

FOR RELEASE: MARCH 29, 2018

**NEW YORK CITY VOTERS OPPOSE CONGESTION PRICING,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS WANT ARMED SECURITY IN SCHOOLS**

New York City voters oppose 52 – 42 percent a congestion pricing plan to charge motorists driving into Manhattan, with money going to mass transit, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

While 50 percent of Manhattan voters support congestion pricing, 44 percent oppose it, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Queens voters also are close as 45 percent support it, with 49 percent opposed. Opposition in the other boroughs is 61 – 30 percent in The Bronx, 56 – 40 percent in Staten Island and 56 – 39 percent in Brooklyn.

New York City voters do support 75 – 21 percent raising taxes on people who make more than \$1 million a year and using the money for mass transit.

Given a choice between a millionaires’ tax or congestion pricing to raise money for transit, voters back the millionaires’ tax 66 – 21 percent.

New York City subway service is “excellent” or “good,” 26 percent of voters say, while 70 percent say it is “not so good” or “poor.”

Among voters who say “not so good” or “poor,” 37 percent blame Gov. Andrew Cuomo and 25 percent blame Mayor Bill de Blasio. Another 19 percent blame both officials.

“The suggestion on congestion gives voters indigestion,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“When voters have a choice between congestion pricing, which anyone who drives or takes a taxi or Uber would pay, and a millionaires’ tax, which only millionaires would pay, are you surprised at the results?”

A total of 90 percent of New York City voters say traffic congestion is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem.

-more-

Quinnipiac University Poll/March 29, 2018 – page 2

Among the 90 percent who say traffic is a very or somewhat serious problem, 40 percent blame de Blasio; 13 percent blame Cuomo; 22 percent blame neither and 12 percent blame both.

One brighter spot is that 52 percent of New York City voters say the quality of city buses is “excellent” or “good,” while 42 percent say “not so good” or “poor.”

School Safety

New York City voters say 58 – 28 percent that they are not satisfied with the quality of public schools citywide. Voters are divided 43 – 42 percent on whether they are satisfied with schools in their neighborhood.

New York City public schools are safe, voters say 53 – 36 percent. Among Bronx voters, 42 percent say schools are safe and 46 percent say that city schools are unsafe.

Voters support 56 – 38 percent having police officers or armed security officers stationed in every New York City public school. Only Manhattan voters are mixed on this, as 46 percent support armed police or guards, with 48 percent opposed.

Offered a choice, voters prefer armed officers over unarmed security officer 51 – 39 percent. Manhattan voters are divided with 46 percent for armed officers and 48 percent for unarmed officers. Voters in the other boroughs want an armed presence.

“They fall short academically, but New York City schools are safe, say voters with the exception of The Bronx. But on one issue, four out of five boroughs agree: Put a cop in every public school.”

Only 14 percent of New York City voters rate the quality of public housing as “excellent” or “good,” 73 percent say “not so good” or “poor.”

Texting While Walking

New York City voters oppose 54 – 42 percent making it a traffic offense to text while walking in the street. There is a wide age gap as voters 18 to 34 years old oppose the measure 65 – 29 percent, while voters over 65 years old support a penalty 52 – 43 percent.

From March 22 – 27, Quinnipiac University surveyed 955 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Colorado as a public service and for research.

Visit poll.qu.edu or www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll
Call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/QuinnipiacPoll) @QuinnipiacPoll.

22. Are you generally satisfied with the quality of the public schools in New York City, or are you not satisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Satisfied	28%	28%	31%	24%	32%	25%	26%	31%	28%
Not satisfied	58	58	55	64	56	60	52	62	64
DK/NA	14	14	14	12	12	15	21	7	8

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Satisfied	25%	31%	23%	31%	29%	17%	34%	30%	28%
Not satisfied	64	53	59	58	64	71	56	56	54
DK/NA	11	16	18	12	7	12	10	14	18

23. Are you generally satisfied with the quality of public schools in your neighborhood, or are you not satisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Satisfied	43%	47%	41%	46%	48%	39%	52%	33%	41%
Not satisfied	42	41	43	39	38	45	29	55	53
DK/NA	16	12	16	16	15	16	19	12	6

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Satisfied	30%	42%	43%	51%	49%	37%	43%	42%	50%
Not satisfied	57	42	36	37	37	51	46	41	34
DK/NA	13	16	21	12	14	12	11	17	16

24. Do you think Carmen Farina's four years as New York City Schools Chancellor were mainly a success or mainly a failure?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Success	34%	25%	37%	37%	38%	31%	33%	43%	31%
Failure	38	43	36	41	37	40	36	35	42
DK/NA	27	32	27	22	26	29	31	21	27

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Success	22%	39%	33%	37%	33%	30%	34%	38%	35%
Failure	43	33	37	40	50	49	37	36	37
DK/NA	35	28	30	22	17	21	29	26	28

25. Do you approve or disapprove of Mayor de Blasio's appointment of Richard Carranza to be New York City Schools Chancellor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	33%	28%	35%	31%	35%	31%	22%	43%	44%
Disapprove	23	22	21	30	26	22	27	22	16
DK/NA	43	50	44	39	39	47	51	36	40

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	35%	33%	31%	35%	31%	33%	35%	34%	30%
Disapprove	31	24	18	23	25	26	21	23	24
DK/NA	35	44	50	43	45	41	43	43	46

26. Do you consider New York City public schools safe or unsafe?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Safe	53%	45%	54%	55%	57%	51%	53%	54%	56%
Unsafe	36	47	33	38	33	38	37	38	32
DK/NA	11	7	13	8	11	11	11	8	12

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Safe	42%	56%	58%	54%	49%	62%	59%	46%	51%
Unsafe	46	36	27	33	43	28	30	44	38
DK/NA	11	7	15	12	8	10	11	10	11

27. Do you think police officers or armed security officers should be stationed in every New York City public school or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Stationed	56%	82%	51%	60%	54%	58%	54%	57%	65%
No	38	18	44	33	41	36	42	38	28
DK/NA	5	1	5	7	5	6	4	5	7

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Stationed	64%	61%	46%	52%	69%	56%	61%	59%	47%
No	28	36	48	43	28	38	37	37	49
DK/NA	7	4	6	5	3	6	3	4	4

28. Would you rather have armed security officers or unarmed security officers in every school?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Armed security	51%	78%	45%	55%	53%	50%	52%	40%	61%
Unarmed security	39	19	45	36	40	39	41	46	32
NEITHER (VOL)	3	1	3	3	3	3	2	4	3
DK/NA	6	2	7	6	4	8	4	10	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Armed security	50%	54%	46%	51%	63%	52%	53%	50%	46%
Unarmed security	37	39	48	38	23	44	37	42	41
NEITHER (VOL)	1	2	3	4	8	1	3	3	4
DK/NA	11	5	3	8	6	3	6	5	9

29. How would you rate the quality of public housing projects in New York City; excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excellent	1%	6%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%
Good	13	11	13	15	16	11	13	13	11
Not so good	33	21	36	30	35	32	34	30	37
Poor	40	53	38	41	37	43	39	47	42
DK/NA	12	9	11	14	11	13	15	8	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	1%	3%	1%	-	3%	-	3%	1%	1%
Good	7	13	18	12	12	17	16	8	13
Not so good	41	30	29	35	38	41	25	35	35
Poor	43	45	37	37	36	35	43	45	38
DK/NA	8	9	15	16	11	8	12	12	13

30. Do you support or oppose making it a traffic offense to text while walking on a New York City street?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	42%	52%	43%	38%	39%	45%	38%	43%	40%
Oppose	54	47	53	58	56	52	59	52	54
DK/NA	4	-	4	3	5	3	3	5	6

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Support	37%	46%	41%	41%	44%	29%	36%	53%	52%
Oppose	61	52	53	52	56	65	62	46	43
DK/NA	3	2	6	7	-	6	2	2	5

35. How would you rate the quality of subway service in New York City; excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excellent	3%	13%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	6%
Good	23	31	23	21	23	23	29	21	19
Not so good	32	22	34	32	31	32	29	33	28
Poor	38	29	38	42	38	38	37	40	44
DK/NA	4	6	3	5	5	4	5	5	3

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	-	4%	4%	1%
Good	19	26	26	21	26	18	24	25	26
Not so good	25	33	32	36	22	34	27	32	34
Poor	49	37	39	34	34	46	43	33	31
DK/NA	4	3	1	6	16	1	2	5	8

35a. (If not so good or poor q35) Who is more to blame for the condition of New York City subways: Governor Cuomo or Mayor de Blasio?

	SUBWAY SERVICE NOT SO GOOD OR POOR Q35					
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Cuomo	37%	40%	35%	40%	43%	31%
de Blasio	25	24	26	29	22	26
NEITHER (VOL)	8	10	7	6	7	8
BOTH (VOL)	19	18	20	16	17	22
DK/NA	10	8	12	8	11	13

36. How would you rate the quality of New York City buses; excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excellent	5%	9%	7%	3%	5%	5%	3%	5%	8%
Good	47	46	45	49	50	43	54	43	40
Not so good	30	22	31	31	24	34	25	31	35
Poor	12	14	13	9	12	11	9	17	13
DK/NA	7	9	5	8	8	5	9	4	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	4%	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%
Good	37	47	49	48	53	49	45	53	43
Not so good	47	26	28	26	23	32	33	24	26
Poor	9	12	14	12	8	12	9	10	18
DK/NA	3	7	4	10	11	3	7	8	8

36a. (If not so good or poor q36) Who is more to blame for the condition of New York City buses: Governor Cuomo or Mayor de Blasio?

	BUSES NOT SO GOOD OR POOR Q36.....					
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Cuomo	22%	28%	19%	26%	26%	10%
de Blasio	38	36	39	42	38	37
NEITHER (VOL)	8	7	9	8	10	11
BOTH (VOL)	20	21	20	13	20	26
DK/NA	11	8	13	11	6	16

37. How much of a problem do you think traffic congestion is in New York City; a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very serious	55%	42%	56%	58%	53%	56%	59%	53%	53%
Smwht serious	35	43	34	35	35	35	36	35	36
Not very serious	7	6	7	6	7	7	3	9	10
Not at all	2	9	2	-	2	2	2	2	1
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very serious	55%	56%	52%	52%	66%	44%	51%	61%	66%
Smwht serious	34	33	38	38	25	41	41	32	27
Not very serious	9	7	7	6	7	14	5	4	4
Not at all	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	1
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1

37a. (If very or somewhat serious q37) Who is more to blame for the traffic congestion in New York City: Governor Cuomo or Mayor de Blasio?

	TRAFFIC CONGESTION VERY OR SOMEWHAT SERIOUS PROBLEM Q37....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Cuomo	13%	8%	14%	13%	13%	13%	10%	15%	14%
de Blasio	40	50	35	45	43	38	43	36	44
NEITHER (VOL)	22	16	25	20	22	23	26	24	13
BOTH (VOL)	12	20	12	9	10	14	8	12	15
DK/NA	13	6	13	14	12	13	13	13	14

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	12%	16%	11%	11%	13%	12%	19%	10%	11%
de Blasio	35	39	36	50	38	44	39	43	36
NEITHER (VOL)	22	24	23	19	30	21	22	19	30
BOTH (VOL)	16	11	13	9	15	10	12	17	8
DK/NA	15	11	17	12	4	13	9	12	15

38. As you may know, there is a plan called "congestion pricing" that would charge motorists an additional toll to drive into downtown and midtown Manhattan, while reducing tolls on bridges that don't connect to Manhattan. The extra money would be used to fund mass transit. Would you support or oppose congestion pricing?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	42%	31%	46%	42%	44%	40%	48%	34%	37%	
Oppose	52	60	47	56	52	53	48	63	50	
DK/NA	6	9	7	2	5	8	4	2	12	
	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Support	30%	39%	50%	45%	40%	47%	42%	41%	41%	
Oppose	61	56	44	49	56	51	49	57	51	
DK/NA	9	5	6	6	4	2	9	2	8	

39. As you may know, there is a plan to raise taxes on people who earn more than one million dollars a year to help fund mass transit. Would you support or oppose this so-called millionaire's tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	75%	36%	85%	70%	73%	76%	70%	82%	80%	
Oppose	21	54	13	27	24	19	27	13	18	
DK/NA	4	10	2	3	3	5	3	5	2	
	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Support	72%	73%	76%	78%	73%	78%	76%	80%	72%	
Oppose	23	23	22	17	21	18	21	20	24	
DK/NA	5	4	2	4	6	4	3	1	4	

40. To raise money for mass transit, would you prefer congestion pricing or the so-called millionaire's tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Congestion pricing	21%	31%	18%	27%	23%	19%	29%	11%	20%	
Millionaire's tax	66	38	74	59	63	68	55	78	72	
DK/NA	14	32	9	14	14	13	16	11	8	
	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Congestion pricing	17%	19%	28%	20%	16%	14%	25%	21%	20%	
Millionaire's tax	70	70	57	63	70	77	63	67	60	
DK/NA	13	11	15	16	14	9	12	12	20	