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**MAYOR DE BLASIO'S APPROVAL RATING SOARS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
HE TOPS LITTLE-KNOWN CHALLENGERS 3-1**

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio has a 60 – 34 percent job approval rating, his highest score ever, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This is a 10-percentage point jump since a 50 – 42 percent approval in a February 28, 2017, survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. The February score was de Blasio's first positive job approval rating in a year.

New York City voters say 57 – 35 percent that de Blasio deserves to be reelected, also the highest score ever.

White voters still disapprove 55 – 39 percent of the job the mayor is doing, but approval among black voters is 80 – 12 percent, with Hispanic voter approval at 70 – 27 percent.

De Blasio buries two declared Republican challengers by margins of 3-1:

- 63 – 21 percent over Paul Massey;
- 64 – 21 percent over State Assembly member Nicole Malliotakis.

New York City voters give de Blasio a 58 – 34 percent favorability rating. His Republican opponents are little known, as 81 percent don't know enough about Massey to form an opinion of him and 84 percent don't know enough about Malliotakis.

“Remember all those news stories about how Mayor Bill de Blasio was in political trouble? Well, he ain't,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“The mayor's two reputed opponents are unknown and he ranks high on the poll's standard traits and most of the standard issues.

“Stay tuned for a slam-bang mayoral election – four years from now.

“Four-fifths of New Yorkers haven't heard enough about Paul Massey or Nicole Malliotakis to decide whether they like them or not.”

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A total of 62 percent of New York City voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in the Big Apple, while 37 percent are “somewhat dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied.”

This is the highest satisfaction rate since a 65 – 35 percent score in a January 17, 2013, Quinnipiac University poll.

Looking at de Blasio’s personal qualities, voters say:

- 56 – 39 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 59 – 37 percent that he understands their problems;
- 59 – 31 percent that he is honest and trustworthy.

Voters approve 57 – 30 percent of the way de Blasio is handling relations between blacks and whites and approve 46 – 37 percent of how he is handling the city budget. But the mayor gets a negative 39 – 44 percent approval for his handling of political corruption.

President Trump’s Approval

New York City voters disapprove 74 – 22 percent of the job President Donald Trump is doing. Republicans approve 75 – 18 percent. All other listed party, gender, borough, and racial groups disapprove by huge margins.

Even voters in traditionally Republican Staten Island disapprove of President Trump 57 – 40 percent.

By an even wider 79 – 12 percent, New York City voters do not want their native son president to spend more time in the city. Even Republicans say stay away 61 – 26 percent.

Approval ratings for other officials are:

- 69 – 25 percent for Gov. Andrew Cuomo;
- 55 – 18 percent for City Comptroller Scott Stringer;
- 49 – 18 percent for Public Advocate Letitia James;
- 44 – 18 percent for City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

From May 10 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,019 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines 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. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Paul Massey the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	63%	9%	84%	50%	61%	66%	48%	80%	74%
Massey	21	73	4	29	23	18	35	6	12
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	7	4	3	3	4	5
DK/NA	12	13	9	13	11	12	12	9	8
AREA.....						AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio	68%	62%	72%	59%	44%	69%	61%	64%	60%
Massey	17	21	13	24	40	17	21	22	21
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	3	-	2	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	4	5	2	4	3	1	5
DK/NA	12	14	7	11	13	8	13	12	12

2. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Nicole Malliotakis the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	64%	13%	83%	52%	58%	69%	48%	80%	73%
Malliotakis	21	74	5	28	26	16	35	6	13
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	2	8	5	3	3	6	5
DK/NA	10	10	9	11	10	11	12	7	8
AREA.....						AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio	71%	61%	74%	58%	43%	65%	63%	65%	61%
Malliotakis	15	21	13	25	46	21	19	22	23
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	3	5	-	6	5	1	4
DK/NA	9	12	8	11	11	7	13	11	11

3. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	58%	15%	74%	47%	55%	60%	39%	80%	63%
Unfavorable	34	75	18	45	38	29	53	14	24
Hvn't hrd enough	5	8	4	6	3	6	3	5	8
REFUSED	4	2	5	2	4	4	4	2	5
AREA.....						AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	68%	58%	58%	55%	44%	67%	49%	59%	56%
Unfavorable	24	32	35	36	52	29	41	32	35
Hvn't hrd enough	5	5	3	6	2	2	5	4	6
REFUSED	4	5	4	3	2	2	5	5	4

4. Is your opinion of Paul Massey favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	6%	14%	3%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	7%
Unfavorable	12	5	15	10	12	12	10	13	16
Hvn't hrd enough	81	77	80	83	80	81	84	80	75
REFUSED	1	3	2	-	2	1	-	-	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	7%	5%	5%	8%	9%	6%	7%	6%	6%
Unfavorable	11	11	18	8	7	15	14	11	7
Hvn't hrd enough	79	83	77	81	85	79	78	83	85
REFUSED	3	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	2

5. Is your opinion of Nicole Malliotakis favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	7%	18%	3%	7%	7%	7%	11%	4%	6%
Unfavorable	7	3	8	8	10	5	7	8	6
Hvn't hrd enough	84	76	88	83	81	87	81	88	85
REFUSED	1	2	1	2	2	1	-	-	3

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	4%	7%	1%	6%	35%	6%	5%	8%	11%
Unfavorable	10	5	12	6	5	7	8	6	7
Hvn't hrd enough	85	87	86	86	59	86	85	85	82
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1

6. 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	60%	15%	77%	47%	56%	63%	39%	80%	70%
Disapprove	34	79	19	42	37	31	55	12	27
DK/NA	6	6	4	10	7	6	6	7	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	70%	59%	64%	55%	37%	69%	53%	57%	58%
Disapprove	26	33	32	35	57	26	40	35	37
DK/NA	4	7	4	9	6	6	7	7	4

9. 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	49%	23%	59%	43%	51%	48%	39%	62%	49%
Disapprove	18	36	11	26	20	16	25	13	14
DK/NA	33	41	30	31	29	36	36	25	37

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	50%	49%	49%	49%	54%	40%	53%	51%	51%
Disapprove	17	18	16	18	29	21	15	20	17
DK/NA	34	33	34	34	17	39	32	29	32

10. 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	44%	23%	51%	39%	46%	42%	34%	57%	50%
Disapprove	18	37	10	27	22	15	24	10	12
DK/NA	38	40	39	34	32	43	42	33	38

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	40%	38%	51%	51%	36%	42%	44%	46%	44%
Disapprove	17	21	12	15	39	20	14	20	20
DK/NA	43	41	37	34	25	37	42	34	37

11. 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	55%	38%	60%	54%	57%	53%	55%	62%	50%
Disapprove	18	36	10	25	23	14	16	18	15
DK/NA	27	26	30	21	20	34	29	20	35

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	53%	53%	65%	48%	53%	49%	44%	63%	60%
Disapprove	21	12	13	24	33	22	22	15	16
DK/NA	26	35	22	28	15	29	35	21	25

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	69%	44%	80%	59%	67%	71%	60%	82%	72%
Disapprove	25	49	15	34	29	22	35	16	20
DK/NA	6	8	5	7	4	7	5	3	8

AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....
 Brnx Kngs Man Qns StIsl 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Approve	76%	66%	69%	67%	68%	65%	75%	70%	64%
Disapprove	19	27	26	26	29	32	19	24	29
DK/NA	5	7	6	7	3	4	6	6	8

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	22%	75%	7%	26%	26%	18%	37%	8%	13%
Disapprove	74	18	91	66	69	78	61	83	82
DK/NA	4	7	2	8	5	4	2	9	5

AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....
 Brnx Kngs Man Qns StIsl 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Approve	15%	29%	9%	23%	40%	25%	20%	18%	22%
Disapprove	78	66	88	72	57	69	79	77	75
DK/NA	6	5	3	5	2	6	2	5	4

14. Would you like to see President Trump spend more time in New York City, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	12%	26%	9%	11%	10%	14%	11%	12%	12%
No	79	61	85	80	80	77	78	82	80
DK/NA	9	13	6	10	10	9	11	6	8

AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....
 Brnx Kngs Man Qns StIsl 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Yes	13%	17%	3%	14%	13%	20%	10%	7%	9%
No	78	72	90	77	81	75	81	82	81
DK/NA	10	11	7	9	6	5	10	11	10

15. Do you feel that Bill de Blasio deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Deserves	57%	12%	73%	46%	55%	58%	37%	82%	63%
No/Does not	35	81	20	45	38	33	54	13	30
DK/NA	8	8	7	9	7	8	8	5	7

AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....
 Brnx Kngs Man Qns StIsl 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Yes/Deserves	63%	59%	59%	55%	35%	66%	51%	57%	54%
No/Does not	29	32	37	36	58	27	40	39	36
DK/NA	8	9	5	9	6	7	9	4	10

16. 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	9%	8%	11%	5%	10%	8%	6%	7%	11%
Smwht satisfied	53	29	64	48	55	51	55	54	52
Smwht dissatisfied	24	37	18	30	22	26	25	24	26
Very dissatisfied	13	23	7	16	11	14	14	14	10
DK/NA	1	2	1	-	2	1	-	1	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied	11%	6%	10%	9%	8%	9%	6%	13%	8%
Smwht satisfied	49	53	60	54	38	59	54	46	59
Smwht dissatisfied	24	23	20	26	39	23	24	27	18
Very dissatisfied	15	15	10	10	15	10	14	12	15
DK/NA	1	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	56%	20%	67%	49%	54%	57%	37%	80%	61%
No	39	75	27	47	41	37	58	19	31
DK/NA	5	5	5	4	5	6	5	1	8

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	62%	56%	54%	57%	40%	63%	52%	54%	48%
No	31	38	41	39	58	31	43	42	43
DK/NA	8	6	4	4	2	6	5	3	8

18. 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	59%	15%	76%	48%	53%	65%	43%	74%	68%
No	37	84	20	48	43	32	54	23	29
DK/NA	3	1	3	4	4	3	3	3	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	67%	53%	65%	61%	44%	63%	55%	64%	56%
No	30	42	32	36	54	35	40	34	39
DK/NA	2	4	4	3	2	2	4	3	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	59%	19%	75%	48%	56%	62%	47%	74%	63%
No	31	73	16	40	33	29	46	15	27
DK/NA	10	8	10	12	11	9	7	11	10

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	68%	61%	63%	53%	42%	68%	53%	60%	54%
No	27	29	28	32	50	22	37	30	36
DK/NA	6	10	9	15	8	10	10	10	10

22. 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	57%	28%	71%	43%	55%	58%	48%	70%	57%
Disapprove	30	60	17	43	36	26	43	17	23
DK/NA	13	12	12	14	9	16	9	14	19

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	60%	56%	61%	58%	32%	53%	58%	63%	53%
Disapprove	22	29	27	32	61	34	28	27	33
DK/NA	18	14	13	10	6	13	14	10	13

23. 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	51%	18%	66%	38%	50%	53%	45%	61%	52%
Disapprove	42	75	27	55	46	38	48	36	37
DK/NA	7	7	7	7	4	9	7	3	11

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	60%	53%	57%	45%	29%	41%	52%	56%	57%
Disapprove	35	41	35	45	69	53	42	37	35
DK/NA	5	6	8	9	2	6	6	8	8

24. 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	46%	11%	58%	39%	44%	47%	36%	59%	44%
Disapprove	37	74	23	46	42	32	45	26	37
DK/NA	17	15	19	15	14	20	19	16	18

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	45%	44%	53%	44%	38%	45%	43%	52%	42%
Disapprove	33	37	28	41	53	41	40	32	35
DK/NA	21	19	18	15	9	14	17	16	23

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - political corruption?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	39%	13%	49%	31%	38%	40%	26%	56%	46%
Disapprove	44	76	31	55	48	39	57	29	33
DK/NA	18	11	20	14	14	21	17	15	21

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	48%	37%	41%	35%	32%	44%	37%	41%	32%
Disapprove	33	46	38	47	62	44	44	43	46
DK/NA	19	16	21	18	6	11	18	16	22