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OHIO VOTERS BACK MEDICAL MARIJUANA 8-1 QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; SUPPORT FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE HITS 50 PERCENT

By an 87 – 11 percent margin, Ohio voters support the use of medical marijuana, with support of 78 percent or higher from every group measured in a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Ohio voters also support 51 – 44 percent allowing adults to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. There is a gender gap as men support personal marijuana use 59 – 37 percent, while women are opposed 51 – 44 percent. Voters 18 to 29 years old support personal marijuana use 72 – 25 percent, while voters over 65 years old are opposed 65 – 31 percent.

Marijuana is equally as dangerous as alcohol, 47 percent of voters say, while 14 percent say marijuana is more dangerous and 36 percent say less dangerous.

And use of marijuana does not lead to use of other drugs, voters say 51 – 43 percent.

Still, 55 percent of Ohio voters, including 54 percent of voters under 30 years old, say they have not tried marijuana.

“Ohioans’ views of marijuana are complicated. Twice as many voters think alcohol is more dangerous than marijuana, and about half the state’s voters think the two are equally harmful,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Ohioans narrowly favor legalizing pot for personal use, with women opposed while men support the idea. Almost nine in 10 in both genders think marijuana should be legal for medical uses. No one should be surprised that support for legalization is strongest among younger voters.”

Colorado’s legalization of recreational marijuana is bad for the state’s image nationwide, Ohio voters say 45 – 37 percent.

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A total of 76 percent of Ohio voters say they would be “somewhat uncomfortable” or “very uncomfortable” riding in a car driven by someone who had smoked or consumed a moderate amount of marijuana.

Same Sex Marriage, Abortion

With significant gender, age and partisan divisions, Ohio voters support same sex marriage 50 – 44 percent. Support is 67 – 29 percent among Democrats and 53 – 41 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 66 – 29 percent. Women support same sex marriage 55 – 40 percent, while men are divided with 46 percent supporting and 48 percent opposed to same sex marriage.

Voters 18 to 29 years old support same sex marriage 71 – 28 percent, while voters over 65 years old are opposed 59 – 33 percent.

“Given that younger voters support same sex marriage almost 3-1, it would seem to be just a matter of time,” Brown said.

Offered four choices on abortion:

- 19 percent of voters say abortion should be legal in all cases;
- 34 percent say it should be legal in most cases;
- 27 percent say it should be illegal in most cases;
- 14 percent say it should be illegal in all cases.

Ohio voters give Gov. John Kasich a negative 26 – 34 percent score for his handling of the abortion issue. Women give the governor an 18 – 37 percent negative score. Men are divided as 34 percent approve and 32 percent disapprove.

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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32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Kasich is handling the issue of abortion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	26%	40%	14%	25%	34%	18%	18%	26%	28%	28%
Disapprove	34	14	53	34	32	37	36	36	35	31
DK/NA	40	45	33	41	34	45	46	38	37	41

38. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Legal all cases	19%	8%	28%	16%	15%	22%	23%	20%	18%	15%
Legal most cases	34	26	40	37	37	31	38	32	38	29
Illegal most cases	27	38	15	30	29	24	25	30	24	26
Illegal all cases	14	22	10	11	12	15	12	12	12	20
DK/NA	7	5	7	7	6	7	2	5	8	10

TREND: Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

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Legal all cases	19	17
Legal most cases	34	33
Illegal most cases	27	28
Illegal all cases	14	16
DK/NA	7	6

39. Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to get married in Ohio?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	50%	29%	67%	53%	46%	55%	71%	52%	51%	33%
Oppose	44	66	29	41	48	40	28	44	41	59
DK/NA	5	5	5	6	6	5	1	4	8	7

42. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Ohio to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	51%	33%	56%	61%	59%	44%	72%	53%	53%	31%
Oppose	44	63	38	35	37	51	25	42	43	65
DK/NA	4	4	6	3	4	5	3	5	4	4

43. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Ohio to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	87%	78%	92%	91%	87%	87%	93%	91%	86%	79%
Oppose	11	20	7	8	11	11	6	7	12	19
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2

44. Do you think the legalization of marijuana for recreational use in Colorado has been good or bad for Colorado's national image?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Good	37%	20%	45%	41%	41%	33%	57%	40%	37%	17%
Bad	45	66	37	39	43	48	30	41	46	61
DK/NA	18	14	18	20	17	19	12	19	17	22

45. Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	44%	37%	43%	49%	53%	35%	46%	51%	53%	19%
No	55	63	56	48	45	64	54	47	45	80
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	2	1	-	2	2	1

46. Do you think marijuana is more dangerous than alcohol, less dangerous than alcohol, or about equally as dangerous as alcohol?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More	14%	26%	10%	10%	15%	13%	6%	11%	12%	28%
Less	36	23	42	40	40	33	64	40	33	15
Equally	47	49	45	49	43	52	31	48	51	54
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DK/NA	2	2	3	1	2	2	-	1	3	4

47. Do you think that for most people, the use of marijuana leads to the use of other drugs, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	43%	59%	36%	37%	37%	48%	27%	40%	37%	65%
No	51	35	56	57	58	45	71	54	56	27
DK/NA	6	6	7	6	5	8	2	6	7	8

48. How comfortable would you be as a passenger in a car, with a driver who has smoked or consumed moderate amounts of marijuana; very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable, or very uncomfortable?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very comfortable	7%	6%	11%	5%	8%	7%	14%	8%	7%	2%
Smwht comfortable	14	8	17	15	16	13	25	14	16	4
Smwht uncomfortable	20	16	22	21	23	18	21	25	19	14
Very uncomfortable	56	68	48	57	52	60	38	52	56	76
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	3