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**NEW YORKERS BACK ‘BROKEN WINDOWS’ POLICING,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
BRATTON, COPS OUTSCORE MAYOR de BLASIO**

By 57 – 38 percent, including 50 – 46 percent among black voters, New York City voters support so-called “Broken Windows” policing, “having police issue summonses or make arrests for so-called quality of life offenses,” according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

By 62 – 34 percent, including 61 – 33 percent among black voters, New Yorkers want police “to actively issue summonses or make arrests for so-called quality of life offenses” in their neighborhood, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. White voters want enforcement in their neighborhood 59 – 37 percent and Hispanic voters want this enforcement 68 – 28 percent.

Support for fixing broken windows in their neighborhood ranges from 58 – 39 percent in Manhattan to 74 – 23 percent in Staten Island.

Support is strong in every party, gender, racial and age group except voters 18 to 34 years old, where support is 45 percent, with 54 percent opposed.

More voters, 51 percent, say broken windows enforcement improves the quality of life in a neighborhood, while 37 percent say it adds to tension. Among black voters, 45 percent point to improved quality of life, while 42 percent point to increased tension.

New York City voters approve 55 – 28 percent of the job Police Commissioner William Bratton is doing, and approve 56 – 36 percent of the job police are doing. Black voters approve 51 – 37 percent of Bratton, but give police in general a negative 39 – 50 percent approval.

“Despite all the hoo-hah in the media about Police Commissioner William Bratton’s ‘broken windows’ theory of policing, black, white and Hispanic voters approve of Bratton and want their windows fixed,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

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“In fact, approval ratings for Bratton and the cops on the street are higher than they are for Mayor Bill de Blasio and any of our elected city-wide leaders.”

New York City voters disapprove 56 – 35 percent of the way the mayor is handling the police and disapprove 57 – 35 percent of the way he is handling relations between the police and the community. Crime is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem in the city, 87 percent of voters say. This includes 82 percent of white voters, 90 percent of black voters and 93 percent of Hispanic voters.

Police should immediately arrest demonstrators who block traffic, 20 percent of voters say, while 73 percent say police should give demonstrators some leeway in order to avoid mass arrests.

“In New Yorkers’ attitudes toward the police, as in just about every aspect of city government, there’s a racial division. White voters think the cops do a good job; black voters don’t,” Carroll said.

“But, black and white alike, New Yorkers agree crime is a big problem.

“While most voters want quality of life enforced in their neighborhood, they are permissive about demonstrators who tie up traffic. They think the cops should give some leeway rather than make immediate arrests.”

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

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Bratton is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	55%	70%	56%	50%	57%	54%	65%	51%	51%
Disapprove	28	24	27	30	29	27	23	37	25
DK/NA	17	5	16	20	13	20	12	13	24

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	51%	50%	59%	59%	64%	29%	62%	66%
Disapprove	25	32	22	29	32	49	28	19
DK/NA	25	18	19	12	4	22	10	15

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

	May 13	Jan 15	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 26	Jun 12	Mar 18
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Approve	55	56	44	47	48	57	57
Disapprove	28	31	39	35	35	19	13
DK/NA	17	13	17	18	17	24	29

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

		APPROVE.....			
		Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Bill Bratton	May 13, 2015	55	65	51	51
Bill Bratton	Jan 15, 2015	56	63	53	49
Bill Bratton	Dec 17, 2014	44	56	37	32
Bill Bratton	Nov 19, 2014	47	57	44	39
Bill Bratton	Aug 26, 2014	48	58	41	43
Bill Bratton	Jun 12, 2014	57	61	64	48
Bill Bratton	Mar 18, 2014	57	63	61	48
Ray Kelly	Jun 26, 2013	68	82	55	66
Ray Kelly	May 22, 2013	68	77	51	71
Ray Kelly	Apr 11, 2013	65	80	55	54
Ray Kelly	Feb 28, 2013	66	81	55	52
Ray Kelly	Jan 17, 2013	75	81	63	76
Ray Kelly	Nov 21, 2012	68	79	56	67
Ray Kelly	Aug 16, 2012	64	77	51	64
Ray Kelly	Jun 14, 2012	61	78	44	56
Ray Kelly	May 10, 2012	66	75	53	68
Ray Kelly	Mar 13, 2012	64	75	51	64
Ray Kelly	Feb 09, 2012	62	73	52	57
Ray Kelly	Dec 14, 2011	66	72	55	70
Ray Kelly	Oct 19, 2011	66	78	51	58
Ray Kelly	Jul 27, 2011	67	80	60	66
Ray Kelly	May 12, 2011	71	81	64	61
Ray Kelly	Mar 16, 2011	67	79	57	63
Ray Kelly	Nov 23, 2010	67	79	52	64
Ray Kelly	Jun 30, 2010	66	79	54	58
Ray Kelly	May 24, 2010	70	77	68	62
Ray Kelly	Feb 18, 2010	70	80	58	64
Ray Kelly	Jul 28, 2009	67	80	50	64
Ray Kelly	Jun 17, 2009	63	80	46	57
Ray Kelly	Feb 24, 2009	64	77	51	55
Ray Kelly	Jan 27, 2009	67	80	55	57
Ray Kelly	Nov 25, 2008	62	75	48	55
Ray Kelly	Oct 03, 2008	61	73	47	58
Ray Kelly	Jul 16, 2008	60	76	39	57
Ray Kelly	May 07, 2008	59	76	36	55
Ray Kelly	Mar 13, 2008	62	75	44	58
Ray Kelly	Jan 09, 2008	60	73	45	55
Ray Kelly	Nov 19, 2007	55	70	42	36
Ray Kelly	Aug 29, 2007	62	73	49	61
Ray Kelly	Jul 25, 2007	64	76	49	57
Ray Kelly	May 23, 2007	58	73	43	50
Ray Kelly	Mar 15, 2007	56	71	39	46
Ray Kelly	Jan 16, 2007	52	69	32	41
Ray Kelly	Jul 12, 2006	66	74	56	62
Ray Kelly	Apr 13, 2006	68	76	60	60
Ray Kelly	Mar 09, 2006	70	76	63	62
Ray Kelly	Feb 03, 2006	70	77	64	66
Ray Kelly	Jul 20, 2005	67	71	66	62
Ray Kelly	Jun 23, 2005	65	68	63	62
Ray Kelly	Jan 19, 2005	65	72	56	61
Ray Kelly	Nov 10, 2004	62	66	60	59
Ray Kelly	Aug 26, 2004	63	71	60	54
Ray Kelly	Jul 20, 2004	61	67	58	55
Ray Kelly	Jun 09, 2004	67	74	64	61
Ray Kelly	Mar 31, 2004	67	73	61	64

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

		APPROVE.....			
		Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Ray Kelly	Feb 04, 2004	65	70	56	61
Ray Kelly	Nov 25, 2003	69	76	63	64
Ray Kelly	Jul 03, 2003	63	72	54	60
Ray Kelly	May 07, 2003	68	77	66	61
Ray Kelly	Feb 26, 2003	68	76	60	60
Bernard Kerik	May 03, 2001	46	54	32	44
Bernard Kerik	Feb 01, 2001	45	49	39	43
Howard Safir	Apr 20, 2000	32	47	6	30
Howard Safir	Mar 15, 2000	38	53	12	34
Howard Safir	Jun 17, 1999	37	50	19	27
Howard Safir	Apr 08, 1999	38	53	16	28
Howard Safir	Oct 02, 1997	54	61	45	43

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - relations between the police and the community?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	35%	15%	46%	28%	33%	37%	29%	55%	29%
Disapprove	57	83	46	63	61	53	65	39	56
DK/NA	8	1	8	9	6	10	5	6	15

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	32%	37%	48%	25%	27%	37%	35%	39%
Disapprove	56	54	44	70	69	59	59	54
DK/NA	12	9	8	6	3	3	6	7

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

	May 13 2015	Jan 15 2015	Dec 18 2014	Nov 18 2014	Aug 26 2014
Approve	35	41	36	47	46
Disapprove	57	52	56	43	44
DK/NA	8	7	8	10	10

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - the police department?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	35%	16%	46%	29%	38%	33%	29%	56%	32%
Disapprove	56	80	44	62	58	54	64	36	54
DK/NA	9	4	9	9	4	13	7	8	14

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	32%	38%	45%	27%	28%	33%	33%	39%
Disapprove	53	55	43	67	71	61	60	51
DK/NA	15	7	12	6	1	6	7	9

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

	May 13 2015	Jan 15 2015	Dec 18 2014	Nov 18 2014
Approve	35	41	34	43
Disapprove	56	52	55	44
DK/NA	9	7	11	13

20. 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	56%	87%	52%	55%	61%	52%	74%	39%	44%
Disapprove	36	13	39	34	34	37	20	50	41
DK/NA	8	1	9	11	5	11	6	10	15

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	41%	51%	56%	66%	75%	33%	57%	66%
Disapprove	48	39	34	29	23	58	36	27
DK/NA	11	10	10	5	2	9	8	6

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

	May 13 2015	Jan 15 2015	Dec 17 2014	Nov 19 2014	Aug 27 2014	APPROVE..... High Low	
						Feb 07 2002	Apr 20 2000
Approve	56	56	51	54	50	76	43
Disapprove	36	37	41	39	42	18	48
DK/NA	8	7	8	7	7	6	9

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

	APPROVE.....			
	Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
May 13, 2015	56	74	39	44
Jan 15, 2015	56	66	41	54
Dec 17, 2014	51	72	33	34
Nov 19, 2014	54	73	35	43
Aug 27, 2014	50	67	32	42
Jun 12, 2014	59	71	54	41
Mar 18, 2014	68	81	56	60
Jan 16, 2014	62	78	45	53
May 23, 2013	61	75	41	61
Apr 11, 2013	60	78	40	51
Feb 28, 2013	61	78	40	53
Jan 17, 2013	70	80	56	67
Nov 21, 2012	62	76	47	50
Aug 16, 2012	57	75	37	55
Jun 14, 2012	59	76	37	51
Mar 13, 2012	63	82	42	55
Feb 09, 2012	62	76	46	56
Dec 14, 2011	62	73	47	60
Oct 17, 2011	61	77	40	59

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TREND: (cont'd) Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City police are doing their job?

	APPROVE.....			
	Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Feb 18, 2010	69	82	54	67
Jun 17, 2009	64	82	35	62
May 08, 2008	51	71	22	46
Mar 13, 2008	60	78	33	57
Mar 15, 2007	60	80	32	57
Jan 16, 2007	53	70	27	45
Apr 13, 2006	72	82	58	69
Jun 23, 2005	69	81	53	65
Jul 03, 2003	63	76	42	62
Feb 07, 2002	76	91	56	74
May 03, 2001	54	72	29	43
Feb 01, 2001	50	64	31	39
Apr 20, 2000	43	60	17	33
Mar 15, 2000	46	63	21	39
Jun 17, 1999	49	71	20	38
Apr 08, 1999	45	63	23	31
Oct 02, 1997	48	62	22	32

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police in your community are doing their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	69%	90%	68%	68%	71%	67%	85%	51%	65%
Disapprove	26	9	27	26	25	27	12	42	28
DK/NA	5	1	5	6	5	6	3	8	7

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	64%	62%	70%	79%	69%	58%	65%	77%
Disapprove	32	30	23	20	27	37	29	19
DK/NA	4	8	7	2	4	5	6	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police in your community are doing their job? (\*Low also 65% Oct 1997)

	APPROVE.....						
	May 13 2015	Jan 15 2015	Dec 17 2014	Nov 19 2014	Aug 27 2014	High Feb 07 2002	Low Apr 20 2000*
Approve	69	71	68	69	67	79	65
Disapprove	26	25	28	27	28	18	28
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	5	3	6

22. In general, how serious a problem do you think crime 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	36%	30%	37%	31%	29%	42%	22%	47%	55%
Smwht serious	51	59	49	55	54	49	60	43	38
Not very serious	11	7	11	13	14	9	13	9	7
Not a problem at all	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	-	-
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	-

  

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Very serious	60%	37%	21%	31%	51%	28%	37%	37%
Smwht serious	32	50	59	56	48	57	48	51
Not very serious	8	12	16	10	1	13	12	10
Not a problem at all	-	-	3	2	-	1	1	2
DK/NA	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	1

TREND: In general, how serious a problem do you think crime is in New York City; a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem at all? (\*High also 88% Feb 2001)

	VERY+SMWHT....						
	High		Low				
	May 13	Jan 15	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	Aug 27	May 08
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014*	2008
Very serious	36	34	33	39	37	37	29
Smwht serious	51	49	50	47	51	51	53
Not very serious	11	14	14	13	9	9	15
Not a problem at all	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

23. Do you support or oppose having police issue summonses or make arrests for so-called quality of life offenses, low-level offenses such as drinking in public, selling small amounts of marijuana or making loud noise late at night?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	57%	71%	52%	62%	57%	56%	62%	50%	56%
Oppose	38	26	42	33	38	38	33	46	39
DK/NA	5	3	6	5	5	6	5	3	5

  

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Support	51%	56%	51%	62%	73%	43%	62%	61%
Oppose	39	38	46	32	26	54	35	32
DK/NA	10	5	3	6	1	3	3	7

TREND: Do you support or oppose having police issue summonses or make arrests for so-called quality of life offenses, low-level offenses such as drinking in public, selling small amounts of marijuana or making loud noise late at night?

	May 13	Aug 27
	2015	2014
Support	57	60
Oppose	38	34
DK/NA	5	6



24. Do you want police to actively issue summonses or make arrests for so-called quality of life offenses in your neighborhood or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	62%	76%	59%	63%	61%	62%	59%	61%	68%
No	34	22	35	34	34	33	37	33	28
DK/NA	5	2	6	3	4	5	4	5	5

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	62%	58%	58%	66%	74%	45%	65%	66%
No	30	36	39	30	23	54	31	27
DK/NA	7	6	3	4	3	-	4	6

TREND: Do you want police to actively issue summonses or make arrests for so-called quality of life offenses in your neighborhood or not?

	May 13 2015	Aug 27 2014
Yes	62	61
No	34	33
DK/NA	5	6

25. What comes closer to your point of view: Police issuing summonses or making arrests for low-level offenses improves the quality of life in a neighborhood or Police issuing summonses or making arrests for low-level offenses adds to tension in a neighborhood?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Improves QOL	51%	72%	48%	51%	52%	51%	55%	45%	52%
Adds tension	37	19	42	35	38	36	33	42	36
DK/NA	12	9	11	14	11	13	12	14	12

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Improves QOL	54%	42%	48%	63%	58%	35%	53%	57%
Adds tension	33	44	39	26	37	55	37	28
DK/NA	12	13	13	11	4	10	10	15

TREND: What comes closer to your point of view: Police issuing summonses or making arrests for low-level offenses improves the quality of life in a neighborhood, or Police issuing summonses or making arrests for low-level offenses adds to tension in a neighborhood?

	May 13 2015	Aug 27 2014
Improves QOL	51	56
Adds tension	37	35
DK/NA	12	10

26. Do you think police should immediately arrest demonstrators who block traffic, or should police give demonstrators some leeway to avoid mass arrests?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Immediately arrest	20%	42%	16%	20%	23%	18%	29%	6%	21%
Give leeway	73	54	76	74	72	74	67	88	71
DK/NA	6	4	7	6	5	8	5	6	8

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-54	55+
Immediately arrest	18%	20%	16%	23%	35%	8%	18%	29%
Give leeway	74	75	78	68	63	87	76	64
DK/NA	8	5	6	9	3	4	6	7