

Zohran Mamdani leads NYC mayoral race

Democrat Zohran Mamdani, 34, a self-described socialist and the frontrunner in New York City's mayoral race, is poised to make history as the city's first Muslim mayor and the first of South Asian descent



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- **1999-2014:** Attends *The Bronx High School of Science* and later graduates from *Bowdoin College* in Maine with bachelor's degree in Africana Studies, where he co-founds campus chapter of *Students for Justice in Palestine*
- **2015-19:** Works as housing officer in Queens, helping low-income homeowners fight eviction
- **2018:** Becomes U.S. citizen through naturalisation
- **2020:** Wins seat in New York State Assembly representing Queens
- **Feb 2025:** Marries Brooklyn-based Syrian artist *Rama Duwaji*
- **Jun 24:** Wins New York City's Democratic mayoral primary, defeating former governor *Andrew Cuomo*
- **Nov 4:** Leads polls in mayoral election with platform to tax the rich, create city-run grocery stores, provide free bus service, and "Trump-proof" New York

- **Oct 18, 1991:** Born in Kampala, Uganda to parents of Indian descent: Columbia University anthropology professor *Mahmood Mamdani* and acclaimed film director *Mira Nair*
- **1998:** Moves to New York City with family at age seven

NYC MAYORAL ELECTION VOTING INTENTION (%)



If elected, Mamdani's ability to make good on his promises will lay groundwork for Democrats as they seek to recover from 2024 loss