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SANDERS SURGES IN IOWA DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BIG GENDER GAP AS MEN BACK SANDERS 2-1

The Iowa Democratic Caucus is going down to the wire as Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders wins the support of 49 percent of likely Democratic Caucus participants, with 44 percent for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and 4 percent for former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to the results of a December 15 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University showing Clinton at 51 percent, with 40 percent for Sanders.

Today, 3 percent are undecided and only 20 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

There is a yawning gender gap as men back Sanders 61 – 30 percent, with 6 percent for O'Malley, while women back Clinton 55 – 39 percent, with 3 percent for O'Malley.

Sanders also has a big lead on favorability as likely Democratic Caucus participants give him an 87 – 3 percent favorability rating, compared to Clinton's 74 – 21 percent score.

But 85 percent of Democrats say Clinton would have a good chance of winning in November, while 68 percent say Sanders has a good chance of winning the main event.

"Iowa may well become Sen. Bernie Sanders' 'Field of Dreams,' said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"After three months of Secretary Hillary Clinton holding an average 10-point lead among Iowa Democrats, the playing field has changed.

"Sen. Sanders' surge seems based on the perception by Iowa Democrats that he is a better fit for Iowans. They see him, by solid double digit margins as more sharing their values, more honest and trustworthy and viewed more favorably overall than is Secretary Clinton."

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“Iowa likely Democratic Caucus-goers see Sanders as better able to handle the economy and climate change, two important issues for Democrats and a key asset for him in the home stretch,” Brown added.

“The Democratic race is different than the GOP contest because it lacks a divisive tone. Iowa Democrats like both major candidates personally; they just like Sen. Sanders more.

“While former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley has been an also-ran in the race, his handful of supporters could be crucial if the Sanders-Clinton race goes down to the wire.”

The economy and jobs is the most important issue for 35 percent of Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants in deciding their vote, as 15 percent list health care; 11 percent cite climate change and 9 percent say foreign policy.

Sanders can best handle the economy, 51 percent of Democrats say, while 39 percent say Clinton can do better on this issue.

Sanders also leads 51 – 32 percent on handling climate change.

Clinton has a huge 70 – 23 percent lead on handling foreign policy and another big 63 – 24 percent lead handling terrorism. She has a narrow 48 – 43 percent lead on health care.

Sanders also leads Clinton on most character traits as Democratic Caucus-goers say:

- 93 – 3 that he is honest and trustworthy, compared to Clinton’s 66 – 29 percent score;
- 89 – 9 percent that Clinton has strong leadership qualities, compared to Sanders’ 87 – 7 percent leadership rating;
- 96 – 1 percent that Sanders cares about their needs and problems, compared to Clinton’s 76 – 21 percent score;
- 89 – 10 percent that Clinton has the right experience to be president, with Sanders at 74 – 17 percent;
- 88 – 7 percent that Sanders shares their values, with Clinton at 72 – 24 percent.

From January 5 – 10, Quinnipiac University surveyed 492 Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants with a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

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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3. If the Democratic caucus were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, and Bernie Sanders, who would you support? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you support Clinton, O'Malley, or Sanders?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Clinton	44%	41%	42%	47%	30%	55%	49%	41%
O'Malley	4	2	7	4	6	3	3	5
Sanders	49	57	46	45	61	39	45	51
DK/NA	3	1	5	3	3	3	2	4

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME						MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE Q38	
	<50K			50-100			>100K	
	Economy/ Jobs	Health Care						
Clinton	41%	43%	54%			34%	58%	
O'Malley	2	6	5			2	6	
Sanders	52	48	41			63	33	
DK/NA	4	2	1			1	3	

	MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC Q58.....				CAUCUS ATTEND Q5	
	Cares		Strong Leader	BestChance OfWinning	First Caucus	Previous Caucus
Clinton	26%		61%	69%	26%	52%
O'Malley	3		5	3	4	4
Sanders	69		33	24	66	41
DK/NA	2		1	3	4	3

3A. (If candidate chosen q3) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the caucus?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q3.....		
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q3	
		Clinton	Sanders
Made up	78%	84%	73%
Might change	20	16	24
DK/NA	2	-	3

4. Compared to past presidential caucuses in Iowa, how would you describe your level of enthusiasm about attending this year's presidential caucus on February first; are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as usual?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
More	36%	45%	41%	27%	37%	35%	33%	38%
Less	12	9	15	14	11	13	14	11
About the same	51	45	44	58	51	51	52	50
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME			CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q3...	
	<50K	50-100	>100K	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q3	
				Clinton	Sanders
More	40%	41%	27%	25%	47%
Less	9	12	20	13	10
About the same	50	47	50	61	41
DK/NA	1	-	3	1	2

5. Have you attended any previous Iowa caucuses, or will this be your first caucus?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Attended previous	69%	63%	65%	74%	65%	71%	78%	63%
First caucus	31	37	34	25	34	29	21	37
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	<50K	50-100	>100K
	Attended previous	65%	65%
First caucus	35	34	23
DK/NA	-	1	-

Q36-37. Summary Table - Is your opinion of [Candidate] favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him/her? Table ranked by net favorability (Favorable - Unfavorable).

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....				
	Hvn't				
	Fav	Unfav	hrdEn	REF	NetFav
Sanders	87	3	8	1	84
Clinton	74	21	3	2	53

36. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		Very	Smwht	Mod/Cons			Yes	No
Favorable	74%	77%	68%	73%	62%	82%	83%	68%
Unfavorable	21	19	26	21	33	13	11	28
Hvn't hrd enough	3	-	4	4	3	2	2	3
REFUSED	2	3	2	2	1	3	4	1

	Tot	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
		<50K	50-100	>100K
Favorable	69%	77%	84%	
Unfavorable	24	20	13	
Hvn't hrd enough	5	3	-	
REFUSED	2	-	3	

37. Is your opinion of Bernie Sanders favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		Very	Smwht	Mod/Cons			Yes	No
Favorable	87%	97%	90%	80%	91%	84%	93%	84%
Unfavorable	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Hvn't hrd enough	8	1	7	15	5	11	4	12
REFUSED	1	-	-	2	-	2	1	1

	Tot	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
		<50K	50-100	>100K
Favorable	84%	89%	90%	
Unfavorable	3	2	4	
Hvn't hrd enough	13	7	5	
REFUSED	-	2	1	

38. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding who to support for the Democratic nomination for President: the economy and jobs, terrorism, immigration, the federal deficit, health care, foreign policy, climate change, race relations, abortion, taxes, or gun policy?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Yes				No	
Economy and jobs	35%	27%	33%	41%	41%	29%	32%	36%
Terrorism	5	2	8	5	5	5	4	6
Immigration	3	2	1	4	3	3	3	3
Federal deficit	3	2	5	2	3	2	1	4
Health care	15	15	17	15	12	18	17	15
Foreign policy	9	6	7	12	8	9	13	6
Climate change	11	13	14	8	13	10	10	12
Race relations	2	5	1	1	1	3	2	2
Abortion	4	8	4	2	1	7	2	5
Taxes	1	2	-	1	2	1	1	2
Gun policy	6	10	4	4	5	6	6	6
DK/NA	6	7	6	5	5	7	9	4

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	<50K	50-100	>100K
Economy and jobs	34%	31%	41%
Terrorism	4	8	3
Immigration	3	3	1
Federal deficit	3	2	-
Health care	18	16	13
Foreign policy	3	13	12
Climate change	13	9	10
Race relations	5	-	2
Abortion	7	2	3
Taxes	1	2	2
Gun policy	7	4	6
DK/NA	4	8	6

39. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - the economy?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Yes				No	
Clinton	39%	39%	38%	40%	30%	46%	46%	35%
O'Malley	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	2
Sanders	51	53	52	49	62	42	46	54
DK/NA	8	6	7	8	5	10	6	9

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	35%	42%	53%
O'Malley	1	5	3
Sanders	57	49	39
DK/NA	8	4	5

40. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - foreign policy?

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons			Yes	No
Clinton	70%	68%	69%	71%	63%	75%	79%	63%
O'Malley	3	-	4	4	4	1	1	4
Sanders	23	27	21	23	30	18	17	28
DK/NA	4	5	6	3	3	5	3	5

	Tot	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
		<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	63%	79%	78%	
O'Malley	5	1	3	
Sanders	29	16	17	
DK/NA	4	4	2	

41. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - gun policy?

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons			Yes	No
Clinton	41%	43%	36%	43%	34%	46%	46%	37%
O'Malley	8	6	10	9	11	6	7	8
Sanders	34	38	31	33	41	29	35	34
DK/NA	17	13	24	15	14	19	11	21

	Tot	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
		<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	38%	39%	53%	
O'Malley	7	9	6	
Sanders	39	35	28	
DK/NA	15	17	13	

42. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - health care?

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons			Yes	No
Clinton	48%	47%	44%	51%	38%	56%	54%	45%
O'Malley	2	1	4	1	1	2	2	1
Sanders	43	46	47	38	54	34	36	47
DK/NA	7	5	4	10	6	8	8	7

	Tot	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
		<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	48%	49%	55%	
O'Malley	2	1	-	
Sanders	44	42	38	
DK/NA	6	8	7	

43. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - education?

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons			Yes	No
Clinton	44%	43%	44%	42%	32%	53%	49%	40%
O'Malley	5	2	7	5	7	3	4	5
Sanders	41	49	34	41	53	32	38	44
DK/NA	10	6	15	12	8	12	10	11

	Tot	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
		<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	48%	33%	51%	
O'Malley	3	6	5	
Sanders	42	45	38	
DK/NA	7	16	6	

44. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - terrorism?

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons			Yes	No
Clinton	63%	64%	63%	63%	57%	67%	73%	57%
O'Malley	2	1	3	2	3	1	2	2
Sanders	24	29	21	22	32	17	16	28
DK/NA	11	6	13	12	8	14	9	13

	Tot	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
		<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	56%	70%	71%	
O'Malley	1	4	3	
Sanders	31	18	16	
DK/NA	12	8	9	

45. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - climate change?

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons			Yes	No
Clinton	32%	24%	30%	37%	21%	40%	35%	30%
O'Malley	5	2	6	6	7	3	5	4
Sanders	51	69	44	43	60	44	49	52
DK/NA	13	5	20	14	13	14	11	14

	Tot	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
		<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	34%	27%	37%	
O'Malley	3	6	5	
Sanders	51	52	48	
DK/NA	12	14	10	

46. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton is honest and trustworthy or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	66%	67%	61%	66%	55%	74%	68%	64%
No	29	26	31	30	39	21	25	31
DK/NA	6	7	8	4	6	5	7	5
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME							
	<50K	50-100	>100K					
Yes	63%	66%	72%					
No	29	29	26					
DK/NA	7	5	3					

47. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders is honest and trustworthy or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	93%	98%	90%	90%	93%	92%	94%	92%
No	3	1	3	3	4	1	2	3
DK/NA	5	1	7	6	3	6	4	6
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME							
	<50K	50-100	>100K					
Yes	89%	97%	92%					
No	4	2	2					
DK/NA	7	1	6					

48. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton has strong leadership qualities or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	89%	95%	84%	87%	83%	93%	95%	85%
No	9	5	16	9	14	6	4	13
DK/NA	2	-	-	3	3	1	1	2
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME							
	<50K	50-100	>100K					
Yes	88%	92%	93%					
No	9	8	7					
DK/NA	3	1	-					

49. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders has strong leadership qualities or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	
Yes	87%	92%	89%	82%	90%	84%	88%	86%	
No	7	4	7	10	7	8	10	6	
DK/NA	6	4	4	8	3	8	2	9	
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME								
	<50K	50-100	>100K						
Yes	85%	88%	85%						
No	5	8	11						
DK/NA	10	4	4						

50. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	
Yes	76%	80%	75%	76%	68%	83%	82%	73%	
No	21	20	24	21	29	15	17	24	
DK/NA	2	-	1	3	3	2	1	3	
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME								
	<50K	50-100	>100K						
Yes	76%	77%	79%						
No	22	22	17						
DK/NA	2	1	4						

51. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	
Yes	96%	98%	98%	95%	98%	95%	96%	97%	
No	1	-	1	2	2	1	2	1	
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	-	4	2	2	
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME								
	<50K	50-100	>100K						
Yes	97%	97%	94%						
No	1	-	3						
DK/NA	2	3	3						

52. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton has the right kind of experience to be President or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG		
	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes	89%	94%	88%	86%	81%	95%	94%	85%
No	10	6	10	12	17	4	6	12
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	1	-	3

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	<50K	50-100	>100K
	Yes	89%	88%
No	8	11	8
DK/NA	2	1	1

53. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders has the right kind of experience to be President or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG		
	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes	74%	76%	78%	71%	81%	69%	72%	75%
No	17	15	18	19	16	19	21	15
DK/NA	9	9	4	10	3	13	7	10

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	<50K	50-100	>100K
	Yes	76%	68%
No	13	24	20
DK/NA	11	8	6

54. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton shares your values or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG		
	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes	72%	77%	75%	68%	61%	81%	79%	68%
No	24	18	23	28	36	15	17	28
DK/NA	4	5	3	4	4	5	5	4

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	<50K	50-100	>100K
	Yes	69%	78%
No	27	19	19
DK/NA	5	3	3

55. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders shares your values or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	
Yes	88%	96%	90%	83%	93%	85%	89%	88%	
No	7	1	7	10	5	8	7	7	
DK/NA	5	3	3	7	2	7	4	5	
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME								
	<50K	50-100	>100K						
Yes	89%	87%	90%						
No	5	8	9						
DK/NA	6	5	1						

56. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton would have a good chance of defeating the Republican nominee in the general election for President or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	
Yes	85%	89%	83%	83%	78%	90%	85%	84%	
No	11	8	14	13	17	7	8	13	
DK/NA	4	3	3	4	5	3	6	2	
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME								
	<50K	50-100	>100K						
Yes	83%	87%	87%						
No	13	10	9						
DK/NA	4	3	3						

57. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders would have a good chance of defeating the Republican nominee in the general election for President or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	
Yes	68%	73%	70%	62%	76%	61%	58%	74%	
No	24	23	23	24	18	28	32	18	
DK/NA	9	3	7	13	6	11	10	8	
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME								
	<50K	50-100	>100K						
Yes	75%	66%	52%						
No	16	26	37						
DK/NA	9	8	11						

58. Thinking about the Democratic nominee for president in 2016, which of the following is most important to you: Someone who shares your values, cares about the needs and problems of people like you, has strong leadership qualities, is honest and trustworthy, has the right kind of experience, or has the best chance of winning?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	Tot	LIBERAL.....	Mod/	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	Yes	No
Shares values	13%	18%	11%	11%	17%	10%	14%	13%	
Cares needs/problems	23	20	24	23	20	25	22	23	
Strong leadership	17	9	14	23	15	18	15	18	
Honest/trustworthy	16	16	23	13	19	14	10	20	
Right experience	12	14	6	15	12	12	15	11	
Best chance/winning	15	22	19	10	15	16	23	10	
DK/NA	4	2	3	4	3	5	1	5	

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	<50K	50-100	>100K
Shares values	11%	13%	14%
Cares needs/problems	27	19	19
Strong leadership	19	19	12
Honest/trustworthy	17	20	11
Right experience	11	11	14
Best chance/winning	12	14	29
DK/NA	4	4	1