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**OBAMA HITS LOWEST POINT EVER IN OHIO,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CLINTON-CHRISTIE DEAD EVEN IN CRITICAL SWING STATE**

President Barack Obama's job approval in Ohio is a negative 40 – 57 percent, his lowest grade ever in the state and nearly matching a 39 – 57 percent low in Florida in September, 2011, his lowest grade ever in any of the nine states surveyed by Quinnipiac University, according to a poll released today. Ohio independent voters continue to move away from President Obama and now give him a 30-point negative rating, 34 – 64 percent.

If the 2016 presidential election were today, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie are deadlocked 42 – 42 percent in the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University survey of this critical swing state. Ms. Clinton gets 47 percent to Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul's 44 percent.

Both potential GOP candidates top Vice President Joseph Biden, Christie by 50 – 32 percent and Paul by 49 – 40 percent.

“Ohio was the key state in both of President Barack Obama's elections and it was his strong showing among independent voters there that made the difference,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “President Obama's fortunes in the Buckeye State have turned. Since last December he has lost 10 points among Democrats and 17 points among independent voters. He has gone from a 20-point approval margin among women to a 9-point disapproval margin among female voters.”

Democrats approve of the president's job performance 82 – 14 percent, while Republicans disapprove 91 – 9 percent. Even women disapprove 53 – 44 percent, while men disapprove 61 – 37 percent.

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That compares to last December when he had a 92 – 7 percent approval among Democrats and 51 – 43 percent among independent voters while getting an 85 – 12 disapproval among Republicans. Then, he had a 50 – 46 percent approval among men and 58 – 38 among women.

It is Ms. Clinton's strength among women and ability to keep her Democratic base when matched against Gov. Christie that keeps her in the presidential hunt. Clinton leads among women 47 – 36 percent and among Democrats 86 – 6 percent, which allows her to counter Christie's narrower 80 – 8 percent margin among his GOP base and 48 – 37 percent lead among men. Independent voters are divided with 41 percent for Christie and 38 percent for Clinton.

Against Biden, Christie wins independent voters 53 – 25 percent, along with Republicans 85 – 4 percent, while losing Democrats 70 – 15 percent. Christie carries men 52 – 29 percent and women 48 – 34 percent.

Gun Control

A total of 78 percent of Ohio voters, including 70 percent of voters in households with guns, say they “somewhat” or “strongly” support a law requiring background checks for people buying guns at gun shows and online.

Voters say 45 – 15 percent that Sen. Rob Portman's vote against that measure makes them think less favorably about Portman, while 38 percent say it doesn't make a difference.

Sen. Sherrod Brown's vote for background checks makes them view him more favorably, voters say 43 – 16 percent, while 40 percent say it makes no difference.

Portman's overall job approval rating, however, is 44 – 26 percent, compared to 40 – 31 percent in April before the gun vote. Brown has a 46 – 38 percent approval rating, compared to 47 – 38 percent in April.

On another issue, voters are split 46 – 47 percent on whether the state should expand its Medicaid program to cover more people or not as part of the federal health care overhaul.

From June 18 – 23, Quinnipiac University surveyed 941 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 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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6. 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				
Clinton	42%	8%	86%	38%	37%	47%				
Christie	42	80	6	41	48	36				
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	3	2	2				
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	-	4	5	2				
DK/NA	10	5	7	14	7	13				
WHITE.....										
COLLEGE DEG								BornAgnEv		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Clinton	36%	39%	29%	39%	33%	43%	22%	41%		
Christie	51	44	57	46	52	40	65	45		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	4	3	5	2	3	5		
DK/NA	9	11	9	9	7	13	8	8		
COLLEGE DEG				ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....				
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Clinton	41%	43%	51%	39%	37%	46%	47%	40%	39%	
Christie	46	40	34	47	51	40	38	43	44	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	1	3	4	1	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	3	3	3	2	5	3	4	
DK/NA	9	11	10	8	8	9	7	12	12	

7. 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				
Clinton	47%	12%	87%	46%	40%	53%				
Paul	44	79	7	44	52	36				
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1				
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	1	2	2	3				
DK/NA	6	5	4	7	6	6				
WHITE.....										
COLLEGE DEG								BornAgnEv		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Clinton	48%	40%	33%	42%	34%	49%	24%	45%		
Paul	44	50	55	48	58	40	65	46		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	5	1	2	3	3	3		
DK/NA	5	6	7	8	5	6	6	7		
COLLEGE DEG				ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....				
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Clinton	52%	45%	56%	39%	44%	42%	55%	45%	46%	
Paul	40	45	35	51	46	49	41	44	41	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	-	2	1	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	2	3	1	2	1	3	3	
DK/NA	5	6	5	5	8	7	2	7	8	

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
Biden	32%	4%	70%	25%	29%	34%				
Christie	50	85	15	53	52	48				
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	3	3	2				
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	1	6	6	4				
DK/NA	11	5	12	13	9	12				
WHITE.....										
COLLEGE DEG								Born	Agn	Ev
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Biden	27%	27%	22%	24%	24%	29%	15%	29%		
Christie	61	52	60	60	57	53	66	56		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	2	1	4	1	2	2		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	6	4	5	7	5	4	6		
DK/NA	7	12	12	10	9	12	13	8		
COLLEGE DEG				ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....				
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Biden	32%	32%	38%	30%	28%	40%	34%	28%	30%	
Christie	55	48	43	55	58	47	46	53	50	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	3	2	1	-	4	3	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	6	4	4	5	3	8	4	4	
DK/NA	8	12	12	8	8	10	7	12	14	

9. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
Biden	40%	8%	80%	35%	35%	44%				
Paul	49	84	8	51	55	43				
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	1	2				
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	2	2				
DK/NA	8	5	8	8	6	9				
WHITE.....										
COLLEGE DEG								Born	Agn	Ev
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Biden	40%	33%	29%	32%	29%	40%	20%	38%		
Paul	51	54	57	57	61	47	68	50		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	4	1	3	2	2	3		
DK/NA	5	8	8	9	6	9	8	8		
COLLEGE DEG				ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....				
	Yes	No		<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Biden	45%	38%	47%	38%	39%	44%	41%	39%	38%	
Paul	46	49	41	51	56	51	51	49	43	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	2	2	1	-	2	2	3	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	2	1	-	1	4	3	
DK/NA	6	8	8	8	3	5	5	7	14	

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	43%	70%	13%	43%	50%	36%
Unfavorable	26	8	47	26	25	26
Hvn't hrd enough	31	22	38	30	24	37
REFUSED	1	-	2	2	2	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	48%	55%	37%	53%	50%	46%
Unfavorable	16	14	19	14	18	15
Hvn't hrd enough	34	29	43	32	30	37
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	52%	18%	86%	55%	43%	60%
Unfavorable	44	80	9	43	53	36
Hvn't hrd enough	3	1	5	2	3	3
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	-

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her? (* High also 52% May 2008)

							FAVORABLE.....	
							High	Low
							Jun 26	Nov 14
							2013*	2007
Favorable	52	52	46	47	47	52	52	44
Unfavorable	44	42	44	45	41	44	44	44
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	6	6	9	3	3	9
REFUSED	1	2	4	3	3	1	1	3

13. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	41%	12%	78%	37%	37%	43%
Unfavorable	48	81	9	53	56	41
Hvn't hrd enough	10	7	12	10	6	14
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	2

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

	Jun 26	May 10	Dec 08	Jan 30
	2013	2012	2011	2007
Favorable	41	39	34	19
Unfavorable	48	39	40	19
Hvn't hrd enough	10	20	25	61
REFUSED	1	1	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
Approve	46%	32%	69%	41%	43%	48%				
Disapprove	38	52	19	41	43	33				
DK/NA	16	17	12	18	14	18				
	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+	
Approve	52%	44%	48%	50%	42%	55%	42%	45%	46%	
Disapprove	36	39	33	37	44	28	39	42	37	
DK/NA	12	17	18	13	14	17	19	13	17	

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)

						APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	Feb 28 2013	Dec 12 2012	May 10 2012	Dec 12 2012*	Jul 07 2009
Approve	46	47	51	52	46	52	41
Disapprove	38	38	33	35	33	35	29
DK/NA	16	15	16	13	21	13	30

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
Approve	44%	59%	33%	43%	50%	39%				
Disapprove	26	15	35	27	25	26				
DK/NA	30	25	33	31	25	34				
	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+	
Approve	57%	40%	41%	47%	45%	44%	43%	45%	44%	
Disapprove	23	27	25	27	32	20	26	28	28	
DK/NA	20	33	34	26	23	36	31	28	28	

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

						APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	Feb 28 2013	Dec 12 2012	May 10 2012	Jun 26 2013*	Mar 24 2011
Approve	44	40	44	42	38	44	30
Disapprove	26	31	24	27	23	26	25
DK/NA	30	29	33	31	39	30	45

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom			
Approve	40%	9%	82%	34%	37%	44%			
Disapprove	57	91	14	64	61	53			
DK/NA	3	1	4	2	3	3			
WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	Agn	Ev
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Approve	38%	33%	27%	32%	30%	38%	15%	39%	
Disapprove	59	65	70	66	68	60	82	59	
DK/NA	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	43%	39%	50%	34%	35%	50%	39%	37%	41%
Disapprove	53	58	47	63	64	48	60	60	55
DK/NA	4	2	3	3	1	2	1	3	4

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

	APPROVE.....						
	High		Low				
	Jun 26	Apr 19	Mar 01	Dec 11	Jun 27	Feb 06	Jun 26
	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2009	2013
Approve	40	45	48	54	48	67	40
Disapprove	57	51	47	42	46	16	57
DK/NA	3	4	4	4	5	17	3

25. Would you say that Barack Obama is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
Yes	44%	14%	84%	38%	37%	50%				
No	52	82	13	58	58	46				
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	4	3				
WHITE.....										
COLLEGE DEG								BornAgnEv		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes	45%	36%	32%	40%	32%	45%	19%	46%		
No	52	60	65	56	65	52	76	51		
DK/NA	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	3		
COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC				AGE IN YRS.....				
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Yes	50%	42%	53%	38%	41%	49%	43%	42%	47%	
No	47	53	43	58	57	46	54	55	48	
DK/NA	3	4	5	4	2	5	3	3	6	

TREND: Would you say that Barack Obama is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Jun 26 2013	Nov 10 2011	May 01 2008
Yes	44	57	53
No	52	37	32
DK/NA	4	5	15

35. As you may know Medicaid is a government program that pays for health care for low-income people and others with certain disabilities. Do you think that increasing the number of people eligible for Medicaid coverage in Ohio is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Good idea	46%	24%	72%	46%	41%	50%
Bad idea	47	70	22	46	51	43
DK/NA	7	6	6	9	8	7

	WHITE.....						BornAgnEv	
	COLLEGE DEG						Yes	No
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom		
Good idea	40%	41%	35%	37%	36%	45%	27%	41%
Bad idea	54	50	56	58	56	47	63	52
DK/NA	6	8	10	6	8	8	9	8

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Good idea	45%	46%	57%	37%	40%	41%	42%	50%	47%
Bad idea	50	46	36	58	55	55	52	43	42
DK/NA	6	8	8	5	5	4	6	7	11

TREND: As you may know Medicaid is a government program that pays for health care for low-income people and others with certain disabilities. Do you think that increasing the number of people eligible for Medicaid coverage in Ohio is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Jun 26 2013	Apr 19 2013	Mar 01 2013
Good idea	46	48	48
Bad idea	47	43	42
DK/NA	7	9	10

37. Would you support or oppose a law requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows or online? IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE: Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
Support strongly	61%	50%	82%	58%	51%	70%				
Somewhat support	17	22	10	17	20	14				
Somewhat oppose	7	12	3	6	9	5				
Strongly oppose	13	14	4	15	16	10				
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	3	1				
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HS	HOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K		18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Support strongly	60%	62%	67%	58%	57%	59%	57%	60%	71%	
Somewhat support	21	15	13	22	15	23	17	15	13	
Somewhat oppose	7	7	8	6	5	7	8	8	4	
Strongly oppose	9	14	10	13	20	9	17	14	8	
DK/NA	3	2	2	1	3	1	1	3	4	
	DENSITY.....			GUN	HS	HOLD	HAVE	KIDS		
	Urban	Subrbn	Rural	Yes	No		<18			
Support strongly	67%	64%	51%	49%	74%	59%				
Somewhat support	14	19	17	21	13	15				
Somewhat oppose	8	6	7	9	5	6				
Strongly oppose	11	9	21	19	5	18				
DK/NA	1	2	4	2	2	2				

38. As you may know, Senator Portman voted against a proposal that would require background checks on people buying guns at gun shows or online. Does this make you think more favorably of him, less favorably of him, or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
More favorably	15%	18%	5%	18%	24%	7%				
Less favorably	45	29	69	45	35	55				
No difference	38	52	24	35	40	36				
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	2	1				
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HS	HOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K		18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
More favorably	11%	17%	14%	18%	15%	19%	17%	17%	17%	7%
Less favorably	53	43	46	47	45	35	46	46	46	52
No difference	35	39	38	35	40	46	36	36	36	36
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	4
	DENSITY.....			GUN	HS	HOLD	HAVE	KIDS		
	Urban	Subrbn	Rural	Yes	No		<18			
More favorably	13%	13%	20%	22%	8%	19%				
Less favorably	50	50	33	33	58	47				
No difference	35	36	45	44	33	33				
DK/NA	1	2	2	1	1	-				

39. As you may know, Senator Brown voted for a proposal that would require background checks on people buying guns at gun shows or online. Does this make you think more favorably of him, less favorably of him, or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
More favorably	43%	25%	71%	41%	37%	49%				
Less favorably	16	20	4	20	22	11				
No difference	40	54	24	38	40	40				
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	-				
	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS.....				
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
More favorably	49%	41%	46%	45%	44%	37%	42%	44%	49%	
Less favorably	12	18	12	18	20	16	19	16	13	
No difference	39	40	42	36	36	47	38	39	37	
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	
	DENSITY.....			GUN HSHOLD		HAVE KIDS				
	Urban	Subrbn	Rural	Yes	No	<18				
More favorably	51%	44%	33%	31%	56%	42%				
Less favorably	16	14	21	23	7	24				
No difference	33	42	45	46	36	34				
DK/NA	-	1	1	1	-	-				