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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## **PUT POLICE BACK IN PROJECTS, NEW YORK CITY VOTERS SAY 2-1, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; POLICE APPROVAL DROPS AS VOTERS WANT MORE COPS**

The New York Police Department should resume patrols of public housing hallways, city voters say 59 – 30 percent, including 62 – 32 percent among black voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for the program where police “patrolled public housing projects and asked people in the hallways for ID” is 80 – 14 percent among Republicans, 57 – 33 percent among Democrats and 58 – 30 percent among independent voters.

Job approval of the New York Police Department drops from 68 – 24 percent in a March 18 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University to 59 – 32 percent today. Approval is 54 – 35 percent among black voters and 71 – 20 percent among white voters, with a negative 41 – 55 percent approval rating among Hispanic voters.

New York City voters approve 57 – 19 percent of the job Police Commissioner William Bratton is doing, compared to 57 – 13 percent March 18. Approval today is 64 – 17 percent among black voters, 61 – 16 percent among white voters and 48 – 26 percent among Hispanic voters. Men approve 61 – 21 percent while women approve 53 – 18 percent.

“We can’t ignore the likely impact of the highly-publicized murder of a child in a housing project elevator, but New Yorkers, black, white and Hispanic, say 2-1 that the police should resume patrols and ID checks in project hallways,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

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“In this case, at least in this emotional time, the civil liberties spokespeople are out of touch with the people they speak for,” Carroll added. “Black voters agree with these spokespeople in their opposition to stop and frisk, but almost two-thirds of black voters want the police back in the public housing projects, checking people in the hallways.”

New York City voters support 75 – 18 percent a proposal to hire 1,000 additional police officers, with support at 70 percent or higher among all party, gender and ethnic groups.

Voters believe 48 – 42 percent that Mayor Bill de Blasio can reduce stop and frisk and still make the city safer. Black voters, 63 – 24 percent, and Hispanic voters, 59 – 37 percent agree that the mayor can reduce stop and frisk and keep the city safe. White voters say 55 – 37 percent that crime will go up.

Voters approve 51 – 39 percent of the police practice of recruiting potential informants among Muslims and members of other minority groups who get arrested. Approval is 63 – 28 percent among white voters and 46 – 41 percent among Hispanic voters. Black voters disapprove 54 – 35 percent.

“Stop and frisk persists as a divisive issue. Will ending it drive up crime? Black and Hispanic voters say no, but white voters say yes,” Carroll said.

### **Minimum Wage**

The minimum wage in New York City should be raised to \$13 per hour, 50 percent of voters say, while 35 percent say raise it to \$10.10 per hour. Another 11 percent say the \$8 per hour minimum wage should not be raised.

Among Democrats, 61 percent want \$13 per hour and 33 percent want \$10.10.

Among Republicans, 34 percent want \$13 and 35 percent want \$10.10.

Among independent voters 40 percent want \$13 and 42 percent want \$10.10.

From June 5 – 9, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,033 New York City voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 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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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	57%	54%	61%	52%	61%	53%	61%	64%	48%
Disapprove	19	24	15	19	21	18	16	17	26
DK/NA	24	22	23	29	18	29	22	19	27

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

	Jun 12 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	57	57
Disapprove	19	13
DK/NA	24	29

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	57%	33%	72%	48%	59%	56%	51%	73%	57%
Disapprove	30	52	18	39	31	29	39	17	29
DK/NA	13	15	10	13	10	15	10	9	14

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

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	57	58
Disapprove	30	23
DK/NA	13	19

14. 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%	74%	59%	58%	57%	61%	71%	54%	41%
Disapprove	32	19	31	32	36	29	20	35	55
DK/NA	9	7	9	10	7	11	9	11	4

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

	Jun 12 2014	Mar 18 2014	Jan 16 2014	May 23 2013	Apr 11 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 7 2002	Low Apr 20 2000
Approve	59	68	62	61	60	76	43
Disapprove	32	24	30	31	32	18	48
DK/NA	9	8	7	8	8	6	9

15. Do you think Mayor de Blasio can reduce stop and frisk and still make New York City a safer place to live or will crime go up if he reduces stop and frisk?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Safer	48%	21%	58%	40%	49%	46%	37%	63%	59%
No/Increased crime	42	71	31	50	42	43	55	24	37
DK/NA	10	8	10	10	9	11	8	13	4

TREND: Do you think Mayor de Blasio can reduce stop and frisk and still make New York City a safer place to live or will crime go up if he reduces stop and frisk?

	Jun 12 2014	Jan 16 2014
Yes/Safer	48	48
No/Increased crime	42	40
DK/NA	10	12

16. There is a city council proposal to hire 1,000 additional New York City police officers. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	75%	85%	76%	73%	70%	80%	78%	78%	70%
Oppose	18	11	17	19	24	13	13	19	20
DK/NA	7	5	7	8	7	7	9	3	10

17. Do you think the police should or should not restore the program where they patrolled public housing projects and asked people in the hallways for ID?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Should	59%	80%	57%	58%	57%	61%	58%	62%	62%
Should not	30	14	33	30	32	28	28	32	34
DK/NA	11	6	10	12	11	10	14	6	4

18. As you may know, police are recruiting potential informants among Muslims and other minority groups who get arrested. Do you approve or disapprove of this police practice?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	51%	71%	44%	55%	55%	47%	63%	35%	46%
Disapprove	39	20	44	38	37	41	28	54	41
DK/NA	10	9	13	7	8	12	9	11	13

21. Do you think the minimum wage in New York City of \$8.00 an hour should be raised to \$10.10 an hour, or to \$13.00 an hour, or shouldn't New York City's minimum wage be raised?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Raised to \$10.10	35%	35%	33%	42%	33%	37%	37%	32%	39%
Raised to \$13.00	50	34	61	40	50	51	42	59	57
Shouldn't be raised	11	30	5	13	12	11	18	5	2
DK/NA	3	1	1	6	5	2	2	4	2