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GOV. CUOMO TOPS MAYOR DE BLASIO IN NEW YORK CITY, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; SUPPORT FOR \$15 MINIMUM WAGE AT 75%

New York City voters approve 65 – 29 percent of the job Gov. Andrew Cuomo is doing, topping Mayor Bill de Blasio’s 50 – 42 percent job approval rating, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

But on the critical issue of homelessness, 33 percent say Mayor de Blasio is doing a better job, while 28 percent say Gov. Cuomo is doing better, with 39 percent undecided, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

As with other issues in New York City there is a racial division: Blacks back de Blasio over Cuomo on handling homelessness 50 – 20 percent. Hispanic voters back de Blasio 36 – 26 percent. White voters back Cuomo 37 – 25 percent.

In overall job approval, de Blasio gets a 63 – 28 percent nod from Democrats, with disapproval ratings of 75 – 18 percent from Republicans and 59 – 37 percent from independent voters. There are gender and racial gaps: Men disapprove 51 – 43 percent while women approve 56 – 35 percent. Approval is 77 – 11 percent among black voters and 66 – 29 percent among Hispanic voters, while white voters disapprove 67 – 27 percent.

Cuomo wins approval ratings of 72 – 22 percent from Democrats and 61 – 32 percent from independent voters, with Republicans divided 47 – 49 percent. The gender and racial gaps are smaller: Men approve 61 – 33 percent and women approve 69 – 25 percent. Approval is 74 – 21 percent among black voters, 72 – 18 percent among Hispanic voters and 58 – 37 percent among white voters.

“Despite the home court advantage, Gov. Andrew Cuomo outpoints Mayor Bill de Blasio among city voters,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

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“But these same New York City voters think de Blasio does better than Cuomo managing the homelessness problem, the issue on which the two leaders have been sparring,” Carroll added.

“Who do city voters identify with on political philosophy? De Blasio by a nose.”

De Blasio most closely represents their political views, 30 percent of New York City voters, including 40 percent of Democrats, say. Cuomo is closer to their views, 25 percent of city voters, including 27 percent of Democrats, say. Neither leader represents their views, 38 percent of voters, including 62 percent of Republicans and 53 percent of independent voters, say.

De Blasio’s involvement in national affairs is distracting him from his job as mayor, 45 percent of New York City voters say, while 42 percent say it is not distracting him.

Minimum Wage

New York City voters support 75 – 23 percent raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by the end of 2018. Support is 88 – 10 percent among Democrats and 63 – 34 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 59 – 40 percent.

Support in the boroughs ranges from 66 – 32 percent in Staten Island to 81 – 18 percent in The Bronx.

“The city’s liberal leanings produce heavy support for upping the minimum wage to \$15 an hour,” Carroll said. “There’s no surprise in the political division: Democrats give a resounding yes; Republicans a medium no.”

From January 11 – 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,143 New York City voters, with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 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, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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8. 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 | 50% | 18% | 63% | 37% | 43% | 56% | 27% | 77% | 66% |
| Disapprove | 42 | 75 | 28 | 59 | 51 | 35 | 67 | 11 | 29 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 5 |

| | AREA..... | | | | | AGE IN YRS..... | | | |
|------------|-----------|------|-----|-----|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| | Brnx | Kngs | Man | Qns | StIsl | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Approve | 58% | 54% | 50% | 48% | 26% | 58% | 53% | 46% | 46% |
| Disapprove | 30 | 40 | 45 | 45 | 66 | 34 | 40 | 48 | 46 |
| DK/NA | 12 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 9 |

16. 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 | 65% | 47% | 72% | 61% | 61% | 69% | 58% | 74% | 72% |
| Disapprove | 29 | 49 | 22 | 32 | 33 | 25 | 37 | 21 | 18 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 10 |

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| | Brnx | Kngs | Man | Qns | StIsl | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Approve | 69% | 64% | 71% | 61% | 59% | 68% | 62% | 65% | 66% |
| Disapprove | 28 | 31 | 21 | 31 | 38 | 24 | 31 | 31 | 27 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 7 |

39. Who do you think is doing a better job handling homelessness, Mayor de Blasio or Governor Cuomo?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| de Blasio | 33% | 22% | 39% | 28% | 32% | 34% | 25% | 50% | 36% |
| Cuomo | 28 | 40 | 25 | 34 | 31 | 25 | 37 | 20 | 26 |
| DK/NA | 39 | 38 | 36 | 39 | 37 | 40 | 38 | 30 | 38 |

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| | Brnx | Kngs | Man | Qns | StIsl | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| de Blasio | 33% | 36% | 32% | 34% | 22% | 34% | 35% | 33% | 31% |
| Cuomo | 27 | 22 | 32 | 28 | 41 | 25 | 25 | 32 | 31 |
| DK/NA | 40 | 41 | 36 | 38 | 37 | 41 | 41 | 34 | 38 |

49. 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 | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Cuomo | 25% | 25% | 27% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 34% | 15% | 23% |
| de Blasio | 30 | 12 | 40 | 19 | 27 | 32 | 17 | 51 | 30 |
| Neither | 38 | 62 | 24 | 53 | 44 | 33 | 45 | 21 | 33 |
| DK/NA | 7 | - | 9 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 14 |

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|-----------|-----------|------|-----|-----|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| | Brnx | Kngs | Man | Qns | StIsl | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Cuomo | 24% | 22% | 32% | 21% | 32% | 18% | 23% | 31% | 28% |
| de Blasio | 33 | 32 | 27 | 30 | 18 | 32 | 36 | 26 | 24 |
| Neither | 36 | 38 | 35 | 40 | 48 | 45 | 36 | 35 | 34 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 13 |

50. Do you think Bill de Blasio's involvement in national issues is or is not distracting him from his duties as Mayor?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Yes/Distracting | 45% | 62% | 40% | 54% | 51% | 41% | 55% | 29% | 47% |
| No/Not distracting | 42 | 27 | 47 | 35 | 37 | 46 | 34 | 54 | 45 |
| DK/NA | 13 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 17 | 8 |

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| | Brnx | Kngs | Man | Qns | StIsl | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Yes/Distracting | 40% | 43% | 45% | 49% | 58% | 49% | 43% | 47% | 46% |
| No/Not distracting | 47 | 43 | 42 | 38 | 35 | 36 | 48 | 42 | 38 |
| DK/NA | 13 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 10 | 17 |

51. Do you support or oppose raising the minimum wage in New York City to \$15 an hour by the end of 2018?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Support | 75% | 40% | 88% | 63% | 63% | 85% | 64% | 92% | 85% |
| Oppose | 23 | 59 | 10 | 34 | 34 | 14 | 33 | 8 | 14 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | - | 2 |

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|---------|-----------|------|-----|-----|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| | Brnx | Kngs | Man | Qns | StIsl | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Support | 81% | 77% | 76% | 72% | 66% | 73% | 73% | 80% | 80% |
| Oppose | 18 | 23 | 21 | 26 | 32 | 27 | 27 | 18 | 17 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |