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**NO LIFETIME BAN FOR A-ROD, NEW YORK FANS SAY 2-1,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
FANS DIVIDED ON 211-GAME BAN**

New York City baseball fans say 69 – 26 percent that New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez should not be banned for life from playing baseball, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

New York Yankees fans oppose a lifetime ban 74 – 20 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

All New York baseball fans are divided on Major League Baseball's 211-game ban of Rodriguez as 36 percent say it's appropriate; 36 percent say it's too severe and 22 percent say it's not severe enough. Among Yankees fans, 37 percent say the current ban is appropriate, while 40 percent say it's too severe and 18 percent say it's not severe enough.

A total of 49 percent of New York City adults say they are "very interested" or "somewhat interested" in Major League Baseball. Of that group, 62 percent list the Yankees as their favorite team, while 23 percent cheer for the Mets.

"Say it ain't so, Alex. Most New York fans say Major League Baseball's 211-game ban of Alex Rodriguez is appropriate or not severe enough. But all fans, especially Yankees fans, want to see A-Rod back in baseball whenever this is all worked out," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

From August 7 – 12, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,864 New York City adults with a margin of error of +/- 2.3 percentage points. The survey includes 995 baseball fans 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, Colorado, Iowa and the nation as a public service and for research.

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31. How interested are you in following major league baseball; very interested, somewhat interested or not interested at all?

| ALL ADULTS.....   |     |     |       |           |       |      |     |     |       |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
|                   |     |     |       | AREA..... |       |      |     |     |       |
|                   | Tot | Wht | Blk   | Hsp       | Brnx  | Kngs | Man | Qns | StIsl |
| Very interested   | 18% | 23% | 12%   | 19%       | 27%   | 15%  | 19% | 14% | 21%   |
| Smwht interested  | 31  | 30  | 34    | 33        | 33    | 30   | 29  | 29  | 38    |
| Not at all        | 51  | 47  | 53    | 49        | 40    | 54   | 52  | 57  | 41    |
| DK/NA             | -   | -   | 1     | -         | 1     | 1    | -   | -   | -     |
| AGE IN YEARS..... |     |     |       |           |       |      |     |     |       |
|                   | Men | Wom | 18-29 | 30-49     | 50-64 | 65+  |     |     |       |
| Very interested   | 24% | 12% | 12%   | 20%       | 21%   | 19%  |     |     |       |
| Smwht interested  | 31  | 30  | 25    | 29        | 35    | 36   |     |     |       |
| Not at all        | 44  | 57  | 63    | 51        | 45    | 44   |     |     |       |
| DK/NA             | -   | -   | -     | -         | -     | 2    |     |     |       |

TREND: How interested are you in following major league baseball - very interested, somewhat interested or not interested at all?

| ALL ADULTS.....  |        |        |        |        |        |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                  | Aug 15 | Jul 29 | Mar 25 | Aug 31 | May 28 |
|                  | 2013   | 2011   | 2009   | 2007   | 2007   |
| Very interested  | 18     | 17     | 19     | 27     | 23     |
| Smwht interested | 31     | 30     | 31     | 29     | 32     |
| Not at all       | 51     | 52     | 49     | 44     | 45     |
| DK/NA            | -      | -      | 1      | -      | -      |

32. (If Very or Somewhat interested q31) What is your favorite major league baseball team?

| BASEBALL FANS.....    |     |     |       |           |       |      |     |     |       |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
|                       |     |     |       | AREA..... |       |      |     |     |       |
|                       | Tot | Wht | Blk   | Hsp       | Brnx  | Kngs | Man | Qns | StIsl |
| New York YANKEES      | 62% | 55% | 67%   | 65%       | 72%   | 58%  | 59% | 57% | 68%   |
| New York METS         | 23  | 28  | 18    | 24        | 17    | 27   | 18  | 29  | 25    |
| Boston RED SOX        | 3   | 4   | -     | 2         | 1     | 5    | 2   | 2   | -     |
| Los Angeles DODGERS   | 1   | 1   | -     | -         | -     | -    | 1   | 2   | -     |
| Philadelphia PHILLIES | 1   | 1   | 1     | 1         | -     | -    | 2   | -   | 1     |
| San Francisco GIANTS  | 1   | -   | 2     | -         | -     | -    | -   | 2   | 1     |
| Other Specify         | 2   | 1   | 2     | 3         | 3     | 1    | 3   | 1   | 2     |
| DK/NA                 | 5   | 3   | 8     | 4         | 5     | 6    | 7   | 5   | 1     |
| AGE IN YEARS.....     |     |     |       |           |       |      |     |     |       |
|                       | Men | Wom | 18-29 | 30-49     | 50-64 | 65+  |     |     |       |
| New York YANKEES      | 58% | 65% | 59%   | 65%       | 66%   | 51%  |     |     |       |
| New York METS         | 25  | 21  | 19    | 19        | 23    | 35   |     |     |       |
| Boston RED SOX        | 2   | 3   | 5     | 2         | 2     | 1    |     |     |       |
| Los Angeles DODGERS   | 1   | -   | -     | 1         | -     | 1    |     |     |       |
| Philadelphia PHILLIES | 1   | 1   | -     | 1         | -     | -    |     |     |       |
| San Francisco GIANTS  | -   | 1   | -     | 1         | -     | -    |     |     |       |
| Other Specify         | 2   | 2   | 2     | 2         | 1     | 2    |     |     |       |
| DK/NA                 | 5   | 5   | 12    | 2         | 5     | 6    |     |     |       |

TREND: (If Very or Somewhat interested in major league baseball) What is your favorite major league baseball team?

|                       | BASEBALL FANS..... |        |        |        |        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                       | Aug 15             | Jul 29 | Mar 25 | Aug 31 | May 28 |
|                       | 2013               | 2011   | 2009   | 2007   | 2007   |
| Baltimore Orioles     | -                  | 1      | -      | -      | 1      |
| Boston Red Sox        | 3                  | 3      | 3      | 3      | 3      |
| Cleveland Indians     | -                  | -      | -      | 1      | -      |
| Los Angeles Dodgers   | 1                  | -      | 1      | -      | 1      |
| New York Mets         | 23                 | 26     | 33     | 35     | 36     |
| New York Yankees      | 62                 | 59     | 56     | 51     | 50     |
| St. Louis Cardinals   | -                  | 1      | -      | -      | 1      |
| Atlanta Braves        | -                  | 1      | -      | -      | -      |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 1                  | 1      | -      | -      | -      |
| San Francisco GIANTS  | 1                  |        |        |        |        |
| Texas Rangers         | -                  | 1      | -      | -      | -      |
| OTHER SPECIFY         | 2                  | -      | 1      | 2      | 1      |
| DK/NA                 | 5                  | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      |

33. Do you think Alex Rodriguez's suspension from major league baseball for 211 games is appropriate, too severe, or not severe enough?

|                   | BASEBALL FANS... |     |     |
|-------------------|------------------|-----|-----|
|                   | Tot              | Men | Wom |
| Appropriate       | 36%              | 36% | 36% |
| Too severe        | 36               | 35  | 38  |
| Not severe enough | 22               | 25  | 18  |
| DK/NA             | 6                | 4   | 8   |

|                   | YANKEE FANS..... |     |     |
|-------------------|------------------|-----|-----|
|                   | Tot              | Men | Wom |
| Appropriate       | 37%              | 37% | 36% |
| Too severe        | 40               | 40  | 41  |
| Not severe enough | 18               | 20  | 16  |
| DK/NA             | 5                | 3   | 7   |

34. Do you think Alex Rodriguez should be banned from baseball for life or not?

|       | BASEBALL FANS... |     |     |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|
|       | Tot              | Men | Wom |
| Yes   | 26%              | 29% | 22% |
| No    | 69               | 68  | 70  |
| DK/NA | 6                | 4   | 8   |

|       | YANKEE FANS..... |     |     |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|
|       | Tot              | Men | Wom |
| Yes   | 20%              | 23% | 18% |
| No    | 74               | 74  | 74  |
| DK/NA | 5                | 4   | 7   |