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**CUOMO THUMPS NIXON IN NEW YORK DEM PRIMARY,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
GOV SWEEPS ALL CHALLENGERS IN NOVEMBER RACE**

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo tops challenger Cynthia Nixon, 59 – 23 percent in a Democratic primary, with big leads among all gender, education, age, racial and regional groups in the survey, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

This compares to a 50 – 28 percent Cuomo lead in a May 2 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll. Today, the governor leads 58 – 20 percent among Democratic women and 60 – 28 percent among men, 53 – 28 percent among white Democrats and 65 – 18 percent among non-white Democrats.

In a general election matchup:

- Cuomo gets 43 percent on the Democratic line;
- Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, the Republican, gets 23 percent;
- Nixon, running on the Working Families Party line, gets 13 percent;
- Libertarian Party candidate Larry Sharpe gets 3 percent;
- Green Party Candidate Howie Hawkins gets 2 percent;
- Serve America Movement Stephanie Miner gets 1 percent.

In a mano a mano matchup, Cuomo tops Molinaro 57 – 31 percent. The gender and racial gaps are more pronounced as men back Cuomo 50 – 38 percent, while women go Democratic 63 – 25 percent. White voters back the governor 49 – 42 percent, as non-white voters back him 73 – 13 percent.

“New Yorkers say 59 – 30 percent they want a gubernatorial candidate with experience in politics over someone new to it. Democrats, non-white voters and women, in particular, lead the charge in that preference,” said Mary Snow, polling analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“A significant percentage of voters say they haven’t heard enough about Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s two main rivals, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and Cynthia Nixon, to give them a thumbs up or down on what they think of them. That is also helping Gov. Cuomo.”

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## **Quinnipiac University Poll/July 18, 2018 – page 2**

Among all New York State voters Cuomo gets a 49 – 43 percent job approval rating, compared to a 54 – 39 percent approval in a May 2 Quinnipiac University poll.

All voters give Cuomo a 49 – 38 percent favorability rating. Nixon gets a split 27 – 30 percent favorability, with 40 percent who haven't heard enough about her to form an opinion. Among the other candidates for governor, the "haven't heard enough" rate ranges from 66 percent for Molinaro to 90 percent for Hawkins.

### **Attorney General's Race**

In the Democratic primary for New York State Attorney General, undecided is in the lead with 42 percent, but New York City Public Advocate Letitia James' 26 percent almost matches all the other contenders combined. Results are:

- U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney at 15 percent;
- Zephyr Teachout at 12 percent;
- Leecia Eve at 3 percent.

"The clear winner in the Democratic primary for State Attorney General right now is undecided. Democrats ticked the 'don't know' column more than any other. That stretches across almost every demographic group," Snow said.

### **U.S. Senate Race**

In the U.S. Senate race, Democratic incumbent Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand tops Republican challenger Chele Farley 57 – 30 percent.

New York State voters approve 52 – 30 percent of the job Sen. Gillibrand is doing, compared to 59 – 24 percent May 2. Voters give her a 46 – 26 percent favorability rating. For Farley, 74 percent haven't heard enough about her to form an opinion.

From July 12 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 934 New York State voters, with a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percentage points, including the design effect. The survey includes 415 Democrats, with a margin of error of +/- 6.2 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								
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		Very	Smwht				Yes	No
Cuomo	59%	43%	61%	65%	60%	58%	55%	64%
Nixon	23	32	27	20	28	20	24	22
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	3	2	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	15	24	12	11	9	19	19	9
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-49	YRS.....		AREA.....			Non	
		50-64	65+	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Wht	Wht
Cuomo	61%	53%	64%	52%	61%	62%	53%	65%
Nixon	20	30	21	30	21	17	28	18
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	2	2	4	4	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	3	1	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	16	14	11	14	15	16	14	15

2. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for State Attorney General were being held today, and the candidates were Leecia Eve, Letitia James, Sean Patrick Maloney, and Zephyr Teachout, for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED DEMOCRATS.....								
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		Very	Smwht				Yes	No
Eve	3%	2%	6%	2%	4%	1%	2%	4%
James	26	36	10	28	24	27	26	27
Maloney	15	15	16	16	16	15	12	19
Teachout	12	19	11	9	14	10	14	8
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	4	1	2	2
DK/NA	42	27	55	41	38	45	43	39
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-49	YRS.....		AREA.....			Non	
		50-64	65+	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Wht	Wht
Eve	3%	1%	4%	7%	-	2%	3%	2%
James	29	29	21	12	34	23	15	39
Maloney	14	19	15	20	10	25	16	15
Teachout	12	12	13	13	11	11	14	8
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	6	3	2	2	3	1
DK/NA	40	37	42	45	42	36	48	34

3. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat, Marc Molinaro the Republican, Cynthia Nixon the Working Families Party candidate, Stephanie Miner the Serve America Movement candidate, Howie Hawkins the Green Party Candidate, and Larry Sharpe the Libertarian Party Candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Cuomo	43%	16%	65%	35%	38%	47%	41%	29%
Molinaro	23	60	3	24	25	20	26	36
Nixon	13	5	19	10	11	14	12	12
Miner	1	-	1	3	2	1	2	-
Hawkins	2	-	1	1	2	2	1	2
Sharpe	3	3	-	3	4	2	4	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	1	-	2	1	-	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	14	13	10	22	17	12	11	15

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Cuomo	43%	39%	42%	47%	32%	40%	36%	55%
Molinaro	12	26	25	26	35	26	30	9
Nixon	12	13	15	11	11	13	12	14
Miner	3	2	-	-	2	1	1	2
Hawkins	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1
Sharpe	4	2	4	1	4	2	3	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	21	16	8	12	11	15	13	16

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	33%	52%	41%
Molinaro	29	15	26
Nixon	13	16	7
Miner	2	1	2
Hawkins	3	1	1
Sharpe	3	2	4
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	-
DK/NA	15	11	19

4. If the only candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Marc Molinaro the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Cuomo	57%	18%	88%	48%	50%	63%	56%	39%
Molinaro	31	76	4	38	38	25	38	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	3	4	3	3	3	3
DK/NA	8	5	5	11	8	7	3	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Cuomo	63%	55%	56%	58%	42%	55%	49%	73%
Molinaro	25	33	32	34	49	34	42	13
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	1	6	1	3	3	3	3
DK/NA	7	11	5	6	5	7	6	10

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Cuomo	47%	68%	54%
Molinaro	41	19	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	1
DK/NA	8	8	6

\* Results based on all registered voters. Question asked of respondents who did not choose Cuomo or Molinaro Q3. Respondents who named Cuomo or Molinaro in Q3 assigned to initial preference.

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	49%	21%	72%	44%	44%	55%	44%	38%
Unfavorable	38	67	16	46	45	32	49	49
Hvn't hrd enough	8	10	7	9	7	9	4	10
REFUSED	4	1	5	1	3	4	3	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	50%	44%	53%	52%	38%	45%	42%	64%
Unfavorable	25	44	43	39	56	41	49	19
Hvn't hrd enough	20	9	2	4	3	10	7	12
REFUSED	5	4	2	4	3	3	3	5
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	40%	59%	47%					
Unfavorable	50	27	40					
Hvn't hrd enough	7	8	11					
REFUSED	2	6	2					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	20%	42%	5%	23%	26%	13%	24%	31%
Unfavorable	12	3	18	11	14	9	14	8
Hvn't hrd enough	66	55	74	64	57	74	60	60
REFUSED	3	-	2	3	2	3	2	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	12%	21%	22%	19%	35%	19%	27%	6%
Unfavorable	6	11	13	15	13	11	12	12
Hvn't hrd enough	79	64	63	64	51	69	60	78
REFUSED	3	4	1	2	2	1	1	4
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	26%	14%	19%					
Unfavorable	10	15	9					
Hvn't hrd enough	61	67	72					
REFUSED	2	5	1					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Favorable	27%	10%	42%	20%	24%	30%	34%	18%
Unfavorable	30	45	16	39	34	27	35	40
Hvn't hrd enough	40	44	39	39	39	41	30	40
REFUSED	3	1	3	1	3	2	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	20%	24%	36%	28%	25%	30%	27%	27%
Unfavorable	15	31	33	36	41	33	37	17
Hvn't hrd enough	61	41	30	33	32	36	34	53
REFUSED	4	3	-	3	3	1	2	4

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	27%	31%	18%
Unfavorable	30	25	40
Hvn't hrd enough	41	39	40
REFUSED	2	4	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	8%	3%	9%	8%	9%	6%	8%	8%
Unfavorable	8	15	3	10	8	7	8	11
Hvn't hrd enough	84	83	87	82	82	86	83	81
REFUSED	1	-	1	-	1	2	-	-
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	7%	11%	5%	6%	10%	6%	8%	6%
Unfavorable	2	10	8	9	10	9	9	3
Hvn't hrd enough	90	75	87	84	80	84	82	87
REFUSED	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	3
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	12%	4%	7%					
Unfavorable	12	4	7					
Hvn't hrd enough	76	89	86					
REFUSED	-	3	-					

9. Is your opinion of Howie Hawkins favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	5%
Unfavorable	5	6	2	10	7	4	5	6
Hvn't hrd enough	90	91	93	87	88	92	90	89
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	-
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	6%	2%	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	3%
Unfavorable	2	8	6	5	7	4	6	4
Hvn't hrd enough	90	88	90	91	88	91	90	91
REFUSED	3	2	-	1	1	-	1	2
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	6%	2%	2%					
Unfavorable	8	4	3					
Hvn't hrd enough	85	92	94					
REFUSED	1	2	-					



10. Is your opinion of Larry Sharpe favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	5%	7%	2%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Unfavorable	5	7	5	5	5	6	5	5
Hvn't hrd enough	89	86	93	90	89	90	90	90
REFUSED	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	5%	4%	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	3%
Unfavorable	2	8	5	5	3	7	5	5
Hvn't hrd enough	92	86	90	91	90	90	90	89
REFUSED	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	6%	3%	5%					
Unfavorable	6	4	6					
Hvn't hrd enough	87	91	89					
REFUSED	-	2	-					

11. 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	57%	12%	91%	49%	49%	65%	60%	38%
Farley	30	76	3	35	38	22	33	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	2	3	2	3	1	2
DK/NA	10	11	4	13	11	9	5	12
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Gillibrand	62%	51%	59%	59%	42%	59%	51%	71%
Farley	21	32	32	31	49	29	39	13
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	1	2	2	2	1	2	3
DK/NA	12	14	6	7	6	10	8	11
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Gillibrand	55%	64%	48%					
Farley	32	22	42					
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-					
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	1					
DK/NA	11	9	9					

12. 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	46%	16%	68%	43%	41%	51%	58%	36%
Unfavorable	26	53	6	33	36	16	30	39
Hvn't hrd enough	25	30	24	23	21	30	11	23
REFUSED	3	2	3	1	2	3	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	38%	41%	53%	53%	42%	55%	48%	44%
Unfavorable	10	28	30	29	45	23	34	10
Hvn't hrd enough	48	27	16	16	12	20	16	42
REFUSED	4	4	1	2	1	2	2	5

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	50%	48%	38%
Unfavorable	28	19	35
Hvn't hrd enough	21	29	25
REFUSED	1	4	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	15%	28%	7%	15%	21%	9%	17%	21%
Unfavorable	10	3	14	7	10	9	14	6
Hvn't hrd enough	74	69	79	77	67	81	68	72
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	16%	16%	16%	11%	25%	12%	19%	8%
Unfavorable	3	12	12	11	11	10	11	7
Hvn't hrd enough	80	70	71	77	63	77	70	82
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	3

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	17%	10%	20%
Unfavorable	13	7	10
Hvn't hrd enough	70	80	70
REFUSED	1	3	-

14. Is your opinion of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Favorable	22%	5%	37%	13%	23%	21%	25%	12%
Unfavorable	17	29	7	21	19	15	18	24
Hvn't hrd enough	60	65	55	65	57	63	56	63
REFUSED	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	24%	23%	23%	20%	21%	18%	19%	27%
Unfavorable	11	18	15	19	25	16	21	9
Hvn't hrd enough	64	60	61	58	53	65	59	63
REFUSED	1	-	1	3	1	1	1	1
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	18%	26%	21%					
Unfavorable	17	15	20					
Hvn't hrd enough	64	58	58					
REFUSED	1	1	1					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	49%	19%	69%	44%	45%	53%	45%	39%
Disapprove	43	74	20	49	49	37	50	55
DK/NA	8	7	10	7	6	11	5	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	54%	43%	49%	53%	37%	48%	42%	61%
Disapprove	36	47	46	39	59	45	52	26
DK/NA	10	10	5	7	5	7	6	13
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	42%	54%	52%					
Disapprove	53	35	41					
DK/NA	6	12	6					

17. 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.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	52%	23%	74%	46%	48%	56%	59%	41%
Disapprove	30	61	8	35	40	21	33	44
DK/NA	18	16	18	19	12	23	8	15
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	55%	47%	54%	57%	43%	60%	51%	55%
Disapprove	17	33	33	33	49	26	38	15
DK/NA	27	20	14	10	8	14	11	29
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	53%	52%	50%					
Disapprove	31	23	41					
DK/NA	15	25	10					

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.....	
							Yes	No
Experience	59%	39%	77%	52%	51%	66%	59%	47%
New to politics	30	49	13	36	38	23	27	42
DK/NA	11	12	10	12	11	11	14	11
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Experience	60%	53%	60%	62%	45%	62%	54%	69%
New to politics	29	37	28	26	42	25	34	23
DK/NA	12	10	12	12	13	12	12	8
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Experience	53%	63%	59%					
New to politics	37	23	32					
DK/NA	10	13	9					

22. Compared to past midterm elections for the U.S. House and Senate, how motivated would you say you are to vote in this year's midterm election; are you more motivated to vote than usual, less motivated, or are you just as motivated as usual?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More	46%	34%	53%	42%	48%	45%	48%	41%
Less	5	4	6	4	5	5	3	3
As usual	47	62	37	54	46	48	49	55
DK/NA	2	-	4	-	1	2	-	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
More	43%	47%	51%	41%	47%	42%	45%	48%
Less	10	4	1	5	3	3	3	8
As usual	43	47	47	53	49	54	51	40
DK/NA	4	2	1	1	-	1	1	4

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
More	38%	50%	52%
Less	4	6	6
As usual	57	41	43
DK/NA	1	3	-