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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## **JEB BUSH IS TOP DOG IN FLORIDA 2016 GOP PACK, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BUT CLINTON ON TOP, DESPITE BAD OBAMA GRADES**

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is way out in front over U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and other possible Republican candidates for the 2016 presidential nomination in his home state, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

But despite President Barack Obama's underwater job approval rating, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leads a list of Republicans by margins of 8 percentage points or higher, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Gov. Bush leads the Florida Republican primary with 27 percent, followed by U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky with 14 percent, Sen. Rubio at 11 percent, New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie at 7 percent, with 6 percent each for Texas U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Wisconsin U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan. No other candidate tops 4 percent and 16 percent are undecided.

Secretary Clinton sweeps the Democratic primary with 64 percent, followed by Vice President Joseph Biden with 11 percent and Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren with 6 percent. No other candidate tops 1 percent and 13 percent are undecided.

"With former Gov. Jeb Bush making noises about a possible 2016 candidacy, his support among Republicans in the Sunshine State appears to be solidifying. He still trails Hillary Clinton in a general election matchup, but he is the only potential GOP nominee who gets within single digits of her," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"For a potential Hillary Clinton candidacy in Florida, November 2016 can't get here soon enough. Not only does she out point the entire field of potential Democratic wannabes for the party nomination put together, but her favorability numbers among all voters is near 60 percent."

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“The Republicans angling to oppose Secretary Clinton, should she run, are less known and less liked,” Brown added.

Clinton tops several possible Republican candidates in Florida:

- 49 – 41 percent over Bush;
- 52 – 40 percent over Rubio;
- 55 – 37 percent over Paul;
- 52 – 34 percent over Christie;
- 56 – 36 percent over Ryan;
- 57 – 31 percent over Cruz;
- 53 – 35 percent over Huckabee.

By a 58 – 37 percent margin, Florida voters have a favorable opinion of Clinton. Bush gets a 53 – 35 percent favorability, with 43 – 36 favorable for Rubio, split scores of 34 – 31 percent for Paul, 37 – 35 percent for Christie and 33 – 36 percent for Ryan, a narrow 36 – 32 percent favorability for Huckabee and a negative 19 – 30 percent favorability for Cruz.

### President Obama Approval

Florida voters give President Obama a negative 46 – 50 percent job approval rating, inching up from negative grades of 42 – 53 percent in a January 31 Quinnipiac University poll and 40 – 57 percent in a November 22 survey.

Women are divided with 49 percent approving and 47 percent disapproving. Men give the president a negative 42 – 54 percent grade. Obama gets negative grades of 8 – 91 percent from Republicans and 43 – 52 percent from independent voters while Democrats approve 81 – 16 percent.

“President Barack Obama remains under water in Florida, a state he twice carried. At this point, though, his unpopularity does not appear to be hurting Hillary Clinton,” Brown said.

Florida voters approve 47 – 39 percent of the job Sen. Rubio is doing and give U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson a 46 – 32 percent job approval rating.

From April 23 – 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,413 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 percentage points. The survey includes 494 Republicans and 501 Democrats, each with a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points

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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1a. (If Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were, Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Paul Ryan, and Scott Walker, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Bush	27%	29%	26%
Christie	7	6	9
Cruz	6	5	6
Huckabee	6	5	7
Jindal	1	1	1
Paul	14	19	7
Rubio	11	9	14
Ryan	6	7	4
Walker	4	5	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	3
DK/NA	16	14	19

TREND: (If Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Paul Ryan, and Scott Walker, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS		
	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Bush	27	25	22
Christie	7	9	14
Cruz	6	9	12
Huckabee	6	na	na
Jindal	1	3	3
Paul	14	11	9
Rubio	11	16	18
Ryan	6	5	6
Walker	4	5	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1
DK/NA	16	14	12

1b. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were, Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Andrew Cuomo, Martin O'Malley, Brian Schweitzer, and Elizabeth Warren, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Biden	11%	13%	10%
Clinton	64	58	68
Cuomo	1	2	1
O'Malley	1	-	1
Schweitzer	1	-	1
Warren	6	8	4
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3
DK/NA	13	15	11

TREND: (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Andrew Cuomo, Martin O'Malley, Brian Schweitzer, and Elizabeth Warren, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS		
	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Biden	11	9	9
Clinton	64	64	70
Cuomo	1	1	2
O'Malley	1	1	1
Schweitzer	1	na	na
Warren	6	5	4
Warner	na	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2
DK/NA	13	16	10

7. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	49%	7%	91%	47%	42%	56%	59%	49%	52%	44%
Bush	41	87	6	42	47	36	28	41	40	49
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	3	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	4	2	1
DK/NA	5	4	2	7	5	6	8	5	5	4

TREND: 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?

	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013
Clinton	49	49	47	50	51
Bush	41	43	45	43	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	3	2	2
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	5

8. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	52%	11%	90%	51%	47%	56%	43%	55%	57%	49%
Rubio	40	85	6	36	44	35	41	37	36	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	1	3	2	1	1	3	1	2
DK/NA	5	3	3	8	4	6	13	3	5	4

TREND: 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?

	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013
Clinton	52	51	50	53	52
Rubio	40	41	43	41	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	3	1	1
DK/NA	5	5	4	4	6

9. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	55%	12%	94%	55%	50%	59%	54%	59%	56%	50%
Paul	37	81	3	34	42	32	34	33	36	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	3	3	2	1	4	1	2
DK/NA	5	4	2	7	4	6	9	3	5	5

TREND: 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?

	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Clinton	55	53	51
Paul	37	38	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2
DK/NA	5	5	6

10. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	52%	10%	91%	53%	48%	56%	58%	54%	56%	46%
Christie	34	77	4	31	38	31	22	34	31	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	3	1	1	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	1	5	6	4	4	6	4	4
DK/NA	7	8	4	9	6	9	15	3	7	7

TREND: 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?

	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Clinton	52	51	45
Christie	34	35	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	4
DK/NA	7	7	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	56%	10%	95%	57%	51%	60%	61%	58%	58%	50%
Ryan	36	85	3	31	40	31	24	34	35	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	3	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	4	1	2
DK/NA	5	3	2	7	4	6	9	3	5	4

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Clinton	56	52	50
Ryan	36	39	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	3
DK/NA	5	6	4

12. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	57%	14%	94%	59%	53%	61%	59%	60%	61%	50%
Cruz	31	74	2	26	35	27	20	30	29	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	3	4	2	3	4	2	3
DK/NA	7	7	3	10	5	9	15	4	6	7

TREND: 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?

	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Clinton	57	54	52
Cruz	31	34	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	3
DK/NA	7	8	7

13. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	53%	12%	92%	52%	49%	57%	52%	55%	58%	48%
Huckabee	35	79	4	33	38	33	27	35	33	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	2	3	1	4	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	3	5	2	4	5	2	3
DK/NA	6	4	3	9	5	7	13	3	5	5

14. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	58%	18%	93%	61%	54%	62%	62%	62%	59%	52%
Unfavorable	37	79	2	35	42	33	27	36	35	45
Hvn't hrd enough	4	2	4	3	3	4	11	1	4	2
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	2	2	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her? (\*Low also 44% Jun 2007)

	May 01 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013	May 22 2008	May 01 2008	FAVORABLE.....	
						High	Low
						Mar 21 2013	Apr 02 2008*
Favorable	58	57	62	48	49	62	44
Unfavorable	37	38	33	43	40	33	45
Hvn't hrd enough	4	4	4	5	7	4	8
REFUSED	1	1	2	4	4	2	4

15. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	53%	84%	34%	52%	54%	52%	38%	54%	53%	60%
Unfavorable	35	9	56	34	34	35	37	37	37	29
Hvn't hrd enough	11	7	10	13	10	12	25	8	9	9
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	2

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

	May 01 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013
Favorable	53	54	50
Unfavorable	35	33	35
Hvn't hrd enough	11	11	13
REFUSED	1	2	2

16. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	43%	80%	19%	38%	46%	40%	45%	41%	41%	47%
Unfavorable	36	9	60	37	35	37	23	37	42	37
Hvn't hrd enough	19	10	21	22	17	21	31	21	16	16
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Marco Rubio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? (\*High also 44% May 2012)

	May 01 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013	May 23 2012	Feb 03 2011	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Jun 19 2013*	Low Apr 16 2009
Favorable	43	44	41	44	41	44	10
Unfavorable	36	33	34	24	17	33	11
Hvn't hrd enough	19	22	24	31	41	22	78
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	2	1	2

17. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	34%	60%	9%	36%	42%	27%	33%	35%	33%	33%
Unfavorable	31	11	52	28	29	33	13	29	35	37
Hvn't hrd enough	35	28	38	36	28	40	54	35	31	29
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1

18. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	37%	53%	28%	37%	41%	35%	27%	35%	40%	41%
Unfavorable	35	24	40	36	35	34	19	40	37	33
Hvn't hrd enough	26	21	30	25	23	30	54	24	20	23
REFUSED	2	2	1	2	2	2	-	1	2	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	33%	71%	7%	29%	39%	28%	28%	31%	33%	37%
Unfavorable	36	4	61	37	37	35	32	38	38	35
Hvn't hrd enough	30	24	31	33	23	37	39	30	28	28
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

20. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	19%	40%	2%	16%	24%	13%	14%	17%	18%	23%
Unfavorable	30	13	45	30	34	27	10	31	34	34
Hvn't hrd enough	51	47	52	53	42	59	76	51	48	43
REFUSED	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1



21. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	36%	72%	10%	34%	39%	33%	26%	33%	35%	42%
Unfavorable	32	10	48	32	35	30	20	34	36	32
Hvn't hrd enough	31	17	41	33	25	36	52	32	26	24
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	-	3	1

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

	May 01 2014	Dec 05 2007	Feb 07 2007
Favorable	36	26	7
Unfavorable	32	16	11
Hvn't hrd enough	31	56	82
REFUSED	1	3	1

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Marco Rubio is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	47%	82%	26%	40%	51%	43%	49%	48%	41%	51%
Disapprove	39	8	60	44	38	39	37	38	44	36
DK/NA	14	11	14	16	10	17	15	14	15	12

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

	May 01 2014	Jan 30 2014	Nov 22 2013	Jun 19 2013	Mar 20 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						May 23 2012	Feb 03 2011
Approve	47	52	48	51	48	54	42
Disapprove	39	37	39	35	33	27	20
DK/NA	14	11	13	14	19	19	37

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Nelson is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	46%	29%	66%	45%	44%	48%	43%	42%	51%	47%
Disapprove	32	48	16	30	37	27	31	34	28	34
DK/NA	22	23	18	25	20	25	26	24	21	19

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Nelson is handling his job as United States Senator? (\*Low also 42% Aug 2004)

	May 01 2014	Jan 30 2014	Nov 22 2013	Jun 19 2013	Mar 20 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 06 2007	Low Aug 04 2011*
Approve	46	48	43	51	49	54	42
Disapprove	32	30	37	29	28	18	35
DK/NA	22	21	21	20	23	28	23

26. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	46%	8%	81%	43%	42%	49%	61%	44%	48%	40%
Disapprove	50	91	16	52	54	47	36	51	50	56
DK/NA	4	1	3	5	3	4	4	6	2	3

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

	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 19 2009	Low Sep 22 2011
Approve	46	42	40	47	50	64	39
Disapprove	50	53	57	48	45	23	57
DK/NA	4	5	3	5	5	13	5