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**OBAMA IN SLUMP, BUT CLINTON SCORES IN FLORIDA,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
RUBIO NARROWS GOP GAP AS JEB BUSH SAGS**

Even though President Barack Obama remains stuck in a swamp in Florida, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton dominates the 2016 presidential landscape, sweeping the Democratic field and topping former Gov. Jeb Bush and other possible Republican contenders by margins of 7 to 21 percentage points, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Gov. Bush gets 21 percent in a Republican presidential primary in Florida, followed by Sen. Marco Rubio with 18 percent, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas with 10 percent, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky with 8 percent, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee with 7 percent and New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie with 6 percent. No other candidate tops 5 percent and 13 percent of Republicans remain undecided.

This compares with results of a May 1 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, showing Bush leading the Republican pack with 27 percent, followed by Paul with 14 percent and Rubio with 11 percent.

Secretary Clinton takes 67 percent of Democratic presidential primary voters, compared to 64 percent May 1, followed by Vice President Joseph Biden and U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts with 8 percent each. Another 11 percent are undecided.

"Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton may be taking some criticism recently in the news media and among some liberal Democratic precincts, but nothing has changed among average voters in Florida where she remains queen of the political prom," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"Two-thirds of Democrats say she is their candidate for 2016 and none of the others even makes it into double digits. Sunshine Staters are on top when Florida Republicans are asked their top 2016 choice, but former Gov. Jeb Bush slips a little and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio just about caught up with him."

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Florida voters back Clinton over Bush 49 – 42 percent in the 2016 White House race.

The Democrat tops other Republicans by wider margins:

- 53 – 39 percent over Rubio;
- 53 – 37 percent over Paul;
- 54 – 33 percent over Christie;
- 51 – 38 percent over U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

Independent voters back Clinton over Bush by a narrow 45 – 41 percent. Against other Republicans, her lead among independent voters is 16 to 20 percentage points.

Clinton's lead among women runs from 56 – 36 percent over Bush to 61 – 28 percent over Christie.

Florida voters give Clinton a 58 – 38 percent favorability rating, compared to 48 – 37 percent for Bush, 43 – 35 percent for Rubio, 32 – 28 percent for Paul, 35 – 36 percent for Christie and 33 – 30 percent for Ryan.

“Secretary Clinton leads the Republicans against whom she is matched by double digits with the exception of former Gov. Bush who trails her by 7 points,” Brown said. “Inside the Beltway they may be talking about Mrs. Clinton's potential weaknesses should she run in 2016. But at this point in Florida, the nation's largest presidential swing state, her assets overwhelm any vulnerabilities.”

President Obama's Approval

Florida voters give President Obama a negative 44 – 52 percent job approval rating, compared to a negative 46 – 50 percent May 1. Negative ratings are 7 – 92 percent among Republicans and 40 – 54 percent among independent voters, while Democrats approve 84 – 13 percent. Men give a negative 38 – 59 percent rating, compared to women's slightly positive 49 – 46 percent.

Voters approve 49 – 37 percent of the job Rubio is doing and give U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson a 45 – 32 percent score.

From July 17 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,251 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. The survey includes 451 Republicans and 457 Democrats, each with a margin of error of +/- 4.6 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, Scott Walker, Rick Perry, John Kasich and Rick Santorum, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Bush	21%	23%	19%
Christie	6	5	6
Cruz	10	11	9
Huckabee	7	5	10
Jindal	1	2	1
Paul	8	13	3
Rubio	18	14	22
Ryan	2	2	1
Walker	2	3	2
Perry	5	4	5
Kasich	1	1	1
Santorum	1	2	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	4
DK/NA	13	11	15

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, Scott Walker, Rick Perry, John Kasich and Rick Santorum, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS.....			
	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Bush	21	27	25	22
Christie	6	7	9	14
Cruz	10	6	9	12
Huckabee	7	6	na	na
Jindal	1	1	3	3
Paul	8	14	11	9
Rubio	18	11	16	18
Ryan	2	6	5	6
Walker	2	4	5	2
Perry	5	na	na	na
Kasich	1	na	na	na
Santorum	1	na	na	na
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	2	1
DK/NA	13	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	8%	7%	9%
Clinton	67	67	67
Cuomo	1	1	1
O'Malley	-	1	-
Schweitzer	-	1	-
Warren	8	11	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	2
DK/NA	11	9	12

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.....			
	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Biden	8	11	9	9
Clinton	67	64	64	70
Cuomo	1	1	1	2
O'Malley	-	1	1	1
Schweitzer	-	1	na	na
Warren	8	6	5	4
Warner	na	na	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	2
DK/NA	11	13	16	10

9. 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%	9%	90%	45%	41%	56%	57%	52%	46%	44%
Bush	42	86	5	41	49	36	32	40	44	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	-	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	-	5	4	2	2	3	4	1
DK/NA	5	1	5	8	4	6	8	4	5	6

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?

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013
Clinton	49	49	49	47	50	51
Bush	42	41	43	45	43	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	3	2	2
DK/NA	5	5	4	4	4	5

10. 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	53%	12%	91%	52%	47%	58%	56%	57%	50%	49%
Rubio	39	82	4	34	45	33	35	35	41	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	-	4	3	2	5	2	2	2
DK/NA	5	2	4	9	4	6	3	5	5	6

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?

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013
Clinton	53	52	51	50	53	52
Rubio	39	40	41	43	41	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	1	1
DK/NA	5	5	5	4	4	6

11. 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	53%	14%	93%	51%	44%	61%	54%	55%	50%	53%
Paul	37	77	3	35	46	29	35	35	40	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	-	4	4	2	5	3	3	1
DK/NA	6	4	3	9	4	7	5	6	5	6

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?

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Clinton	53	55	53	51
Paul	37	37	38	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	2
DK/NA	6	5	5	6

12. 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	54%	14%	92%	51%	45%	61%	62%	57%	51%	49%
Christie	33	73	2	31	41	28	25	32	35	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	1	2	4	1	1	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	6	1	6	6	3	6	3	6	3
DK/NA	6	4	5	10	5	7	7	5	6	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?

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Clinton	54	52	51	45
Christie	33	34	35	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	4	4
DK/NA	6	7	7	8

13. 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	51%	11%	91%	50%	44%	58%	53%	53%	49%	51%
Ryan	38	82	3	33	44	32	30	35	40	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	5	4	2	4	4	4	1
DK/NA	7	3	4	11	6	8	11	7	6	5

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?

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jan 31 2014	Nov 22 2013
Clinton	51	56	52	50
Ryan	38	36	39	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	3
DK/NA	7	5	6	4

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%	21%	95%	57%	49%	66%	65%	62%	55%	54%
Unfavorable	38	77	3	36	46	31	31	35	41	42
Hvn't hrd enough	3	2	2	6	4	2	4	3	3	2
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	2

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

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013	May 22 2008	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Mar 21 2013	Low Apr 02 2008*
Favorable	58	58	57	62	48	62	44
Unfavorable	38	37	38	33	43	33	45
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	4	4	5	4	8
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	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	48%	77%	21%	51%	51%	46%	37%	45%	49%	57%
Unfavorable	37	14	62	33	35	39	44	36	39	31
Hvn't hrd enough	13	8	14	13	13	13	18	16	11	9
REFUSED	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	-	3

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

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013
Favorable	48	53	54	50
Unfavorable	37	35	33	35
Hvn't hrd enough	13	11	11	13
REFUSED	2	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%	79%	13%	41%	49%	37%	36%	40%	43%	49%
Unfavorable	35	10	57	35	34	36	31	33	38	36
Hvn't hrd enough	21	10	28	23	16	25	33	26	18	13
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	1	1	3

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

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 21 2013	May 23 2012	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Jun 19 2013*	Low Apr 16 2009
Favorable	43	43	44	41	44	44	10
Unfavorable	35	36	33	34	24	33	11
Hvn't hrd enough	21	19	22	24	31	22	78
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	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	32%	58%	9%	31%	41%	24%	25%	30%	37%	33%
Unfavorable	28	12	41	32	29	27	22	25	28	34
Hvn't hrd enough	39	29	49	36	29	47	53	44	33	32
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	2	2

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

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014
Favorable	32	34
Unfavorable	28	31
Hvn't hrd enough	39	35
REFUSED	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	35%	54%	22%	32%	38%	32%	22%	36%	37%	38%
Unfavorable	36	26	44	38	37	35	25	36	41	37
Hvn't hrd enough	28	19	32	28	24	32	51	28	22	23
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	3

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

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014
Favorable	35	37
Unfavorable	36	35
Hvn't hrd enough	28	26
REFUSED	2	2

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%	65%	6%	31%	39%	28%	26%	31%	37%	36%
Unfavorable	30	7	50	34	32	29	28	28	32	32
Hvn't hrd enough	36	27	44	34	29	42	47	40	31	31
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1

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

	Jul 24 2014	May 01 2014
Favorable	33	33
Unfavorable	30	36
Hvn't hrd enough	36	30
REFUSED	1	1

22. 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	49%	82%	24%	47%	55%	44%	42%	49%	49%	54%
Disapprove	37	10	58	38	34	39	35	36	39	35
DK/NA	14	7	18	15	11	17	23	16	12	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
							May 23 2012	Feb 03 2011
Approve	49	47	52	48	51	54	54	42
Disapprove	37	39	37	39	35	27	27	20
DK/NA	14	14	11	13	14	19	19	37

23. 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	45%	34%	58%	48%	43%	47%	39%	49%	44%	46%
Disapprove	32	47	16	31	39	26	37	24	36	32
DK/NA	23	19	26	21	18	27	24	27	20	22

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
							Feb 06 2007	Aug 04 2011*
Approve	45	46	48	43	51	54	54	42
Disapprove	32	32	30	37	29	18	18	35
DK/NA	23	22	21	21	20	28	28	23

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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	44%	7%	84%	40%	38%	49%	46%	47%	46%	36%
Disapprove	52	92	13	54	59	46	46	49	51	61
DK/NA	4	1	3	6	3	5	9	4	3	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
							Feb 19 2009	Sep 22 2011
Approve	44	46	42	40	47	64	64	39
Disapprove	52	50	53	57	48	23	23	57
DK/NA	4	4	5	3	5	13	13	5