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PATAKI, RUBIO, BUSH TOP GOP PACK IN NEW YORK, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; EMPIRE STATE DEMS IN CLINTON STATE OF MIND

Looking at the 2016 presidential race New York State Republicans give former Gov. George Pataki and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida 11 percent each, with 10 percent for former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton wins the heart of 55 percent of New York Democrats, with 15 percent for U.S. Sen. Bernie Sander of Vermont and 9 percent for Vice President Joseph Biden, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. No other Democrat tops 2 percent and 13 percent remain undecided.

In the Republican primary race, Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin gets 7 percent, with 6 percent each for Ben Carson, New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Donald Trump. No other candidate tops 5 percent and 14 percent are undecided.

Among New York Democrats, Clinton has the support of 51 percent of men and 58 percent of women, 56 percent of those describing themselves as very liberal, 65 percent of those who are somewhat liberal and 51 percent of self-described moderates or conservatives.

“Nobody thinks New York will be a swing state in November, 2016, but in a Republican primary, which could count, New York's own Gov. George Pataki, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and Gov. Jeb Bush, both from Florida, are the only double-digit finishers in the early going,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“For the Democrats, the one polling certainty, that a formal decision to run is followed by a bump in the numbers, lets U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders slip in behind – way behind – Hillary Clinton.

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New York State voters give President Barack Obama a split 47 – 47 percent job approval rating, down from a 51 – 45 percent approval rating in a March 23 Quinnipiac University poll.

“He's still the president, but even in true-blue New York, Barack Obama only gets a stand-off in job approval,” Carroll said.

From May 28 – June 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,229 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. The survey includes 356 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 5.2 percentage points and 508 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 4.4 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, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. (If Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, John Kasich, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Rick Perry, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, Donald Trump, and Scott Walker, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Mod/ Lib	Men	Wom
Bush	10%	9%	11%	11%	12%	9%
Carson	6	7	11	3	5	8
Christie	6	2	6	8	7	6
Cruz	3	11	1	1	3	3
Fiorina	3	3	2	4	4	2
Graham	-	1	-	-	1	-
Huckabee	5	5	7	2	3	7
Jindal	1	1	1	1	2	-
Kasich	1	2	-	2	2	1
Pataki	11	4	13	15	9	14
Paul	6	6	5	6	9	3
Perry	1	-	2	1	2	-
Rubio	11	12	13	9	12	10
Santorum	2	3	2	2	2	2
Trump	6	2	6	6	5	6
Walker	7	17	7	3	9	6
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	4	5	2
DK/NA	14	12	11	19	10	19

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	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS	
	Jun 08	Mar 23
	2015	2015
Bush	10	13
Carson	6	6
Christie	6	12
Cruz	3	3
Fiorina	3	na
Graham	-	-
Huckabee	5	3
Jindal	1	1
Kasich	1	1
Pataki	11	6
Paul	6	8
Perry	1	1
Rubio	11	10
Santorum	2	1
Trump	6	na
Walker	7	13
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	14	18

2. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden, Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders and Jim Webb, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Biden	9%	4%	5%	12%	10%	8%
Chafee	1	-	-	1	1	-
Clinton	55	56	65	51	51	58
O'Malley	2	3	1	3	3	1
Sanders	15	25	20	10	20	11
Webb	2	3	1	1	3	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	1	4	4	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	2	3	2	2
DK/NA	13	10	6	16	6	17

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	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS	
	Jun 08	Mar 23
	2015	2015
Biden	9	8
Chaffee	1	na
Clinton	55	51
O'Malley	2	1
Sanders	15	5
Webb	2	1
Cuomo	na	7
Warren	na	11
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3
DK/NA	13	12

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	47%	5%	81%	41%	46%	49%	58%	49%	43%
Disapprove	47	93	14	54	50	44	33	47	53
DK/NA	5	2	5	5	4	6	8	4	4

AREA.....

	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	36%	62%	43%
Disapprove	58	33	50
DK/NA	5	5	7

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	Jun 08	Mar 23	Dec 23	Aug 21	May 21	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	Feb 19	Aug 12
						2009	2011
Approve	47	51	51	49	50	72	45
Disapprove	47	45	45	47	46	17	49
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	4	10	6