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## **CLINTON CAN JUST E-MAIL IT IN TO WIN CONNECTICUT, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BUSH, WALKER TOP REPUBLICAN FIELD, BUT TRAIL DEM**

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton dominates the Democratic primary field in an early look at the 2016 White House run in Connecticut and tops possible Republican challengers by margins of 18 to 25 percentage points, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker have 18 percent each in a possible Republican primary matchup, with 12 percent for U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and 11 percent for New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. No other candidate tops 7 percent, with 12 percent undecided.

Secretary Clinton tops the Democratic pack with 53 percent, followed by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts with 15 percent and Vice President Joseph Biden with 8 percent. No other candidate tops 2 percent and 15 percent are undecided.

Clinton tops any listed Republican contender by double digits in Connecticut:

- 52 – 34 percent over Bush;
- 52 – 34 percent over Christie;
- 54 – 32 percent over Paul;
- 56 – 31 percent over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee;
- 53 – 34 percent over U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida;
- 53 – 33 percent over Walker;
- 55 – 30 percent over U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

“In blue Connecticut, Hillary Clinton has big double-digit leads against top Republican contenders,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Director Douglas Schwartz, PhD.

“Despite the current e-mail controversy surrounding Clinton, she is well-liked in Connecticut while the Republican contenders get either mixed evaluations or negative ones from voters.”

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By a 56 – 38 percent margin, Connecticut voters have a favorable opinion of Clinton.

Favorability ratings for Republicans are:

- Negative 37 – 41 percent for Christie;
- Negative 25 – 36 percent for Paul;
- Negative 26 – 36 percent for Huckabee;
- Negative 33 – 39 percent for Bush;
- 24 – 23 percent for Rubio, with 52 percent who don't know enough about him to form an opinion;
- 22 – 22 percent for Walker with 56 percent who don't know enough about him;
- Negative 16 – 30 percent for Cruz, with 53 percent who don't know enough about him.

Connecticut voters give President Barack Obama a split 48 – 48 percent job approval rating, unchanged from his 48 – 48 percent score in a May 9, 2014, Quinnipiac University poll.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal gets a 64 – 26 percent job approval rating, matching his all-time high 64 – 26 percent score May 9. Only Republicans disapprove 56 – 37 percent.

Blumenthal deserves reelection in 2016, voters say 59 – 27 percent.

Voters approve 55 – 25 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy is doing.

“U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal is in very strong position for reelection in 2016 with high job approval and reelection numbers,” Schwartz said.

From March 6 – 9, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,235 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. The survey includes 323 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 5.5 percentage points and 459 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 4.6 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

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

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1. (If Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, John Kasich, Rand Paul, Rick Perry, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, and Scott Walker, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Mod/ Lib	Men	Wom
Bush	18%	7%	18%	25%	16%	19%
Carson	7	14	2	8	8	6
Christie	11	1	13	16	7	16
Cruz	5	17	4	-	6	5
Graham	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huckabee	3	2	2	4	3	3
Jindal	2	4	2	-	2	1
Kasich	-	1	-	-	-	1
Paul	12	14	11	10	13	10
Perry	2	1	3	3	4	-
Rubio	4	8	4	3	3	6
Santorum	-	-	-	1	-	-
Walker	18	25	24	9	22	12
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	1	5	1	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	1	6	3	3
DK/NA	12	5	14	11	11	12

2. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Jim Webb, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom
Biden	8%	7%	5%	8%	8%	8%
Clinton	53	56	52	54	48	56
O'Malley	1	-	-	3	2	1
Sanders	2	3	2	1	4	1
Warren	15	27	20	7	16	13
Webb	1	-	1	2	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	1	3	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	1	7	5	2
DK/NA	15	7	18	16	13	17

3. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	52%	8%	89%	44%	47%	56%	65%	53%	49%
Christie	34	85	3	37	40	29	26	34	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	2	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	1	7	5	4	3	4	6
DK/NA	8	2	7	10	6	9	4	8	6

4. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	54%	12%	90%	46%	48%	60%	67%	56%	51%
Paul	32	83	4	33	41	24	25	32	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	1	7	5	4	3	2	5
DK/NA	8	2	5	13	6	10	4	10	7

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	56%	11%	90%	50%	50%	62%	72%	58%	50%
Huckabee	31	83	3	30	38	24	19	28	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	2	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	1	7	5	4	3	4	5
DK/NA	8	2	6	10	6	9	5	9	6

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	52%	9%	88%	44%	45%	58%	66%	53%	47%
Bush	34	86	5	36	42	28	23	32	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	2	1	8	6	3	4	5	5
DK/NA	7	2	6	10	6	9	4	8	6

7. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	53%	8%	90%	44%	46%	59%	67%	55%	48%
Rubio	34	88	3	35	42	26	23	30	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	1	7	4	3	4	3	4
DK/NA	9	3	6	12	6	11	4	11	7

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Scott Walker the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	53%	7%	90%	45%	47%	58%	68%	53%	48%
Walker	33	89	3	33	41	26	23	31	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	-	8	5	3	3	4	4
DK/NA	9	3	6	13	6	12	5	11	8

9. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	55%	8%	91%	49%	50%	60%	67%	57%	52%
Cruz	30	82	2	29	38	22	21	29	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	-	6	4	3	3	2	5
DK/NA	10	5	6	14	7	13	8	10	9

10. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	56%	15%	89%	50%	49%	62%	69%	59%	51%
Unfavorable	38	81	6	43	47	30	24	36	44
Hvn't hrd enough	4	4	4	5	3	6	7	4	4
REFUSED	2	-	1	3	1	2	-	2	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Mar 12 2015	Mar 27 2008	Nov 08 2007	May 10 2007	Feb 19 2007
Favorable	56	46	48	49	53
Unfavorable	38	47	39	42	36
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5	10	7	8
REFUSED	2	2	4	2	3

11. Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	37%	56%	24%	40%	40%	34%	32%	41%	36%
Unfavorable	41	27	54	38	42	40	30	41	46
Hvn't hrd enough	19	16	18	20	16	23	38	16	15
REFUSED	2	1	3	2	2	3	-	3	2

12. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	25%	47%	9%	29%	34%	18%	22%	27%	26%
Unfavorable	36	17	52	31	32	38	27	34	40
Hvn't hrd enough	38	34	38	38	32	42	50	37	33
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2

13. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	26%	56%	7%	27%	31%	21%	17%	24%	30%
Unfavorable	36	14	54	32	38	33	26	38	37
Hvn't hrd enough	37	29	37	40	29	44	57	36	31
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Mar 12 2015	Feb 19 2007
Favorable	26	5
Unfavorable	36	9
Hvn't hrd enough	37	85
REFUSED	1	1

14. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	33%	61%	15%	37%	36%	30%	23%	31%	38%
Unfavorable	39	16	56	34	36	42	43	40	37
Hvn't hrd enough	26	23	27	26	26	26	31	27	22
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	2

15. Is your opinion of Marco Rubio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	24%	56%	9%	22%	29%	20%	21%	20%	28%
Unfavorable	23	2	39	21	26	21	15	23	26
Hvn't hrd enough	52	42	50	57	45	58	64	56	45
REFUSED	1	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	1

16. Is your opinion of Scott Walker favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	22%	55%	6%	19%	25%	18%	16%	17%	27%
Unfavorable	22	3	39	17	25	19	13	22	25
Hvn't hrd enough	56	42	55	63	49	63	71	61	48
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1

17. Is your opinion of Ted Cruz favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	16%	39%	4%	14%	22%	11%	14%	15%	17%
Unfavorable	30	9	49	26	34	27	23	27	36
Hvn't hrd enough	53	51	47	60	44	61	63	57	47
REFUSED	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Murphy is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	55%	35%	70%	55%	51%	59%	57%	54%	58%
Disapprove	25	47	9	26	31	19	23	25	25
DK/NA	20	19	21	19	17	22	20	21	18

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Murphy is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Mar 12 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013
Approve	55	51	53	52	50
Disapprove	25	29	31	32	34
DK/NA	20	20	16	16	16

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Richard Blumenthal is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	64%	37%	78%	65%	58%	69%	58%	63%	68%
Disapprove	26	56	9	25	31	21	27	25	25
DK/NA	11	7	13	10	11	10	15	12	8

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Richard Blumenthal is handling his job as United States Senator? (\* High also 64% May 2014, Mar 2012)

	Mar 12 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Mar 12 2015*	Low Mar 09 2011
Approve	64	64	61	62	63	64	49
Disapprove	26	26	31	28	27	26	25
DK/NA	11	10	8	10	10	11	26

23. Looking ahead to the 2016 election for United States Senator, do you feel that Richard Blumenthal deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Deserves	59%	31%	75%	59%	54%	63%	53%	59%	63%
No/Does not	27	62	9	27	35	21	29	25	27
DK/NA	14	7	16	14	11	16	17	16	9

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	48%	8%	82%	39%	44%	51%	61%	49%	42%
Disapprove	48	92	15	55	52	44	37	46	53
DK/NA	4	-	4	6	3	5	2	4	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (\*High also 71% Apr 2009)

	Mar 12 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High May 27 2009*	Low Mar 04 2014
Approve	48	48	45	50	53	71	45
Disapprove	48	48	51	46	44	22	51
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	3	7	4