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## **ETHICS HELP PULL NEW YORK GOV. CUOMO TO NEW LOW, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS SAY 2-1 CLEAN HOUSE TO CLEAN UP ALBANY**

Low grades on his handling of ethics help sink New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to his lowest approval rating ever, a divided 44 – 42 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 50 – 39 percent job approval rating in a March 18 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

All elected officials in Albany should be voted out of office so new officials can start with a clean slate, voters say 55 – 28 percent. No party, gender, age or regional group thinks New York State elected officials are capable of ending political corruption in Albany.

Approval of Gov. Cuomo among Democrats is an unusually low 55 – 29 percent, as Republicans disapprove 58 – 31 percent. Independent voters are divided 45 – 45 percent.

Approval is 52 – 29 percent in New York City, 48 – 37 percent in the suburbs and negative 34 – 56 percent among upstate voters.

New York State voters disapprove 53 – 33 percent of the way Cuomo is handling ethics in government, compared to a 54 – 35 percent disapproval March 18.

When it comes to ethics in government, voters say 52 – 32 percent that the governor is part of the problem, not part of the solution, his worst score ever on this question.

“Can Albany fix itself? A lot of New Yorkers don't think so. And most of them think Gov. Andrew Cuomo is part of the problem, not of the solution,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“There have been no charges of corruption leveled against the governor or anyone in his administration, but when the stench gets this bad, everyone starts to smell.”

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Only 5 percent of New York State voters say U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara has gone too far investigating corruption in state government, while 36 percent say he has not gone far enough and 32 percent say he has handled corruption investigations “about right.”

The Albany practice of “three men in a room,” in which the governor and two legislative leaders make important decisions in secret, is one of several causes of corruption in Albany, 67 percent of voters say, while 12 percent say it is the main cause and 11 percent say it is not a cause of corruption at all.

If more legislators were directly involved in making important decisions, it would help end corruption, New York State voters say 66 – 27 percent.

Voters disapprove 60 – 26 percent of the job the State Legislature is doing, but approve 44 – 37 percent of their own Assembly member and approve 54 – 31 percent of their own state senator. At the same time, 45 percent of voters say their state senator should be thrown out in a general house-cleaning, while 40 percent say their senator deserves reelection. Voters are divided 41 – 41 percent on whether their Assembly member should be reelected or thrown out.

“Why, when there are 213 state legislators, do three men in a room make the big Albany decisions? New York State voters wonder,” Carroll said. “Four out of five voters think the leadership domination helps lead to corruption. If democracy ruled in the State Legislature, most New Yorkers think it would help curb misbehavior.

Voters approve 57 – 28 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is doing and give U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand a 53 – 20 percent score.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman gets a 51 – 22 percent job approval rating while State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli gets a 43 – 21 percent approval rating.

From May 28 – June 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,229 New York State voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 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, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	44%	31%	55%	45%	42%	46%	41%	46%	44%	
Disapprove	42	58	29	45	44	39	35	41	45	
DK/NA	14	11	16	10	14	15	24	12	11	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	34%	52%	48%							
Disapprove	56	29	37							
DK/NA	9	19	15							

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as Governor?

	Jun 03	Mar 18	Dec 22	Aug 20	May 21	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	Dec 12	Jun 03
						2012	2015
Approve	44	50	58	57	59	74	44
Disapprove	42	39	32	38	32	13	42
DK/NA	14	10	11	5	9	13	14

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Charles Schumer is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	57%	38%	74%	54%	54%	60%	43%	57%	65%	
Disapprove	28	48	11	30	33	23	28	28	26	
DK/NA	15	14	15	16	14	16	29	15	9	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	52%	65%	54%							
Disapprove	34	20	30							
DK/NA	14	16	16							

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Charles Schumer is handling his job as United States Senator? (\*High also 69% Oct 2001)

	Jun 03	Mar 23	Dec 23	Aug 21	May 21	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	Dec 08	Apr 15
						2004*	1999
Approve	57	60	62	63	56	69	51
Disapprove	28	26	24	26	26	16	22
DK/NA	15	14	15	10	18	15	28

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kirsten Gillibrand is handling her job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	53%	39%	66%	53%	51%	56%	47%	53%	58%
Disapprove	20	32	7	25	25	16	20	19	22
DK/NA	26	29	27	22	24	28	33	28	20

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	53%	54%	53%
Disapprove	25	16	21
DK/NA	23	30	26

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kirsten Gillibrand is handling her job as United States Senator? (\*High also 61% Dec 2012)

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 23 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 21 2014	May 21 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Aug 21 2014*	Low Feb 17 2009
Approve	53	54	58	61	53	61	28
Disapprove	20	18	18	20	18	20	10
DK/NA	26	27	24	20	29	20	62

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	26%	20%	34%	23%	25%	27%	43%	23%	22%
Disapprove	60	65	53	66	63	58	45	64	65
DK/NA	14	15	13	11	12	15	12	13	13

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	21%	31%	26%
Disapprove	68	54	58
DK/NA	11	15	16

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 19 2015	Dec 22 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 12 2012	Low Sep 01 2010
Approve	26	23	28	26	26	35	15
Disapprove	60	62	55	61	55	46	75
DK/NA	14	15	17	13	18	18	9

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state assembly member is handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	44%	38%	51%	42%	44%	44%	48%	43%	45%
Disapprove	37	42	31	39	39	35	36	37	38
DK/NA	19	20	18	19	17	21	17	20	17

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	45%	44%	43%
Disapprove	37	37	37
DK/NA	18	20	21

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state assembly member is handling their job?

	Jun 03 2015	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Feb 15 2012	Dec 20 2011	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 20 2005	Low Feb 23 2011
Approve	44	48	42	46	43	55	35
Disapprove	37	33	40	38	39	22	42
DK/NA	19	18	18	16	18	15	22

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state senator is handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	54%	49%	65%	50%	53%	55%	58%	54%	53%
Disapprove	31	34	23	36	34	27	31	31	31
DK/NA	15	17	12	14	13	17	11	15	16

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	50%	60%	53%
Disapprove	34	26	33
DK/NA	17	14	14

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state senator is handling their job?  
(\* Low also 49% Feb 2011, Apr 2011, Aug 2011)

	Jun 03 2015	Nov 27 2013	Jun 05 2013	Feb 15 2012	Dec 20 2011	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 20 2005	Low Oct 26 2011*
Approve	54	56	54	54	54	63	49
Disapprove	31	29	31	33	33	22	37
DK/NA	15	16	15	13	14	15	15

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Thomas DiNapoli is handling his job as State Comptroller?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	43%	39%	49%	43%	48%	38%	37%	42%	49%	
Disapprove	21	22	15	23	20	21	28	19	19	
DK/NA	37	39	37	34	33	40	35	39	32	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	46%	42%	39%							
Disapprove	21	19	22							
DK/NA	33	39	39							

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Thomas DiNapoli is handling his job as State Comptroller?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 19 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Aug 20 2014	Low Apr 04 2007
Approve	43	35	39	45	36	45	24
Disapprove	21	19	16	19	12	19	13
DK/NA	37	46	45	36	52	36	63

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Eric Schneiderman is handling his job as State Attorney General?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	51%	37%	62%	52%	53%	50%	49%	50%	55%	
Disapprove	22	30	14	23	24	20	25	22	20	
DK/NA	27	33	24	26	23	30	26	28	25	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	46%	59%	47%							
Disapprove	27	16	24							
DK/NA	27	25	29							

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Eric Schneiderman is handling his job as State Attorney General?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 19 2015	Dec 23 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014
Approve	51	45	47	51	46
Disapprove	22	22	20	22	18
DK/NA	27	33	33	27	37

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carl Heastie is handling his job as State Assembly Speaker?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	25%	15%	33%	24%	26%	25%	39%	27%	19%
Disapprove	24	28	18	25	26	22	20	25	26
DK/NA	51	56	49	50	48	53	41	48	56

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Approve	22%	29%	25%
Disapprove	25	24	22
DK/NA	53	47	53

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Carl Heastie is handling his job as State Assembly Speaker?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 19 2015
Approve	25	20
Disapprove	24	15
DK/NA	51	65

16. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New York State today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Very satisfied	3%	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%	6%	3%	3%
Smwht satisfied	38	21	55	34	40	36	39	37	40
Smwht dissatisfied	33	40	25	37	32	34	38	33	31
Very dissatisfied	25	36	14	27	24	25	16	28	25
DK/NA	1	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	1

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very satisfied	3%	4%	2%
Smwht satisfied	29	43	46
Smwht dissatisfied	35	32	31
Very dissatisfied	32	19	21
DK/NA	1	2	-

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New York State today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 18 2015	Dec 22 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Feb 25 1998	Low Jun 23 2010
Very satisfied	3	3	6	5	5	13	1
Smwht satisfied	38	44	42	43	44	60	18
Smwht dissatisfied	33	30	29	27	27	20	33
Very dissatisfied	25	23	22	24	22	7	47
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	2	1	1

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - the economy and jobs?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	46%	31%	55%	51%	51%	42%	44%	45%	48%
Disapprove	46	60	35	45	44	48	48	46	45
DK/NA	8	9	9	4	6	11	9	9	7

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	40%	48%	53%
Disapprove	53	42	40
DK/NA	7	11	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling the economy and jobs?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 18 2015	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014
Approve	46	49	53	49	46
Disapprove	46	44	41	40	45
DK/NA	8	7	6	10	9

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - energy and the environment?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	45%	33%	55%	48%	47%	43%	45%	44%	47%
Disapprove	36	48	27	35	38	34	37	35	37
DK/NA	19	18	18	17	14	23	18	21	16

AREA.....  
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	43%	49%	44%
Disapprove	40	29	40
DK/NA	17	22	16

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling energy and the environment?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 18 2015	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014
Approve	45	48	51	47	49
Disapprove	36	36	35	36	32
DK/NA	19	16	13	18	19



19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - ethics in government?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	33%	20%	43%	31%	33%	33%	35%	36%	30%	
Disapprove	53	65	42	56	56	50	53	49	57	
DK/NA	14	14	15	12	12	17	12	15	13	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	27%	38%	34%							
Disapprove	59	45	55							
DK/NA	14	17	11							

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling ethics in government?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 18 2015	Aug 20 2014	May 22 2014	Feb 13 2014
Approve	33	35	39	48	52
Disapprove	53	54	50	34	31
DK/NA	14	11	10	18	17

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - the state budget?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	42%	35%	49%	40%	45%	38%	36%	41%	46%	
Disapprove	43	50	36	44	40	46	51	44	39	
DK/NA	15	15	15	15	14	16	13	15	14	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	38%	43%	45%							
Disapprove	50	39	39							
DK/NA	12	18	16							

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling the state budget?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 18 2015	Jan 31 2013	Feb 15 2012	Dec 20 2011	APPROVE.....	
						High Sep 20 2011	Low Jun 03 2015
Approve	42	43	53	57	56	62	42
Disapprove	43	43	31	31	32	25	43
DK/NA	15	14	16	12	12	13	15

22. Which comes closer to your view about your state Senator, there are a lot of problems in Albany but your state Senator has done a good job and deserves to be reelected or almost everyone in the State Senate should be thrown out including your state Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Deserves reelection	40%	34%	50%	34%	39%	41%	46%	41%	37%
Shld be thrown out	45	52	34	53	47	43	44	43	47
DK/NA	15	14	16	13	14	16	9	16	16

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Deserves reelection	37%	40%	44%
Shld be thrown out	48	44	43
DK/NA	15	17	12

TREND: Which comes closer to your view about your State Senator, there are a lot of problems in Albany but your State Senator has done a good job and deserves to be reelected or almost everyone in the State Senate should be thrown out including your State Senator?

	Jun 03 2015	Jun 05 2013	Sep 01 2010	Jul 28 2010	Jun 23 2010	DESERVES REELECTION	
						HIGH Dec 16 2009	LOW Sep 01 2010
Deserves reelection	40	40	31	35	36	41	31
Shld be thrown out	45	47	55	53	51	46	55
DK/NA	15	13	14	13	13	13	14

23. Which comes closer to your view about your state assembly member, there are a lot of problems in Albany but your state assembly member has done a good job and deserves to be reelected or almost everyone in the State Assembly should be thrown out including your state assembly member?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Deserves reelection	41%	37%	48%	39%	42%	41%	53%	42%	38%
Shld be thrown out	41	45	32	47	43	40	39	37	46
DK/NA	18	18	20	14	16	20	9	21	17

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Deserves reelection	42%	40%	41%
Shld be thrown out	43	39	42
DK/NA	15	21	17

TREND: Which comes closer to your view about your State Assembly member, there are a lot of problems in Albany but your State Assembly member has done a good job and deserves to be reelected or almost everyone in the State Assembly should be thrown out including your State Assembly member?

	June 03 2015	Jun 05 2013	Sep 01 2010	Jul 28 2010	Jun 23 2010	Apr 14 2010
Deserves reelection	41	38	33	33	34	35
Shld be thrown out	41	45	53	49	50	48
DK/NA	18	17	14	17	16	17

38. When thinking about the problem of ethics in government, do you think Andrew Cuomo is part of the problem or part of the solution?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Problem	52%	64%	41%	54%	58%	47%	57%	50%	52%
Solution	32	23	42	31	30	34	27	35	35
DK/NA	15	14	17	14	12	19	16	15	13

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Problem	62%	40%	54%
Solution	25	40	32
DK/NA	13	19	14

TREND: When thinking about the problem of ethics in government, do you think Andrew Cuomo is part of the problem or part of the solution?

	Jun 03 2015	Mar 19 2015	Aug 20 2014
Problem	52	47	48
Solution	32	41	41
DK/NA	15	12	11

39. When it comes to investigating corruption in New York State government, do you think U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara has gone too far, has not gone far enough, or has handled this about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Too far	5%	3%	4%	7%	5%	5%	7%	5%	3%
Not far enough	36	31	32	43	40	33	39	33	38
About right	32	32	35	33	36	29	27	35	33
DK/NA	27	35	29	17	20	33	27	26	25

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Too far	2%	6%	7%
Not far enough	41	31	36
About right	29	37	30
DK/NA	28	26	27

40. Do you think New York State elected officials are capable of ending political corruption in Albany or should all current elected officials be voted out of office so new officials can start with a clean slate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Capable	28%	25%	32%	27%	29%	26%	28%	28%	27%	
All voted out	55	61	46	62	56	54	61	54	56	
DK/NA	17	14	22	11	15	19	11	18	17	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Capable	27%	27%	29%							
All voted out	59	52	55							
DK/NA	15	20	16							

41. Do you think the so-called Three Men in a Room practice in Albany, where the governor, the leader of the State Assembly and the leader of the State Senate make important decisions in secret and then present these decisions to the legislators, is the main cause of corruption in state government, one of several causes or not a cause at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Main cause	12%	15%	9%	13%	12%	13%	11%	11%	14%	
One of several	67	65	67	69	68	66	77	69	62	
Not a cause at all	11	10	14	12	13	10	6	14	12	
DK/NA	9	10	11	6	7	11	6	6	12	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Main cause	15%	11%	9%							
One of several	67	62	75							
Not a cause at all	10	13	11							
DK/NA	8	13	5							

42. If more legislators were directly involved in making important decisions, do you think it would help end corruption in state government or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes/End corruption	66%	66%	68%	64%	68%	64%	74%	61%	66%	
No	27	25	26	30	28	27	20	34	26	
DK/NA	7	10	7	6	5	10	6	5	9	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Yes/End corruption	68%	63%	66%							
No	23	29	30							
DK/NA	8	9	4							