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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## CHRISTIE TRAILS CLINTON, BUT INCHES UP IN IOWA, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS REJECT BERGDAHL POW SWAP

New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie is inching his way back into the 2016 presidential race in Iowa and now trails former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton 44 – 36 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 48 – 35 percent Clinton lead in a March 13 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

Secretary Clinton tops other possible Republican 2016 contenders:

- 46 – 40 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 46 – 39 percent over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee;
- 49 – 36 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 47 – 41 percent over U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

Support for Clinton among Iowa’s independent voters ranges from a too-close-to-call 42 percent for the Democrat to 38 percent for Ryan to a 47 – 30 percent Clinton lead over Bush.

Iowa voters give Clinton a 52 – 41 percent favorability, compared to 41 – 34 percent for Huckabee, divided scores of 34 – 32 percent for Paul, 35 – 35 percent for Ryan and 34 – 36 percent for Christie, and a negative 28 – 36 percent for Bush.

“Things are getting a bit better in Iowa for New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac Poll.

“But the Republican contender, who was ahead of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Iowa before ‘Bridgegate’ took him down several pegs, still has a ways to go.

“Secretary Clinton leads all the potential GOP candidates with U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan and Sen. Rand Paul running closest, six points in back of her.”

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Iowa voters give President Barack Obama a negative 40 – 55 percent job approval rating, compared to a negative 39 – 57 percent score in a March 13 Quinnipiac University poll. Democrats approve 85 – 12 percent, while negative scores are 5 – 94 percent among Republicans and 33 – 59 percent among independent voters.

Men go negative 36 – 60 percent, with women negative 44 – 50 percent.

Voters approve 62 – 30 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley is doing and give U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin a 56 – 33 percent approval.

“Iowans are consistent in their disapproval of President Barack Obama’s job performance. In four polls over the past 11 months, his job approval has been between 38 percent and 41 percent, slightly below the numbers he is getting nationally,” Brown said. “The key to his problem is he is doing poorly among independent voters, a larger part of the electorate in Iowa than in most states.”

### **Bergdahl Prisoner Exchange**

Iowa voters disapprove 55 – 34 percent of the Obama Administration’s decision to release five Taliban prisoners in exchange for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl. Disapproval is 59 – 33 percent among men, 51 – 35 percent among women, 83 – 14 percent among Republicans, 56 – 29 percent among independent voters and among all age groups. Democrats approve 60 – 26 percent.

If it’s found that Bergdahl deserted his post, Iowa voters say 74 – 13 percent that he should be charged with a military crime. There is strong support for charging the soldier among all party, gender and age groups.

“There is sharp partisan division about the wisdom of the prisoner swap, with Democrats strongly backing the president’s decision and Republicans even more opposed. But there is smaller partisan split on the question of whether Sgt. Bergdahl should be prosecuted if it is proven that he deserted his post,” said Brown.

From June 12 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,277 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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, Colorado, Iowa and the nation as a public service and for research.

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7. 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	44%	7%	86%	41%	37%	51%	44%	41%	45%	48%
Christie	36	78	4	31	42	30	34	39	34	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	4	1	4	6	2	6	6	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	1	7	7	4	7	5	6	4
DK/NA	11	8	7	16	9	13	9	9	13	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?

	Jun 23 2014	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013	Jul 22 2013
Clinton	44	48	40	41
Christie	36	35	45	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	4	4
DK/NA	11	10	8	11

8. 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	46%	9%	91%	42%	38%	54%	40%	48%	45%	50%
Paul	40	81	4	37	49	32	45	41	40	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	4	3	1	5	3	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	2	3	2
DK/NA	9	6	4	14	7	11	10	6	10	11

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?

	Jun 23 2014	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013	May 24 2013
Clinton	46	49	45	46
Paul	40	39	44	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	3
DK/NA	9	9	7	7

9. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	46%	9%	90%	42%	37%	54%	44%	44%	46%	50%
Huckabee	39	82	4	37	48	32	41	40	40	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	-	3	3	1	4	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	1	5	5	3	6	5	4	2
DK/NA	8	5	4	13	7	10	5	9	10	8

10. 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	49%	9%	92%	47%	43%	55%	48%	49%	50%	49%
Bush	36	83	3	30	42	31	31	37	36	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	-	5	5	1	6	4	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	1	6	6	3	7	5	5	2
DK/NA	7	3	3	12	5	10	7	6	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?

	Jun 23 2014	Mar 13 2014	Dec 17 2013
Clinton	49	51	47
Bush	36	37	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3
DK/NA	7	8	7

11. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	47%	9%	91%	42%	39%	54%	40%	46%	48%	49%
Ryan	41	83	5	38	48	33	46	40	40	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	3	-	3	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	4	4	2	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	9	5	3	14	6	11	7	9	8	10

12. Is your opinion of Chris Christie 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	34%	54%	24%	30%	37%	32%	24%	38%	35%	36%
Unfavorable	36	23	52	34	39	34	33	38	37	36
Hvn't hrd enough	27	21	22	34	22	32	39	25	27	25
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	-	1	3

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

	Jun 23 2014	July 22 2013
Favorable	34	42
Unfavorable	36	16
Hvn't hrd enough	27	40
REFUSED	2	2

13. Is your opinion of Rand Paul 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	34%	68%	5%	30%	42%	26%	38%	38%	32%	29%
Unfavorable	32	8	62	28	30	34	24	28	33	39
Hvn't hrd enough	33	23	32	40	25	39	36	32	34	30
REFUSED	1	2	-	2	2	1	3	1	1	1

14. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee 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	41%	78%	15%	35%	44%	38%	34%	43%	43%	40%
Unfavorable	34	10	59	31	33	34	29	32	34	37
Hvn't hrd enough	24	11	25	32	22	27	36	24	22	21
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2

15. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush 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	28%	55%	13%	22%	30%	26%	14%	28%	29%	32%
Unfavorable	36	13	58	35	37	35	36	37	38	32
Hvn't hrd enough	35	31	29	42	32	38	48	34	32	33
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	-	2

16. Is your opinion of Paul Ryan 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%	70%	6%	33%	42%	30%	36%	36%	36%	31%
Unfavorable	35	9	68	29	34	35	33	32	34	40
Hvn't hrd enough	30	20	26	38	24	35	31	32	29	28
REFUSED	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

17. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton 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	52%	13%	92%	52%	42%	60%	46%	51%	54%	52%
Unfavorable	41	80	5	39	50	33	41	44	40	39
Hvn't hrd enough	5	5	3	6	5	4	9	4	3	5
REFUSED	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	1	2	3

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

	Jun 23 2014	July 22 2013
Favorable	52	52
Unfavorable	41	41
Hvn't hrd enough	5	6
REFUSED	2	2

20. 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%	80%	46%	63%	61%	63%	51%	68%	64%	58%
Disapprove	30	12	45	29	32	27	31	24	30	35
DK/NA	8	8	9	8	6	10	18	8	5	7

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

	Jun 23 2014	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013	Jul 19 2013	May 23 2013
Approve	62	62	60	59	52
Disapprove	30	27	30	29	33
DK/NA	8	12	10	12	15

21. 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	56%	32%	82%	55%	51%	60%	50%	55%	58%	58%
Disapprove	33	58	10	30	39	27	31	34	33	32
DK/NA	11	10	8	15	10	12	19	11	9	10

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

	Jun 23 2014	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013	Jul 19 2013	May 23 2013
Approve	56	55	50	50	47
Disapprove	33	31	38	35	35
DK/NA	11	14	12	15	18

22. 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	40%	5%	85%	33%	36%	44%	36%	38%	43%	43%
Disapprove	55	94	12	59	60	50	60	58	53	51
DK/NA	5	1	3	8	4	5	4	5	5	5

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

	Jun 23 2014	Mar 13 2014	Dec 18 2013	Jul 22 2013	May 24 2013
Approve	40	39	38	41	45
Disapprove	55	57	59	55	50
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	6

62. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama administration releasing five Taliban prisoners in exchange for the Taliban releasing U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	34%	14%	60%	29%	33%	35%	42%	31%	33%	35%
Disapprove	55	83	26	56	59	51	47	59	58	50
DK/NA	11	4	13	14	8	14	12	9	10	15

62a. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama administration releasing five Taliban prisoners in exchange for the Taliban releasing U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl? COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q62) Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve strongly	16%	7%	28%	13%	16%	16%	17%	12%	17%	19%
Approve somewhat	18	7	33	16	17	19	25	18	15	17
Disapprove somewhat	11	10	10	12	10	11	14	13	9	8
Disapprove strongly	44	73	16	44	49	40	33	46	48	42
DK/NA	12	4	13	15	9	15	12	10	10	15

63. (If approve prisoner exchange q62) It's been reported that Bergdahl may have deserted his post before he was captured by the Taliban five years ago. If that's true, do you approve or disapprove of this prisoner exchange?

Approve prisoner exchange q62

Approve	72%
Disapprove	17
DK/NA	12

63a. (If approve prisoner exchange q62) It's been reported that Bergdahl may have deserted his post before he was captured by the Taliban five years ago. If that's true, do you approve or disapprove of this prisoner exchange? COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q63) Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

Approve prisoner exchange q62

Approve strongly	44%
Approve somewhat	28
Disapprove somewhat	8
Disapprove strongly	9
DK/NA	12

63b. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama administration releasing five Taliban prisoners in exchange for the Taliban releasing U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl? COMBINED WITH: (If approve prisoner exchange q62) It's been reported that Bergdahl may have deserted his post before he was captured by the Taliban five years ago. If that's true, do you approve or disapprove of this prisoner exchange?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	24%	10%	43%	20%	23%	25%	32%	24%	21%	24%
Disapprove/If desertd	6	2	10	5	6	5	8	5	6	5
Disapprove	55	83	26	56	59	51	47	59	58	50
DK/NA	15	5	20	18	11	19	13	11	15	21

64. If it's found that Bergdahl deserted his post, would you support or oppose his being charged with a military crime?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	74%	83%	65%	76%	82%	68%	67%	81%	74%	72%
Oppose	13	8	19	10	11	14	17	9	15	11
DK/NA	13	9	15	14	8	18	16	10	11	17

64a. If it's found that Bergdahl deserted his post, would you support or oppose his being charged with a military crime? COMBINED WITH: (If support/oppose q64) Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support strongly	55%	66%	42%	56%	64%	46%	43%	60%	59%	50%
Support somewhat	20	17	23	19	17	22	23	21	15	21
Oppose somewhat	7	5	10	6	6	8	15	3	7	6
Oppose strongly	5	3	10	4	4	6	2	6	8	5
DK/NA	13	9	16	15	8	18	17	10	11	18