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**MAYOR de BLASIO'S JOB APPROVAL DROPS TO NEW LOW,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
STRINGER OR ADAMS CLOSE TO MAYOR IN REELECT RACE**

New York City voters give Mayor Bill de Blasio a negative 41 – 52 percent job approval rating, down from a positive 50 – 42 percent approval rating in January and the mayor's worst approval rating ever, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters say 52 – 37 percent that Mayor de Blasio does not deserve reelection, also his worst score ever, and he runs neck and neck with possible challengers in the 2017 mayoral election, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Hypothetical election results show:

- de Blasio at 37 percent and City Comptroller Scott Stringer, running as an independent, at 36 percent;
- de Blasio at 35 percent and Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, running as an independent, at 34 percent;
- de Blasio over Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., running as an independent, 37 – 32 percent.

There is a wide racial gap in each matchup as black voters back the mayor by large margins, even against a black challenger, while white voters back any challenger.

“Heading into his re-election year, Mayor Bill de Blasio is not in good political shape. His job approval hits rock bottom and he even is losing ground among black and Hispanic voters,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

“The three possible challengers we matched up against de Blasio, a black borough president, a white city comptroller and a Hispanic borough president, are all little known, but all three are close. In fact, Mayor de Blasio against either Comptroller Scott Stringer or Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams is too close to call.”

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New York City voters give Mayor de Blasio a negative 42 – 49 percent favorability rating, while three possible challengers are largely unknown:

- 59 percent don't know enough about Stringer to form an opinion of him;
- 73 percent don't know enough about Adams;
- 68 percent don't know enough about Diaz.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo gets a 56 – 35 percent job approval rating from New York City voters. Democrats approve of the governor 65 – 30 percent, compared to the mayor's 58 – 37 percent approval among Democrats.

Approval ratings for other New York City officials are:

- 53 – 16 percent for Stringer;
- 40 – 20 percent for Public Advocate Letitia James;
- 29 – 23 percent for City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, her lowest ever;
- Negative 29 – 34 percent for Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina, her lowest ever.

De Blasio also gets his lowest scores on character traits as voters say 41 – 53 percent that he does not have strong leadership qualities and 42 – 51 percent that he does not understand their problems. While 43 percent say the mayor is honest and trustworthy, 45 percent say he is not.

New York City voters are divided 44 – 43 percent on their approval of the way the mayor is handling relations between blacks and whites. He gets negative approval scores in other areas:

- 39 – 53 percent for his handling of crime;
- 35 – 50 percent for handling public schools;
- 35 – 57 percent for handling relations between the police and the community;
- 33 – 47 percent for handling the city budget.

“Even on the personal traits – leadership, empathy and honesty – the mayor's numbers are negative. The same on issues – crime, schools, the police, the budget – it's thumbs down,” Carroll said.

“The mayor's off-and-on adversary, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, has strong job approval numbers. Do voters identify with the Gov on ideology? Not particularly, but even in that area, Cuomo out-points the mayor 34 – 23 percent.”

From May 18 – 23, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,038 New York City voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3 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. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Scott Stringer running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
de Blasio	37%	11%	53%	21%	37%	38%	22%	59%	50%	
Stringer	36	50	24	54	38	34	51	20	27	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4	1	3	2	2	3	1	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	8	4	7	7	4	5	4	4	
DK/NA	20	28	18	15	17	22	20	15	17	
AREA.....							AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
de Blasio	47%	39%	37%	34%	22%	37%	38%	36%	46%	
Stringer	24	32	42	38	46	31	39	37	33	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	4	3	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	3	6	5	8	5	4	6	4	
DK/NA	21	23	14	19	20	25	18	17	14	

2. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Eric Adams running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
de Blasio	35%	8%	51%	19%	37%	34%	22%	51%	47%	
Adams	34	48	24	50	35	34	39	28	34	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	6	3	3	3	4	5	2	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	11	3	9	9	4	9	4	3	
DK/NA	21	26	19	19	17	24	25	15	15	
AREA.....							AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
de Blasio	49%	33%	37%	31%	28%	31%	36%	38%	41%	
Adams	27	39	30	32	49	37	39	32	31	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	3	1	9	2	5	2	4	4	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	7	4	4	8	11	6	4	9	5	
DK/NA	18	21	28	20	10	21	19	18	19	

3. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, and Ruben Diaz Jr. running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
de Blasio	37%	13%	51%	19%	40%	34%	24%	58%	39%	
Diaz Jr.	32	40	22	50	33	30	37	22	37	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	7	2	4	3	3	5	1	3	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	9	4	8	7	5	9	5	2	
DK/NA	23	31	21	19	17	28	26	14	19	
AREA.....							AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
de Blasio	36%	43%	40%	32%	20%	33%	36%	39%	43%	
Diaz Jr.	39	25	28	34	48	38	38	28	26	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	3	2	6	3	1	4	4	4	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	7	8	9	4	5	9	6	
DK/NA	21	24	24	21	20	25	18	19	21	

4. 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	42%	18%	58%	25%	41%	44%	27%	63%	55%
Unfavorable	49	74	34	68	52	46	65	28	34
Hvn't hrd enough	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	4	9
REFUSED	4	3	3	2	2	5	4	5	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	50%	44%	45%	36%	31%	44%	41%	43%	48%
Unfavorable	43	45	41	58	68	47	53	49	43
Hvn't hrd enough	5	7	7	3	1	9	4	4	5
REFUSED	1	4	6	3	-	-	2	5	4

5. Is your opinion of Eric Adams favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	20%	19%	22%	17%	20%	20%	16%	31%	18%
Unfavorable	6	8	4	9	9	3	7	4	5
Hvn't hrd enough	73	73	73	73	69	75	76	63	76
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	12%	31%	15%	16%	19%	15%	21%	24%	23%
Unfavorable	5	7	2	9	10	6	7	5	5
Hvn't hrd enough	83	61	80	75	69	78	71	69	71
REFUSED	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	2

6. Is your opinion of Scott Stringer favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	30%	28%	31%	29%	33%	28%	39%	23%	23%
Unfavorable	8	8	8	10	12	6	10	9	5
Hvn't hrd enough	59	64	58	59	54	64	51	68	70
REFUSED	2	-	3	1	2	2	-	-	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	21%	29%	46%	25%	24%	18%	31%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	6	7	8	12	7	5	10	9	8
Hvn't hrd enough	72	63	40	62	69	78	56	51	55
REFUSED	1	1	5	1	1	-	3	3	1

7. Is your opinion of Ruben Diaz Jr. favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	21%	9%	25%	20%	20%	21%	13%	26%	36%
Unfavorable	9	7	9	10	12	6	7	9	9
Hvn't hrd enough	68	82	63	69	66	70	79	63	52
REFUSED	2	2	3	1	2	3	1	3	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	44%	11%	26%	14%	17%	26%	21%	17%	24%
Unfavorable	14	8	9	9	6	6	11	11	8
Hvn't hrd enough	39	80	59	76	76	68	68	68	64
REFUSED	3	1	6	2	1	-	-	4	4

8. 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	41%	16%	58%	21%	40%	42%	27%	58%	55%
Disapprove	52	77	37	72	55	50	68	31	41
DK/NA	7	7	6	7	6	8	5	11	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	48%	41%	46%	37%	26%	43%	41%	42%	45%
Disapprove	46	48	47	58	73	47	53	54	48
DK/NA	6	10	8	5	1	9	6	4	6

12. 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	29%	22%	36%	20%	30%	29%	22%	31%	39%
Disapprove	34	45	26	46	34	34	41	29	26
DK/NA	36	34	38	34	36	36	37	40	35

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	27%	30%	28%	32%	29%	37%	24%	32%	30%
Disapprove	34	32	34	33	49	23	44	34	36
DK/NA	39	38	38	35	22	40	31	34	34

13. 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	40%	21%	51%	26%	35%	44%	25%	63%	46%
Disapprove	20	34	11	30	24	15	28	8	18
DK/NA	41	45	38	44	41	41	47	28	36

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

Approve	39%	51%	27%	45%	22%	44%	40%	43%	36%
Disapprove	17	18	18	18	39	11	21	21	24
DK/NA	44	32	55	37	39	44	39	36	40

14. 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	29%	18%	37%	20%	28%	30%	22%	37%	34%
Disapprove	23	35	17	32	28	19	31	16	21
DK/NA	47	47	46	48	44	51	47	47	45

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

Approve	27%	32%	30%	30%	16%	34%	29%	29%	29%
Disapprove	19	23	21	23	40	17	24	26	29
DK/NA	54	45	49	47	45	50	46	45	43

15. 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%	55%	56%	54%	51%	59%	52%	42%
Disapprove	16	21	17	13	19	15	12	16	26
DK/NA	31	35	29	31	27	34	29	33	32

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

Approve	46%	53%	55%	52%	61%	46%	50%	59%	56%
Disapprove	19	15	19	13	19	16	20	15	14
DK/NA	35	32	26	36	20	38	30	26	29

16. 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	56%	42%	65%	48%	56%	57%	50%	68%	58%
Disapprove	35	43	30	45	38	33	43	25	31
DK/NA	8	15	5	7	5	11	8	7	11

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

Approve	63%	56%	56%	61%	35%	52%	56%	64%	55%
Disapprove	23	35	39	34	54	35	41	32	35
DK/NA	14	9	5	5	10	12	3	4	10

17. 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	37%	14%	53%	18%	36%	38%	22%	59%	48%
No/Does not	52	79	36	70	54	49	67	29	43
DK/NA	11	7	11	13	9	13	10	12	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Deserves	47%	38%	38%	33%	22%	38%	34%	40%	44%
No/Does not	44	50	47	59	66	51	59	51	45
DK/NA	10	12	14	9	12	12	7	9	10

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	34%	29%	35%	36%	35%	33%	37%	29%	29%
de Blasio	23	7	34	8	20	25	15	32	31
Neither	39	60	25	55	43	35	44	30	36
DK/NA	5	3	5	2	2	7	4	9	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	34%	28%	38%	40%	25%	27%	35%	40%	35%
de Blasio	24	27	26	15	14	22	25	22	25
Neither	33	38	34	43	60	46	38	33	33
DK/NA	9	7	2	3	2	6	1	5	7

19. 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%	5%	6%	3%	6%	4%	3%	7%	4%
Smwht satisfied	39	21	51	24	39	38	33	43	40
Smwht dissatisfied	32	31	28	40	29	34	35	29	29
Very dissatisfied	24	42	15	31	25	23	27	20	27
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	-	1	1	-	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied	3%	6%	4%	6%	-	3%	4%	6%	6%
Smwht satisfied	39	40	43	36	27	42	40	37	40
Smwht dissatisfied	30	34	30	30	33	34	32	31	28
Very dissatisfied	28	18	21	26	39	19	24	26	25
DK/NA	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	41%	15%	54%	29%	40%	41%	25%	60%	48%
No	53	79	42	64	56	50	70	32	45
DK/NA	6	7	5	7	4	9	5	8	7

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	50%	43%	35%	41%	29%	43%	42%	39%	46%
No	43	48	60	54	67	52	53	58	49
DK/NA	7	8	5	5	4	5	5	3	6

22. 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	42%	15%	57%	24%	39%	44%	31%	61%	46%
No	51	81	36	67	57	46	64	29	49
DK/NA	7	4	7	8	4	10	5	9	5

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	47%	43%	45%	40%	21%	32%	47%	43%	47%
No	47	49	48	51	76	59	50	51	46
DK/NA	6	8	7	9	2	9	3	6	7

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	43%	17%	59%	25%	44%	41%	33%	62%	43%
No	45	77	27	66	48	42	58	22	44
DK/NA	13	6	14	9	8	17	9	15	13

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	47%	46%	53%	32%	27%	33%	43%	49%	51%
No	37	40	38	54	68	53	45	41	37
DK/NA	16	14	9	15	5	13	12	10	12

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	39%	11%	53%	25%	40%	38%	28%	54%	42%
Disapprove	53	85	39	65	54	51	65	36	52
DK/NA	8	4	9	10	6	11	7	10	6

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	39%	36%	45%	38%	33%	27%	42%	44%	42%
Disapprove	49	54	46	54	66	66	52	49	47
DK/NA	11	9	9	8	-	7	7	7	11

25. 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	35%	20%	44%	22%	39%	31%	24%	47%	41%
Disapprove	50	64	40	67	47	53	59	38	47
DK/NA	15	16	16	11	14	16	17	16	11

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	31%	38%	36%	31%	34%	42%	31%	34%	35%
Disapprove	55	47	45	54	60	50	56	48	47
DK/NA	14	15	19	15	6	8	13	17	18

26. 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	44%	20%	58%	30%	44%	44%	36%	58%	50%
Disapprove	43	71	30	56	46	41	53	25	38
DK/NA	13	9	12	14	10	15	10	17	13

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	49%	46%	47%	41%	27%	33%	44%	52%	50%
Disapprove	37	36	44	49	66	51	47	38	38
DK/NA	15	18	9	10	7	16	8	11	12

27. 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%	16%	47%	22%	35%	36%	25%	54%	36%
Disapprove	57	80	45	70	60	54	67	36	59
DK/NA	8	4	8	8	5	10	7	10	5

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	35%	38%	38%	33%	22%	27%	36%	36%	45%
Disapprove	54	53	53	60	77	68	59	57	46
DK/NA	11	8	9	7	1	5	5	7	10

28. 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	33%	14%	47%	15%	37%	30%	26%	46%	35%
Disapprove	47	65	35	63	46	48	54	32	46
DK/NA	20	21	18	21	18	22	20	22	18

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	36%	39%	32%	27%	27%	38%	25%	40%	34%
Disapprove	39	40	47	57	58	45	57	46	39
DK/NA	25	20	21	16	15	17	18	14	27