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**NYC MAYOR'S RACE: MAMDANI 43%, CUOMO 33%,
SLIWA 14%, UNDECIDED 6%,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NEW YORK CITY POLL FINDS;
STARK GENERATIONAL DIVIDE AMONG NYC'S LIKELY VOTERS**

In the final days of the race to become New York City's next mayor, Democratic candidate Zohran Mamdani leads with 43 percent support among likely voters, independent candidate Andrew Cuomo receives 33 percent support, and Republican candidate Curtis Sliwa receives 14 percent support, while 6 percent are undecided and 3 percent refuse to respond, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University New York City poll of likely voters released today.

This compares to Quinnipiac University's October 9 poll when Mamdani received 46 percent support among likely voters, Cuomo received 33 percent support, Sliwa received 15 percent support, 3 percent were undecided, and 2 percent refused to respond.

In today's poll, among Democrats, 59 percent back Mamdani, 31 percent back Cuomo, 4 percent back Sliwa, 3 percent are undecided, and 2 percent refuse to respond.

Among Republicans, 45 percent back Cuomo, 44 percent back Sliwa, 5 percent back Mamdani, and 5 percent are undecided.

Among independents, 34 percent back Cuomo, 34 percent back Mamdani, 18 percent back Sliwa, 10 percent are undecided, and 4 percent refuse to respond.

"The candidates have made their case, early voting is underway, Zohran Mamdani has a 10-point lead over Andrew Cuomo with Curtis Sliwa a distant third, but one wildcard remains. The percentage of likely voters not weighing in has increased a bit since earlier this month, suggesting there's room for movement in the final stretch," said Mary Snow, Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director.

AGE BREAKDOWN

There is a divide among New York City's likely voters by age:

- 18 to 34 year olds: 64 percent back Mamdani, 20 percent back Cuomo, 7 percent back Sliwa, and 8 percent are undecided;
- 35 to 49 year olds: 50 percent back Mamdani, 25 percent back Cuomo, 13 percent back Sliwa, and 7 percent are undecided;
- 50 to 64 year olds: 41 percent back Cuomo, 35 percent back Mamdani, 17 percent back Sliwa, and 3 percent are undecided;
- 65 years of age and over: 39 percent back Cuomo, 33 percent back Mamdani, 19 percent back Sliwa, and 4 percent are undecided.

“Mamdani is the clear favorite among younger voters while the race is much closer among voters 50 and over as Cuomo and Sliwa fare better among older voters,” added Snow.

MINDS MADE UP

Likely voters were asked how likely it is that they will change their minds about their choice for mayor before the election:

Among likely voters backing Mamdani, 92 percent say it is either not so likely (15 percent) or not likely at all (77 percent) that they will change their minds, while 7 percent say it is either somewhat likely (6 percent) or very likely (1 percent).

Among likely voters backing Cuomo, 90 percent say it is either not so likely (15 percent) or not likely at all (75 percent) that they will change their minds, while 9 percent say it is either somewhat likely (7 percent) or very likely (2 percent).

Among likely voters backing Sliwa, 81 percent say it is either not so likely (15 percent) or not likely at all (66 percent) that they will change their minds, while 19 percent say it is either somewhat likely (15 percent) or very likely (4 percent).

FAVORABILITY RATINGS

Likely voters were asked whether they had a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the candidates:

- Zohran Mamdani: 45 percent favorable, 41 percent unfavorable, 11 percent haven’t heard enough about him;
- Andrew Cuomo: 34 percent favorable, 54 percent unfavorable, 8 percent haven’t heard enough about him;
- Curtis Sliwa: 29 percent favorable, 38 percent unfavorable, 30 percent haven’t heard enough about him.

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

Given a list of nine issues and asked which is the most important one in deciding who to vote for in the election for NYC mayor, 26 percent of likely voters say crime, 19 percent say affordable housing, 13 percent say inflation, and 10 percent say health care, with no other issue reaching double digits.

Among Democrats, affordable housing (25 percent) tops the list, followed by crime (18 percent), inflation (13 percent), and health care (11 percent), with no other issue reaching double digits.

Among Republicans, crime (52 percent) tops the list, followed by inflation (10 percent), with no other issue reaching double digits.

Among independents, crime (28 percent) tops the list, followed by inflation (16 percent), affordable housing (15 percent), and health care (11 percent), with no other issue reaching double digits.

911 New York City likely voters were surveyed from October 23rd – 27th with a margin of error of +/- 4.0 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. If the election for mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo running as an independent candidate, Zohran Mamdani the Democrat, and Curtis Sliwa the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES ALREADY VOTED AND LEANERS)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Cuomo	33%	45%	31%	34%	32%	34%	39%	33%	30%	22%
Mamdani	43	5	59	34	45	41	34	48	43	61
Sliwa	14	44	4	18	18	11	19	6	13	11
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	6	5	3	10	3	9	4	10	12	4
REFUSED	3	-	2	4	1	5	3	3	2	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Cuomo	32%	38%	29%	31%	27%	20%	25%	41%	39%	
Mamdani	44	39	52	42	33	64	50	35	33	
Sliwa	16	13	8	17	29	7	13	17	19	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
UNDECIDED (VOL)	8	6	6	5	4	8	7	3	4	
REFUSED	-	3	4	4	3	-	4	3	3	

	RELIGION.....				
	Prot	Cath	Jewish	Other	None
Cuomo	44%	33%	60%	28%	18%
Mamdani	36	28	16	50	71
Sliwa	17	31	12	8	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	3	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	3	4	8	10	4
REFUSED	-	5	1	4	-

	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO YOUR VOTE Q5		
	Inflation	Affordable Housing	Crime
Cuomo	32%	17%	53%
Mamdani	46	76	8
Sliwa	15	3	31
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	5	1	5
REFUSED	2	2	2

	1stTime VoteMayor	Alrdy Voted	NtAlrdy Voted
Cuomo	26%	27%	33%
Mamdani	55	53	42
Sliwa	7	12	15
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	11	-	7
REFUSED	1	8	3
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1 cont'd. If the election for mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo running as an independent candidate, Zohran Mamdani the Democrat, and Curtis Sliwa the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES ALREADY VOTED AND LEANERS)

LIKELY VOTERS.....			
HOW LONG LIVED IN NYC..			
	Whole	Over10	10orFewer
	Life	Years	Years
Cuomo	34%	33%	23%
Mamdani	36	46	68
Sliwa	19	12	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	6	7	6
REFUSED	4	2	-

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (candidate of choice), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

LIKELY VOTERS.....				
CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....				
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1....			
	Tot	Cuomo	Mamdani	Sliwa
Very enthusiastic	47%	34%	54%	58%
Smwht enthusiastic	37	37	39	31
Not so enthusiastic	9	15	5	5
Not enthus at all	5	11	-	5
DK/NA	3	4	2	2

1b. (If candidate chosen q1) How likely is it that you will change your mind about your choice for mayor before the election; very likely, somewhat likely, not so likely, or not likely at all?

LIKELY VOTERS.....				
CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....				
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1....			
	Tot	Cuomo	Mamdani	Sliwa
Very likely	2%	2%	1%	4%
Somewhat likely	8	7	6	15
Not so likely	15	15	15	15
Not likely at all	75	75	77	66
DK/NA	1	2	1	-

1c. (If candidate chosen q1 and not already voted) Who is your second choice?

LIKELY VOTERS.....				
CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1 & NOT YET VOTED				
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1....			
	Tot	Cuomo	Mamdani	Sliwa
Cuomo	21%	-	27%	55%
Mamdani	8	20	-	7
Sliwa	22	38	16	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	6	7	8	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	24	20	29	17
REFUSED	18	15	19	20

2. Is your opinion of Zohran Mamdani favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Favorable	45%	5%	59%	41%	45%	45%	35%	53%	48%	59%
Unfavorable	41	89	26	45	44	37	59	20	37	24
Hvn't hrd enough	11	6	11	14	9	14	4	24	13	14
REFUSED	3	-	3	1	2	3	3	2	3	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Favorable	46%	40%	56%	46%	31%	62%	52%	42%	33%	
Unfavorable	37	45	32	39	64	25	35	48	47	
Hvn't hrd enough	14	12	8	14	2	12	10	9	16	
REFUSED	2	3	4	1	3	1	4	1	5	

	RELIGION.....				
	Prot	Cath	Jewish	Other	None
Favorable	38%	32%	15%	54%	70%
Unfavorable	49	55	75	25	21
Hvn't hrd enough	12	9	8	18	8
REFUSED	1	4	2	3	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Favorable	29%	62%	21%	30%	36%	24%	37%	23%	25%	25%
Unfavorable	38	16	46	37	36	40	42	37	33	33
Hvn't hrd enough	30	21	30	32	26	33	19	38	39	39
REFUSED	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	3

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Favorable	28%	26%	23%	36%	44%	16%	20%	44%	40%	
Unfavorable	35	38	46	33	38	32	47	34	41	
Hvn't hrd enough	34	32	28	29	14	50	30	21	17	
REFUSED	3	3	3	1	4	2	3	1	3	

	RELIGION.....				
	Prot	Cath	Jewish	Other	None
Favorable	28%	47%	31%	26%	18%
Unfavorable	46	28	37	32	48
Hvn't hrd enough	24	23	29	38	32
REFUSED	1	2	4	5	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Favorable	34%	32%	36%	34%	30%	37%	30%	49%	38%	23%
Unfavorable	54	51	56	51	61	47	63	33	48	60
Hvn't hrd enough	8	13	6	10	6	10	4	13	6	15
REFUSED	4	4	2	5	2	6	3	5	8	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Favorable	42%	34%	28%	33%	32%	16%	24%	42%	51%	
Unfavorable	47	53	62	51	55	68	66	50	38	
Hvn't hrd enough	9	9	4	12	3	15	7	4	6	
REFUSED	2	3	5	4	10	1	3	4	6	

	RELIGION.....					
	Prot	Cath	Jewish	Other	None	
Favorable	50%	36%	39%	33%	24%	
Unfavorable	44	54	50	44	68	
Hvn't hrd enough	4	6	7	16	7	
REFUSED	3	5	4	7	2	

5. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding who to vote for in the election for mayor: inflation, unemployment, homelessness, immigration, health care, racial inequality, schools, affordable housing, or crime?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Inflation	13%	10%	13%	16%	13%	13%	9%	11%	15%	17%
Unemployment	3	4	2	6	6	1	1	4	5	8
Homelessness	4	5	4	5	3	5	3	7	7	4
Immigration	6	8	5	6	5	6	6	5	4	8
Health care	10	3	11	11	5	14	9	15	7	9
Racial inequality	6	2	9	3	5	7	3	10	7	9
Schools	6	7	5	7	5	8	6	3	9	7
Affordable housing	19	6	25	15	21	17	18	26	17	16
Crime	26	52	18	28	29	23	37	9	24	18
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	4	3	4	3	5	3	4	6	4	-
DK/NA	3	-	4	1	4	2	3	3	1	3

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Inflation	17%	11%	7%	18%	14%	13%	12%	16%	8%
Unemployment	4	3	2	5	1	4	5	2	3
Homelessness	5	2	8	4	3	4	4	3	7
Immigration	2	6	4	8	9	5	5	9	4
Health care	9	9	10	10	15	7	11	7	13
Racial inequality	9	6	4	6	8	5	5	9	6
Schools	4	6	10	4	8	6	8	5	3
Affordable housing	16	21	24	15	9	30	24	12	15
Crime	23	31	22	23	33	22	21	30	31
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	9	4	3	3	1	1	4	4	5
DK/NA	2	1	6	4	-	2	2	3	4

	RELIGION.....				
	Prot	Cath	Jewish	Other	None
Inflation	16%	19%	4%	13%	15%
Unemployment	7	3	1	4	4
Homelessness	3	5	2	5	5
Immigration	6	7	3	4	7
Health care	13	8	7	8	11
Racial inequality	12	5	3	7	6
Schools	3	3	8	8	7
Affordable housing	12	15	16	23	26
Crime	23	33	48	18	15
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	3	2	7	6	2
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	2