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New York City Survey Results

Q1 Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of President Joe Biden's job performance?

Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	5%

Q2 Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of Governor Kathy Hochul's job performance?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	11%

Q3 Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of Mayor Eric Adams' job performance?

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	13%

Q4 Do you think public and private colleges in New York give greater consideration in admissions to applicants who are related to graduates of the same school, sometimes referred to as a legacy preference, or not?

Yes	37%
No	26%
Not sure	37%

Q5 Many public and private colleges in New York in fact do give favorable treatment to applicants who are related to graduates of that school, thereby increasing the likelihood that they will be accepted while decreasing the chances of acceptance for applicants not related to graduates of that school. This is what people mean when they refer to a legacy preference in admissions. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose legislation that would ban public and private New York colleges from applying a legacy preference when considering applicants?

Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	23%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	12%
Not sure	14%

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Q6 Now I'm going to read a series of statements that supporters of a ban on legacy preference may make, and after each one, ask you if it makes you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to support a ban on legacy preference, or if it doesn't make a difference. Here's the first one: Supporters of a ban say the legacy preference in college admissions worsens income inequality because the children of college alumni are apt to be wealthy. Already advantaged students from upper-income backgrounds don't need an additional advantage in the college admissions process. Does hearing this make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to support a ban on legacy preference, or does it not make a difference?

Much more likely	32%
Somewhat more likely	20%
Somewhat less likely	12%
Much less likely	9%
It doesn't make a difference	19%
Not sure	8%

Q7 Here's the next one: Supporters of a ban say the legacy preference is an example of racism. Not that long ago, many top-tier colleges refused to admit or placed a limit on the number of qualified racial minorities they would admit.

Much more likely	29%
Somewhat more likely	22%
Somewhat less likely	9%
Much less likely	7%
It doesn't make a difference	20%
Not sure	12%

Q8 Here's the last one: Supporters of a ban say the legacy preference in college admissions is un-American because it benefits applicants who are less qualified just because of who they are related to. Admission to college in New York should be based solely on the qualifications of the applicant, not who their parents are.

Much more likely	42%
Somewhat more likely	19%
Somewhat less likely	7%
Much less likely	5%
It doesn't make a difference	19%
Not sure	9%

Q9 If the legacy preference were banned, would that change your support or opposition to race-based affirmative action in college admissions, or not?

Yes	16%
No	46%
Not sure	38%

Q10 Now I'm going to read a series of actions that New York lawmakers could take to change the admissions policies of colleges and universities in New York. After each one, please tell me whether you would strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the potential action. Here's the first one: the state legislature and governor withholding millions of taxpayer dollars in contracts with New York State colleges and universities until they ban the legacy preference from their admissions policies.

Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	26%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	18%
Not sure	16%

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Q11 Here's the next one: the city council and mayor withholding millions of taxpayer dollars in contracts with New York City colleges and universities until they ban the legacy preference from their admissions policies.

Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	28%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	17%
Not sure	13%

Q12 Here's the next one: the city council and mayor withholding millions of taxpayer dollars in contracts with New York City colleges and universities until they guarantee admission to a minimum number of qualified students from working class and low-income backgrounds.

Strongly support	34%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	11%
Not sure	20%

Q13 Here's the last one: the state legislature and governor withhold millions of taxpayer dollars in contracts with New York State colleges and universities until they guarantee admission to a minimum number of qualified students from working class and low-income backgrounds.

Strongly support	34%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	13%
Not sure	18%

Q14 Are you familiar with the early college admissions process, or not?

Yes	57%
No	43%

Q15 There are two types of early admission systems. Under the early action system, between October and November of their senior year, students submit a non-binding application to a preferred school, receive an answer by mid -December, and are free to apply to other schools the following spring. Under the early decision system, in November of their senior year students make a binding decision as to where they will attend college if accepted. As a matter of policy, students accepted early decision are not to apply to other schools in search of a better financial aid package. Almost one-third of public and private colleges in New York utilize early decision, provide more favorable consideration to early decision applications, and fill between 25% and 50% of their classes through the process. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that colleges should be discouraged from making use of a binding early decision admission system as opposed to non-binding ear

Strongly agree	25%
Somewhat agree	29%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	11%
Not sure	20%

Q16 Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that colleges should be banned from making use of a binding early decision admission system as opposed to non-binding early action and regular decision systems?

Strongly agree	22%
Somewhat agree	27%
Somewhat disagree	16%
Strongly disagree	14%
Not sure	22%

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Q17 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump	19%
Joe Biden	73%
Someone else / Did not vote	8%

Q18 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2. If gender non-binary, press 3.

Woman	51%
Man	45%
Gender non-binary	3%

Q19 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat	67%
Republican	13%
Independent	19%

Q20 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If Asian, press 3. If African-American, press 4. If other, press 5.

Hispanic or Latino	19%
White	42%
Asian	9%
African-American	23%
Other	6%

Q21 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45	37%
46 to 65	40%
Older than 65	23%

Q22 What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or postgraduate degree? If the highest level of education you have received is high school graduate or less, press 1. If some college but did not finish, press 2. If 2-year college degree, press 3. If 4-year college degree, press 4. If postgraduate degree, press 5.

High school graduate or less	27%
Some college but did not finish	19%
2-year college degree	7%
4-year college degree	26%
Post-graduate degree	20%

Q23 Are you the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18?

Yes	27%
No	73%

Q24 Mode

Landline	50%
Text	50%

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