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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## **NEW YORK CITY VOTERS SMILE FOR THE SECURITY CAMERAS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; WORRIED ABOUT TERRORISM, BUT WON'T CHANGE THEIR LIFE**

New York City voters support 82 – 14 percent the increased use of surveillance cameras in public spaces, with support among black and Hispanic voters even higher, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for more cameras is 80 – 16 percent among white voters, 86 – 12 percent among black voters and 88 – 12 percent among Hispanic voters, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Women support more cameras 86 – 11 percent, compared to 78 – 19 percent for men. There is very little partisan gap as Democrats support cameras 85 – 12 percent, while Republicans support them 86 – 13 percent, with 78 – 18 percent support among independent voters.

A total of 62 percent of New York City voters are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” there will be another terrorist attack in the city.

But even after the Boston Marathon bombings, 87 percent of voters say they live their day-to-day life as usual while 12 percent say they have made some changes. Among those who say they are “very worried” about another terrorist attack, 27 percent say they have made some changes in their daily lives.

“Most New Yorkers think another terrorist attack like the Boston Marathon bombing is likely. But overwhelmingly they’re not making any changes in their lives because of it,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Smile, you’re on a New York City surveillance camera, and voters would like to see more of them.”

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New York City voters approve 75 – 15 percent of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling terror, much better than his 50 – 42 percent overall job approval rating.

Voters say 79 – 14 percent the New York Police Department has been effective in combatting terrorism, with a strong thumbs up from every group. Overall, voters approve 61 – 31 percent of the job police are doing. Black voters disapprove 47 – 41 percent, while approval is 75 – 19 percent among white voters and 61 – 31 percent among Hispanic voters.

The NYPD exceeded its authority with surveillance of Muslims in New Jersey, 26 percent of city voters say, while 32 percent say the measure was necessary to protect the city, with 37 percent offering no opinion.

The government should not violate basic civil liberties to prevent terrorism, 70 percent of New York City voters say, while 24 percent say the government should do whatever it takes, even if civil liberties are violated.

New York City voters are divided on the issue of stop-and-frisk, with 46 percent of voters approving and 49 percent disapproving. There is a large racial divide as white voters approve 60 – 35 percent while disapproval is 67 – 28 percent among black voters and 58 – 38 percent among Hispanic voters.

Voters support 68 – 26 percent creating the position of inspector general to independently monitor the NYPD. The only group opposed is Republicans 52 – 39 percent.

Only 9 percent of voters say having an inspector general will make the city less safe, while 44 percent say it will make the city safer, with 42 percent who say it won't make a difference.

“We think our cops have been effective keeping us terror-free, and we think they do a good job overall. But we're mixed on stop-and-frisk, with a big racial split: white voters are for it; black and Hispanic voters are opposed,” Carroll said.

“The most important proposal that's come out of the stop-and-frisk controversy, the idea of an inspector general for the Police Department, gets heavy support, overwhelming among black New Yorkers.”

From May 14 – 20, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,082 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 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, Iowa and the nation as a public service and for research.

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	50%	49%	51%	53%	54%	47%	51%	44%	54%
Disapprove	42	46	43	40	39	45	43	45	39
DK/NA	8	5	7	6	7	8	6	12	7

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	58%	45%	46%	48%	62%	51%	53%	49%
Disapprove	36	47	46	46	32	44	40	42
DK/NA	6	9	8	6	6	5	7	9

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	52%	41%	60%	55%	32%
Disapprove	40	48	33	40	61
DK/NA	8	11	7	4	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling his job as Mayor? (\*High also 75% Oct 3 2008, Mar 2008, Jan 2007 & Nov 2005)

	May 23 2013	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 20 2012	APPROVE..... High Oct 21 2008*	Low Jul 02 2003
Approve	50	50	53	56	56	75	31
Disapprove	42	43	40	37	34	20	60
DK/NA	8	7	6	7	10	6	8

13. Do you support or oppose raising the minimum age for buying cigarettes from 18 to 21 in New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	69%	66%	73%	66%	66%	72%	68%	74%	75%
Oppose	27	28	24	30	30	24	28	23	22
DK/NA	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	2

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Support	66%	72%	75%	69%	61%	60%	72%	74%
Oppose	29	25	22	28	35	38	26	21
DK/NA	5	3	3	4	5	3	2	5

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	SmokesQ14	HvKids<18
Support	68%	72%	75%	61%	71%	63%	76%
Oppose	26	25	19	37	23	33	23
DK/NA	6	3	5	2	6	4	1

14. Have you, yourself, smoked any cigarettes in the past week?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	17%	13%	17%	18%	18%	16%	16%	13%	28%
No	83	87	83	82	81	84	84	87	72
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+
Yes	8%	23%	25%
No	92	76	74
DK/NA	-	1	1

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Yes	21%	14%	16%	16%	31%
No	77	86	84	84	69
DK/NA	2	-	-	-	-

TREND: Have you, yourself, smoked any cigarettes in the past week?

	May 23 2013	Feb 2 2006	Oct 22 2003	Nov 22 2002	Apr 5 2001
Yes	17	17	20	20	23
No	83	83	79	80	77
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City police are doing their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	61%	86%	55%	70%	66%	57%	75%	41%	61%
Disapprove	31	13	36	25	25	36	19	47	31
DK/NA	8	1	8	5	9	7	5	12	9

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+
Approve	64%	60%	55%
Disapprove	29	32	36
DK/NA	8	8	8

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	56%	59%	61%	62%	80%
Disapprove	32	30	31	35	16
DK/NA	11	10	9	3	3

	WORRIED ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON NYC Q31.....
	Very SmWht NotWorried
Approve	60%
Disapprove	34
DK/NA	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City police are doing their job?

	May 23 2013	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 21 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 7 2002	Low Apr 20 2000
Approve	61	60	61	70	62	76	43
Disapprove	31	32	31	23	31	18	48
DK/NA	8	8	7	7	7	6	9

16. 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 approve or disapprove of this police practice?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	46%	88%	37%	56%	50%	43%	60%	28%	38%
Disapprove	49	12	58	42	45	52	35	67	58
DK/NA	5	1	6	2	5	5	5	4	4

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	46%	46%	41%	48%	50%	40%	46%	51%
Disapprove	49	49	53	48	46	58	50	44
DK/NA	5	5	6	4	4	2	5	5

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	44%	45%	40%	51%	60%
Disapprove	52	50	54	45	33
DK/NA	4	5	5	4	8

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ATTACK ON NYC Q31.....  
Very SmWht NotWorried

Approve	55%	47%	40%
Disapprove	41	48	55
DK/NA	4	5	4

TREND: 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 approve or disapprove of this police practice? (\*High also 46% Mar 2012, Jan 2013)

	May 23 2013	Apr 11 2013	Feb 28 2013	Jan 17 2013	Nov 21 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High May 23 2013	Low Feb 28 2013
Approve	46	43	39	46	42	46	39
Disapprove	49	51	55	50	53	49	55
DK/NA	5	6	6	4	5	5	6

17. Do you support or oppose creating the position of inspector general to independently monitor the New York City Police Department?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	68%	39%	74%	65%	67%	68%	55%	85%	74%
Oppose	26	52	20	32	28	24	37	11	21
DK/NA	6	9	6	4	4	8	7	4	5

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Support	67%	68%	74%	72%	60%	84%	66%	60%
Oppose	26	26	22	23	33	12	29	33
DK/NA	7	5	4	5	7	4	5	7

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Support	71%	71%	66%	65%	63%
Oppose	26	24	26	28	32
DK/NA	4	6	8	7	5

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ATTACK ON NYC Q31.....  
Very SmWht NotWorried

Support	72%	61%	72%
Oppose	24	33	22
DK/NA	4	6	6

TREND: Do you support or oppose creating the position of inspector general to independently monitor the New York City Police Department?

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Support	68	66
Oppose	26	25
DK/NA	6	9

18. Do you think having an inspector general to monitor the New York City Police Department would make New York City more safe, less safe, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More safe	44%	25%	48%	40%	43%	44%	31%	58%	54%
Less safe	9	27	3	15	12	6	16	2	3
No difference	42	41	43	42	40	43	47	34	40
DK/NA	6	6	6	3	4	7	6	6	3

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL HSHOLD <50K	ANNUAL HSHOLD 50-100	ANNUAL HSHOLD >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
More safe	39%	47%	53%	42%	34%	54%	45%	36%
Less safe	9	9	6	9	11	3	9	12
No difference	47	38	36	45	49	39	41	45
DK/NA	6	6	5	5	5	4	5	6

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
More safe	45%	46%	42%	46%	30%
Less safe	8	10	6	7	16
No difference	40	41	47	39	45
DK/NA	7	4	5	8	9

	Very	SmWht	NotWorried
More safe	50%	37%	46%
Less safe	10	11	5
No difference	35	46	43
DK/NA	5	6	5

TREND: Do you think having an inspector general to monitor the New York City Police Department would make New York City more safe, less safe, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	May 23 2013	Apr 11 2013
More safe	44	43
Less safe	9	8
No difference	42	43
DK/NA	6	7

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling terrorism?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	75%	76%	76%	78%	78%	72%	78%	73%	72%
Disapprove	15	16	14	12	12	17	13	14	19
DK/NA	11	8	10	10	10	11	9	12	9

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+
Approve	82%	70%	66%
Disapprove	7	20	22
DK/NA	10	11	12

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	73%	69%	80%	78%	73%
Disapprove	23	16	9	13	19
DK/NA	4	15	11	9	9

	WORRIED ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON NYC Q31.....
	Very SmWht NotWorried
Approve	67%
Disapprove	23
DK/NA	10

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling terrorism? (\*is handling the threat of terrorism?)

	May 23 2013	May 24 2010	Feb 3 2006	Jul 20 2005	Feb 28 2003*
Approve	75	71	70	62	60
Disapprove	15	18	17	23	27
DK/NA	11	10	13	15	13



28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling terrorism?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	71%	26%	85%	61%	72%	69%	59%	88%	77%
Disapprove	22	68	8	33	23	22	36	6	14
DK/NA	7	6	7	7	5	8	5	6	9

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+
Approve	73%	69%	73%
Disapprove	20	24	19
DK/NA	7	7	8

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	77%	66%	78%	71%	49%
Disapprove	17	29	13	21	43
DK/NA	6	5	9	8	8

	WORRIED ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON NYC Q31.....
	Very SmWht NotWorried
Approve	65%
Disapprove	29
DK/NA	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling terrorism?

	May 23 2013	May 12 2011	May 24 2010
Approve	71	78	65
Disapprove	22	19	29
DK/NA	7	4	5

29. Do you think the New York City Police Department has been effective in combating terrorism or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	79%	84%	81%	79%	84%	76%	84%	78%	74%
No	14	13	13	16	12	16	11	13	21
DK/NA	6	4	6	5	5	8	4	10	5

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+
Yes	86%	75%	74%
No	9	18	20
DK/NA	5	7	7

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Yes	76%	77%	83%	81%	79%
No	20	15	10	14	16
DK/NA	4	8	7	5	4

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ATTACK ON NYC Q31.....  
Very SmWht NotWorried

Yes	76%	83%	78%
No	20	10	15
DK/NA	4	7	6

TREND: Do you think the New York City Police Department has been effective in combating terrorism or don't you think so?

	May 23 2013	Mar 13 2012	Feb 09 2012
Yes	79	82	77
No	14	14	16
DK/NA	6	4	7

30. Do you think New York City police surveillance of Muslims in New Jersey exceeded their authority or was necessary to protect New York City, or don't you have an opinion about that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Exceeded authority	26%	6%	29%	27%	26%	25%	25%	28%	23%
Necessary/Protect	32	64	24	39	38	28	40	23	28
No opinion	37	30	42	31	31	42	32	45	44
DK/NA	4	-	5	4	5	4	3	4	5

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL HSHOLD <50K	ANNUAL HSHOLD 50-100	ANNUAL HSHOLD >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Exceeded authority	36%	18%	20%	30%	34%	26%	27%	25%
Necessary/Protect	31	33	28	38	34	23	38	33
No opinion	28	44	49	28	25	46	31	37
DK/NA	5	4	2	4	7	4	3	5

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Exceeded authority	22%	28%	32%	21%	16%
Necessary/Protect	29	32	28	34	55
No opinion	45	36	38	38	26
DK/NA	5	4	3	7	3

	WORRIED ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON NYC Q31..... Very	WORRIED ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON NYC Q31..... SmWht	WORRIED ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON NYC Q31..... NotWorried
Exceeded authority	10%	26%	36%
Necessary/Protect	41	36	23
No opinion	43	35	36
DK/NA	6	3	5

31. How worried are you about another terrorist attack in New York City; very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very worried	24%	32%	23%	23%	18%	29%	21%	25%	34%
Somewhat worried	38	41	36	45	37	38	46	30	28
Not too worried	26	16	29	21	29	23	22	29	27
Not worried at all	12	11	12	11	16	8	10	16	11
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL HSHOLD <50K	ANNUAL HSHOLD 50-100	ANNUAL HSHOLD >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Very worried	18%	29%	30%	21%	18%	23%	25%	25%
Somewhat worried	43	34	32	42	45	30	41	39
Not too worried	28	24	24	27	27	38	21	22
Not worried at all	10	13	13	10	11	9	13	13
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Very worried	29%	23%	21%	27%	21%
Somewhat worried	33	41	36	35	48
Not too worried	28	25	27	24	23
Not worried at all	9	10	15	14	7
DK/NA	-	1	1	1	2

TREND: How worried are you about another terrorist attack in New York City, very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried or not worried at all? (\*asked 3/18/03 & 3/19/03 before bombing of Baghdad) (\*\*asked 3/22/03 & 3/23/03 after bombing had begun)

	May 23 2013	May 12 2011	May 24 2010	Feb 3 2006	Apr 10 2003	Mar 25 2003**	Mar 25 2003*
Very worried	24	24	35	23	29	33	42
Smwht worried	38	43	34	40	37	34	33
Not too worried	26	22	20	22	21	16	16
Not worried at all	12	10	11	14	13	15	8
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1

32. As a result of the Boston Marathon bombings, have you or members of your family gone about day-to-day life as usual or have you made some changes?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Life as usual	87%	82%	88%	90%	91%	84%	94%	85%	76%
Made some changes	12	18	12	10	8	15	5	15	21
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	4

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Life as usual	91%	84%	82%	92%	94%	89%	86%	87%
Made some changes	8	14	16	8	6	10	14	11
DK/NA	-	2	2	1	-	1	-	1

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Life as usual	82%	86%	93%	86%	85%
Made some changes	15	12	7	14	11
DK/NA	3	1	-	-	4

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Life as usual	72%	93%	91%
Made some changes	27	7	7
DK/NA	1	-	2

33. Which comes closer to your view; A) the government should take all steps necessary to prevent additional acts of terrorism in the United States even if it means your basic civil liberties would be violated; or B) the government should take steps to prevent additional acts of terrorism but not if those would violate your basic civil liberties?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A) All steps	24%	39%	24%	20%	20%	27%	26%	21%	23%
B) Shldn't violate civil liberties	70	60	71	74	75	67	69	75	68
DK/NA	6	1	5	6	5	7	5	5	8

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	Rep No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN YRS 18-34	35-54	55+
A) All steps	23%	24%	21%	28%	24%	18%	25%	28%
B) Shldn't violate civil liberties	72	69	72	68	72	81	72	63
DK/NA	4	7	7	3	3	2	4	9

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
A) All steps	18%	22%	22%	29%	33%
B) Shldn't violate civil liberties	73	73	73	64	63
DK/NA	9	5	5	7	4

	WORRIED ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON NYC Q31.....		
	Very	SmWht	NotWorried
A) All steps	35%	25%	15%
B) Shldn't violate civil liberties	58	72	78
DK/NA	7	3	7

TREND: Which comes closer to your view; A) the government should take all steps necessary to prevent additional acts of terrorism in the United States even if it means your basic civil liberties would be violated; or B) the government should take steps to prevent additional acts of terrorism but not if those would violate your basic civil liberties?

	May 23 2013	Sep 08 2011	May 24 2010	Apr 13 2006	Feb 3 2006	Aug 19 2005	Jul 20 2005
A) All steps	24	28	31	29	28	38	30
B) Shldn't violate civil liberties	70	66	65	65	66	55	64
DK/NA	6	6	4	7	6	7	6

34. Do you support or oppose the increased use of surveillance cameras in public places?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	82%	86%	85%	78%	78%	86%	80%	86%	88%
Oppose	14	13	12	18	19	11	16	12	12
DK/NA	4	2	3	4	4	3	5	2	-

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC <50K 50-100 >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34 35-54 55+
Support	79%	86%	83%
Oppose	17	12	15
DK/NA	4	1	2

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Support	83%	81%	77%	89%	78%
Oppose	16	15	18	8	18
DK/NA	1	4	5	3	3

	WORRIED ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON NYC Q31..... Very SmWht	NotWorried
Support	88%	79%
Oppose	10	17
DK/NA	3	4