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PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS LIKE CLINTON, CHRISTIE FOR 2016, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS DISLIKE HEALTH CARE LAW

Pennsylvania voters turn to their neighbors in New York and New Jersey when they take an early look at the 2016 presidential field, as former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton runs best, with New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie running second in a field of six contenders, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Ms. Clinton gets 47 percent to Gov. Christie's 42 percent and leads U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan 55 – 38 percent and Florida U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio 54 – 36 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Christie leads Vice President Joseph Biden 51 - 38 percent and tops New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo 53 - 32 percent.

Biden gets 45 percent to Rubio's 41 percent and gets 44 percent to Ryan's 47 percent. Cuomo gets 42 percent to Rubio's 38 percent and gets 44 percent to Ryan's 41 percent.

"Former First Lady, Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is keeping her future plans to herself, but if those plans include another run for the White House, she starts in a good position in Pennsylvania," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"And if Ms. Clinton doesn't go for it, Pennsylvania voters can look across the Delaware River at another contender, New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie. Another neighbor, Vice President Joseph Biden, a native of Scranton and former Delaware senator, doesn't do nearly as well as Clinton or Christie."

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There is a huge gender gap in the Clinton-Christie matchup as men back the Republican 48-39 percent while women back the Democrat 55-37 percent.

A total of 53 percent of Pennsylvania voters "somewhat disapprove" or "strongly disapprove" of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, while 37 percent "strongly approve" or "somewhat approve."

ACA will hurt them personally 40 percent of voters say, while 13 percent say it will help and 42 percent say it will have no effect. There is little difference among income groups.

From March 6 - 11, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,116 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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18. (Intro Q18-26: I know it is far ahead but thinking about the 2016 presidential election...) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Christopher Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Clinton	47%	13%	87%	37%	39%	55%		
Christie	42	79	7	45	48	37		
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	2	_	2	2	1		
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	2	1	3	3	1		
DK/NA	7	5	5	14	8	7		
	COLLE	GE DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55±
		2.0	10011	30 100	> 100K	10 34	33 34	00.
Clinton	47%	47%	53%	46%	37%	49%	47%	46%
Clinton Christie	47% 42	-						
		47%	53%	46%	37%	49%	47%	46%
Christie	42	47%	53%	46% 46	37% 52	49%	47% 43	46%

19. 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		
Clinton	54%	18%	93%	48%	45%	62%		
Rubio	36	71	4	36	45	28		
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	_	2	2	1		
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	2	1	2	2	2		
DK/NA	7	7	3	12	7	7		
	COLLE	GE DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS	
	COLLEC Yes	GE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K		INC >100K	_	YRS 35-54	55+
Clinton		_	_		-	_		
Clinton Rubio	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
	Yes	No 53%	<50K	50-100 54%	>100K	18-34 56%	35-54 53%	55+ 53%
Rubio	Yes 55% 38	No 53% 35	<50K 60% 30	50-100 54% 39	>100K 44% 44	18-34 56%	35-54 53% 36	55+ 53%

20. 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		
Clinton	55%	18%	93%	52%	45%	63%		
Ryan	38	75	5	37	47	30		
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1		
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	1	-	3	3	1		
DK/NA	4	4	2	6	3	5		
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	_	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-54	55+
Clinton		_	_		_	_		
Clinton Ryan	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
	Yes	No 54%	<50K	50-100 53%	>100K 48%	18-34 55%	35 - 54 55%	55+ 54%
Ryan	Yes 58% 38	No 54% 38	<50K	50-100 53% 42	>100K 48%	18-34 55%	35 - 54 55%	55+ 54% 37

21. (Split Sample A) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Christopher Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Biden	38%	7%	79%	22%	33%	42%
Christie	51	86	13	55	56	45
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	2	_	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	1	1	5	2	2
DK/NA	9	4	7	16	7	10

22. (Split Sample A) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Biden	45%	9%	88%	35%	41%	49%
Rubio	41	81	4	39	48	35
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	2	-	4	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	2	1	5	4	1
DK/NA	9	7	6	17	6	13

23. (Split Sample A) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Biden	44%	9%	84%	38%	38%	51%
Ryan	47	87	10	48	55	39
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	-	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	1	-	4	3	_
DK/NA	6	2	6	9	3	8

24. (Split Sample B) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Christopher Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Cuomo	32%	7%	64%	20%	27%	36%
Christie	53	85	20	60	57	49
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	_
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	4	3	4	3	5	4
DK/NA	11	6	11	16	10	11

25. (Split Sample B) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Cuomo	42%	11%	82%	26%	35%	48%
Rubio	38	73	4	42	49	29
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	2	-	3	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	4	1	5	6	6	2
DK/NA	15	13	9	24	10	20

26. (Split Sample B) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Cuomo	44%	7%	81%	41%	39%	48%
Ryan	41	82	6	40	51	34
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	1	3	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	1	2	5	3	3
DK/NA	10	9	10	12	6	14

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	44% 51 4	12% 86 2	82% 13 5	35% 58 7	39% 57 4	49% 46 5		
	COLLEGI	_	_	HSHOLD	_	_	YRS	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	52% 44 3	41% 54 5	44% 52 4	45% 51 4	44% 53 3	50% 44 6	42% 54 5	43% 53 3

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

						APPROVE	
						High	Low
	Mar 14	Jan 30	Nov 15	Jun 27	Jun 12	May 04	Apr 28
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2009	2011
Approve	44	51	52	45	46	66	42
Disapprove	51	46	45	49	49	29	53
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	4	5	5

35. From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the health care law that was enacted in 2010? IF APPROVE: Do you strongly approve or somewhat approve? IF DISAPPROVE: Do you somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
	17% 20 16 37 11	2% 8 21 62 7	37% 28 10 11	10% 25 17 40 8	18% 17 15 43	16% 22 16 32 14		
	COLLEGI Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	_	AGE IN 18-34	YRS	 55+
	26% 23 11 34 5	13% 18 17 38 13	16% 21 17 34 12	20% 20 15 40 5	19% 17 16 39 8	18% 25 20 30 7	18% 19 15 38 10	17% 17 15 40

36. From what you've heard or read, do you think the 2010 health care law will mostly help you personally, will mostly hurt you personally, or don't you think it will have much of an effect on you personally?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Help	13%	2%	25%	9%	13%	12%		
Hurt	40	64	14	42	42	39		
No effect	42	29	54	45	41	42		
DK/NA	5	4	6	3	4	7		
	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Help	15%	12%	14%	13%	10%	20%	12%	10%
Hurt	35	42	38	40	43	37	45	39
No effect	47	40	41	43	45	41	40	43
DK/NA	4	6	7	3	2	1	3	8