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NEW JERSEY VOTERS DISAPPROVE OF RUTGERS PAYOUTS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BOSTON BOMBING WILL NOT KEEP VOTERS AWAY FROM EVENTS

New Jersey voters disapprove 64 – 7 percent of the large payouts to Rutgers University officials who left the university in the wake of the scandal involving the men’s basketball coach, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters are divided on the future of Rutgers President Robert Barchi, as 25 percent say he should be fired, while 29 percent say he should not be fired, with 42 percent undecided, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Disapproval of the cash payments ranges from 55 – 13 percent among voters in urban areas to 69 – 6 percent among independent voters. Men disapprove 60 – 11 percent while women disapprove 68 – 4 percent.

There are no large differences among groups on Dr. Barchi’s future, except for Democrats, where 30 percent say he should be fired and 26 percent say he should not be fired. Black voters also say 30 - 16 that Barchi should go.

New Jersey voters approve 62 – 12 percent of the decision to fire Mike Rice. Republicans approve 51 – 15 percent while Democrats support the firing 69 – 6 percent.

“Were those big Rutgers payouts to the ousted trio a reward for bad behavior? They attracted a lot of criticism as the news trickled out, and two thirds of New Jersey voters tell Quinnipiac University they were a bad decision,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

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New Jersey voters say 73 – 24 percent that they will continue to attend large events in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombing. The commitment to large events is 67 percent or higher among every group.

A total of 49 percent of voters are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” that they or a family member will become a victim of a terrorist attack, with 50 percent who are “not too worried” or “not worried at all.”

A total of 55 percent of woman are “very” or “somewhat” worried, compared to 42 percent of men.

New Jersey voters approve 68 – 27 percent of the way President Barack Obama is handling terrorism, with only Republicans disapproving 59 – 35 percent.

Gov. Christopher Christie gets a 67 – 10 percent approval rating for handling terror, with approval of 56 percent or higher from every group except black voters who approve 48 – 22 percent.

“After the Boston Marathon bombing, New Jersey voters have some concerns about their own safety, but they give President Barack Obama and Gov. Christopher Christie good marks on combating terrorism.

From April 19 – 22, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,112 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling terrorism?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	68%	35%	90%	70%	68%	69%	64%	85%
Disapprove	27	59	6	25	29	25	33	11
DK/NA	5	7	3	5	4	6	4	4

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	74%	64%	67%	67%	73%	70%	68%	68%
Disapprove	22	29	28	28	24	24	29	25
DK/NA	4	6	5	5	2	6	3	7

	Philly				
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore
Approve	75%	74%	64%	61%	62%
Disapprove	21	21	33	34	31
DK/NA	4	5	4	6	7

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Christopher Christie is handling terrorism?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	67%	78%	62%	67%	72%	63%	72%	48%
Disapprove	10	5	16	8	8	11	7	22
DK/NA	23	18	23	24	20	25	22	29

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	67%	68%	63%	70%	71%	69%	70%	64%
Disapprove	5	13	17	10	4	14	10	9
DK/NA	27	20	20	20	24	17	20	28

	Philly				
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore
Approve	67%	69%	71%	56%	73%
Disapprove	10	9	6	16	8
DK/NA	23	22	23	28	20

26. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack: very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Very worried	15%	16%	15%	13%	11%	18%	13%	21%
Somewhat worried	34	38	31	34	31	37	36	20
Not too worried	33	28	35	36	36	31	32	37
Not worried at all	17	18	18	16	23	13	18	21
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL HSHOLD <50K	ANNUAL HSHOLD 50-100	ANNUAL HSHOLD >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Very worried	7%	20%	22%	18%	6%	16%	15%	15%
Somewhat worried	33	35	36	31	35	28	38	33
Not too worried	39	29	27	35	38	35	31	35
Not worried at all	20	15	14	16	20	21	16	17
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1

	Philly				
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore
Very worried	21%	17%	6%	14%	14%
Somewhat worried	28	34	31	40	35
Not too worried	30	34	38	28	37
Not worried at all	21	15	24	18	14
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	1

TREND: How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack: very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

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Very worried	15	15
Smwht worried	34	39
Not too worried	33	29
Not worried at all	17	16
DK/NA	-	-

27. Do the Boston Marathon bombings make you less likely to attend large events, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes/Less likely	24%	24%	23%	24%	21%	26%	22%	25%
No	73	73	74	74	76	71	76	72
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	3

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL HSHOLD <50K	ANNUAL HSHOLD 50-100	ANNUAL HSHOLD >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Yes/Less likely	16%	29%	29%	22%	17%	27%	21%	24%
No	81	68	67	76	81	70	76	73
DK/NA	3	3	4	2	3	2	2	3

	Philly				
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore
Yes/Less likely	16%	22%	25%	31%	26%
No	84	74	70	67	73
DK/NA	-	4	6	2	1

28. Have you heard or read anything about the controversy surrounding the Rutgers men's basketball coach, Mike Rice, who was recently fired?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	87%	88%	83%	90%	89%	85%	90%	86%
No	12	11	15	9	11	13	9	12
DK/NA	1	2	2	1	-	2	1	2

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Yes	97%	80%	75%	93%	95%	78%	87%	89%
No	3	18	23	7	5	20	13	9
DK/NA	1	2	2	-	-	2	-	2

	Philly				
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore
Yes	93%	85%	91%	86%	81%
No	6	13	9	13	17
DK/NA	1	2	-	-	2

29. Do you think Coach Rice should or should not have been fired, or don't you have an opinion about that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Should	62%	51%	69%	64%	61%	63%	65%	71%
Should not	12	15	6	14	14	9	11	3
No opinion	25	31	22	21	23	26	24	22
DK/NA	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	4

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Should	71%	56%	52%	64%	71%	54%	61%	65%
Should not	12	11	12	16	10	14	12	10
No opinion	16	30	33	17	18	31	24	22
DK/NA	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	2

	Philly					HEARD/READ Q28	
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore	Yes	No
Should	65%	62%	69%	66%	50%	71%	2%
Should not	11	12	10	10	15	13	4
No opinion	23	22	21	24	34	16	82
DK/NA	1	4	-	-	2	1	11

30. Do you think Rutgers President Robert Barchi should or should not be fired, or don't you have an opinion about that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Should	25%	22%	30%	24%	28%	23%	25%	30%
Should not	29	28	26	32	34	25	32	16
No opinion	42	47	40	41	35	49	40	44
DK/NA	3	3	4	2	3	3	2	9

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Should	27%	24%	22%	27%	28%	25%	24%	25%
Should not	37	24	20	32	40	24	28	32
No opinion	34	48	53	37	31	51	43	39
DK/NA	2	4	5	3	2	-	4	4

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	HEARD/READ Yes	Q28 No
Should	23%	26%	26%	25%	24%	29%	1%
Should not	27	29	40	24	26	33	5
No opinion	50	40	32	47	46	36	85
DK/NA	-	5	2	4	3	2	9

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the large cash payouts to the Rutgers coach, athletic director and counsel when they left after the scandal, or don't you have an opinion about that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	7%	8%	6%	6%	11%	4%	7%	5%
Disapprove	64	64	62	69	60	68	68	55
No opinion	26	25	29	23	26	27	23	33
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	4	2	1	7

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Approve	10%	5%	4%	6%	11%	6%	8%	7%
Disapprove	67	62	63	67	65	57	62	68
No opinion	20	30	30	23	22	36	28	22
DK/NA	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	3

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	HEARD/READ Yes	Q28 No
Approve	13%	7%	7%	5%	3%	8%	-
Disapprove	55	64	65	67	67	69	35
No opinion	29	26	23	26	28	21	61
DK/NA	3	2	5	2	2	2	5