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CONNECTICUT VOTERS SUPPORT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS BACK METAL DETECTORS, ARMED GUARDS IN SCHOOLS

By a slight 52 – 45 percent majority, with a wide age gap, Connecticut voters support "allowing adults…to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use," according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

By a huge 90 – 9 percent margin, voters support the medical use of marijuana. Support ranges from 84 – 14 percent among voters over 65 years old to 99 – 1 percent among voters 18 to 29 years old. Voters also support 69 – 28 percent having a medical marijuana dispensary in their town or city, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

On the question of so-called recreational marijuana use, voters 18 to 29 years old support the idea 80 – 20 percent, while voters over 65 years old are opposed 61 – 34 percent. Men back recreational marijuana 54 – 42 percent, with women divided 49 – 48 percent.

About half of Connecticut voters, 47 percent, admit trying marijuana. Some attitudes about marijuana include:

- 61 percent of voters say alcohol is more harmful to a person's health, while 16 percent say marijuana is more harmful and 18 percent say both are harmful;
- If marijuana were more widely available, 55 percent of voters say alcohol would be more harmful to society, while 28 percent say marijuana would be more harmful;
- Legalizing marijuana would lead to more underage use, voters say 59 – 37 percent.

"A slight majority of Connecticut voters favor legalizing marijuana for recreational use, with huge age and party gaps. While 90 percent support the current law allowing medical marijuana, support drops to 69 percent who would want a medical marijuana dispensary in their town," said Douglas Schwartz, PhD, director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

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With wide partisan and gender gaps, Connecticut voters support 56 – 38 percent the state's stricter new gun control laws. Support is 81 – 14 percent among Democrats and 54 – 40 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 69 – 25 percent. Men oppose stricter gun laws 51 – 45 percent, while women back these laws 66 – 27 percent.

By an 82 – 15 percent margin, voters support using metal detectors at school entrances. There is strong support from every group listed. By a smaller 49 – 44 percent margin, voters support armed guards in schools. Support is almost identical among men and women, but there is a large partisan gap: Republicans support armed guards 59 – 36 percent, while Democrats are opposed 51 – 43 percent. Independent voters support the idea 51 – 43 percent.

Death Penalty

Connecticut voters support the death penalty 58 – 36 percent. They are divided in their opinion of the 2012 bill that replaces the death penalty with life in prison without the chance of parole, with 47 percent approving and 49 percent disapproving. Men disapprove 57 – 40 percent while women approve 53 – 41 percent.

"Despite the botched execution in Oklahoma, we haven't seen any change in support for the death penalty in Connecticut: 58 percent still support the death penalty, but are divided when given a choice between the death penalty and life without parole," Dr. Schwartz said.

By a strong 72 – 26 percent margin, voters support increasing the state's minimum wage to $10.10 per hour by 2017. Support is 94 – 6 percent among Democrats and 70 – 28 percent among independent voters. Republicans are divided with 47 percent in favor and 50 percent opposed.

"Connecticut was the first state in the nation to raise its minimum wage to $10.10 an hour, and nearly three quarters of voters back this increase," Dr. Schwartz said.

From May 1 – 6, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,668 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines 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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27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dan Malloy is handling - gun policy?

						AGE IN YRS...............			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	44%	18%	67%	43%	39%	49%	40%	41%	48%	47%
Disapprove	45	75	21	46	54	36	50	48	44	39
DK/NA	11	7	12	11	6	15	10	11	8	14

	Gun HsHld	CldntVote ForCandIf DisagreeGunsQ33
Approve	24%	42%
Disapprove	71	50
DK/NA	5	8

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dan Malloy is handling gun policy?

	May 12 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013
Approve	44	47	47	48	41
Disapprove	45	43	44	39	38
DK/NA	11	10	10	13	21

31. Do you support or oppose the stricter new gun control laws in Connecticut?

							AGE IN YRS...............			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	56%	25%	81%	54%	45%	66%	54%	54%	57%	59%
Oppose	38	69	14	40	51	27	42	40	38	34
DK/NA	5	6	5	6	3	7	4	6	4	7

	Gun HsHld	CldntVote ForCandIf DisagreeGunsQ33
Support	30%	54%
Oppose	66	43
DK/NA	4	3

TREND: Do you support or oppose the stricter new gun control laws in Connecticut?

	May 12 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013
Support	56	57	57
Oppose	38	39	37
DK/NA	5	4	6

31a. Do you support or oppose the stricter new gun control laws in Connecticut? COMBINED WITH: (If Support/Oppose q31) Do you support/oppose...strongly or somewhat?

							AGE IN YRS..............			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support strongly	44%	14%	71%	40%	33%	55%	35%	42%	47%	48%
Support somewhat	12	11	10	13	12	11	19	12	10	11
Oppose somewhat	12	18	8	13	14	11	16	14	11	11
Oppose strongly	26	50	7	27	37	16	26	26	28	22
DK/NA	6	6	5	6	4	8	4	7	5	8

	Gun HsHld	CldntVote ForCandIf DisagreeGunsQ33
Support strongly	17%	48%
Support somewhat	13	6
Oppose somewhat	9	7
Oppose strongly	56	35
DK/NA	5	3

32. Do you think Connecticut's stricter new gun control laws go too far, don't go far enough, or are they about right?

							AGE IN YRS..............			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Too far	35%	67%	10%	38%	49%	23%	38%	38%	38%	29%
Not far enough	27	10	43	25	22	32	20	25	28	31
About right	31	17	41	31	25	37	38	29	29	34
DK/NA	6	5	5	7	4	8	4	8	5	6

	Gun HsHld	CldntVote ForCandIf DisagreeGunsQ33
Too far	67%	37%
Not far enough	9	34
About right	21	25
DK/NA	3	5

TREND: Do you think Connecticut's stricter new gun control laws go too far, don't go far enough, or are they about right?

	May 12 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013
Too far	35	36	35
Not far enough	27	30	27
About right	31	29	32
DK/NA	6	5	7

33. If you agreed with a political candidate on other issues, but not on the issue of gun control, could you still vote for that candidate, or not?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	65%	68%	61%	68%	67%	63%	64%	67%	69%	56%
No	27	26	30	23	27	26	31	26	24	30
DK/NA	9	6	9	9	7	10	5	7	7	14

	Gun HsHld
Yes	63%
No	29
DK/NA	8

34. Do you support or oppose having armed guards in schools?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	49%	59%	43%	51%	50%	49%	51%	54%	48%	43%
Oppose	44	36	51	43	44	44	44	40	45	49
DK/NA	6	5	6	7	6	7	5	5	6	8

	Have KidsIn PubSch	Gun HsHld	CldntVote ForCandIf DisagreeGunsQ33
Support	54%	59%	53%
Oppose	43	35	42
DK/NA	3	6	5

35. Do you support or oppose using metal detectors at school entrances?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	82%	83%	83%	83%	78%	86%	72%	81%	83%	87%
Oppose	15	13	16	13	18	11	25	15	15	10
DK/NA	3	3	2	4	4	3	3	4	2	3

	Have KidsIn PubSch	Gun HsHld	CldntVote ForCandIf DisagreeGunsQ33
Support	79%	82%	83%
Oppose	17	14	15
DK/NA	5	4	2

41. Do you support or oppose Connecticut raising the state's minimum wage to $10.10 an hour by 2017?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	72%	47%	94%	70%	62%	81%	74%	76%	70%	70%
Oppose	26	50	6	28	37	17	25	22	29	28
DK/NA	2	3	-	2	2	1	1	2	2	2

42. Do you think keno, an electronic bingo-like gambling game, should be allowed in Connecticut restaurants, bars and convenience stores or not?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	28%	27%	28%	28%	33%	23%	59%	37%	23%	9%
No	67	67	67	68	62	71	34	60	72	85
DK/NA	5	6	6	4	4	5	7	3	5	7

TREND: Do you think keno, an electronic bingo-like gambling game, should be allowed in Connecticut restaurants, bars and convenience stores or not?

	May 12 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 18 2010
Yes	28	29	35	27
No	67	65	59	70
DK/NA	5	6	7	3

47. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favor	58%	76%	39%	64%	65%	52%	54%	61%	58%	56%
Oppose	36	19	56	29	32	39	42	35	34	37
DK/NA	6	5	6	7	3	9	5	5	8	7

TREND: Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

| | | | | | | FAVOR........ | |
| | | | | | | High | Low |
	May 12 2014	Mar 06 2014	Mar 12 2013	Apr 25 2012	Mar 10 2011	Mar 10 2011	Mar 06 2014
Favor	58	57	59	62	67	67	57
Oppose	36	34	35	30	28	28	34
DK/NA	6	8	6	8	5	5	8

48. As you may know, in 2012 Governor Malloy signed into law a bill that replaces the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole. Do you approve or disapprove of this law that replaces the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	47%	28%	68%	41%	40%	53%	61%	40%	46%	49%
Disapprove	49	67	28	55	57	41	37	56	49	45
DK/NA	4	5	4	4	3	6	2	4	5	5

TREND: As you may know, in 2012 Governor Malloy signed into law a bill that replaces the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole. Do you approve or disapprove of this law that replaces the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole?

	May 12 2014	Mar 06 2014	Mar 12 2013
Approve	47	47	45
Disapprove	49	47	51
DK/NA	4	6	4

49. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Connecticut to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	52%	38%	61%	52%	54%	49%	80%	57%	50%	34%
Oppose	45	58	37	45	42	48	20	41	46	61
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	3	3	-	2	4	4

50. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Connecticut to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	90%	84%	91%	92%	90%	90%	99%	91%	90%	84%
Oppose	9	14	8	7	9	9	1	9	9	14
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	2

51. As you may know, the use of medical marijuana is legal in Connecticut. Would you support or oppose having a medical marijuana dispensary in the town or city you live in?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.............. 18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	69%	57%	75%	72%	70%	68%	86%	69%	74%	56%
Oppose	28	40	22	26	27	28	14	28	24	39
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	3	3	-	3	2	5

52. Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	47%	40%	51%	47%	53%	42%	62%	52%	55%	26%
No	52	60	48	51	47	56	38	47	44	74
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1	-

53. In your view, would legalizing marijuana for recreational use lead to more underage people trying it, or not?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	59%	72%	52%	59%	59%	60%	49%	50%	62%	72%
No	37	25	43	37	38	36	49	46	35	21
DK/NA	4	3	5	4	4	4	2	4	3	7

54. Which do you think is more harmful to a person's health, alcohol or marijuana?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Alcohol	61%	45%	71%	61%	61%	60%	92%	64%	61%	41%
Marijuana	16	28	9	16	19	14	3	19	15	22
BOTH(VOL)	18	21	15	17	15	20	4	12	18	29
NEITHER(VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1
DK/NA	5	5	4	5	4	5	1	4	5	7

55. If marijuana were as widely available as alcohol, which do you think would be more harmful to society, alcohol or marijuana?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Alcohol	55%	39%	68%	54%	55%	55%	84%	64%	51%	37%
Marijuana	28	44	18	28	31	25	13	24	29	36
BOTH(VOL)	10	11	9	11	7	13	1	7	11	16
NEITHER(VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	1
DK/NA	6	6	5	7	5	7	1	3	8	11