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**OBAMA APPROVAL IN OHIO NEARS ALL-TIME LOW ANYWHERE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CLINTON TOPS KASICH, OTHER REPUBLICANS IN 2016 RACE**

Ohio voters give President Barack Obama a negative 36 – 59 percent job approval rating today, close to his all-time low score in any of the nine states surveyed by Quinnipiac University.

The president's all-time low, in the nine state polls or nationally, is a negative 34 – 61 percent in a November 27 Ohio survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

Today, Obama gets negative grades of 30 – 67 percent among men, 42 – 52 percent among women, 4 – 94 percent among Republicans and 30 – 65 percent among independent voters. Democrats approve 74 – 21 percent.

“The bad news for Democrats is that President Barack Obama's approval rating in Ohio is close to his all-time, all-state low. The good news for the party is that the president doesn't appear to be hurting the Democrats' consensus front-runner for 2016, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac Poll.

“Only three in ten men or independent voters approve of his job performance, a far cry from almost two years ago where he won the nation's most important swing state. And the Democratic approval rating in the low 70s is anemic, at best.

“Secretary Clinton, on the other hand, is almost everyone's favorite candidate. She squeaks past U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and easily defeats each of the other Republicans she is matched against and has a solidly positive favorability rating. Obviously there is a long way to go until 2016, but at this point the political problems the president is encountering are not rubbing off on her.”

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Looking at the 2016 White House race, Ohio voters back Clinton over their Favorite Son, Gov. John Kasich, 47 – 40 percent. She tops other possible Republican contenders:

- 46 – 42 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 48 – 37 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 46 – 37 percent over New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie.

By a 52 – 43 percent margin, Ohio voters have a favorable opinion of Clinton. For Republicans, favorability ratings are:

- Negative 29 – 35 percent for Bush;
- 35 – 30 percent for Paul;
- 34 percent favorable to 36 percent unfavorable for Christie;
- 46 – 30 percent for Kasich.

In matchups against Republicans, Clinton's lead among women ranges from 20 to 24 percentage points.

Paul gets 44 percent of independent voters to Clinton's 41 percent, but she leads other candidates among this pivotal group by margins of 6 to 14 percentage points.

Ohio voters approve 49 – 32 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown is doing and give U.S. Sen. Rob Portman a 40 – 28 percent thumbs up.

From July 24 – 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,366 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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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	46%	81%	17%	45%	51%	41%	28%	43%	49%	57%
Unfavorable	30	4	57	27	27	34	29	32	32	26
Hvn't hrd enough	21	13	23	25	19	22	42	21	17	12
REFUSED	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	4

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

							FAVORABLE.....	
							High	Low
	Jul 30	May 14	Feb 19	Nov 26	Jun 25		Feb 28	Dec 10
	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013		2013	2008
Favorable	46	47	42	41	47	48	18	
Unfavorable	30	29	30	30	28	32	8	
Hvn't hrd enough	21	21	24	27	22	17	73	
REFUSED	3	3	4	3	3	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%	5%	92%	45%	41%	55%	49%	50%	49%	44%
Bush	37	85	2	31	43	31	28	35	38	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	1	6	4	3	6	4	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	5	5	2	1	4	4	3
DK/NA	9	6	4	13	8	9	16	6	8	8

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?

	Jul 31	May 15	Feb 20	Nov 27
	2014	2014	2014	2013
Clinton	48	48	51	50
Bush	37	39	36	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	4	4
DK/NA	9	6	6	7

5. 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	46%	8%	88%	41%	37%	55%	44%	49%	47%	44%
Paul	42	81	5	44	52	33	44	39	42	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	4	3	2	1	4	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	2
DK/NA	8	7	5	9	6	9	10	7	8	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?

	Jul 31 2014	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013
Clinton	46	49	51	50	47
Paul	42	41	38	40	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	8	6	6	6	6

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	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	46%	6%	87%	45%	38%	54%	50%	46%	47%	43%
Christie	37	81	7	32	44	31	31	37	37	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	1	5	4	3	7	4	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	1	4	5	3	-	4	4	5
DK/NA	10	7	5	13	9	10	13	8	11	8

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?

	Jul 31 2014	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013
Clinton	46	46	49	42	42
Christie	37	38	36	41	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	4	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	5	4	4
DK/NA	10	8	7	10	10

7. 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%	89%	43%	40%	53%	49%	49%	47%	42%
Kasich	40	85	5	37	47	33	36	36	39	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	4	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	4	4	2	1	3	3	2
DK/NA	9	6	4	13	8	10	13	8	10	6

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?

	Jul 31 2014	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013
Clinton	47	47	51	49
Kasich	40	42	39	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	4	3
DK/NA	9	6	5	7

8. 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	52%	14%	92%	49%	43%	61%	50%	55%	53%	48%
Unfavorable	43	82	6	43	51	35	37	41	44	47
Hvn't hrd enough	5	3	2	7	6	3	14	3	2	4
REFUSED	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1

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

	Jul 31 2014	May 15 2014	Jun 26 2013	May 22 2008	May 01 2008	FAVORABLE.....	
						High May 15 2014	Low Nov 14 2007
Favorable	52	53	52	52	46	53	44
Unfavorable	43	43	44	42	44	43	44
Hvn't hrd enough	5	3	3	4	6	3	9
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	4	1	3

9. 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	29%	58%	7%	26%	32%	26%	14%	27%	30%	38%
Unfavorable	35	6	59	33	33	36	30	36	37	31
Hvn't hrd enough	35	35	33	38	34	37	55	35	32	28
REFUSED	1	-	2	2	1	2	1	2	-	2

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

	Jul 31 2014	May 15 2014
Favorable	29	32
Unfavorable	35	38
Hvn't hrd enough	35	29
REFUSED	1	1

10. 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	35%	62%	7%	38%	45%	26%	39%	34%	34%	37%
Unfavorable	30	11	53	27	28	32	31	30	28	31
Hvn't hrd enough	34	26	40	34	25	42	30	36	36	30
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	2

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

	Jul 31 2014	May 15 2014	Jun 26 2013
Favorable	35	38	43
Unfavorable	30	29	26
Hvn't hrd enough	34	32	31
REFUSED	1	1	1

11. 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	34%	55%	20%	32%	36%	33%	19%	34%	39%	39%
Unfavorable	36	20	48	35	36	35	40	37	35	32
Hvn't hrd enough	28	22	31	31	26	31	39	28	25	27
REFUSED	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	3

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

	Jul 31 2014	May 15 2014	Jun 26 2013
Favorable	34	36	48
Unfavorable	36	36	16
Hvn't hrd enough	28	26	34
REFUSED	2	1	1

14. 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%	30%	68%	48%	44%	54%	42%	51%	49%	50%
Disapprove	32	44	20	32	38	26	33	31	34	33
DK/NA	19	26	12	20	18	20	25	18	17	17

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)

	Jul 31 2014	May 15 2014	Feb 20 2014	Nov 27 2013	Jun 26 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Dec 12 2012*	Low Jul 07 2009
Approve	49	49	48	47	46	52	41
Disapprove	32	33	34	37	38	35	29
DK/NA	19	18	18	16	16	13	30

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

							AGE IN YRS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	40%	61%	24%	38%	45%	36%	37%	36%	43%	45%
Disapprove	28	16	41	27	30	27	27	31	27	27
DK/NA	32	23	36	35	26	37	35	33	30	29

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)

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	Jul 31	May 15	Feb 20	Nov 27	Jun 26		May 15	Mar 24
	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013		2014*	2011
Approve	40	44	38	41	44	44	30	
Disapprove	28	27	32	28	26	27	25	
DK/NA	32	29	30	30	30	29	45	

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

							AGE IN YRS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	36%	4%	74%	30%	30%	42%	38%	36%	37%	33%
Disapprove	59	94	21	65	67	52	59	57	59	63
DK/NA	5	2	6	5	4	6	3	6	4	4

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

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	Jul 31	May 15	Feb 20	Nov 27	Jun 26		Feb 06	Nov 27
	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013		2009	2013
Approve	36	39	40	34	40	67	34	
Disapprove	59	58	55	61	57	16	61	
DK/NA	5	3	4	5	3	17	5	