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## NEW YORKERS DIVIDED BY RACE ON MAYOR, SHARPTON, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; POLICE COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL DROPS

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio clings to a 50 - 32 percent job approval rating, marked by a continuing divide between black and white voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Today's rating is little changed from a 51 - 28 percent job approval in a June 11 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, with black approval then at 66 - 14 percent, Hispanic approval at 56 - 17 percent and white voters divided with 41 percent approving and 42 percent disapproving.

Today, black voters approve of Mayor de Blasio 65 - 15 percent, with Hispanic approval at 55 - 27 percent and white approval at a negative 36 - 45 percent. The racial divide touches on measures of de Blasio's character as voters overall say:

- 53 39 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 53 39 percent that he understands their problems;
- 66 22 percent that he is honest and trustworthy.

New York City voters approve 55 - 33 percent of the way de Blasio is handling relations between blacks and whites, with black approval at 67 - 22 percent, white approval at 46 - 41 percent and Hispanic approval at 58 - 31 percent. Voters are divided on the way the mayor is handling relations between the police and the community, as 46 percent approve and 44 percent disapprove. Race relations in the city are "generally good," voters say 50 - 41 percent.

"New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio gets positive marks on honesty, empathy and leadership. He's only so-so on most issues, except for a big plus on race relations," said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

"He's had his ups and his downs over the summer, but there's almost no change in his job approval. White voters are negative; black voters are overwhelmingly positive."

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New York City voters approve 48 - 35 percent of the job Police Commissioner William Bratton is doing, down from 57 - 19 percent June 12 and lower than any approval rating for former Police Commissioner Ray Kelly during his 12 years in office.

## Rev. Al Sharpton

In an open-ended question, allowing for any answer, 20 percent of New York City voters say Rev. Al Sharpton is the most important black leader in the city, with 5 percent for President Barack Obama, 3 percent for U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel and 2 percent for Public Advocate Letitia James. No other official gets more than 1 percent and 57 percent are undecided.

Rev. Sharpton is a positive force in New York City, 49 percent of voters say and 40 percent say he is a negative force. Sharpton has too much influence with de Blasio, 30 percent of voters say, while 10 percent say he has too little influence and 39 percent say he has the right amount of influence.

Voters say 54 - 25 percent that Bratton has more influence with the mayor than Sharpton, with all races agreeing. But 35 percent of voters say Sharpton should <u>not</u> have been seated equally with Bratton at the mayor's round table, while 24 percent say Sharpton was properly seated and 37 percent have no opinion on the seating arrangements.

"Top of the list of black leaders in New York? There's only one: the Rev. Al Sharpton," Carroll said. "But more than half of all voters, and more than 40 percent of black voters, are undecided. White voters say Rev. Sharpton shouldn't have shared the spotlight at that City Hall meeting with Mayor de Blasio and Police Commissioner William Bratton; black voters approve.

"To voters who remember Rev. Sharpton from his street-preacher days, the turn-around is dramatic. Now he's a regular at City Hall and the White House."

Comptroller Scott Stringer continues to have the highest job approval of any citywide official, 55 – 16 percent. Approval ratings for other officials are:

- 49 18 percent for Public Advocate Letitia James, up from 41 15 percent June 11;
- 39 19 percent for City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, compared to 40 17;
- 39 30 percent for Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina, compared to 39 27 percent.

From August 20 - 25, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,021 New York City voters, with a margin of error of  $\pm -3.1$  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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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill de Blasio is handling his job as Mayor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	50% 32 18	14% 72 14	63% 18 18	41% 42 17	46% 39 15	53% 27 21	36% 45 19	65% 15 20	55% 27 18
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way  $\operatorname{Bill}$  de  $\operatorname{Blasio}$  is handling his job as  $\operatorname{Mayor}$ ?

	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014	Jan 16 2014
Approve	50	51	45	53
Disapprove	32	28	34	13
DK/NA	18	21	20	34

2. Who do you think is the most important black leader in New York City?

	Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Adams, Eric	1%	2%	2%	_
James, Letitia	2	3	2	1
McCray, Chirlane	1	1	-	-
Obama, Barack	5	1	7	12
Rangel, Charles	3	3	3	3
Sharpton, Al Rev	20	15	36	17
Thompson, Bill	1	2	-	1
Thompson, Kenneth	1	1	-	1
Other	9	9	6	9
DK/NA	57	63	44	56

3. 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	48%	54%	47%	48%	52%	45%	58%	41%	43%
Disapprove	35	37	33	38	36	34	28	43	41
DK/NA	17	8	20	14	13	20	14	15	16
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS	50-64	65+
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	42%	48%	52%	48%	50%	29%	50%	54%	54%
	42	39	28	33	32	50	37	33	25
	17	14	19	19	17	21	13	14	21

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way XXX is handling his job as Police Commissioner? (\*High and Low approval noted for Kelly, Kerik & Safir. Additional data points available.)

		App	Dis	DK/NA
Bratton:				
Aug 26,	2014	48	35	17
Jun 12,	2014	57	19	24
Mar 18,	2014	57	13	29
*Kelly:				
Jan 17,	2013	75	18	8
Jan 16,	2007	52	34	14
*Kerik:				
May 03,	2001	46	21	33
Feb 01,	2001	45	16	40
*Safir:				
Apr 20,	2000	32	58	10
Feb 12,	1997	55	17	28

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carmen Farina is handling her job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	39% 30 31	26% 49 25	45% 23 31	33% 36 32	39% 31 31	39% 30 31	36% 33 31	38% 27 35	46% 31 23
	AREA		. <b></b>			AGE IN	YRS		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carmen Farina is handling her job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 19
	2014	2014	2014
Approve	39	39	34
Disapprove	30	27	36
DK/NA	31	34	29

5. 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	49% 18 34	19% 45 36	60% 11 29	40% 19 40	43% 23 33	53% 13 34	36% 22 42	68% 10 22	53% 17 30
	AREA		. <b></b> .			AGE IN	YRS		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Letitia James is handling her job as Public Advocate?

	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	49	41	44
Disapprove	18	15	16
DK/NA	34	44	40

6. 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 Disapprove DK/NA	39% 19 42	27% 42 30	44% 13 44	34% 23 43	35% 25 40	42% 15 43	30% 26 44	50% 12 38	52% 15 33
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Melissa Mark-Viverito is handling her job as City Council Speaker?

	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 18
	2014	2014	2014
Approve	39	40	41
Disapprove	19	17	15
DK/NA	42	43	44

7. 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 Disapprove DK/NA	55% 16 30	39% 27 34	61% 12 28	53% 17 30	56% 17 27	54% 14 32	58% 13 28	62% 12 26	54% 16 29
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Stringer is handling his job as City Comptroller?

	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	55	57	53
Disapprove	16	12	12
DK/NA	30	31	35

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes No	53% 39	14% 79	65% 26	44%	49%	55% 35	40% 51	64% 26	63% 31
DK/NA	9 AREA	7	9	9	8	10 AGE IN	9 YRS	9	7
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	On a	047~1	10 00	20 40	EO C1	C F .
	DIIIX	Kiigs	Mali	QIIS	SCISI	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+

TREND: Would you say that Bill de Blasio has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Aug 26 2014		Mar 18 2014
Yes	53	58	56
No	39	33	33
DK/NA	9	9	11

9. 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	53%	15%	68%	44%	50%	56%	45%	70%	51%
No	39	80	25	48	44	35	47	25	38
DK/NA	8	5	7	8	6	9	8	5	11
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	 Qns		AGE IN 18-29		50-64	65+
Yes	62%	53%	54%	53%	29%	61%	51%	54%	50%
No	32	40	35	39	61	31	41	38	41
DK/NA	6	7	11	8	9	7	8	8	9

TREND: Would you say that Bill de Blasio understands the problems of people like you or not?

	Aug 26 2014		Mar 18 2014
Yes	53	59	57
No	39	34	35
DK/NA	8	7	8

10.	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 No DK/NA	66% 22 12	30% 60 10	79% 12 9	59% 25 15	67% 23 9	65% 21 14	61% 29 10	73% 14 13	67% 22 11
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns		AGE IN 18-29		50-64	65+
Yes No	80%	65%	67% 17	64% 25	45% 44	72% 19	61% 27	67% 21	68% 18

TREND: Would you say that Bill de Blasio is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Aug 26 2014		Mar 18 2014
Yes	66	64	62
No	22	23	21
DK/NA	12	13	17

11. 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	46% 46 9	16% 83 2	56% 37 7	40% 46 14	44% 50 6	47% 42 11	39% 52 9	58% 34 8	45% 46 10
		Knas				AGE IN		50-64	
Approve	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man 56%	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64 48%	65+ 46%

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

	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 18
	2014	2014	2014
Approve	46	57	58
Disapprove	46	30	23
DK/NA	9	13	19

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	44%	19%	54%	37%	45%	43%	34%	57%	45%
Disapprove	32	66	22	37	35	30	39	19	36
DK/NA	24	15	24	26	20	27	27	24	19
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	 Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	53%	44%	47%	37%	35%	55%	44%	42%	39%
Disapprove	22	32	32	33	52	27	35	36	26
DK/NA	26	24	21	29	14	18	21	21	35

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

	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	44	45	44
Disapprove	32	31	32
DK/NA	24	25	24

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - the public schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	49% 35 16	16% 66 18	62% 24 15	39% 42 19	45% 38 18	52% 32 15	38% 42 19	65% 23 12	56% 34 10
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+

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

	Aug 26 2014	Jun 11 2014	Mar 19 2014
Approve	49	47	38
Disapprove	35	39	49
DK/NA	16	14	13

14. 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	55%	19%	66%	48%	53%	56%	46%	67%	58%
Disapprove	33	72	24	35	36	30	41	22	31
DK/NA	13	9	11	17	11	14	13	11	11
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	66%	55%	57%	50%	33%	57%	51%	58%	54%
Disapprove	22	34	26	37	56	23	37	33	33
DK/NA	12	10	17	13	11	20	12	8	13

15. 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 Disapprove DK/NA	46% 44 10	18% 78 4	56% 36 8	40% 48 12	45% 48	46% 41 12	41% 50 9	53% 36 12	48% 47 6
			Man		StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	-	50-64	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	49% 44 7	48% 42 10	51% 38 11	41% 49 10	29% 65 6	48% 47 6	44% 49 7	45% 45 11	49% 37 14

16. 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%	3%	8%	4%	5%	7%	8%	7%	5%
Smwht satisfied	44	18	52	41	48	40	38	54	43
Smwht dissatisfied	27	34	25	29	26	29	29	20	29
Very dissatisfied	22	44	14	26	20	23	24	17	21
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	2	1
	AREA.					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA. Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied						_			
Very satisfied Smwht satisfied	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
<del>-</del>	Brnx 7%	Kngs 7%	Man 8%	Qns 3%	StIsl 4%	18-29 8%	30-49 5%	50-64 5%	65+ 8%
Smwht satisfied	Brnx 7% 44	Kngs 7% 45	Man 8% 49	Qns 3% 41	StIsl 4% 21	18-29 8% 47	30-49 5% 45	50-64 5% 42	65+ 8% 41

TREND: 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?

						VERY+SMWHT		
						High	Low	
	Aug 26	Jun 11	Mar 18	Apr 11	Feb 28	Feb 11	Jul 02	
	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	1998	2003	
Very satisfied	6	10	8	8	9	18	7	
Smwht satisfied	44	50	53	51	48	58	23	
Smwht dissatisfied	27	23	28	27	27	18	32	
Very dissatisfied	22	16	10	13	15	5	38	
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	

17. Is your opinion of Reverend Al Sharpton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	40%	7%	52%	32%	37%	43%	25%	72%	36%
Unfavorable	44	92	30	53	53	37	66	17	35
Hvn't hrd enough	12	2	13	11	8	15	5	5	27
REFUSED	4	-	5	4	3	6	4	6	3
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	50%	42%	42%	38%	14%	41%	43%	40%	36%
Unfavorable	33	45	42	43	72	29	41	49	53
Hvn't hrd enough	15	10	12	12	7	26	12	7	6
REFUSED	3	3	4	7	6	4	3	5	5

18. In your view, is Reverend Sharpton a mostly positive or mostly negative force in New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Positive Negative DK/NA	49% 40 11	8% 90 2	62% 27 11	40% 48 12	41% 49 11	55% 33 12	29% 63 9	80% 12 8	51% 33 17
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+

19. Do you think Reverend Sharpton has too much influence with Mayor de Blasio, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence with Mayor de Blasio?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Too much Too little About right DK/NA	30% 10 39 21	75% 4 11 10	15% 12 52 21	39% 9 28 24	39% 11 34 16	22% 9 44 25	50% 3 28 19	6% 24 52 18	23% 13 42 22
	AREA Brnx	 Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	 65+
Too much Too little	23%	30%	24%	29%	64%	14%	29%	33%	39%

20. Who do you think has more influence with Mayor de Blasio, Reverend Sharpton or Police Commissioner Bratton?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Reverend Sharpton Police Comm Bratton DK/NA	25% 54 21	58% 28 14	15% 63 22	33% 47 20	30% 53 17	21% 55 24	33% 49 18	14% 66 21	25% 55 20
	AREA Brnx		 Man			AGE IN 18-29	YRS	50-64	 65+
	DIIIX	Kngs	Мап	Qns	StIsl	10-29	30-49	30-64	031

21. Do you think Reverend Sharpton should or should not have been seated equally with Police Commissioner Bratton at a mayoral news conference or don't you have an opinion on that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Should	24%	8%	31%	20%	23%	25%	14%	40%	20%
Should not	35	80	23	39	41	30	55	16	22
No opinion	37	11	42	39	33	42	29	43	52
DK/NA	4	2	4	2	3	4	2	1	6
	AREA					AGE IN	YRS		
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+
Should						_			
Should Should not	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 27%	Kngs 27%	Man 25%	Qns 23%	StIsl 7%	18-29 23%	30-49 26%	50-64 25%	65+ 19%

26. Do you think race relations in New York City today are generally good or generally bad?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Good	50%	40%	55%	49%	57%	45%	54%	49%	50%
Bad	41	55	36	42	34	47	38	38	47
DK/NA	9	5	9	8	9	9	8	13	4
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	 Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29		50-64	65+
Good	48%	54%	54%	43%	53%	56%	48%	52%	49%
Bad	42	37	37	48	45	39	42	39	41
DK/NA	10	9	9	9	2	5	9	9	10

TREND: Do you think race relations in New York City today are generally good or generally bad?

	Aug 26 2014	-	Jan 16 2007		Apr 19 2000	Apr 08 1999
Good	50	59	57	37	30	35
Bad	41	32	31	55	63	53
DK/NA	9	9	12	9	7	12

27. Do you think race relations in New York City are getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Better	15%	6%	19%	13%	19%	12%	13%	22%	17%
Worse	31	54	26	30	28	34	35	25	29
Same	51	39	53	55	50	52	51	50	53
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	1
						AGE IN			
	AREA Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-49	50-64	65+
Better				Qns 10%	StIsl				
Better Worse	Brnx	Kngs	Man	~		18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
	Brnx 18%	Kngs	Man 16%	10%	9%	18-29 20%	30-49	50-64 14%	65+ 13%

TREND: Do you think race relations in New York City are getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Aug 26 2014	May 08 2008	Jan 16 2007	Jun 15 2000	Apr 19 2000	Apr 08 1999
Better	15	25	25	18	14	19
Worse	31	18	14	28	45	34
Same	51	55	58	53	40	44
DK/NA	2	2	3	1	1	3