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## HILLARY IS NEW YORK'S NEW YEAR'S DATE OF CHOICE; QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is the New Year's Eve date of choice for 37 percent of New York State voters, while 8 percent want to toast to 2015 with Gov. Andrew Cuomo and 8 percent want to sing "Auld Lang Syne" with Mayor Bill de Blasio, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. But 45 percent of voters say "none of them."

Clinton, New York's adopted daughter and former U.S. Senator, is the New Year's date of choice for 43 percent of women, 30 percent of men, 52 percent of Democrats and 45 percent of voters 18 to 29 years old, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Only 15 percent of Republicans pick Clinton, with 11 percent for Cuomo and 2 percent for de Blasio. Of course, 71 percent say "none of them."

"Happy New Year! Would you like to toast the event with the man in the Governor's Mansion? Very few say yes. The man in Gracie Mansion? Not too many takers for that either.

"Their favorite New Year's date would be the lady from Chappaqua," said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"Who knows? Maybe she can return the favor some day with an invitation to the White House."

From December 17 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,293 New York State voters with a margin of error of  $\pm$  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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24. Who would you most like to spend New Year's Eve with, Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, or none of them?

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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	8%	11%	8%	8%	13%	4%	6%	10%	7%	8%
de Blasio	8	2	12	9	10	7	15	10	7	5
Clinton	37	15	52	33	30	43	45	37	42	29
None of them	45	71	28	49	46	44	33	42	44	56
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	2
	AREA									
	UpStat NYC		Sub							
Cuomo	8%	8%	8%							
de Blasio	6	13	5							
Clinton	34	39	40							
None of them	51	37	46							
DK/NA	1	2	-							