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QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDING NEAR 100% SUPPORT FOR WIDER BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR GUN-BUYERS

Quinnipiac University polls conducted since the Newtown massacre are finding more than 90 percent of voters in three states surveyed so far, including voters in households where there is a gun, support background checks for people buying guns at gun shows.

Polls of voters in Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania in January by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University show:

- Virginia, January 10: 92 – 7 percent in favor of “requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows,” including 91 – 7 percent among voters in gun households;
- New Jersey, January 24: 96 – 3 percent on the same question, including 95 – 5 percent in gun households;
- Pennsylvania, January 30: 95 – 5 percent support “requiring background checks for all gun buyers” (note change in question), including 95 – 4 percent in gun households.

These surveys found support, by smaller margins, for armed police in schools:

- 66 – 29 percent for armed police in Virginia;
- 50 – 44 percent for armed police in New Jersey;
- 46 – 42 percent in Pennsylvania that armed guards would be more effective in reducing gun violence in schools than stricter gun laws.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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VA, Jan 10 2013

26. Would you favor or oppose requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favor	92%	94%	94%	91%	88%	95%	91%	94%	
Oppose	7	4	6	8	9	4	7	6	
DK/NA	1	2	-	1	3	-	2	-	
	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....					
	Yes No	<50K 50-100	>100K	18-29 30-44	45-64	65+			
Favor	95%	90%	90%	92%	96%	93%	94%	92%	88%
Oppose	4	8	9	7	3	6	5	6	11
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1
	North	East/ SthEst	West/ Rchmnd	AREA.....					
		Shndh	Urban	Suburb	Rural				
Favor	94%	94%	92%	88%	91%	95%	89%		
Oppose	5	6	7	9	8	4	9		
DK/NA	2	-	2	3	1	1	2		
	GUN HSHOLD	HAVE KIDS.....							
	Yes No	<18 InPubSch							
Favor	91%	94%	94%	94%					
Oppose	7	5	5	5					
DK/NA	2	1	1	1					

NJ, Jan 24 2013

31. Would you favor or oppose requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favor	96%	96%	98%	95%	96%	97%	96%	97%	92%
Oppose	3	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	8
DK/NA	1	1	-	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+			
Favor	96%	96%	95%	97%	97%	95%	96%	97%	96%
Oppose	3	3	4	2	3	5	3	2	3
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1
	Urban	Philly SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore	GUN HSHOLD	HAVE KIDS...		
						Yes No	<18 InPubSch		
Favor	98%	95%	96%	97%	97%	95%	97%	97%	98%
Oppose	2	4	3	3	2	5	2	2	2
DK/NA	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-

PA, Jan 30 2013

17. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	95%	94%	96%	94%	94%	96%	96%	90%
Oppose	5	5	3	5	6	3	4	10
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Support	97%	94%	94%	95%	98%	97%	95%	94%
Oppose	3	5	5	5	2	3	5	5
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1

	AREA..... Urban	Suburb	Rural	GUN Yes	HSHOLD No	HAVE <18	KIDS..... InPubSch
Support	93%	96%	94%	95%	94%	95%	94%
Oppose	6	4	5	4	5	4	6
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	-	-

PA, Jan 30 2013

20. Which of these do you think would do more to reduce gun violence in schools, having stricter gun laws or armed guards in schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Stricter gun laws	42%	19%	66%	36%	36%	48%	40%	58%
Armed guards	46	69	27	52	53	40	49	28
DK/NA	12	12	7	13	11	12	11	14

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+
Stricter gun laws	52%	38%	41%	40%	50%	36%	39%	48%
Armed guards	38	50	49	46	45	53	50	41
DK/NA	11	12	10	14	5	11	11	11

	AREA..... Urban	Suburb	Rural	GUN Yes	HSHOLD No	HAVE <18	KIDS..... InPubSch
Stricter gun laws	51%	47%	29%	24%	58%	37%	37%
Armed guards	38	42	58	64	32	55	53
DK/NA	11	11	12	12	11	8	10

VA, Jan 10 2013

31. Do you favor or oppose placing an armed police officer in public schools in Virginia?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favor	66%	79%	58%	61%	65%	68%	64%	74%	
Oppose	29	18	38	35	31	28	31	23	
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	
	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Yes No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Favor	52%	75%	72%	66%	58%	69%	71%	67%	57%
Oppose	43	21	24	30	38	29	27	28	36
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	4	2	2	5	7
	North	StHEst	East/ Rchmnd	West/ Shndh	AREA.....	Urban	Suburb	Rural	
Favor	56%	74%	66%	74%	70%	61%	70%		
Oppose	40	22	29	22	27	35	25		
DK/NA	4	4	5	4	3	4	5		
	GUN HSHOLD	HAVE KIDS.....							
	Yes No	<18	InPubSch						
Favor	73%	60%	70%	73%					
Oppose	24	37	27	25					
DK/NA	4	4	3	2					

NJ, Jan 24 2013

37. Do you favor or oppose placing an armed police officer in public schools in New Jersey?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favor	50%	57%	45%	48%	51%	50%	50%	53%	60%
Oppose	44	34	50	47	44	44	44	44	33
DK/NA	6	9	4	5	5	6	6	3	7
	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Yes No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Favor	38%	58%	56%	51%	43%	63%	51%	50%	41%
Oppose	56	36	38	44	51	33	42	45	50
DK/NA	6	6	6	5	5	4	7	4	9
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	GUN HSHOLD	HAVE KIDS...		
						Yes No	<18 InPubSch		
Favor	48%	49%	45%	57%	52%	62%	47%	56%	57%
Oppose	45	46	48	38	42	32	48	40	38
DK/NA	7	5	8	4	7	6	6	4	5