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**CLINTON SWEEPS 2016 OHIO FIELD AS CHRISTIE DROPS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
OBAMA APPROVAL GOES FROM TERRIBLE TO BAD**

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sweeps the 2016 presidential field in Ohio as New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie is stuck in traffic with other leading Republican contenders, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Secretary Clinton tops Gov. Christie 49 – 36 percent in an early look at the 2016 presidential race in this critical swing state. This compares to results of a November 27 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University showing Clinton at 42 percent, with Christie at 41 percent. The Democrat tops other possible Republican contenders:

- 51 – 36 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 50 – 36 percent over U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida;
- 51 – 38 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 49 – 40 percent over U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin;
- 51 – 34 percent over U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas;
- 51 – 39 percent over Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

Ohio voters say 55 – 39 percent that Clinton would make a good president. No Republican listed gets a positive score on this question, as even Gov. Kasich gets a negative 34 – 47 percent. Christie gets a big negative 31 – 48 percent, compared to a positive 44 – 32 percent November 27.

“The George Washington Bridge is not in Ohio, but voters there seem very aware of its traffic problems – and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie’s traffic problems,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “When Quinnipiac University asked Ohioans in November about Gov. Christie vs. Secretary Hillary Clinton in a 2016 White House race, the two were in a dead heat and voters thought he would make a good president. Today, she enjoys a comfortable double-digit lead and voters say Christie would not be a good president.”

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“Of Republicans tested, Wisconsin’s Paul Ryan runs best in Ohio against the former Secretary of State and Gov. John Kasich runs relatively well. But Mrs. Clinton remains far and away the leader at this point in Ohio,” Brown added.

President Obama’s Approval

Ohio voters give President Barack Obama a negative 40 – 55 percent job approval rating, an improvement on his negative 34 – 61 percent score in a November 27 Quinnipiac University poll, his lowest score ever in Ohio.

Today, negative scores are 8 – 89 percent among Republicans and 30 – 63 percent among independent voters, while Democrats approve 80 – 16 percent. The president gets a negative 34 – 61 percent score from men and a slightly negative 46 – 50 percent score from women.

“The good news for President Barack Obama is his job approval rating among Ohioans has improved from its record low in November. The bad news is that with a 40 percent approval rating he remains in the Buckeye dog house,” Brown said. “If those numbers remain where they are or go lower, it’s difficult to see him as an asset to Democratic candidates this November.”

Ohio voters approve 48 – 34 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown is doing and give U.S. Sen. Rob Portman a 38 – 32 percent approval rating.

From February 12 – 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,370 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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4. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	51%	10%	93%	47%	45%	57%	62%	46%	54%	50%
Bush	36	80	2	33	39	34	22	40	35	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	-	4	4	1	2	4	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	-	7	4	4	4	4	4	2
DK/NA	6	4	4	9	8	4	10	6	4	5

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?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	51	50
Bush	36	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4
DK/NA	6	7

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	50%	10%	92%	45%	44%	56%	57%	46%	52%	49%
Rubio	36	76	2	35	41	31	23	37	35	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	-	5	3	2	3	3	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	-	5	2	3	4	2	3	2
DK/NA	9	9	6	11	10	8	12	11	7	6

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

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	50	48
Rubio	36	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	9	8

6. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	51%	11%	93%	44%	43%	57%	51%	48%	54%	51%
Paul	38	79	2	40	45	32	33	41	36	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	4	3	1	3	1	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	-	4	2	4	6	3	2	3
DK/NA	6	6	4	8	7	6	7	7	5	5

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?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013
Clinton	51	50	47
Paul	38	40	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2
DK/NA	6	6	6

7. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	49%	11%	90%	43%	43%	55%	55%	46%	51%	47%
Christie	36	76	4	34	40	31	27	38	33	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	4	-	6	5	2	3	3	5	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	-	8	4	6	8	6	4	3
DK/NA	7	4	5	10	8	6	7	7	6	6

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?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013
Clinton	49	42	42
Christie	36	41	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	4
DK/NA	7	10	10

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	49%	7%	92%	44%	41%	56%	51%	46%	53%	49%
Ryan	40	84	3	41	47	35	34	42	39	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	4	3	1	2	3	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	-	4	3	4	7	4	2	1
DK/NA	5	4	5	7	6	5	6	6	5	6

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

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	49	49
Ryan	40	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	5	5

9. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	51%	10%	92%	48%	46%	56%	56%	48%	54%	51%
Cruz	34	74	1	32	38	30	27	36	32	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	4	3	2	1	2	4	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	-	5	3	3	5	4	2	2
DK/NA	9	11	6	11	10	9	11	10	9	8

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

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	51	50
Cruz	34	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	9	9

10. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and John Kasich the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	51%	10%	93%	46%	44%	57%	59%	47%	52%	51%
Kasich	39	80	4	39	45	33	29	42	38	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	2	1	-	1	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	1	5	4	4	8	5	3	1
DK/NA	5	4	2	7	5	5	4	5	5	5

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

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	51	49
Kasich	39	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3
DK/NA	5	7

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	31%	49%	18%	31%	32%	30%	25%	32%	31%	33%
No	48	30	61	51	50	47	49	49	51	44
DK/NA	21	22	22	18	17	24	26	19	18	23

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

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	31	44
No	48	32
DK/NA	21	24

12. Do you think Hillary Clinton would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	55%	18%	94%	51%	47%	62%	62%	54%	56%	54%
No	39	77	3	42	47	32	29	40	40	43
DK/NA	5	5	3	7	6	5	9	6	5	3

TREND: Do you think Hillary Clinton would make a good President or not?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	55	54
No	39	40
DK/NA	5	6

13. Do you think Joe Biden would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	27%	9%	45%	24%	25%	29%	33%	24%	26%	27%
No	64	86	42	68	69	60	55	67	65	66
DK/NA	9	5	13	8	6	12	11	9	9	8

TREND: Do you think Joe Biden would make a good President or not?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	27	28
No	64	62
DK/NA	9	10

14. Do you think Rand Paul would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	32%	56%	5%	37%	38%	27%	31%	34%	33%	31%
No	47	22	74	42	46	48	41	48	49	47
DK/NA	21	22	21	21	16	25	28	18	19	21

TREND: Do you think Rand Paul would make a good President or not?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	32	33
No	47	44
DK/NA	21	22

15. Do you think Ted Cruz would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	20%	37%	5%	22%	27%	14%	16%	22%	19%	23%
No	45	23	65	46	48	43	40	45	49	45
DK/NA	34	40	30	33	25	43	43	33	32	32

TREND: Do you think Ted Cruz would make a good President or not?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	20	23
No	45	46
DK/NA	34	31

16. Do you think Paul Ryan would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	36%	65%	10%	37%	43%	30%	33%	36%	37%	37%
No	44	15	67	47	44	44	39	49	44	42
DK/NA	20	20	22	16	13	26	28	15	19	21

TREND: Do you think Paul Ryan would make a good President or not?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	36	37
No	44	42
DK/NA	20	21

17. Do you think Jeb Bush would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	33%	63%	12%	31%	36%	31%	20%	36%	34%	38%
No	48	17	73	50	48	49	47	48	52	46
DK/NA	18	20	15	19	16	20	33	17	14	15

TREND: Do you think Jeb Bush would make a good President or not?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	33	33
No	48	48
DK/NA	18	20

18. Do you think Marco Rubio would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	27%	54%	6%	24%	33%	21%	23%	28%	27%	28%	
No	43	18	64	43	45	41	39	42	46	41	
DK/NA	30	28	30	33	22	38	38	30	27	31	

TREND: Do you think Marco Rubio would make a good President or not?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	27	27
No	43	41
DK/NA	30	32

19. Do you think John Kasich would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	34%	56%	16%	35%	44%	26%	34%	33%	34%	37%	
No	47	23	68	48	44	51	37	49	52	46	
DK/NA	18	21	16	17	13	23	29	18	14	17	

TREND: Do you think John Kasich would make a good President or not?

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Yes	34	32
No	47	49
DK/NA	18	19

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Sherrod Brown is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	48%	32%	68%	43%	46%	50%	43%	48%	52%	48%	
Disapprove	34	49	16	39	41	28	33	34	33	36	
DK/NA	18	19	16	18	13	22	25	18	16	16	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Sherrod Brown is handling his job as United States Senator? (* High also 52% May 2009, Sep 2011)

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	Feb 28 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 12 2012*	Low Jul 07 2009
Approve	48	47	46	47	51	52	41
Disapprove	34	37	38	38	33	35	29
DK/NA	18	16	16	15	16	13	30

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rob Portman is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	38%	57%	25%	37%	46%	32%	31%	36%	40%	46%
Disapprove	32	16	43	32	32	31	34	31	33	29
DK/NA	30	27	32	31	22	37	35	33	27	26

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rob Portman is handling his job as United States Senator? (* High also 44% Feb 2013)

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	Feb 28 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Jun 26 2013*	Low Mar 24 2011
Approve	38	41	44	40	44	44	30
Disapprove	32	28	26	31	24	26	25
DK/NA	30	30	30	29	33	30	45

24. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	40%	8%	80%	30%	34%	46%	38%	38%	43%	42%
Disapprove	55	89	16	63	61	50	56	57	53	54
DK/NA	4	3	3	7	5	4	6	5	4	4

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

	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	Mar 01 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 06 2009	Low Nov 27 2013
Approve	40	34	40	45	48	67	34
Disapprove	55	61	57	51	47	16	61
DK/NA	4	5	3	4	4	17	5