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**NEW YORKERS OPPOSE MAYORAL SCHOOL CONTROL 3-1,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
SUPPORT FOR POLICE BODY CAMERAS TOPS 10-1**

Only 21 percent of New York City voters say Mayor Bill de Blasio “should retain complete control of the public schools,” while 68 percent say he should “share control of the public schools with other elected leaders,” according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for shared control is strong in every borough and among every listed party, gender, racial or age group, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Voters approve 48 – 38 percent of the way de Blasio is handling the public schools and give Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina a 38 – 33 percent approval rating.

Voters say 49 – 33 percent that they are not satisfied with the quality of public schools in the city, but say 48 – 36 percent that they are satisfied with their local public schools.

Only 20 percent of voters say the quality of public schools in the city has gotten better in the past few years, while 26 percent say the quality is worse and 41 percent say it’s the same.

New York City voters support 89 – 8 percent requiring police officers to wear body cameras. Support is 69 – 21 percent among Republican voters and tops 84 percent among every other listed group and in every borough.

Police officers “need to wear body cameras to make them more accountable to the public,” New York City voters say 80 – 17 percent. Voters in every listed group and borough agree.

“New York City public schools are not doing such a good job, voters say, and by a large margin, they think there should be some sort of shared control of the schools, not leaving the whole shebang to Mayor Bill de Blasio,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“How will upstate Republicans act when they decide in the State Legislature whether the mayor keeps control of the schools?”

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New York City voters approve 58 – 34 percent of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling crime and approve 55 – 20 percent of the job Police Commissioner James O’Neill is doing. O’Neill’s approval is similar among black, white and Hispanic voters.

Homelessness

Voters disapprove 48 – 41 percent of the way de Blasio is handling poverty and homelessness. A total of 93 percent of New Yorkers say homelessness is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem.

New York City voters support 73 – 19 percent, including 52 – 39 percent among Republicans, building 90 new homeless shelters. Support for the shelters ranges from 68 – 29 percent in Staten Island to 77 – 18 percent in Manhattan and 76 – 16 percent in Brooklyn. Queens voters support new shelters 70 – 21 percent, with 72 – 20 percent support in The Bronx.

In fact, voters support 57 – 40 percent building a new homeless shelter near where they live. Republicans are opposed 60 – 36 percent, the only listed group opposed. Voters over 65 are divided 47 – 47 percent.

“The homeless problem is on New Yorkers’ minds. They hear a lot about it and they see more homeless people on the streets,” Carroll said.

“Mayor de Blasio’s proposal for 90 more shelters wins big support. Somewhat surprisingly, a majority of New Yorkers say they’d OK a shelter near where they live.”

Looking at mass transit, New York City voters say 70 – 19 percent that President Donald Trump’s infrastructure plan should include rehabilitation of Penn Station.

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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7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way James O'Neill is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	55%	51%	57%	54%	60%	51%	56%	55%	58%
Disapprove	20	27	15	25	22	18	15	22	19
DK/NA	25	22	27	22	18	31	29	23	23

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

Approve	62%	52%	57%	55%	49%	38%	57%	64%	61%
Disapprove	17	20	16	23	28	35	18	12	13
DK/NA	21	28	27	23	23	27	25	23	26

8. 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	38%	22%	40%	37%	39%	37%	32%	48%	40%
Disapprove	33	44	30	38	33	33	36	32	30
DK/NA	29	34	30	25	28	30	33	20	30

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

Approve	37%	38%	43%	36%	28%	40%	37%	38%	34%
Disapprove	38	34	29	27	58	31	38	34	29
DK/NA	25	28	28	38	14	28	25	28	37

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	58%	23%	72%	49%	59%	58%	52%	66%	61%
Disapprove	34	68	20	46	35	34	42	27	30
DK/NA	8	9	8	5	7	8	6	7	10

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

Approve	58%	58%	63%	59%	42%	52%	63%	58%	56%
Disapprove	35	35	29	32	56	41	31	32	36
DK/NA	7	7	8	9	2	7	6	10	9

21. 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	48%	20%	57%	43%	44%	52%	31%	65%	60%
Disapprove	38	68	28	48	41	36	50	27	28
DK/NA	13	12	15	9	15	12	19	8	11

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

Approve	55%	48%	46%	50%	36%	57%	48%	47%	39%
Disapprove	34	35	39	40	57	33	37	43	40
DK/NA	12	17	15	10	7	10	15	11	21

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - poverty and homelessness?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	41%	11%	54%	28%	37%	44%	32%	50%	49%
Disapprove	48	79	36	62	53	45	56	43	42
DK/NA	11	10	11	10	10	11	11	7	9
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	45%	43%	44%	37%	24%	44%	34%	43%	37%
Disapprove	47	43	47	52	71	44	51	50	55
DK/NA	9	14	9	11	6	12	14	7	8

27. Compared to 5 years ago, do you feel that your neighborhood has become a safer place to live, a less safe place to live, or stayed about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Safer	24%	8%	28%	25%	25%	24%	12%	40%	30%
Less safe	18	46	11	18	17	19	23	11	20
About the same	55	46	58	55	56	55	64	45	48
DK/NA	2	-	3	2	2	3	1	4	3
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Safer	27%	26%	28%	20%	16%	30%	25%	24%	12%
Less safe	22	19	10	20	25	12	20	21	18
About the same	49	55	55	60	58	55	52	53	68
DK/NA	2	1	7	-	2	3	3	2	1

28. In general, how serious a problem do you think homelessness 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	69%	62%	73%	65%	61%	77%	65%	76%	75%
Smwht serious	24	32	22	28	27	21	30	19	20
Not very serious	5	3	4	5	8	1	3	3	5
Not a problem at all	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-
DK/NA	1	3	1	-	3	-	2	1	-
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very serious	71%	69%	67%	70%	69%	67%	69%	72%	69%
Smwht serious	24	23	28	22	25	23	24	25	26
Not very serious	5	3	3	7	5	5	6	2	3
Not a problem at all	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
DK/NA	-	4	-	-	1	4	-	-	1

29. Compared to a few years ago in New York City, have you seen more, less, or about the same number of homeless people on the streets, in parks and on the subway?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More	53%	63%	49%	54%	50%	55%	56%	47%	55%
Less	17	10	18	18	15	19	8	26	26
About the same	27	25	29	27	33	23	34	24	17
DK/NA	3	2	4	1	2	4	3	4	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
More	46%	53%	52%	57%	57%	49%	52%	59%	52%
Less	21	18	18	14	8	16	21	13	14
About the same	28	26	29	27	31	35	25	25	28
DK/NA	6	4	1	2	4	-	2	3	5

30. Compared to a few years ago in New York City, have you encountered more, less or about the same number of homeless people asking for money?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More	48%	57%	43%	53%	50%	46%	49%	43%	46%
Less	17	10	19	14	15	18	10	28	22
About the same	32	29	33	31	31	32	38	26	31
DK/NA	3	3	4	1	4	3	3	3	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
More	40%	51%	50%	47%	49%	49%	53%	52%	38%
Less	26	15	17	14	16	15	16	13	23
About the same	33	30	32	33	33	34	29	31	33
DK/NA	2	4	1	6	2	2	2	3	6

31. Would you support or oppose building 90 new homeless shelters in New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	73%	52%	79%	72%	72%	74%	69%	75%	80%
Oppose	19	39	13	22	20	19	22	21	11
DK/NA	7	9	7	7	8	7	9	4	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Support	72%	76%	77%	70%	68%	85%	76%	71%	64%
Oppose	20	16	18	21	29	9	18	24	22
DK/NA	9	8	5	9	3	6	6	5	13

32. Would you support or oppose building a new homeless shelter near where you live?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	57%	36%	61%	60%	57%	57%	50%	59%	68%
Oppose	40	60	36	37	40	40	45	39	31
DK/NA	3	4	3	2	3	3	4	2	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Support	53%	57%	65%	54%	55%	69%	59%	55%	47%
Oppose	45	40	32	43	41	30	39	43	47
DK/NA	2	3	3	3	5	1	1	2	6

33. 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	33%	30%	32%	32%	34%	31%	25%	38%	39%
Not satisfied	49	50	48	56	50	49	48	52	49
DK/NA	18	20	20	12	15	20	27	10	12

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Satisfied	33%	33%	25%	39%	35%	43%	30%	31%	26%
Not satisfied	53	46	51	48	53	43	55	51	45
DK/NA	14	21	23	13	12	14	14	18	29

34. Are you generally satisfied with the quality of the local public schools in your area, or are you not satisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Satisfied	48%	54%	48%	45%	48%	47%	47%	45%	53%
Not satisfied	36	28	33	45	38	33	28	46	37
DK/NA	17	19	19	10	14	20	26	9	10

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Satisfied	40%	44%	48%	56%	46%	50%	43%	52%	48%
Not satisfied	38	36	34	32	45	35	40	36	25
DK/NA	22	19	17	13	9	15	17	12	27

35. Over the past few years, do you think that the quality of the public schools in New York City has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Better	20%	12%	21%	20%	19%	21%	11%	30%	29%
Worse	26	39	23	28	22	30	29	27	22
Same	41	35	40	46	47	36	41	38	45
DK/NA	12	14	16	6	12	13	19	6	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Better	18%	20%	19%	22%	16%	24%	18%	24%	13%
Worse	36	22	25	26	34	28	23	23	29
Same	42	42	38	43	45	37	46	44	41
DK/NA	4	16	18	10	6	11	13	9	17

36. 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	21%	13%	23%	22%	24%	19%	18%	32%	22%
Share control	68	78	65	69	67	68	70	62	68
DK/NA	11	9	12	10	8	13	12	7	11

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Retain control	22%	18%	31%	19%	11%	19%	21%	25%	20%
Share control	69	68	59	71	81	73	67	66	65
DK/NA	9	13	10	11	8	7	12	8	15

37. Do you support or oppose requiring police officers to wear body cameras that would record video of their interactions?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	89%	69%	94%	89%	88%	90%	84%	94%	93%
Oppose	8	21	5	7	8	8	11	4	6
DK/NA	3	10	2	4	4	2	4	2	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Support	90%	85%	92%	92%	86%	86%	91%	93%	90%
Oppose	10	9	4	6	13	9	6	6	7
DK/NA	1	6	4	2	1	5	3	1	3

38. Do you think New York City police officers need to wear body cameras to make them more accountable to the public, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Need to wear	80%	56%	87%	79%	80%	80%	72%	93%	85%
No	17	40	10	18	17	16	26	7	11
DK/NA	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	-	5

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Need to wear	85%	79%	82%	77%	78%	76%	85%	79%	84%
No	12	17	15	21	21	22	13	18	12
DK/NA	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	3	4

39. Do you think President Trump's infrastructure plans should include rehabilitation of Penn Station, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Should	70%	65%	72%	71%	72%	67%	75%	65%	66%
No	19	22	18	19	18	19	15	23	20
DK/NA	12	13	10	11	9	14	10	12	14

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Should	60%	65%	76%	75%	72%	56%	76%	79%	70%
No	26	18	17	17	20	30	13	14	15
DK/NA	13	17	7	8	8	14	11	7	15