



# WNBC/Marist Poll

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## New York City Transit Strike

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### The blame game

**Question Wording:** Who is more to blame for the transit strike the transit workers union or the MTA?

	Transit Workers Union	MTA	Unsure
<b>NYC residents</b>	40%	39%	21%
White	53%	27%	20%
African American	23%	58%	19%
Latino	34%	49%	17%

**Question Wording:** Overall, do you favor or oppose the transit workers union decision to strike?

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
<b>NYC residents</b>	38%	55%	7%
White	23%	71%	6%
African American	61%	26%	13%
Latino	44%	52%	4%

### It won't be over until...

**Question Wording:** How many more days do you think the transit strike will last?  
(82% of NYC residents think the strike will be resolved within the week)

	1-2	3-4	5-7	> 7	Unsure
<b>NYC residents</b>	38%	22%	22%	11%	7%

**Question Wording:** Should the transit workers' union go back to the bargaining table even if their demands to return are not met?

	Yes	No	Unsure
<b>NYC residents</b>	80%	14%	6%

**Question Wording:** Is the M-T-A doing enough to bring the transit workers union back to the bargaining table?

	Yes	No	Unsure
<b>NYC residents</b>	24%	58%	18%

### Rating the leaders

**Question Wording:** Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following is handling the transit strike:

<b>NYC residents</b>	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
Mayor Michael Bloomberg	45%	44%	11%
Governor George Pataki	27%	57%	16%
TWU leader Roger Toussaint	39%	48%	13%

### How the survey was conducted:

This survey was conducted on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005. 429 New York City residents were interviewed in proportion to the adult population in each borough. The results are statistically significant at  $\pm 5\%$ . The margin of error increases for cross-tabulations.