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**NEW YORK CITY MAYOR'S APPROVAL IS UP, WITH RACIAL GAP,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
NEW YORKERS LIKE HORSES 2-1, BUT MIXED ON FERRETS**

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's job approval rating is up to 51 – 28 percent, but the gap between approval by black and white voters persists, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Today's approval compares to a 45 – 34 percent approval rating for Mayor de Blasio in a March 18 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University and brings him back almost to his 53 – 13 percent score in a January 16 poll.

In today's survey, black voters approve 66 – 14 percent, compared to 60 – 22 percent in March, and Hispanic voters approve 56 – 17 percent, compared to 47 – 28 percent three months ago. White voters are divided, with 41 percent approving and 42 percent disapproving. This compares to a negative 39 – 45 percent approval rating in March. Today's 25-point gap between white and black approval compares to a 21-point gap March 18.

Mayor de Blasio gets high marks on character issues as voters say 58 – 33 percent that he has strong leadership qualities, 59 – 34 percent that he understands their problems and 64 – 23 percent that he is honest and trustworthy.

"Black New Yorkers voted overwhelmingly to make Bill de Blasio the mayor. They liked him in our last poll and they like him even more now. White voters are still split, creating a widening approval gap," said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

"This probably is not the 'Tale of Two Cities' which the mayor envisioned.

"On all the character traits – leadership, honesty, and empathy – de Blasio scores high."

New York City voters say 58 – 25 percent that media coverage of de Blasio's family has been fair, with agreement across party, gender and racial lines.

Voters also approve 58 – 15 percent of the way the mayor has responded to news media coverage of his family.

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“In that dust-up between the mayor and the media over the stories about de Blasio’s wife, voters agree with both sides. They say coverage of the mayor's family has been fair, but they also approve of his critique of the media,” Carroll said.

Voters approve 57 – 30 percent of the way de Blasio is handling crime, 45 – 31 percent of the way he is handling taxes and 47 – 39 percent of the way he is handling the public schools.

City Comptroller Scott Stringer continues to lead the job approval parade with a 57 – 12 percent score. Approval ratings for other city-wide leaders are:

- 41 – 15 percent for Public Advocate Letitia James;
- 40 – 17 percent for City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito;
- 39 – 27 percent for School Chancellor Carmen Farina.

Horses and Ferrets

New York City voters say 66 – 26 percent that de Blasio should not ban horse-drawn carriages, compared to 64 – 24 percent support for carriage horses in a March 19 Quinnipiac University poll. Support for the horses is strong across party, gender and racial lines.

Voters are divided on whether the city should allow residents to own ferrets as pets, with 39 percent supporting ferrets and 42 percent opposed.

Men are ferret-friendly 43 – 37 percent, while women are anti-ferret 46 – 36 percent.

In politics, women are held to a higher standard than men, 39 percent of voters say, while 21 percent of voters say women are held to a lower standard, and 37 percent of voters say it’s the same standard.

In the workplace, women have fewer opportunities than men, 55 percent of voters say, with 6 percent who say more opportunity and 36 percent who say the same.

The city should enact stricter regulations to help working mothers, voters say 79 – 14 percent, with almost no gender gap.

“There’s been a flurry of talk about women’s rights and voters agree that, in the workplace and in the political world, women don’t get a fair shake,” Carroll said.

From June 5 – 9, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,033 New York City voters, with a margin of error of +/- 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	51%	30%	63%	41%	52%	49%	41%	66%	56%
Disapprove	28	51	16	36	31	26	42	14	17
DK/NA	21	20	21	22	17	25	17	20	27

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

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

3. 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	39%	20%	47%	36%	41%	37%	28%	52%	52%
Disapprove	27	45	19	31	25	29	35	17	18
DK/NA	34	35	34	33	34	34	38	32	29

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

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 19 2014
Approve	39	34
Disapprove	27	36
DK/NA	34	29

4. 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	41%	28%	51%	32%	42%	41%	32%	58%	53%
Disapprove	15	28	10	18	16	14	22	9	6
DK/NA	44	45	39	50	42	45	46	33	41

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

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	41	44
Disapprove	15	16
DK/NA	44	40

5. 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	40%	26%	50%	31%	44%	37%	29%	44%	58%
Disapprove	17	24	11	22	20	14	23	14	9
DK/NA	43	50	39	47	36	49	48	43	33

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

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	40	41
Disapprove	17	15
DK/NA	43	44

6. 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	57%	52%	63%	53%	56%	57%	57%	63%	53%
Disapprove	12	18	7	12	14	10	12	11	12
DK/NA	31	30	30	35	29	33	30	26	35

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

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	57	53
Disapprove	12	12
DK/NA	31	35

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	58%	39%	70%	53%	59%	58%	47%	75%	66%
No	33	52	23	37	33	32	44	17	24
DK/NA	9	9	8	11	8	10	9	7	11

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

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Yes	58	56
No	33	33
DK/NA	9	11

8. 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	59%	33%	74%	50%	61%	57%	48%	78%	67%
No	34	56	20	43	33	35	47	15	29
DK/NA	7	11	6	7	6	8	5	7	5

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

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Yes	59	57
No	34	35
DK/NA	7	8

9. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	64%	39%	78%	58%	64%	65%	57%	71%	67%
No	23	44	11	27	25	21	31	12	19
DK/NA	13	17	10	15	11	14	12	17	14

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

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 18 2014
Yes	64	62
No	23	21
DK/NA	13	17

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	57%	33%	72%	48%	59%	56%	51%	73%	57%
Disapprove	30	52	18	39	31	29	39	17	29
DK/NA	13	15	10	13	10	15	10	9	14

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

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

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	45%	17%	57%	38%	49%	41%	38%	50%	54%
Disapprove	31	58	18	39	31	31	41	23	21
DK/NA	25	25	25	22	20	28	21	27	26

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

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Approve	45	44
Disapprove	31	32
DK/NA	25	24

12. 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	47%	27%	58%	39%	53%	43%	39%	60%	55%
Disapprove	39	59	27	50	36	41	45	29	37
DK/NA	14	15	15	11	11	16	16	12	8

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

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Approve	47	38
Disapprove	39	49
DK/NA	14	13

13. 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	10%	3%	14%	7%	14%	7%	8%	10%	11%
Smwht satisfied	50	43	58	43	47	52	48	54	51
Smwht dissatisfied	23	26	19	29	20	25	24	23	25
Very dissatisfied	16	27	8	18	16	15	20	10	11
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	3	1

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Very satisfied	10	8	8	9	9	18	7
Smwht satisfied	50	53	51	48	56	58	23
Smwht dissatisfied	23	28	27	27	24	18	32
Very dissatisfied	16	10	13	15	11	5	38
DK/NA	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

19. Do you think Mayor de Blasio should or should not ban horse drawn carriages from New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Should ban	26%	18%	28%	26%	27%	25%	22%	24%	37%
Should not	66	75	67	63	65	67	69	67	60
DK/NA	8	8	6	11	8	8	9	10	2

TREND: Do you think Mayor de Blasio should or should not ban horse drawn carriages from New York City?

	Jun 11 2014	Mar 19 2014	Jan 16 2014
Should ban	26	24	28
Should not	66	64	61
DK/NA	8	11	11

20. Do you support or oppose allowing New York City residents to own ferrets as pets?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	39%	39%	39%	37%	43%	36%	42%	27%	45%
Oppose	42	46	44	36	37	46	37	56	40
DK/NA	19	14	18	27	20	18	21	17	15

22. Do you think news media coverage of Mayor de Blasio's family has been fair or unfair?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Fair	58%	63%	58%	58%	58%	58%	64%	56%	54%
Unfair	25	18	29	23	25	25	22	32	28
DK/NA	16	18	12	19	16	17	14	12	18

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio has responded to news media coverage of his family?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	58%	41%	67%	56%	59%	58%	50%	74%	66%
Disapprove	15	26	11	18	14	16	23	9	10
DK/NA	26	32	21	27	26	26	27	17	23

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the contract negotiated between the teachers and the city, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	25%	19%	27%	24%	29%	22%	29%	27%	22%
Disapprove	15	22	12	19	16	14	22	12	5
Hvn't hrd enough	57	54	59	55	53	61	46	60	72
DK/NA	3	5	3	2	2	3	3	1	1

30. Do you think the new teachers' contract is fair or do you think the city gave away too much power to the teachers, or do you think the teachers gave up too much power to the city, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Fair	18%	12%	20%	16%	19%	17%	21%	20%	12%
Too much to teachers	11	21	8	13	14	8	17	7	5
Too much to city	11	9	11	11	8	14	11	12	9
Hvn't hrd enough	55	50	57	55	54	56	46	58	71
DK/NA	5	8	4	4	5	5	6	3	2

31. Do you think the new teachers' contract will result in better education for public school students, worse education or won't it make a difference, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Better	14%	13%	15%	13%	16%	11%	10%	18%	13%
Worse	5	10	4	5	4	6	7	2	3
No difference	34	38	32	34	36	32	42	24	24
Hvn't hrd enough	44	36	46	45	40	48	36	51	57
DK/NA	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3

32. Do you think the city should offer contracts similar to the teachers' contract to other unions or don't you think so, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Offer similar	21%	11%	25%	19%	23%	20%	25%	27%	16%
No	15	29	10	18	21	11	20	9	7
Hvn't hrd enough	59	54	63	57	53	65	50	61	71
DK/NA	4	6	2	5	4	4	4	2	6

33. Do you think New York City will or will not be forced to raise taxes to pay for the teachers' contract, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Will raise taxes	30%	40%	26%	34%	31%	30%	36%	30%	20%
Will not	15	13	14	16	16	13	17	12	12
Hvn't hrd enough	52	44	57	47	49	55	44	55	66
DK/NA	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	3	2

34. In the workplace, do you think that women have more, fewer or the same opportunities as men?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More	6%	5%	3%	12%	11%	2%	4%	8%	8%
Fewer	55	47	61	49	42	66	61	57	48
Same	36	46	32	36	43	29	32	31	39
DK/NA	4	1	3	3	4	3	3	3	4

35. Do you think New York City should or should not enact stricter regulations to help working mothers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Should	79%	72%	82%	77%	78%	79%	70%	86%	90%
Should not	14	22	9	17	16	13	19	9	4
DK/NA	8	7	9	6	7	8	11	5	6

36. When it comes to politics, do you think women are held to a higher standard than men, a lower standard, or held to the same standard as men?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Higher standard	39%	33%	43%	38%	32%	45%	43%	34%	35%
Lower standard	21	23	19	21	16	25	13	35	27
Same	37	41	35	38	49	26	39	30	36
DK/NA	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	2	2