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## POLL

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### **STRINGER ON TOP OF TOO-CLOSE-TO-CALL COMPTROLLER RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BIG RACIAL GAP, BUT NO GENDER GAP**

The Democratic primary for New York City Comptroller is too close to call, with 47 percent of likely primary voters for Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and 45 percent for former Gov. Eliot Spitzer, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 46 – 46 percent dead heat in an August 29 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University and a 56 – 37 percent Spitzer lead in an August 14 survey.

In today's survey, women likely Democratic primary voters go 46 percent for Stringer and 45 percent for Spitzer. Men go 49 percent for Stringer and 46 percent for Spitzer. Black voters back Spitzer 61 – 32 percent while white voters back Stringer 60 – 36 percent.

“The Democratic primary for New York City comptroller is no longer an Eliot Spitzer romp. Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer has made the comptroller race a nail-biter, too close to call,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Overwhelming support among black voters keeps Spitzer in the race. Stringer swamps him among white voters.”

From August 28 – September 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 750 likely Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 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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6. If the Democratic primary for City Comptroller were being held today, and the candidates were Eliot Spitzer and Scott Stringer, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Spitzer or Stringer (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS.....					AGE IN YRS		COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	<50	50+	Yes	No
Spitzer	45%	46%	45%	36%	61%	51%	42%	44%	47%
Stringer	47	49	46	60	32	43	49	52	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
DK/NA	7	5	9	3	7	5	9	4	10

	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				
	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ SmWht	Con	DEMOCRAT..... Strong	NotStrong
Spitzer	46%	48%	42%	50%	39%
Stringer	50	46	49	44	56
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1	-	-
DK/NA	5	6	8	6	6

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	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	Sep 04 2013	Aug 29 2013	Aug 14 2013	Jul 25 2013
Spitzer	45	46	56	49
Stringer	47	46	37	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	7	8	7	6

6a. (If candidate chosen q6) Will you definitely vote for (Candidate of choice q6), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for (Candidate not chosen q6)? IF CHANGE MIND: Would you say there's a good chance you'll change your mind, or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS		
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q6 Spitzr Stringer	
Def vote for cand	78%	74%	81%
Unlikely to change	7	6	7
Good chance change	13	17	9
DK/NA	2	2	3

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	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	Sep 04 2013	Aug 29 2013	Aug 14 2013	Jul 25 2013
Def vote for cand	78	75	70	67
Unlikely to change	7	7	10	12
Good chance change	13	15	18	19
DK/NA	2	3	2	3