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FOUR-WAY RACE IN IOWA DEM PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; HALF OF LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS MIGHT CHANGE THEIR MIND

With less than 3 months until the Iowa caucuses, the Democratic race for president in Iowa is wide open, as the top 4 candidates are in a close contest, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll released today. Senator Elizabeth Warren receives 20 percent support among Iowa likely Democratic caucusgoers, with South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg getting 19 percent, Sen. Bernie Sanders at 17 percent, and former Vice President Joe Biden at 15 percent.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar gets 5 percent, Sen. Kamala Harris is at 4 percent, and businessman Tom Steyer, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, and businessman Andrew Yang are each at 3 percent. No other candidate tops 1 percent.

Those who consider themselves "very liberal," who make up 24 percent of likely caucus-goers, are divided in their top choice with Sanders getting 32 percent and Warren at 30 percent. Those who identify as "somewhat liberal," who make up 24 percent of likely caucus-goers, are split in their top choice between Buttigieg and Warren, with Warren at 29 percent and Buttigieg at 24 percent. Among "moderates and conservatives," who constitute 50 percent of likely caucus-goers, it's a close race for the top spot between Buttigieg and Biden, with Buttigieg at 19 percent and Biden at 18 percent.

Among white likely caucus-goers with a college education, Buttigieg and Warren top the field with 24 percent and 21 percent respectively. Among white likely caucus-goers without a college education, Sanders gets 23 percent, Biden and Warren receive 19 percent each, and Buttigieg has 15 percent.

"A close race with a crowded field of frontrunners. While Senator Elizabeth Warren, former Vice President Joe Biden, and Senator Bernie Sanders have held top tier status in national polls for months, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg joins their ranks in the 2020 Iowa caucus. And it's a race that is up for grabs. Half of likely Democratic caucus-goers who support a candidate say they may change their minds before February 3rd," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Mary Snow.

The second choice of likely caucus-goers follows a similar pattern as the race overall, with Buttigieg at 17 percent, Warren with 16 percent, Sanders at 13 percent, and Biden getting 12 percent. However, among those who support candidates getting less than 15 percent in this poll, 22 percent say that Buttigieg would be their second choice, 21 percent say Sanders, 12 percent say Biden, and Warren gets only 6 percent.

The race remains very fluid as about half, 52 percent, of those who express a first choice say they might change their mind before the caucus, while 46 percent say their mind is made up. Sanders voters appear to be the most committed as 61 percent of Sanders voters say their mind is made up, compared to 48 percent of Biden voters, 44 percent of Warren voters, and 40 percent of Buttigieg voters.

There is excitement for the Democratic candidates, as 30 percent are extremely excited about the candidate they support, 37 percent are very excited, 29 percent are mildly excited, and 2 percent are not that excited. Sanders supporters are the most excited, as 52 percent say they are extremely excited, compared to 31 percent of Buttigieg supporters, 23 percent of Warren supporters, and 19 percent of Biden supporters.

The top candidate quality that Iowa likely Democratic caucus-goers are looking for is "someone who can win the general election" which receives 33 percent, followed by "honesty" at 25 percent, "someone who cares about people like you" at 18 percent, "good leadership skills" at 15 percent, and only 7 percent saying "experience in public office."

Likely caucus-goers who selected electability as most important are divided in their top choice in the caucus, with Biden, Buttigieg, and Warren each getting 21 percent. Buttigieg does best among those who care most about good leadership skills with 32 percent support, followed by Warren at 21 percent. Buttigieg and Sanders do best with those who say honesty is most important to them, with Sanders getting 23 percent and Buttigieg at 21 percent. Sanders dominates among those who want "someone who cares about you," winning 33 percent support.

"For Iowa caucus-goers checking the electability box as their top quality in choosing a candidate, there is no one candidate with a clear edge. Biden, Warren, and Buttigieg are tied among those ranking a 2020 win uppermost in their decision," added Snow.

The most important issue in deciding who to support is health care, say 34 percent of likely caucusgoers, followed by climate change at 24 percent, the economy at 11 percent, and foreign policy and education each receiving 8 percent.

Among likely caucus-goers who say health care is the most important issue to their choice, 26 percent support Sanders and 22 percent support Warren. Among those who say climate change is most important, 25 percent choose Warren, 24 percent pick Buttigieg, and 20 percent support Sanders.

This will be the first caucus for 21 percent of likely caucus-goers. These first time caucus-goers are split between Sanders, who gets 30 percent, and Warren, who has 24 percent. Buttigieg gets 10 percent and Biden and Yang receive 9 percent each. Among the 78 percent of likely caucus-goers who have attended previous caucuses, Buttigieg is the choice of 21 percent, while 19 percent go to Warren, 16 percent support Biden, and 14 percent go to Sanders.

Among those who supported Sanders in the 2016 Iowa caucus, the top candidates are Sanders himself with 35 percent, Warren at 23 percent, and Buttigieg with 19 percent. Among those who supported Hillary Clinton, 27 percent support Biden, 21 percent go to Buttigieg, and 18 percent are for Warren.

From October 30 – November 5, Quinnipiac University surveyed 698 Iowa likely Democratic caucusgoers with a margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Email poll@quinnipiac.edu, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @QuinnipiacPoll. 1. How much attention have you been paying to the election campaign for president; a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?

	LIKELY	ELY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS-GOERS								
		POLITI	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				WHITE			
		LIBERA	LIBERAL Mod/				COLLEGE DEG			
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
A lot	73%	85%	71%	68%	70%	75%	75%	73%		
Some	21	12	21	24	23	20	22	22		
Only a little	4	3	5	5	5	4	3	4		
	2	_	3	3	3	1	_	1		
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	AGE IN	YRS		INCOME			DENSI	ГҮ		
	18-49	50-64	65+	<50k	50-100	100k+	City	Suburb	Rural	
A lot	65%	76%	86%	66%	76%	81%	69%	76%	78%	
Some	25	21	12	24	21	16	22	19	20	
Only a little	7	2	2	6	3	3	7	4	1	
	3		_	3	_	1	3	2	_	
DK/NA	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	

2. If the Democratic caucus were being held today, and the candidates were: Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar, Julian Castro, Tulsi Gabbard, John Delaney, Pete Buttigieg, Andrew Yang, Marianne Williamson, Wayne Messam, Michael Bennet, Steve Bullock, Joe Sestak, and Tom Steyer, whom would you support? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you support Biden, Sanders, Harris, Warren, Booker, Klobuchar, Castro, Gabbard, Delaney, Buttigieg, Yang, Williamson, Messam, Bennet, Bullock, Sestak, or Steyer?

	LIKELY	POLITI	DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS-GOERS							
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Biden	15%	9%	14%	18%	12%	16%	13%	19%		
Sanders	17	32	14	12	23	12	14	23		
Harris	4	3	4	5	3	5	6	1		
Warren	20	30	29	10	16	22	21	19		
Booker	1	_	1	1	_	1	1	_		
Klobuchar	5	2	2	8	3	7	7	3		
Castro	1	_	-	1	1	1	_	_		
Gabbard	3	2	1	3	5	1	3	3		
Delaney	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Buttigieg	19	14	24	19	17	20	24	15		
Yang	3	3	3	4	5	2	2	4		
Williamson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_		
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_		
Bennet	1	-	-	1	-	1	_	2		
Bullock	1	_	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Sestak	-	_	-	1	-	1	-	_		
Steyer	3	3	1	4	3	3	1	5		
DK/NA	8	1	5	12	8	8	7	6		

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		DEMOCR			ERS			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	18-49	50-64	65+	<50k	50-100		City	Suburb	
Biden Sanders Harris Warren Booker Klobuchar Castro Gabbard Delaney Buttigieg Yang Williamson Messam Bennet Bullock Sestak Steyer	6% 28 4 24 - 1 2 3 - 16 6 1	22% 7 6 15 - 6 - 3 - 23 2 - 3 1 2 5	26% 6 3 16 2 12 - 1 - 21 - 1 2 - 2	16% 22 3 19 - 4 2 3 - 12 5 - 1 1 - 5	14% 13 5 24 - 7 - 2 - 23 - 1 1 - 1	15% 15 5 16 2 5 - 3 - 23 4 - - 1	13% 19 4 20 1 4 2 3 - 16 5 1 4	15% 14 4 23 - 7 - 1 - 23 2 1 - 2 1	19% 15 4 16 1 7 - 3 - 21 1 - 2 1 1 3
DK/NA	8	6	8	7	8	8	9	7	7
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	2020	leader	Honest	Cares		Econ	care	change	
Biden Sanders Harris Warren Booker Klobuchar Castro Gabbard Delaney Buttigieg Yang Williamson Messam Bennet Bullock Sestak Steyer DK/NA	21% 11 3 21 1 9 - 1 - 21 1 - 2 1 - 7	11% 12 6 21 - 5 - 1 - 32 - 2 1 - 5 5 5	9% 23 2 16 1 3 - 5 - 21 6 - 1 - 9	6% 33 4 15 - 3 3 4 - 12 8 1 4 8		17% 12 2 15 - 2 3 8 - 25 6 - 3 - 1	15% 26 4 22 - 7 - 2 - 15 - - 1 - 2 5	8 % 20 3 25 2 6 2 1 - 24 3 - 1 2 - 3 2	

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LIKELY	DEMOCRATIC	CAUCUS-GC	ERS	
ATTEND	CAUCUS Q5	ATTEND	ED 2016 D	EM CAUCUS
First	Attended		SUPPORTE	D IN 2016
Caucus	Previous	Tot	Clinton	Sanders
Q &	169	179	278	3%
				35
30			-	
_	-	-	•	2
24	19	20	18	23
-	1	-	1	-
2	6	6	8	2
4	_	_	_	-
1	3	3	_	4
-	-	-	-	-
10	21	20	21	19
9	2	1	_	4
1	_	_	_	-
-	-	-	-	-
_	1	1	1	1
_	1	1	3	-
-	-	-	-	-
1	3	3	4	4
10	7	7	7	3
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2a. (If candidate chosen q2) How excited are you to support [candidate chosen]; are you extremely excited, very excited, mildly excited, or not that excited?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS-GOERS										
	CANDI	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q2									
		CANDIDATE	OF CHOICE Q2								
	Tot	Biden	Sanders	Warren	Buttigieg						
Extremely excited	30%	19%	52%	23%	31%						
Very excited	37	45	29	36	39						
Mildly excited	29	28	19	39	28						
Not that excited	2	6	-	2	1						
DK/NA	1	1	-	-	-						

2b. (If candidate chosen q2) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the caucus?

		DATE CHOSEN	C CAUCUS-GOERS. Q2 OF CHOICE Q2		
	Tot	Biden	Sanders	Warren	Buttigieg
Made up Might change	46% 52	48% 51	61% 37	44% 55	40% 58
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2

Candidates w/ less than 15% Tot Biden Sanders Warren Buttigieg support q2 12% 9% 23% Biden 18% 12% 13 14 Sanders -3 27 6 21 Harris 6 8
Warren 16 18
Booker 2 5
Klobuchar 5 13
Castro 1 Gabbard 2 Delaney 1 Buttigieg 17 28
Yang 4 1
Williamson Messam Bennet 1 1
Bullock Sestak Sestak Steyer 2 3
No first choice 8 DK/NA 11 9 Harris 6 8 8 10 4 39 _ 28 6 3 2 7 6 4 1

LIKELY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS-GOERS.....

CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q2.....

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3. Which of these is the most important candidate quality to you in deciding who to support in the Democratic caucus for president: someone who can win the general election in 2020, good leadership skills, honesty, someone who cares about people like you, or experience in public office?

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DK/NA

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		POLITIC	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY WHITE							
		LIBERA	L	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG			
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Win 2020 election	33%	36%	34%	32%	28%	37%	41%	27%		
Good leadership	15	12	15	17	13	16	15	13		
Honesty	25	23	27	24	30	22	21	32		
Cares about people	18	23	16	16	23	13	15	17		
Public office exp.	7	6	7	8	3	10	7	9		
DK/NA	3	-	1	4	3	2	2	2		
	AGE IN	YRS		INCOME			DENSITY			
	18-49	50-64	65+	<50k	50-100	100k+	City	Suburb	Rural	
Win 2020 election	25%	41%	42%	25%	37%	41%	27%	44%	37%	
Good leadership	16	13	12	14	17	13	14	19	15	
Honesty	29	21	23	27	23	25	28	22	21	
Cares about people	23	17	8	25	11	14	20	12	16	
Public office exp.	6	8	9	8	8	3	9	3	7	
DK/NA	2	-	5	1	4	3	2	1	4	

4. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding who to support in the Democratic caucus for president: the economy, immigration, health care, taxes, climate change, education, foreign policy, or gun policy?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS-GOERS									
		POLITI	WHITE.							
		LIBERAL Mod/				COLLEGE DEG				
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Economy	11%	8%	13%	12%	16%	8%	11%	9%		
Immigration	4	1	2	6	5	3	5	1		
Health care	34	40	38	29	31	36	33	37		
Taxes	3	4	3	3	5	2	2	7		
Climate change	24	35	23	21	24	25	26	26		
Education	8	2	6	11	7	8	7	5		
Foreign policy	8	5	8	9	7	9	8	9		
Gun policy	4	3	3	4	3	4	4	3		
DK/NA	3	1	3	4	2	4	4	2		
	AGE IN	YRS	YRS		INCOME			DENSITY		
	18-49	50-64	65+	<50k	50-100	100k+	City	Suburb	Rural	
Economy	12%	12%	8%	12%	12%	11%	11%	12%	11%	
Immigration	5	3	3	3	3	4	2	5	6	
Health care	35	32	34	33	39	33	35	37	30	
Taxes	3	2	4	5	3	2	4	1	4	
Climate change	25	23	27	27	24	21	23	25	26	
Education	9	8	6	7	9	6	8	5	9	
Foreign policy	4	14	10	8	5	13	9	7	8	
Gun policy	4	5	3	3	3	5	4	5	3	
DK/NA	3	1	5	3	2	5	3	5	3	

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

	LIKELY	DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS-GOERS					WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
<u>-</u>		78% 22 -	75% 24 1	80% 19 2				73% 26 1	
		YRS					DENSITY City		
Attended previous First caucus DK/NA		87% 11 2		73% 27 -	82% 18 1	82% 18 -	74% 25 1	84% 16 -	81% 17 2