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CUOMO SHOULD BATTLE TRUMP, BUT NOT SEEK WHITE HOUSE, NEW YORK VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL; TRUMP WILL BE BAD FOR HIS HOME STATE, VOTERS SAY

Gov. Andrew Cuomo should "become a national leader challenging the policies of the Trump Administration," New York State voters say 50 – 43 percent in a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

But Gov. Cuomo should <u>not</u> run for president in 2020, voters say 56 - 36 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Cuomo would <u>not</u> be a good president, voters say 54 - 36 percent. Still, voters say 53 - 29 percent that if Cuomo ran for president, it would be good for New York State. And Cuomo as a national anti-Trump leader also would be good for New York, voters say 48 - 38 percent.

New York State voters approve 49 - 34 percent of the job Cuomo is doing as governor, compared to a 50 - 40 percent approval rating in a July 20 Quinnipiac University poll. Approval is 64 - 19 percent among Democrats and 46 - 36 percent among independent voters. Republicans disapprove 57 - 25 percent.

"The White House beckons, but Gov. Andrew Cuomo has to get back to Albany first," said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. "New York State voters want their governor to be a warrior fighting the policies of another New Yorker, President-elect Donald Trump, but they don't want their governor to seek the top job – at least not this early in the game.

"Let's see how they feel after the 2018 governor's race, if Cuomo seeks a third term.

"If New Yorkers are bearish on a Cuomo presidency, they give him pretty good marks after six years in his current job, even though it was a not-so-good political year."

New York State voters say 67 - 27 percent that Gov. Cuomo has strong leadership qualities; 47 - 40 percent that he is honest and trustworthy, and 52 - 42 percent that he cares about their needs and problems.

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Voters disapprove 58 - 36 percent of the way President-elect Donald Trump is handling appointments to his cabinet and other top positions and say 48 - 40 percent that Trump policies will be bad for New York. Only 26 percent of voters say Trump policies will help their personal financial situation, while 29 percent say the policies will hurt and 40 percent say they won't make a difference.

New York State voters are divided as 46 percent are optimistic about the next four years with Trump as president, while 50 percent are pessimistic.

Trump gets a negative 31 - 59 percent favorability rating from New York voters. Only 12 percent of voters say Trump will be a great president, while 25 percent say he will be a good president; 19 percent say not so good and 36 percent say he will be a bad president.

President Obama, Sen. Schumer Approval Ratings

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, fresh off a strong reelection win and poised to become the Senate Minority Leader, perhaps the most powerful Democrat in the nation, gets a 67 - 23 percent job approval rating. This is his best grade since a 69 - 16 percent approval rating in a December 8, 2004, Quinnipiac University poll, right after he won reelection to a second term.

"As he prepares to become, arguably, the most powerful Democrat in the nation, Sen. Chuck Schumer scores high with the home folks," Carroll said.

New York State voters approve 61 - 35 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, his highest approval in the state since December 12, 2012, after he won reelection.

Approval ratings for other statewide leaders are:

- 56 20 percent for U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand;
- 38 16 percent for State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli;
- 51 21 percent for State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman;
- 23 19 percent, with 57 percent undecided, for Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.

From December 13 - 19, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,130 New York State voters with a margin of error of ± 2.9 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines 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, North Carolina, Georgia and the nation as a public service and for research.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @QuinnipiacPoll. 1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as Governor?

							WHITE. COLLEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	49% 34 17	25% 57 18	64% 19 17	46% 36 17	44% 43 14	53% 27 20	48% 35 18	41% 45 14
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	41% 35 24	55% 32 13	50% 36 14	48% 35 17	37% 49 14	50% 32 18	44% 39 16	57% 24 19
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	38% 46 17	58% 25 17	52% 29 18					

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. COLLEG Yes	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	67% 23 10	46% 38 16	83% 9 8	63% 28 9	61% 30 9	71% 18 11	70% 23 7	61% 28 11
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	48% 29 22	71% 21 9	73% 22 5	72% 22 6	59% 33 8	71% 19 9	66% 25 9	68% 20 13
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	61% 26 13	73% 19 8	66% 26 9					

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

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	56% 20 24	32% 38 30	74% 6 21	50% 25 25	50% 26 24	60% 15 25	61% 21 18	50% 25 25
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	46% 18 36	57% 16 27	60% 21 19	58% 24 17	49% 29 21	60% 18 22	56% 23 22	56% 14 30
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	52% 25 23	60% 14 26	55% 21 24					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEG	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	61% 35 4	22% 76 2	90% 6 4	50% 46 4	53% 43 4	68% 28 4	61% 36 3	45% 52 3
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	66% 31 3	68% 29 2	58% 37 5	53% 45 2	46% 52 2	59% 37 4	53% 43 3	76% 19 5
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	52% 45 3	74% 24 3	55% 38 7					

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

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	31%	68%	8%	35%	40%	23%	28%	46%
Unfavorable	59	15	88	51	49	67	62	42
Hvn't hrd enough	7	10	2	11	7	7	5	8
REFUSED	4	6	1	3	4	3	5	3
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	28%	29%	33%	37%	47%	29%	37%	18%
Unfavorable	62	64	54	54	44	59	53	72
Hvn't hrd enough	9	4	7	8	6	7	7	7
REFUSED	1	4	5	2	4	4	4	3
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Favorable	37%	23%	32%					
Unfavorable	51	69	55					
Hvn't hrd enough	8	5	7					
REFUSED	4	2	5					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEGI	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	33% 47 20	32% 50 18	40% 40 21	24% 55 21	28% 56 16	37% 41 22	29% 52 19	36% 43 21
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	30% 50 20	36% 48 17	36% 46 19	31% 46 23	26% 57 16	37% 41 22	32% 48 20	33% 47 20
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	33% 51 17	33% 45 22	32% 47 21					

							WHITE. COLLEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	48% 29 22	45% 39 15	55% 21 24	42% 36 22	44% 36 20	52% 24 24	52% 28 20	48% 32 20
DIT/ NA	22				20	24	20	20
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	40% 31 29	52% 29 19	51% 30 19	52% 26 22	47% 36 17	53% 25 22	50% 30 20	44% 29 26
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	49% 35 16	49% 25 26	46% 26 28					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEGI	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	59% 25 16	53% 33 14	67% 17 15	55% 30 16	55% 30 15	63% 21 16	60% 25 15	59% 29 13
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	54% 27 20	61% 26 14	59% 28 13	63% 20 17	55% 33 12	63% 22 15	60% 27 14	59% 22 19
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	61% 28 11	60% 21 20	57% 28 16					

							WHITE. COLLEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	38% 16 46	32% 23 45	43% 11 47	38% 17 45	40% 21 39	36% 12 53	41% 14 46	34% 17 49
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	32% 21 46	38% 16 47	41% 17 42	41% 11 49	38% 21 40	37% 11 52	37% 15 47	38% 18 44
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	38% 19 43	36% 15 49	39% 13 48					

10. 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. COLLEG Yes	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	51% 21 28	32% 33 34	65% 12 23	49% 22 29	51% 27 22	51% 16 33	55% 17 28	48% 23 29
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	34% 30 36	54% 17 28	54% 19 27	60% 19 21	50% 27 23	54% 14 32	52% 20 28	50% 23 27
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	48% 22 29	56% 20 24	49% 21 31					

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

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	23% 19 57	15% 27 59	28% 16 57	25% 18 57	23% 28 49	24% 13 64	18% 22 60	23% 19 58
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	32% 12 56	28% 19 53	21% 23 56	16% 22 63	20% 29 51	21% 14 66	20% 20 59	31% 17 52
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	21% 22 57	27% 19 54	22% 16 63					

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEGY	
Yes No DK/NA	36% 54 10	14% 78 8	49% 38 14	33% 59 8	33% 60 6	38% 49 13	29% 62 10	30% 59 10
			50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Yes No DK/NA	38% 53 9	39% 51 11		31% 59 10	26% 69 6	32% 55 13	30% 61 10	49% 41 11
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes No DK/NA	27% 65 8	45% 44 11	36% 52 12					

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

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes No DK/NA	36% 56 8	16% 76 8	49% 42 9	34% 59 7	33% 60 7	38% 53 9	30% 62 8	31% 60 9
			50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Yes No DK/NA	37% 55 7	42% 53 5	32% 57 11	30% 62 8	25% 67 8	35% 56 9	31% 61 9	47% 47 6
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes No DK/NA	29% 63 8	41% 52 7	38% 52 9					

15. 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?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Good Bad DK/NA	53% 29 18	33% 49 18	63% 20 17	52% 28 20	52% 32 16	54% 27 19	52% 29 20	45% 36 19
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	AGE IN 18-34		50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Good Bad DK/NA	53% 31 16	60% 26 13	53% 30 17	47% 32 22	49% 35 16	49% 30 22	49% 32 19	62% 23 15
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Good Bad DK/NA	47% 38 15	61% 22 17	52% 25 23					

							WHITE. COLLEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	50%	11%	74%	44%	43%	55%	53%	35%
No	43	81	19	48	51	36	42	56
DK/NA	8	8	7	8	6	9	5	9
					WHITE.			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	47%	54%	51%	46%	36%	51%	45%	59%
No	45	39	43	46	58	41	49	31
DK/NA	8	7	6	8	6	7	7	9
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	42%	59%	47%					
No	52	33	44					
DK/NA	7	7	9					

17. 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. COLLEG Yes	
Good Bad DK/NA	48% 38 13	16% 70 14	68% 21 10	45% 37 18	40% 47 13	55% 31 13	49% 37 14	36% 50 14
	AGE IN 18-34		50-64		WHITE. Men	 Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Good Bad DK/NA	52% 39 9	50% 38 12	46% 40 14	45% 39 16	34% 53 13	49% 35 15	43% 43 14	59% 30 11
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Good Bad DK/NA	42% 43 15	58% 31 11	44% 41 15					

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

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	67%	50%	81%	63%	61%	72%	66%	58%
No	27	43	15	30	34	22	28	34
DK/NA	6	7	4	7	5	6	5	8
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	67%	72%	66%	64%	55%	68%	62%	77%
No	25	24	29	30	39	25	31	19
DK/NA	8	5	5	7	6	7	6	4
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	61%	72%	70%					
No	33	23	25					
DK/NA	6	6	5					
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19. Would you say that Andrew Cuomo is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEGI Yes	
Yes No DK/NA	47% 40 13	31% 56 14	58% 28 14	47% 42 11	43% 45 12	51% 35 14	40% 48 12	46% 43 12
			50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Yes No DK/NA	48% 40 11	48% 39 13	48% 41 11	46% 38 16	35% 54 11	48% 39 13	43% 45 12	57% 28 15
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes No DK/NA	37% 49 13	53% 34 13	56% 31 12					

20. Would you say that Andrew Cuomo cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	52%	24%	69%	51%	46%	57%	49%	45%
No	42	68	25	44	48	37	45	49
DK/NA	6	8	6	5	6	6	6	6
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	50%	57%	53%	49%	40%	52%	47%	63%
No	42	40	42	45	54	42	47	31
DK/NA	8	4	5	7	6	6	6	6
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Yes	41%	61%	57%					
No	53	33	38					
DK/NA	6	6	5					

37. Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Donald Trump as president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEG Yes	
Optimistic Pessimistic DK/NA	46% 50 5	84% 14 2	21% 74 5	51% 43 6	55% 41 3	38% 57 5	40% 58 3	59% 36 5
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Optimistic Pessimistic DK/NA	46% 46 7	42% 55 3	50% 47 3	46% 50 4	59% 38 3	41% 55 4	49% 48 4	40% 54 6
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Optimistic Pessimistic DK/NA	51% 46 3	40% 55 5	48% 46 6					

38. Do you think that Donald Trump will be a great president, a good president, a not so good president, or a bad president?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Great	12%	28%	1%	15%	16%	8%	11%	19%
Good	25	50	10	27	29	22	22	37
Not so good	19		24	20	20	18	16	16
Bad	36		59	27	26	44	44	21
DK/NA	8	8	6	11	8	8	7	7
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					WHITE.		T T 1	Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Great	10%	10%	12%	15%	19%	12%	15%	5%
Good	25	23	27	26	33	26	29	19
Not so good	20	23	19	16	15	17	16	25
Bad	37	39	32	36	25	39	33	42
DK/NA	8	5	9	7	8	6	7	10
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Great	14%	9%	13%					
Good	30	18	30					
Not so good	19	22	14					
Bad	31	42	34					
DK/NA	7	9	9					

39. Do you think Donald Trump's policies will help the nation's economy, hurt the nation's economy, or won't make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEG	
Will help Hurt No difference DK/NA	39% 39 16 6	79% 7 11 3	14% 61 17 8	45% 31 18 6	48% 31 16 5	33% 46 15 7	45	55% 24 15 5
	AGE IN 18-34		50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Will help Hurt No difference DK/NA	34% 44 14 8		41% 37 15 8	47% 35 14 4		40% 42 14 5		25% 46 21 7
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Will help Hurt No difference DK/NA	47% 33 14 5	30% 47 17 6	43% 34 16 7					

40. Do you think Donald Trump's policies will help your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or won't make a difference?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Will help	26%	47%	13%	29%	34%	20%	31%	31%
Hurt	29	5	46	23	21	36	26	21
No difference	40	44	36	43	42	39	40	44
DK/NA	4	4	5	5	4	5	3	5
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Will help	21%	27%	29%	26%	39%	25%	31%	16%
Hurt	34	28	28	29	16	29	23	41
No difference	43	40	38	41	41	42	42	37
DK/NA	2	5	5	4	3	4	4	6
	AREA							
	UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Will help	29%	21%	28%					
Hurt	26	34	27					
No difference	42	40	38					
DK/NA	3	4	7					

41. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling appointments to his cabinet and other top positions in his administration?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEGY Yes	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	36% 58 6	74% 19 6	11% 85 4	42% 50 9	44% 51 5	29% 64 7	34% 61 5	53% 40 7
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Non- Wht
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	31% 63 6	33% 65 3	38% 55 7	41% 51 8	51% 44 5	37% 57 6	43% 51 6	21% 73 6
	AREA UpStat	NYC	Sub					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	40% 52 7	29% 67 4	40% 55 6					

42. Do you think Donald Trump's policies will be good for New York State or bad for New York State?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Good	40%	76%	14%	48%	51%	31%	38%	55%
Bad	48	13	74	38	40	55	49	32
DK/NA	12	11	12	14	9	14	12	13
	AGE IN YRS WHITE							
					WHITE.		_	Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Good	36%	38%	43%	43%	57%	38%	46%	27%
Bad	58	53	42	43	33	47	41	63
DK/NA	7	10	15	14	10	15	13	10
	AREA							
	upstat	NIC	Sub					
Good	44%	31%	46%					
Bad	44	57	41					
DK/NA	12	12	13					
DIV/ INT	14	1 4	10					