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**NEW YORK CITY VOTERS BACK NYPD MONITOR MORE THAN 2-1,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
HIDE THE CIGARETTES, VOTERS SAY 2-1**

New York City voters, by a substantial 66 – 25 percent margin, support creating the position of inspector general to independently monitor the Police Department, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support ranges from 53 – 38 percent among white voters to 77 – 13 percent among Hispanic voters and 78 – 13 percent among black voters, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Staten Island voters are split, with 46 percent in favor and 50 percent opposed. Support in the other boroughs ranges from 63 – 25 percent in The Bronx to 70 – 22 percent in Queens.

Support is 51 – 42 percent among Republicans and 55 – 35 percent among voters over 55 years old. Voters in every other political, gender, age and income groups support the NYPD inspector general idea by 60 percent or more.

New York City voters still approve 60 – 32 percent of the job police are doing and give Police Commissioner Ray Kelly the highest job approval of any citywide elected or appointed official, 65 – 25 percent.

“With support from every sub-group except Staten Island voters, and a substantial racial divide, two-thirds of New York City voters think cops should have an outside monitor,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Only 8 percent of voters agree with Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Commissioner Ray Kelly that having an inspector general will make the city less safe, while 43 percent say it will make the city safer and another 43 percent say it won’t make a difference.”

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New York City voters disapprove of the police tactic known as stop and frisk 51 – 43 percent. There is no gender gap. White voters approve 59 – 35 percent. Disapproval is 72 – 24 percent among black voters and 58 – 36 percent among Hispanic voters.

Voters approve 50 – 43 percent of the job Mayor Michael Bloomberg is doing, his lowest score in 10 months.

Voters support 68 – 30 percent Mayor Bloomberg’s proposal to require stores to keep cigarettes out of sight to discourage young people from smoking. Support is 52 – 47 percent among Republicans and 58 – 41 percent among Staten Island voters and over 62 percent among every other group.

Bloomberg’s proposed ban on the sale of large sugary soft drinks, fails 56 – 39 percent, the strongest opposition since the Quinnipiac University poll first asked the question last June.

Grand Central Rezoning, Schools

With a big “no” from women, New York City voters oppose 51 – 35 percent a proposed zoning change to encourage construction of larger skyscrapers near Grand Central Terminal. There is a large gender gap as 46 percent of men support the proposed zoning with 42 percent opposed. Women oppose the zoning change 59 – 25 percent.

The next New York City mayor should give up complete control of the public schools and share control with other elected leaders, voters say 68 – 22 percent, including 67 – 24 percent among voters with children in public schools.

“As Mayor Michael Bloomberg prepares to clear out his City Hall desk, voters are divided over some of his pet ideas,” Carroll said. “They like, by a lot, his proposal to hide the cigarettes. They dislike more than ever his plan to ban ‘big gulp’ sodas. Women, lots of them, dislike his idea to encourage big new skyscrapers around Grand Central.

“Voters don’t want the next mayor to retain total control of the schools.”

From April 3 – 8, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,417 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling his job as Mayor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	50%	44%	53%	50%	51%	50%	52%	52%	51%
Disapprove	43	53	39	43	45	42	42	41	44
DK/NA	7	3	7	6	5	8	6	8	4

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	56%	46%	45%	55%	61%	47%	49%	54%
Disapprove	37	48	47	41	36	48	44	40
DK/NA	8	6	8	5	3	5	7	6

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	46%	45%	63%	49%	37%
Disapprove	44	49	32	43	60
DK/NA	10	6	5	8	3

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling his job as Mayor? (*High also 75% Oct 3 2008, Mar 2008, Jan 2007 & Nov 2005)

	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 20 2012	Aug 15 2012	APPROVE..... High Oct 21 2008*	Low Jul 02 2003
Approve	50	53	56	56	51	75	31
Disapprove	43	40	37	34	40	20	60
DK/NA	7	6	7	10	9	6	8

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ray Kelly is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	65%	86%	61%	72%	67%	64%	80%	55%	54%
Disapprove	25	6	28	23	26	24	13	36	29
DK/NA	10	8	11	5	7	12	7	9	17

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	63%	67%	62%	71%	70%	61%	62%	72%
Disapprove	28	23	27	24	23	31	29	19
DK/NA	9	10	11	5	6	8	9	10

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	60%	69%	61%	66%	76%
Disapprove	27	21	30	25	17
DK/NA	13	10	9	8	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ray Kelly is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 21 2012	Aug 16 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High Jan 17 2013	Low Jan 16 2007
Approve	65	66	75	68	64	75	52
Disapprove	25	26	18	23	26	18	34
DK/NA	10	9	8	9	10	8	14

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dennis Walcott is handling his job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	39%	40%	41%	36%	40%	38%	36%	49%	38%
Disapprove	37	34	36	41	37	38	35	38	39
DK/NA	24	27	23	23	23	24	29	13	22

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	40%	38%	39%	40%	44%	31%	41%	45%
Disapprove	38	37	37	39	37	44	39	31
DK/NA	23	24	24	21	19	25	19	24

	HAVE KIDS.....						
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	<18	InPubSch
Approve	40%	37%	44%	39%	31%	43%	45%
Disapprove	39	36	32	39	53	38	39
DK/NA	21	27	24	23	16	19	16

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dennis Walcott is handling his job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 21 2012	Aug 15 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High Jan 17 2013	Low May 11 2011
Approve	39	41	45	42	37	45	31
Disapprove	37	38	34	33	31	34	21
DK/NA	24	21	22	25	31	22	48

20. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New York City today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	8%	6%	9%	7%	10%	6%	11%	4%	7%
Smwht satisfied	51	51	55	45	54	49	51	54	47
Smwht dissatisfied	27	26	25	31	23	29	25	27	30
Very dissatisfied	13	17	10	16	12	15	12	14	15
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	Rep No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Very satisfied	10%	6%	6%	5%	13%	4%	9%	9%
Smwht satisfied	53	50	48	54	55	52	50	53
Smwht dissatisfied	26	27	29	31	21	26	28	26
Very dissatisfied	10	16	16	10	11	16	12	11
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Very satisfied	6%	5%	15%	6%	4%
Smwht satisfied	56	50	52	52	41
Smwht dissatisfied	25	29	21	29	35
Very dissatisfied	13	15	13	11	20
DK/NA	-	1	-	3	-

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New York City today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 21 2012	Aug 15 2012	VERY+SMWHT... High Feb 11 1998	Low Jul 02 2003
Very satisfied	8	9	9	11	8	18	7
Smwht satisfied	51	48	56	52	49	58	23
Smwht dissatisfied	27	27	24	25	28	18	32
Very dissatisfied	13	15	11	11	15	5	38
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

24. As you may know, Mayor Bloomberg has a plan to ban large servings of soda and sugary drinks in an effort to help fight obesity in New York City. Bloomberg's proposal would prohibit the sale of soda and other sweetened drinks in containers larger than 16 ounces that are sold in places regulated by the city's health department like restaurants, movie theaters, and food carts. Do you support or oppose Bloomberg's plan?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	39%	21%	46%	34%	37%	42%	35%	44%	45%
Oppose	56	78	50	59	60	53	62	51	49
DK/NA	4	1	4	7	3	5	3	5	6

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	Rep No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Support	44%	36%	40%	42%	41%	38%	35%	43%
Oppose	53	59	56	56	57	60	61	53
DK/NA	3	6	4	2	2	3	4	5

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	HAVE KIDS..... <18	InPubSch
Support	39%	33%	51%	39%	26%	39%	38%
Oppose	57	60	46	57	71	59	60
DK/NA	4	6	3	4	3	2	3

TREND: As you may know, Mayor Bloomberg has a plan to ban large servings of soda and sugary drinks in an effort to help fight obesity in New York City. Bloomberg's proposal would prohibit the sale of soda and other sweetened drinks in containers larger than 16 ounces that are sold in places regulated by the city's health department like restaurants, movie theaters, and food carts. Do you support or oppose Bloomberg's plan?

	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Aug 16 2012	Jun 13 2012
Support	39	46	42	46
Oppose	56	51	54	51
DK/NA	4	2	3	4

25. As you may know, Mayor Michael Bloomberg has proposed that stores be required to keep cigarettes out of sight to discourage young people from smoking in New York City. Do you support or oppose Bloomberg's proposal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	68%	52%	74%	64%	63%	71%	65%	69%	77%
Oppose	30	47	24	34	34	26	33	29	21
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	3	2

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	Rep No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Support	70%	66%	69%	66%	70%	66%	72%	66%
Oppose	28	31	29	32	28	32	26	32
DK/NA	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	HAVE KIDS..... <18	InPubSch
Support	68%	62%	74%	70%	58%	72%	73%
Oppose	28	36	24	27	41	26	26
DK/NA	3	3	1	3	1	2	1

26. As you may know, Mayor Michael Bloomberg has proposed changing zoning laws to encourage bigger skyscrapers near Grand Central Station. Do you support or oppose Bloomberg's proposal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	35%	42%	33%	35%	46%	25%	33%	28%	42%
Oppose	51	46	54	50	42	59	52	59	44
DK/NA	14	12	14	15	12	16	16	13	14

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Support	35%	34%	29%	37%	46%	48%	37%	24%
Oppose	52	52	55	52	45	41	53	59
DK/NA	13	14	15	11	9	11	10	17

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Support	25%	33%	41%	36%	36%
Oppose	60	51	49	49	51
DK/NA	14	16	11	14	14

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City police are doing their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	60%	83%	56%	66%	65%	56%	78%	40%	51%
Disapprove	32	12	36	28	31	33	17	51	36
DK/NA	8	5	8	7	4	11	5	9	13

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	62%	59%	56%	64%	68%	54%	62%	64%
Disapprove	32	32	36	28	30	41	31	27
DK/NA	6	9	8	9	2	5	8	9

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	57%	58%	60%	62%	68%
Disapprove	34	33	34	31	25
DK/NA	10	9	5	7	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City police are doing their job?

	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 21 2012	Aug 16 2012	APPROVE..... High Low Feb 7 Apr 20 2002 2000	
Approve	60	61	70	62	57	76	43
Disapprove	32	31	23	31	33	18	48
DK/NA	8	7	7	7	10	6	9

28. As you may know, there is a police practice known as stop and frisk, where police stop and question a person they suspect of wrongdoing and, if necessary, search that person. Do you approve or disapprove of this police practice?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	43%	82%	34%	49%	45%	41%	59%	24%	36%
Disapprove	51	14	60	45	50	52	35	72	58
DK/NA	6	4	5	7	4	7	6	4	5

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	41%	45%	37%	44%	50%	42%	41%	46%
Disapprove	54	49	57	51	47	56	53	47
DK/NA	5	6	6	5	4	2	6	8

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	39%	47%	33%	46%	65%
Disapprove	57	46	60	50	32
DK/NA	4	7	7	5	3

TREND: As you may know, there is a police practice known as stop and frisk, where police stop and question a person they suspect of wrongdoing and, if necessary, search that person. Do you approve or disapprove of this police practice?

	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 21 2012	Aug 16 2012	Jun 14 2012	Mar 13 2012
Approve	43	39	46	42	45	43	46
Disapprove	51	55	50	53	50	51	49
DK/NA	6	6	4	5	5	6	5

29. Do you support or oppose creating the position of inspector general to independently monitor the New York City Police Department?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	66%	51%	72%	61%	67%	65%	53%	78%	77%
Oppose	25	42	19	32	28	23	38	13	13
DK/NA	9	8	9	7	5	12	8	10	10

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Support	66%	66%	72%	66%	62%	75%	72%	55%
Oppose	28	24	17	27	34	15	22	35
DK/NA	7	10	12	7	4	11	5	10

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Support	63%	68%	67%	70%	46%
Oppose	25	23	25	22	50
DK/NA	12	9	8	9	4

30. Do you think having an inspector general to monitor the New York City Police Department would make New York City more safe, less safe, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More safe	43%	37%	49%	33%	44%	42%	31%	51%	56%
Less safe	8	19	4	11	11	5	13	4	2
No difference	43	40	40	52	39	46	51	38	35
DK/NA	7	4	6	4	5	8	5	8	7

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
More safe	38%	46%	48%	45%	34%	51%	47%	35%
Less safe	9	7	5	6	13	6	7	9
No difference	47	40	41	42	49	37	41	48
DK/NA	7	7	7	6	5	6	4	8

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
More safe	49%	44%	40%	44%	27%
Less safe	8	9	7	6	13
No difference	37	41	45	43	55
DK/NA	6	6	8	8	4

31. When Michael Bloomberg leaves office, do you think that the next mayor should retain complete control of the public schools or share control of the public schools with other elected leaders?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Retain control	22%	23%	21%	26%	29%	15%	23%	20%	22%
Share control	68	68	70	65	62	73	65	71	65
DK/NA	10	9	10	10	9	12	11	9	13

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Retain control	25%	19%	18%	19%	34%	17%	28%	21%
Share control	66	69	72	73	61	76	67	61
DK/NA	9	12	10	8	6	6	5	18

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	HAVE KIDS..... <18	InPubSch
Retain control	26%	20%	27%	17%	19%	27%	24%
Share control	62	70	62	73	73	66	67
DK/NA	12	11	11	10	8	7	8