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## U.S. VOTERS BACK 2-1 SENDING TROOPS TO FIGHT ISIS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; VOTERS SAY 3-1 KEEP UN-VACCINATED KIDS OUT OF SCHOOL

American voters support 62 - 30 percent sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria, with strong support across all party, gender and age groups, according to a Quinnipiac University National poll released today.

Men back U.S. troop deployment 68 - 28 percent, while women support it 57 - 33 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

A total of 69 percent of American voters are "very confident" or "somewhat confident" that the U.S. and its allies will defeat ISIS. Only 39 percent of voters are concerned that U.S. military action will go "too far" in getting involved in the situation, while 53 percent are more concerned the U.S. military "will not go far enough in stopping ISIS."

Voters say 64 – 23 percent Congress should grant the authorization requested by President Barack Obama to use military force against ISIS.

And voters say 72 - 19 percent that the U.S. should <u>never</u> pay ransom to terrorists who are holding American hostages. This opinion is shared by every listed group.

"Send in the troops and eliminate ISIS: The resounding hardline message from Americans who say, 'Don't negotiate with terrorists; destroy them," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

American voters believe 63 – 28 percent that President Obama loves America.

Voters give him a negative 41 - 52 percent job approval rating, his best score since a negative 42 - 50 percent job approval in an April 2, 2014, survey. Men disapprove 56 - 38 percent while women disapprove 48 - 43 percent.

"Most Americans believe President Obama loves America, but they are not in love with his job performance," Malloy added.

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Republicans in Congress get a negative 22 - 69 percent approval rating, while Democrats in Congress get a negative 28 - 62 percent score.

By a 47 – 42 percent margin American voters trust Republicans in Congress more than President Obama to make decisions good for the country.

In an open-ended question, allowing for any answer, 21 percent of voters say the economy is the most important problem facing the nation. Obama gets a negative 44 - 50 percent approval rating for handling the economy. His approval ratings on other issues are:

- Negative 35 55 percent for foreign policy;
- Negative 39 54 percent for terrorism;
- Negative 38 56 percent for immigration;
- Negative 35 55 percent for ISIS.

## Immigration

Voters oppose 55 - 40 percent Obama's executive order allowing some undocumented immigrants to remain in the U.S. The president exceeded his authority with this order, voters say 51 - 41 percent.

But voters oppose 62 - 30 percent Congress partially shutting down the Department of Homeland Security to block this executive action on immigration. Voters say 50 - 37 percent they will hold Republicans in Congress, rather than Obama, responsible for such a shutdown.

"Voters think President Obama exceeded his authority by unilaterally allowing some undocumented immigrants to remain in the U.S.," Malloy said. "But they make it clear Republicans in Congress will take the fall if Homeland Security is jeopardized to counterpunch the executive order."

## Vaccination

American voters say 70 - 23 percent that children who have not received standard vaccinations should <u>not</u> be allowed to attend school or childcare facilities.

There is virtually no gender gap and feelings are strong among party and age groups.

"American voters say 3-1, 'No shots, no school," Malloy said.

From February 26 – March 2, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,286 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

							AGE IN YRS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+		
Approve	41%	8%	81%	40%	38%	43%	48%	38%	40%		
Disapprove	52	89	14	52	56	48	43	53	54		
DK/NA	7	4	6	8	5	9	9	8	5		

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (\* High also 59% Mar 2009)

						APPROVE	
						High	Low
	Mar 04	Nov 25	Jul 02	Apr 02	Jan 22	Jun 04	Dec 10
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2009*	2013
Approve	41	39	40	42	40	59	38
Disapprove	52	54	53	50	54	31	57
DK/NA	7	8	7	8	6	10	6

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE I 18-34	N YRS 35-54	 55+
Approve	22%	42%	7%	15%	20%	23%	25%	20%	21%
Disapprove	69	49	85	76	74	65	66	73	68
DK/NA	9	8	8	8	6	12	9	7	11

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job? (\* High also 34% Mar 3 2011, Mar 2010, \*\* Low also 17% Oct 2013)

						APPROVE	
						High	Low
	Mar 04	Nov 26	Jul 08	Apr 02	Jan 21	Mar 31	Jan 21
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2011*	2014**
Approve	22	23	18	18	17	34	17
Disapprove	69	69	73	73	76	55	76
DK/NA	9	8	9	9	7	11	7

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

							AGE IN YRS			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	28%	11%	54%	22%	26%	30%	31%	27%	28%	
Disapprove	62	83	34	68	67	57	58	65	62	
DK/NA	10	5	12	10	7	13	11	9	10	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job? (\* Low also 24% Nov 2011, Oct 2011, Sep 2011)

						APPROVE	
						High	Low
	Mar 04	Nov 26	Jul 08	Apr 02	Jan 21	Mar 04	Nov 26
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2009	2014*
Approve	28	24	29	30	27	45	24
Disapprove	62	67	63	60	66	45	67
DK/NA	10	9	8	10	7	10	9

11. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

							AGE II			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+	
Very satisfied	2%	1%	5%	28	28	3%	3%	2%	3%	
Smwht satisfied	29	14	50	25	31	27	32	31	25	
Smwht dissatisfied	33	32	30	36	32	33	41	33	29	
Very dissatisfied	35	53	15	36	35	36	24	34	42	
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

						VERY+SM	WHT SAT
						High	Low
	Mar 04	Nov 25	Jul 08	Apr 02	Jan 22	Dec 11	Nov 13
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2001	2008
Very satisfied	2	2	2	2	2	21	2
Smwht satisfied	29	23	24	24	22	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	33	32	31	33	32	19	38
Very dissatisfied	35	42	43	40	43	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	3	2

	Tot
Economy Total Economy general Unemployment/Jobs Economy other	21% 14 6 1
Terrorism Total Terrorism general Security/Safety	13% 9 4
Politicians Total Politicians/Campaigns general Political gridlock Obama administration Political corruption	11% 1 6 3 1
Foreign Affairs Total Foreign affairs/policy general Military issues Foreign/affairs/policy other Foreign affairs other	7% 4 1 1 1
Budget Total Budget general Budget deficits Gov too big/Gov spending	6% 1 3 2
Healthcare/Costs/Ins/HMO's	6%
Immigration	5%
Education Total Education general Funding education Education other	4% 2 1 1
Class inequality	3%
Environment/Pollution	2%
War general Middle class/Working class Poverty/Homeless Welfare Crime/Violence general Police general Lack of ethics/Morality Lack of religion	1% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1%
Other	11%
DK/NA	3%

29. Who do you trust more to make decisions that are good for the country, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

							AGE IN	YRS	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Obama	42%	4%	85%	43%	38%	45%	45%	42%	42%
Reps in Congress	47	91	8	43	51	44	45	49	48
DK/NA	11	6	7	14	11	11	10	9	10

TREND: Who do you trust more to make decisions that are good for the country, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014
Obama	42	42
Reps in Congress	47	47
DK/NA	11	12

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	•••• 55+
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Approve	44%	14%	77%	45%	42%	46%	52%	43%	41%
Disapprove	50	82	16	50	54	46	38	52	54
DK/NA	6	4	7	4	4	8	9	5	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy? (\* Low also 32% Sep 2011)

						APPROVE	
						High	Low
	Mar 04	Jul 02	Apr 02	Jan 22	Jan 08	Mar 04	Oct 06
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2009	2011*
Approve	44	40	40	39	39	57	32
Disapprove	50	55	55	56	58	33	64
DK/NA	6	4	4	5	4	10	4

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE II 18-34	N YRS 35-54	55+
Approve	35%	5%	70응	35%	34%	36%	39%	33%	35%
Disapprove	55	90	20	55	60	51	50	57	57
DK/NA	10	5	10	10	6	13	11	9	8

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

	Mar 04 2015	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	Jan 22 2014	Jan 08 2014	APPROVE High Apr 29 2009	Low Mar 04 2015
Approve	35	37	39	40	41	57	35
Disapprove	55	57	55	49	51	32	55
DK/NA	10	6	6	11	8	11	10

32. Do you approve	or disap	oprove d	of the w	way Bara	ack O	bama is	handling	- terro	orism?
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE I 18-34	N YRS 35-54	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	39% 54 7	11% 85 4	71% 21 8	39% 55 6	39% 56 4	39% 52 9	45% 46 9	39% 56 5	37% 57 6
TREND: Do you appro	ve or di	lsapprov	ve of th	ne way B	Barac	k Obama	is handl	ing terr	corism?
	Mar 04 2015	4 Jul ( 2014	)2 Jan 2014		n 08 L4	Dec 10 2013	APPROVE High May 05 2011	Low Mar 04 2015	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	39 54 7	44 51 5	48 41 10	52 41 6		50 41 8	67 27 7	39 54 7	
33. Do you approve	or disap	oprove d	of the w	way Bara	ack O	bama is	handling	- immig	gration issues?
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE I 18-34	N YRS 35-54	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	38% 56 6	9% 88 3	69% 22 8	38% 55 7	35% 59 5	40% 53 7	44% 47 9	35% 59 6	37% 60 4
TREND: Do you appro issues?	ve or di	lsapprov	ve of th	ne way B	Barac	k Obama	is handl	ing immi	gration
	Mar 04 2015	4 Nov 1 2013	2 Aug 2013		L 11 L3	May 01 2013			
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	38 56 6	35 53 12	39 53 7	41 50 8		40 50 10			
34. Do you approve militant group that							handling	- ISIS,	the Islamic
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE I 18-34	N YRS 35-54	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	35% 55 10	10% 86 5	65% 23 12	35% 57 8	35% 59 5	35% 52 14	42% 44 14	33% 59 8	34% 58 8
35. Do you believe	Presider	nt Obama	a loves	America	a or	don't yo	ou think	so?	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE I 18-34	N YRS 35-54	
Yes No DK/NA	63% 28 9	33% 53 14	93% 4 3	67% 24 9	62% 30 8	63% 26 11	78% 14 8	62% 31 7	57% 32 11

36. Do you believe President Obama is a Christian or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		YRS 35-54	
Yes No DK/NA	43% 32 25	20% 57 23	74% 10 16	27	34	30	45% 28 27	42% 30 28	45% 36 20

37. How important is a president's religion to you; very important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	•••• 55+
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Very important	24%	35%	20%	15%	22%	26%	20%	19%	30%
Somewhat important	29	33	26	31	27	31	32	31	27
Not so important	15	11	17	18	16	15	8	17	17
Not important at all	31	20	37	35	35	27	41	33	26
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

38. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

							AGE I	N YRS	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Excellent	2%	_	5%	2%	3%	2%	38	1%	28
Good	34	21	51	35	35	34	35	35	33
Not so good	41	45	36	42	40	43	43	43	39
Poor	21	32	8	20	21	20	17	20	24
DK/NA	1	2	-	1	1	1	2	-	1

TREND: Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

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39. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

							AGE IN	V YRS	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
	0.40	1.60			0.60				
Better	34%	16%	58%	31%	36%	32%	40%	31%	33%
Worse	22	34	9	21	18	26	23	21	23
The same	43	50	33	47	46	40	36	47	43
DK/NA	1	1	_	-	-	1	1	1	-

TREND: Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same? (\* Low also 11% Sep 2011)

						BETTER.	
						High	Low
	Mar 04	Nov 25	Jul 02	Apr 02	Jan 22	Jan 18	Oct 06
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2011	2011*
Better	34	34	26	29	28	36	11
Worse	22	22	31	29	26	20	44
The same	43	43	43	42	44	43	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

40. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

							AGE I	N YRS	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Better off	41%	27%	58%	39%	45%	38%	55%	43%	33%
Worse off	32	41	19	35	32	32	28	33	34
SAME (VOL)	24	30	21	23	21	28	14	22	32
DK/NA	2	2	1	4	2	3	3	2	1

TREND: Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Mar 04 2015	May 02 2013	Nov 13 2008	May 05 2004	Dec 10 2003	Feb 04 2003	Nov 13 2002
	2013	2013	2008	2004	2003	2003	2002
Better off	41	36	27	43	43	36	38
Worse off	32	41	50	34	36	38	39
SAME (VOL)	24	22	22	22	20	25	22
DK/NA	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

41. Do you think President Obama's policies have helped - the nation's economy, hurt the nation's economy, or haven't made a difference?

			_				AGE IN	AGE IN YRS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+			
Helped	38%	9%	68%	43%	36%	40%	42%	39%	37%			
Hurt	33	59	7	28	35	31	26	35	37			
No difference	26	29	23	27	26	26	30	24	24			
DK/NA	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2			

TREND: Do you think President Obama's policies have helped the nation's economy, hurt the nation's economy, or haven't made a difference? (\*helped the economy, hurt the economy)

	Mar 04 2015	Jan 18 2011*	Jul 22 2010*	May 26 2010*	Dec 22 2009*	Aug 06 2009*
Helped	38	38	33	39	37	37
Hurt	33	28	34	29	28	29
No difference	26	31	31	28	31	31
DK/NA	2	2	3	4	4	4

42. Do you think President Obama's policies have helped - your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	 55+
Helped	20%	3%	42%	17%	19%	21%	26%	20%	19%
Hurt	31	51	10	27	31	31	20	39	31
No difference	48	46	47	55	50	47	55	42	49
DK/NA	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1

TREND: Do you think President Obama's policies have helped your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

	Mar 04 2015	Jan 18 2011	Jul 22 2010	May 26 2010	Dec 22 2009	Aug 06 2009
Helped	20	19	14	16	15	13
Hurt	31	29	30	29	26	23
No difference	48	51	54	54	58	63
DK/NA	-	1	1	2	1	1

43. Do you support or oppose increasing taxes on higher income earners to reduce the amount of taxes paid by the middle class?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE II 18-34	N YRS 35-54	 55+
Support	58%	31%	88%	61%	54%	62%	63%	55%	58%
Oppose	35	62	9	35	43	29	33	38	36
DK/NA	6	7	4	5	3	9	5	7	6

44. Do you support or oppose the executive order issued by President Obama in 2014 allowing some undocumented immigrants to stay in the United States?

							AGE IN YRS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+			
Support	40%	128	67%	42%	36%	43%	50%	40%	35%			
Oppose	55	86	25	53	60	51	44	56	61			
DK/NA	5	2	8	5	4	6	6	4	4			

45. Regardless what you think of this immigration policy, do you think Barack Obama acted within his authority as president when he issued this executive order, or do you think his actions went beyond his authority as president?

							AGE IN	I YRS	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Within authority	41%	14%	74%	41%	40%	42%	50%	40%	38%
Beyond authority	51	81	16	50	55	47	43	52	54
DK/NA	8	5	10	9	6	11	7	9	8

46. Do you support or oppose Congress trying to stop this executive action on immigration from taking place by partially shutting down the Department of Homeland Security?

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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Support	30%	53%	7%	28%	34%	25%	27%	32%	30%
Oppose	62	40	84	67	58	65	62	62	61
DK/NA	9	7	8	5	8	9	11	5	9

47. Who do you think should be held responsible for a partial shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		YRS 35-54	55+
Obama	37%	65%	12%	33%	42%	31%	29%	38%	40%
Reps in Congress	50	23	80	52	46	53	57	49	47
DK/NA	14	13	8	16	12	15	14	14	14

48. Do you think that children who have not received standard vaccinations should be allowed to attend schools and childcare facilities, or should not be allowed to attend schools and childcare facilities?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		YRS 35-54	
Should be allowed	23%	26%	19%	29%	22%	25%	29%	27%	18%
Should not	70	68	74	67	71	69	67	67	73
DK/NA	7	7	8	5	7	7	4	6	8

49. (Intro Q49-54: Now here are a few questions about the Islamic militant group often referred to as ISIS that controls some areas of Iraq and Syria.) President Obama has asked Congress to authorize the use of military force against ISIS for a period of three years with no geographical limitations. The authorization would allow using U.S. ground troops for limited operations but would rule out using them for long term operations. Do you support or oppose Congress passing this authorization?

							AGE IN	YRS	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Support	64%	60%	72%	64%	69%	59%	63%	73%	59%
Oppose	23	28	16	24	24	23	24	19	27
DK/NA	13	12	12	12	8	18	13	8	14

50. Do you think that ISIS is a threat to the security of the United States, or not? IF YES: Do you think it is a major threat or a minor threat?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN 18-34	I YRS 35-54	55+
Yes/Major	67%	81%	58%	63%	63%	70응	52%	67%	73%
Yes/Minor	19	12	28	20	21	17	23	20	17
No/Not a threat	11	5	10	14	14	8	21	10	6
DK/NA	4	2	4	3	2	6	4	3	4

51. Would you support or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		AGE IN YRS 18-34 35-54 55+		
Support	62%	73%	53%	60%	68%	57%	64%	66%	59%	
Oppose	30	18	40	35	28	33	29	28	33	
DK/NA	8	9	7	5	5	11	7	5	8	

52. How confident are you that the United States and its allies will defeat ISIS; very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	 55+
Very confident Somewhat confident Not so confident	31% 38 18	31% 37 19	35% 41 16	31% 39 17	36% 35 17	27% 41 19	44% 30 13	30% 41 18	28% 40 20
Not confident at all DK/NA	-	19 12 2	5 3	10 3	10 2	8 6	13 8 5	10 11 1	20 9 4

53. What concerns you more about the U.S. military action in Iraq and Syria; that the U.S. will go too far in getting involved in the situation, or that the U.S. will not go far enough in stopping ISIS?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		YRS 35-54	
Too far	39%	20%	58%	38%	34%	43%	58%	36%	31%
Not enough	53	74	32	56	58	47	34	56	59
DK/NA	9	6	11	7	8	10	8	7	10

54. Do you think there are circumstances when the United States government should pay ransom to international terrorists who are holding American hostages, or should the United States government never pay ransom to terrorists under any circumstances?

		_	_					YRS	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Should pay	19%	14%	22%	20%	12%	26%	35%	17%	14%
No/Never pay	72	77	71	73	83	62	56	74	78
DK/NA	9	9	7	7	5	12	9	8	8

TREND: Do you think there are circumstances when the United States government should pay ransom to international terrorists who are holding American hostages, or should the United States government never pay ransom to terrorists under any circumstances?

	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014
Yes/Should pay	19	21
No/Never pay	72	70
DK/NA	9	10