	38%	32%	31%	37%	28%	34%	36%
Disapprove	16	12	18	17	17	15	14	12
DK/NA	52	50	50	52	46	56	52	52

	AGE IN YRS............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Approve	29%	28%	34%	36%	38%	31%	35%	27%
Disapprove	16	24	15	11	13	13	13	21
DK/NA	55	48	51	53	48	56	52	51

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	41%	26%	30%
Disapprove	14	17	19
DK/NA	45	58	51

15. 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	48%	34%	61%	44%	51%	45%	56%	42%
Disapprove	22	36	13	23	26	18	17	24
DK/NA	30	30	26	33	23	37	27	34

	AGE IN YRS............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Approve	42%	48%	48%	52%	53%	47%	50%	44%
Disapprove	19	24	27	20	26	14	20	25
DK/NA	39	28	26	28	21	38	30	31

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	46%	52%	43%
Disapprove	24	18	24
DK/NA	29	30	32

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill de Blasio is handling his job as mayor of New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	40%	14%	61%	32%	36%	42%	36%	26%
Disapprove	45	75	24	49	50	41	48	52
DK/NA	15	11	14	19	14	17	16	22

	AGE IN YRS............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Approve	46%	42%	37%	34%	27%	36%	31%	55%
Disapprove	42	46	47	46	55	45	50	36
DK/NA	11	12	16	20	18	19	19	9

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	28%	53%	35%
Disapprove	42	43	54
DK/NA	30	4	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Yes	67%	45%	84%	63%	62%	72%	70%	57%
No	29	53	15	30	34	25	29	38
DK/NA	4	2	2	7	4	3	1	6

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Yes	68%	76%	62%	64%	60%	68%	64%	74%
No	23	23	37	33	37	29	33	21
DK/NA	10	1	2	3	3	3	3	5

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	58%	76%	66%
No	38	21	29
DK/NA	3	3	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Yes	46%	27%	63%	38%	42%	49%	43%	40%
No	45	69	28	50	50	40	50	55
DK/NA	10	4	9	13	8	11	7	5

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Yes	46%	45%	43%	50%	36%	47%	42%	54%
No	42	45	51	42	60	46	52	30
DK/NA	12	10	7	8	4	8	6	16

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	36%	55%	44%
No	56	33	47
DK/NA	7	12	9

19. 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	51%	29%	69%	45%	48%	55%	52%	46%
No	43	69	26	46	48	38	44	49
DK/NA	6	2	5	9	4	8	3	5

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Yes	55%	54%	46%	53%	44%	54%	49%	56%
No	35	43	52	40	52	41	47	35
DK/NA	10	4	3	7	3	5	4	9

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	43%	57%	55%
No	52	35	42
DK/NA	6	8	3

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%	4%	9%	4%	4%	7%	7%	4%
Smwht satisfied	45	26	60	41	45	44	47	41
Smwht dissatisfied	26	22	23	31	25	28	26	23
Very dissatisfied	22	47	8	23	25	20	19	31
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Very satisfied	5%	7%	4%	5%	5%	7%	6%	6%
Smwht satisfied	55	42	39	47	43	46	44	47
Smwht dissatisfied	28	31	27	20	23	26	25	28
Very dissatisfied	11	21	29	27	29	20	24	19
DK/NA	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	-

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very satisfied	4%	7%	6%
Smwht satisfied	39	50	44
Smwht dissatisfied	25	29	24
Very dissatisfied	31	13	24
DK/NA	-	1	1

21. Would you prefer to elect a governor who has experience in politics, or is new to politics?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Experience	60%	38%	75%	58%	55%	64%	61%	55%
New to politics	29	47	17	31	35	25	27	36
DK/NA	11	15	8	11	10	11	11	9

	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Experience	63%	60%	58%	62%	52%	64%	58%	65%
New to politics	26	34	29	29	38	25	31	26
DK/NA	11	6	13	9	10	11	10	9

	AREA............ UpStat	NYC	Sub
Experience	52%	69%	56%
New to politics	37	19	35
DK/NA	12	11	9