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WOMEN BACK CLINTON OVER SANDERS 2-1 IN IOWA DEM CAUCUS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; ECONOMY REMAINS TOP ISSUE FOR IOWA DEMOCRATS

With an almost 2-1 lead among women, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leads Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont 51 – 40 percent among Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley has 6 percent with 3 percent undecided.

This compares to the results of a November 25 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University showing Clinton over Sanders 51 – 42 percent.

Today, women back Clinton over Sanders 59 – 32 percent, with 7 percent for O’Malley, while men back Sanders over Clinton 52 – 39 percent, with 5 percent for O’Malley.

Despite recent attacks, 35 percent of likely Democratic Caucus-goers say the economy and jobs are most important in deciding who to nominate, as 15 percent list health care, with 11 percent for climate change, 10 percent for foreign policy and 7 percent for terrorism.

Sanders can better handle the economy, 45 percent of Democrats say, while 44 percent say Clinton is better on this issue. Clinton tops Sanders on handling other top issues:

- 59 – 32 percent on health care;
- 77 – 16 percent on foreign policy;
- 68 – 20 percent on terrorism.

Sanders is better on climate change, 42 percent of Democratic Caucus-goers say, while 36 percent say Clinton is better.

“Secretary Hillary Clinton’s strength is largely based on her appeal to Democratic women among whom she leads by 2-1, a daunting base for those trying to upset her candidacy,” said Peter A. Brown, Assistant Director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Secretary Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley, seem to be playing a much gentler game than the nasty fight on the GOP side of the ledger.”

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“The San Bernardino massacre seems to be having an impact on which quality Iowa Democrats find most important in a presidential candidate,” Brown added. “Less than a month ago, voters said caring about their needs and problems was most important. Now, caring is down 6 points, and having the right kind of experience is up 6 points. Having a long resume seems to be providing a sense of security to Democratic voters when faced with international unrest.”

Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants give Sanders an 85 – 7 percent favorability rating. Clinton gets an 81 – 16 percent favorability.

Rating Clinton’s personal qualities, Democrats say:

- 69 – 25 percent that she is honest and trustworthy;
- 92 – 7 percent that she has strong leadership qualities;
- 79 – 19 percent that she cares about their needs and problems;
- 76 – 20 percent that she shares their values;
- 92 – 8 percent that she has the right kind of experience to be president.

Rating Sanders, Democrats say:

- 92 – 3 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 82 – 10 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 93 – 4 percent that he cares about their needs and problems;
- 86 – 8 percent that he shares their values;
- 66 – 26 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, 89 percent of likely Democratic Caucus-goers say, while 57 percent say Sanders has a good chance of winning.

Homegrown jihadists pose a greater threat to the U.S., 62 percent of Iowa Democrats say, while 18 percent say radicalized foreign visitors are a greater threat and 11 percent say terrorists hiding among Syrian refugees are a greater threat.

Democrats support 89 – 8 percent banning people on the U.S. terrorism watch list from purchasing guns.

From December 4 – 13, Quinnipiac University surveyed 727 Iowa likely Democratic Caucus participants with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 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							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Clinton	51%	43%	49%	56%	39%	59%	53%	48%
O'Malley	6	6	8	5	5	7	7	5
Sanders	40	48	42	34	52	32	36	44
DK/NA	3	3	1	4	4	3	4	3

	MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC Q76.....				
	Shares Values	Cares	Strong Leader	Right Experience	BestChance OfWinning
	Clinton	33%	23%	67%	77%
O'Malley	10	2	7	5	6
Sanders	56	71	23	15	21
DK/NA	1	4	3	3	2

	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE Q56.....		
	Economy/ Jobs	Health Care	Foreign Policy
	Clinton	44%	68%
O'Malley	5	2	4
Sanders	47	27	30
DK/NA	4	3	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.....		
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q3 Clinton	Sanders
Made up	66%	71%	62%
Might change	33	27	37
DK/NA	1	2	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							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Clinton	8%	5%	9%	11%	13%	5%	6%	11%
O'Malley	12	14	6	14	11	13	11	12
Sanders	4	2	3	7	3	5	5	3
No/No one	72	78	76	64	68	75	76	68
DK/NA	7	4	5	10	8	6	3	9

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				COLLEGE DEG			
	Tot	LIBERAL.....	Mod/Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
More	29%	41%	25%	22%	32%	26%	23%	33%
Less	17	13	22	19	18	17	20	16
About the same	52	44	50	58	49	54	54	50
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				COLLEGE DEG			
	Tot	LIBERAL.....	Mod/Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Attended previous	74%	77%	72%	74%	70%	77%	82%	68%
First caucus	26	23	28	26	29	23	17	32
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Q53-55. Summary Table - Is your opinion of [Candidate] favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him/her? Table ranked by net favorability (Favorable - Unfavorable).

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....				
	Fav	Unfav	Hvn't hrdEn	REF	NetFav
Sanders	85	7	6	1	78
Clinton	81	16	2	1	65
O'Malley	40	8	51	1	32

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				COLLEGE DEG			
	Tot	LIBERAL.....	Mod/Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	81%	83%	79%	80%	76%	84%	84%	78%
Unfavorable	16	16	15	17	20	13	14	18
Hvn't hrd enough	2	1	4	2	2	2	2	2
REFUSED	1	-	2	2	2	1	1	2

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Cons	Yes			No	
Favorable	40%	52%	40%	32%	42%	38%	48%	33%
Unfavorable	8	10	3	9	8	8	8	8
Hvn't hrd enough	51	37	56	57	50	52	43	57
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Cons	Yes			No	
Favorable	85%	92%	92%	76%	88%	83%	89%	82%
Unfavorable	7	6	5	10	4	10	6	8
Hvn't hrd enough	6	2	3	11	7	6	4	9
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	1

56. 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							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Cons	Yes			No	
Economy and jobs	35%	32%	32%	39%	40%	30%	33%	36%
Terrorism	7	2	4	12	5	9	3	10
Immigration	3	6	4	1	4	3	2	4
Federal deficit	2	-	3	4	4	1	1	4
Health care	15	13	18	14	13	17	13	17
Foreign policy	10	12	10	8	11	9	12	8
Climate change	11	15	13	6	12	10	14	8
Race relations	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2
Abortion	1	2	-	1	-	2	2	1
Taxes	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1
Gun policy	6	9	6	4	3	8	7	5
DK/NA	6	5	7	6	4	7	7	5

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Cons	Yes			No	
Clinton	44%	39%	40%	50%	38%	49%	44%	44%
O'Malley	5	4	6	5	5	5	7	4
Sanders	45	56	44	39	53	39	44	46
DK/NA	6	1	9	7	4	7	4	7

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

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom	Yes	No
		Very	Smwht	Cons					
Clinton	77%	79%	76%	76%	73%	81%	79%	76%	
O'Malley	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	1	
Sanders	16	18	14	15	18	14	15	16	
DK/NA	5	2	7	7	6	5	4	7	

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

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom	Yes	No
		Very	Smwht	Cons					
Clinton	46%	47%	43%	46%	39%	51%	47%	45%	
O'Malley	9	11	13	5	8	9	11	7	
Sanders	32	36	33	29	37	28	32	32	
DK/NA	14	7	11	20	16	12	10	17	

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

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom	Yes	No
		Very	Smwht	Cons					
Clinton	59%	52%	60%	62%	50%	65%	61%	56%	
O'Malley	4	3	6	3	4	4	4	4	
Sanders	32	43	27	27	42	24	29	34	
DK/NA	6	2	7	8	4	7	5	6	

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

	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/		Men	Wom	Yes	No
		Very	Smwht	Cons					
Clinton	49%	38%	46%	58%	36%	58%	47%	49%	
O'Malley	5	6	8	3	4	5	6	4	
Sanders	36	48	35	28	47	27	35	36	
DK/NA	11	8	11	11	13	9	11	10	

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No
Clinton	68%	65%	74%	66%	64%	71%	74%	63%
O'Malley	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2
Sanders	20	28	12	19	23	17	16	22
DK/NA	10	5	11	13	10	10	7	12

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No
Clinton	36%	28%	35%	43%	34%	39%	33%	39%
O'Malley	5	7	7	2	3	6	6	4
Sanders	42	56	45	31	47	38	48	37
DK/NA	17	9	13	24	16	18	13	20

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No
Yes	69%	72%	67%	68%	61%	75%	68%	70%
No	25	25	24	27	34	19	25	26
DK/NA	5	3	9	5	5	5	7	4

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No
Yes	92%	98%	93%	88%	93%	92%	95%	89%
No	3	1	3	6	3	4	2	5
DK/NA	4	1	4	6	5	4	3	6

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No
Yes	92%	94%	95%	90%	89%	95%	94%	90%
No	7	5	5	10	10	4	5	8
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	LIBERAL.....			Mod/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	82%	88%	86%	77%	84%	81%	84%	81%
No	10	10	8	13	8	12	11	10
DK/NA	7	2	6	10	8	7	5	9

68. 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/			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	79%	80%	83%	76%	74%	83%	82%	77%
No	19	19	16	20	24	15	15	21
DK/NA	2	1	-	4	3	2	3	2

69. 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	93%	98%	95%	89%	95%	92%	95%	91%
No	4	1	3	7	2	5	4	4
DK/NA	3	1	2	4	3	3	1	5

70. 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	92%	97%	91%	89%	88%	95%	95%	90%
No	8	3	9	10	11	5	5	10
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

71. 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%	66%	59%	73%	61%	66%	66%
No	26	21	25	31	20	30	27	24
DK/NA	8	2	9	10	8	9	7	9

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Cons	Yes			No	
Yes	76%	74%	81%	76%	67%	83%	80%	73%
No	20	19	17	22	29	13	16	23
DK/NA	4	7	2	2	4	4	4	4

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

	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Cons	Yes			No	
Yes	86%	93%	89%	80%	86%	85%	90%	82%
No	8	4	7	13	8	8	6	10
DK/NA	6	3	5	8	5	6	3	8

74. 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							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Cons	Yes			No	
Yes	89%	96%	87%	84%	85%	92%	91%	87%
No	9	3	8	14	15	4	6	11
DK/NA	3	2	5	2	1	4	3	2

75. 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							
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
Very		Smwht	Cons	Yes			No	
Yes	57%	67%	61%	48%	66%	51%	52%	62%
No	34	26	30	44	28	39	38	31
DK/NA	8	7	9	8	6	10	9	7

76. 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?

	Tot	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
		Very	Smwht					
Shares values	14%	17%	12%	13%	22%	9%	16%	13%
Cares needs/problems	17	18	20	15	16	18	13	20
Strong leadership	17	13	15	20	15	18	15	18
Honest/trustworthy	15	12	18	15	17	13	12	17
Right experience	18	21	14	19	14	21	17	18
Best chance/winning	16	17	17	15	14	17	24	10
DK/NA	4	2	4	4	3	5	3	4

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

	Tot	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
		Very	Smwht					
Support	79%	95%	84%	64%	78%	80%	92%	70%
Oppose	15	3	8	29	17	15	6	23
DK/NA	6	2	7	7	6	6	3	7

78. Which do you think poses a greater terrorist threat to the U.S.: terrorists hiding among Syrian refugees, radicalized foreign visitors or so-called "homegrown jihadists"?

	Tot	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
		Very	Smwht					
Terrorist refugees	11%	2%	6%	20%	10%	11%	3%	17%
Radicalized visitors	18	10	24	19	15	19	21	15
Homegrown jihadists	62	76	60	53	63	61	66	58
DK/NA	10	11	10	9	12	8	10	10

79. Do you support or oppose changing current gun laws to ban those on the U.S. government's terrorist watch list from purchasing guns?

	Tot	LIKELY DEM CAUCUS-GOERS.....		POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
		Very	Smwht					
Support	89%	91%	92%	85%	86%	91%	94%	84%
Oppose	8	5	5	11	10	6	3	11
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	4	4	2	5

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

	LIKELY	DEM	CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support	36%	24%	30%	47%	38%	34%	26%	43%	
Oppose	58	71	62	46	58	58	67	51	
DK/NA	7	5	7	7	4	9	7	6	

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

	LIKELY	DEM	CAUCUS-GOERS.....	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Winning	38%	37%	40%	39%	46%	33%	35%	41%	
Losing	37	37	35	38	33	39	42	33	
DK/NA	25	26	24	23	21	28	23	26	