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**CUOMO TOPS de BLASIO 4-1 AS TOP DEM IN NEW YORK,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
CLINTON OR CUOMO STOMP GOP IN STATE IN 2016 RACE**

Gov. Andrew Cuomo tops Mayor Bill de Blasio 74 – 16 percent among New York State voters, including 67 – 25 percent among New York City voters, as the “more influential Democrat,” according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Gov. Cuomo leads Mayor de Blasio 75 – 19 percent among Democrats, 84 – 7 percent among Republicans and 72 – 15 percent among independent voters, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

The governor tops the mayor 77 – 9 percent among upstate voters and 81 – 11 percent among suburban voters. There is almost no gender gap. De Blasio finds his best support among voters 18 to 29 years old, who still back Cuomo 56 – 32 percent.

New York State voters give Cuomo a 52 – 33 percent favorability rating. De Blasio gets a 33 – 36 percent rating, with 29 percent who don’t know enough about him to form an opinion.

Cuomo most closely represents their political view, 31 percent of New York State voters say, while 20 percent line up with de Blasio and 44 percent say neither. The governor is ahead 39 – 30 percent among Democrats, while de Blasio is closer to the views of 29 percent of voters under 30 years old, compared to Cuomo’s 23 percent. Cuomo lines up with 32 percent of New York City voters, with de Blasio at 31 percent.

“Who’s the more influential Democrat? Overwhelmingly, New Yorkers pick Gov. Andrew Cuomo over New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. Even Big Apple voters say the governor has a bigger bite,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. “Mayor de Blasio is trying hard to be known as a national – even international – spokesman for political liberalism but, so far at least, it’s not working with the neighbors. New Yorkers pay more attention to Gov. Cuomo.

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“Because Republicans give a big thumbs down to either Democrat, neither Cuomo nor de Blasio win the hearts and minds of most New Yorkers,” Carroll added.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Gov. Cuomo both top leading Republican contenders in New York State in an early look at the 2016 presidential campaign. Clinton is up:

- 60 – 29 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 61 – 26 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 57 – 31 percent over New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie.

Clinton’s leads range from 14 to 24 percentage points among men and 36 to 44 percentage points among women.

Cuomo tops leading Republicans by smaller margins:

- 51 – 31 percent over Jeb Bush;
- 56 – 28 percent over Paul;
- 49 – 35 percent over Christie.

“The lady from Chappaqua, Hillary Clinton, should move back to the White House, New Yorkers say. She beats all the Republican wannabes,” Carroll said.

“Hey, we’re a Democratic state. Our Democratic governor leads the GOP pack, too.”

### Approval of President Obama, Other Officials

New York State voters approve 51 – 45 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing. Men are divided 48 – 48 percent, while women approve 54 – 41 percent.

Voters approve 62 – 24 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer is doing and give U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand a 58 – 18 percent approval rating.

Voters approve 47 – 20 percent of the job State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is doing and give State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli a 39 – 16 percent score.

From December 17 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,293 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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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1. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	60%	17%	89%	55%	54%	65%	70%	65%	60%	49%
Bush	29	76	4	29	35	23	20	26	30	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	7	3	4	-	3	5	4
DK/NA	6	4	6	6	5	7	8	5	4	10

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Clinton	49%	72%	60%
Bush	38	18	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3
DK/NA	7	6	5

TREND: 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?

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Clinton	60	60
Bush	29	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4
DK/NA	6	5

2. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	61%	21%	89%	54%	56%	65%	71%	64%	61%	53%
Paul	26	67	3	27	32	21	21	24	28	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	-	6	3	3	1	1	3	6
DK/NA	8	7	7	10	7	9	6	10	5	11

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Clinton	51%	72%	61%
Paul	35	15	28
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	2
DK/NA	9	9	7

TREND: 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?

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014
Clinton	61	61
Paul	26	30
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	8	4

3. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	57%	15%	87%	49%	51%	63%	66%	60%	57%	51%
Christie	31	76	6	34	37	27	26	30	33	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	-	6	3	3	-	1	3	5
DK/NA	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	9

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Clinton	47%	69%	55%
Christie	37	23	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	2
DK/NA	9	5	4

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?

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013
Clinton	57	54	58	59
Christie	31	34	31	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	6	7	5	6

4. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	51%	15%	77%	44%	45%	56%	58%	55%	51%	45%
Bush	31	74	7	34	37	26	26	27	32	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	2	5	4	2	1	4	4	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	2	5	9	7	5	3	6	5	7
DK/NA	9	9	9	9	8	11	12	8	8	10

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Cuomo	40%	61%	55%
Bush	41	21	30
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	4	7
DK/NA	9	11	6

TREND: 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?

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Cuomo	51	53
Bush	31	30
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	6
DK/NA	9	7

5. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	56%	23%	83%	45%	48%	62%	61%	58%	57%	50%
Paul	28	62	5	31	35	21	28	24	29	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	2	5	3	3	1	3	3	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	5	8	6	5	1	5	5	8
DK/NA	8	9	6	11	7	9	9	9	7	9

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Cuomo	44%	67%	57%
Paul	34	18	31
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	7	4	5
DK/NA	10	9	5

TREND: 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?

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014
Cuomo	56	55
Paul	28	31
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	6
DK/NA	8	7

6. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	49%	15%	76%	38%	43%	54%	52%	50%	50%	45%
Christie	35	76	10	41	41	30	32	35	35	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	4	4	2	1	3	3	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	1	4	8	6	4	2	6	5	6
DK/NA	8	6	9	9	6	10	12	6	7	10

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Cuomo	38%	61%	47%
Christie	41	26	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	4	6
DK/NA	10	8	6

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?

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013
Cuomo	49	47	50	46
Christie	35	37	34	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	3	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	4	3
DK/NA	8	8	9	10

7. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	64%	23%	91%	58%	56%	70%	77%	66%	62%	56%
Unfavorable	30	70	6	32	36	24	13	29	32	35
Hvn't hrd enough	4	6	2	7	5	4	8	4	4	5
REFUSED	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	4

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Favorable	53%	75%	63%
Unfavorable	41	18	30
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5	5
REFUSED	2	3	2

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

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013	Jun 11 2008	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Mar 19 2013	Low Apr 18 2008
Favorable	64	62	65	71	53	71	48
Unfavorable	30	34	30	24	40	24	45
Hvn't hrd enough	4	3	3	5	4	5	5
REFUSED	2	1	2	-	3	-	2

8. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	21%	37%	7%	26%	29%	15%	10%	22%	25%	21%
Unfavorable	33	14	47	28	32	34	29	32	32	36
Hvn't hrd enough	44	48	44	45	38	49	59	45	40	41
REFUSED	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	3	2

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Favorable	25%	18%	21%
Unfavorable	30	35	35
Hvn't hrd enough	43	45	44
REFUSED	2	2	-

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

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014
Favorable	21	31
Unfavorable	33	37
Hvn't hrd enough	44	31
REFUSED	2	1

9. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	41%	64%	26%	45%	44%	38%	36%	41%	44%	40%
Unfavorable	41	14	57	36	41	42	37	46	42	37
Hvn't hrd enough	15	17	14	16	12	17	26	12	11	19
REFUSED	3	5	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	5

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	40%	35%	51%
Unfavorable	34	49	41
Hvn't hrd enough	22	14	5
REFUSED	3	2	3

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

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Mar 19 2013
Favorable	41	46	41	55
Unfavorable	41	39	38	17
Hvn't hrd enough	15	12	18	27
REFUSED	3	2	3	2

10. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	23%	52%	8%	23%	29%	18%	9%	20%	26%	30%
Unfavorable	39	10	57	34	37	40	28	47	40	35
Hvn't hrd enough	37	37	32	42	33	40	62	31	32	33
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	28%	17%	23%
Unfavorable	31	45	43
Hvn't hrd enough	41	36	31
REFUSED	1	2	3



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

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014
Favorable	23	31
Unfavorable	39	44
Hvn't hrd enough	37	24
REFUSED	2	1

11. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	52%	35%	68%	45%	49%	55%	48%	57%	52%	48%
Unfavorable	33	55	14	40	41	26	18	32	36	36
Hvn't hrd enough	12	7	15	12	7	16	30	9	8	12
REFUSED	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	4	4

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Favorable	44%	59%	55%
Unfavorable	45	21	30
Hvn't hrd enough	8	16	12
REFUSED	3	3	3

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)

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Jun 24 2009*	Low Jan 26 2011
Favorable	52	55	55	59	55	63	47
Unfavorable	33	36	30	28	27	15	11
Hvn't hrd enough	12	6	11	10	14	20	36
REFUSED	3	3	3	3	3	2	6

12. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	33%	9%	50%	27%	31%	34%	47%	36%	29%	23%
Unfavorable	36	54	20	44	40	32	17	35	40	41
Hvn't hrd enough	29	36	27	27	27	32	35	27	27	34
REFUSED	3	1	2	3	3	2	-	2	4	2

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Favorable	15%	53%	28%
Unfavorable	27	33	54
Hvn't hrd enough	56	10	15
REFUSED	1	4	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Dec 23 2014	Feb 12 2014
Favorable	33	31
Unfavorable	36	24
Hvn't hrd enough	29	44
REFUSED	3	2

14. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	62%	47%	77%	54%	60%	63%	56%	62%	66%	62%
Disapprove	24	39	9	30	29	19	19	21	26	25
DK/NA	15	14	14	16	11	18	26	16	8	13

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	56%	67%	64%
Disapprove	27	20	23
DK/NA	16	13	13

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

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 08 2004*	Low Apr 15 1999
Approve	62	63	56	61	60	69	51
Disapprove	24	26	26	24	30	16	22
DK/NA	15	10	18	15	10	15	28

15. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	58%	47%	70%	53%	55%	60%	49%	65%	57%	57%
Disapprove	18	28	9	21	25	13	15	16	20	19
DK/NA	24	25	22	27	20	27	36	19	23	24
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	63%	54%	56%							
Disapprove	18	17	20							
DK/NA	19	29	25							

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

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

16. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	51%	13%	81%	40%	48%	54%	70%	52%	49%	44%
Disapprove	45	85	16	55	48	41	26	45	48	50
DK/NA	4	2	3	5	4	4	4	3	3	6
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	39%	68%	45%							
Disapprove	56	29	50							
DK/NA	4	4	4							

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

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	Nov 26 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 19 2009	Low Aug 12 2011
Approve	51	49	50	52	47	72	45
Disapprove	45	47	46	44	49	17	49
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	4	10	6

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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	39%	37%	43%	36%	41%	38%	24%	40%	47%	40%
Disapprove	16	19	9	21	19	13	25	16	14	11
DK/NA	45	45	47	44	40	49	51	44	39	49
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	46%	38%	29%							
Disapprove	16	12	21							
DK/NA	38	49	50							

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

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	Apr 06 2009	Feb 17 2009	APPROVE.....	
						High Aug 20 2014	Low Apr 04 2007
Approve	39	45	36	26	29	45	24
Disapprove	16	19	12	19	17	19	13
DK/NA	45	36	52	56	54	36	63

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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	47%	40%	56%	40%	46%	48%	46%	47%	45%	49%
Disapprove	20	22	13	25	27	14	21	22	19	18
DK/NA	33	37	31	34	28	38	32	32	36	34
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	48%	49%	40%							
Disapprove	19	19	23							
DK/NA	33	31	37							

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

	Dec 23 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014
Approve	47	51	46
Disapprove	20	22	18
DK/NA	33	27	37

22. Who do you think is a more influential Democrat, Governor Andrew Cuomo or New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....				
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	
Cuomo	74%	84%	75%	72%	73%	75%	56%	74%	80%	78%	
de Blasio	16	7	19	15	16	15	32	16	14	8	
DK/NA	10	9	6	13	11	10	11	10	6	14	
AREA.....											
	UpStat	NYC	Sub								
Cuomo	77%	67%	81%								
de Blasio	9	25	11								
DK/NA	14	8	9								

23. Who do you think most closely represents your political views, Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, or neither?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	31%	27%	39%	26%	30%	33%	23%	33%	33%	34%
de Blasio	20	4	30	18	22	18	29	26	19	10
Neither	44	65	25	53	45	43	41	38	45	49
DK/NA	5	3	6	3	2	6	7	3	3	7
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Cuomo	27%	32%	38%							
de Blasio	11	31	18							
Neither	56	31	43							
DK/NA	5	6	1							