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## POLL

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### **MAYOR GETS GOOD GRADES FOR MAKING CITY SAFER, QUINNIPIAC COLLEGE POLL FINDS; BUT NEW YORKERS CREDIT BRATTON FOR DROP IN CRIME**

New York City voters approve, by a 70 - 25 percent margin, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's handling of the crime issue, according to a Quinnipiac College Poll released today.

But 60 percent think former Police Commissioner William Bratton was more responsible for the decrease in crime; 18 percent credit Mayor Giuliani, while 10 percent say both are responsible and seven percent say neither.

The Mayor's overall approval is 48 - 43 percent, with eight percent undecided, a drop from his 53 - 37 percent approval rating in a February 15 Quinnipiac College Poll, but ahead of his 44 - 46 approval rating in November.

Asked to name the most important problem facing New York City today, 30 percent of voters list crime, down from a high of 45 percent in December, 1994, and consistent with a 26 percent finding in a February 20 poll.

In a different question 88 percent of New York City voters say crime is a "big problem" in the city while 10 percent say it is a "small problem" and one percent say it is not a problem, the independent Quinnipiac College Poll found. Looking at their own community, only 42 percent say crime is a "big problem" while 49 percent says it is a "small problem" and eight percent say it is not a problem.

"The community outlook reflects what people know first hand," said Maurice Carroll, Director of the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute. "When people offer a city-wide view, they are basing their opinion on second-hand information, such as media reports, and I've never seen a headline or TV story that says 'No Crime Today.'

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"The Mayor continues to get high marks for his handling of crime, high enough to life his overall approval rating. Obviously, former Police Commissioner Bratton does pretty well on this issue, too."

Fifty percent of New Yorkers say Mayor Giuliani is too involved in the management of the Police Department, while seven percent say he is not involved enough and 38 percent say his involvement is "about right."

Asked if they think New York City is safer than two years ago, 38 percent say yes; 17 percent say less safe and 44 percent say "about as safe." Asked about their own community, 24 percent say it's safer than two years ago, while 16 percent say less safe and 57 percent say "about as safe."

Asked if they expect the city to get safer in the next two years, 21 percent say yes while 26 percent expect the city to be less safe and 38 percent say "about as safe." Asked about their own community, 18 percent expect it to be safer, while 24 percent say less safe and 48 percent say "about as safe."

"Given New Yorkers' inclination to be negative, especially on the subject of crime, these results are OK," Carroll said. "Remember that 57 percent said crime in their community was a small problem or not a problem at all."

Bratton gets high marks for his job as Police Commissioner, with 75 percent rating him "good" or "very good," 17 percent rating him "fair" and three percent rating him "poor" or "very poor."

Quinnipiac College surveyed 975 New York City residents and reports on the results from 741 people who say they are registered voters. The poll was conducted April 11 - 16 and has a margin of error for the 741-voter sample of +/- 3.6 percent.

The Quinnipiac College Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, conducts public opinion surveys in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut as a public service and for academic research.

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1) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rudolph Giuliani is handling his job as Mayor?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Approve	48%	61%	24%	41%
Disapprove	43	31	68	53
DK/NA	8	8	7	7

2) What do you think is the most important problem facing New York City today?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
CRIME/VIOLENCE	30%	33%	23%	34%
DRUGS	5	5	7	7
GUNS/GUN CONTROL	-	-	-	1
POLITICAL CORRUPTION	-	-	-	-
MORE POLICE	-	-	-	1
ECONOMY	5	7	3	3
TAXES	2	2	2	1
STATE INCOME TAX	-	-	-	-
UNEMPLOYMENT/JOBS	10	5	21	3
BUDGET DEFICIT/ BALANCED BUDGET/ BUDGET	3	4	1	4
GOVERNMENT SPENDING (TOO MUCH)	-	-	-	-
COST OF LIVING	1	1	1	-
POVERTY	3	2	3	3
HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING	5	4	5	5
WELFARE	1	1	1	3
IMMIGRATION	-	1	-	-
BUDGET CUTS/CUTS IN SERVICES	4	3	7	4
FAMILY BREAKDOWN	-	-	1	-
HEALTHCARE/COSTS/ INSURANCE	2	3	3	1
ELDERLY/MEDICARE	-	-	-	1
EDUCATION	12	14	9	14
ENVIRONMENT/ POLLUTION	1	1	-	-
LACK OF MASS TRANSIT/PUBLIC TRANS	1	1	-	3
TRAFFIC	1	-	-	1
RACISM/RACE RELATIONS	2	1	3	3
POLITICIANS/ GOVERNMENT	1	1	3	-
OTHER	7	8	5	7
DK/NA	2	1	2	1

3) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor Giuliani is handling the budget deficit?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Approve	35%	47%	14%	32%
Disapprove	51	39	80	51
DK/NA	13	15	6	16

4) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor Giuliani is handling crime?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Approve	70%	78%	57%	58%
Disapprove	25	19	35	38
DK/NA	5	3	8	4

5) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor Giuliani is handling welfare?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Approve	38%	42%	26%	39%
Disapprove	47	40	66	42
DK/NA	15	17	7	19

6) And do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor Giuliani is handling education?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Approve	28%	36%	15%	26%
Disapprove	63	54	78	68
DK/NA	9	10	7	7

7) Do you think Mayor Giuliani is too involved in the management of the police, not involved enough, or is his involvement in the management of the police about right?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Too involved	50%	46%	65%	42%
Not involved enough	7	5	10	19
About right	38	45	23	32
DK/NA	4	4	2	7

8) Do you think Rudolph Giuliani has strong qualities of leadership, or not?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Yes	70%	81%	52%	61%
No	27	18	45	34
DK/NA	3	2	4	5

9) Do you think crime is a big problem in New York City, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Big problem	88%	87%	88%	96%
Small problem	10	11	10	3
Not a problem	1	-	1	1
DK/NA	2	2	1	-

10) Do you think crime is a big problem in your community, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Big problem	42%	36%	49%	55%
Small problem	49	55	44	32
Not a problem	8	8	4	11
DK/NA	2	1	2	1

11) Compared to two years ago, do you think New York City is a safer place to live, less safe, or about as safe?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Safer	38%	46%	24%	28%
Less safe	17	11	23	31
About as safe	44	42	51	41
DK/NA	2	1	2	-

12) Compared to two years ago, do you think your community is a safer place to live, less safe, or about as safe?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Safer	24%	24%	23%	23%
Less safe	16	13	20	26
About as safe	57	61	56	45
DK/NA	3	2	1	7

13) Two years from now, do you think New York City will be a safer place to live, less safe, or about as safe?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Safer	21%	23%	13%	27%
Less safe	26	18	37	34
About as safe	38	42	36	28
DK/NA	16	16	14	11

14) Two years from now, do you think your community will be a safer place to live, less safe, or about as safe?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Safer	18%	19%	14%	31%
Less safe	24	21	30	24
About as safe	48	51	45	38
DK/NA	10	10	10	7

15) How would you rate the job William Bratton did as Police Commissioner of New York City? Very good, good, fair, poor, or very poor?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Very good	45%	53%	35%	32%
Good	30	28	33	30
Fair	17	11	24	28
Poor	2	1	3	3
Very poor	1	1	1	4
DK/NA	5	6	4	3

16) Who do you think is more responsible for the decrease in crime in New York City; Mayor Giuliani or Police Commissioner Bratton?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Giuliani	18%	18%	17%	22%
Bratton	60	56	65	70
BOTH (VOL)	10	12	8	4
NEITHER (VOL)	7	7	7	1
DK/NA	5	7	3	3

25) Is your opinion of outgoing Police Commissioner William Bratton favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Favorable	69%	74%	57%	66%
Unfavorable	8	5	13	15
Mixed	13	12	16	12
Haven't heard enough	10	9	13	7
REFUSED	1	1	1	-

29) Is your opinion of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Favorable	41%	55%	16%	32%
Unfavorable	30	19	54	38
Mixed	26	24	27	27
Haven't heard enough	2	2	3	3
REFUSED	-	-	-	-

31) Is your opinion of incoming Police Commissioner Howard Safir favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	His
Favorable	13%	15%	7%	18%
Unfavorable	10	8	15	14
Mixed	11	12	10	5
Haven't heard enough	65	64	67	64
REFUSED	1	1	1	-