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**CLINTON LEADS IOWA DEM CAUCUS, BUT WEAK ON ECONOMY,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
IOWA DEMOCRATS WELCOME SYRIAN REFUGEES 6-1**

Despite a low grade for handling the economy, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has the support of 51 percent of Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants, with 42 percent for Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and 4 percent for former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, with 3 percent undecided, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This is virtually unchanged from the results of an October 23 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University showing Clinton at 51 percent, with Sanders at 40 percent.

The economy and jobs are most important for 36 percent of likely Democratic Caucus participants in deciding who to nominate, as 15 percent list climate change; 12 percent say foreign policy and 11 percent cite health care.

Sanders can best handle the economy, 47 percent of Democrats say, while 42 percent say Clinton is best on this issue.

"Sometimes running in place is a good thing. In this case that is what former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has been doing, and she'll take the status quo. She remains ahead by about 10 points over her only real challenger, Sen. Bernie Sanders. She hasn't stretched her lead, but it hasn't shrunk either," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"The only way Secretary Clinton is going to lose the nomination is a scenario in which she drops the early Iowa and New Hampshire contests to Sen. Sanders, who then might become the 'momentum' candidate. So she'll be just fine if she 'only' wins by 10 points. She has a big edge in money and party organization in the larger states that follow and where Sanders doesn't poll as well as he does in the early, smaller state contests."

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“It’s not that Iowa Democrats are in love with Secretary Clinton right now. They even think Sanders would be better handling the economy, generally the hallmark of the candidate who wins the Democratic nomination,” Brown added. “But despite all the things about Clinton that gives Democrats pause, there is one thing that unites them: She looks like a winner in November.”

Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants give Clinton an 81 – 15 percent favorability rating. Sanders gets an 81 – 7 percent favorability.

Rating Clinton’s personal qualities, Democrats say:

- 68 – 25 percent that she is honest and trustworthy;
- 94 – 5 percent that she has strong leadership qualities;
- 80 – 18 percent that she cares about their needs and problems;
- 76 – 20 percent that she shares their values;
- 95 – 5 percent that she has the right kind of experience to be president.

Rating Sanders, Democrats say:

- 89 – 4 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 79 – 14 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 92 – 5 percent that he cares about their needs and problems;
- 84 – 8 percent that he shares their values;
- 66 – 24 percent that he has the right kind of experience to be president.

Clinton has a good chance of defeating the Republican nominee in the general election, 85 percent of likely Democratic Caucus-goers say, while only 54 percent say Sanders has a good chance of winning.

Iowa Democrats support 81 – 13 percent accepting Syrian refugees into the U.S. and support 80 – 14 percent accepting these refugees into Iowa.

Democrats oppose 58 – 33 percent sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria and say 41 – 31 percent that the U.S. and its allies are losing the fight against ISIS.

From November 16 – 22, Quinnipiac University surveyed 543 likely Iowa Democratic Caucus participants with a margin of error of +/- 4.2 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 Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, and Bernie Sanders, who would you support? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you support Clinton, O'Malley, or Sanders?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	51%	43%	43%	59%	42%	57%	48%	53%
O'Malley	4	2	8	5	5	4	6	3
Sanders	42	53	45	33	51	36	42	43
DK/NA	3	2	4	3	2	3	3	2

	MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC Q81.....		
	Cares	Strong Leader	BestChance OfWinning
Clinton	30%	63%	66%
O'Malley	4	4	6
Sanders	65	29	25
DK/NA	1	4	3

	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE Q62.....		
	Economy/ Jobs	ForgnPlcy/ Terrorism	Climate Change
Clinton	44%	73%	34%
O'Malley	3	2	10
Sanders	50	23	55
DK/NA	3	2	1

3A. (If candidate chosen q3) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the caucus?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q3.....		
		CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q3	
	Tot	Clinton	Sanders
Made up	63%	63%	64%
Might change	36	37	34
DK/NA	1	-	1

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/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	7%	8%	3%	10%	12%	3%	8%	7%
O'Malley	12	14	13	9	12	12	11	13
Sanders	5	2	4	8	4	5	3	6
No/No one	73	71	77	73	71	75	77	70
DK/NA	6	6	5	5	5	7	5	7

5. Compared to past presidential caucuses in Iowa, how would you describe your level of enthusiasm about attending a presidential caucus in February 2016; are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as usual?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL..... Mod/							
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
More	26%	28%	24%	26%	25%	27%	19%	33%
Less	14	12	14	16	14	14	20	9
About the same	59	60	61	57	59	59	61	57
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	1

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL..... Mod/							
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	81%	79%	83%	80%	75%	85%	82%	79%
Unfavorable	15	18	12	15	21	11	13	17
Hvn't hrd enough	2	2	2	4	3	2	3	2
REFUSED	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2

60. 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/							
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	43%	50%	39%	42%	45%	41%	49%	38%
Unfavorable	6	7	8	4	6	7	7	6
Hvn't hrd enough	49	40	53	52	48	50	43	54
REFUSED	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL..... Mod/							
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	81%	89%	88%	74%	85%	78%	85%	77%
Unfavorable	7	4	5	8	6	7	5	8
Hvn't hrd enough	11	6	6	15	8	12	7	14
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1

62. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding who to support for the Democratic nomination for President: the economy and jobs, terrorism, immigration, the federal deficit, health care, foreign policy, climate change, race relations, abortion, taxes, or gun policy?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Economy and jobs	36%	37%	35%	34%	44%	29%	34%	38%
Terrorism	5	3	1	10	3	7	4	7
Immigration	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	2
Federal deficit	2	-	1	4	3	-	1	2
Health care	11	11	10	14	12	11	10	12
Foreign policy	12	13	12	13	9	14	14	10
Climate change	15	20	14	9	12	16	19	11
Race relations	4	6	5	2	3	5	3	5
Abortion	1	2	2	-	-	2	1	1
Taxes	3	2	3	3	4	2	2	3
Gun policy	4	2	7	4	2	5	5	2
DK/NA	5	5	7	5	4	6	5	6

63. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - the economy?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	42%	35%	39%	51%	36%	47%	40%	44%
O'Malley	4	1	4	8	5	4	6	3
Sanders	47	60	50	34	56	41	49	46
DK/NA	6	4	7	7	4	8	5	7

64. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - foreign policy?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	77%	77%	76%	78%	75%	78%	80%	73%
O'Malley	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	3
Sanders	15	16	17	12	19	13	12	18
DK/NA	6	4	5	6	4	7	6	6

65. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - gun policy?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....						
		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	40%	39%	40%	39%	37%	41%	40%	39%
O'Malley	9	11	8	9	11	8	11	7
Sanders	33	38	37	28	41	27	32	34
DK/NA	18	13	15	24	11	23	17	20

66. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - health care?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....						
		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	51%	47%	48%	55%	43%	56%	49%	52%
O'Malley	2	1	3	3	2	3	4	1
Sanders	41	50	44	33	51	33	39	42
DK/NA	6	2	5	9	4	8	7	5

67. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - education?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....						
		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	47%	42%	41%	52%	37%	54%	42%	51%
O'Malley	6	4	6	9	6	6	8	4
Sanders	39	50	43	28	50	31	38	40
DK/NA	8	5	10	11	7	10	11	6

68. Regardless of who you are voting for, which Democratic candidate do you think can best handle - terrorism?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....						
		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	68%	67%	73%	65%	64%	70%	71%	65%
O'Malley	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	3
Sanders	19	24	18	16	23	16	18	20
DK/NA	10	7	7	15	9	11	9	11

69. 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	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	68%	64%	72%	68%	63%	71%	70%	65%
No	25	26	23	23	31	19	23	26
DK/NA	8	10	5	8	5	9	6	9

70. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders is honest and trustworthy or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
		LIBERAL.....	Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	89%	96%	93%	84%	90%	89%	93%	86%
No	4	2	2	8	6	3	3	6
DK/NA	6	2	5	8	4	8	5	8

71. 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	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	94%	94%	96%	93%	91%	97%	94%	95%
No	5	6	3	7	9	2	6	5
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-

72. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders has strong leadership qualities or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
		LIBERAL.....	Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	79%	85%	84%	74%	81%	78%	79%	79%
No	14	8	12	19	14	13	15	12
DK/NA	7	7	4	7	4	9	5	9

73. 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	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	80%	81%	86%	76%	74%	85%	83%	77%
No	18	19	11	20	23	13	15	20
DK/NA	2	-	3	4	3	2	2	3

74. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	92%	98%	96%	84%	91%	92%	94%	90%
No	5	1	1	11	6	4	3	7
DK/NA	3	1	3	5	2	4	4	3

75. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton has the right kind of experience to be President or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	95%	95%	97%	92%	90%	98%	95%	94%
No	5	4	2	8	9	2	5	5
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1

76. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders has the right kind of experience to be President or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	66%	77%	72%	53%	73%	60%	69%	63%
No	24	12	23	35	23	25	23	24
DK/NA	11	11	6	12	5	15	7	13

77. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton shares your values or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	76%	77%	80%	74%	72%	80%	74%	78%
No	20	21	17	22	24	16	21	18
DK/NA	4	2	3	4	4	4	4	3

78. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders shares your values or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	84%	90%	92%	75%	87%	82%	86%	83%
No	8	4	5	15	9	8	7	9
DK/NA	8	6	4	10	4	10	7	8

79. Would you say that - Hillary Clinton would have a good chance of defeating the Republican nominee in the general election for President or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	85%	90%	85%	84%	87%	84%	86%	85%
No	11	9	10	11	11	10	9	12
DK/NA	4	1	5	5	2	5	5	3

80. Would you say that - Bernie Sanders would have a good chance of defeating the Republican nominee in the general election for President or not?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	54%	68%	55%	41%	57%	51%	48%	59%
No	33	16	38	45	36	31	39	28
DK/NA	13	16	7	14	6	18	13	13

81. Thinking about the Democratic nominee for president in 2016, which of the following is most important to you: Someone who shares your values, cares about the needs and problems of people like you, has strong leadership qualities, is honest and trustworthy, has the right kind of experience, or has the best chance of winning?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Shares values	14%	16%	17%	9%	18%	11%	12%	16%
Cares needs/problems	23	29	23	19	25	22	23	24
Strong leadership	18	15	17	24	17	19	18	18
Honest/trustworthy	13	10	12	15	10	16	11	15
Right experience	12	12	12	12	12	12	10	13
Best chance/winning	18	18	17	20	17	19	25	12
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2

82. Do you support or oppose accepting Syrian refugees into the U.S.?

	LIKELY	DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	81%	90%	85%	71%	85%	77%	91%	71%
Oppose	13	5	11	21	12	14	6	20
DK/NA	6	6	4	8	3	9	3	9

83. Do you support or oppose accepting Syrian refugees into Iowa?

	LIKELY	DEM	CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
			POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE	DEG
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	80%	89%	85%	71%	84%	77%	91%	71%
Oppose	14	4	11	23	14	14	6	21
DK/NA	6	7	3	6	2	8	3	8

84. Would you support or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria?

	LIKELY	DEM	CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
			POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE	DEG
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	33%	23%	32%	43%	36%	31%	30%	36%
Oppose	58	70	55	49	61	56	60	56
DK/NA	9	6	13	8	3	13	10	8

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Support	32%
Oppose	60
DK/NA	7

85. Do you think the United States and its allies are winning or losing the fight against ISIS?

	LIKELY	DEM	CAUCUS-GOERS.....					
			POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					
			LIBERAL.....	Mod/			COLLEGE	DEG
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Winning	31%	32%	36%	28%	35%	27%	29%	32%
Losing	41	40	36	46	43	40	43	39
DK/NA	28	28	28	26	22	32	28	28

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Winning	27%
Losing	44
DK/NA	29

86. How worried are you about the possibility of a terrorist attack in the United States, like the ones that happened recently in Paris; very worried, somewhat worried, not so worried, or not worried at all?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very worried	17%	12%	15%	21%	16%	18%	12%	22%
Somewhat worried	48	42	48	54	39	54	52	44
Not so worried	26	32	31	16	30	22	27	25
Not worried at all	9	14	5	8	15	4	9	9
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1

87. Do the terrorist attacks in Paris make you more likely to support stricter gun laws, less likely to support stricter gun laws, or don't they make a difference?

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....		Mod/				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
More likely	32%	37%	28%	32%	25%	38%	30%	34%
Less likely	6	4	4	8	7	5	3	8
No difference	60	55	67	59	68	53	66	55
DK/NA	2	4	-	1	1	4	2	3