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**GEORGIA GOVERNOR’S RACE: TOO CLOSE TO CALL,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY GEORGIA POLL FINDS;
GEORGIA SENATE RACE: WARNOCK LEADS WALKER 52% – 46%**

The Georgia governor’s race is too close to call as 50 percent of likely voters support Republican incumbent Brian Kemp and 48 percent support Democratic challenger Stacey Abrams, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of likely voters in Georgia released today.

This is Quinnipiac University’s first poll of likely voters in Georgia’s 2022 election and cannot be compared to results of earlier polls of registered voters.

Republicans (98 – 1 percent) back Kemp, while Democrats (97 – 2 percent) back Abrams. Independents are split, with 50 percent backing Abrams and 48 percent backing Kemp.

Nearly all likely voters (94 percent) who support a candidate in the race for governor say their minds are made up about how they will cast their vote, while 5 percent say they might change their minds before the election.

Fifty percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Brian Kemp, while 43 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

Likely voters are split in their opinion of Stacey Abrams, as 47 percent have a favorable opinion of her and 46 percent have an unfavorable opinion of her.

“No cushion and no comfort zone for either candidate as the Georgia governor's race roars to a finish and with the vast majority of voters saying they’ve already made their choice, there’s little wiggle room for either candidate,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

SENATE RACE

In the race for U.S. Senate in Georgia, Democratic incumbent Raphael Warnock leads Republican challenger Herschel Walker 52 – 46 percent.

Democrats (97 – 3 percent) and independents (55 – 41 percent) back Warnock, while Republicans (91 – 6 percent) back Walker.

Nearly all likely voters (96 percent) who support a candidate in the Senate race say their minds are made up about how they will cast their vote, while 4 percent say they might change their minds before the election.

Fifty percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Raphael Warnock, while 44 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

Forty percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Herschel Walker, while 51 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

“Herschel Walker is down but not out of the race for Senate. However, incumbent Senator Raphael Warnock rides the overwhelming support of African Americans and wins big on favorability, the catchall polling measurement for everything from character to potential job performance,” added Malloy.

Nineteen percent of likely voters say one reason for their vote for U.S. Senator will be to express support for Joe Biden, while 29 percent say one reason for their vote for U.S. Senator will be to express opposition to Joe Biden, and 50 percent say Joe Biden will not be a factor in their vote.

Fourteen percent of likely voters say one reason for their vote for U.S. Senator will be to express support for Donald Trump, while 18 percent say one reason for their vote for U.S. Senator will be to express opposition to Donald Trump, and 67 percent say Donald Trump will not be a factor in their vote.

MOST URGENT ISSUE

Asked to choose the most urgent issue facing Georgia today, inflation (41 percent) ranks first among likely voters followed by abortion (12 percent), election laws (12 percent), and gun violence (12 percent).

There are big differences by party identification.

Among Republicans, inflation (73 percent) ranks first with no other issue reaching double digits.

Among Democrats, the top issues are abortion (23 percent), election laws (17 percent), racial inequality (17 percent), gun violence (14 percent), and health care (12 percent).

Among independents, inflation (43 percent) ranks first followed by election laws (13 percent), abortion (12 percent), and gun violence (12 percent).

“What troubles Georgians most? It varies by party. Republicans and independents say it’s inflation. For Democrats, it’s abortion,” added Malloy.

MIDTERM ELECTIONS: ABORTION

More than 8 in 10 likely voters (81 percent) say when thinking about this year’s midterm elections, it’s either very important (57 percent) or somewhat important (24 percent) that a political candidate shares their view on abortion, while 17 percent say it’s either not so important (8 percent) or not important at all (9 percent).

CASTING BALLOTS

For the 2022 general elections, a majority of likely voters (54 percent) plan to vote in person at an early voting location, 33 percent plan to vote in person on Election Day, and 12 percent plan to vote early by mail or absentee ballot.

JOB APPROVALS

Job approval ratings for Georgia elected officials...

- Governor Brian Kemp: 51 percent approve, while 44 percent disapprove;
- Senator Raphael Warnock: 52 percent approve, while 44 percent disapprove;
- Senator Jon Ossoff: 48 percent approve, while 40 percent disapprove.

Forty-four percent of likely voters approve of the way President Joe Biden is handling his job, while 53 percent disapprove.

1,278 likely Georgia voters were surveyed from September 8th – 12th with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Stacey Abrams the Democrat and Brian Kemp the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

LIKELY VOTERS.....
 WHITE.....
 4 YR COLL DEG

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Abrams	48%	1%	97%	50%	41%	54%	37%	19%
Kemp	50	98	2	48	56	44	62	80
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1

AGE IN YRS.....
 WHITE.....
 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+ Men Wom Wht Blk

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Abrams	58%	48%	51%	43%	22%	30%	26%	91%
Kemp	41	50	45	56	77	69	73	8
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-

MOST URGENT ISSUE FACING GEORGIA Q14

Abor- Infla- Elect Gun
 tion tion Laws Violence

	83%	11%	69%	70%
Abrams	83%	11%	69%	70%
Kemp	17	88	30	27
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	-	1	2
REFUSED	-	-	-	-

HOW IMPORTANT A CANDIDATE SHARES VIEW ON ABORTION Q15

Very Smwht NotSo NotImp
 Imprnt Imprnt Imprnt AtAll

	63%	41%	12%	14%
Abrams	63%	41%	12%	14%
Kemp	36	56	87	85
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	1	-	-
REFUSED	-	2	-	-

VOTING METHOD Q16.....

InPersonOn Mail/ InPersonAt
 ElectionDay Absentee EarlyVtLoc

	28%	73%	56%
Abrams	28%	73%	56%
Kemp	70	23	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	2	1
REFUSED	1	1	1

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Abrams	Kemp
Mind made up	94%	94%	93%
Might change	5	4	6
DK/NA	1	2	1

2. Is your opinion of Brian Kemp favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG		
							Yes	No	
Favorable	50%	92%	9%	48%	57%	44%	59%	76%	
Unfavorable	43	5	83	42	38	48	39	20	
Hvn't hrd enough	5	2	7	5	5	5	2	4	
REFUSED	2	-	1	5	1	3	-	-	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	40%	51%	47%	56%	74%	63%	68%	15%	
Unfavorable	54	44	46	39	23	35	29	73	
Hvn't hrd enough	6	4	5	4	3	2	3	8	
REFUSED	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	4	

3. Is your opinion of Stacey Abrams favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG		
							Yes	No	
Favorable	47%	1%	93%	49%	42%	51%	37%	18%	
Unfavorable	46	92	3	43	50	43	58	78	
Hvn't hrd enough	5	6	4	6	6	5	3	3	
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	56%	48%	48%	43%	22%	29%	26%	87%	
Unfavorable	36	42	46	55	72	66	69	5	
Hvn't hrd enough	6	7	4	2	5	4	4	7	
REFUSED	1	3	2	-	1	-	1	1	

4. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Raphael Warnock the Democrat and Herschel Walker the Republican, for whom would you vote?
 (INCLUDES LEANERS)

LIKELY VOTERS.....
 WHITE.....
 4 YR COLL DEG

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Warnock	52%	6%	97%	55%	45%	57%	43%	23%
Walker	46	91	3	41	51	41	54	74
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
UNDECIDED (VOL)	2	1	-	3	2	1	1	1
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....
 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+ Men Wom Wht Blk

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Warnock	64%	53%	52%	48%	26%	36%	31%	92%
Walker	34	44	45	50	71	62	66	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	-	2	2	1	2	1	1	-
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-

MOST URGENT ISSUE FACING GEORGIA Q14

Abor- Infla- Elect Gun
 tion tion Laws Violence

	84%	15%	69%	80%
Warnock	84%	15%	69%	80%
Walker	13	81	31	19
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	2	-	1
REFUSED	-	-	-	-

HOW IMPORTANT A CANDIDATE SHARES VIEW ON ABORTION Q15

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 Imprnt Imprnt Imprnt AtAll

	64%	47%	15%	22%
Warnock	64%	47%	15%	22%
Walker	35	50	79	73
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	1	1	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	1	4	5
REFUSED	-	1	1	-

VOTING METHOD Q16.....

InPersonOn Mail/ InPersonAt
 ElectionDay Absentee EarlyVtLoc

	29%	75%	60%
Warnock	29%	75%	60%
Walker	66	22	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	3	1	1
REFUSED	-	1	1

4a. (If candidate chosen q4) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q4.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q4		
	Tot	Warnock	Walker
Mind made up	96%	97%	94%
Might change	4	3	4
DK/NA	1	-	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	40%	82%	5%	30%	45%	36%	43%	67%
Unfavorable	51	10	90	58	46	56	48	26
Hvn't hrd enough	8	7	4	10	8	8	9	7
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	22%	41%	39%	45%	61%	54%	57%	7%
Unfavorable	60	52	54	49	30	39	34	86
Hvn't hrd enough	18	5	6	5	8	8	8	6
REFUSED	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	1

6. Is your opinion of Raphael Warnock favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	50%	6%	93%	55%	45%	55%	43%	22%
Unfavorable	44	89	2	39	49	40	54	73
Hvn't hrd enough	5	5	5	4	5	5	3	4
REFUSED	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	59%	52%	52%	47%	27%	34%	30%	90%
Unfavorable	31	42	43	49	69	62	65	4
Hvn't hrd enough	9	4	4	4	3	5	4	6
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1

7. Will one reason for your vote for United States Senator be to express support for Donald Trump, to express opposition to Donald Trump, or will Donald Trump not be a factor in your vote?

LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	14%	33%	-	9%	14%	13%	10%	27%
Opposition	18	1	40	15	16	20	19	9
Not important factor	67	64	59	75	69	66	70	63
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Support	11%	13%	11%	20%	20%	19%	19%	3%
Opposition	25	15	14	21	11	15	13	29
Not important factor	62	70	74	58	69	65	67	67
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

8. Will one reason for your vote for United States Senator be to express support for Joe Biden, to express opposition to Joe Biden, or will Joe Biden not be a factor in your vote?

LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	19%	1%	43%	12%	16%	22%	9%	7%
Opposition	29	60	2	24	31	27	34	48
Not important factor	50	37	53	63	53	48	57	44
DK/NA	2	2	2	-	1	2	1	1

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Support	19%	11%	24%	20%	5%	10%	8%	41%
Opposition	25	24	27	34	42	43	43	5
Not important factor	56	65	47	45	52	46	49	52
DK/NA	-	-	3	1	1	1	1	2

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Brian Kemp is handling his job as governor?

LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	51%	92%	10%	49%	59%	45%	61%	77%
Disapprove	44	6	86	44	36	51	37	19
DK/NA	4	2	3	6	4	4	3	4

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Approve	45%	52%	47%	58%	74%	67%	70%	16%
Disapprove	50	44	49	39	21	31	26	81
DK/NA	5	4	4	3	5	2	3	3

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jon Ossoff is handling his job as United States Senator?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	48%	5%	90%	52%	42%	52%	39%	24%
Disapprove	40	74	6	37	46	34	48	60
DK/NA	13	21	4	11	12	13	12	17

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Approve	52%	49%	50%	47%	26%	33%	30%	84%
Disapprove	36	42	36	41	61	50	55	8
DK/NA	12	9	14	12	13	17	15	8

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Raphael Warnock is handling his job as United States Senator?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	52%	7%	97%	56%	45%	58%	43%	25%
Disapprove	44	90	2	40	51	39	55	71
DK/NA	3	3	1	4	4	3	2	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Approve	63%	52%	55%	47%	26%	37%	32%	93%
Disapprove	31	45	43	50	69	61	65	5
DK/NA	6	3	2	3	5	2	4	1

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	44%	2%	90%	44%	36%	50%	36%	17%
Disapprove	53	97	7	53	61	46	62	81
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	3	4	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Approve	39%	43%	48%	43%	20%	30%	25%	83%
Disapprove	59	52	49	55	78	69	73	14
DK/NA	2	5	3	2	2	2	2	3

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	38%	81%	3%	29%	40%	36%	40%	65%
Unfavorable	54	12	90	63	51	57	54	28
Hvn't hrd enough	4	3	6	4	4	4	3	2
REFUSED	4	4	1	5	5	3	3	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	27%	36%	38%	41%	56%	54%	55%	7%
Unfavorable	67	55	54	51	37	40	38	84
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5	4	4	3	2	2	7
REFUSED	2	5	3	4	4	4	4	2

14. In your opinion, what is the most urgent issue facing Georgia today: abortion, COVID-19, inflation, climate change, health care, election laws, racial inequality, or gun violence?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Abortion	12%	4%	23%	12%	7%	17%	13%	6%
COVID-19	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	1
Inflation	41	73	8	43	49	34	52	62
Climate change	2	-	4	3	3	2	4	1
Health care	7	2	12	8	5	9	7	5
Election laws	12	9	17	13	13	12	12	8
Racial inequality	7	1	17	4	6	8	3	3
Gun violence	12	6	14	12	10	13	6	9
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	3	4	2	3	3	4	2	3
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Abortion	13%	17%	13%	10%	5%	13%	9%	18%
COVID-19	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	1
Inflation	49	44	39	40	65	48	56	13
Climate change	5	-	3	2	2	2	2	2
Health care	10	11	6	5	5	6	6	11
Election laws	8	9	16	13	9	12	11	18
Racial inequality	4	6	10	6	2	4	3	16
Gun violence	8	7	10	17	7	8	8	18
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	-	3	1	5	2	5	4	2
DK/NA	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

15. Thinking about this year's midterm elections, how important is it to you that a political candidate shares your view on abortion; very important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG		
							Yes	No	
Very important	57%	43%	82%	47%	48%	65%	53%	48%	
Somewhat important	24	26	13	31	28	21	23	27	
Not so important	8	15	1	10	10	7	11	12	
Not important at all	9	14	3	11	14	6	13	10	
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
							Wht	Blk
Very important	60%	57%	56%	60%	43%	56%	49%	70%
Somewhat important	25	23	24	24	30	22	26	20
Not so important	-	10	11	6	12	13	12	2
Not important at all	14	9	7	9	14	8	11	6
DK/NA	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

16. Thinking about the 2022 general elections, do you think you will vote in person on Election Day, vote early by mail or absentee ballot, or vote in person at an early voting location?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG		
							Yes	No	
In person/Elect. Day	33%	45%	19%	29%	39%	27%	39%	42%	
Mail/Absentee	12	5	21	11	10	14	11	6	
In person/Early vote	54	47	60	59	49	58	50	50	
WON'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
							Wht	Blk
In person/Elect. Day	38%	35%	32%	27%	42%	40%	41%	18%
Mail/Absentee	14	3	10	17	7	8	8	19
In person/Early vote	48	61	57	54	48	50	49	63
WON'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	-	1	1	2	2	1	2	-