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**BIG RACIAL GAP IN DE BLASIO BLOWOUT IN NEW YORK CITY,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
DEM TIES LHOTA ON TAXES AND LEADS EVERY OTHER MEASURE**

There are yawning racial gaps on many issues as Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, the Democratic candidate for New York City mayor, leads Republican candidate Joe Lhota on every measure except taxes and has a commanding 66 – 25 percent lead among likely voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll completed last night and released today.

Independence Party candidate Adolfo Carrion gets 2 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

De Blasio leads 52 – 40 percent among white voters, 90 – 3 percent among black voters and 68 – 18 percent among Hispanic voters. He leads 63 – 29 percent among men and 69 – 21 percent among women and has leads of 30 percent or higher among every income, education and age group.

Lhota's only lead is among Republicans, 79 – 15 percent, while de Blasio leads 82 – 11 percent among Democrats and 53 – 36 percent among independent voters.

Taxes is the only issue or character measure on which the candidates are close: If de Blasio wins, taxes will go up, 36 percent of voters say, while 6 percent say they will go down and 46 percent say they will be the same. If Lhota wins, taxes will go up, 36 percent of voters say, while 5 percent say they will go down and 44 percent say they will be the same.

"The same kind of coalition that won Public Advocate Bill de Blasio the Democratic primary is working for him in the general election campaign," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "He's OK among white voters and gang-busters among black and Hispanic voters.

"In these opening days of the campaign, Independence Party candidate Adolfo Carrion is no more than a footnote."

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New York City likely voters have a 63 - 21 percent favorable opinion of de Blasio.

Lhota gets a negative 30 – 35 percent favorability and 32 percent haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion.

For Carrion, 78 percent don't know enough to form an opinion.

“Republican candidate Joe Lhota's first job is to simply tell people who he is. About one third of voters don't know enough to say if they like him or not,” Carroll said.

Voters give Mayor Michael Bloomberg a 46 – 45 percent approval rating and say 61 – 30 percent that “the city needs to take a new direction from Mike Bloomberg.” There are wide racial gaps as white voters approve of Bloomberg 60 – 34 percent, while disapproval is 63 – 25 percent among black voters and 50 – 43 percent among Hispanic voters. Fifty percent of white voters want a “new direction,” compared to 77 percent of black voters and 68 percent of Hispanic voters.

Looking at de Blasio's qualities, New York City likely voters say:

- 64 – 16 percent that he's honest and trustworthy;
- 65 – 24 percent that he has the right kind of experience to be mayor;
- 67 – 23 percent that he understands their problems;
- 67 – 18 percent that he has strong leadership qualities.

Looking at Lhota's qualities, voters say:

- 39 – 29 percent that he's honest and trustworthy;
- 47 – 35 percent that he has the right kind of experience to be mayor;
- 51 – 30 percent that he does not understand their problems;
- 47 – 28 percent that he has strong leadership qualities.

Voters say 50 – 27 percent that de Blasio would do a better job than Lhota keeping them safe and say 61 – 17 percent that the Democrat would do a better job improving public schools.

Stop and frisk is excessive and harasses innocent people, 55 percent of voters say, while 39 percent say it is an acceptable way to make New York City safer. Again, there is a huge racial divide on this question.

The New York Police Department has treated Muslims appropriately, 50 percent of voters say, while 33 percent say police have unfairly targeted Muslims.

From September 15 – 18, Quinnipiac University surveyed 891 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 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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1. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, Joe Lhota the Republican, and Adolfo Carrion, the Independence Party candidate, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward de Blasio, Lhota, or Carrion? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	66%	15%	82%	53%	63%	69%	52%	90%	68%
Lhota	25	79	11	36	29	21	40	3	18
Carrion	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1
DK/NA	6	5	4	8	5	8	6	6	6

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
de Blasio	67%	66%	70%	74%	63%	69%	71%	65%	
Lhota	24	25	20	21	31	26	23	24	
Carrion	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	
DK/NA	7	6	6	2	4	3	3	8	

	DIRECTION Q14		STOP AND FRISK Q20	
	New	Same	Exc	Acctbl
de Blasio	79%	40%	84%	43%
Lhota	15	47	8	48
Carrion	1	3	1	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1
DK/NA	4	8	6	5

2. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	63%	23%	75%	51%	62%	64%	51%	84%	52%
Unfavorable	21	64	11	29	25	17	35	5	11
Hvn't hrd enough	14	13	12	19	12	16	12	7	32
REFUSED	2	-	2	1	1	3	1	4	5

3. Is your opinion of Joe Lhota favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	30%	74%	18%	42%	33%	28%	47%	13%	14%
Unfavorable	35	12	43	27	39	32	32	44	31
Hvn't hrd enough	32	14	36	30	26	37	19	41	50
REFUSED	3	-	4	1	2	4	2	2	5

4. Is your opinion of Adolfo Carrion favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	9%	8%	11%	4%	10%	9%	7%	10%	14%
Unfavorable	10	11	10	9	11	9	8	10	12
Hvn't hrd enough	78	79	76	86	77	79	84	77	69
REFUSED	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	6

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling his job as Mayor?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	46%	58%	42%	52%	49%	45%	60%	25%	43%
Disapprove	45	41	49	39	42	48	34	63	50
DK/NA	8	1	8	9	9	7	6	12	7
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	53%	41%	35%	43%	63%	46%	44%	51%	
Disapprove	40	50	56	48	34	53	50	38	
DK/NA	7	9	9	9	3	1	6	11	

6. (INTRO Q6-13: Now, I'd like to ask whether you think each of these qualities describes each candidate in the election for mayor.) Would you say that Bill de Blasio - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	64%	37%	73%	54%	66%	63%	65%	72%	57%
No	16	50	9	22	19	15	22	10	12
DK/NA	20	13	18	24	16	23	13	19	32
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	67%	61%	64%	72%	67%	68%	62%	66%	
No	16	17	14	15	20	14	19	15	
DK/NA	17	22	22	13	14	18	19	18	

7. Do you think Bill de Blasio - has the right kind of experience to be Mayor of New York City or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	65%	39%	74%	53%	66%	64%	56%	80%	72%
No	24	57	15	33	26	22	37	8	13
DK/NA	12	3	11	14	9	14	7	12	15
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	61%	67%	74%	68%	60%	75%	66%	62%	
No	27	21	17	22	32	17	23	25	
DK/NA	11	12	10	10	8	8	10	13	

8. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - understands the problems of people like you or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	67%	29%	78%	58%	66%	68%	60%	81%	67%
No	23	65	11	38	26	21	36	9	14
DK/NA	10	6	11	5	8	11	5	9	19
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	68%	66%	73%	72%	65%	74%	71%	67%	
No	24	22	17	21	31	20	20	24	
DK/NA	8	11	9	7	4	7	9	9	

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	67%	41%	78%	56%	65%	69%	57%	83%	79%
No	18	46	10	28	22	15	29	8	6
DK/NA	14	13	12	15	12	16	14	9	15
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	64%	70%	72%	74%	61%	81%	69%	64%	
No	20	17	15	17	25	12	19	19	
DK/NA	16	13	13	9	14	7	12	17	

10. Would you say that Joe Lhota - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	39%	66%	32%	46%	43%	35%	57%	20%	26%
No	29	18	33	23	33	26	20	38	40
DK/NA	32	17	35	30	24	40	23	41	34
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	43%	35%	30%	41%	50%	49%	36%	37%	
No	28	30	32	35	25	32	37	24	
DK/NA	29	35	38	24	24	19	27	39	

11. Do you think Joe Lhota - has the right kind of experience to be Mayor of New York City or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	47%	77%	37%	60%	51%	43%	62%	27%	38%
No	35	16	43	24	37	33	25	52	39
DK/NA	18	7	20	16	12	24	13	21	23
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	52%	43%	35%	46%	62%	53%	47%	43%	
No	32	37	40	40	30	37	37	34	
DK/NA	16	20	25	14	9	11	16	22	

12. Would you say that Joe Lhota - understands the problems of people like you or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	30%	75%	18%	44%	32%	28%	44%	15%	23%
No	51	21	60	40	54	48	40	64	54
DK/NA	19	4	22	15	14	24	17	20	23
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	31%	30%	24%	27%	39%	40%	28%	29%	
No	50	51	52	60	46	49	55	49	
DK/NA	19	19	23	13	15	11	17	22	

13. Would you say that Joe Lhota - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	47%	81%	39%	53%	49%	46%	61%	26%	47%
No	28	10	34	21	32	25	18	41	31
DK/NA	25	9	26	26	20	29	21	33	22
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	50%	45%	40%	48%	55%	53%	51%	43%	
No	27	29	31	33	25	32	29	26	
DK/NA	23	27	30	19	20	15	20	31	

14. Which comes closer to your point of view, would you say the city needs to take a new direction from Mike Bloomberg's, or the city should continue in the direction in which Mike Bloomberg has been leading?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
New direction	61%	48%	68%	51%	58%	64%	50%	77%	68%
Bloomberg direction	30	47	24	38	32	28	43	10	25
BOTH (VOL)	5	3	4	7	5	4	5	6	5
DK/NA	4	1	5	4	4	4	3	7	2

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....							
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
New direction	55%	66%	72%	67%	51%	63%	65%	59%
Bloomberg direction	36	25	20	24	43	30	27	33
BOTH (VOL)	5	4	4	3	5	3	3	6
DK/NA	4	5	4	5	1	4	5	3

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New direction	76%	45%
Bloomberg direction	16	48
BOTH (VOL)	5	4
DK/NA	3	3

15. Regardless of who you support in the election for mayor, do you think - Bill de Blasio or Joe Lhota would do a better job keeping you and your family safe?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	50%	15%	61%	38%	50%	50%	38%	69%	57%
Lhota	27	80	14	39	32	24	43	6	23
DK/NA	23	5	24	23	18	27	19	25	20

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....							
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
de Blasio	51%	49%	53%	58%	47%	58%	52%	48%
Lhota	28	27	23	24	36	27	30	25
DK/NA	22	23	24	18	17	15	18	27

16. Regardless of who you support in the election for mayor, do you think - Bill de Blasio or Joe Lhota would do a better job improving the public schools?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	61%	20%	74%	49%	62%	61%	53%	74%	64%
Lhota	17	60	8	26	21	15	28	6	15
DK/NA	21	21	19	25	17	25	20	20	21

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								HvKids
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	InPubSch
de Blasio	61%	61%	66%	65%	62%	69%	61%	61%	69%
Lhota	17	18	13	16	24	16	18	18	10
DK/NA	21	22	20	19	14	15	21	22	21

17. If Bill de Blasio is elected Mayor, do you think your taxes will go up, go down, or stay about the same?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Go up	36%	68%	27%	45%	40%	34%	47%	26%	23%
Go down	6	2	8	5	4	8	4	14	4
Stay about the same	46	25	53	42	46	46	42	48	58
DK/NA	11	4	11	8	9	12	8	12	16
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Go up	42%	32%	28%	34%	50%	29%	38%	38%	
Go down	4	8	10	4	3	5	8	5	
Stay about the same	47	46	51	57	42	59	47	43	
DK/NA	8	14	11	5	5	6	7	14	

18. If Joe Lhota is elected Mayor, do you think your taxes will go up, go down, or stay about the same?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Go up	36%	23%	42%	28%	33%	39%	24%	57%	41%
Go down	5	4	4	7	4	5	6	1	4
Stay about the same	44	65	38	52	51	38	59	25	32
DK/NA	15	7	16	13	12	18	11	16	23
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Go up	31%	40%	43%	43%	26%	38%	36%	36%	
Go down	6	4	7	2	4	9	5	2	
Stay about the same	53	37	33	44	63	43	49	40	
DK/NA	10	19	18	10	6	10	10	21	

19. When Michael Bloomberg leaves office, do you think that the next mayor should retain complete control of the public schools or share control of the public schools with other elected leaders?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Retain control	24%	32%	22%	28%	35%	15%	30%	17%	21%
Share control	69	64	71	65	58	78	61	78	71
DK/NA	7	4	7	7	8	7	9	5	8
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HvKids InPubSch
Retain control	30%	19%	17%	22%	37%	24%	26%	23%	21%
Share control	63	73	77	72	57	73	68	67	74
DK/NA	7	7	6	5	6	4	6	9	5

20. As you may know, there is a police practice known as stop and frisk, where police stop and question a person they suspect of wrongdoing and, if necessary, search that person. Do you think stop and frisk is excessive and innocent people are being harassed, or do you think stop and frisk is an acceptable way to make New York City safer?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excessive	55%	17%	63%	52%	51%	58%	43%	74%	54%
Acceptable	39	81	30	44	41	38	52	17	42
DK/NA	6	2	7	4	8	4	5	9	4
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Excessive	59%	52%	57%	57%	58%	57%	59%	54%	
Acceptable	35	43	40	39	37	41	35	39	
DK/NA	6	5	4	4	6	3	6	6	

21. Do you think the New York City Police Department has unfairly targeted Muslims to combat terrorism or has acted appropriately?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Unfair	33%	13%	38%	32%	34%	32%	25%	42%	29%
Appropriate	50	82	44	50	54	46	62	33	57
DK/NA	17	6	18	18	12	21	14	24	15
	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Unfair	38%	29%	33%	39%	37%	49%	34%	29%	
Appropriate	47	52	51	46	50	44	50	50	
DK/NA	15	19	16	15	14	8	17	21	