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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## **CLINTON UP AS OBAMA, CHRISTIE CRASH IN IOWA, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; DEMOCRAT BRALEY LEADS IN U.S. SENATE RACE**

In an early look at the 2016 presidential race in Iowa, Secretary Clinton leads Gov. Christie 48 – 35 percent, reversing a 45 – 40 percent Christie lead December 17, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Secretary Clinton has substantial leads over other Republican contenders, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds:

- 49 – 39 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 51 – 35 percent over U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas;
- 51 – 37 percent over former Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida.

Independent voters shift from 44 – 35 percent for Christie in December to 46 – 32 percent for Clinton today. In fact, Clinton has leads of 12 to 22 percentage points among independent voters in the other matchups.

Clinton’s dominance comes even as President Barack Obama gets a negative 39 – 57 percent approval rating in Iowa, compared to a negative 38 – 59 percent December 18.

Obama gets negative grades of 5 – 93 percent from Republicans and 37 – 59 percent from independent voters, while Democrats approve 77 – 17 percent. Negative grades are 35 – 61 percent among men and 43 – 53 percent among women.

“Politics is a team sport and the head of the blue team, President Barack Obama, isn’t doing well in the eyes of Iowans. But that doesn’t seem to be hurting teammate Hillary Clinton who swamps potential 2016 Republican competitors among the same electorate,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“So much, at least for now, for conventional wisdom that as the president’s popularity goes, so goes Democratic hopes for 2016,” Brown added.

Iowa voters say 55 – 38 percent that Clinton would make a good president, the only listed candidate to get a positive score.

Christie would not make a good president, voters say 41 – 36 percent, reversing a positive 46 – 30 percent score December 17.

“Who said, ‘All politics is local?’ Secretary Clinton is benefitting from the fallout after a traffic jam a thousand miles away,” said Brown. “When Quinnipiac University surveyed Iowans last December, Gov. Christopher Christie was the lead reindeer. But after the coverage of the George Washington Bridge lane closures, his nose is not so bright. Like the other GOP hopefuls, he now trails Clinton by double digits.”

### U.S. Senate Race

U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley holds double-digit leads over most likely Republican contenders:

- 42 – 30 percent over former U.S. Attorney Matt Whitaker;
- 42 – 29 percent over State Sen. Joni Ernst;
- 40 – 31 percent over businessman Mark Jacobs;
- 42 – 27 percent over radio commentator Sam Clovis.

Congressman Braley gets a 35 – 18 percent favorability rating, while 46 percent of Iowa voters don’t know enough about him to form an opinion. For the Republicans, 77 to 85 percent of voters don’t know enough about the candidates to form an opinion.

“The curse of President Obama’s low approval does not seem to be hurting U.S. Rep. Braley as he campaigns for the U.S. Senate seat which opens up as Sen. Tom Harkin retires,” Brown said.

Iowa voters approve 62 – 27 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley is doing and approve 55 – 31 percent of Sen. Harkin.

From March 5 – 10, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,411 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 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, Colorado, Iowa and the nation as a public service and for research.

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4. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Bruce Braley the Democrat and Matt Whitaker the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Braley	42%	6%	87%	36%	39%	45%	39%	39%	42%	49%
Whitaker	30	68	1	27	34	27	25	33	32	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	-	5	2	3	4	3	2	1
DK/NA	24	24	12	31	24	25	31	25	22	21

TREND: If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Bruce Braley the Democrat and Matt Whitaker the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013
Braley	42	43
Whitaker	30	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3
DK/NA	24	14

5. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Bruce Braley the Democrat and Joni Ernst the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Braley	42%	8%	87%	36%	40%	44%	41%	39%	42%	48%
Ernst	29	68	2	25	33	27	22	30	33	30
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	-	5	2	3	4	3	2	2
DK/NA	25	23	11	33	25	26	32	27	23	20

TREND: If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Bruce Braley the Democrat and Joni Ernst the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013
Braley	42	44
Ernst	29	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2
DK/NA	25	15

6. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Bruce Braley the Democrat and Mark Jacobs the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Braley	40%	6%	85%	35%	38%	43%	37%	35%	41%	49%
Jacobs	31	70	3	26	33	29	22	34	33	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	-	5	2	3	3	3	2	1
DK/NA	25	24	12	33	26	25	36	27	23	17

TREND: If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Bruce Braley the Democrat and Mark Jacobs the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013
Braley	40	46
Jacobs	31	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2
DK/NA	25	14

7. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Bruce Braley the Democrat and Sam Clovis the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Braley	42%	8%	85%	38%	40%	45%	40%	37%	44%	51%
Clovis	27	66	1	22	31	25	19	28	31	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	2	1	2	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	-	5	2	4	4	3	3	1
DK/NA	26	22	14	35	26	26	35	30	21	19

TREND: If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Bruce Braley the Democrat and Sam Clovis the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013
Braley	42	45
Clovis	27	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	26	17

8. Is your opinion of Bruce Braley 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%	11%	63%	33%	36%	34%	34%	32%	34%	41%
Unfavorable	18	36	-	17	21	14	10	20	22	15
Hvn't hrd enough	46	51	36	48	42	50	54	48	42	41
REFUSED	1	2	-	2	1	2	2	-	1	3

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

	Mar 13 2014	Jul 22 2013	May 24 2013
Favorable	35	27	27
Unfavorable	18	13	14
Hvn't hrd enough	46	58	57
REFUSED	1	2	2

9. Is your opinion of Matt Whitaker 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	13%	23%	4%	13%	15%	11%	10%	14%	16%	10%
Unfavorable	5	1	11	4	6	5	4	5	5	6
Hvn't hrd enough	81	76	84	83	79	83	85	80	78	84
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1

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

	Mar 13 2014	Jul 22 2013	May 24 2013
Favorable	13	8	8
Unfavorable	5	4	4
Hvn't hrd enough	81	88	86
REFUSED	1	-	1

10. Is your opinion of Joni Ernst 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	13%	25%	5%	13%	15%	11%	9%	14%	16%	13%
Unfavorable	6	2	12	6	7	5	5	6	7	6
Hvn't hrd enough	80	74	82	81	77	83	86	80	76	80
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Joni Ernst favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Mar 13 2014	Jul 22 2013	May 24 2013
Favorable	13	6	5
Unfavorable	6	2	3
Hvn't hrd enough	80	92	92
REFUSED	1	1	1

11. Is your opinion of Mark Jacobs 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	15%	29%	4%	14%	17%	14%	12%	15%	19%	13%
Unfavorable	7	4	13	6	9	6	7	7	7	8
Hvn't hrd enough	77	67	83	79	73	80	80	77	73	78
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1

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

	Mar 13 2014	Jul 22 2013
Favorable	15	5
Unfavorable	7	1
Hvn't hrd enough	77	94
REFUSED	1	-

12. Is your opinion of Sam Clovis 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	8%	16%	3%	8%	10%	7%	7%	8%	10%	7%
Unfavorable	6	2	9	6	8	5	6	6	6	6
Hvn't hrd enough	85	82	88	85	82	88	86	85	83	86
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1

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

	Mar 13 2014	Jul 22 2013
Favorable	8	4
Unfavorable	6	3
Hvn't hrd enough	85	93
REFUSED	1	-

13. 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	48%	7%	88%	46%	39%	56%	46%	48%	48%	49%
Christie	35	75	5	32	40	32	35	33	39	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	4	-	3	4	1	2	4	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	6	2	4	6	2	3	6	3	3
DK/NA	10	8	4	15	12	9	15	9	7	12

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?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013	Jul 22 2013
Clinton	48	40	41
Christie	35	45	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	4
DK/NA	10	8	11

14. 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	49%	7%	89%	48%	41%	55%	46%	50%	48%	50%
Paul	39	83	4	36	47	32	40	37	41	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	3	3	2
DK/NA	9	7	5	12	9	9	13	8	7	9

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?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013	May 24 2013
Clinton	49	45	46
Paul	39	44	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	3
DK/NA	9	7	7

15. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz 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%	9%	93%	52%	44%	57%	53%	52%	49%	52%
Cruz	35	78	2	30	42	29	33	33	39	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	3	2	3	1	3	3	2
DK/NA	10	10	3	13	10	10	11	10	8	11

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Clinton	51	48
Cruz	35	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	10	7

16. 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	51%	9%	91%	52%	44%	58%	58%	49%	49%	51%
Bush	37	79	4	33	42	32	30	37	39	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	2	3	1	3	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	4	4	2	-	4	3	2
DK/NA	8	9	3	9	8	8	9	8	7	9

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?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Clinton	51	47
Bush	37	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	8	7

17. Do you think Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	36%	52%	19%	39%	39%	33%	32%	38%	41%	31%
No	41	26	59	39	40	42	39	41	41	43
DK/NA	23	21	22	23	21	24	29	21	17	26

TREND: Do you think Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Yes	36	46
No	41	30
DK/NA	23	24

18. Do you think Hillary Clinton would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	55%	20%	92%	55%	49%	61%	61%	56%	52%	55%
No	38	75	5	37	44	33	32	37	44	36
DK/NA	7	5	4	9	7	6	7	7	5	9

TREND: Do you think Hillary Clinton would make a good President or not?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Yes	55	53
No	38	42
DK/NA	7	5

19. Do you think Joe Biden would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	25%	8%	48%	20%	25%	25%	23%	22%	26%	29%
No	62	82	37	68	64	60	58	65	64	58
DK/NA	13	10	15	12	12	15	19	13	10	14

TREND: Do you think Joe Biden would make a good President or not?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Yes	25	29
No	62	62
DK/NA	13	9



20. Do you think Rand Paul would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	36%	64%	8%	37%	43%	29%	44%	32%	38%	32%
No	41	15	71	38	39	42	28	43	43	44
DK/NA	24	21	21	25	18	29	28	26	19	23

TREND: Do you think Rand Paul would make a good President or not?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Yes	36	38
No	41	42
DK/NA	24	20

21. Do you think Ted Cruz would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	24%	50%	3%	23%	31%	18%	31%	20%	28%	21%
No	40	15	68	38	42	38	29	44	43	40
DK/NA	35	35	29	40	27	44	40	36	30	39

TREND: Do you think Ted Cruz would make a good President or not?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Yes	24	28
No	40	42
DK/NA	35	30

22. Do you think Jeb Bush would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	33%	66%	11%	29%	37%	29%	28%	33%	34%	34%
No	44	15	71	44	43	45	42	44	46	42
DK/NA	23	19	19	27	20	26	30	23	20	24

TREND: Do you think Jeb Bush would make a good President or not?

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Yes	33	36
No	44	47
DK/NA	23	18

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Grassley 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	62%	85%	44%	62%	64%	60%	65%	60%	62%	61%
Disapprove	27	7	43	27	26	27	13	26	33	31
DK/NA	12	8	13	12	10	13	23	14	5	8

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

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013	Jul 19 2013	May 23 2013
Approve	62	60	59	52
Disapprove	27	30	29	33
DK/NA	12	10	12	15

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Harkin 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	55%	37%	79%	54%	57%	54%	52%	55%	56%	58%
Disapprove	31	53	10	31	33	29	20	29	37	33
DK/NA	14	10	12	15	11	17	28	15	7	10

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

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013	Jul 19 2013	May 23 2013
Approve	55	50	50	47
Disapprove	31	38	35	35
DK/NA	14	12	15	18

27. 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	39%	5%	77%	37%	35%	43%	38%	34%	42%	43%
Disapprove	57	93	17	59	61	53	56	61	56	52
DK/NA	4	1	6	5	4	4	6	5	3	5

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

	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013	Jul 22 2013	May 24 2013
Approve	39	38	41	45
Disapprove	57	59	55	50
DK/NA	4	4	4	6