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NEW YORK CITY VOTERS GIVE MAYOR BIG THUMBS DOWN, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BUT de BLASIO TOPS STRINGER OR QUINN IN REELECT BID

New York City voters disapprove 51 - 42 percent of the job Mayor Bill de Blasio is doing, close to his 52 - 41 percent disapproval, his worst grade ever, and say 50 - 42 percent that he does not deserve reelection in 2017, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

But Mayor de Blasio tops two potential challengers, City Comptroller Scott Stringer or former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn in Democratic primary and general election matchups, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Hypothetical election results show:

- de Blasio gets 43 percent in a Democratic primary, with 19 percent for Quinn and 16 percent for Stringer;
- de Blasio tops Stringer 45 32 percent in a head-to-head general election matchup, with Stringer running as an independent;
- de Blasio leads Quinn 43 33 percent in a two-way general election matchup, with Quinn running as an independent.

There is a wide racial gap in each matchup as black voters back the mayor by large margins, while white voters back Stringer or Quinn.

"For a mayor going into an election year, this is a disturbing poll. Half of New Yorkers say Mayor Bill de Blasio does not deserve reelection," said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

"The plus for Mayor de Blasio is in the political truism that you can't beat somebody with nobody. So far neither City Comptroller Scott Stringer nor former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn shows much political strength.

"The racial divisions that have marked the mayor's first term are as strong as ever: de Blasio is exceptionally strong among black voters, exceptionally weak among white voters."

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New York City voters give Mayor de Blasio a 47 – 44 percent favorability rating, while his possible challengers are largely unknown:

- 63 percent don't know enough about Stringer to form an opinion of him;
- Quinn gets a 32 21 percent favorability, as 45 percent don't know enough about her.

New York City voters approve 60 - 34 percent of the job Gov. Andrew Cuomo is doing. Approval ratings for other New York City officials are:

- 53 13 percent for Stringer;
- 40 17 percent for Public Advocate Letitia James;
- 29 23 percent for City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito;

Gov. Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio have "honest disagreements," 46 percent of New York City voters say, while 40 percent say they are involved in a "personal feud."

Whatever it is, 42 percent of city voters agree more with Cuomo, while 33 percent agree more with de Blasio.

And 60 percent of voters say the conflict hurts New York City.

"How about that edginess the media keeps reporting about between de Blasio and Cuomo? Is it a personal feud or just an honest difference of opinion? Voters are split. But, overall, they think the governor is doing a good job and the mayor isn't," Carroll said.

Voters say 52-41 percent that de Blasio does <u>not</u> have strong leadership qualities, but 51-44 percent that he does understand their problems. Voters say 49-40 percent that the mayor is honest and trustworthy.

New York City voters are divided 45 - 44 percent on their approval of the way the mayor is handling relations between blacks and whites. He gets negative approval scores in other areas:

- 42-49 percent for his handling of crime;
- 37-55 percent for handling relations between the police and the community;
- 35-43 percent for handling the city budget.

From July 21 - 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,310 New York City voters, with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points. The survey includes 845 Democrats, with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 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 Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio, Scott Stringer, and Christine Quinn, for whom would you vote?

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	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	43%	48%	46%	41%	44%	43%	23%	65%	56%
Stringer	16	14	13	19	19	14	30	6	10
Quinn	19	17	23	18	17	21	28	12	14
DK/NA	21	21	19	22	20	22	20	17	20

2. 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	45%	11%	59%	29%	41%	48%	24%	74%	51%
Stringer	32	53	27	42	37	29	51	12	29
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	3	6	1	4	4	1	4	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	5	11	2	6	5	4	5	1	4
DK/NA	16	18	11	19	13	18	16	12	14
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio		 Kngs 48%	Man 40%	Qns	StIsl 27%	_			
de Blasio Stringer	Brnx	2				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 61%	48%	40%	41%	27%	18-34 57%	35-49 42%	50-64 44%	65+ 38%
Stringer	Brnx 61% 17	48% 27	40% 39	41%	27% 49	18-34 57% 22	35-49 42% 37	50-64 44% 33	65+ 38% 40

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	43%	10%	56%	30%	41%	45%	24%	70%	52%
Quinn	33	48	30	37	34	32	47	19	29
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	3	11	1	3	3	2	5	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	8	19	3	10	9	6	10	2	8
DK/NA	13	13	10	20	12	14	14	9	10
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
de Blasio				Qns	StIsl 27%	_			
de Blasio Quinn	Brnx	Kngs	Man	_		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 58%	Kngs 48%	Man 38%	37%	27%	18-34 52%	35-49	50-64 46%	65+ 36%
Quinn	Brnx 58%	Kngs 48% 30	Man 38% 43	37% 33	27% 40	18-34 52% 29	35-49 40% 40	50-64 46% 30	65+ 36% 35

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 Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	47% 44 6 3	12% 82 4 2	59% 31 7 3	33% 56 7 4	42% 50 4 4	50% 39 8 2	27% 66 5 2	75% 17 5 2	52% 37 6 5
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS	50-64	65+
Favorable Unfavorable Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	63% 30 3	50% 41 7 3	44% 44 8 4	42% 49 6 2	22% 71 6	60% 31 8 2	42% 48 7 3	47% 46 4 3	38% 52 6 4

5. 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 Unfavorable	26% 10	17% 14	28%	29% 11	29% 10	23% 11	33% 10	16% 13	28%
Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	63 1	67 2	61 1	59 1	60 1	65 1	55 1	70 1	65 1
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+

6. Is your opinion of Christine Quinn favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	32%	23%	35%	29%	33%	32%	38%	30%	28%
Unfavorable	21	35	17	26	27	16	29	15	16
Hvn't hrd enough	45	40	46	44	38	50	32	54	53
REFUSED	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	3
	AREA. Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	20%	33%	46%	26%	29%	23%	38%	32%	36%
Unfavorable	16	21	20	22	30	12	21	26	25

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill de Blasio is handling his job	approve or disapprove	of the way Bil	l de Blasio is	handling his	job as May	or?
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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	42%	9%	55%	30%	41%	44%	25%	63%	50%
Disapprove	51	86	38	65	53	48	69	29	44
DK/NA	7	6	7	5	6	8	6	9	6
	AREA. Brnx	Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	57%	41%	43%	41%	19%	51%	41%	43%	33%
Disapprove	35	51	50	54	74	44	55	50	57
DK/NA	8	8	7	5	8	6	4	7	9

12. 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 Disapprove DK/NA	40% 17 43	17% 40 43	49% 8 43	32% 25 43	35% 21 44	44% 13 43	26% 23 51	60% 8 32	46% 16 38
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	47%	38%	38%	41%	33%	41%	41%	41%	37%

13. 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%	14%	37%	20%	29%	28%	23%	34%	38%
Disapprove	23	54	12	34	29	18	29	12	25
DK/NA	48	31	51	46	42	53	48	55	38
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	35%	21%	37%	27%	22%	31%	29%	29%	29%
	19	22	19	26	40	20	24	24	24
	45	56	43	48	38	49	47	47	47

14. 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%	58%	50%	55%	50%	58%	52%	51%
Disapprove	13	27	9	14	12	14	12	15	11
DK/NA	34	28	33	35	32	36	31	32	37
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	47%	47%	58%	60%	48%	39%	51%	58%	64%
Disapprove	12	14	14	10	15	16	17	10	7
DK/NA	40	39	28	30	37	45	32	32	29

15. 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 Disapprove DK/NA	60% 34 6	51% 47 2	66% 27 7	55% 39 5	62% 32 7	59% 35 6	55% 40 5	66% 26 8	67% 27 6
	AREA	. .				AGE IN	YRS		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+

16. 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	Нѕр
Yes/Deserves No/Does not DK/NA	42% 50 8	13% 85 2	53% 38 10	32% 62 6	42% 52 6	43% 48 9	23% 70 7	72% 21 7	47% 48 6
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+

17. 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 Honest disagreements DK/NA	40% 46 14	51% 40 9	38% 49 13	41% 41 18	43% 44 13	37% 48 16	49% 39 12	34% 55 11	36% 48 17
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+

18. 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 Cuomo DK/NA	33% 42 25	9% 73 18	42% 36 22	23% 46 31	30% 46 24	35% 40 25	23% 54 23	49% 26 25	36% 46 18
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+

19. 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%	6%	8%	6%	9%	6%	4%	11%	9%
Hurt NYC	60	60	60	64	57	62	68	52	52
No difference	27	25	26	25	27	26	23	29	32
DK/NA	6	8	6	5	7	6	4	9	7
	AREA.					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA. Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl				···· 65+
Help NYC									
Help NYC Hurt NYC	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
-	Brnx 7%	Kngs 9%	Man 7%	Qns 6%	StIsl 6%	18-34 13%	35-49 4%	50-64 7%	65+ 6%

20. 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	6%	2%	8%	5%	8%	4%	4%	7%	8%
Smwht satisfied	40	18	49	32	41	39	39	48	33
Smwht dissatisfied	31	31	31	29	27	34	31	31	33
Very dissatisfied	22	48	11	33	22	22	25	13	24
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
				Ons		AGE IN 18-34	YRS	50-64	
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34			65+
Very satisfied									
Very satisfied Smwht satisfied	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
2	Brnx	Kngs 4%	Man 8%	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35 - 49 5%	50-64 7%	65+ 8%
Smwht satisfied	Brnx 11% 35	Kngs 4% 41	Man 8% 44	Qns 5% 41	StIsl 3% 32	18-34 5% 38	35-49 5% 40	50-64 7% 44	65+ 8% 37

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes No DK/NA	41% 52 7	17% 82 1	49% 44 7	34% 60 6	42% 51 7	40% 53 7	24% 72 4	65% 29 6	46% 46 8
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns		AGE IN 18-34		50-64	65+

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 No	51% 44	15% 83	64% 31	40% 54	47% 48	55% 41	36% 59	78% 18	54% 42
DK/NA	5	2	5	5	5	4	4	4	3
	AREA Brnx		Man			AGE IN 18-34			65+
Yes									
Yes No DK/NA	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+

23.	Would	you	say	that	Bill	de	Blasio	_	is	honest	and	trustworthy	or	not?
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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	49%	13%	61%	40%	46%	51%	38%	68%	54%
No	40	81	28	49	44	37	54	20	35
DK/NA	11	6	11	11	10	12	8	12	12
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	Man	Qns		AGE IN 18-34		50-64	65+
Yes	55%	48%	55%	46%	28%	53%	50%	48%	46%
No	32	41	37	41	59	36	43	40	42
DK/NA	13	11	8	13	13	11	7	12	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 Disapprove DK/NA	42% 49 8	16% 81 3	52% 40 8	33% 57 10	44% 48 8	41% 51 9	34% 59 7	56% 36 8	42% 48 10
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+

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	45%	18%	56%	35%	47%	43%	38%	59%	48%
Disapprove	44	75	33	55	41	46	53	28	45
DK/NA	11	7	11	10	12	11	9	13	7
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	49%	42%	52%	42%	34%	42%	48%	47%	43%
Disapprove	45	45	37	43	63	47	44	43	46

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	37%	11%	48%	28%	39%	36%	28%	54%	42%
Disapprove	55	88	45	63	54	57	68	36	53
DK/NA	7	1	7	9	7	7	4	11	5
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	48%	34%	44%	35%	15%	35%	36%	39%	39%
Disapprove	46	57	49	57	82	56	59	56	54
DK/NA	6	10	6	8	3	10	4	6	8

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 Disapprove DK/NA	35% 43 22	16% 70 14	43% 33 23	29% 53 18	35% 43 22	35% 43 22	25% 52 23	53% 27 20	37% 46 18
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	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+