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**MORE NYC VOTERS BLAME CUOMO FOR POOR SUBWAYS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CUOMO-de BLASIO FEUD HURTS CITY, VOTERS SAY**

Only 24 percent of New York City voters say subway service is “excellent” or “good,” while 27 percent say it is “not so good” and 43 percent say it is “poor,” according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Among the 70 percent of voters who rate subways “not so good” or “poor,” 40 percent say Gov. Andrew Cuomo is mainly to blame, as 21 percent say Mayor Bill de Blasio is mainly to blame and 20 percent say both leaders are to blame, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Subway satisfaction is highest in Manhattan, where 33 percent of voters say “excellent” or “good,” and lowest in Brooklyn, where 18 percent say “excellent” or “good.” Ratings by borough show:

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island
Excellent	1%	3%	2%	2%	-- %
Good	22	15	31	24	26
Not so Good	29	28	27	25	27
Poor	38	52	39	42	24

“Every day seems to bring a new horror story from the subways and, so far at least, New Yorkers pin the blame more on Gov. Andrew Cuomo than Mayor Bill de Blasio,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“And there's a daily reminder for half of New Yorkers who use the subway to get to work. Only 24 percent think the subway system is excellent or even good.

“The ongoing feud between the mayor and the governor adds piquancy to the escalating mess on the transit system.

“Mayor de Blasio has done a savvy job directing blame at Gov. Cuomo. New Yorkers who are unhappy with the subways put Cuomo, not de Blasio, in the cross hairs 2-1.”

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“How about a little historical note? This Mayor-vs-Governor feud over transit started 50 years ago with Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Mayor John Lindsay,” Carroll added.

“Today, New Yorkers think the current squabble gives a sour taste to the Big Apple.”

The subway crisis takes a bite out of Gov. Cuomo’s approval rating in New York City, leaving him with a 60 – 34 percent overall job approval rating, down from 69 – 25 percent in a May 17 Quinnipiac University poll of New York City voters.

Gov. Cuomo’s job approval among New York City voters is 56 – 41 percent among Republicans, 65 – 29 percent among Democrats and 54 – 40 percent among independent voters.

Fifty-one percent of New York City voters say they take the subway to work:

- 57 percent in Brooklyn;
- 56 percent in Manhattan;
- 53 percent in The Bronx;
- 42 percent in Queens;
- 29 percent in Staten Island.

While a total of 58 percent of voters say they use the subway daily or several times a week, 36 percent say they have switched in the last year to “something else as a main source of transportation.”

Gov. Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio have “honest disagreements about what’s best for the city,” 42 percent of voters say, but 41 percent say they are involved in a “personal feud.”

In this conflict, 38 percent of voters agree more with Cuomo, while 32 percent agree more with de Blasio.

The Cuomo-de Blasio conflict hurts New York City, 63 percent of voters say, as 7 percent say it helps the city and 25 percent say it doesn’t make a difference.

A total of 54 percent of New York City voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in Gotham, while 46 percent are “somewhat dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied.”

This is down from a 62 – 37 percent satisfaction rate May 17.

From July 20 – 26, Quinnipiac University surveyed 877 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percentage points, including design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys nationwide and in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Colorado as a public service and for research.

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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	60%	56%	65%	54%	58%	62%	51%	66%	65%
Disapprove	34	41	29	40	37	31	43	29	27
DK/NA	6	4	5	7	5	7	6	6	8
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	69%	57%	58%	59%	64%	57%	57%	63%	65%
Disapprove	23	37	38	34	32	38	38	31	29
DK/NA	8	6	4	7	4	5	5	6	6

15. 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%	1%	6%	3%	6%	4%	5%	6%	2%
Smwht satisfied	49	38	57	39	54	44	42	58	49
Smwht dissatisfied	28	23	25	33	24	31	32	24	31
Very dissatisfied	18	38	11	24	15	20	21	11	18
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied	5%	6%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	6%	7%
Smwht satisfied	47	46	55	53	33	50	50	45	49
Smwht dissatisfied	28	32	28	23	26	28	28	28	26
Very dissatisfied	20	16	13	18	38	18	17	20	17
DK/NA	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1

34. How would you rate the quality of subway service in New York City - excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excellent	2%	-	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%
Good	22	38	23	16	29	17	24	24	17
Not so good	27	20	30	26	25	29	28	28	32
Poor	43	30	41	51	40	45	38	42	45
DK/NA	6	11	5	4	4	8	6	5	5
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	1%	3%	2%	2%	-	-	4%	1%	3%
Good	22	15	31	24	26	27	17	21	26
Not so good	29	28	27	25	27	23	26	32	30
Poor	38	52	39	42	24	49	46	41	29
DK/NA	11	2	1	8	23	1	6	5	13

37. In the last year, have you switched from the subway to something else as a main source of transportation?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Switched	36%	41%	39%	30%	31%	41%	27%	41%	44%
No	62	58	60	69	68	57	72	59	53
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	-	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Switched	42%	33%	33%	39%	38%	40%	34%	39%	36%
No	58	65	67	59	55	60	64	60	61
DK/NA	-	1	-	3	7	1	1	2	4

38. 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	32%	34%	36%	27%	30%	34%	38%	35%	22%
de Blasio	24	3	31	21	23	25	17	34	23
Neither	38	54	26	50	44	33	41	27	43
DK/NA	6	9	6	3	3	8	4	4	12

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Cuomo	33%	32%	37%	27%	32%	21%	35%	37%	37%
de Blasio	15	23	26	33	11	29	27	21	17
Neither	44	40	33	31	57	45	32	38	37
DK/NA	8	5	4	9	-	5	6	4	9

39. Do you believe Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio are involved in a personal feud or do you believe they have honest disagreements about what's best for New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Personal feud	41%	52%	38%	45%	43%	39%	52%	29%	42%
Honest disagreements	42	30	48	34	39	45	34	57	39
DK/NA	17	19	14	21	18	17	14	14	19

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Personal feud	28%	46%	42%	35%	66%	30%	49%	42%	44%
Honest disagreements	54	38	40	46	28	55	32	45	39
DK/NA	19	17	18	19	6	15	19	14	17

40. Thinking about this conflict, do you agree more with de Blasio or more with Cuomo?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	32%	13%	39%	27%	33%	32%	26%	44%	31%
Cuomo	38	55	35	41	36	40	45	31	38
DK/NA	30	32	26	32	31	28	29	24	30

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Cuomo	40	40	39	29	59	33	38	45	42
DK/NA	32	27	30	32	27	22	33	28	29

41. Does the conflict between Cuomo and de Blasio help New York City, hurt New York City, or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Help NYC	7%	8%	5%	7%	7%	6%	4%	10%	8%
Hurt NYC	63	58	63	65	66	60	71	53	63
No difference	25	30	26	22	22	27	20	34	21
DK/NA	6	4	6	6	5	6	5	3	8

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Hurt NYC	53	62	71	63	62	52	64	73	62
No difference	23	30	18	24	32	31	25	21	24
DK/NA	7	5	4	7	4	5	5	2	8