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**CLINTON OR CUOMO THUMP GOP IN 2016 NEW YORK PRES RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
ADOPTED DAUGHTER RUNS BETTER THAN NATIVE SON**

With a home court advantage, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo each lead top Republican contenders in an early look at the 2016 race for the Empire State's 29 Electoral College votes, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Secretary Clinton has margins of 20 to 31 percentage points over possible GOP candidates, compared to Gov. Cuomo's margins of 10 to 24 percentage points, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Clinton leads:

- 60 – 29 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 61 – 30 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 54 – 34 percent over New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie.

Cuomo leads:

- 53 – 30 percent over Gov. Bush;
- 55 – 31 percent over Sen. Paul;
- 47 – 37 percent over Gov. Christie.

“Sure, 2016 is a long way off, but Chappaqua's Hillary Clinton has leads of 20 points or more over possible Republican candidates here in her new home state. New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie from just across the Hudson – traffic permitting – runs stronger than the others,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Gov. Andrew Cuomo also benefits from home state advantage, but not as much as New York's adopted daughter.”

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Clinton's margins among New York State women voters range from 33 percentage points over Christie to 41 percentage points over Paul. Among independent voters, her margins range from 7 percentage points against Christie to 26 percentage points against Bush.

Cuomo's leads among women range from 16 percentage points over Christie to 32 percentage points over Paul. Christie tops Cuomo among independent voters 41 – 35 percent, while Cuomo leads Bush 44 – 32 percent and tops Paul 43 – 35 percent in this key group.

Clinton has the best favorability rating 62 – 34 percent of any of the contenders, followed by Cuomo with a 55 – 36 percent favorability. Scores for the Republicans are:

- 46 – 39 percent for Christie;
- Negative 31 – 37 percent for Paul;
- Negative 31 – 44 percent for Bush.

President Obama's Job Approval

New York State voters give President Barack Obama a split 49 – 47 percent job approval rating, compared to a 50 – 46 percent score in a May 21 Quinnipiac University poll.

“He's not on the ballot, but even in true-blue New York President Barack Obama gets only a job approval stand-off,” Carroll said.

Voters approve 63 – 26 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is doing, up from 56 – 26 percent May 21 and his best score in more than a year.

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand gets a 61 – 20 percent job approval rating, also her best score in more than a year.

From August 14 – 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,034 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 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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3. Is your opinion of Andrew Cuomo favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Favorable | 55% | 28% | 78% | 47% | 50% | 59% | 49% | 60% | 53% |
| Unfavorable | 36 | 63 | 13 | 43 | 40 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 39 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 4 | 5 |
| REFUSED | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 |

TREND: Is your opinion of Andrew Cuomo favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? (*High also 63% Apr 2009 and Feb 2009, **"Governor Andrew Cuomo")

| | Aug 20 2014 | May 21 2014 | Feb 13 2014 | Nov 26 2013 | Mar 19 2013 | FAVORABLE..... | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | High | Low |
| | | | | | | Jun 24 2009* | Jan 26 2011** |
| Favorable | 55 | 55 | 59 | 55 | 52 | 63 | 47 |
| Unfavorable | 36 | 30 | 28 | 27 | 27 | 15 | 11 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 6 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 36 |
| REFUSED | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 |

13. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Clinton | 60% | 17% | 92% | 54% | 55% | 65% | 67% | 63% | 55% |
| Bush | 29 | 74 | 4 | 28 | 31 | 26 | 20 | 27 | 33 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 3 | 3 | - | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 |

14. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Clinton | 61% | 19% | 92% | 55% | 56% | 66% | 68% | 61% | 58% |
| Paul | 30 | 72 | 4 | 31 | 37 | 25 | 26 | 29 | 33 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 2 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |

15. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Clinton | 54% | 16% | 87% | 44% | 47% | 60% | 55% | 57% | 52% |
| Christie | 34 | 76 | 10 | 37 | 42 | 27 | 28 | 33 | 38 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 2 | 2 | - | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 6 |

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Aug 21 2014 | Feb 13 2014 | Mar 19 2013 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Clinton | 54 | 58 | 59 |
| Christie | 34 | 31 | 32 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 5 | 6 |

16. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Cuomo | 53% | 13% | 86% | 44% | 50% | 57% | 62% | 55% | 50% |
| Bush | 30 | 77 | 4 | 32 | 34 | 27 | 22 | 30 | 35 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 3 | - | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 6 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 9 |

17. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Cuomo | 55% | 19% | 87% | 43% | 52% | 58% | 57% | 57% | 54% |
| Paul | 31 | 73 | 3 | 35 | 36 | 26 | 31 | 30 | 32 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 6 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 9 |

18. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Cuomo | 47% | 11% | 79% | 35% | 44% | 49% | 51% | 47% | 47% |
| Christie | 37 | 80 | 9 | 41 | 42 | 33 | 27 | 40 | 38 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 9 |

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | Aug 21 2014 | Feb 13 2014 | Mar 19 2013 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cuomo | 47 | 50 | 46 |
| Christie | 37 | 34 | 38 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 9 | 10 |

19. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Favorable | 62% | 25% | 89% | 57% | 57% | 67% | 70% | 62% | 61% |
| Unfavorable | 34 | 72 | 9 | 40 | 39 | 30 | 26 | 35 | 36 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| REFUSED | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

| | Aug 21 2014 | Feb 13 2014 | Mar 19 2013 | Jun 11 2008 | Apr 18 2008 | FAVORABLE..... | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | High | Low |
| | | | | | | Mar 19 2013 | Apr 18 2008 |
| Favorable | 62 | 65 | 71 | 53 | 48 | 71 | 48 |
| Unfavorable | 34 | 30 | 24 | 40 | 45 | 24 | 45 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| REFUSED | 1 | 2 | - | 3 | 2 | - | 2 |

20. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Favorable | 31% | 59% | 11% | 35% | 39% | 24% | 23% | 35% | 31% |
| Unfavorable | 37 | 10 | 57 | 37 | 35 | 39 | 35 | 38 | 39 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 31 | 30 | 31 | 26 | 25 | 36 | 41 | 26 | 29 |
| REFUSED | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

21. Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Favorable | 46% | 67% | 33% | 50% | 48% | 44% | 37% | 48% | 48% |
| Unfavorable | 39 | 17 | 54 | 36 | 41 | 38 | 38 | 40 | 41 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 12 | 15 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 15 | 25 | 9 | 9 |
| REFUSED | 2 | - | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | - | 3 | 2 |

TREND: Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

| | Aug 21 2014 | Feb 13 2014 | Mar 19 2013 |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Favorable | 46 | 41 | 55 |
| Unfavorable | 39 | 38 | 17 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 12 | 18 | 27 |
| REFUSED | 2 | 3 | 2 |

22. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Favorable | 31% | 66% | 16% | 29% | 37% | 27% | 19% | 30% | 39% |
| Unfavorable | 44 | 9 | 62 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 44 | 50 | 38 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 24 | 24 | 21 | 28 | 19 | 29 | 37 | 20 | 21 |
| REFUSED | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |

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

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 63% | 44% | 81% | 57% | 61% | 66% | 65% | 65% | 63% |
| Disapprove | 26 | 42 | 12 | 31 | 29 | 24 | 16 | 27 | 28 |
| DK/NA | 10 | 14 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 10 |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Charles Schumer is handling his job as United States Senator? (*High also 69% Oct 2001)

| | Aug 21 2014 | May 21 2014 | Feb 13 2014 | Nov 26 2013 | Jun 05 2013 | APPROVE..... | |
|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | High Dec 08 2004* | Low Apr 15 1999 |
| Approve | 63 | 56 | 61 | 60 | 59 | 69 | 51 |
| Disapprove | 26 | 26 | 24 | 30 | 30 | 16 | 22 |
| DK/NA | 10 | 18 | 15 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 28 |

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

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS..... | | |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 61% | 47% | 76% | 53% | 56% | 65% | 57% | 63% | 62% |
| Disapprove | 20 | 34 | 9 | 22 | 24 | 16 | 12 | 20 | 20 |
| DK/NA | 20 | 19 | 15 | 25 | 20 | 19 | 30 | 17 | 18 |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kirsten Gillibrand is handling her job as United States Senator? (*High also 61% Dec 2012)

| | Aug 21 2014 | May 21 2014 | Feb 13 2014 | Nov 26 2013 | Jun 05 2013 | APPROVE..... | |
|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | High Aug 21 2014* | Low Feb 17 2009 |
| Approve | 61 | 53 | 58 | 57 | 55 | 61 | 28 |
| Disapprove | 20 | 18 | 19 | 24 | 24 | 20 | 10 |
| DK/NA | 20 | 29 | 23 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 62 |

26. 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 | 49% | 14% | 76% | 41% | 47% | 51% | 55% | 53% | 45% |
| Disapprove | 47 | 82 | 20 | 55 | 50 | 45 | 41 | 45 | 51 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 |

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

| | Aug 21 2014 | May 21 2014 | Feb 13 2014 | Nov 26 2013 | Jun 05 2013 | APPROVE..... | |
|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | High Feb 19 2009 | Low Aug 12 2011 |
| Approve | 49 | 50 | 52 | 47 | 55 | 72 | 45 |
| Disapprove | 47 | 46 | 44 | 49 | 41 | 17 | 49 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 6 |