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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## WHAT TROUBLE? CLINTON HAS EARLY LOCK ON IOWA CAUCUS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; SANDERS, BIDEN ARE ONLY DEMS OVER 3%

With 60 percent of the vote among Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has an early lock on the first-in-the-nation presidential test, apparently undamaged by a nationwide flood of negative publicity, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 61 percent Clinton showing in Iowa in a February 26 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont has 15 percent among Democrats, with 11 percent for Vice President Joseph Biden and 3 percent each for former U.S. Sen. James Webb of Virginia and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley. Another 7 percent are undecided.

Clinton and Biden each get 7 percent on the "no way" list when likely Democratic Caucus participants name a candidate they would "definitely not support." Sanders gets 6 percent.

Iowa Democrats say 76 – 17 percent that Clinton is honest and trustworthy, with Biden at 84 – 10 percent.

"One thing is obvious about Iowa Democratic Caucus participants: They are loyal as the day is long, at least when it comes to Hillary Clinton," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. "The former secretary of state has taken a major pounding in the news media and from her political opponents over her e-mail and family foundation. So far these criticisms have had absolutely no effect on her standing among Iowa Democrats.

"One other thing is slightly less obvious but interesting: By more than four-to-one, 76 – 17 percent, Iowa caucus-goers say Clinton is honest and trustworthy."

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“When Quinnipiac University surveyed all Iowa voters last month, it found 49 – 43 percent they saw her as not honest and trustworthy. When it comes to analyzing Clinton’s 2016 standing, it is important to keep straight who is talking,” Brown added.

Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants have an 83 – 11 percent favorable opinion of Clinton. Her positions on the issues are “about right,” 70 percent of Democrats say. Likely caucus participants also say 93 – 6 percent that she has strong leadership qualities and 83 – 13 percent that she cares about their needs and problems.

Biden gets a 79 – 15 percent favorability rating from Iowa Democrats. His positions on the issues are “about right,” 75 percent say. Democrats say 76 – 19 percent that he has strong leadership qualities and 85 – 10 percent that he cares about their needs and problems.

“Four in 10 Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants aren’t convinced about Clinton, but there is no candidate who appears to have the political and financial resources at this time to successfully take her on,” Brown said. “Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont finished second in the caucus-goer poll, but that may reflect the news he was going to make the race, much of which occurred while this poll was being taken.

“Vice President Joseph Biden also makes it into double-digits, barely. Absent a change of events, numbers like those from Democratic core voters in Iowa make a strong statement: There may be a lot of talk about what Bill and Hillary Clinton have done since he left the presidency, but nothing has penetrated her base of support.”

In fact, former President Bill Clinton scores an 87 – 10 percent favorability rating from Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants, compared to President Barack Obama’s 86 – 11 percent favorability.

From April 25 – May 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 692 likely Iowa Democratic Caucus participants with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 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 Joe Biden, Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, and Jim Webb, who would you support? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you support Biden, Chafee, Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders, or Webb?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Biden	11%	6%	9%	15%	17%	7%
Chafee	-	-	-	1	1	-
Clinton	60	61	66	58	49	68
O'Malley	3	2	3	4	3	3
Sanders	15	25	13	11	20	12
Webb	3	1	3	4	4	2
DK/NA	7	5	5	7	6	7

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	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07	Feb 26
	2015	2015
Biden	11	7
Chafee	-	na
Clinton	60	61
O'Malley	3	-
Sanders	15	5
Webb	3	2
Warren	na	19
DK/NA	7	6

3A. (If candidate chosen q3) Who is your second choice: Biden, Chafee, Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders, or Webb?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q3.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	
Biden	33%	29%	40%	31%	25%	38%
Chafee	2	1	3	2	2	2
Clinton	20	23	16	21	26	17
O'Malley	11	13	9	10	13	9
Sanders	10	16	10	6	11	10
Webb	3	-	3	4	5	2
DK/NA	22	17	18	27	19	24

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Who is your second choice: Biden, Chafee, Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders, or Webb?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07	Feb 26
	2015	2015
Biden	33	30
Chafee	2	na
Clinton	20	18
O'Malley	11	3
Sanders	10	9
Webb	3	3
Warren	na	23
DK/NA	22	15

3B. If the Democratic caucus were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden, Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, and Jim Webb, who would you support? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you support Biden, Chafee, Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders, or Webb? COMBINED WITH: Who is your second choice...?  
 (Note: Percentages add to more than 100%)

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	Q3 & Q3A COMBINED.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Biden	42%	33%	47%	44%	41%	42%
Chafee	2	1	4	2	2	2
Clinton	79	83	81	77	73	84
O'Malley	13	14	12	13	15	12
Sanders	25	40	23	16	30	21
Webb	6	2	6	8	8	4
DK/NA	27	22	22	32	24	29

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 (Note: Percentages add to more than 100%)

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07	Feb 26
	2015	2015
Biden	42	35
Chafee	2	na
Clinton	79	78
O'Malley	13	3
Sanders	25	14
Webb	6	5
Warren	na	40
DK/NA	27	20

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Biden	7%	4%	6%	10%	8%	6%
Chafee	4	6	5	3	4	5
Clinton	7	5	5	10	10	5
O'Malley	3	5	3	3	3	4
Sanders	6	5	9	6	4	8
Webb	4	6	5	2	3	5
No/No one	59	62	62	56	65	56
DK/NA	20	20	17	20	13	24

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07 2015	Feb 26 2015
Biden	7	12
Chafee	4	na
Clinton	7	6
O'Malley	3	5
Sanders	6	3
Webb	4	4
Warren	na	3
No/No-one	59	60
DK/NA	20	18

49. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Favorable	79%	86%	82%	72%	80%	78%
Unfavorable	15	11	13	19	14	15
Hvn't hrd enough	4	1	4	6	3	5
REFUSED	2	2	1	3	3	2

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07 2015	Feb 26 2015
Favorable	79	77
Unfavorable	15	15
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5
REFUSED	2	2

50. Is your opinion of Lincoln Chafee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Favorable	8%	11%	9%	5%	10%	7%
Unfavorable	3	5	2	3	3	3
Hvn't hrd enough	88	82	89	91	86	90
REFUSED	1	2	-	-	1	-

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Favorable	83%	88%	88%	77%	80%	86%
Unfavorable	11	8	8	14	14	9
Hvn't hrd enough	4	1	2	7	4	4
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	3	2

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07 2015	Feb 26 2015
Favorable	83	90
Unfavorable	11	7
Hvn't hrd enough	4	1
REFUSED	2	1

52. Is your opinion of Martin O'Malley favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Favorable	22%	32%	21%	18%	29%	17%
Unfavorable	3	1	6	2	2	3
Hvn't hrd enough	74	65	73	80	67	79
REFUSED	1	2	-	-	2	-

TREND: Is your opinion of Martin O'Malley favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07 2015	Feb 26 2015
Favorable	22	12
Unfavorable	3	3
Hvn't hrd enough	74	84
REFUSED	1	1

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Favorable	44%	68%	44%	29%	51%	39%
Unfavorable	6	3	10	6	5	7
Hvn't hrd enough	50	27	47	65	43	54
REFUSED	-	1	-	-	1	-

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07 2015	Feb 26 2015
Favorable	44	39
Unfavorable	6	3
Hvn't hrd enough	50	56
REFUSED	-	1

54. Is your opinion of Jim Webb favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Favorable	20%	24%	21%	18%	25%	17%
Unfavorable	4	6	4	3	4	4
Hvn't hrd enough	76	70	74	79	70	80
REFUSED	-	-	1	-	1	-

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07 2015	Feb 26 2015
Favorable	20	16
Unfavorable	4	4
Hvn't hrd enough	76	79
REFUSED	-	1

55. In general, do you think - Hillary Clinton's positions on the issues are too liberal, not liberal enough, or about right?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom
Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons			
Too liberal	5%	2%	2%	9%	5%	5%
Not liberal enough	19	38	17	8	25	15
About right	70	57	79	75	64	75
DK/NA	5	3	2	8	6	5

56. In general, do you think - Joe Biden's positions on the issues are too liberal, not liberal enough, or about right?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Too liberal	5%	1%	2%	9%	5%	5%
Not liberal enough	10	21	6	6	12	9
About right	75	71	85	71	73	76
DK/NA	10	8	8	13	10	11

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Yes	76%	82%	82%	70%	70%	80%
No	17	14	11	23	23	14
DK/NA	7	3	7	7	7	6

58. Would you say that - Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Yes	84%	88%	90%	79%	87%	83%
No	10	7	7	13	11	10
DK/NA	6	5	3	8	3	7

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Yes	93%	95%	97%	89%	91%	95%
No	6	3	3	10	8	5
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	-

60. Would you say that - Joe Biden has strong leadership qualities or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Yes	76%	78%	85%	69%	80%	73%
No	19	17	13	24	16	21
DK/NA	5	5	2	7	4	6



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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Yes	83%	84%	88%	81%	80%	86%
No	13	11	8	15	16	11
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	5	3

62. Would you say that - Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Yes	85%	86%	93%	80%	86%	84%
No	10	9	3	14	9	11
DK/NA	5	5	5	6	5	5

63. Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Favorable	86%	96%	90%	78%	86%	87%
Unfavorable	11	3	9	19	11	12
Hvn't hrd enough	1	2	-	1	2	1
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	1

64. Is your opinion of Bill Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
	LIBERAL..... Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom
Favorable	87%	93%	87%	84%	90%	86%
Unfavorable	10	7	12	11	8	11
Hvn't hrd enough	1	-	-	3	1	2
REFUSED	1	-	-	2	1	1

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS	
	May 07	Feb 26
	2015	2015
Favorable	87	92
Unfavorable	10	5
Hvn't hrd enough	1	2
REFUSED	1	1