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NEW YORK STATE VOTERS BACK CUOMO ON ABORTION 3-1, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS SPLIT ON GAS DRILLING, CASINOS

New York State voters support 67 - 24 percent Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposal to expand a woman's right to an abortion, allowing late-term abortions when the woman's health is at risk, but her life is not at risk, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for the expanded abortion right is 77 - 14 percent among Democrats and 70 - 21 percent among independent voters. Republicans are divided 46 - 45 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

There is almost no gender gap as women support the measure 67 - 22 percent, compared to 66 - 26 percent among men. Support is 63 - 27 percent among Protestants, 58 - 32 percent among Catholics and 60 - 27 percent among Jews.

Offered four choices on abortion:

- 26 percent of voters say abortion should be legal in all cases;
- 36 percent say legal in most cases;
- 20 percent say illegal in most cases;
- 9 percent say illegal in all cases.

"Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he wants to establish Roe v Wade in state law, in case the U.S. Supreme Court overturns the landmark decision, and voters are with him on its controversial support for late-term abortions," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"On abortion overall, the numbers don't change much: a small right-to-life minority, a larger abortion-on-demand minority, a majority in the middle saying it depends on the case."

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Legalizing medical marijuana, with a doctor's prescription, is a good idea, New York State voters say 70 - 26 percent, including 58 - 39 percent among Republicans. Support is strong among all groups.

By a smaller 34 - 20 percent margin, voters say legalizing mixed martial arts is a good idea. Another 42 percent say they haven't heard enough about it to form an opinion.

Almost everyone has an opinion on legalizing Atlantic City-type casinos in New York State, with support at 51 - 39 percent.

Only 48 percent of voters say changing the State Constitution to allow casino gambling is a good idea, while 45 percent say bad idea. Support for a constitutional amendment is 49-43 percent upstate and 50-44 percent in the suburbs. New York City voters are divided as 46 percent say good idea and 47 percent say bad idea.

And voters oppose 55-41 percent having casino gambling in the town or city where they live. Opposition to a casino nearby is 50-46 percent among upstate voters, 53-44 percent among New York City voters and 67-28 percent among suburban voters.

New York State voters remain divided on drilling for natural gas as 46 percent support drilling because of economic benefits while 44 percent oppose it because of environmental concerns. Support for drilling is 52 - 41 percent upstate and 50 - 40 percent in the suburbs, while New York City voters are opposed 50 - 39 percent.

Gov. Cuomo is carefully evaluating the issue of natural gas drilling, 22 percent of voters say, while 36 percent say he is dragging his feet to avoid making a decision.

"New Yorkers are OK with Atlantic City-type casinos, but not in my backyard," Carroll said. "They are divided on changing the State Constitution, which must happen if they want casinos. New York City voters are not enthusiastic about changing the Constitution and lots of them will be voting in November because there are races for mayor, City Council and city-wide offices. Even upstate voters, presumably with the most to gain from casinos, are lukewarm,"

From May 29 – June 3, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,075 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 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, and the nation as a public service and for research.

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15. Some people say there should be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the economic benefits. Others say there should not be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the environmental impact. Which comes closer to your point of view?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Drilling	46%	70%	31%	50%	52%	41%	49%	45%
No drilling	44	22	58	42	40	48	43	45
DK/NA	9	8	11	8	8	10	8	11
	COLLEG	E DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Drilling	37%	52%	47%	46%	48%	50%	48%	45%
No drilling	54	38	43	47	47	45	43	44
DK/NA	9	10	10	8	5	5	9	11
	AREA			UPSTATE NY				
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind		
Drilling	52%	39%	50%	70%	29%	56%		
No drilling	41	50	40	25	66	36		
DK/NA	7	12	10	6	5	7		

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						High	Low
	Jun 06	Apr 18	Mar 20	Jan 31	Dec 13	Aug 11	Mar 20
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2011	2013
Drilling	46	42	39	43	44	47	39
No drilling	44	46	46	42	42	42	46
DK/NA	9	12	14	15	15	12	14

16. Which comes closer to your point of view; Governor Cuomo is carefully evaluating the issue of hydro-fracking, or Governor Cuomo is dragging his feet and trying to avoid making a decision on the issue of hydro-fracking, or don't you have an opinion on that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Carefully evaluating Dragging his feet No opinion DK/NA	22% 36 38 4	14% 44 39 4	28% 25 41 6	23% 41 34 3	24% 42 30 5	21% 31 44 4	24% 38 34 4	20% 29 50 1
	COLLEG: Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K		YRS 35-54	
Carefully evaluating Dragging his feet No opinion DK/NA		19% 34 42 4	24% 28 44 5	19% 48 32 2	25% 38 32 5	18% 25 51 5	19% 44 34 3	25% 36 35 4
		NYC	Sub	UPSTAT: Rep	E NY Dem	Ind		
Carefully evaluating Dragging his feet No opinion DK/NA	25% 41 32 2	18% 32 45 5	23% 33 37 7	14% 49 35 2	36% 26 36 3	29% 43 27 1		

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	Jun 06 2013	Apr 18 2013	Mar 20 2013	Dec 13 2012
Carefully evaluating	22	24	21	26
Dragging his feet	36	32	30	25
No opinion	38	41	46	44
DK/NA	4	3	3	4

17. Do you support or oppose the creation of non-indian casinos in New York State, similar to those in Atlantic City and Las Vegas?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	51%	52%	50%	50%	55%	47%	50%	53%
Oppose	39	37	41	40	36	42	41	32
DK/NA	10	11	9	10	9	11	9	15
	COLLEGI Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	 55+
Support	46%	53%	48%	53%	52%	64%	50%	46%
Oppose	44	37	42	34	42	27	43	43
DK/NA	10	10	10	13	6	10	7	11
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub	UPSTATI Rep	E NY Dem	 Ind	Union HsHld	
Support	52%	48%	53%	47%	54%	54%	48%	
Oppose	37	42	39	39	40	35	41	
DK/NA	10	10	8	15	6	11	10	

TREND: Do you support or oppose the creation of non-indian casinos in New York State, similar to those in Atlantic City and Las Vegas?

	Jun 06 2013	Mar 20 2013	May 30 2012	Feb 15 2012	Dec 21 2011	Sep 21 2011
Support	51	52	56	54	64	56
Oppose	39	38	33	38	31	37
DK/NA	10	11	11	8	5	7

18. There is a proposal to change the state constitution to allow for the creation of non-indian casinos in New York State, similar to those in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Good idea	48%	51%	49%	46%	52%	44%	47%	56%
Bad idea	45	41	46	47	41	49	46	38
DK/NA	7	8	5	7	7	7	7	6
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	 55+
Good idea	44%	50%	44%	52%	49%	58%	48%	44%
Bad idea	49	42	49	38	46	36	45	48
DK/NA	6	7	7	10	4	6	7	8
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub	UPSTATI Rep	E NY Dem	Ind	Union HsHld	
Good idea	49%	46%	50%	49%	51%	49%	45%	
Bad idea	43	47	44	44	44	43	49	
DK/NA	8	7	6	8	5	8	6	

TREND: There is a proposal to change the state constitution to allow for the creation of non-indian casinos in New York State, similar to those in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Jun 06 2013	Mar 20 2013	May 30 2012	Feb 15 2012
Good idea	48	46	49	50
Bad idea	45	46	42	42
DK/NA	7	9	9	8

19. Do you favor or oppose having casino gambling in the town or city you live in?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favor	41%	41%	45%	40%	45%	37%	40%	49%
Oppose	55	53	52	57	50	59	56	48
DK/NA	4	6	3	3	4	4	4	3
	COLLEGI	E DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Favor	35%	45%	41%	47%	40%	54%	42%	36%
Oppose	60	51	55	51	56	44	55	59
DK/NA	4	4	4	2	5	2	3	5
	AREA			UPSTATE NY			Union	
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind	HsHld	
Favor	46%	44%	28%	42%	50%	48%	40%	
Oppose	50	53	67	53	45	50	56	
DK/NA	4	3	5	4	5	2	4	

TREND: Do you favor or oppose having casino gambling in the town or city you live in?

	Jun 06 2013	Mar 20 2013	Nov 15 2001
Favor	41	41	30
Oppose	55	54	66
DK/NA	4	5	4

20. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Legal all cases Legal most cases Illegal most cases Illegal all cases DK/NA	26% 36 20 9	10% 31 35 14	35% 42 13 5	27% 37 20 9	22% 37 22 9	30% 36 19 9	26% 38 20 9	24% 42 14 8 11
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	_	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	 55+
Legal all cases Legal most cases Illegal most cases Illegal all cases DK/NA	32% 43 15 7 4	23% 32 24 10 11	26% 32 22 10	29% 37 21 8 5	28% 46 18 5 4	28% 38 16 10 8	31% 33 25 5	22% 39 19 11 9
	Prot	Cath	Jew	WHITE. Prot	 Cath			
Legal all cases Legal most cases Illegal most cases Illegal all cases DK/NA	20% 35 23 14	16% 40 24 10 9	32% 31 29 1 7	23% 33 23 16 6	15% 43 22 11 8			

TREND: Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Jun 06	May 31	Jun 22	Feb 9	Mar 18
	2013	2012	2006	2005	2003
Legal all cases Legal most cases Illegal most cases Illegal all cases DK/NA	26	30	28	25	32
	36	37	41	37	34
	20	19	18	20	16
	9	10	7	11	13
	8	5	7	8	5

21. How about late-term abortions when the pregnant woman's - health is at risk? Do you think abortion should be legal in that situation or illegal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Legal Illegal DK/NA	68% 22 10	51% 36 13	77% 16 7	72% 19 10	68% 22 10	68% 23 9	70% 22 9	69% 21 10
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	
Legal Illegal DK/NA	76% 17 7	63% 25 11	65% 22 14	73% 22 6	73% 21 6	63% 29 8	72% 19 9	67% 22 11
	Prot	Cath	Jew	WHITE. Prot	 Cath			
Legal Illegal DK/NA	65% 26 9	57% 33 10	75% 13 12	67% 24 9	58% 32 10			

22. How about late-term abortions when the pregnant woman's - life is at risk? Do you think abortion should be legal in that situation or illegal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Legal	76%	66%	83%	79%	77%	75%	78%	68%
Illegal	15	22	12	13	14	17	13	26
DK/NA	9	12	5	8	9	8	9	6
	COLLEGI	E DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Legal	83%	72%	76%	80%	79%	75%	80%	74%
Illegal	10	18	13	14	15	21	12	15
DK/NA	7	10	11	6	6	4	9	11
				WHITE.				
	Prot	Cath	Jew	Prot	Cath			
Legal	71%	69%	86%	73%	71%			
Illegal	19	22	5	16	20			
DK/NA	10	9	9	11	9			

23. New York State law currently makes it legal for a woman to have a late-term abortion if her life is at risk. Governor Cuomo has proposed legislation to change the state law to make it legal for a woman to have a late-term abortion also if her health is at risk. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support Oppose DK/NA	67% 24 9	46% 45 9	77% 14 9	70% 21 9	66% 26 8	67% 22 11	66% 26 9	77% 15 8
	COLLEGI Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	55+
Support Oppose DK/NA	71% 22 7	64% 25 11	69% 21 9	65% 27 8	69% 27 5	60% 30 10	73% 20 7	65% 25 10
	Prot	Cath	Jew	WHITE. Prot	 Cath			
Support Oppose DK/NA	63% 27 10	58% 32 10	60% 27 13	58% 29 13	58% 34 8			

24. There is a proposal in the state legislature that would allow adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Good idea Bad idea DK/NA	70% 26 4	58% 39 3	74% 23 3	73% 22 5	69% 28 3	71% 25 4	74% 23 3	72% 25 3
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K		INC >100K		YRS 35-54	
Good idea Bad idea DK/NA	80% 16 4	64% 32 4	67% 29 4	71% 26 4	78% 19 3	75% 23 2	75% 22 4	65% 31 5
		NYC	Sub	UPSTAT. Rep	E NY Dem	 Ind		
Good idea Bad idea DK/NA	74% 22 4	65% 31 4	72% 26 3	60% 37 3	83% 14 3	77% 18 4		

TREND: There is a proposal in the state legislature that would allow adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Jun 06 2013	Feb 4 2010
Good idea	70	71
Bad idea	26	25
DK/NA	4	4

25. There is a proposal in the state legislature that would allow mixed martial arts as a sport. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea, or haven't you heard enough about it?

		Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Good idea Bad idea		34% 20	38% 21	27% 21	39% 19	43% 22	26% 18	33% 22	39% 16
Hvn't hrd	enough	42	39	47	40	30	54	41	44
DK/NA		4	3	5	2	4	3	4	1
		COLLEGE	E DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS	
		Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Good idea		31%	36%	31%	38%	35%	63%	40%	16%
Bad idea		21	19	23	19	20	10	14	29
Hvn't hrd	enough	43	42	44	38	43	24	42	52
DK/NA		4	3	2	5	2	3	4	3
		AREA			UPSTATI	E NY			
		UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind		
Good idea		35%	35%	30%	33%	31%	40%		
Bad idea		21	17	22	22	28	17		
Hvn't hrd	enough	40	44	44	42	36	40		
DK/NA	-	3	3	4	3	5	2		