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CLINTON TOPS de BLASIO IN NEW YORK CITY MAYOR'S RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; MAYOR LEADS OTHER LITTLE-KNOWN POSSIBLE CHALLENGERS

In a very hypothetical race for New York City Mayor, Hillary Clinton, running as an independent, tops incumbent Bill de Blasio, running as a Democrat, 49 - 30 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Mayor de Blasio gets a divided 45-46 percent job approval rating, little changed from a 47-47 percent approval rating in a November 16 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. The mayor does <u>not</u> deserve reelection, New York City voters say 49-42 percent.

While he tops possible challengers in a hypothetical Democratic primary, de Blasio falls short of the 40 percent needed to avoid a primary run-off. And former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn or City Comptroller Scott Stringer would be serious challengers running as independent candidates in a general election face-off.

Results for a hypothetical Democratic primary show:

- De Blasio 35 percent;
- Former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn 11 percent;
- City Comptroller Scott Stringer 9 percent;
- U.S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries 8 percent;
- Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. 5 percent;
- State Sen. Tony Avella 1 percent.

"New Yorkers aren't in love with Mayor Bill de Blasio, but they seem to like him better than other possible choices – except Hillary Clinton, who probably is an impossible choice," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"None of the possible contenders has made any real noise or spent any money, so this race still could get interesting."

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In the Clinton - de Blasio matchup, Clinton leads 61 - 29 percent among Democrats and 45 - 31 percent among independent voters. Republicans back de Blasio 28 - 18 percent. She leads among men and women and black, white and Hispanic voters. She also leads in every borough except Staten Island, which goes to de Blasio 28 - 22 percent.

De Blasio, running as a Democrat, has a 44 - 34 percent lead in a hypothetical race against Christine Quinn, running as an independent. De Blasio wins similar matchups against other possible challengers running as independent candidates:

- 43 32 percent over Stringer;
- 43 28 percent over Diaz;
- 41 27 percent over Jeffries;
- 48 23 percent over Avella.

New York City voters give de Blasio a divided 47 – 45 percent favorability rating. Quinn gets a 37 – 23 percent favorability, with 39 percent who don't know enough about her to form an opinion. The other contenders are largely unknown as the percentage of voters who don't know enough about them to form an opinion ranges from 58 percent to 84 percent.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has the highest job approval rating of any top leader, as New York City voters approve 68 – 26 percent of the job he is doing as governor. Other job approval ratings are:

- 52 17 percent for Stringer;
- 44 17 percent for Public Advocate Letitia James;
- 36 19 percent for City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito;
- 35 30 percent for Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina.

Mayor de Blasio is honest and trustworthy, voters say 50 - 37 percent and he understands their problems, voters say 53 - 42 percent. But he does <u>not</u> have strong leadership qualities, voters say 51 - 45 percent.

From January 11 - 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,138 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. The survey includes 738 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 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. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio, Scott Stringer, Ruben Diaz Jr., Christine Quinn, Hakeem Jeffries, and Tony Avella, for whom would you vote?

	REGIST	GISTERED DEMOCRATS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY LIBERAL Mod/						• • • • • • •	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	34%	37%	33%	33%	35%	33%	24%	44%	35%
Stringer	10	10	8	11	12	8	16	5	7
Diaz Jr.	5	4	7	5	6	5	1	7	15
Quinn	12	11	14	12	13	11	18	6	8
Jeffries	7	5	13	7	7	8	5	12	10
Avella	1	-	-	3	2	1	2	1	3
DK/NA	31	33	25	29	26	34	36	26	21

2. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Scott Stringer running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	44%	14%	57%	33%	43%	45%	30%	67%	52%
Stringer	32	49	26	37	35	29	43	18	31
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	6	1	3	3	1	2	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	5	13	2	6	5	4	6	1	4
DK/NA	18	18	15	22	13	21	19	13	10
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio				Qns 45%	StIsl	_			
de Blasio Stringer	Brnx	Kngs	Man	~		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 50%	Kngs 42%	Man 48%	45%	21%	18-34 48%	35-49 47%	50-64 41%	65+ 40%
Stringer	Brnx 50% 28	Kngs 42% 29	Man 48% 32	45% 33	21% 49	18-34 48%	35-49 47% 31	50-64 41% 36	65+ 40% 39

3. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Christine Quinn running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	44%	16%	55%	36%	45%	43%	31%	64%	57%
Quinn	34	37	32	40	34	34	41	26	32
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	9	-	2	4	1	4	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	6	18	2	8	8	5	8	2	4
DK/NA	14	19	11	14	9	18	16	8	7
	AREA.					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA. Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio						_			
de Blasio Quinn	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 48%	Kngs 44%	Man 48%	Qns 43%	StIsl 22%	18-34 45%	35 - 49 45%	50-64 44%	65+
Quinn	Brnx 48% 35	Kngs 44% 29	Man 48% 37	Qns 43% 34	StIsl 22% 41	18-34 45%	35 - 49 45%	50-64 44% 34	65+ 40% 37

4. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Ruben Diaz Jr. running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	44%	9%	58%	34%	44%	44%	37%	65%	37%
Diaz Jr.	28	48	23	26	28	27	29	18	45
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	4	_	2	2	1	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	6	15	2	10	8	4	8	1	3
DK/NA	21	24	16	28	17	23	24	15	12
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio						_			
de Blasio Diaz Jr.	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 36%	Kngs	Man 49%	Qns	StIsl 24%	18-34 41%	35-49 43%	50-64 46%	65+ 48%
Diaz Jr.	Brnx 36%	Kngs	Man 49% 24	Qns 47% 24	StIsl 24% 36	18-34 41%	35-49 43% 33	50-64 46% 26	65+ 48% 23

5. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Hakeem Jeffries running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	43%	16%	56%	30%	42%	43%	37%	56%	48%
Jeffries	26	35	22	31	29	23	25	26	30
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	7	1	3	3	1	4	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	7	19	2	9	8	5	9	1	4
DK/NA	23	23	19	28	17	26	26	16	16
	AREA.					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA. Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio		Kngs	Man 51%	Qns	StIsl	_			
de Blasio Jeffries	Brnx	-		~		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 49%	36%	51%	44%	27%	18-34 38%	35-49 44%	50-64 45%	65+ 47%
Jeffries	Brnx 49% 24	36% 30	51% 20	44% 26	27% 32	18-34 38% 31	35-49 44%	50-64 45% 25	65+ 47% 22

6. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Tony Avella running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	49%	15%	64%	37%	50%	48%	39%	71%	52%
Avella	23	49	15	26	25	21	31	10	26
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	5	1	3	4	1	3	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	5	12	2	6	6	4	4	2	4
DK/NA	21	18	18	27	16	25	22	16	16
	AREA. Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio						_			
de Blasio Avella	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 51%	Kngs	Man 57%	Qns	StIsl	18-34 45%	35-49 52%	50-64 49%	65+ 49%
Avella	Brnx 51% 21	Kngs 48% 22	Man 57% 14	Qns 46% 30	StIsl 29% 34	18-34 45% 26	35-49 52% 22	50-64 49% 20	65+ 49% 26

7. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Hillary Clinton running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	29%	27%	30%	29%	35%	25%	25%	37%	32%
Clinton	49	19	61	42	42	54	47	54	49
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	4	16	_	3	5	3	4	1	4
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	10	26	2	17	11	9	14	3	7
DK/NA	9	12	7	9	7	10	10	5	8
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio						_			
de Blasio Clinton	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx	Kngs	Man 23%	Qns 28%	StIsl 28%	18-34 32%	35-49	50-64 29%	65+ 28%
Clinton	Brnx	Kngs 33% 44	Man 23% 62	Qns 28% 48	StIsl 28% 25	18-34 32% 50	35-49 30% 51	50-64 29% 50	65+ 28% 45

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	48%	13%	62%	38%	46%	49%	32%	76%	55%
Unfavorable	44	75	32	53	45	43	60	20	35
Hvn't hrd enough	5	4	3	8	6	4	3	3	7
REFUSED	3	8	2	2	2	4	4	1	2
	AREA.					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA. Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable						_			
Favorable Unfavorable	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 54%	Kngs 49%	Man 51%	Qns	StIsl	18-34 45%	35 - 49 51%	50-64 49%	65+ 45%

9. Is your opinion of Scott Stringer favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	32% 10 57 1	28% 11 61 -	34% 10 55 1	32% 10 57 -	37% 12 50 1	28% 9 63 1	42% 8 49 1	27% 12 61 -	25% 10 64 1
	AREA.					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA. Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable						-			
Favorable Unfavorable	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 23%	Kngs 31%	Man 38%	Qns	StIsl	18-34 17%	35-49 29%	50-64 40%	65+ 42%

10. Is your opinion of Christine Quinn favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Нѕр
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	38% 21 39 1	20% 34 45 1	46% 17 37 -	39% 21 38 2	37% 28 35 1	40% 16 43 2	46% 23 30 1	40% 24 35 1	30% 14 55 1
	AREA	 .				AGE IN	YRS		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+

11. Is your opinion of Ruben Diaz Jr. favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	21% 11 67 1	17% 16 67 -	26% 9 64 1	15% 10 75 1	24% 14 62 -	19% 9 70 2	12% 9 79 1	31% 14 53 1	36% 13 50 1
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	55% 15 29	18% 8 72 2	14% 14 71	15% 10 74	9% 8 81 2	20% 9 70	26% 13 61	23% 11 65	17% 12 71

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	64%	15%	84%	51%	59%	67%	57%	80%	65%
Unfavorable	31	80	13	4 4	35	29	40	17	29
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	2	4	3	3	2	1	3
REFUSED	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	3
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable						_			
Favorable Unfavorable	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 67%	Kngs	Man 79%	Qns 59%	StIsl 35%	18-34 59%	35-49 67%	50-64 67%	65+ 65%

13. Is your opinion of Hakeem Jeffries favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	19% 7 73 1	12% 8 80 -	22% 7 70 1	17% 5 77 2	21% 8 71	17% 7 74 2	11% 7 82 -	35% 7 56 1	15% 10 75 1
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	17% 6 77	28% 10 60 2	13% 6 80 2	18% 5 76	5% 10 85	19% 6 75	18% 8 73	23% 8 68	15% 8 75

14. Is your opinion of Tony Avella favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable Unfavorable	10% 5	18% 11	7% 4	13% 3	12% 6	8% 4	12% 4	7% 7	8 % 8
Hvn't hrd enough	84	71	88	83	81	86	84	84	83
REFUSED	Τ	_	Τ	T	1	1	T	2	1
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	···· 65+
Favorable	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough						_			

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill de Blasio is handling his job as Mayor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	45% 46 9	17% 80 3	59% 34 8	34% 52 14	44% 48 8	46% 44 10	33% 60 7	66% 26 8	52% 40 8
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carmen Farina is handling her job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	36% 30 34	22% 43 36	43% 27 30	30% 28 43	38% 26 36	35% 32 33	32% 27 41	43% 28 29	44% 32 25
						AGE IN			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Letitia James is handling her job as Public Advocate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	45% 17 38	23% 31 46	54% 12 35	39% 20 41	48% 18 34	43% 16 41	36% 17 46	72% 10 18	41% 19 40
	ע בו כו ע					AGE IN	VDC		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Melissa Mark-Viverito is handling her job as City Council Speaker?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	36%	24%	44%	27%	35%	37%	28%	46%	54%
Disapprove	19	36	13	23	22	17	18	11	21
DK/NA	45	40	43	50	43	46	54	43	25
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	42%	37%	39%	31%	29%	43%	38%	30%	32%
Disapprove	19	17	15	23	24	19	17	25	16
DK/NA	38	47	45	46	47	38	45	45	52

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Stringer is handling his job as City Comptroller?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	53%	48%	58%	50%	58%	50%	55%	58%	59%
Disapprove	16	22	14	18	15	17	12	14	13
DK/NA	31	29	28	32	28	33	33	28	27
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	 Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	47%	52%	61%	52%	55%	36%	55%	59%	64%
Disapprove	17	19	10	19	13	23	20	14	9
DK/NA	36	30	30	29	32	41	24	27	27

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	67% 26 6	49% 45 6	76% 18 5	63% 32 5	64% 30 6	70% 24 6	65% 31 5	75% 19 6	75% 20 5
						AGE IN			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City Council is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	43% 33 24	26% 46 28	51% 27 22	37% 40 23	44% 34 22	42% 32 26	39% 31 29	52% 30 19	48% 32 20
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+

23. Do you feel that Bill de Blasio deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Deserves	42%	13%	52%	38%	42%	42%	27%	63%	51%
No/Does not	48	77	38	51	51	45	62	28	42
DK/NA	10	10	9	11	7	13	11	9	7
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Deserves	44%	40%	45%	45%	27%	40%	46%	44%	37%
No/Does not	47	47	48	45	63	50	46	48	52
DK/NA	9	13	8	10	10	11	8	8	11

24. Do you think that the New York City Council is a positive force which improves New York City, or not?

		Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Positive No DK/NA	force	50% 32 18	39% 43 18	59% 22 18	40% 43 17	54% 32 15	48% 32 20	55% 25 20	51% 34 15	54% 33 13
		AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49		65+

26. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	45%	29%	54%	38%	41%	48%	31%	66%	50%
No	51	69	42	58	54	48	66	32	44
DK/NA	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	2	6
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns		AGE IN 18-34		50-64	65+
Yes									
Yes No	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+

27. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - understands the problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	53%	20%	65%	45%	52%	54%	40%	72%	56%
No	42	75	30	48	45	39	55	25	39
DK/NA	6	5	5	7	4	7	5	3	5
	AREA Brnx		 Man					50-64	
Yes	48%	54%	61%	53%	29%	51%	59%	53%	48%
No	46	41	34	40	67	44	37	41	47
DK/NA	7	5	5	7	4	5	4	5	5

28. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes No DK/NA	51% 36 13	23% 62 14	62% 26 12	46% 42 12	50% 40 9	52% 32 16	44% 46 9	66% 18 15	53% 37 10
	AREA Brnx		Man			AGE IN 18-34			 65+
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