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**ERNST-BRALEY DEAD HEAT IN IOWA SENATE RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
BRANSTAD HAS 11-POINT LEAD OVER HATCH**

U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley closes the gap with Republican State Sen. Joni Ernst, leaving the Iowa U.S. Senate race a 47 – 47 percent dead heat, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Four percent remain undecided.

This compares to results of an October 29 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, showing Sen. Ernst at 49 percent and Rep. Braley at 45 percent.

Today's results show independent voters divided 44 – 44 percent. Republicans back Ernst 95 – 2 percent. Democrats back Braley 94 – 5 percent.

Men and women still are locked in a reverse gender gap as women back the Democratic man 51 – 42 percent, while men back the Republican woman 52 – 44 percent.

Braley leads 56 – 36 percent among those who already have voted.

One day before Election Day, 95 percent of Iowa likely voters who name a Senate candidate say their mind is made up, while 5 percent say they might change their mind.

“Iowa's U.S. Senate race is a dead heat. The candidate who best gets his or her folks to the polls is going to win,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac Poll.

Iowa likely voters remain divided on their feelings about the candidates:

- Ernst gets a 47 – 45 percent favorability;
- Braley gets a 43 – 45 percent likability score.

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Governor's Race

State Sen. Jack Hatch, the Democratic challenger in the governor's race, inches up on long-time Republican Gov. Terry Branstad and now trails 52 – 41 percent among likely voters. This compares to Gov. Branstad's 56 – 37 percent likely voter lead in an October 29 Quinnipiac University poll.

Men, women, Republicans and independent voters all back the long-time governor, while Democrats back Hatch 82 – 12 percent. Hatch leads 52 – 37 percent among those who already have voted.

Only 5 percent of voters who name a candidate say they might change their mind by tomorrow, while 95 percent say their mind is made up,

Branstad gets a 57 – 35 percent favorability rating, compared to Hatch's 36 – 27 percent score, with 34 percent who still don't know enough about him to form an opinion.

From October 28 – November 2, Quinnipiac University surveyed 778 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.5 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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1. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Jack Hatch the Democrat and Terry Branstad the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Hatch or Branstad? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						Already
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Voted
Hatch	41%	2%	82%	37%	39%	42%	52%
Branstad	52	96	12	52	55	49	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	2	2	1
DK/NA	6	1	5	9	4	7	10

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 03	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 18
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Hatch	41	37	37	39	37
Branstad	52	56	55	54	60
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	1	1
DK/NA	6	5	5	6	3

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Hatch	Branstad
Mind made up	95%	94%	95%
Might change	5	6	5
DK/NA	-	-	-

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN.....				
	Nov 03	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 18
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Mind made up	95	93	91	89	82
Might change	5	7	9	10	18
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-

2. Is your opinion of Jack Hatch favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						Already Voted
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Favorable	36%	5%	72%	30%	34%	38%	45%
Unfavorable	27	55	3	25	33	22	22
Hvn't hrd enough	34	38	23	41	31	36	29
REFUSED	3	2	2	4	2	4	4

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 03 2014	Oct 29 2014	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15 2014	Sep 18 2014
Favorable	36	32	31	33	29
Unfavorable	27	29	31	28	26
Hvn't hrd enough	34	36	35	36	44
REFUSED	3	3	3	3	1

3. Is your opinion of Terry Branstad favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						Already Voted
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Favorable	57%	95%	22%	60%	61%	53%	44%
Unfavorable	35	3	68	32	33	37	47
Hvn't hrd enough	4	1	6	5	4	5	3
REFUSED	4	1	4	4	2	5	6

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 03 2014	Oct 29 2014	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15 2014	Sep 18 2014
Favorable	57	56	56	56	59
Unfavorable	35	34	35	34	33
Hvn't hrd enough	4	6	5	7	7
REFUSED	4	4	4	3	1

4. 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? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Braley or Ernst? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						Already Voted
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Braley	47%	2%	94%	44%	44%	51%	56%
Ernst	47	95	5	44	52	42	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	4	2	2	2
DK/NA	4	2	1	8	3	5	5

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? (If undecided): If you had to choose today, would you vote for Braley or Ernst? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 03	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Braley	47	45	46	45	44
Ernst	47	49	48	47	50
SOMEONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	3	3	1
DK/NA	4	5	4	5	4

4a. (If candidate chosen q4) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q4.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q4		
	Tot	Braley	Ernst
Mind made up	95%	95%	94%
Might change	5	5	5
DK/NA	-	-	-

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN.....				
	Nov 03	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Mind made up	95	91	93	89	84
Might change	5	9	7	10	15
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted
Favorable	43%	5%	86%	34%	39%	47%	48%
Unfavorable	45	87	9	44	49	42	41
Hvn't hrd enough	9	6	5	18	10	9	8
REFUSED	2	1	1	4	3	2	3

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 03	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Favorable	43	40	43	42	38
Unfavorable	45	43	43	44	41
Hvn't hrd enough	9	14	11	13	20
REFUSED	2	2	3	1	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						Already
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Voted
Favorable	47%	94%	8%	42%	51%	42%	39%
Unfavorable	45	4	85	43	39	50	55
Hvn't hrd enough	6	2	5	12	6	6	5
REFUSED	2	1	2	3	3	1	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 03	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Favorable	47	45	48	47	45
Unfavorable	45	43	42	41	39
Hvn't hrd enough	6	10	7	11	15
REFUSED	2	2	2	1	1