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NEW YORKERS ARE MIXED ON MAYOR'S NATIONAL TRIPS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; JOB APPROVAL SLUMP CONTINUES

New York City voters say 46 – 42 percent that Mayor Bill de Blasio's involvement in national affairs is distracting him from his duties at City Hall, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. His overall approval rating and his approval ratings for handling crime and the public schools all are down.

Voters approve 44 – 40 percent of the job Mayor de Blasio is doing, his lowest score ever and down from 49 – 40 percent in a January 16 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

The racial split that has marked New York City voter attitudes about de Blasio remains:

- Black voters approve 68 – 19 percent, compared to 78 – 15 percent in January;
- White voters disapprove 56 – 34 percent, virtually unchanged from 57 – 32 percent;
- Hispanic voters approve 48 – 32 percent compared to 54 – 35 percent in January.

Voters say 59 – 30 percent that de Blasio is honest and trustworthy and say 50 – 44 percent that he understands their problems, but say 50 – 44 percent that he does not have strong leadership qualities.

De Blasio gets a split 41 – 42 percent approval for his handling of public schools, down from 48 – 33 percent in January, and a negative 42 – 49 percent approval for handling crime, down from a positive 50 – 41 percent approval in January.

“Is Mayor Bill de Blasio distracted from his day job by his role as a national liberal spokesman? New Yorkers lean yes: Some wish he'd concentrate on City Hall and almost as many applaud his outspokenness,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll. “The mayor's job approval hits a new low and he's lost a lot of ground on his handling of crime and the schools, two key areas for any mayor.”

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“It’s still a tale of two cities. Black New Yorkers give the mayor good marks across the board, including on his chosen dual role as city chief executive and leading national voice,” Carroll added. “The big division is whether New Yorkers think de Blasio understands them. Black voters give him an enthusiastic yes; white voters don't think so.”

Mayoral Control of Public Schools

New York City voters oppose 2-1 allowing the mayor to continue sole control of the public schools. Only 28 percent of New York City voters favor giving the mayor complete control of public schools, while 60 percent say the mayor should share control with other elected officials.

By a 54 – 28 percent margin, New York City voters are not satisfied with the quality of public schools and give Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina a negative 32 – 36 percent job approval rating, her lowest grade ever.

Standardized tests should not be used to evaluate teachers, voters say 57 – 37 percent. These tests are not an accurate way to measure how well students are learning, voters say 59 – 34 percent. Voters are divided on whether students should be allowed to refuse to take standardized tests, as 47 percent say they should be allowed to opt out, while 49 percent say they should not be allowed to opt out.

The mayor should increase the number of charter schools in New York City, 39 percent of voters say, while 17 percent say decrease the number and 35 percent say keep the number the same. Charter schools located in public schools should pay rent, voters say 52 – 40 percent.

Approval Ratings for Comptroller, Public Advocate, Council Speaker

With a 53 – 17 percent approval rating, City Comptroller Scott Stringer has the highest score of any city-wide elected official. Public Advocate Letitia James gets a 43 – 19 percent job approval rating, with 38 – 23 percent for City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

“The other city-wide elected officials come out on the positive side, with Comptroller Scott Stringer in the lead,” Carroll said.

From May 6 – 11, Quinnipiac University surveyed 969 New York City voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 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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1. 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	44%	20%	55%	37%	42%	46%	34%	68%	48%
Disapprove	40	71	32	43	40	39	56	19	32
DK/NA	16	9	14	20	17	15	10	13	20

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	48%	45%	51%	37%	30%	55%	38%	45%
Disapprove	33	39	32	46	64	24	47	42
DK/NA	19	16	16	17	6	21	15	13

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill de Blasio is handling his job as Mayor?

	APPROVE.....						
			High		Low		
	May 12	Jan 16	Dec 18	Nov 18	Aug 26	Jan 16	May 12
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015
Approve	44	49	47	49	50	53	44
Disapprove	40	40	38	36	32	13	40
DK/NA	16	11	15	16	18	34	16

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way - NAME - is handling his job as Mayor?

		APPROVE.....			
		Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Bill de Blasio	May 12, 2015	44	34	68	48
Bill de Blasio	Jan 16, 2015	49	32	78	54
Bill de Blasio	Dec 18, 2014	47	34	70	47
Bill de Blasio	Nov 18, 2014	49	34	71	56
Bill de Blasio	Aug 26, 2014	50	36	65	55
Bill de Blasio	Jun 11, 2014	51	41	66	56
Bill de Blasio	Mar 18, 2014	45	39	60	47
Bill de Blasio	Jan 16, 2014	53	43	71	55
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 24, 2013	48	54	39	47
Michael Bloomberg	Jun 27, 2013	51	57	45	52
Michael Bloomberg	May 23, 2013	50	51	44	54
Michael Bloomberg	Apr 11, 2013	50	52	52	51
Michael Bloomberg	Feb 28, 2013	53	56	43	56
Michael Bloomberg	Jan 17, 2013	56	59	50	58
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 20, 2012	56	56	57	50
Michael Bloomberg	Aug 15, 2012	51	57	34	50
Michael Bloomberg	Jun 13, 2012	50	57	39	50
Michael Bloomberg	May 10, 2012	49	54	36	51
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 13, 2012	54	59	41	67
Michael Bloomberg	Feb 08, 2012	46	53	34	52
Michael Bloomberg	Dec 14, 2011	49	55	41	44
Michael Bloomberg	Oct 19, 2011	47	56	44	32
Michael Bloomberg	Sep 12, 2011	54	62	47	47
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 27, 2011	45	49	40	41
Michael Bloomberg	May 11, 2011	40	50	31	31
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 16, 2011	39	46	30	32
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 23, 2010	55	62	44	54
Michael Bloomberg	Jun 30, 2010	57	68	41	54
Michael Bloomberg	May 21, 2010	57	68	51	50
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 23, 2010	61	71	53	56

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TREND: (cont'd) Do you approve or disapprove of the way - NAME - is handling his job as Mayor?

			APPROVE.....			
			Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Michael Bloomberg	Feb 17, 2010		61	69	52	56
Michael Bloomberg	Aug 26, 2009		66	74	62	67
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 28, 2009		63	69	54	62
Michael Bloomberg	Jun 16, 2009		66	69	63	66
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 24, 2009		64	73	54	53
Michael Bloomberg	Feb 24, 2009		65	70	62	55
Michael Bloomberg	Jan 27, 2009		69	74	69	62
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 25, 2008		66	73	62	59
Michael Bloomberg	Oct 21, 2008		75	83	69	66
Michael Bloomberg	Oct 03, 2008		75	83	69	68
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 16, 2008		71	75	64	70
Michael Bloomberg	May 07, 2008		70	77	62	66
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 12, 2008		75	81	69	72
Michael Bloomberg	Jan 09, 2008		73	78	78	59
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 19, 2007		71	78	67	56
Michael Bloomberg	Aug 29, 2007		70	76	68	68
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 25, 2007		73	79	65	68
Michael Bloomberg	May 23, 2007		74	80	77	63
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 14, 2007		73	77	69	66
Michael Bloomberg	Jan 16, 2007		75	82	69	69
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 14, 2006		72	80	63	67
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 12, 2006		72	77	66	62
Michael Bloomberg	Apr 12, 2006		69	77	65	61
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 08, 2006		73	80	65	68
Michael Bloomberg	Feb 02, 2006		72	77	66	66
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 17, 2005		75	80	74	67
Michael Bloomberg	Aug 18, 2005		64	70	60	55
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 19, 2005		60	66	59	50
Michael Bloomberg	Jun 22, 2005		55	59	48	51
Michael Bloomberg	May 11, 2005		47	54	46	30
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 30, 2005		46	55	42	30
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 02, 2005		48	58	42	33
Michael Bloomberg	Jan 19, 2005		50	60	39	42
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 10, 2004		49	57	37	41
Michael Bloomberg	Aug 26, 2004		44	52	37	33
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 20, 2004		49	58	39	41
Michael Bloomberg	Jun 09, 2004		50	60	38	39
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 31, 2004		47	56	38	41
Michael Bloomberg	Feb 04, 2004		44	53	35	34
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 25, 2003		37	46	29	31
Michael Bloomberg	Oct 22, 2003		42	52	32	36
Michael Bloomberg	Sep 09, 2003		38	52	24	29
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 02, 2003		31	42	21	22
Michael Bloomberg	May 07, 2003		32	41	25	22
Michael Bloomberg	Feb 26, 2003		48	60	35	38
Michael Bloomberg	Nov 21, 2002		41	52	39	24
Michael Bloomberg	Jul 18, 2002		57	67	50	51
Michael Bloomberg	Mar 27, 2002		62	70	58	58
Michael Bloomberg	Feb 06, 2002		65	69	65	67
Rudolph Giuliani	Oct 24, 2001		79	--	--	--
Rudolph Giuliani	Oct 09, 2001		79	87	58	81
Rudolph Giuliani	Jul 25, 2001		50	63	25	43
Rudolph Giuliani	Jun 07, 2001		51	63	28	49
Rudolph Giuliani	May 02, 2001		50	65	25	44
Rudolph Giuliani	Apr 04, 2001		51	64	24	48
Rudolph Giuliani	Feb 28, 2001		54	70	26	47

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TREND: (cont'd) Do you approve or disapprove of the way - NAME - is handling his job as Mayor?

		APPROVE.....			
		Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Rudolph Giuliani	Jan 31, 2001	51	62	29	52
Rudolph Giuliani	Nov 21, 2000	55	69	27	52
Rudolph Giuliani	Aug 02, 2000	48	63	25	47
Rudolph Giuliani	Jun 14, 2000	49	64	13	40
Rudolph Giuliani	Apr 19, 2000	37	57	6	27
Rudolph Giuliani	Mar 15, 2000	43	62	13	39
Rudolph Giuliani	Oct 20, 1999	46	63	22	42
Rudolph Giuliani	Jun 17, 1999	46	66	18	36
Rudolph Giuliani	May 19, 1999	44	61	16	28
Rudolph Giuliani	Apr 08, 1999	40	57	12	35
Rudolph Giuliani	Feb 17, 1999	44	63	13	34
Rudolph Giuliani	Nov 18, 1998	60	74	30	57
Rudolph Giuliani	Jul 23, 1998	55	69	37	49
Rudolph Giuliani	Apr 08, 1998	65	79	47	62
Rudolph Giuliani	Feb 11, 1998	74	84	57	63
Rudolph Giuliani	Oct 29, 1997	68	80	47	73
Rudolph Giuliani	Oct 01, 1997	63	78	32	53
Rudolph Giuliani	Aug 05, 1997	64	78	42	54

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carmen Farina is handling her job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	32%	17%	39%	28%	32%	32%	28%	41%	37%
Disapprove	36	58	31	35	36	37	35	38	33
DK/NA	32	24	30	37	32	31	36	21	30

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	33%	30%	32%	32%	38%	32%	33%	35%
Disapprove	35	39	25	42	51	36	42	33
DK/NA	33	31	43	26	12	32	25	32

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carmen Farina is handling her job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

	May 12 2015	Jan 16 2015	Dec 18 2014	Nov 18 2014	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 19 2014
Approve	32	39	37	42	39	39	34
Disapprove	36	23	26	29	30	27	36
DK/NA	32	39	37	29	31	34	29

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Letitia James is handling her job as Public Advocate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	43%	29%	50%	37%	41%	44%	31%	69%	40%
Disapprove	19	34	13	19	22	16	25	11	15
DK/NA	39	37	37	44	37	40	45	20	45

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	47%	44%	38%	43%	41%	49%	43%	41%
Disapprove	10	20	15	21	36	13	20	21
DK/NA	43	36	47	35	23	38	36	38

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Letitia James is handling her job as Public Advocate?

	May 12	Dec 18	Nov 18	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 18
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Approve	43	40	42	49	41	44
Disapprove	19	19	19	18	15	16
DK/NA	39	42	38	34	44	40

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Melissa Mark-Viverito is handling her job as City Council Speaker?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	38%	21%	47%	33%	37%	39%	27%	48%	53%
Disapprove	23	44	15	28	29	19	31	16	13
DK/NA	39	35	39	39	34	42	42	36	34

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	49%	38%	36%	41%	12%	39%	38%	36%
Disapprove	12	24	16	29	47	16	26	26
DK/NA	39	38	48	30	41	45	36	38

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Melissa Mark-Viverito is handling her job as City Council Speaker?

	May 12	Dec 18	Nov 18	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 18
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Approve	38	34	36	39	40	41
Disapprove	23	21	19	19	17	15
DK/NA	39	46	46	42	43	44

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Stringer is handling his job as City Comptroller?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	53%	44%	60%	50%	53%	53%	50%	66%	51%
Disapprove	17	24	12	19	19	15	18	13	20
DK/NA	30	32	28	31	27	32	32	22	29

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	49%	52%	57%	52%	54%	45%	57%	56%
Disapprove	17	17	15	18	26	19	17	15
DK/NA	33	31	28	30	20	35	25	28

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Stringer is handling his job as City Comptroller?

	May 12 2015	Jan 16 2015	Dec 18 2014	Nov 18 2014	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	53	46	48	52	55	57	53
Disapprove	17	16	17	18	16	12	12
DK/NA	30	38	35	31	30	31	35

7. 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	5%	-	6%	3%	6%	4%	4%	5%	8%
Smwht satisfied	41	29	48	41	45	38	40	48	39
Smwht dissatisfied	32	36	31	31	27	35	33	27	31
Very dissatisfied	21	35	14	25	20	22	22	20	19
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	3

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Very satisfied	3%	5%	6%	5%	1%	4%	4%	6%
Smwht satisfied	44	38	49	40	27	47	39	39
Smwht dissatisfied	28	36	27	32	35	28	35	31
Very dissatisfied	22	21	17	22	35	20	21	22
DK/NA	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	1

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?

						VERY+SMWHT....	
						High	Low
	May 12 2015	Jan 16 2015	Dec 18 2014	Nov 18 2014	Aug 26 2014	Feb 11 1998	Jul 02 2003
Very satisfied	5	8	4	6	6	18	7
Smwht satisfied	41	39	40	43	44	58	23
Smwht dissatisfied	32	33	31	31	27	18	32
Very dissatisfied	21	19	23	19	22	5	38
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1	1	1

8. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	44%	26%	51%	38%	44%	44%	33%	63%	46%
No	50	72	41	56	52	48	63	31	46
DK/NA	6	2	7	6	5	8	4	5	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	51%	45%	49%	38%	27%	57%	37%	43%
No	40	49	45	56	68	40	57	49
DK/NA	9	6	6	6	5	3	6	8

TREND: Would you say that Bill de Blasio has strong leadership qualities or not?

	May 12 2015	Dec 18 2014	Nov 18 2014	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Yes	44	47	49	53	58	56
No	50	45	42	39	33	33
DK/NA	6	8	9	9	9	11

9. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - understands the problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	50%	22%	61%	46%	47%	52%	36%	76%	50%
No	44	76	33	47	47	42	60	21	41
DK/NA	6	2	5	8	6	7	4	3	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	56%	48%	63%	40%	29%	59%	48%	47%
No	34	42	34	55	71	32	46	48
DK/NA	9	9	3	6	-	9	5	5

TREND: Would you say that Bill de Blasio understands the problems of people like you or not?

	May 12 2015	Dec 18 2014	Nov 18 2014	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Yes	50	52	51	53	59	57
No	44	40	40	39	34	35
DK/NA	6	7	8	8	7	8

10. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	59%	40%	69%	55%	60%	58%	54%	82%	52%
No	30	54	21	35	31	29	38	9	37
DK/NA	11	6	11	10	9	13	8	9	11

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	54%	60%	72%	55%	39%	55%	61%	62%
No	29	29	22	32	56	34	30	28
DK/NA	17	11	6	13	5	11	8	10

TREND: Would you say that Bill de Blasio is honest and trustworthy or not?

	May 12	Dec 18	Nov 18	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 18
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Yes	59	55	59	66	64	62
No	30	32	28	22	23	21
DK/NA	11	13	13	12	13	17

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - crime?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	42%	24%	54%	36%	44%	41%	36%	62%	48%
Disapprove	49	72	39	51	47	50	57	31	43
DK/NA	9	4	7	13	9	9	8	8	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	47%	41%	56%	32%	26%	47%	40%	43%
Disapprove	40	52	31	61	71	41	52	51
DK/NA	12	8	13	7	2	12	8	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling crime?

	May 12	Jan 15	Dec 18	Nov 18	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 18
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Approve	42	50	46	47	46	57	58
Disapprove	49	41	43	43	46	30	23
DK/NA	9	10	11	10	9	13	19

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - the public schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	41%	15%	50%	36%	41%	40%	35%	52%	47%
Disapprove	42	71	35	43	43	42	46	33	37
DK/NA	17	14	15	20	16	18	19	15	16

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	47%	39%	45%	35%	45%	45%	38%	43%
Disapprove	35	41	38	51	50	39	44	42
DK/NA	19	20	18	14	5	16	18	15

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling the public schools?

	May 12	Jan 16	Dec 18	Nov 18	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 19
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Approve	41	48	46	44	49	47	38
Disapprove	42	33	36	39	35	39	49
DK/NA	17	20	18	17	16	14	13

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - relations between blacks and whites?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	48%	25%	60%	43%	46%	50%	38%	75%	48%
Disapprove	42	64	32	46	46	39	54	18	41
DK/NA	10	11	9	11	8	12	8	8	11

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	51%	48%	60%	38%	30%	48%	48%	49%
Disapprove	35	40	33	51	67	45	39	41
DK/NA	13	11	7	11	4	7	13	9

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling relations between blacks and whites?

	May 12	Jan 15	Dec 18	Nov 18	Aug 26
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014
Approve	48	48	47	56	55
Disapprove	42	42	41	28	33
DK/NA	10	11	12	16	13

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - the city budget?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	36%	16%	45%	31%	38%	35%	30%	57%	31%
Disapprove	40	60	33	41	41	39	45	28	43
DK/NA	24	23	22	28	21	26	25	15	26

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	37%	34%	41%	37%	27%	32%	39%	40%
Disapprove	37	41	32	42	65	49	39	38
DK/NA	26	25	27	22	9	19	22	22

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - the city budget?

	May 12 2015	Nov 18 2014
Approve	36	39
Disapprove	40	35
DK/NA	24	26

17. How would you rate the quality of life in New York City; very good, good, fair, poor, or very poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very good	9%	8%	10%	7%	12%	6%	12%	6%	7%
Good	27	24	32	25	28	27	35	24	19
Fair	42	49	38	46	42	41	40	44	37
Poor	16	13	16	16	12	20	7	18	28
Very poor	5	6	4	4	5	6	3	8	9
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Very good	7%	8%	14%	7%	7%	6%	9%	11%
Good	21	26	32	33	15	24	26	31
Fair	32	43	38	46	55	49	43	36
Poor	27	18	13	11	13	16	16	14
Very poor	14	4	2	4	9	5	4	6
DK/NA	-	1	2	-	2	-	1	2

TREND: How would you rate the quality of life in New York City; very good, good, fair, poor, or very poor?

	May 12 2015	Dec 18 2014	Nov 18 2014	Aug 27 2014	Jun 23 2005	Jun 15 2000	Jun 19 1997
Very good	9	8	11	8	14	13	8
Good	27	35	34	36	43	41	40
Fair	42	36	38	35	30	36	38
Poor	16	14	12	13	8	6	9
Very poor	5	6	5	7	4	2	5
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

18. 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	30%	32%	32%	27%	30%	30%	32%	21%	33%
de Blasio	27	5	38	23	25	29	21	43	31
Neither	39	58	26	50	43	37	45	30	30
DK/NA	3	5	4	-	3	4	2	5	6

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+	
Cuomo	35%	26%	27%	35%	30%	24%	32%	30%	
de Blasio	26	32	38	14	19	31	27	27	
Neither	34	39	31	49	51	41	40	38	
DK/NA	5	3	4	3	-	3	1	4	

19. 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	46%	60%	43%	49%	48%	45%	50%	35%	54%
No/Not distracting	42	27	47	38	41	42	39	55	32
DK/NA	12	13	11	13	11	13	11	10	14

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes/Distracting	42%	45%	36%	55%	65%	37%	44%	51%	
No/Not distracting	40	41	55	34	26	44	47	38	
DK/NA	17	13	9	11	9	19	9	11	

32. 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%	32%	29%	23%	31%	26%	26%	24%	33%
Not satisfied	54	52	52	57	53	55	47	65	49
DK/NA	18	16	19	19	17	20	26	12	18

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+	
Satisfied	29%	24%	24%	29%	54%	34%	26%	28%	
Not satisfied	56	56	54	54	36	51	61	50	
DK/NA	16	20	22	17	9	15	13	22	

TREND: Are you generally satisfied with the quality of the public schools in New York City, or are you not satisfied? (*Low also 12% on Feb 2004, Mar 2002, Apr 2000 & Mar 1997)

	SATISFIED....							
					High Low			
	May 12	Nov 19	May 10	Nov 23	Feb 25	Jan 28	Feb 5	
	2015	2014	2012	2010	2009	2009	2004*	
Satisfied	28	25	22	25	30	32	12	
Not satisfied	54	58	66	63	58	55	74	
DK/NA	18	16	12	12	12	14	13	

33. Do you think the 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	28%	17%	31%	30%	31%	26%	28%	32%	32%
Share control	60	68	59	59	61	60	58	57	64
DK/NA	11	15	10	12	8	14	14	12	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Retain control	31%	29%	32%	22%	30%	26%	32%	30%
Share control	62	55	53	71	64	61	59	58
DK/NA	7	16	15	7	6	12	10	12

34. Do you think results of standardized tests should or should not be used to evaluate teachers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Should	37%	42%	37%	38%	43%	33%	38%	36%	41%
Should not	57	51	57	57	54	60	57	58	50
DK/NA	6	7	6	5	3	7	5	6	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Should	36%	34%	39%	40%	35%	32%	36%	42%
Should not	56	63	53	54	62	66	60	49
DK/NA	8	3	8	7	3	2	3	9

35. How much should these tests count in a teacher evaluation: 100%, 75%, 50%, 25%, or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
100%	7%	7%	6%	6%	8%	6%	3%	5%	19%
75%	13	19	13	12	16	10	11	14	14
50%	26	28	29	25	24	28	25	32	19
25%	27	20	24	36	29	26	33	23	23
Not at all	22	22	23	20	19	25	25	23	17
DK/NA	4	5	5	2	4	4	3	3	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
100%	15%	7%	4%	6%	8%	6%	7%	10%
75%	13	12	11	17	8	12	10	15
50%	26	22	25	31	38	32	28	26
25%	20	28	37	23	25	39	25	22
Not at all	23	27	19	19	20	12	29	22
DK/NA	3	5	5	4	2	-	2	5

36. Do you think standardized tests are or are not an accurate way to measure how well students are learning?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Accurate	34%	46%	33%	34%	42%	28%	36%	28%	40%
No/Not accurate	59	49	62	57	53	64	58	67	51
DK/NA	6	6	5	9	5	7	6	5	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Accurate	37%	30%	37%	35%	38%	27%	33%	39%
No/Not accurate	55	65	57	57	61	68	64	51
DK/NA	8	5	6	7	1	5	4	10

37. Do you think students should or should not be allowed to refuse to take standardized tests designed to measure how well they are learning?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Should	47%	37%	50%	45%	43%	51%	43%	50%	53%
Should not	49	59	45	52	53	45	52	46	44
DK/NA	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	5	3

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Should	48%	49%	45%	47%	47%	54%	48%	41%
Should not	49	47	49	50	51	44	49	53
DK/NA	3	4	5	3	2	2	2	6

38. As you may know, charter schools are operated by private or non-profit organizations. The schools are paid for with public funds and do not charge tuition. Do you think the mayor should increase the number of charter schools, decrease the number of charter schools, or keep the number of charter schools the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Increase	39%	62%	33%	42%	46%	34%	40%	33%	41%
Decrease	17	10	21	14	16	18	22	16	6
Keep the same	35	21	36	37	32	36	28	46	44
DK/NA	9	6	9	8	6	11	10	6	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Increase	30%	37%	44%	45%	36%	37%	44%	38%
Decrease	14	15	20	21	17	10	18	21
Keep the same	43	40	30	27	35	48	32	30
DK/NA	13	8	7	7	13	5	5	11

TREND: As you may know, charter schools are operated by private or non-profit organizations. The schools are paid for with public funds and do not charge tuition. Do you think the mayor should increase the number of charter schools, decrease the number of charter schools, or keep the number of charter schools the same?

	May 12 2015	Nov 19 2014	Mar 19 2014
Increase	39	43	40
Decrease	17	17	14
Keep the same	35	31	39
DK/NA	9	9	7

39. Do you think charter schools should be required to pay rent when they are located in New York City public school buildings or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Pay rent	52%	40%	55%	50%	49%	53%	52%	54%	41%
No	40	50	36	43	42	39	38	38	52
DK/NA	8	10	8	7	9	8	10	7	7

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Pay rent	48%	52%	52%	50%	62%	44%	57%	51%
No	46	35	40	44	37	49	35	40
DK/NA	6	13	8	6	1	8	7	9

TREND: Do you think charter schools should be required to pay rent when they are located in New York City public school buildings or not?

	May 12 2015	Nov 19 2014	Mar 19 2014
Yes/Pay rent	52	50	44
No	40	41	47
DK/NA	8	9	8

40. Do you have any children in a charter school or on a waiting list to get into a charter school?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/In school or on waiting list	7%	2%	7%	7%	8%	6%	2%	11%	11%
No/Neither	93	98	92	93	92	94	97	88	89
DK/NA	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/In school or on waiting list	6%	8%	9%	3%	4%	9%	9%	3%
No/Neither	94	91	90	97	96	91	91	96
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1

TREND: Do you have any children in a charter school or on a waiting list to get into a charter school?

	May 12 2015	Nov 19 2014	Mar 19 2014
Yes/In or on waiting list	7	5	8
No/Neither	93	94	90
DK/NA	-	1	1