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NEW YORK GOV. CUOMO DROPS TO LOWEST SCORE EVER, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; GOVERNOR LOSING SCHOOL BATTLE TO TEACHERS' UNIONS

A tough battle with teachers' unions over the future of New York State schools is taking its toll on Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who begins his second term with his lowest job approval rating ever, 50 – 39 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 58 – 32 percent job approval rating in a December 22 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

In today's survey, men approve 52 – 40 percent, while women approve 49 – 39 percent, going against the trend in which women approve of Democrats more than men. Democrats give Cuomo a lackluster 63 – 27 percent approval rating, low for same-party voters. Independent voters approve 49 – 40 percent while Republicans disapprove 55 – 37 percent.

Approval is 57 – 28 percent in New York City, 59 – 34 percent in the suburbs and negative 39 – 54 percent among upstate voters.

Education should be the top priority for the governor and the State Legislature, 24 percent of voters say, while 15 percent list the economy/jobs and 12 percent list taxes, two issues which usually top the priority list. Only 5 percent list government corruption or ethics.

With a negative 28 – 63 percent, Cuomo gets his worst job approval rating for his handling of education. His grades on other issues are:

- 49 – 44 percent for the economy/jobs;
- 48 – 36 percent for energy and the environment;
- Negative 35 – 54 percent for ethics in government;
- 43 – 43 percent for the state budget.

“Gov. Andrew Cuomo gets his lowest grade on education, which is the top priority for voters, a grade so bad it pulls down his whole job approval score. He's just at the 50 percent mark,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“Gov. Cuomo gets a rap on the knuckles from the teachers’ unions. By better than 2-1, voters trust the unions more than the governor to fix the schools,” Carroll said.

Battle for the Schools

By a 55 – 28 percent margin, New York State voters trust the teachers’ unions more than the governor to improve education in the state. All party, gender, age and regional groups agree.

Voters say 71 – 25 percent that teacher pay should not be based on how well their students perform on standardized tests and say 65 – 30 percent that teacher tenure should not be based on student test scores. None of the listed groups support Cuomo on these key initiatives.

Voters support 50 – 41 percent increasing the number of charter schools in the state.

Minimum Wage

New York State voters support 73 – 24 percent increasing the minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour. Only Republicans oppose the measure, 51 – 46 percent.

Voters statewide support 68 – 27 percent Cuomo’s proposal to raise the minimum wage in New York City to \$11.50 per hour. New York City voters support this 81 – 16 percent.

Statewide voters split 47 – 47 percent on Mayor Bill de Blasio’s proposal to raise the New York City minimum wage to \$13 per hour. New York City voters support this higher wage 67 – 29 percent.

“New York is a liberal state. Voters endorse an increase in the minimum wage. Gov. Cuomo’s plan for an \$11.50 minimum wage in New York City wins more support than Mayor Bill de Blasio’s call for \$13 an hour,” Carroll said.

Cuomo more closely represents their political views, 26 percent of voters say, as 22 percent line up with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. But 50 percent of voters say, “neither.”

“Cuomo by a nose in the battle for the ideological hearts of New Yorkers, but half of all voters aren’t giving their hearts to either leader,” Carroll said.

Voters support 71 – 20 percent a woman’s right to a late-term abortion if her health is at risk and support 80 – 12 percent a woman’s right to a late-term abortion if her life is at risk.

From March 11 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,228 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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22. 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	50%	37%	63%	49%	52%	49%	43%	51%	54%
Disapprove	39	55	27	40	40	39	37	41	38
DK/NA	10	8	9	11	8	12	20	8	8

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	39%	57%	59%
Disapprove	54	28	34
DK/NA	7	15	8

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

	Mar 18 2015	Dec 22 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 12 2012	Low Mar 18 2015
Approve	50	58	57	59	63	74	50
Disapprove	39	32	38	32	28	13	39
DK/NA	10	11	5	9	8	13	10

23. Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Andrew Cuomo as governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Optimistic	58%	42%	75%	54%	56%	60%	60%	61%	57%
Pessimistic	36	56	22	38	39	34	35	35	36
DK/NA	6	2	3	8	5	6	4	4	7

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Optimistic	47%	68%	61%
Pessimistic	47	26	35
DK/NA	6	6	4

TREND: Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Andrew Cuomo as Governor?

	Mar 18 2015	Dec 08 2010
Optimistic	58	59
Pessimistic	36	25
DK/NA	6	16

32. 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%	1%	6%	1%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Smwht satisfied	44	28	60	39	42	45	45	43	44
Smwht dissatisfied	30	38	22	33	29	30	30	31	29
Very dissatisfied	23	32	11	26	24	22	20	23	23
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Very satisfied	2%	5%	2%
Smwht satisfied	37	49	46
Smwht dissatisfied	31	28	32
Very dissatisfied	30	18	20
DK/NA	-	1	-

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?

	Mar 18 2015	Dec 22 2014	Aug 20 2014	May 21 2014	Feb 13 2014	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Feb 25 1998	Low Jun 23 2010
Very satisfied	3	6	5	5	4	13	1
Smwht satisfied	44	42	43	44	47	60	18
Smwht dissatisfied	30	29	27	27	27	20	33
Very dissatisfied	23	22	24	22	21	7	47
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	1	1	1

33. What do you think should be the top priority for Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature in 2015?

	Tot
Economy (General)	3%
Jobs/Unemployment	10
Economy (Other)	2
Wages/Minimum Wage	2
Income inequality	1
Budget	2
Taxes (General)	10
Property taxes	2
Education (General)	17
Teachers	1
Funding/Spending education	2
Education (Other)	4
Unions	1
Crime/Safety	1
Police practices/Stop&Frisk	1
Gun Issues/Policy/Control	2
Healthcare	1
Social Services	1
Poverty/Homelessness	1
Housing/Affordable housing	4
Elderly Issues	1
Immigration Issues	2
Marijuana	1
Roads/Traffic/Infrastructure	3
Environment	1
Hydro-fracking	1
Caring about people	1
Honesty/Trustworthiness	1
Replace Governor	1
Government Corruption/Ethics	5
Other	6
DK/NA	9

34. 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	49%	33%	61%	50%	49%	49%	41%	53%	52%
Disapprove	44	63	31	42	45	43	52	42	41
DK/NA	7	4	7	7	6	8	7	5	7

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	44%	54%	50%
Disapprove	51	38	42
DK/NA	5	8	9

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

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

35. 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	48%	34%	59%	46%	46%	50%	36%	57%	48%
Disapprove	36	51	24	39	41	32	41	34	36
DK/NA	16	16	17	15	13	18	23	10	16

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Approve	48%	47%	50%
Disapprove	39	38	30
DK/NA	13	15	20

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

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

36. 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	35%	24%	44%	33%	31%	38%	39%	35%	35%	
Disapprove	54	67	42	57	60	48	48	56	52	
DK/NA	11	9	15	10	8	14	13	8	13	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	28%	38%	42%							
Disapprove	62	49	47							
DK/NA	10	13	11							

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

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

37. 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	43%	32%	56%	42%	46%	41%	35%	44%	49%	
Disapprove	43	58	29	43	43	42	45	47	37	
DK/NA	14	10	16	15	12	16	20	10	14	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	40%	46%	44%							
Disapprove	51	36	38							
DK/NA	9	18	18							

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

	Mar 18 2015	Jan 31 2013	Feb 15 2012	Dec 20 2011	Oct 26 2011	APPROVE.....	
						High Sep 20 2011	Low Mar 18 2015
Approve	43	53	57	56	57	62	43
Disapprove	43	31	31	32	29	25	43
DK/NA	14	16	12	12	14	13	14

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling - education?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	28%	22%	35%	26%	33%	24%	27%	27%	30%	
Disapprove	63	71	54	65	59	66	60	68	60	
DK/NA	9	6	11	9	8	10	13	5	9	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Approve	23%	34%	25%							
Disapprove	71	55	63							
DK/NA	7	10	11							

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

	Mar 18 2015	May 30 2012	Feb 16 2012
Approve	28	47	45
Disapprove	63	31	42
DK/NA	9	22	13

39. Would you describe the state of New York State's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-34	35-54	55+	
Excellent	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	
Good	41	28	53	39	46	36	44	42	39	
Not so good	37	46	33	37	32	42	37	35	40	
Poor	20	26	10	21	19	20	17	20	19	
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
AREA.....										
	UpStat	NYC	Sub							
Excellent	1%	1%	2%							
Good	32	48	44							
Not so good	40	33	38							
Poor	26	16	16							
DK/NA	1	1	1							

TREND: Would you describe the state of New York State's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Mar 18 2015	May 21 2014	Jan 26 2011	Apr 07 2009	Feb 19 2009	EXCLNT+GOOD...	
						High Mar 18 2015	Low Apr 07 2009
Excellent	1	2	1	-	1	1	-
Good	41	33	10	4	4	41	4
Not so good	37	41	44	40	40	37	40
Poor	20	23	45	55	55	20	55
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

40. Do you think New York State's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Better	28%	17%	36%	28%	33%	24%	33%	28%	27%
Worse	20	32	11	17	18	22	19	20	20
The same	50	51	49	53	48	51	47	51	51
DK/NA	2	-	4	1	2	2	2	1	2

AREA.....

	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Better	24%	30%	31%
Worse	23	16	21
The same	51	50	47
DK/NA	2	3	1

TREND: Do you think New York State's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Mar 18 2015	May 21 2014	Jan 26 2011	Apr 07 2009
Better	28	31	16	5
Worse	20	21	35	56
The same	50	46	46	37
DK/NA	2	2	3	2

41. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Better off	41%	30%	53%	37%	46%	37%	59%	47%	31%
Worse off	33	42	22	35	32	34	25	29	38
SAME (VOL)	24	27	23	26	21	28	14	23	29
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1

AREA.....

	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Better off	33%	50%	41%
Worse off	37	29	33
SAME (VOL)	29	20	24
DK/NA	1	1	2

TREND: Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Mar 18 2015	Feb 19 2009	Dec 24 2008	Mar 29 2006
Better off	41	19	18	39
Worse off	33	56	60	37
SAME (VOL)	24	23	21	22
DK/NA	1	1	1	1

42. The minimum wage is currently \$8.75 an hour in New York State, and is set to rise to \$9 an hour at the end of the year. Would you support or oppose an increase in the minimum wage to \$10.50 an hour in New York State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	73%	46%	94%	69%	68%	78%	73%	74%	75%
Oppose	24	51	4	29	30	19	24	24	23
DK/NA	2	4	2	3	1	3	3	2	2

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	62%	85%	73%
Oppose	34	13	26
DK/NA	3	2	1

43. (If oppose q42) Which comes closest to your point of view: there should be no increase in the minimum wage, there should be an increase in the minimum wage but not as high as \$10.50 an hour, or there should be an increase in the minimum wage higher than \$10.50 an hour?

	OPPOSE INCREASE Q42		
	Tot	Men	Wom
No increase	47%	56%	35%
Increase < \$10.50	50	42	62
Increase > \$10.50	1	1	2
DK/NA	1	1	1

44. How about in New York City; would you support or oppose a minimum wage of \$11.50 an hour in New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	68%	40%	89%	64%	66%	69%	75%	68%	67%
Oppose	27	53	8	31	30	25	21	29	28
DK/NA	5	7	3	5	4	5	4	3	5

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	57%	81%	65%
Oppose	36	16	31
DK/NA	7	2	3

45. Would you support or oppose a minimum wage of \$13.00 an hour in New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	47%	19%	69%	39%	45%	49%	60%	48%	42%
Oppose	47	75	25	55	51	44	34	48	52
DK/NA	6	6	5	6	4	8	7	5	6

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Support	33%	67%	40%
Oppose	60	29	54
DK/NA	7	4	6

47. Who do you think most closely represents your political views, Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, or neither?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Cuomo	26%	19%	32%	23%	24%	27%	13%	22%	35%
de Blasio	22	5	38	15	18	25	35	23	16
Neither	50	75	27	60	57	44	47	54	47
DK/NA	3	2	4	2	1	4	5	1	2

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Cuomo	24%	24%	31%
de Blasio	11	37	15
Neither	63	36	51
DK/NA	2	3	4

TREND: Who do you think most closely represents your political views, Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, or neither?

Mar 18 Dec 23
2015 2014

Cuomo	26	31
de Blasio	22	20
Neither	50	44
DK/NA	3	5

48. Do you believe there is a political feud between Cuomo and de Blasio, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	41%	39%	42%	42%	44%	38%	47%	36%	41%
No	37	35	38	36	40	34	39	41	33
DK/NA	23	26	20	22	16	28	14	23	26

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Yes	32%	47%	45%
No	33	40	36
DK/NA	35	13	19

49. If there were a feud between Cuomo and de Blasio, do you think that would be good for - New York City, bad for New York City, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Good	7%	8%	3%	11%	9%	6%	7%	8%	7%
Bad	57	41	67	57	52	60	58	58	55
No difference	30	40	24	29	34	27	28	29	33
DK/NA	6	11	6	3	5	6	6	5	5

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Good	5%	9%	8%
Bad	49	60	63
No difference	37	27	25
DK/NA	8	3	4

50. If there were a feud between Cuomo and de Blasio, do you think that would be good for - New York State, bad for New York State, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Good	8%	11%	6%	9%	11%	6%	10%	7%	8%
Bad	46	32	53	49	42	49	48	50	42
No difference	41	51	36	38	43	40	38	41	44
DK/NA	4	6	5	4	3	6	3	2	6

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Good	9%	9%	6%
Bad	42	49	48
No difference	42	40	42
DK/NA	7	2	4

51. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Legal all cases	33%	16%	45%	29%	28%	38%	41%	36%	30%
Legal most cases	34	32	34	39	39	30	27	38	35
Illegal most cases	16	28	8	19	18	14	16	14	17
Illegal all cases	9	17	7	7	9	9	11	6	11
DK/NA	7	7	6	7	6	8	6	6	7

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Legal all cases	31%	38%	30%
Legal most cases	33	32	39
Illegal most cases	18	14	15
Illegal all cases	12	8	7
DK/NA	6	7	9

TREND: Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Mar 18 2015	Dec 22 2014	Jun 06 2013	May 31 2012	Jun 22 2006	Feb 9 2005	Mar 18 2003
Legal all cases	33	34	26	30	28	25	32
Legal most cases	34	35	36	37	41	37	34
Illegal most cases	16	16	20	19	18	20	16
Illegal all cases	9	9	9	10	7	11	13
DK/NA	7	6	8	5	7	8	5

52. How about late-term abortions when the pregnant woman's - health is at risk? Do you think abortion should be legal in that situation or illegal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Legal	71%	58%	77%	75%	76%	67%	75%	75%	69%
Illegal	20	30	18	16	17	23	20	17	22
DK/NA	9	13	5	9	7	10	4	8	9

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Legal	66%	75%	74%
Illegal	22	19	18
DK/NA	12	6	8

TREND: How about late-term abortions when the pregnant woman's health is at risk? Do you think abortion should be legal in that situation or illegal?

	Mar 18	Dec 22	Jun 06
	2015	2014	2013
Legal	71	69	68
Illegal	20	22	22
DK/NA	9	9	10

53. How about late-term abortions when the pregnant woman's - life is at risk? Do you think abortion should be legal in that situation or illegal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Legal	80%	67%	87%	81%	83%	78%	87%	82%	78%
Illegal	12	20	9	9	10	14	9	10	14
DK/NA	8	12	4	10	8	8	3	8	8

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Legal	75%	85%	81%
Illegal	16	8	11
DK/NA	9	7	8

TREND: How about late-term abortions when the pregnant woman's life is at risk? Do you think abortion should be legal in that situation or illegal?

	Mar 18	Dec 22	Jun 06
	2015	2014	2013
Legal	80	77	76
Illegal	12	17	15
DK/NA	8	6	9

54. New York State law currently makes it legal for a woman to have a late-term abortion if her life is at risk. Governor Cuomo has proposed legislation to change the state law to make it legal for a woman to have a late-term abortion also if her health is at risk. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	67%	47%	81%	66%	68%	67%	72%	69%	65%
Oppose	25	41	16	22	25	25	22	24	27
DK/NA	8	12	3	12	8	8	6	6	8

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Support	62%	71%	69%
Oppose	29	22	22
DK/NA	8	7	9

TREND: New York State law currently makes it legal for a woman to have a late-term abortion if her life is at risk. Governor Cuomo has proposed legislation to change the state law to make it legal for a woman to have a late-term abortion also if her health is at risk. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

	Mar 18 2015	Dec 22 2014	Jun 06 2013
Support	67	68	67
Oppose	25	24	24
DK/NA	8	8	9

55. Who do you trust more to improve education in New York State, Governor Cuomo or the teachers' unions?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Cuomo	28%	29%	26%	29%	34%	23%	18%	27%	33%
Teachers' unions	55	53	61	52	48	62	68	59	47
DK/NA	17	19	13	19	19	15	14	13	20

AREA.....
UpStat NYC Sub

Cuomo	20%	32%	35%
Teachers' unions	62	55	45
DK/NA	18	13	20

56. Do you think teacher - pay should or should not be based on how well their students perform on standardized tests?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Should	25%	30%	22%	25%	33%	19%	24%	24%	27%
Should not	71	67	74	72	64	76	73	75	67
DK/NA	4	3	5	3	3	4	3	1	6

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Should	23%	29%	24%
Should not	74	67	72
DK/NA	3	4	4

57. Do you think teacher - tenure should or should not be based on how well their students perform on standardized tests?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Should	30%	34%	26%	29%	41%	21%	31%	28%	31%
Should not	65	58	69	65	53	74	68	68	62
DK/NA	5	8	5	5	5	5	1	4	7

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Should	27%	34%	29%
Should not	65	63	65
DK/NA	7	3	6

58. As you may know, charter schools are operated by private or non-profit organizations. The schools are paid for with public funds. Do you think there should be an expansion of charter schools in New York State or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	50%	55%	47%	48%	53%	47%	53%	45%	51%
No	41	38	42	44	39	43	38	45	40
DK/NA	9	8	11	7	8	10	9	10	8

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Yes	44%	56%	48%
No	46	39	38
DK/NA	10	6	14

TREND: As you may know, charter schools are operated by private or non-profit organizations. The schools are paid for with public funds. Do you think there should be an expansion of charter schools in New York State or not?

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Yes	50	48
No	41	42
DK/NA	9	11