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What borough in New York City do you NOW live in?

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Refused
12/7-11/13	16	29	22	28	5	-

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
6/4-9/02	48	26	26
8/25-29/02	47	31	22
10/12-16/02	47	41	12
1/11-15/03	31	53	16
6/6-11/03	24	65	11
7/13-27/03	25	67	8
8/31-9/4/03	32	57	11
4/16-21/04	38	46	16
8/20-25/04	40	49	11
2/4-13/05	43	45	12
6/21-26/05	50	35	15
8/22-28/05	59	31	11
10/21-26/05	67	23	10
8/23-27/06	63	22	15
6/6-11/08	67	28	5
5/29-6/3/09	60	34	6
8/27-31/10	59	29	12
10/26-28/10	54	30	16
8/9-15/11	45	43	13
8/10-15/12	48	39	13
7/9-15/13	49	36	15
8/2-7/13	49	40	11
8/19-28/13*	44	44	11
10/21-26/13*	45	48	8
12/7-11/13	53	35	12

2. Do you feel things in New York City are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	DK/NA
10/21-26/05	63	28	8
6/6-11/08	37	56	7
8/9-15/11	36	54	10
7/9-15/13*	51	41	8
8/19-28/13*	45	46	9
9/28-10/2/13*	47	45	9
10/21-26/13*	46	48	6
12/7-11/13	50	42	8

3. Compared with all the New York City mayors you know of, living or dead, how do you rank Michael Bloomberg? Would you rate Michael Bloomberg as one of the best mayors New York has ever had, as above average, average, below average or as one of the worst Mayors New York has ever had?

	Best	Above Average	Average	Below average	Worst	DK/NA
10/21-26/05*	10	33	43	10	3	2
8/2-7/13	15	21	38	12	10	4
12/7-11/13	13	25	40	11	9	2

4. In general, do you think the policies of the Bloomberg Administration have favored (the rich), favored the middle class, favored (the poor), or did they treat all groups equally?

	Favored the rich	Favored the middle class	Favored the poor	Treated all groups equally	DK/NA
8/2-7/13 ¹	55	13	3	23	5
12/7-11/13	56	10	2	24	8

¹Wording: In general, do you think the policies of the Bloomberg Administration favor the rich, favor the middle class, favor the poor, or do they treat all groups equally?

5. As Michael Bloomberg's time in office is coming to a close, I'd like you to think about some aspects of life here in New York City and rate them as excellent, good, fair, poor, or let me know if you simply don't know enough about it in order to say. **ITEMS a-f ROTATED.**

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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know enough	Refused
a. The quality of public schools	4	18	31	29	17	1
b. The condition of public parks and other recreational facilities	14	42	28	10	6	-
c. The quality of public transportation	8	37	30	19	5	-
d. The job done by the police to keep New Yorkers safe	18	37	26	15	3	1
e. The ability to obtain a good job	4	14	32	38	10	1
f. The ability to obtain housing at a cost people can afford	2	8	20	59	10	-

6. Looking ahead about four years, if it were entirely up to you, would you want to be living where you are now, or would you want to be living somewhere else in New York City, or would you want to be living outside the city?

	Living where now	Elsewhere in NYC	Outside NYC	DK/NA	NET In NYC	Outside NYC	DK/NA
12/7-14/81 ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	48	48	4
1/5-10/85 ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	54	42	4
4/27-5/3/85	44	15	40	1	59	40	1
6/17-20/90 ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	38	59	3
11/2-12/91 ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	37	60	3
3/1-6/97 ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	49	47	4
8/5-12/01	42	21	35	3	62	35	3
10/6-9/01	55	12	31	2	67	31	2
6/4-9/02	47	16	34	3	63	34	3
8/25-29/02	40	17	42	1	57	43	1
1/11-15/03	38	17	42	3	55	42	3
6/6-11/03	42	13	42	3	55	42	3
8/31-9/4/03	40	11	47	3	51	47	3
4/16-21/04	43	14	41	2	57	41	2
8/20-25/04	40	12	47	2	52	47	2
2/4-13/05	41	16	41	2	57	41	2
6/21-26/05	47	14	38	2	60	38	2
8/22-28/05	46	14	38	1	60	38	1
8/23-27/06	42	15	41	2	57	41	2
6/6-11/08	44	16	39	1	60	39	1
5/29-6/3/09	58	9	29	4	67	29	4
8/9-15/11	43	15	41	1	58	41	1
8/10-15/12	48	17	33	3	65	33	3
8/2-7/13	47	17	34	2	64	34	2
12/7-11/13	50	16	33	1	66	33	1

¹VARIED WORDING: Looking ahead about four years, if it was entirely up to you, would you want to be living in New York City, or would you want to be living somewhere else?

7. Do you think race relations in New York City today are generally good, or generally bad?

	Good	Bad	DK/NA
1/10-12/88	25	64	10
6/21-25/88 ¹	30	59	11
6/11-17/89	28	60	13
6/17-20/90	21	72	7
5/10-14/93	25	61	14
9/29-10/3/93*	25	68	8
10/20-24/93*	19	69	12
3/1-6/97	35	54	11
10/13-18/97*	48	41	11
3/8-14/99	36	53	12
4/1-5/00	25	69	6
8/5-1/01*	51	34	15
6/4-9/02	63	25	11
8/22-28/05	63	25	12
10/21-26/05	57	34	10
8/2-7/13	59	33	8
12/7-11/13	63	30	7

¹In 6/88, the word "City" was omitted

8. Now thinking about your own personal experiences in New York City, can you think of any occasion in the last few months when you felt you were treated unfairly because of your race, ethnicity or some other personal characteristic, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	30	69	1

9. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Bill de Blasio yet to have an opinion? **QUESTIONS 9-11 ROTATED.**

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
12/7-11/13	35	13	51	1

10. Is your opinion of Chirlane McCray favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Chirlane McCray yet to have an opinion? **QUESTIONS 9-11 ROTATED.**

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
12/7-11/13	9	5	85	1

11. Is your opinion of Bill Bratton favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Bill Bratton yet to have an opinion? **QUESTIONS 9-11 ROTATED.**

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
12/7-11/13	32	7	60	1

12. Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Bill de Blasio as Mayor?

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	73	18	9

13. As you think about aspects of life here in New York City, for each of the following tell me if you think Bill de Blasio will have a positive effect, a negative effect, or no effect? If positive/negative: Is that very positive/negative or somewhat positive/negative? **ITEMS a-f ROTATED.**

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	Positive NET	Very	Somewhat	Negative NET	Somewhat	Very	No effect	DK/ NA
a. The quality of public schools	61	25	36	9	6	3	16	13
b. The condition of public parks and other recreational facilities	52	18	34	7	4	2	31	11
c. The quality of public transportation	47	13	33	8	6	2	34	10
d. The job done by the police to keep New Yorkers safe	60	25	34	15	8	7	17	8
e. The ability to obtain a good job	47	14	32	12	7	4	29	13
f. The ability to obtain housing at a cost people can afford	49	17	31	11	7	4	27	13

14. Which of the following do you think should be Bill de Blasio's top priority as Mayor: 1. Keeping the city safe from crime, 2. Improving public education, 3. Promoting economic development in the city, 4. Addressing the housing needs of New Yorkers, 5. Dealing with the gap between the city's rich and poor, or 6. Something else? **ANSWER CHOICES ROTATED.**

12/7-11/13

Keeping the city safe from crime	20
Improving public education	23
Promoting economic development in the city	20
Addressing the housing needs of New Yorkers	13
Dealing with the gap between the city's rich and poor	18
Something else	3
DK/NA	2

15. How much confidence do you have in Bill de Blasio to make the right decisions for the city's future - a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some or none at all?

	Great deal	Good amount	Just some	None	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	15	35	34	11	5

16. How much confidence do you have in Bill de Blasio to manage the city government effectively - a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some or none at all?

	Great deal	Good amount	Just some	None	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	17	35	33	9	5

17. Do you support or oppose Bill de Blasio's recent decision to appoint Bill Bratton as New York City's next Police Commissioner?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	61	12	27

18. When he is Mayor, do you think Bill de Blasio will bring about real change in the way things are done in New York City, or won't he do that?

	Will	Will not	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	65	24	11

19. With Bill de Blasio as mayor, do you think your taxes will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Increase	Decrease	Stay the same	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	36	11	46	8

20. With Bill de Blasio as mayor, do you think the gap between the rich and poor in New York City will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Increase	Decrease	Stay the same	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	15	22	55	7

21. With Bill de Blasio as mayor, do you think race relations in New York City will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	Get better	Get worse	Stay the same	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	43	8	44	5

22. In general, do you think the policies of the de Blasio Administration will favor (the rich), favor the middle class, favor (the poor), or will they treat all groups equally?

	Favor the rich	Favor the middle class	Favor the poor	Treat all groups equally	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	8	21	22	41	9

23. Do you have confidence in Bill de Blasio's ability to deal with a serious crisis in New York City or are you uneasy about his approach?

	Confident	Uneasy	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	53	32	16

24. Do you support or oppose raising income taxes on New York City residents who make more than \$500,000 per year to fund citywide pre-kindergarten?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	71	26	3
12/7-11/13	72	23	4

25. Would you be willing or not willing to pay higher taxes in order to fund citywide pre-kindergarten?

	Willing	Not willing	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	49	48	4

26. Would you support or oppose charging rent to charter schools that operate inside public school buildings?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	45	43	12

27. How much confidence do you have in Bill de Blasio's ability to negotiate union contracts - a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some or none at all?

	Great deal	Good amount	Just some	None	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	17	27	35	12	9

28. Do you think Bill de Blasio will pay too much attention, not enough attention, or about the right amount of attention to the concerns of labor unions?

	Too much	Not enough	Right amount	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	16	11	60	12

29. When Bill de Blasio becomes Mayor of New York City on January 1, his wife, Chirlane McCray becomes New York's First Lady. Would you support Chirlane McCray playing an active role in policy-making in the de Blasio administration, or would you prefer that Chirlane McCray's role be more ceremonial?

	Support active role	Prefer ceremonial role	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	50	38	12

30. As New York's first bi-racial couple occupying the role of Mayor and First Lady of New York, Bill de Blasio and Chirlane McCray will make history. Which of the following two positions is closer to yours:

	12/7-11/13
Having a bi-racial first couple will help transform race relations in the City	47
Having a bi-racial first couple may be historic but it won't have any meaningful impact on race relations in the City	47
DK/NA	6

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	73	26	1

Are you registered in a specific party? IF YES, ASK: What party are you registered in -- the Republican party, the Democratic party, the Conservative party, the Working Families party, Independence party, Green party, or something else?

	12/7-11/13*
Republican	10
Democratic	60
Conservative	-
Working families	1
Independence party	6
Green party	-
Other	-
Not registered in a party	15
DK/NA	7

My last few questions are for background only.

Are you gay, lesbian or bisexual?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	9	87	5

Are you the parent or guardian of a child under 18 that lives with you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	30	68	2

Are your children currently enrolled in public school, or private school, or parochial school? **AMONG PARENTS**

	12/7-11/13
Public	59
Private	19
Parochial	3
Public & other	3
Charter school	3
Not school age	11
Other (Vol.)	1
DK/NA	1

Do you or does any other member of your household work for the City of New York? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, respondent or respondent & someone else	Yes, someone else in household	No, no one	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	9	9	79	3

Are you or any other member of your household - that is, any other adult living in your home or apartment - a member of a labor union? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, respondent or respondent & someone else	Yes, someone else in household	No, no one	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	16	9	72	4

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, a Liberal, a Conservative, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Lib	Cons	Other	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	8	46	21	7	5	2	11

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	30	36	24	10

What is your religious preference today?

	Catholic	Jewish	Protestant	Muslim	Other	No affiliation	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	29	12	21	5	8	19	6

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Grade school	High school	Some college or trade school	Bachelor's degree	Grad or professional degree	Refused
12/7-11/13	5	21	30	20	19	4

Age

	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Refused
12/7-11/13	24	22	31	13	10

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
12/7-11/13	25	70	5

Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
12/7-11/13	40	25	13	11	10

Which of the following general income categories is your total household income before taxes?

	Under 15,000	\$15,000 -29,999	\$30,000 -49,999	\$50,000 -74,999	\$75,000 -99,999	\$100- 249,999	\$250K or more	Refused
12/7-11/13	13	17	12	13	11	13	3	18

Gender

	Male	Female
12/7-11/13	47	53