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**NY GOV. CUOMO'S APPROVAL DROPS TO NEAR RECORD LOW,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
CUOMO GETS LOW GRADES FOR HANDLING TRANSIT**

Plagued by low grades for his handling of mass transit, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo gets a 46 – 38 percent overall job approval rating from New York State voters, with a negative 37 – 48 percent approval rating among upstate voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Today's approval is down from a 52 – 31 percent job approval in a March 29 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. It is Gov. Cuomo's lowest approval rating since a 43 – 43 percent split, his all-time lowest score, September 17, 2015.

"Gov. Andrew Cuomo is hurting in Albany and New Yorkers say he should fuhgeddabout Washington," said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"This might change – it almost certainly will – when the 2020 presidential year comes along. But for now his New York neighbors don't think Gov. Cuomo would be a good President and they don't want him to try for the job.

"He's got a couple of years – and more Trumpian tweets – to change their minds."

"Score one for New Yorkers' political practicality – if the Gov runs for President, 51 percent think it would be good for the state."

New York City voters approve of the job Cuomo is doing 52 – 33 percent, down from 60 – 23 percent March 29, while suburban voters approve 50 – 29 percent, down from 54 – 31 percent in March. Upstate voters go from a 43 percent approve/41 percent disapprove in March to a negative 37 – 48 percent score today.

Democrats approve 64 – 19 percent, while disapproval is 64 – 26 percent among Republicans and 44 – 40 percent among independent voters.

New York State voters disapprove 63 – 29 percent of the job President Donald Trump is doing, compared to a 67 – 29 percent disapproval March 29.

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New York State voters say 54 – 40 percent that Gov. Cuomo should be a national leader challenging the policies of the Trump Administration. This anti-Trump role would be good for New York, voters say 55 – 35 percent.

But Cuomo should not run for president, voters say 55 – 38 percent. Only 50 percent of Democrats say Cuomo should run, while 74 percent of Republicans and 59 percent of independent voters say he should not run.

Cuomo would not make a good president, voters say 56 – 34 percent.

Looking at Cuomo’s personal qualities, voters say:

- 65 – 29 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 46 – 40 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 52 – 41 percent that he cares about their needs and problems.

Voters approve 55 – 34 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is doing and give U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand a 50 – 23 percent approval.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman gets a 47 – 22 percent job approval rating, with 35 – 20 percent for State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

Cuomo’s grades for handling the Metropolitan Transportation Authority are:

	Statewide	New York City	Suburbs	Upstate
<b>A</b>	4 %	4 %	5 %	4 %
<b>B</b>	24	27	28	17
<b>C</b>	26	28	20	26
<b>D</b>	15	14	19	13
<b>F</b>	17	23	17	12

“One ticking time bomb for Gov. Cuomo is the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Voters don’t give the Gov good marks on handling that. A couple more derailments or just overall weariness with traveling on the trains – could derail his political prospects,” Carroll said.

From July 5 – 10, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,137 New York voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points, including design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

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

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	46%	26%	64%	40%	43%	49%	47%	41%
Disapprove	38	64	19	44	40	36	39	45
DK/NA	16	10	17	16	17	16	15	14

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	39%	47%	51%	48%	38%	49%	44%	52%
Disapprove	36	38	38	38	45	39	42	30
DK/NA	25	15	11	14	17	12	14	19

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	37%	52%	50%
Disapprove	48	33	29
DK/NA	15	15	21

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	55%	28%	76%	47%	51%	58%	60%	43%
Disapprove	34	67	11	44	40	30	32	45
DK/NA	10	5	13	9	9	11	8	11

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	48%	62%	55%	58%	46%	58%	52%	62%
Disapprove	28	28	40	39	45	33	38	27
DK/NA	24	11	4	3	9	9	9	11

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	51%	61%	52%
Disapprove	41	28	35
DK/NA	9	11	13

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	50%	27%	67%	45%	44%	54%	59%	45%
Disapprove	23	43	9	30	28	20	23	24
DK/NA	27	30	24	26	28	26	18	31
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	38%	58%	50%	56%	45%	59%	53%	46%
Disapprove	19	17	28	26	28	20	24	22
DK/NA	43	24	22	18	27	21	24	32
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	50%	52%	45%					
Disapprove	28	21	20					
DK/NA	22	27	35					

4. 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	29%	76%	5%	30%	34%	25%	28%	46%
Disapprove	63	18	91	59	56	70	68	46
DK/NA	8	5	4	10	11	5	4	8
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	14%	27%	34%	38%	41%	33%	36%	15%
Disapprove	72	68	61	58	51	62	57	76
DK/NA	14	4	5	4	8	5	6	9
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	38%	20%	29%					
Disapprove	56	72	60					
DK/NA	6	8	11					

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	29%	21%	34%	26%	28%	30%	29%	33%
Disapprove	55	65	49	58	57	53	53	52
DK/NA	16	14	17	16	15	17	18	15

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	35%	27%	26%	30%	28%	33%	31%	27%
Disapprove	52	54	61	52	57	49	53	58
DK/NA	13	20	13	18	15	18	17	15

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	28%	28%	31%
Disapprove	56	56	52
DK/NA	16	16	17

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state assembly member is handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	44%	46%	50%	39%	39%	49%	50%	48%
Disapprove	33	37	27	38	36	30	28	31
DK/NA	22	17	23	22	24	21	22	21

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	36%	48%	46%	50%	46%	52%	49%	37%
Disapprove	31	32	38	30	31	28	29	39
DK/NA	33	20	17	21	23	21	22	24

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	48%	46%	37%
Disapprove	33	34	33
DK/NA	20	21	30

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state senator is handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	51%	44%	62%	44%	45%	56%	57%	51%
Disapprove	32	42	20	42	36	29	26	35
DK/NA	17	14	17	14	19	15	17	14

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	39%	55%	56%	54%	49%	58%	54%	46%
Disapprove	30	28	36	31	32	29	30	34
DK/NA	31	17	8	15	20	13	16	19

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	51%	51%	49%
Disapprove	37	30	29
DK/NA	12	19	22

8. 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	35%	38%	34%	37%	38%	33%	38%	42%
Disapprove	20	19	19	23	20	20	15	15
DK/NA	44	43	47	40	42	46	47	43

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	20%	38%	42%	41%	41%	39%	40%	28%
Disapprove	25	18	24	15	15	15	15	29
DK/NA	55	44	34	44	43	46	45	42

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	45%	29%	31%
Disapprove	17	25	18
DK/NA	39	46	51

9. 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	COLLEGE DEG No
Approve	47%	36%	57%	45%	47%	48%	55%	52%
Disapprove	22	35	14	26	26	20	17	20
DK/NA	30	30	28	29	27	32	29	28
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	34%	50%	53%	53%	53%	53%	53%	39%
Disapprove	22	21	23	23	23	15	18	30
DK/NA	44	29	24	24	24	32	28	31
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	50%	48%	43%					
Disapprove	20	25	22					
DK/NA	30	27	36					

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carl Heastie is handling his job as State Assembly Speaker?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No
Approve	21%	17%	22%	21%	21%	20%	18%	22%
Disapprove	24	28	20	26	28	20	25	21
DK/NA	56	54	58	52	51	59	58	57
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	22%	26%	18%	20%	20%	19%	19%	24%
Disapprove	17	22	32	22	27	20	23	26
DK/NA	60	52	51	58	53	61	58	51
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	19%	24%	18%					
Disapprove	25	24	21					
DK/NA	56	52	61					

11. Do you think Andrew Cuomo would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	34%	17%	49%	29%	32%	36%	32%	30%
No	56	83	38	60	59	53	59	61
DK/NA	10	-	12	11	9	12	9	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	34%	32%	39%	33%	27%	34%	31%	43%
No	53	60	53	57	65	57	60	46
DK/NA	13	8	8	10	8	10	9	12
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	27%	40%	36%					
No	66	48	52					
DK/NA	7	12	12					

12. Do you think Andrew Cuomo should run for President in 2020 or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	38%	24%	50%	35%	39%	38%	31%	31%
No	55	74	43	59	55	56	60	64
DK/NA	6	2	7	6	7	6	8	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	34%	39%	45%	35%	30%	32%	31%	53%
No	57	55	51	58	63	61	62	42
DK/NA	9	5	4	7	7	7	7	5
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	29%	48%	36%					
No	65	46	57					
DK/NA	7	6	7					



13. If Governor Cuomo ran for President in 2020, do you think that would be good for New York State or bad for New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Good	51%	32%	65%	47%	52%	49%	52%	42%
Bad	33	54	18	37	31	34	32	42
DK/NA	17	14	16	16	17	17	16	15
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Good	49%	56%	55%	46%	50%	46%	48%	57%
Bad	29	31	33	36	34	38	37	25
DK/NA	22	13	12	18	16	16	16	18
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Good	45%	55%	52%					
Bad	40	29	27					
DK/NA	16	16	20					

14. Do you think Governor Cuomo should become a national leader challenging the policies of the Trump Administration or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	54%	17%	80%	49%	48%	59%	52%	39%
No	40	78	16	45	44	37	43	54
DK/NA	6	5	4	6	7	5	5	7
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	57%	59%	54%	50%	39%	51%	46%	72%
No	33	35	43	45	53	44	48	23
DK/NA	10	6	3	5	8	5	6	5
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	45%	64%	51%					
No	48	30	45					
DK/NA	7	6	4					

15. If Governor Cuomo became a national leader challenging the policies of the Trump Administration, do you think this would be good for New York State or bad for New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Good	55%	21%	79%	49%	52%	57%	54%	41%
Bad	35	71	11	41	37	33	36	49
DK/NA	10	8	10	10	11	10	10	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Good	63%	60%	54%	49%	45%	50%	48%	69%
Bad	23	33	38	40	43	41	42	21
DK/NA	14	7	8	11	12	8	10	10
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Good	48%	63%	52%					
Bad	43	28	35					
DK/NA	9	9	13					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	65%	46%	79%	60%	64%	66%	66%	57%
No	29	52	14	33	30	27	31	38
DK/NA	6	2	7	7	6	6	4	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	62%	74%	67%	59%	57%	66%	62%	72%
No	23	22	31	36	37	32	34	18
DK/NA	16	5	2	4	7	3	5	10
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	60%	67%	69%					
No	36	24	24					
DK/NA	3	9	7					

17. 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%	60%	42%	47%	45%	41%	43%
No	40	63	25	43	42	38	47	44
DK/NA	14	10	15	15	12	17	13	13
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	46%	40%	51%	49%	40%	43%	42%	55%
No	36	46	40	36	48	43	45	29
DK/NA	18	14	8	16	12	14	13	17
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	37%	52%	50%					
No	50	33	34					
DK/NA	14	14	16					

18. 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	52%	29%	69%	45%	51%	52%	51%	44%
No	41	70	22	48	41	41	44	52
DK/NA	7	1	9	7	7	7	5	4
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	50%	53%	55%	52%	48%	48%	48%	59%
No	36	42	42	43	47	47	47	29
DK/NA	15	5	4	5	4	5	5	12
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	42%	56%	60%					
No	52	35	35					
DK/NA	6	9	6					

22. What letter grade would you give Andrew Cuomo's handling of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the agency responsible for mass transit in the New York Metropolitan Area, including the subways and the trains: A, B, C, D, or F?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
A	4%	5%	6%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%
B	24	13	34	20	25	23	22	22
C	26	19	27	27	22	28	25	22
D	15	19	13	17	15	14	20	13
F	17	28	9	20	19	16	12	21
DK/NA	14	16	12	14	12	16	16	19

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
A	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%	5%
B	32	24	24	18	23	21	22	29
C	25	27	25	26	20	27	24	30
D	13	15	15	16	18	15	17	12
F	16	15	18	18	19	14	16	18
DK/NA	11	14	14	17	16	19	18	5

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
A	4%	4%	5%
B	17	27	28
C	26	28	20
D	13	14	19
F	12	23	17
DK/NA	28	3	11