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CORRUPTION IS VERY SERIOUS AND ALBANY WON'T FIX IT, NEW YORK STATE VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL; EFFORT TO BOOST ECONOMY WILL FAIL, UPSTATE VOTERS SAY

Government corruption is a “very serious” problem in New York State today, 56 percent of voters say – the highest number ever on this point – while another 31 percent say it’s “somewhat serious,” according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

New York State voters say 50 – 38 percent that Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the State Legislature will not take steps to improve ethics in state government in 2016. In fact, voters say 48 – 36 percent, current elected officials are incapable of ending political corruption and all should be voted out of office so new officials can start with a clean slate.

Gov. Cuomo gets a 50 – 40 percent job approval rating, similar to his 51 – 38 percent score in an April 4 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. Only 13 percent of voters give him an A grade for his job as governor. Other grades are:

- 33 percent – B
- 26 percent – C
- 13 percent – D
- 13 percent – F

“Throw out everyone in Albany, say almost half of New Yorkers. Voters don’t think that the current crowd is capable of cleaning up corruption,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

“Almost nine-tenths of voters think corruption is a serious New York problem. And, although they give Gov. Andrew Cuomo OK job-approval numbers overall, lots of them think that on corruption he’s part of the problem.”

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When it comes to corruption, Cuomo is part of the problem, 48 percent of voters say, while 36 percent say he is part of the solution.

Voters also say 78 – 15 percent that elected officials convicted of a felony should lose their pensions. Support is 67 percent or higher among every listed group.

New York State voters approve 49 – 23 percent of the job State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is doing and approve 39 – 18 percent of the job State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli is doing.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara gets a 40 – 18 percent approval rating.

“They still haven’t made U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, the main scourge of corrupt legislators, a household name. But he’s getting there,” Carroll said.

Upstate Economy

Gov. Cuomo’s efforts to improve the upstate New York economy will be successful, 38 percent of voters say, while 39 percent say it will not be successful.

Upstate voters say 53 – 34 percent the effort will fail.

A total of 41 percent of voters say the statewide economy is “excellent” or “good,” while 57 percent say it is “not so good” or “poor.”

Upstate, no voters say the economy is “excellent,” while 29 percent say it is “good.” Another 40 percent say the economy is “not so good” and 28 percent say it is “poor.”

Only 21 percent of voters statewide say the economy is getting better, while 29 percent say it is getting worse and 47 percent say it is the same. Upstate results are similar.

“The governor’s ballyhooed plans to boost the upstate economy have come under various investigations and voters split on whether or not the effort is working,” Carroll said.

“Upstate voters give the recovery plans a big thumbs down.”

From July 13 – 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,104 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, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....				
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Approve	50%	29%	68%	48%	45%	55%	58%	49%	49%	50%	
Disapprove	40	63	21	44	46	35	34	40	44	42	
DK/NA	10	8	10	8	9	10	8	11	7	8	
AREA.....											
	UpStat	NYC	Sub								
Approve	36%	62%	54%								
Disapprove	56	27	35								
DK/NA	8	11	11								

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....				
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Approve	24%	19%	29%	24%	24%	24%	29%	22%	24%	21%	
Disapprove	63	71	57	63	62	64	49	70	67	64	
DK/NA	13	10	15	13	14	12	22	8	9	15	
AREA.....											
	UpStat	NYC	Sub								
Approve	18%	28%	28%								
Disapprove	69	58	61								
DK/NA	13	14	12								

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....				
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Approve	43%	36%	53%	38%	43%	43%	53%	39%	40%	40%	
Disapprove	39	47	27	47	39	40	29	47	41	42	
DK/NA	18	17	20	15	18	17	19	14	19	18	
AREA.....											
	UpStat	NYC	Sub								
Approve	41%	47%	40%								
Disapprove	42	36	41								
DK/NA	17	17	19								

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	52%	40%	69%	45%	47%	56%	54%	46%	51%	55%
Disapprove	34	45	19	42	37	32	31	40	38	32
DK/NA	14	15	12	13	16	12	15	14	11	13
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	48%	59%	48%							
Disapprove	37	28	39							
DK/NA	15	13	14							

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Thomas DiNapoli is handling his job as State Comptroller?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	39%	36%	46%	34%	37%	41%	34%	31%	46%	41%
Disapprove	18	26	12	20	17	19	12	23	20	15
DK/NA	43	38	42	46	46	41	54	46	34	44
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	44%	37%	35%							
Disapprove	18	19	17							
DK/NA	39	44	48							

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Eric Schneiderman is handling his job as State Attorney General?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	49%	37%	66%	42%	44%	53%	48%	38%	51%	57%
Disapprove	23	34	11	28	28	19	20	30	27	15
DK/NA	28	29	23	30	27	28	33	32	22	28
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	48%	53%	42%							
Disapprove	22	22	29							
DK/NA	30	25	29							

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	22%	22%	26%	16%	22%	21%	27%	23%	23%	16%
Disapprove	25	29	19	31	29	22	19	27	29	25
DK/NA	53	49	55	53	49	57	54	51	48	59
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	22%	24%	16%							
Disapprove	29	21	27							
DK/NA	49	55	57							

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Preet Bharara is handling his job as U.S. Attorney?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	40%	27%	50%	42%	42%	38%	42%	34%	45%	38%
Disapprove	18	28	9	21	20	16	13	25	17	14
DK/NA	42	45	41	37	38	46	44	41	38	48
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	33%	47%	39%							
Disapprove	18	17	19							
DK/NA	49	36	42							

22. What letter grade would you give Andrew Cuomo for the job he has been doing as Governor; A, B, C, D, or F?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	13%	7%	19%	11%	14%	12%	14%	12%	11%	11%
B	33	15	49	29	28	37	44	28	31	34
C	26	30	23	28	24	28	22	32	30	22
D	13	22	5	17	11	15	7	11	15	15
F	13	24	4	13	19	8	9	17	12	16
DK/NA	2	2	-	2	3	1	4	-	1	1
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
A	8%	18%	13%							
B	26	37	38							
C	25	25	30							
D	18	11	8							
F	22	6	9							
DK/NA	1	3	2							

23. What letter grade would you give the state legislature for the job it has been doing; A, B, C, D, or F?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	4%	5%	6%	2%	5%	3%	8%	3%	3%	1%
B	20	14	28	17	17	23	27	22	22	15
C	34	32	33	38	29	38	30	38	32	34
D	20	25	19	16	21	19	12	22	22	23
F	14	18	7	18	18	10	8	11	16	18
DK/NA	8	6	8	9	10	6	15	5	5	9

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

A	2%	5%	6%
B	17	21	25
C	31	37	32
D	25	15	19
F	18	11	9
DK/NA	6	10	9

29. Would you describe the state of New York State's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	5%	-	2%	1%
Good	39	23	54	37	36	41	43	35	38	42
Not so good	37	39	30	42	36	37	31	39	38	36
Poor	20	32	11	19	22	19	16	22	22	18
DK/NA	3	3	1	2	3	3	5	3	1	3

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Excellent	-	4%	1%
Good	29	43	48
Not so good	40	35	33
Poor	28	15	15
DK/NA	3	3	3

30. Do you think New York State's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Better	21%	15%	32%	14%	23%	19%	33%	14%	22%	19%
Worse	29	41	19	28	26	31	19	38	33	24
The same	47	40	46	55	46	48	39	47	45	55
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	5	2	9	1	1	3

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Better	19%	25%	17%
Worse	34	24	26
The same	45	45	52
DK/NA	1	5	4

31. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Better off	36%	29%	44%	32%	39%	32%	60%	36%	31%	25%
Worse off	34	44	24	34	31	36	22	40	36	38
SAME (VOL)	29	26	30	32	26	31	18	22	32	37
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	4	1	-	1	1	1

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Better off	37%	34%	36%
Worse off	34	33	34
SAME (VOL)	27	30	29
DK/NA	1	3	1

32. Do you think Governor Cuomo's efforts to improve the economy in upstate New York will be successful or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Successful	38%	28%	51%	33%	32%	43%	40%	35%	36%	41%
No	39	54	24	43	45	34	35	43	45	38
DK/NA	23	18	26	24	23	23	26	22	19	21

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Yes/Successful	34%	44%	35%
No	53	27	36
DK/NA	14	29	29

33. 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	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very serious	56%	64%	51%	52%	58%	54%	49%	52%	63%	56%
Smwht serious	31	30	34	32	27	35	30	34	29	35
Not too serious	9	3	13	9	11	7	14	9	8	5
Not a problem at all	1	1	-	4	1	2	4	2	-	-
DK/NA	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	3

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Very serious	57%	55%	55%
Smwht serious	32	29	32
Not too serious	9	11	5
Not a problem at all	-	2	2
DK/NA	1	3	6

34. Do you think Governor Cuomo and the state legislature will or will not take steps to improve ethics in state government in 2016?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Will take steps	38%	30%	50%	32%	35%	42%	39%	33%	38%	42%
Will not	50	57	39	56	53	46	43	56	53	49
DK/NA	12	13	11	12	12	12	18	10	9	9

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Will take steps	31%	46%	37%
Will not	59	37	54
DK/NA	9	17	9

35. When thinking about the problem of ethics in government, do you think Andrew Cuomo is part of the problem or part of the solution?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Problem	48%	64%	32%	52%	53%	44%	38%	50%	54%	51%
Solution	36	22	54	31	30	42	35	35	38	38
DK/NA	15	14	14	18	17	14	27	16	8	11

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Problem	61%	37%	46%
Solution	27	48	34
DK/NA	12	16	20

36. Do you think New York State elected officials are capable of ending political corruption in Albany or should all current elected officials be voted out of office so new officials can start with a clean slate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Capable	36%	24%	49%	32%	31%	41%	44%	36%	35%	34%
All voted out	48	61	35	55	51	45	37	45	54	52
DK/NA	16	14	16	13	18	14	19	19	12	14
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Capable	34%	38%	35%							
All voted out	52	47	43							
DK/NA	14	15	22							

37. 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	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Lose pensions	78%	86%	72%	77%	75%	81%	67%	76%	79%	86%
No	15	9	18	18	18	13	25	15	17	6
DK/NA	7	5	10	5	8	6	8	9	4	8
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Yes/Lose pensions	84%	68%	85%							
No	8	26	8							
DK/NA	8	6	7							