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## POLL

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### **CLINTON, CHRISTIE TOP PRESIDENTIAL PACK IN PENNSYLVANIA, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; MANY WILL SPEND LESS ON GIFTS THIS YEAR**

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie lead the 2016 presidential pack in Pennsylvania, locked in a tie in this critical swing state, with 44 percent for Secretary Clinton and 43 percent for Gov. Christie, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

There is a big gender gap as Clinton leads 51 – 36 percent among women while Christie leads 51 – 36 percent among men, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Independent voters go to Christie 47 – 31 percent.

Clinton tops other possible Republican contenders:

- 51 – 38 percent over former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, the native son;
- 52 – 40 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 54 – 36 percent over U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas;
- 52 – 36 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

The Democrat would make a good president, Pennsylvania voters say 57 – 39 percent, and Christie also would make a good president, voters say 55 – 29 percent. Vice President Joseph Biden and the other Republicans all get negative scores on whether they could do the job, including a negative 33 – 54 percent for Santorum.

“It’s all hypothetical, but the 2016 White House race between former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie could leave us waiting for the photo finish shot,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Coming into the first turn, with a long way to go, the Clinton-Christie matchup is close, and leaves the rest of the pack in the dust.”

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## **Quinnipiac University Poll/December 19, 2013 – page 2**

Pennsylvania voters give President Barack Obama a negative 39 – 57 percent job approval rating, compared to his all-time low of 42 – 53 percent in an April 28, 2011, Quinnipiac University poll. The president gets negative scores of 6 – 92 percent from Republicans, 35 – 61 percent from independent voters, 36 – 62 percent from men and 42 – 52 percent from women. Democrats approve 73 – 20 percent.

U.S. Sen. Robert Casey gets a 46 – 35 percent approval rating, with 45 – 34 percent for U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey.

### **Holiday Spending**

Looking at the holidays, 39 percent of Pennsylvania voters plan to spend less on gifts this year, while 10 percent plan to spend more and 50 percent plan to spend about as much as last year.

“Pennsylvanians may feel the love, but a lot of them are sharing less love this holiday season,” Malloy said.

But 19 percent of voters plan to give more to charity this year, while 14 percent plan to give less, with 66 percent planning to give as much as last year.

From December 11 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,061 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 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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8. 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	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	44%	8%	88%	31%	36%	51%	82%	48%	19%
Christie	43	83	7	47	51	36	11	40	67
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	2	2	-	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	1	5	4	3	2	2	6
DK/NA	7	4	4	14	7	7	5	9	6

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?  
(\* Christopher Christie)

	Dec 19 2013	Mar 14 2013*
Clinton	44	47
Christie	43	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2
DK/NA	7	7

9. 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	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	52%	16%	93%	45%	44%	60%	85%	63%	22%
Paul	40	77	5	43	48	34	10	27	73
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	3	1	1	-	3	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
DK/NA	5	5	1	8	5	5	4	6	4

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?

	Dec 19 2013	Jun 07 2013
Clinton	52	52
Paul	40	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2
DK/NA	5	8

10. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	54%	15%	94%	50%	46%	60%	87%	66%	21%
Cruz	36	75	2	34	42	29	7	21	70
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	4	2	2	-	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	2	4	2	2	2	3	1
DK/NA	7	7	3	9	7	6	4	7	6

11. 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	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	52%	12%	93%	48%	43%	60%	88%	62%	22%
Bush	36	76	3	33	42	30	7	27	63
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	4	2	3	-	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	1	6	5	3	2	3	6
DK/NA	6	6	2	9	7	5	4	5	7

12. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rick Santorum the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	51%	10%	93%	46%	44%	57%	86%	62%	20%
Santorum	38	82	4	33	43	33	9	24	71
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	5	3	2	-	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	4	4	3	2	4	3
DK/NA	6	4	1	12	7	5	2	7	5

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rick Santorum the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Dec 19 2013	Jun 07 2013
Clinton	51	53
Santorum	38	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	6	6

13. Do you think - Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	55%	69%	40%	65%	60%	51%	45%	62%	56%
No	29	18	41	22	29	29	42	24	28
DK/NA	15	13	18	12	11	19	13	14	17

14. Do you think - Hillary Clinton would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	57%	24%	91%	54%	50%	63%	89%	67%	27%
No	39	72	7	40	46	33	9	29	68
DK/NA	4	4	2	6	4	4	2	4	5

15. Do you think - Joe Biden would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	29%	8%	52%	26%	26%	32%	49%	38%	9%
No	61	86	37	63	67	56	39	54	82
DK/NA	10	5	11	10	7	12	11	8	8

16. Do you think - Rand Paul would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	34%	59%	7%	38%	41%	29%	12%	23%	60%
No	48	24	76	39	47	49	78	55	24
DK/NA	18	16	17	22	13	22	10	22	16

17. Do you think - Ted Cruz would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	26%	49%	4%	28%	33%	21%	9%	11%	53%
No	47	23	71	44	47	46	78	54	22
DK/NA	27	28	25	29	21	33	13	35	25

18. Do you think - Jeb Bush would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	32%	57%	11%	33%	39%	26%	14%	30%	46%
No	53	27	77	51	49	57	79	55	37
DK/NA	15	16	11	16	12	17	7	16	17

19. Do you think - Rick Santorum would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	33%	63%	9%	34%	35%	32%	9%	27%	56%
No	54	23	81	54	55	53	82	63	29
DK/NA	12	14	9	12	10	15	9	10	15

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob Casey Jr. is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	46%	35%	63%	43%	45%	48%	61%	53%	33%
Disapprove	35	48	19	37	42	30	18	31	52
DK/NA	18	17	17	19	13	22	21	16	16

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob Casey Jr. is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Dec 19 2013	Jun 06 2013	Apr 26 2013	Mar 13 2013	Jan 29 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						May 28 2009	Dec 16 2010
Approve	46	45	48	48	44	56	39
Disapprove	35	29	34	34	36	21	29
DK/NA	18	26	18	17	21	23	32

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pat Toomey is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	45%	64%	28%	45%	48%	42%	30%	38%	61%
Disapprove	34	18	49	33	36	32	48	39	22
DK/NA	21	18	23	22	16	26	21	23	17

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pat Toomey is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Dec 19 2013	Jun 06 2013	Apr 26 2013	Mar 13 2013	Jan 29 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Apr 26 2013	Jun 12 2012
Approve	45	46	48	43	43	48	40
Disapprove	34	29	30	32	25	30	27
DK/NA	21	25	22	26	32	22	32

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	39%	6%	73%	35%	36%	42%	80%	42%	12%
Disapprove	57	92	20	61	62	52	16	51	86
DK/NA	4	2	7	4	2	6	4	6	2

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

	Dec 19 2013	Jun 07 2013	Apr 26 2013	Mar 14 2013	Jan 30 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						May 04 2009	Dec 19 2013
Approve	39	48	48	44	51	66	39
Disapprove	57	48	48	51	46	29	57
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	3	5	4

40. Thinking about this holiday season, do you plan to spend more on gifts this year than last year, less on gifts or about the same as last year?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
More	10%	12%	13%	6%	14%	7%	16%	9%	8%
Less	39	33	40	42	34	43	31	39	42
About the same	50	53	46	51	51	49	51	52	47
DK/NA	1	3	1	-	1	2	1	1	2

TREND: Thinking about this holiday season, do you plan to spend more on gifts this year than last year, less on gifts or about the same as last year? (\* This year are you going to spend)

	Dec 19 2013	Nov 26 2008*
More	10	3
Less	39	53
About the same	50	43
DK/NA	1	2

40a. (If q40 more) Would you say a lot more, somewhat more, or only a little more?

SPENDING MORE Q40	
	Tot
Lot more	24%
Smwht more	46
Little more	30
DK/NA	-

40b. (If q40 less) Would you say a lot less, somewhat less, or only a little less?

SPENDING LESS Q40			
	Tot	Men	Wom
Lot less	40%	29%	49%
Smwht less	38	43	35
Little less	20	27	15
DK/NA	1	1	1

TREND: (If less) Would you say a lot less, somewhat less, or only a little less?

SPENDING LESS		
	Dec 19 2013	Nov 26 2008
Lot less	40	44
Smwht less	38	37
Little less	20	19
DK/NA	1	1

41. Thinking about this holiday season, do you plan to give more to charity this year than last year, less to charity, or about the same as last year?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
More	19%	21%	15%	21%	20%	17%	20%	18%	20%
Less	14	15	14	11	13	14	10	14	15
About the same	66	64	69	66	66	66	69	66	63
DK/NA	2	-	2	2	1	2	1	1	2

41a. (If q41 more) Would you say a lot more, somewhat more, or only a little more?

	GIVING MORE Q41		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Lot more	23%	22%	23%
Smwht more	51	61	41
Little more	26	17	36
DK/NA	-	-	-

41b. (If q41 less) Would you say a lot less, somewhat less, or only a little less?

	GIVING LESS Q41	
	Tot	
Lot less	53%	
Smwht less	21	
Little less	26	
DK/NA	-	