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**NEW YORK VOTERS SAY ALMOST 4-1 INCREASE ABORTION RIGHTS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
BUT FEW SAY ABORTION IS MOST IMPORTANT IN GOV RACE**

New York State voters support 73 – 19 percent, including 51 – 42 percent among Republicans, updating state law to further protect a woman’s right to choose an abortion, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

No listed party, gender, education, age, racial or regional group opposes added protection for the right to choose, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

New York State voters agree 73 – 19 percent with the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision establishing a woman’s right to an abortion. Again, no group disagrees.

If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned and the issue of abortion is left to the states,

- 36 percent of voters say abortion should be legal in all cases in New York;
- 40 percent say it should be legal in most cases in New York;
- 13 percent say it should be illegal in most cases in the state;
- 5 percent say it should be illegal in all cases.

New York voters say 46 – 41 percent that the U.S. Senate should not confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

But only 4 percent of voters statewide, including 5 percent of women, say abortion is the most important issue in deciding how they will vote for governor. With 23 percent, the economy tops the list of most important issues, with 19 percent each for health care and government corruption and 15 percent each for education and taxes.

“By overwhelming margins, New Yorkers agree on abortion rights and support updating state law to better protect a woman’s right to choose,” said Mary Snow, polling analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“When they go to the polls, however, there are several other issues that are more important than abortion in choosing a candidate for governor, including the economy, health care and government corruption.”

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“Democrats are more likely to say health care is their top issue than Republicans or independent voters. Republicans are more likely to say taxes than Democrats,” Snow added.

Government corruption is a “very serious” problem in New York State, 45 percent of voters say, while 40 percent say it is “somewhat serious” and 9 percent say it is “not too serious.”

New York has about as much government corruption as other states, 48 percent of voters say, as 32 percent say it has more corruption than other states and 12 percent say it has less corruption.

State officials convicted of a felony should lose their pensions, voters say 74 – 18 percent.

“You’ll be hard pressed to find New Yorkers who don’t think government corruption is a problem in New York State. A combined 85 percent consider it a ‘very serious’ or ‘somewhat serious’ problem. Yet, it’s not the defining issue in the race,” Snow said.

President Trump. Sen. Schumer Approval

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, the Senate Minority Leader, is winning the approval rating war with President Donald Trump, but the battle is taking its toll:

- New York State voters approve 50 – 41 percent of the job Schumer is doing, compared to 57 – 35 percent May 2 and Schumer’s worst approval rating ever;
- Voters give President Trump a negative 36 – 57 percent approval rating, compared to a negative 31 – 66 percent May 2.

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. 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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16. 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.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	50%	14%	72%	47%	45%	55%	57%	42%
Disapprove	41	76	18	46	50	32	39	52
DK/NA	9	10	10	7	5	13	4	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	49%	49%	50%	54%	43%	58%	50%	53%
Disapprove	33	44	45	38	54	35	45	32
DK/NA	18	7	5	8	3	8	5	15
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	51%	53%	44%					
Disapprove	41	34	51					
DK/NA	8	13	5					

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	36%	84%	3%	45%	43%	29%	35%	58%
Disapprove	57	14	90	41	49	64	62	35
DK/NA	8	3	7	13	9	7	3	7
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	26%	42%	39%	34%	53%	38%	45%	17%
Disapprove	60	53	56	60	41	59	50	70
DK/NA	14	5	5	6	6	3	5	13
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve	40%	28%	42%					
Disapprove	53	61	54					
DK/NA	7	10	4					

19. 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	7%	9%	6%	4%	6%	7%	6%	8%
Smwht satisfied	44	25	61	42	43	46	48	39
Smwht dissatisfied	24	26	18	29	24	25	27	24
Very dissatisfied	24	41	14	24	27	21	18	29
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very satisfied	7%	6%	5%	9%	4%	9%	7%	6%
Smwht satisfied	47	46	41	44	41	48	44	45
Smwht dissatisfied	21	19	31	27	27	24	25	24
Very dissatisfied	24	27	23	20	28	18	23	23
DK/NA	2	2	-	-	1	1	1	1

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very satisfied	6%	7%	7%
Smwht satisfied	43	46	44
Smwht dissatisfied	24	25	24
Very dissatisfied	26	22	23
DK/NA	1	-	2

20. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for governor this year: the economy, government corruption, abortion, taxes, education, or health care?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Economy	23%	24%	21%	26%	23%	23%	23%	20%
Gov't corruption	19	21	15	22	23	16	17	25
Abortion	4	7	4	1	2	5	4	2
Taxes	15	24	7	19	19	11	20	17
Education	15	8	21	12	11	19	15	12
Health care	19	13	26	14	17	21	17	18
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	2	-	3	3	3	2	2	2
DK/NA	3	1	4	2	3	3	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Economy	30%	20%	24%	19%	23%	21%	22%	26%
Gov't corruption	21	16	20	23	23	18	20	18
Abortion	4	3	3	5	3	4	4	3
Taxes	6	20	14	15	22	16	19	8
Education	23	24	8	8	10	18	14	16
Health care	11	13	26	23	16	20	18	21
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	3	1	3	1	2	2	2	4
DK/NA	1	4	2	6	2	2	2	4

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Economy	24%	24%	19%
Gov't corruption	20	18	22
Abortion	2	6	2
Taxes	14	9	27
Education	17	15	12
Health care	18	21	17
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	2	3	1
DK/NA	3	4	1

23. Since President Trump's election, have you become more politically active, less politically active, or are you just as politically active as before?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More	42%	43%	48%	34%	44%	41%	45%	46%
Less	7	4	11	4	5	9	4	3
Same	49	53	38	60	50	48	51	48
DK/NA	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
More	42%	40%	46%	39%	47%	43%	45%	35%
Less	12	4	4	9	2	5	4	13
Same	45	55	49	51	50	50	50	49
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
More	40%	41%	47%					
Less	5	10	4					
Same	53	47	47					
DK/NA	1	2	2					

24. How much of a problem, if at all, is government corruption in New York State today; is it a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not too serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	45%	58%	34%	46%	50%	41%	43%	45%
Smwht serious	40	31	48	39	36	44	45	39
Not too serious	9	5	11	8	10	8	10	9
Not a problem at all	1	2	1	1	1	2	-	2
DK/NA	5	4	6	6	4	6	2	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very serious	36%	54%	46%	44%	49%	38%	44%	46%
Smwht serious	41	32	41	43	39	45	42	37
Not too serious	16	7	9	7	9	9	9	8
Not a problem at all	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	1
DK/NA	8	6	3	5	2	5	3	8
	AREA.....							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Very serious	46%	46%	42%					
Smwht serious	43	35	43					
Not too serious	5	11	11					
Not a problem at all	2	-	2					
DK/NA	5	7	2					

25. Compared to other states, do you think there is more government corruption in New York than in other states, less government corruption, or about as much government corruption?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More corruption	32%	44%	22%	34%	40%	24%	31%	34%
Less corruption	12	9	16	9	12	12	11	9
About as much	48	39	55	45	40	55	50	47
DK/NA	8	8	7	11	7	9	8	10

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
More corruption	28%	37%	31%	29%	44%	21%	32%	29%
Less corruption	24	9	9	9	9	11	10	16
About as much	44	46	54	48	40	58	49	48
DK/NA	4	8	6	14	7	10	9	8

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
More corruption	36%	30%	28%
Less corruption	7	13	19
About as much	48	49	46
DK/NA	9	8	7

26. Do you think elected state officials who have been convicted of a felony should lose their pensions or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	74%	80%	71%	73%	76%	73%	83%	78%
No	18	13	20	19	15	20	11	11
DK/NA	8	8	9	8	9	7	6	11

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	61%	78%	78%	79%	79%	83%	81%	63%
No	32	10	16	16	11	11	11	29
DK/NA	7	11	6	6	10	6	8	8

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	82%	64%	80%
No	12	26	13
DK/NA	6	10	7

27. As you may know, President Trump has nominated Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Do you think the U.S. Senate should confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Yes/Confirm	41%	80%	10%	55%	49%	33%	41%	59%
No	46	12	76	31	40	52	51	28
DK/NA	13	8	14	14	11	15	8	13

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Yes/Confirm	34%	42%	42%	41%	57%	41%	49%	24%
No	49	46	48	46	36	46	41	56
DK/NA	16	12	10	13	8	13	10	20

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes/Confirm	45%	34%	46%
No	42	50	45
DK/NA	12	17	9

28. In general, do you agree or disagree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Agree	73%	50%	85%	75%	72%	75%	76%	67%
Disagree	19	38	9	16	22	16	18	23
DK/NA	8	11	5	9	7	9	6	10

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Agree	78%	74%	74%	71%	68%	76%	72%	76%
Disagree	15	19	19	22	23	18	20	16
DK/NA	7	7	7	7	10	6	8	8

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Agree	74%	71%	77%
Disagree	20	19	16
DK/NA	6	10	7

29. Suppose Roe v. Wade is overturned and the issue of abortion is left up to the states. In New York, 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	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Legal all cases	36%	18%	52%	28%	32%	40%	39%	25%
Legal most cases	40	36	37	47	42	39	41	44
Illegal most cases	13	26	4	13	16	10	12	19
Illegal all cases	5	13	3	4	6	5	4	7
DK/NA	5	6	4	8	4	7	5	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Legal all cases	40%	38%	39%	31%	28%	37%	33%	44%
Legal most cases	40	39	40	42	43	41	42	35
Illegal most cases	10	13	11	17	17	13	15	9
Illegal all cases	7	5	4	6	6	4	5	6
DK/NA	3	5	7	5	5	4	5	6

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Legal all cases	33%	38%	38%
Legal most cases	43	38	40
Illegal most cases	15	11	11
Illegal all cases	4	6	6
DK/NA	4	7	5

30. Would you support or oppose updating New York State law to further protect a woman's right to choose an abortion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	73%	51%	91%	67%	68%	78%	72%	66%
Oppose	19	42	5	21	24	15	21	27
DK/NA	7	7	4	12	7	7	7	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	83%	71%	73%	72%	65%	74%	70%	81%
Oppose	16	17	20	23	28	20	24	12
DK/NA	-	12	8	5	7	6	7	7

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	74%	74%	72%
Oppose	20	18	21
DK/NA	7	8	7