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**FLORIDA VOTERS SUPPORT ALMOST 4-1 MINIMUM WAGE HIKE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS SPLIT ON MAKING FELONS PAY FINES BEFORE VOTING**

Florida voters support 76 – 20 percent, including 57 – 38 percent among Republicans, raising the state’s \$8.46 minimum wage, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for a minimum wage hike is strong in every listed party, gender, education, age and racial group, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

In a separate question, offering several options for raising the minimum wage:

- 43 percent of Florida voters support an increase to an amount less than \$15 per hour;
- 36 percent of voters back an increase to \$15 per hour;
- 9 percent support an increase to an amount more than \$15 per hour;
- 9 percent want no increase.

Florida voters are divided on whether they support or oppose a law requiring felons who have finished their prison terms to pay all fines, fees and restitution related to their case before they are allowed to vote, as 45 percent support the payment requirement, with 47 percent opposed. Men support the measure 50 – 43 percent, with women opposed 49 – 41 percent. White voters support payment before voting 51 – 42 percent, while black voters are opposed 61 – 37 percent. Hispanic voters are divided as 40 percent support it and 51 percent oppose it.

Support is 69 – 22 percent among Republicans, with Democrats opposed 70 – 24 percent and independent voters split as 43 percent support payment and 48 percent oppose it.

“Maybe it’s because so many Floridians remember their first minimum wage job. Whatever the reason, three-quarters of Sunshine State voters think the minimum wage in the state needs to be higher. Many voters, however, aren’t ready to go as high as \$15 per hour,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Anything is possible and sentiment could change, but the target of \$15 per hour could jeopardize chances for raising the minimum wage if the question is on the ballot in November, 2020.”

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“There is much less agreement on the question of whether felons who have finished their prison sentences must pay fees, fines and restitution in order to vote,” Brown added.

Florida voters support 65 – 30 percent, an all-time high in the state, allowing adults to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use. Republicans are divided 48 – 48 percent, as every other listed group supports the measure. Voters would support 61 – 34 percent the sale of legal marijuana in their community.

Gov. DeSantis’ Approval

Florida voters approve 55 – 22 percent of the job Gov. Ron DeSantis is doing.

Sen. Marco Rubio and Sen. Rick Scott both have divided job approval ratings as 45 percent approve of Rubio and 41 percent disapprove. For Scott, 41 percent approve and 44 percent disapprove.

Gun Safety

Florida voters support 59 – 36 percent a ban on the sale of assault weapons in the state. Women support a ban 72 – 24 percent. Men are divided with 45 percent backing a ban and 50 percent opposed. Voters over 65 years old support an assault weapons ban 68 – 28 percent, the strongest support of any age group. Voters support 58 – 38 percent stricter gun laws in Florida.

Florida needs to do more to address gun violence, 72 percent of voters say, as 21 percent say the state is doing enough and 2 percent say the state is doing too much.

Voters oppose 57 – 39 percent “allowing trained teachers and school officials to carry guns on school grounds.” Voters with children under 18 years old in public school oppose arming teachers 55 – 40 percent.

Stricter gun laws would do more to reduce gun violence in schools than arming teachers, Florida voters say 55 – 34 percent. If more people carried guns, Florida would be less safe, 55 percent of voters say, while 35 percent of voters say the state would be safer.

From June 12 – 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,279 Florida voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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15. Would you support or oppose raising the minimum wage in Florida, which is now \$8.46 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	76%	57%	95%	76%	68%	83%	76%	70%
Oppose	20	38	3	20	27	14	20	26
DK/NA	4	6	1	4	4	4	4	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	77%	70%	79%	78%	62%	82%	73%	90%	79%
Oppose	21	25	19	18	33	14	23	8	19
DK/NA	3	5	2	4	5	3	4	2	2

16. Which comes closest to your point of view regarding raising the state's minimum wage over the next several years: there should be no increase in the minimum wage, there should be an increase in the minimum wage but not as high as \$15.00 an hour, there should be an increase in the minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour, or there should be an increase in the minimum wage higher than \$15.00 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
No increase	9%	17%	1%	8%	15%	4%	9%	11%
Increase < \$15.00	43	60	28	43	46	41	49	51
Increase to \$15.00	36	18	56	36	28	43	32	29
Increase > \$15.00	9	3	14	10	9	10	6	7
DK/NA	3	3	1	2	3	2	3	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
No increase	11%	9%	8%	7%	17%	4%	10%	4%	7%
Increase < \$15.00	43	42	46	42	53	47	50	27	36
Increase to \$15.00	35	34	38	39	20	39	31	55	44
Increase > \$15.00	10	11	7	8	6	7	6	13	12
DK/NA	-	3	1	4	4	2	3	1	1

17. As you may know, a law was recently passed in Florida which requires felons to pay all related fines, fees, and restitution associated with their case before they will be eligible to vote. Critics of the law say that it is essentially creating a "poll tax", while supporters say that this comparison is unfair. Do you support or oppose this law?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	45%	69%	24%	43%	50%	41%	47%	55%		
Oppose	47	22	70	48	43	49	44	39		
DK/NA	8	9	6	9	6	10	9	7		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	35%	54%	49%	45%	55%	47%	51%	37%	40%	
Oppose	59	38	46	45	39	44	42	61	51	
DK/NA	6	8	5	10	6	9	8	2	9	

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	65%	48%	78%	72%	69%	62%	64%	68%		
Oppose	30	48	19	24	28	32	30	28		
DK/NA	5	4	3	5	3	6	6	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	89%	70%	63%	52%	71%	61%	66%	66%	68%	
Oppose	10	24	34	40	26	32	29	30	30	
DK/NA	1	5	3	8	3	6	5	4	2	

19. Would you support or oppose the sale of legal marijuana in your community?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	61%	46%	74%	66%	63%	60%	63%	64%		
Oppose	34	50	23	29	33	35	33	31		
DK/NA	4	4	2	5	4	4	3	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	83%	64%	60%	50%	65%	62%	64%	53%	65%	
Oppose	17	28	35	45	30	34	32	44	32	
DK/NA	1	8	5	4	5	3	4	3	3	

20. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in Florida?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	58%	29%	87%	61%	47%	68%	61%	45%			
Oppose	38	66	12	34	50	27	37	49			
DK/NA	4	6	1	5	4	4	3	6			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	62%	54%	59%	58%	38%	66%	53%	70%	67%		
Oppose	35	44	38	35	58	29	43	27	29		
DK/NA	3	3	3	7	4	5	4	3	4		
	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS										
	Gun.....		InPublic								
	HsHld	Owner	Yes	School							
Support	42%	37%	52%	55%							
Oppose	54	60	45	43							
DK/NA	4	3	3	1							

21. Do you support or oppose a ban on the sale of assault weapons in Florida?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	59%	40%	81%	58%	45%	72%	66%	50%			
Oppose	36	54	17	38	50	24	31	44			
DK/NA	5	6	2	5	5	4	3	6			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	50%	51%	62%	68%	41%	74%	58%	65%	60%		
Oppose	43	45	34	28	54	23	37	31	34		
DK/NA	7	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	6		
	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS										
	Gun.....		InPublic								
	HsHld	Owner	Yes	School							
Support	46%	44%	55%	53%							
Oppose	50	53	41	43							
DK/NA	4	3	4	4							

22. If more people carried guns, do you think that Florida would be safer or less safe?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							Yes	No			
Safer	35%	64%	10%	32%	46%	25%	36%	48%			
Less safe	55	24	86	56	42	66	55	42			
DK/NA	10	13	4	13	12	9	9	10			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Safer	35%	39%	36%	32%	55%	31%	42%	16%	28%		
Less safe	55	50	56	56	36	60	49	78	57		
DK/NA	10	12	9	12	10	9	9	5	14		
	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS										
	Gun.....		InPublic								
	HsHld	Owner	Yes	School							
Safer	53%	59%	39%	37%							
Less safe	35	30	50	52							
DK/NA	12	12	11	11							

23. In general, do you think Florida is doing enough to address gun violence, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address gun violence?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							Yes	No			
Doing enough	21%	37%	5%	21%	27%	16%	22%	29%			
Doing too much	2	3	1	1	2	1	3	2			
More to be done	72	52	94	72	64	80	70	64			
DK/NA	5	8	1	6	8	3	6	5			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Doing enough	19%	20%	22%	22%	33%	18%	25%	7%	15%		
Doing too much	1	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	1		
More to be done	76	71	71	72	57	76	67	89	78		
DK/NA	4	7	5	5	7	4	6	2	6		
	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS										
	Gun.....		InPublic								
	HsHld	Owner	Yes	School							
Doing enough	30%	32%	20%	17%							
Doing too much	3	3	4	3							
More to be done	61	60	70	75							
DK/NA	5	6	6	5							

24. Do you support or oppose allowing trained teachers and school officials to carry guns on school grounds?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	39%	69%	12%	35%	50%	29%	42%	52%			
Oppose	57	26	87	60	46	66	54	43			
DK/NA	5	5	2	5	4	5	4	5			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	31%	42%	43%	40%	60%	36%	47%	18%	30%		
Oppose	64	54	52	55	37	59	49	80	63		
DK/NA	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	2	6		
	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS										
	Gun.....		InPublic								
	HsHld	Owner	Yes	School							
Support	57%	62%	41%	40%							
Oppose	40	35	54	55							
DK/NA	3	3	5	5							

25. Which of these do you think would do more to reduce gun violence in schools: stricter gun laws or armed teachers in schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Stricter gun laws	55%	23%	87%	57%	42%	66%	55%	40%			
Armed teachers	34	64	9	29	45	25	35	49			
DK/NA	11	13	4	14	13	9	10	11			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Stricter gun laws	61%	49%	55%	54%	34%	59%	48%	80%	62%		
Armed teachers	29	41	34	35	55	30	42	11	30		
DK/NA	10	10	11	11	10	11	11	9	8		
	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS										
	Gun.....		InPublic								
	HsHld	Owner	Yes	School							
Stricter gun laws	35%	28%	47%	53%							
Armed teachers	52	57	42	39							
DK/NA	13	14	11	9							