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**FIRST-TIMERS PUT TRUMP AHEAD IN IOWA GOP CAUCUS,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
SANDERS NEEDS FIRST-TIMERS TO TIE CLINTON IN DEM CAUCUS**

Fueled by a big lead among first-time Iowa likely Republican Caucus participants, Donald Trump jumps to a 31 – 24 percent lead over Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida has 17 percent, with Dr. Ben Carson at 8 percent and no other candidate above 4 percent.

This compares to results of a January 26 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University showing Trump at 31 percent, Cruz at 29 percent and Rubio at 13 percent.

Today, 3 percent are undecided and 28 percent of those who name a candidate say they still might change their mind.

Also relying on first-time Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont has 49 percent, with 46 percent for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and 3 percent for former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley. Only 2 percent remain undecided and 14 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

The key for both Trump and Sanders is first-time caucus goers:

- Trump leads Cruz 40 – 22 percent among these first-timers, while Republicans who attended prior caucuses go 26 percent for Cruz and 25 percent for Trump;
- Sanders tops Clinton 62 – 35 percent among Democratic first-timers, while Clinton leads 52 – 41 percent among voters who attended prior caucuses;
- 44 percent of Republicans and 38 percent of Democrats say this is their first caucus.

“The size of the turnout tonight will likely be the key factor, especially on the Democratic side,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. “High turnouts with lots of new caucus participants likely would mean a good night for Sen. Bernie Sanders, and for Donald Trump.”

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“Trump holds his own, while Sen. Ted Cruz seems to lose momentum in this final Quinnipiac University poll, finished less than 24 hours before the caucuses begin. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida is showing some last-minute strength, raising the longshot possibility he could challenge for second place,” Brown added.

### **Republican Caucus**

Among Iowa likely Republican Caucus participants, 35 percent say they “would definitely not support” Trump, while 15 percent say no to Cruz.

Men support Trump over Cruz 38 – 24 percent, while women are divided with 24 percent for Cruz and 23 percent for Trump.

The economy and jobs is the most important issue in deciding their vote, 27 percent of likely Republican Caucus participants say, with 15 percent listing terrorism and 11 percent citing immigration.

Trump tops Cruz 30 – 18 percent among those who list the economy and jobs as their top issue, and 50 – 21 percent among those who cite immigration.

Voters who cite terrorism are split 30 – 30 percent.

### **Democratic Caucus**

There is a huge gender gap among likely Democratic Caucus participants, with men backing Sanders over Clinton 63 – 32 percent and women backing Clinton 56 – 39 percent.

The economy and jobs is the most important issue in deciding their vote, 36 percent of likely Democratic Caucus participants say, with 22 percent citing health care and 11 percent listing climate change.

Sanders leads Clinton 52 – 43 percent among Democrats who say the economy and jobs is most important and 66 – 30 percent among those who list climate change.

Clinton is up 50 – 46 percent among those who say health care is most important.

From January 25 – 31, Quinnipiac University surveyed 890 Iowa likely Republican Caucus participants with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points and 919 Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 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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1. If the Republican caucus were being held today, and the candidates were Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Jim Gilmore, Mike Huckabee, John Kasich, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, and Donald Trump, who would you support? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you support Bush, Carson, Christie, Cruz, Fiorina, Gilmore, Huckabee, Kasich, Paul, Rubio, Santorum, or Trump?

LIKELY REP CAUCUS-GOERS.....

	Tot	Tea Party	Wht		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
			BrnAgn	Evang	CONSERVATIVE Very	Mod/ Smwht	Lib			Yes	No
Bush	4%	1%	3%	2%	6%	5%	4%	5%	7%	3%	
Carson	8	8	10	9	9	6	6	11	7	9	
Christie	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	2	-	
Cruz	24	50	30	43	19	6	24	24	21	25	
Fiorina	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	
Gilmore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Huckabee	3	3	4	4	2	2	2	4	2	3	
Kasich	2	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	5	1	
Paul	4	2	1	2	4	6	4	4	3	4	
Rubio	17	5	16	10	18	28	15	21	24	14	
Santorum	1	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	
Trump	31	29	28	25	34	35	38	23	21	36	
DK/NA	3	1	2	1	3	3	2	3	4	2	

AGE IN YRS..... ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME

	AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	18-44	45-64	65+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Bush	2%	5%	4%	1%	4%	6%
Carson	8	7	11	13	7	6
Christie	-	1	1	1	1	2
Cruz	25	25	19	22	33	17
Fiorina	1	2	2	2	2	3
Gilmore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huckabee	2	3	4	4	1	3
Kasich	2	1	2	2	2	2
Paul	7	2	2	6	3	3
Rubio	19	16	19	15	13	26
Santorum	1	2	-	1	1	2
Trump	31	33	28	31	33	29
DK/NA	2	2	7	3	1	2

CAUCUS ATTEND Q4 MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE Q5.....

	CAUCUS ATTEND Q4		MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE Q5.....			
	First Caucus	Previous Caucus	Econ/ Jobs	Terro- rism	Immig- ration	Federal Deficit
Bush	3%	5%	6%	3%	3%	2%
Carson	9	8	6	10	7	10
Christie	-	2	1	2	1	2
Cruz	22	26	18	30	21	27
Fiorina	1	3	2	-	5	4
Gilmore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huckabee	3	2	3	2	1	-
Kasich	-	3	3	1	-	3
Paul	5	2	2	-	1	16
Rubio	15	20	25	19	10	16
Santorum	-	2	1	1	1	-
Trump	40	25	30	30	50	19
DK/NA	2	3	4	3	2	1

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

	LIKELY REP CAUCUS-GOERS.....			
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1.....			
	Tot	Cruz	Rubio	Trump
Made up	72%	74%	63%	81%
Might change	28	26	37	18
DK/NA	1	1	-	1

1B. (If candidate chosen q1) Who is your second choice: Bush, Carson, Christie, Cruz, Fiorina, Gilmore, Huckabee, Kasich, Paul, Rubio, Santorum, or Trump?

	LIKELY REP CAUCUS-GOERS.....			
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1.....			
	Tot	Cruz	Rubio	Trump
Bush	5%	3%	7%	5%
Carson	12	21	15	8
Christie	5	1	9	6
Cruz	19	-	26	31
Fiorina	5	2	4	3
Gilmore	-	-	-	-
Huckabee	4	5	4	5
Kasich	1	-	4	1
Paul	5	10	3	3
Rubio	17	29	-	18
Santorum	1	2	-	2
Trump	9	16	15	-
No first choice	3	-	-	-
DK/NA	15	10	12	19

2. Are there any of these candidates you would definitely not support for the Republican nomination for president? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	LIKELY REP CAUCUS-GOERS.....										
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY										
	Tea Party		Wht BrnAgn Evang		CONSERVATIVE			Mod/ Lib		COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Party	Evang	Very	Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Bush	21%	32%	18%	25%	22%	15%	25%	15%	17%	23%	
Carson	7	8	4	5	8	8	8	5	7	7	
Christie	12	19	12	16	12	9	14	11	10	14	
Cruz	15	5	10	6	14	28	14	16	21	12	
Fiorina	9	8	10	7	13	9	11	7	8	9	
Gilmore	9	11	7	11	10	6	11	6	10	9	
Huckabee	7	9	6	7	8	7	10	4	8	7	
Kasich	13	22	14	19	15	5	15	11	13	14	
Paul	10	13	9	11	10	11	12	9	10	11	
Rubio	9	11	7	9	9	9	11	6	7	10	
Santorum	9	10	7	8	11	8	10	6	9	9	
Trump	35	34	40	36	30	40	31	40	43	31	
No/No one	28	26	29	31	27	24	27	29	23	31	
DK/NA	4	3	6	4	6	2	3	6	5	4	

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2. (cont'd) Are there any of these candidates you would definitely not support for the Republican nomination for president? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	LIKELY REP CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	18-44	45-64	65+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Bush	23%	21%	15%	22%	29%	12%
Carson	7	6	6	6	8	5
Christie	12	14	8	14	15	7
Cruz	14	14	19	14	13	18
Fiorina	10	9	7	8	11	7
Gilmore	7	10	9	9	11	8
Huckabee	6	8	7	8	9	6
Kasich	13	15	10	12	19	9
Paul	9	11	11	9	13	9
Rubio	7	9	10	12	10	4
Santorum	7	10	7	9	11	6
Trump	42	32	30	36	32	37
No/No one	24	28	35	28	27	29
DK/NA	4	4	6	5	4	3

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

	LIKELY REP CAUCUS-GOERS.....										
	Tot	Wht			POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		Tea Party	BrnAgn	Evang	Very	Smwht	Mod/ Lib			Yes	No
Attended previous	56%	65%	57%	59%	54%	53%	54%	58%	74%	48%	
First caucus	44	35	43	41	46	47	46	42	26	52	
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

  

	LIKELY REP CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	18-44	45-64	65+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Attended previous	37%	62%	77%	49%	57%	64%
First caucus	63	38	23	51	43	36
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-

5. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding who to support for the Republican 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 REP CAUCUS-GOERS.....									
	Tot	Tea Party	Wht BrnAgn Evang	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
				CONSERVATIVE Very	Smwht	Mod/ Lib			Yes	No
Economy and jobs	27%	26%	21%	20%	28%	35%	29%	24%	34%	24%
Terrorism	15	14	15	15	17	15	12	20	14	15
Immigration	11	14	12	10	11	14	12	11	7	14
Federal deficit	9	12	9	11	11	6	13	5	13	7
Health care	5	2	5	6	4	5	4	6	3	6
Foreign policy	8	7	9	7	9	7	7	9	8	8
Climate change	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
Race relations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abortion	5	7	8	9	4	1	4	7	6	5
Taxes	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	4	2
Gun policy	8	6	10	7	8	10	11	5	5	10
DK/NA	8	11	10	13	5	5	6	11	5	10

	AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	18-44	45-64	65+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Economy and jobs	25%	30%	25%	21%	29%	37%
Terrorism	11	18	18	16	16	13
Immigration	11	11	15	13	9	14
Federal deficit	9	9	8	5	12	13
Health care	8	3	3	9	5	2
Foreign policy	7	7	10	8	6	7
Climate change	-	-	1	1	-	-
Race relations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abortion	4	5	7	6	6	3
Taxes	2	3	2	1	3	3
Gun policy	16	4	4	10	9	5
DK/NA	7	9	7	11	5	4

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	46%	33%	47%	53%	32%	56%	50%	43%
O'Malley	3	-	1	5	3	3	5	1
Sanders	49	65	50	39	63	39	43	54
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	18-44	45-64	65+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	23%	54%	71%	38%	45%	53%
O'Malley	3	3	3	2	3	4
Sanders	74	40	24	58	51	41
DK/NA	1	3	3	2	2	2

	CAUCUS ATTEND Q4		MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE Q6		
	First Caucus	Previous Caucus	Econ/ Jobs	Health Care	Climate Change
Clinton	35%	52%	43%	50%	30%
O'Malley	1	4	3	2	2
Sanders	62	41	52	46	66
DK/NA	1	3	2	2	2

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	85%	84%	87%
Might change	14	15	12
DK/NA	1	1	1

3B. RECALCULATED MATCHUP Q3 ASKING O'MALLEY VOTERS: Who is your second choice?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	MATCHUP Q3 WITHOUT O'MALLEY.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....			Mod/		COLLEGE DEG		
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Clinton	47%	33%	48%	55%	34%	57%	53%	43%
Sanders	50	65	50	41	63	41	45	54
DK/NA	3	1	1	4	3	3	3	3

  

	AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	18-44	45-64	65+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Clinton	24%	55%	72%	39%	46%	55%
Sanders	75	41	25	59	52	42
DK/NA	1	4	4	2	2	3

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							COLLEGE DEG
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	
Attended previous	62%	62%	55%	66%	60%	64%	72%	56%
First caucus	38	38	45	34	40	36	28	44
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

  

	AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	18-44	45-64	65+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Attended previous	42%	71%	84%	50%	71%	73%
First caucus	58	29	16	50	29	27
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-

6. 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							COLLEGE DEG
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	
Economy and jobs	36%	31%	36%	40%	39%	33%	41%	32%
Terrorism	4	2	3	6	3	5	2	5
Immigration	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
Federal deficit	3	1	5	3	4	2	3	3
Health care	22	22	25	19	19	24	20	23
Foreign policy	6	4	8	7	6	7	8	5
Climate change	11	19	9	7	13	9	11	10
Race relations	3	6	1	1	2	3	2	3
Abortion	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
Taxes	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3
Gun policy	3	2	5	3	2	4	3	3
DK/NA	7	5	3	8	8	6	4	8

  

	AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HSHLD INCOME		
	18-44	45-64	65+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Economy and jobs	35%	39%	31%	31%	37%	48%
Terrorism	5	5	2	5	5	1
Immigration	1	2	2	2	1	2
Federal deficit	4	2	2	3	3	2
Health care	22	22	24	25	19	18
Foreign policy	3	8	8	5	6	9
Climate change	12	9	11	12	12	7
Race relations	6	-	1	4	2	1
Abortion	2	-	2	2	2	1
Taxes	3	2	2	2	3	3
Gun policy	3	3	4	3	3	4
DK/NA	3	6	11	7	7	4