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NEW YORK STATE VOTERS BACK CUOMO ON ABORTION 3-1, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS SPLIT ON GAS DRILLING, CASINOS

New York State voters support 67 – 24 percent Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s proposal to expand a woman’s right to an abortion, allowing late-term abortions when the woman’s health is at risk, but her life is not at risk, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for the expanded abortion right is 77 – 14 percent among Democrats and 70 – 21 percent among independent voters. Republicans are divided 46 – 45 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

There is almost no gender gap as women support the measure 67 – 22 percent, compared to 66 – 26 percent among men. Support is 63 – 27 percent among Protestants, 58 – 32 percent among Catholics and 60 – 27 percent among Jews.

Offered four choices on abortion:

- 26 percent of voters say abortion should be legal in all cases;
- 36 percent say legal in most cases;
- 20 percent say illegal in most cases;
- 9 percent say illegal in all cases.

“Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he wants to establish Roe v Wade in state law, in case the U.S. Supreme Court overturns the landmark decision, and voters are with him on its controversial support for late-term abortions,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“On abortion overall, the numbers don’t change much: a small right-to-life minority, a larger abortion-on-demand minority, a majority in the middle saying it depends on the case.”

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Legalizing medical marijuana, with a doctor's prescription, is a good idea, New York State voters say 70 – 26 percent, including 58 – 39 percent among Republicans. Support is strong among all groups.

By a smaller 34 – 20 percent margin, voters say legalizing mixed martial arts is a good idea. Another 42 percent say they haven't heard enough about it to form an opinion.

Almost everyone has an opinion on legalizing Atlantic City-type casinos in New York State, with support at 51 – 39 percent.

Only 48 percent of voters say changing the State Constitution to allow casino gambling is a good idea, while 45 percent say bad idea. Support for a constitutional amendment is 49 – 43 percent upstate and 50 – 44 percent in the suburbs. New York City voters are divided as 46 percent say good idea and 47 percent say bad idea.

And voters oppose 55 – 41 percent having casino gambling in the town or city where they live. Opposition to a casino nearby is 50 – 46 percent among upstate voters, 53 – 44 percent among New York City voters and 67 – 28 percent among suburban voters.

New York State voters remain divided on drilling for natural gas as 46 percent support drilling because of economic benefits while 44 percent oppose it because of environmental concerns. Support for drilling is 52 – 41 percent upstate and 50 – 40 percent in the suburbs, while New York City voters are opposed 50 – 39 percent.

Gov. Cuomo is carefully evaluating the issue of natural gas drilling, 22 percent of voters say, while 36 percent say he is dragging his feet to avoid making a decision.

“New Yorkers are OK with Atlantic City-type casinos, but not in my backyard,” Carroll said. “They are divided on changing the State Constitution, which must happen if they want casinos. New York City voters are not enthusiastic about changing the Constitution and lots of them will be voting in November because there are races for mayor, City Council and city-wide offices. Even upstate voters, presumably with the most to gain from casinos, are lukewarm,”

From May 29 – June 3, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,075 New York State 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, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia, and the nation as a public service and for research.

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15. Some people say there should be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the economic benefits. Others say there should not be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the environmental impact. Which comes closer to your point of view?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Drilling	46%	70%	31%	50%	52%	41%	49%	45%
No drilling	44	22	58	42	40	48	43	45
DK/NA	9	8	11	8	8	10	8	11

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD INC 50-100	HSHOLD INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Drilling	37%	52%	47%	46%	48%	50%	48%	45%
No drilling	54	38	43	47	47	45	43	44
DK/NA	9	10	10	8	5	5	9	11

	AREA.....			UPSTATE NY.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind
Drilling	52%	39%	50%	70%	29%	56%
No drilling	41	50	40	25	66	36
DK/NA	7	12	10	6	5	7

TREND: Some people say there should be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the economic benefits. Others say there should not be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the environmental impact. Which comes closer to your point of view?

	DRILLING.....						
	Jun 06	Apr 18	Mar 20	Jan 31	Dec 13	Aug 11	Mar 20
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2011	2013
						High	Low
Drilling	46	42	39	43	44	47	39
No drilling	44	46	46	42	42	42	46
DK/NA	9	12	14	15	15	12	14

16. Which comes closer to your point of view; Governor Cuomo is carefully evaluating the issue of hydro-fracking, or Governor Cuomo is dragging his feet and trying to avoid making a decision on the issue of hydro-fracking, or don't you have an opinion on that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Carefully evaluating	22%	14%	28%	23%	24%	21%	24%	20%
Dragging his feet	36	44	25	41	42	31	38	29
No opinion	38	39	41	34	30	44	34	50
DK/NA	4	4	6	3	5	4	4	1

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD INC 50-100	HSHOLD INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Carefully evaluating	27%	19%	24%	19%	25%	18%	19%	25%
Dragging his feet	38	34	28	48	38	25	44	36
No opinion	31	42	44	32	32	51	34	35
DK/NA	5	4	5	2	5	5	3	4

	AREA.....			UPSTATE NY.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind
Carefully evaluating	25%	18%	23%	14%	36%	29%
Dragging his feet	41	32	33	49	26	43
No opinion	32	45	37	35	36	27
DK/NA	2	5	7	2	3	1

TREND: Which comes closer to your point of view; Governor Cuomo is carefully evaluating the issue of hydro-fracking, or Governor Cuomo is dragging his feet and trying to avoid making a decision on the issue of hydro-fracking, or don't you have an opinion on that?

	Jun 06 2013	Apr 18 2013	Mar 20 2013	Dec 13 2012
Carefully evaluating	22	24	21	26
Dragging his feet	36	32	30	25
No opinion	38	41	46	44
DK/NA	4	3	3	4

17. Do you support or oppose the creation of non-indian casinos in New York State, similar to those in Atlantic City and Las Vegas?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	51%	52%	50%	50%	55%	47%	50%	53%
Oppose	39	37	41	40	36	42	41	32
DK/NA	10	11	9	10	9	11	9	15

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC <50K	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC 50-100	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Support	46%	53%	48%	53%	52%	64%	50%	46%
Oppose	44	37	42	34	42	27	43	43
DK/NA	10	10	10	13	6	10	7	11

	AREA..... UpStat	AREA..... NYC	AREA..... Sub	UPSTATE NY..... Rep	UPSTATE NY..... Dem	UPSTATE NY..... Ind	Union HsHld
Support	52%	48%	53%	47%	54%	54%	48%
Oppose	37	42	39	39	40	35	41
DK/NA	10	10	8	15	6	11	10

TREND: Do you support or oppose the creation of non-indian casinos in New York State, similar to those in Atlantic City and Las Vegas?

	Jun 06 2013	Mar 20 2013	May 30 2012	Feb 15 2012	Dec 21 2011	Sep 21 2011
Support	51	52	56	54	64	56
Oppose	39	38	33	38	31	37
DK/NA	10	11	11	8	5	7

18. There is a proposal to change the state constitution to allow for the creation of non-indian casinos in New York State, similar to those in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Good idea	48%	51%	49%	46%	52%	44%	47%	56%
Bad idea	45	41	46	47	41	49	46	38
DK/NA	7	8	5	7	7	7	7	6

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Good idea	44%	50%	44%	52%	49%	58%	48%	44%
Bad idea	49	42	49	38	46	36	45	48
DK/NA	6	7	7	10	4	6	7	8

	AREA.....			UPSTATE NY.....			Union
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind	HsHld
Good idea	49%	46%	50%	49%	51%	49%	45%
Bad idea	43	47	44	44	44	43	49
DK/NA	8	7	6	8	5	8	6

TREND: There is a proposal to change the state constitution to allow for the creation of non-indian casinos in New York State, similar to those in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Jun 06 2013	Mar 20 2013	May 30 2012	Feb 15 2012
Good idea	48	46	49	50
Bad idea	45	46	42	42
DK/NA	7	9	9	8

19. Do you favor or oppose having casino gambling in the town or city you live in?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favor	41%	41%	45%	40%	45%	37%	40%	49%
Oppose	55	53	52	57	50	59	56	48
DK/NA	4	6	3	3	4	4	4	3

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Favor	35%	45%	41%	47%	40%	54%	42%	36%
Oppose	60	51	55	51	56	44	55	59
DK/NA	4	4	4	2	5	2	3	5

	AREA.....			UPSTATE NY.....			Union
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind	HsHld
Favor	46%	44%	28%	42%	50%	48%	40%
Oppose	50	53	67	53	45	50	56
DK/NA	4	3	5	4	5	2	4

TREND: Do you favor or oppose having casino gambling in the town or city you live in?

	Jun 06 2013	Mar 20 2013	Nov 15 2001
Favor	41	41	30
Oppose	55	54	66
DK/NA	4	5	4

20. 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	Wht	Blk
Legal all cases	26%	10%	35%	27%	22%	30%	26%	24%
Legal most cases	36	31	42	37	37	36	38	42
Illegal most cases	20	35	13	20	22	19	20	14
Illegal all cases	9	14	5	9	9	9	9	8
DK/NA	8	11	5	7	9	7	7	11

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Legal all cases	32%	23%	26%	29%	28%	28%	31%	22%
Legal most cases	43	32	32	37	46	38	33	39
Illegal most cases	15	24	22	21	18	16	25	19
Illegal all cases	7	10	10	8	5	10	5	11
DK/NA	4	11	10	5	4	8	6	9

	WHITE.....				
	Prot	Cath	Jew	Prot	Cath
Legal all cases	20%	16%	32%	23%	15%
Legal most cases	35	40	31	33	43
Illegal most cases	23	24	29	23	22
Illegal all cases	14	10	1	16	11
DK/NA	8	9	7	6	8

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

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

21. 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	Wht	Blk
Legal	68%	51%	77%	72%	68%	68%	70%	69%
Illegal	22	36	16	19	22	23	22	21
DK/NA	10	13	7	10	10	9	9	10

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Legal	76%	63%	65%	73%	73%	63%	72%	67%
Illegal	17	25	22	22	21	29	19	22
DK/NA	7	11	14	6	6	8	9	11

	WHITE.....				
	Prot	Cath	Jew	Prot	Cath
Legal	65%	57%	75%	67%	58%
Illegal	26	33	13	24	32
DK/NA	9	10	12	9	10

22. 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	Wht	Blk
Legal	76%	66%	83%	79%	77%	75%	78%	68%
Illegal	15	22	12	13	14	17	13	26
DK/NA	9	12	5	8	9	8	9	6

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Legal	83%	72%	76%	80%	79%	75%	80%	74%
Illegal	10	18	13	14	15	21	12	15
DK/NA	7	10	11	6	6	4	9	11

	WHITE.....				
	Prot	Cath	Jew	Prot	Cath
Legal	71%	69%	86%	73%	71%
Illegal	19	22	5	16	20
DK/NA	10	9	9	11	9

23. 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	Wht	Blk
Support	67%	46%	77%	70%	66%	67%	66%	77%
Oppose	24	45	14	21	26	22	26	15
DK/NA	9	9	9	9	8	11	9	8
	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....					
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+					
Support	71%	64%	69%	65%	69%	60%	73%	65%
Oppose	22	25	21	27	27	30	20	25
DK/NA	7	11	9	8	5	10	7	10
	WHITE.....							
	Prot	Cath	Jew	Prot	Cath			
Support	63%	58%	60%	58%	58%			
Oppose	27	32	27	29	34			
DK/NA	10	10	13	13	8			

24. There is a proposal in the state legislature that would allow adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Good idea	70%	58%	74%	73%	69%	71%	74%	72%
Bad idea	26	39	23	22	28	25	23	25
DK/NA	4	3	3	5	3	4	3	3
	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....					
	Yes No	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-34 35-54 55+					
Good idea	80%	64%	67%	71%	78%	75%	75%	65%
Bad idea	16	32	29	26	19	23	22	31
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	3	2	4	5
	AREA.....			UPSTATE NY.....				
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind		
Good idea	74%	65%	72%	60%	83%	77%		
Bad idea	22	31	26	37	14	18		
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	3	4		

TREND: There is a proposal in the state legislature that would allow adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Jun 06 2013	Feb 4 2010
Good idea	70	71
Bad idea	26	25
DK/NA	4	4

25. There is a proposal in the state legislature that would allow mixed martial arts as a sport. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Good idea	34%	38%	27%	39%	43%	26%	33%	39%
Bad idea	20	21	21	19	22	18	22	16
Hvn't hrd enough	42	39	47	40	30	54	41	44
DK/NA	4	3	5	2	4	3	4	1

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Good idea	31%	36%	31%	38%	35%	63%	40%	16%
Bad idea	21	19	23	19	20	10	14	29
Hvn't hrd enough	43	42	44	38	43	24	42	52
DK/NA	4	3	2	5	2	3	4	3

	AREA.....			UPSTATE NY.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub	Rep	Dem	Ind
Good idea	35%	35%	30%	33%	31%	40%
Bad idea	21	17	22	22	28	17
Hvn't hrd enough	40	44	44	42	36	40
DK/NA	3	3	4	3	5	2