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Drivers Leading Cause of NYC Accidents, Say More Than Two-Thirds

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This NY1-Marist Poll Reports:

68% of adults in New York City believe people driving cars are the cause of most accidents on city streets. Nearly one in five -- 19% -- thinks people riding bicycles are most at fault while 13% blame pedestrians.

While majorities of residents in the five boroughs think drivers are the cause of most accidents, more in Brooklyn -- 74%, the Bronx -- 70%, and in Queens and Staten Island -- 67% -- have this view compared with those in Manhattan -- 59%. About three in ten adults in Manhattan -- 31% -- believe bicyclists are the greatest accident threat.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: NY1-Marist New York City Poll of 886 Adults

This survey of 886 New York City adults was conducted April 10th through 17th, 2012. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in New York City were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the city. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each borough was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. There are 671 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 4.0 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

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		NYC Adults	NYC Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
NYC Adults		100%	
NYC Registered Voters		76%	100%
Party Registration	Democrat	n/a	64%
	Republican	n/a	12%
	Non-enrolled	n/a	22%
	Other	n/a	1%
Political Ideology	Liberal	n/a	34%
	Moderate	n/a	37%
	Conservative	n/a	29%
NYC Borough	Bronx	16%	17%
	Brooklyn	30%	31%
	Manhattan	21%	21%
	Queens and Staten Island	33%	31%
Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	47%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	53%
Race	White	35%	40%
	African American	22%	23%
	Latino	27%	25%
	Other	16%	13%
Race	White	35%	40%
	Non White	65%	60%
Religion	Protestant	26%	26%
	Catholic	34%	36%
	Jewish	13%	13%
	Other	9%	7%
	No Religion	18%	18%
Age	Under 45	53%	45%
	45 or older	47%	55%
Age	18 to 29	24%	18%
	30 to 44	29%	27%
	45 to 59	24%	27%
	60 or older	23%	28%
	Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%	52%
Education	Not college graduate	52%	47%
	College graduate	48%	53%
Interview Type	Landline	75%	78%
	Cell Phone	25%	22%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted April 10th through 17th, 2012, N=886 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. NYC Registered Voters: N=671 MOE +/- 4.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		NYC Adults		
		Which one of the following do you think causes the most accidents on city streets:		
		People driving cars	People riding bicycles	People walking
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		68%	19%	13%
NYC Registered Voters		65%	22%	13%
NYC Borough	Bronx	70%	15%	15%
	Brooklyn	74%	18%	8%
	Manhattan	59%	31%	10%
	Queens and Staten Island	67%	16%	18%
Income	Less than \$50,000	71%	15%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	65%	22%	12%
Race	White	67%	24%	9%
	African American	71%	13%	16%
	Latino	62%	21%	17%
Education	Not college graduate	75%	14%	12%
	College graduate	61%	25%	14%
Age	Under 45	68%	17%	16%
	45 or older	68%	22%	10%
Age	18 to 29	72%	20%	7%
	30 to 44	63%	13%	23%
	45 to 59	67%	22%	11%
	60 or older	68%	22%	10%
Gender	Men	70%	18%	12%
	Women	65%	20%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	68%	19%	14%
	Cell Phone	68%	21%	11%

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