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**OHIO GOVERNOR'S RACE TOO CLOSE TO CALL,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
BROWN HAS BIG LEAD IN U.S. SENATE CONTEST**

The Ohio governor's race is too close to call, with former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Richard Cordray, the Democrat, at 42 percent and State Attorney General Mike DeWine, the Republican, at 40 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

There are wide gender and racial gaps as men back DeWine 47 – 36 percent, while women back Cordray 48 – 35 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. White voters go Republican by a narrow 44 – 39 percent. Non-white voters go Democratic 56 – 23 percent. DeWine takes Republicans 85 – 4 percent, as Cordray takes Democrats 81 – 8 percent. Independent voters are divided with 39 percent for Cordray and 37 percent for DeWine.

DeWine gets a 39 – 31 percent favorability rating, with 27 percent who don't know enough about him to form an opinion. Cordray gets a 32 – 15 percent favorability rating, while 51 percent don't know enough about him to form an opinion.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich gets a 52 – 36 percent job approval rating, doing better with Democrats than he does with his fellow Republicans, Democrats approve of Kasich 57 – 33 percent. Republicans are divided as 46 percent approve and 44 percent disapprove.

The reverse party split continues as Ohio voters say 51 – 41 percent they do not want Kasich to run for president in 2020. Democrats say yes 52 – 39 percent as Republicans say no 73 – 21 percent.

“The closeness between Richard Cordray and Attorney General Mike DeWine should not be surprising, since this race for governor is a re-run of the race between the two men in 2010 for the attorney general's job that DeWine won by one percentage point,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac Poll.

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“Now, Cordray and DeWine split the key independent vote and get roughly the same share of their party bases,” Brown added.

U.S. Senate Race

In Ohio’s U.S. Senate race, women voters propel Democratic incumbent Sen. Sherrod Brown to a 51 – 34 percent overall lead over U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci, the Republican challenger.

Women back the Democrat 58 – 25 percent. Men are divided with 44 percent for Renacci and 43 percent for Brown. Brown leads 91 – 2 percent among Democrats and 51 – 30 percent among independent voters. Renacci takes Republicans 79 – 6 percent.

Ohio voters approve 55 – 29 percent of the job Brown is doing and give him a 48 – 29 percent favorability rating.

Renacci gets a negative 22 – 26 percent favorability rating, as 50 percent don’t know enough about him to form an opinion.

Health care is the most important issue in deciding how they will vote for U.S. Senator, 28 percent of Ohio voters say. Another 25 percent cite the economy, with 15 percent for immigration and 14 percent for gun policy.

“Sen. Sherrod Brown is in a strong position for re-election with a 17-point lead and an opponent who is not well-known,” Brown said.

Trump Approval

Ohio voters disapprove 54 – 43 percent of the job President Donald Trump is doing. Republicans approve 91 – 7 percent. Disapproval is 94 – 5 percent among Democrats and 57 – 37 percent among independent voters.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman gets a 42 – 36 percent approval rating.

Their vote for U.S. Senator will be more to express support for President Trump, 28 percent of voters say, while 30 percent say their vote will be more in opposition of Trump. Another 39 percent say Trump is not an important factor in their vote.

From June 7 – 12, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,082 Ohio voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and Texas as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Richard Cordray the Democrat and Mike DeWine the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Cordray	42%	4%	81%	39%	36%	48%	42%	36%
DeWine	40	85	8	37	47	35	42	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	3	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	3
DK/NA	14	7	10	19	12	15	12	13

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Cordray	42%	40%	41%	46%	32%	45%	39%	56%
DeWine	31	42	42	45	50	39	44	23
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	2	1	3	1	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	-	2	2	2	-
DK/NA	21	14	11	8	12	13	13	17

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	32%	9%	57%	30%	28%	35%	37%	26%
Unfavorable	15	30	1	14	24	8	17	18
Hvn't hrd enough	51	57	41	52	45	56	45	54
REFUSED	2	4	-	3	3	1	1	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	27%	27%	32%	41%	29%	33%	31%	35%
Unfavorable	9	13	22	15	26	9	17	7
Hvn't hrd enough	61	58	44	43	43	56	50	55
REFUSED	3	2	3	1	3	1	2	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Favorable	39%	68%	23%	35%	39%	39%	40%	43%
Unfavorable	31	11	46	32	32	30	34	27
Hvn't hrd enough	27	19	29	30	28	27	22	28
REFUSED	3	3	3	3	1	4	4	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Favorable	27%	37%	44%	46%	41%	42%	41%	29%
Unfavorable	25	27	37	33	31	30	30	32
Hvn't hrd enough	48	33	14	18	27	24	25	37
REFUSED	1	2	4	3	1	5	3	2

4. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Sherrod Brown the Democrat and Jim Renacci the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Brown	51%	6%	91%	51%	43%	58%	53%	42%
Renacci	34	79	2	30	44	25	35	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
DK/NA	12	12	6	17	12	13	11	14

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Brown	52%	52%	49%	55%	39%	54%	47%	70%
Renacci	25	34	39	36	48	29	38	16
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	2	-	-	2	1	3
DK/NA	17	13	9	9	12	13	12	11

5. Is your opinion of Sherrod Brown favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	48%	14%	82%	44%	40%	54%	52%	38%
Unfavorable	29	63	3	28	38	22	32	33
Hvn't hrd enough	21	21	15	25	20	22	14	26
REFUSED	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	2
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	43%	47%	47%	55%	37%	51%	45%	62%
Unfavorable	22	29	37	26	41	24	32	17
Hvn't hrd enough	33	22	14	17	20	22	21	21
REFUSED	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	-

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	22%	54%	2%	17%	29%	16%	24%	24%
Unfavorable	26	5	47	24	22	30	32	22
Hvn't hrd enough	50	40	51	57	47	53	42	54
REFUSED	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	14%	22%	27%	23%	31%	17%	24%	11%
Unfavorable	30	22	26	30	22	31	26	28
Hvn't hrd enough	53	54	46	47	46	51	49	58
REFUSED	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	3

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Kasich is handling his job as governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	52%	46%	57%	55%	50%	54%	52%	51%
Disapprove	36	44	33	32	39	33	35	38
DK/NA	12	10	10	13	11	13	13	12
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	48%	60%	49%	53%	48%	54%	51%	55%
Disapprove	37	31	41	35	40	34	37	33
DK/NA	15	9	10	12	12	12	12	12

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Approve	55%	21%	87%	53%	47%	61%	56%	46%
Disapprove	29	60	5	27	39	21	30	35
DK/NA	16	19	9	20	14	18	14	19
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	59%	54%	50%	58%	44%	57%	51%	71%
Disapprove	22	28	38	25	42	23	32	16
DK/NA	19	18	12	17	14	20	17	13

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Approve	42%	69%	21%	39%	46%	38%	42%	43%
Disapprove	36	14	57	37	35	37	41	32
DK/NA	22	18	22	23	19	25	17	25
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	26%	42%	47%	48%	47%	39%	43%	40%
Disapprove	40	35	36	35	35	36	36	37
DK/NA	34	22	17	16	18	25	22	23

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Approve	43%	91%	5%	37%	54%	33%	40%	53%
Disapprove	54	7	94	57	43	63	55	45
DK/NA	3	3	-	6	2	4	5	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	36%	42%	49%	44%	58%	37%	47%	23%
Disapprove	62	55	48	55	40	58	49	76
DK/NA	2	4	4	2	2	4	3	1

11. Would you like to see John Kasich run for President in 2020 or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Yes	41%	21%	52%	47%	35%	46%	40%	38%
No	51	73	39	44	58	44	52	53
DK/NA	9	6	10	9	7	11	8	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes	46%	46%	36%	37%	34%	43%	39%	50%
No	41	48	59	51	59	47	53	43
DK/NA	13	6	5	12	7	10	8	8

12. What is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote in this year's election for United States Senator: the economy, taxes, health care, immigration, trade, or gun policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Economy	25%	31%	17%	28%	30%	21%	23%	26%
Taxes	6	8	5	6	8	5	4	8
Health care	28	13	41	29	23	33	29	26
Immigration	15	25	12	11	15	15	13	14
Trade	4	4	3	4	5	3	6	3
Gun policy	14	10	16	14	11	17	17	14
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	3	4	2	3	4	3	4	4
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Economy	32%	26%	24%	20%	28%	21%	24%	29%
Taxes	4	10	5	7	8	5	6	8
Health care	28	26	27	29	23	32	28	29
Immigration	15	5	18	20	14	14	14	18
Trade	2	6	4	3	6	3	4	1
Gun policy	12	20	13	12	12	18	15	10
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	4	3	5	3	5	3	4	2
DK/NA	3	5	3	7	5	5	5	3

13. Will your vote in this year's election for United States Senator be more to express support for President Trump, more to express opposition to President Trump, or will President Trump not be an important factor in your vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Support	28%	71%	3%	21%	34%	23%	24%	37%
Opposition	30	3	60	27	23	37	33	22
Not important factor	39	24	36	49	39	38	40	36
DK/NA	3	1	2	3	4	3	2	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	19%	26%	34%	32%	37%	26%	31%	16%
Opposition	35	26	27	33	20	34	27	43
Not important factor	42	47	37	29	39	37	38	39
DK/NA	4	2	2	5	4	3	4	1