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NATIVE SON KASICH BEST AGAINST CLINTON IN OHIO 2016, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; OBAMA STUCK DEEP IN VOTER APPROVAL QUICKSAND

Ohio Gov. John Kasich runs better against former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton than any other Republican in an early look at the 2016 presidential race in Ohio, but still trails the Democratic front-runner 47 – 42 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to Secretary Clinton’s 51 – 39 percent lead over Gov. Kasich in a February 20 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. Clinton leads other possible 2016 Republican contenders by margins of 7 to 14 percentage points:

- 48 – 39 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 47 – 40 percent over U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida;
- 49 – 41 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 46 – 38 percent over N.J. Gov. Christopher Christie;
- 48 – 41 percent over U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin;
- 51 – 37 percent over U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas;
- 49 – 41 percent over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

“Gov. John Kasich runs best against Secretary Hillary Clinton for 2016 among eight Republican candidates, although her lead over most of them has dropped considerably since Quinnipiac University surveyed Ohio voters in February,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. “Most of the GOP candidates are bunched together, trailing by high single digits in trial heats. Kasich’s standing might seem logical given his home field advantage, but in February Kasich trailed Ms. Clinton by a dozen points and was down in the pack. Still Ms. Clinton has the best favorability rating of the group.”

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By a 53 – 43 percent margin, Ohio voters have a favorable opinion of Clinton, compared to 47 – 29 percent for Kasich. Favorability ratings for other Republicans are:

- Negative 32 – 38 percent for Jeb Bush;
- 36 – 36 percent for Christie;
- 38 – 29 percent for Paul;
- 24 – 26 percent for Cruz;
- 37 – 31 percent for Huckabee;
- 39 – 30 percent for Ryan;
- 31 – 19 percent for Rubio.

President Obama Approval

Ohio voters give President Barack Obama a negative 39 – 58 percent approval rating, compared to a negative 40 – 55 percent score February 20.

Negative scores are 35 – 63 percent among men, 43 – 53 percent among women, 8 – 91 percent among Republicans and 34 – 63 percent among independent voters. Democrats approve 82 – 17 percent.

“President Barack Obama’s job approval remains stuck at about 40 percent in Ohio. Although he is not on the ballot this November, such a consistently low rating can’t be helpful to the Democratic ticket, especially gubernatorial nominee Ed Fitzgerald who currently trails Gov. Kasich 50 – 35 percent and is somewhat of an unknown to Ohio voters. If the president’s numbers remain in the basement, look for Kasich’s TV ads to tie Fitzgerald to the president,” Brown said.

Ohio voters approve 49 – 33 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown is doing and give U.S. Sen. Rob Portman a 44 – 27 percent approval rating.

From May 7 – 12, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,174 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, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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2. Is your opinion of John Kasich favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	47%	78%	18%	47%	51%	43%	33%	44%	46%	60%
Unfavorable	29	6	54	27	30	29	19	30	38	24
Hvn't hrd enough	21	14	25	23	17	24	46	20	14	13
REFUSED	3	2	3	3	2	4	3	6	2	2

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

	May 15 2014	Feb 19 2014	Nov 26 2013	Jun 25 2013	Apr 18 2013	FAVORABLE.....	
						High	Low
						Feb 28 2013	Dec 10 2008
Favorable	47	42	41	47	46	48	18
Unfavorable	29	30	30	28	29	32	8
Hvn't hrd enough	21	24	27	22	24	17	73
REFUSED	3	4	3	3	1	3	1

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	48%	8%	93%	48%	40%	56%	55%	46%	53%	44%
Bush	39	82	4	34	44	35	26	38	40	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	3	2	-	4	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	1	7	6	3	9	6	2	2
DK/NA	6	6	2	8	7	5	10	6	4	6

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?

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	48	51	50
Bush	39	36	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	4
DK/NA	6	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	47%	9%	91%	46%	38%	55%	53%	43%	52%	46%
Rubio	40	82	4	36	49	33	32	44	37	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	4	4	2	8	2	3	2
DK/NA	8	6	3	12	8	9	8	10	7	8

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?

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	47	50	48
Rubio	40	36	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3
DK/NA	8	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	49%	12%	92%	48%	41%	55%	51%	46%	54%	46%
Paul	41	80	4	40	50	33	38	42	39	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	3	3	3	6	3	3	2
DK/NA	6	4	2	8	4	7	4	7	3	7

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?

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013
Clinton	49	51	50	47
Paul	41	38	40	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	6	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	46%	10%	89%	43%	37%	54%	51%	41%	51%	46%
Christie	38	77	5	36	45	33	32	39	39	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	3	2	1	4	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	2	2	8	7	3	6	7	5	3
DK/NA	8	8	4	10	7	9	10	9	5	9

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?

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013
Clinton	46	49	42	42
Christie	38	36	41	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	4	4
DK/NA	8	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	48%	7%	93%	48%	40%	55%	53%	45%	54%	43%
Ryan	41	84	3	38	49	34	36	43	39	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	2	1	-	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	4	3	2	5	3	2	3
DK/NA	7	7	2	9	6	7	6	8	4	8

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?

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	48	49	49
Ryan	41	40	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3
DK/NA	7	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%	14%	94%	50%	43%	58%	58%	49%	54%	48%
Cruz	37	74	3	34	44	30	25	38	37	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	2	1	2	2	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	4	4	2	7	2	2	3
DK/NA	8	8	2	10	8	8	8	9	6	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?

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	51	51	50
Cruz	37	34	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3
DK/NA	8	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	47%	7%	92%	44%	38%	54%	49%	43%	54%	43%
Kasich	42	85	5	42	50	35	35	45	39	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	1	2	2	2	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	5	4	2	7	4	2	2
DK/NA	6	5	2	8	5	7	8	6	4	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?

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	47	51	49
Kasich	42	39	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	3
DK/NA	6	5	7

11. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee 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%	9%	93%	50%	42%	56%	56%	46%	55%	45%
Huckabee	41	84	4	37	49	34	29	45	39	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	-	2	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	4	4	2	6	3	3	3
DK/NA	5	4	1	8	4	7	9	4	3	7

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

	May 15 2014	Dec 05 2007*
Clinton	49	45
Huckabee	41	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4
DK/NA	5	10

12. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	53%	17%	91%	54%	44%	61%	60%	50%	57%	51%
Unfavorable	43	79	6	41	52	34	31	47	41	44
Hvn't hrd enough	3	3	3	3	3	4	8	3	1	3
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	2

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

	FAVORABLE.....						
	High		Low				
	May 15 2014	Jun 26 2013	May 22 2008	May 01 2008	Apr 02 2008	May 15 2014	Nov 14 2007
Favorable	53	52	52	46	47	53	44
Unfavorable	43	44	42	44	45	43	44
Hvn't hrd enough	3	3	4	6	6	3	9
REFUSED	1	1	2	4	3	1	3

13. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	32%	60%	9%	31%	35%	30%	20%	31%	34%	40%
Unfavorable	38	12	59	38	40	35	39	39	42	29
Hvn't hrd enough	29	27	31	30	24	34	39	29	24	30
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

14. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	36%	53%	22%	35%	38%	34%	31%	34%	37%	40%
Unfavorable	36	23	48	36	39	34	27	37	42	33
Hvn't hrd enough	26	23	29	27	21	31	42	28	18	25
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	1	3	2

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

	May 15 2014	Jun 26 2013
Favorable	36	48
Unfavorable	36	16
Hvn't hrd enough	26	34
REFUSED	1	1

15. 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.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	38%	63%	10%	41%	48%	29%	40%	41%	34%	37%
Unfavorable	29	7	53	28	26	31	16	24	37	35
Hvn't hrd enough	32	30	37	30	25	39	43	34	29	28
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1

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

	May 15 2014	Jun 26 2013
Favorable	38	43
Unfavorable	29	26
Hvn't hrd enough	32	31
REFUSED	1	1

16. Is your opinion of Ted Cruz favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	24%	43%	2%	25%	33%	17%	14%	29%	22%	24%
Unfavorable	26	9	44	27	27	25	15	25	33	27
Hvn't hrd enough	49	48	54	47	39	58	71	46	43	49
REFUSED	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-

17. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	37%	66%	7%	38%	43%	32%	20%	38%	38%	42%
Unfavorable	31	7	52	34	31	32	25	33	37	27
Hvn't hrd enough	31	26	41	28	26	37	55	29	24	30
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

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

	May 15 2014	Dec 05 2007	Jan 30 2007
Favorable	37	22	3
Unfavorable	31	13	7
Hvn't hrd enough	31	63	89
REFUSED	-	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	39%	70%	10%	38%	46%	33%	37%	43%	35%	39%
Unfavorable	30	5	55	31	29	30	19	28	38	29
Hvn't hrd enough	30	25	35	29	24	36	44	27	27	31
REFUSED	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	1

19. Is your opinion of Marco Rubio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	31%	55%	7%	30%	38%	24%	19%	36%	28%	32%
Unfavorable	19	3	40	17	19	19	17	16	26	20
Hvn't hrd enough	50	42	54	52	42	56	65	48	46	48
REFUSED	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-

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	49%	36%	70%	46%	42%	56%	55%	46%	51%	48%
Disapprove	33	43	15	36	41	25	22	36	33	34
DK/NA	18	21	14	18	17	19	23	17	16	18

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

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Dec 12 2012*	Jul 07 2009
Approve	49	48	47	46	47	52	41
Disapprove	33	34	37	38	38	35	29
DK/NA	18	18	16	16	15	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	44%	62%	27%	47%	46%	42%	50%	43%	42%	45%
Disapprove	27	15	39	27	28	27	18	28	31	28
DK/NA	29	23	34	27	25	32	33	28	27	27

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

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						May 15 2014*	Mar 24 2011
Approve	44	38	41	44	40	44	30
Disapprove	27	32	28	26	31	27	25
DK/NA	29	30	30	30	29	29	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	39%	8%	82%	34%	35%	43%	48%	33%	46%	37%
Disapprove	58	91	17	63	63	53	48	64	53	59
DK/NA	3	1	2	4	2	4	4	3	1	4

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

	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Feb 06 2009	Nov 27 2013
Approve	39	40	34	40	45	67	34
Disapprove	58	55	61	57	51	16	61
DK/NA	3	4	5	3	4	17	5