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MAYOR DOES PAY TO PLAY, NEW YORK CITY VOTERS SAY 2-1, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; CORRUPTION IS SERIOUS PROBLEM IN CITY, VOTERS SAY

New York City voters say 55 – 21 percent that Mayor Bill de Blasio “does favors for developers who make political contributions to campaigns in which he is involved,” according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. But voters who believe the mayor does these favors say 54 – 28 percent that these actions are unethical but not illegal.

Political corruption in New York City is a “very serious” problem, 52 percent of voters say, while 34 percent say it is “somewhat serious,” the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Another 8 percent say corruption is “not very serious” and 2 percent say it is “not a problem at all.”

New York City voters disapprove 53 – 24 percent of the way de Blasio is handling political corruption. No party, gender, racial, borough or age group approves.

While 28 percent of those voters who say de Blasio does favors for donor-developers say it’s illegal, 54 percent say it is unethical but not illegal and 13 percent say it is “not seriously wrong.”

“With a virtual wildfire of news stories about corruption investigations, voters think Mayor Bill de Blasio has favored well-connected real estate people. Voters who believe the mayor does favors think it’s unethical more than illegal,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

“And since voters see the mayor as part of the problem, they certainly don’t give him good grades for handling the problem.”

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New York City voters approve 52 – 32 percent of the job Police Commissioner William Bratton is doing. There is little racial or gender gap as white voters approve 54 – 32 percent while black voters approve 55 – 31 percent, with Hispanic approval at 48 – 33 percent. Approval is 54 – 32 percent among men and 49 – 31 percent among women.

There is a larger racial gap as all voters approve 57 – 31 percent of the job former Police Commissioner Ray Kelly did. White voters approve 73 – 16 percent while black voters approve 47 – 41 percent. Hispanic approval is 44 – 38 percent.

Voters say 47 – 30 percent that Kelly was a more effective police commissioner than Bratton. White voters back Kelly 56 – 24 percent, while black voters go 42 percent for Bratton and 38 percent for Kelly. Hispanic voters pick Kelly 41 – 27 percent.

New York City voters approve 59 – 35 percent of the job police are doing city-wide. White voters approve 75 – 19 percent, while black voters are divided 46 – 45 percent and Hispanic voters disapprove 54 – 44 percent.

A total of 87 percent of voters say crime is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem.

Police corruption is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem, 73 percent of voters say.

Crime and housing are the most important problems in New York City, with each problem listed by 15 percent of voters, while 13 percent cite the economy.

“Police corruption is considered a big problem; political corruption more so,” Carroll said. “Overall, the cops get good marks, with exceptionally high approval in the white community off-setting only a stand-off among black New Yorkers.

“Police Commissioner William Bratton gets good job approval numbers but – maybe it’s just nostalgia – his predecessor, Ray Kelly, does better.”

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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9. 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	52%	54%	54%	46%	54%	49%	54%	55%	48%	
Disapprove	32	29	30	38	32	31	32	31	33	
DK/NA	17	17	16	16	13	19	15	14	19	
AREA.....										
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	45%	46%	58%	56%	56%	45%	43%	61%	58%	
Disapprove	28	36	25	34	37	30	43	27	27	
DK/NA	27	18	17	11	7	25	14	12	15	

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ray Kelly handled his job as Police Commissioner?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	57%	78%	48%	62%	60%	54%	73%	47%	44%	
Disapprove	31	6	40	26	31	31	16	41	38	
DK/NA	12	16	12	12	9	15	12	11	18	
AREA.....										
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	51%	58%	47%	61%	77%	43%	61%	59%	63%	
Disapprove	36	28	39	28	14	37	35	31	22	
DK/NA	12	13	14	11	9	21	4	10	16	

11. Who do you think has been a more effective police commissioner, Bill Bratton or Ray Kelly?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Bratton	30%	10%	39%	26%	32%	29%	24%	42%	27%	
Kelly	47	68	38	55	49	44	56	38	41	
DK/NA	23	22	23	19	19	27	21	19	32	
AREA.....										
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Bratton	28%	27%	40%	30%	17%	28%	23%	34%	36%	
Kelly	40	53	34	48	66	49	50	44	46	
DK/NA	31	20	26	21	17	22	26	22	19	

20. What do you think is the most important problem facing New York City today?

	Tot
Housing Total	15%
Housing general	5
Housing Costs/Availability	8
Housing other	2
Crime Total	15%
Crime/Violence general	13
Drugs	1
Crime other	1
Economy Total	13%
Economy general	3
Unemployment/Jobs	6
Cost of living	3
Minimum wage too low	1
Economy other	1
Education Total	8%
Education general	6
Education other	2
Poverty/Homeless	7%
Police Total	6%
Police general	1
Police brutality/Racism	1
Police community tensions/relations	1
Lack of respect for police	1
Police other	2
Politicians Total	3%
de Blasio/City leadership	1
Political corruption	1
Politicians other	1
Class inequality	3%
Terrorism Total	3%
Terrorism general	1
Security/Safety	2
Mass Transit Total	3%
Quality mass/public trans	1
Traffic/Congestion	1
Transportation other	1
Taxes	2%
Gun control	2%
Cities/Urban Total	2%
Infrastructure	1
Cities/Urban issues other	1
Racism/Race relations	2%
Budget	1%
Immigration	1%
Overcrowding/Over population	1%
Quality of life	1%
Healthcare/Costs/Ins/HMO's	1%
Other	4%
DK/NA	7%

29. 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	24%	8%	34%	15%	26%	23%	17%	35%	28%
Disapprove	53	80	40	65	56	52	66	41	48
DK/NA	22	12	26	19	18	26	17	24	24

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	27%	25%	23%	24%	22%	21%	28%	23%	27%
Disapprove	54	56	48	53	63	54	54	55	48
DK/NA	19	20	29	23	15	24	18	21	25

30. 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	59%	75%	53%	64%	68%	51%	75%	46%	44%
Disapprove	35	22	40	28	26	42	19	45	54
DK/NA	7	3	7	8	7	7	7	9	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	41%	56%	64%	63%	76%	52%	55%	60%	68%
Disapprove	55	32	31	32	23	45	37	36	23
DK/NA	4	12	5	5	1	3	8	4	8

31. 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	71%	89%	67%	71%	74%	69%	84%	61%	58%
Disapprove	24	8	29	23	22	26	11	32	41
DK/NA	5	3	4	6	4	5	4	7	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	59%	70%	78%	70%	81%	69%	66%	70%	83%
Disapprove	40	21	18	26	17	29	30	26	14
DK/NA	1	9	4	4	2	2	4	4	4

32. 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	47%	57%	44%	50%	43%	51%	41%	59%	54%
Smwht serious	40	34	43	36	40	40	47	32	34
Not very serious	10	7	11	12	15	6	11	6	10
Not a problem at all	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	1
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very serious	58%	48%	38%	44%	62%	48%	49%	47%	48%
Smwht serious	36	40	39	47	27	36	40	39	43
Not very serious	6	9	18	7	9	14	10	11	7
Not a problem at all	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
DK/NA	-	2	6	-	1	1	2	2	2

33. In general, how serious a problem do you think - police corruption 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	33%	22%	36%	29%	30%	36%	20%	50%	47%
Smwht serious	40	32	43	40	41	38	44	33	32
Not very serious	19	38	12	23	22	17	28	10	15
Not a problem at all	3	4	2	4	4	3	4	2	1
DK/NA	5	4	6	4	3	7	5	5	4
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very serious	45%	36%	24%	34%	23%	38%	36%	33%	29%
Smwht serious	36	38	41	39	46	35	41	44	36
Not very serious	12	20	21	21	20	24	19	16	20
Not a problem at all	4	1	5	3	5	1	2	1	7
DK/NA	4	5	9	3	5	2	3	7	8

34. In general, how serious a problem do you think - political corruption 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	52%	61%	45%	63%	50%	54%	50%	58%	56%
Smwht serious	34	23	40	30	34	34	36	29	35
Not very serious	8	9	9	5	11	6	10	6	7
Not a problem at all	2	-	3	1	2	2	1	3	1
DK/NA	3	6	3	1	2	4	3	4	1
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very serious	65%	53%	45%	47%	64%	57%	54%	49%	49%
Smwht serious	25	34	39	37	26	31	35	38	33
Not very serious	5	7	10	9	10	8	6	9	10
Not a problem at all	4	1	3	2	-	2	3	1	3
DK/NA	-	5	3	4	-	2	2	3	4

35. Do you think Mayor de Blasio does favors for developers who make political contributions to campaigns in which he is involved or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	55%	70%	45%	67%	58%	52%	64%	40%	58%
No	21	6	30	13	23	20	14	29	24
DK/NA	24	24	25	20	19	28	21	31	18

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	47%	52%	55%	61%	58%	56%	62%	53%	52%
No	27	21	22	20	16	24	19	22	24
DK/NA	26	26	23	20	26	20	19	25	25

36. (If yes q35) Which of the following statements best describes your view of de Blasio's actions in these matters: he did something illegal, he did something unethical, but nothing illegal, or he did not do anything seriously wrong?

	IF YES Q35.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Illegal	28%	45%	13%	39%	36%	20%
Unethical/Not illegl	54	46	62	48	48	60
Not seriously wrong	13	5	20	8	13	14
DK/NA	5	5	5	5	3	7