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**CONGESTION PRICING WON'T WORK, NEW YORKERS SAY,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
VOTERS SAY SCRAP ELITE SCHOOL TEST, INCREASE DIVERSITY**

New York City voters oppose congestion pricing 54 – 41 percent and say 52 – 40 percent that it will not be effective in reducing traffic, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Manhattan voters are divided as 48 percent support congestion pricing, with 51 percent opposed, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Opposition in the other boroughs ranges from 52 – 43 percent in Staten Island to 64 – 30 percent in The Bronx.

White voters are divided, with 47 percent supporting congestion pricing and 49 percent opposed. Opposition is 63 – 33 percent among black voters and 58 – 39 percent among Hispanic voters.

Congestion pricing will reduce traffic, 52 percent of Staten Island voters say, as 44 percent say it won't be effective. Voters in other boroughs say it won't work, ranging from 50 – 43 percent "no" in Manhattan to 62 – 34 percent "no" in The Bronx.

A total of 90 percent of New York City voters say traffic congestion is a "very serious" or "somewhat serious" problem. Of that 90 percent, 36 percent say Mayor Bill de Blasio is more to blame, as 16 percent say Gov. Andrew Cuomo is more to blame. Another 19 percent blame neither and 13 percent blame both leaders.

New York City subway service is "not so good" or "poor," 62 percent of voters say, as 36 percent say it's "excellent" or "good." Bus quality in the city is "excellent" or "good," 48 percent of voters say, while 46 percent say it's "not so good" or "poor."

"New Yorkers give a Bronx cheer to congestion pricing. Lawmakers in Albany approved the plan, but city voters aren't in favor even if it means revenue raised will help fix mass transit. And there's a clear need for improvement. Six in ten New Yorkers rate subway service as 'not so good' or 'poor,'" said Mary Snow, polling analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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New York City voters oppose 48 – 41 percent having the mayor and City Council take responsibility for city subways and buses.

### **Elite High School Admissions**

With support from white, black and Hispanic voters, 57 percent of all New York City voters say other factors should be considered in deciding admission to elite public high schools, while 36 percent say keep the present system which relies on a single test to decide admission.

Support for the “other factors” option is 50 – 43 percent among white voters, 63 – 29 percent among black voters and 73 – 23 percent among Hispanic voters. Asian voters are divided as 46 percent say keep the single test and 48 percent say consider other factors.

In a separate question, New York City voters support 63 – 28 percent “changing the admissions process to New York City’s elite high schools if it meant increased diversity at those schools.” Support is 51 – 37 percent among white voters, 75 – 16 percent among black voters, 77 – 17 percent among Hispanic voters and 53 – 39 percent among Asian voters.

“The admissions process to New York City’s top high schools has become a lightning rod. And New Yorkers say rethink it. They favor considering other factors besides using a standardized test as the only door to entry,” Snow said.

“New Yorkers are split over the quality of public schools in their neighborhoods. The Bronx is the least satisfied with its schools. Staten Island has the highest level of satisfaction,” Snow said.

### **Amazon**

New York City voters approve 61 – 32 percent of Gov. Cuomo and other leaders trying to convince Amazon to “revive its plan” to build a headquarters in Queens. Approval is strong in all boroughs, ranging from 58 – 34 percent in Queens to 79 – 18 percent in Staten Island.

Voters support 54 – 42 percent offering tax breaks to encourage corporations and businesses to locate in New York City.

From March 27 – April 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,077 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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13. 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	Asn
Satisfied	26%	28%	29%	24%	28%	24%	24%	25%	32%	30%
Not satisfied	58	55	56	62	60	57	55	64	53	57
DK/NA	16	16	15	14	12	19	21	11	15	13

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Satisfied	21%	29%	19%	30%	29%	21%	35%	25%	21%
Not satisfied	65	56	58	57	56	66	54	60	56
DK/NA	13	15	22	13	14	14	11	15	23

HAVE KIDS <18 YRS  
InPublic  
Yes School

Satisfied	33%	42%
Not satisfied	59	54
DK/NA	9	5

14. 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	Asn
Satisfied	42%	48%	44%	40%	46%	39%	47%	34%	43%	45%
Not satisfied	42	35	40	46	41	43	30	53	45	45
DK/NA	16	17	16	14	13	19	22	13	12	11

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Satisfied	29%	43%	39%	47%	67%	33%	47%	42%	48%
Not satisfied	54	46	33	41	25	55	42	43	27
DK/NA	17	12	29	12	8	12	11	16	25

HAVE KIDS <18 YRS  
InPublic  
Yes School

Satisfied	42%	50%
Not satisfied	47	45
DK/NA	11	5

15. As you may know, admission to New York City's elite high schools, such as Stuyvesant and Bronx High School of Science, is determined by a student's performance on a single standardized test. Do you think New York City should keep that single-test procedure, or should it consider other factors?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Keep single test	36%	58%	28%	40%	39%	34%	43%	29%	23%	46%
Consider other fctrs	57	37	65	52	56	59	50	63	73	48
DK/NA	6	5	6	8	5	8	7	9	5	6

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Keep single test	30%	36%	33%	41%	42%	26%	35%	38%	45%
Consider other fctrs	62	55	60	55	54	68	59	57	48
DK/NA	8	9	6	4	3	6	6	5	7

	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS InPublic Yes School	
Keep single test	31%	30%
Consider other fctrs	65	68
DK/NA	4	2

16. As you may know, only 10.5% of admission offers to New York City's elite high schools went to black and Latino students, despite black and Latino students making up nearly two thirds of New York City's public schools. Some have suggested that this is the result of admissions being determined by a single standardized test. Would you support or oppose changing the admissions process to New York City's elite high schools if it meant increased diversity at those schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Support	63%	35%	75%	52%	60%	66%	51%	75%	77%	53%
Oppose	28	50	18	37	34	22	37	16	17	39
DK/NA	10	16	7	12	7	12	12	9	5	8

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Support	72%	59%	67%	59%	61%	71%	72%	57%	57%
Oppose	21	27	24	34	34	20	23	33	33
DK/NA	7	14	9	7	5	9	6	10	10

	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS InPublic Yes School	
Support	64%	72%
Oppose	27	24
DK/NA	10	4

17. As you may know, a New York State agency, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, is responsible for all mass transit in New York City and the suburbs. Decisions about New York City subways and buses are made by state legislators and funding is provided mainly through the state budget. Do you support or oppose having the New York City Mayor and City Council take responsibility for city subways and buses, even if that means some state funding could be lost?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Support	41%	27%	45%	40%	45%	37%	42%	44%	33%	46%
Oppose	48	58	43	50	45	50	46	50	53	39
DK/NA	11	14	11	9	10	13	13	6	14	15
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....										
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Support	39%	41%	42%	40%	35%	51%	48%	33%	36%	
Oppose	48	49	45	49	50	38	43	58	51	
DK/NA	13	10	12	11	15	10	9	10	13	

18. 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	Asn
Excellent	3%	9%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	-
Good	33	27	35	33	36	30	39	31	28	30
Not so good	31	32	32	28	30	32	32	30	35	28
Poor	31	29	29	35	29	33	22	35	33	42
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	-
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....										
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Excellent	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	
Good	20	36	31	38	37	22	36	34	38	
Not so good	28	30	39	27	31	32	29	34	32	
Poor	46	30	24	33	22	44	31	28	21	
DK/NA	2	1	3	2	6	-	-	1	7	

18a. (If not so good or poor q18) 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 Q18.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Governor Cuomo	37%	20%	42%	39%	37%	37%	39%	28%	40%	50%
Mayor de Blasio	22	40	19	18	25	19	21	20	27	17
NEITHER (VOL)	8	15	7	6	11	5	7	10	10	4
BOTH (VOL)	22	16	20	29	19	24	20	32	13	19
DK/NA	11	8	13	8	7	15	13	9	10	9
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....										
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Governor Cuomo	34%	34%	42%	40%	*	50%	41%	25%	34%	
Mayor de Blasio	26	17	19	25		14	18	30	21	
NEITHER (VOL)	8	10	8	6		8	7	10	7	
BOTH (VOL)	25	22	20	21		12	23	27	28	
DK/NA	7	17	10	8		16	12	8	10	

19. 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	Asn
Excellent	4%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	6%	6%	2%
Good	44	54	41	44	46	42	53	36	38	41
Not so good	30	22	31	32	30	30	24	35	34	28
Poor	16	12	19	14	14	19	10	20	20	24
DK/NA	5	5	5	6	5	5	9	2	2	5

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Excellent	4%	6%	3%	3%	4%	2%	7%	5%	3%	
Good	33	45	51	42	50	36	43	44	50	
Not so good	35	29	30	29	28	29	30	32	32	
Poor	25	17	9	18	13	29	14	14	9	
DK/NA	3	3	7	8	6	4	6	6	6	

19a. (If not so good or poor q19) 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 Q19.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Governor Cuomo	30%	*	32%	33%	33%	28%	35%	28%	21%	*
Mayor de Blasio	31		29	27	35	27	26	28	44	
NEITHER (VOL)	7		8	6	9	5	3	8	11	
BOTH (VOL)	20		18	26	16	24	17	27	17	
DK/NA	12		14	9	7	16	18	10	8	

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Governor Cuomo	28%	27%	29%	36%	*	43%	28%	23%	25%	
Mayor de Blasio	28	29	29	33		28	24	37	26	
NEITHER (VOL)	9	5	10	6		6	4	8	11	
BOTH (VOL)	28	19	17	18		10	30	23	24	
DK/NA	7	20	15	7		13	14	8	14	

20. 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	Asn
Very serious	55%	53%	59%	50%	52%	57%	54%	56%	63%	45%
Smwht serious	35	31	34	37	35	35	34	36	26	48
Not very serious	7	11	5	11	10	5	7	7	9	7
Not at all	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	1	2	1
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Very serious	58%	52%	54%	54%	62%	51%	53%	59%	60%	
Smwht serious	35	38	34	32	33	39	39	31	31	
Not very serious	6	6	8	10	4	6	7	7	6	
Not at all	-	3	3	2	2	3	-	2	2	
DK/NA	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	2	

20a. (If very or somewhat serious q20) 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 Q20.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Governor Cuomo	16%	10%	16%	18%	20%	12%	13%	17%	16%	24%
Mayor de Blasio	36	49	35	33	37	36	40	30	40	32
NEITHER (VOL)	19	20	19	17	18	20	19	21	23	10
BOTH (VOL)	13	9	12	18	10	15	11	17	13	11
DK/NA	16	13	18	15	14	18	17	15	8	24

  

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Governor Cuomo	20%	16%	10%	17%	14%	25%	15%	13%	12%	
Mayor de Blasio	34	37	33	37	50	38	37	34	36	
NEITHER (VOL)	18	18	25	17	13	12	17	22	22	
BOTH (VOL)	14	13	14	13	10	6	12	22	14	
DK/NA	14	17	17	17	12	19	18	10	16	

21. 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	Asn
Support	41%	22%	46%	43%	43%	40%	47%	33%	39%	48%
Oppose	54	74	48	53	53	55	49	63	58	42
DK/NA	5	4	5	4	5	5	4	4	3	10

  

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Support	30%	42%	48%	40%	43%	40%	46%	38%	40%	
Oppose	64	52	51	54	52	53	51	57	56	
DK/NA	6	6	1	6	5	7	2	4	4	

22. Do you think congestion pricing will be effective in reducing traffic, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Yes/Effective	40%	33%	44%	39%	44%	36%	45%	32%	34%	48%
No	52	61	48	53	50	55	48	59	57	43
DK/NA	8	6	8	9	6	9	7	9	9	9

  

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Yes/Effective	34%	39%	43%	38%	52%	35%	42%	40%	41%	
No	62	52	50	51	44	59	50	52	49	
DK/NA	4	9	7	10	5	6	8	8	9	

23. As you may know, Amazon cancelled its plans to build one of its new headquarters in New York's Long Island City. Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Cuomo and other prominent New Yorkers trying to convince Amazon to revive its plan to build one of its new headquarters in Long Island City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Approve	61%	71%	59%	60%	61%	61%	63%	67%	59%	49%
Disapprove	32	23	34	35	34	30	30	29	33	44
DK/NA	7	6	7	5	4	9	7	5	8	7
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....										
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Approve	59%	62%	60%	58%	79%	46%	63%	68%	71%	
Disapprove	36	31	33	34	18	46	31	28	24	
DK/NA	6	7	7	8	3	8	6	5	5	

24. In general, do you support or oppose offering tax breaks to encourage corporations and businesses to locate in New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Support	54%	73%	49%	53%	57%	51%	59%	52%	55%	49%
Oppose	42	21	45	43	41	42	36	45	40	48
DK/NA	5	5	5	4	2	7	6	3	6	2
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....										
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Support	54%	53%	51%	55%	60%	42%	54%	61%	58%	
Oppose	41	44	43	41	31	55	40	36	35	
DK/NA	5	4	6	4	9	2	6	3	7	