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CLINTON IS THE ROSE OF THE GARDEN STATE IN 2016, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; AMERICA IS NOT READY FOR 'JERSEY GUY,' MORE VOTERS SAY

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton mows down New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie and other Republican 2016 presidential contenders in the Garden State, as voters say Gov. Christie would not make a good president, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

New Jersey voters say 53 – 40 percent that Christie would not make a good president, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Republicans say 70 – 21 percent that their governor would do well in the White House, but every other party, gender or age group listed disagrees.

American voters are not ready for a “Jersey Guy” president such as Christie, Garden State voters say 49 – 43 percent. There are gender and age gaps: Men are divided 46 – 47 percent, but women say 51 – 41 percent America is not ready. Voters 18 to 34 years old say 54 – 38 percent the U.S. is ready for a “Jersey Guy,” but voters 35 years old and older disagree.

“Even Jersey guys, actually Jersey girls, don’t think the nation will go for a Jersey guy like Gov. Christopher Christie,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Shades of Woodrow Wilson. The last Jersey guy who got elected president did not carry the state in his 1916 reelection. And this poll shows we haven't changed in the last century.

“Besides that, we’d sooner vote for the girl from New York, Hillary Clinton. She beats all the probable Republican candidates, including the governor. He does better than the other Republicans but he still loses his home state.”

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New Jersey voters say 50 – 44 percent that they would not like to see Christie run for president and, if he does, he should resign as governor, voters say 62 – 32 percent.

If Christie runs, he loses to Clinton 50 – 39 percent, winning only among Republicans. Clinton leads other possible Republican candidates:

- 53 – 31 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 55 – 31 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 52 – 35 percent over 2012 Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Clinton is the only candidate listed who gets a positive favorability rating, 58 – 35 percent. The Republicans all have negative scores:

- 45 – 47 percent for Christie;
- 25 – 35 percent for Bush;
- 25 – 32 percent for Paul;
- 36 – 48 percent for Romney.

“If Christie does run – and his New Jersey neighbors say he shouldn’t – he should quit his day job,” Carroll said.

President Obama’s Approval Rating

New Jersey voters give President Barack Obama a negative 46 – 50 percent job approval rating, compared to a negative 44 – 52 percent approval rating August 6.

There are gender and age gaps: Women are divided with 49 percent approving and 48 percent disapproving, but men disapprove 53 – 43 percent. Voters 18 to 34 years old approve 53 – 45 percent, with approval dropping to 51 – 46 percent among voters 35 to 54 years old. Voters over 55 years old disapprove 54 – 42 percent.

“President Barack Obama is doing a little better in the Garden State, but he remains under 50 percent, even in this true-blue state,” Carroll said.

From December 3 – 8, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,340 registered voters, with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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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1. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	50%	10%	88%	44%	49%	50%	51%	53%	49%
Christie	39	81	9	41	41	38	38	40	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	3	3	2	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	4	3	2	3	1	3
DK/NA	6	4	3	9	4	7	8	4	5

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Dec 11 2014	Oct 01 2014	Aug 06 2014	Feb 20 2013
Clinton	50	50	50	49
Christie	39	40	42	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	3	1
DK/NA	6	6	4	5

2. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	53%	14%	92%	45%	51%	55%	67%	56%	48%
Bush	31	71	3	33	33	28	13	31	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	1	4	5	2	3	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	1	4	4	3	5	3	3
DK/NA	9	9	3	14	6	11	12	7	9

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Dec 11 2014	Oct 01 2014	Aug 06 2014
Clinton	53	53	54
Bush	31	32	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	3
DK/NA	9	9	6

3. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	55%	12%	92%	50%	52%	57%	65%	57%	50%
Paul	31	71	3	32	34	28	25	29	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	3	2	2	-	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	1	4	5	3	4	4	3
DK/NA	9	8	4	12	6	11	6	8	9

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Dec 11 2014	Oct 01 2014	Aug 06 2014
Clinton	55	55	55
Paul	31	31	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	2
DK/NA	9	9	6

4. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	52%	10%	90%	47%	51%	54%	58%	56%	49%
Romney	35	81	5	35	37	34	26	33	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	6	1	3	5	2	3	4	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	2	4	2	4	3	2
DK/NA	6	1	2	13	4	9	9	4	6

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote? (*2008 election)

	Dec 11 2014	Sep 26 2007*	Apr 19 2007*	Jan 25 2007*
Clinton	52	52	50	53
Romney	35	33	31	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	5	3	3
DK/NA	6	7	12	13

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	58%	22%	91%	53%	55%	62%	61%	62%	56%
Unfavorable	35	74	4	38	39	30	24	32	40
Hvn't hrd enough	5	2	4	6	4	6	9	4	3
REFUSED	2	2	1	3	2	3	6	1	1

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

	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014	Feb 20 2013	Jun 12 2008	Feb 21 2008	FAVORABLE.....	
						High	Low
						Feb 20 2013	Dec 13 2007
Favorable	58	60	67	51	50	67	43
Unfavorable	35	38	29	45	43	29	42
Hvn't hrd enough	5	1	3	2	5	3	11
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	3	1	4

6. Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	45%	80%	18%	48%	47%	44%	48%	47%	44%
Unfavorable	47	13	76	45	45	49	46	46	48
Hvn't hrd enough	5	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	5
REFUSED	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? (*High also 69% Jan 2013, Feb 2013)

	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014	Jul 10 2013	Jun 10 2013	Apr 24 2013	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Mar 26 2013*	Low Aug 12 2008
Favorable	45	47	66	63	66	69	21
Unfavorable	47	47	27	27	24	22	7
Hvn't hrd enough	5	2	3	4	5	6	69
REFUSED	3	3	4	6	4	4	2

7. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	25%	44%	12%	27%	29%	21%	15%	23%	31%
Unfavorable	35	14	51	34	39	32	41	39	29
Hvn't hrd enough	37	42	35	37	30	44	39	37	38
REFUSED	2	-	2	3	2	2	5	1	2

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

	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014
Favorable	25	32
Unfavorable	35	33
Hvn't hrd enough	37	33
REFUSED	2	2

8. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	25%	43%	8%	29%	31%	18%	23%	24%	27%
Unfavorable	32	13	51	28	33	32	25	37	32
Hvn't hrd enough	41	42	39	41	32	48	48	38	40
REFUSED	2	2	2	3	3	2	4	1	2

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

	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014
Favorable	25	31
Unfavorable	32	33
Hvn't hrd enough	41	34
REFUSED	2	2

9. Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	36%	74%	13%	35%	36%	36%	31%	30%	44%
Unfavorable	48	12	75	48	52	45	55	54	42
Hvn't hrd enough	13	14	10	14	10	16	11	14	12
REFUSED	3	1	1	3	2	3	3	2	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? (* High also 39% Nov 2011)

	Dec 11 2014	Jul 18 2012	May 16 2012	Apr 12 2012	Nov 16 2011	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Apr 12 2012*	Low Jan 25 2007
Favorable	36	35	35	39	39	39	11
Unfavorable	48	43	41	37	29	37	12
Hvn't hrd enough	13	19	21	21	30	21	76
REFUSED	3	2	3	3	2	3	1

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	46%	7%	83%	38%	43%	49%	53%	51%	42%
Disapprove	50	91	12	59	53	48	45	46	54
DK/NA	4	2	5	3	4	4	2	3	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014	Apr 09 2014	Jul 09 2013	Jun 10 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Jun 10 2009	Low Oct 13 2011
Approve	46	44	49	53	53	68	43
Disapprove	50	52	48	41	41	25	52
DK/NA	4	4	4	6	5	7	5

15. Do you think Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	40%	70%	15%	43%	42%	37%	44%	41%	37%
No	53	21	82	49	50	56	54	51	55
DK/NA	7	9	4	8	7	7	2	7	8

TREND: Do you think Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Dec 11	Aug 06	Apr 09	Mar 26	Dec 21	Nov 09
	2014	2014	2014	2013	2010	2010
Yes	40	39	35	41	25	24
No	53	55	57	44	63	61
DK/NA	7	6	8	15	13	15

16. Would you like to see Chris Christie run for President in 2016 or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	44%	62%	30%	45%	47%	41%	46%	48%	40%
No	50	29	67	49	49	52	48	48	54
DK/NA	6	9	3	6	5	7	6	5	6

TREND: Would you like to see Chris Christie run for President in 2016 or not?

	Dec 11	Aug 06	Apr 09	Mar 26
	2014	2014	2014	2013
Yes	44	46	43	46
No	50	49	52	47
DK/NA	6	5	5	8

17. If Chris Christie runs for President, which comes closer to your point of view; he should stay in office as Governor because he can still serve effectively while running for President, or he should resign from his job as Governor because he cannot serve effectively while running for president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Stay in office	32%	55%	21%	28%	34%	31%	31%	30%	36%
Resign	62	42	74	67	62	63	64	67	57
DK/NA	5	2	5	5	5	6	5	2	7

18. Do you think American voters are ready for a "Jersey Guy" president such as Chris Christie or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	43%	66%	23%	47%	46%	41%	54%	45%	39%
No	49	29	69	46	47	51	38	48	53
DK/NA	8	5	9	6	7	9	8	6	8

19. As you may know, the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor if the Governor does not complete his or her term. Do you think Kim Guadagno would make a good governor if it becomes necessary, or not, or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Good governor	18%	27%	11%	20%	22%	15%	8%	21%	19%
No	14	4	21	14	16	12	12	14	14
Hvn't hrd enough	67	69	67	65	61	73	79	64	66
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1

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	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014	Aug 08 2013
Yes/Good governor	18	16	15
No	14	17	7
Hvn't hrd enough	67	66	77
REFUSED	1	1	1