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**SANDERS-CLINTON CLOSE RACE FROZEN IN IOWA,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
MEN, VERY LIBERALS, YOUNG VOTERS BACK SANDERS**

With strong support from men, very liberal and younger voters, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders takes 49 percent of Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants, with 45 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 is virtually unchanged from results of a January 12 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University showing Sanders at 49 percent, with 44 percent for Clinton and 4 percent for O'Malley.

Today, 2 percent are undecided and 19 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

The gender gap remains as men back Sanders 63 – 32 percent, while women back Clinton 54 – 40 percent.

Likely Democratic Caucus participants 18 to 44 years old back Sanders over Clinton 78 – 21 percent. Clinton is ahead 53 – 39 percent among voters 45 to 64 years old and 71 – 21 percent among voters over 65 years old.

“Is this deja vu all over again? Who would have thunk it when the campaign began? Secretary Hillary Clinton struggling to keep up with Sen. Bernie Sanders in the final week before the Iowa caucus,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“It must make her think of eight years ago when her failure in Iowa cost her the presidency.”

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“Perhaps more than other contests, the Iowa caucuses are all about turnout. If those young, very liberal Democratic Caucus participants show up Monday and are organized, it will be a good night for Sen. Sanders,” Brown said.

“And if Sanders does win Iowa, that could keep a long-shot nomination scenario alive.”

Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants who describe themselves as “very liberal” back Sanders over Clinton 63 – 32 percent, while self-described “somewhat liberal” voters back Clinton 53 – 40 percent. “Moderate” and “conservative” voters are divided, with 47 percent for Clinton and 46 percent for Sanders.

The economy and jobs is the most important issue in deciding their vote, 38 percent of likely Democratic Caucus participants say, with 17 percent citing health care and 9 percent listing climate change.

Sanders leads 53 – 41 percent among caucus-goers who cite the economy and jobs as the most important issue, while Clinton leads 50 – 44 percent among those who list health care.

From January 18 – 24, Quinnipiac University surveyed 606 Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants with a margin of error of +/- 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								
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Clinton	45%	32%	53%	47%	32%	54%	52%	40%	
O'Malley	4	1	6	4	4	3	3	4	
Sanders	49	63	40	46	63	40	43	53	
DK/NA	2	4	-	2	2	3	2	3	
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME						MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE Q7		
	AGE IN YRS.....						Econ/ Health		
	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-44	45-64	65+	Jobs	Care	
Clinton	37%	46%	58%	21%	53%	71%	41%	50%	
O'Malley	3	2	6	2	4	6	4	4	
Sanders	58	52	34	78	39	21	53	44	
DK/NA	2	1	1	-	3	3	2	2	
	MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC Q8.....						CAUCUS ATTEND Q4		
	Shares		Strng		Honest		Right		
	Values	Cares	Leadrs	Trust	Expr	BestChance	OfWinning	First	Previous
Clinton	34%	26%	63%	12%	80%	77%		26%	54%
O'Malley	2	3	1	8	3	6		1	5
Sanders	63	68	35	76	17	12		72	38
DK/NA	1	3	1	4	1	5		-	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.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q3		
	Tot	Clinton	Sanders
Made up	81%	83%	80%
Might change	19	17	20
DK/NA	-	-	-

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Attended previous	67%	65%	62%	70%	65%	68%	81%	57%	
First caucus	33	35	38	30	35	32	19	43	
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME								
	AGE IN YRS.....								
	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-44	45-64	65+			
Attended previous	49%	78%	78%	47%	72%	87%			
First caucus	51	22	22	53	28	13			
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-			

7. 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	38%	35%	39%	39%	41%	36%	43%	35%
Terrorism	4	1	6	5	4	4	4	4
Immigration	2	3	-	3	2	3	2	2
Federal deficit	2	-	6	2	3	2	1	3
Health care	17	14	18	19	20	15	16	18
Foreign policy	8	8	7	8	5	10	8	8
Climate change	9	13	7	7	10	8	9	9
Race relations	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Abortion	3	5	2	1	1	3	3	2
Taxes	5	6	7	3	5	5	2	7
Gun policy	5	6	3	5	4	6	4	6
DK/NA	6	9	2	5	4	6	7	5

	ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME					
	<50K	50-100	>100K	AGE IN	YRS.....	
				18-44	45-64	65+
Economy and jobs	30%	45%	43%	37%	47%	28%
Terrorism	5	3	4	2	7	3
Immigration	3	2	1	3	1	4
Federal deficit	4	1	1	4	1	2
Health care	22	14	14	16	17	19
Foreign policy	5	10	11	4	8	14
Climate change	9	6	11	13	6	6
Race relations	2	1	-	2	1	1
Abortion	4	1	3	3	2	3
Taxes	6	4	3	9	2	3
Gun policy	6	5	4	4	4	9
DK/NA	4	7	5	4	4	7

8. 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	
		Very	Smwht				Yes	No
Shares values	16%	25%	13%	11%	14%	17%	19%	14%
Cares needs/problems	26	32	23	25	30	23	19	30
Strong leadership	13	7	10	18	11	14	16	11
Honest/trustworthy	17	13	17	19	21	14	13	19
Right experience	18	13	22	17	13	21	18	17
Best chance/winning	9	8	12	9	10	9	13	7
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2

ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME						
AGE IN YRS.....						
	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-44	45-64	65+
Shares values	15%	19%	16%	15%	17%	15%
Cares needs/problems	30	24	20	37	22	14
Strong leadership	14	10	17	10	15	15
Honest/trustworthy	18	17	10	23	11	15
Right experience	15	17	19	10	21	24
Best chance/winning	6	10	15	5	10	14
DK/NA	2	2	2	-	3	3