

Peter A. Brown, Assistant Director,
Quinnipiac University Poll
(203) 535-6203

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

Rubenstein Associates, Inc.
Public Relations
Contact: Pat Smith (212) 843-8026

FOR RELEASE: MARCH 14, 2016

TRUMP TOPS RUBIO IN FLORIDA, TIES KASICH IN OHIO, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; CLINTON LEADS SANDERS IN TWO CRITICAL PRIMARIES

Donald Trump tops native son Sen Marco Rubio 2-1 in Florida's Republican primary, while another native son, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, ties the GOP front-runner in Ohio's Republican primary, according to a Quinnipiac University poll completed last night and released today. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is ahead of Sen. Bernie Sanders in Democratic primaries in these two key states

Separate surveys of likely Republican and Democratic primary voters in Florida and Ohio show:

Florida Republican – Trump with 46 percent, followed by Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida with 22 percent, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas with 14 percent and Ohio Gov. John Kasich with 10 percent.

Florida Democrat – Clinton over Sanders 60 – 34 percent.

Ohio Republican – Trump and Kasich tied at 38 – 38 percent, with Cruz at 16 percent and Rubio at 3 percent.

Ohio Democrat – Clinton edges Sanders 51 – 46 percent.

March 9 Quinnipiac University surveys showed Trump over Rubio 45 – 22 percent among Florida Republicans and Trump leading Kasich 38 – 32 percent in Ohio.

Also on March 9, Clinton topped Sanders 62 – 32 percent among Florida Democrats and lead Sanders 52 – 43 percent in Ohio.

“At least when it comes to this presidential primary, Florida might change its nickname from Sunshine State to Landslide State,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. “Sen. Marco Rubio, who has staked his future on winning his home state, looks like he’ll soon be toast. He trails GOP leader Donald Trump by more than 20 points with polling through Sunday night.”

“There are very few examples of candidates making up that much ground in 24 hours.”

-more-

Quinnipiac University Poll/March 14, 2016 – page 2

“Ohio is a real contest on both sides. Trump and Gov. John Kasich are in a dead heat for the Buckeye State’s GOP delegates. Almost as close is the Democratic race where Sen. Bernie Sanders has closed 9-point deficit to the smallest of margins. Sanders has the momentum, but the question is whether he can win as he did in Michigan or just come close as in Iowa.”

Florida

Among Florida likely Republican primary voters, Trump leads Rubio 41 – 25 percent among women and 52 – 20 percent among men. Trump also leads by margins of 2-1 or more among every stripe of Republican, from 47 – 13 percent among Tea Party members to 44 – 24 percent among voters who say they are “moderate or liberal.”

Among Florida likely Democratic primary voters, there is no gender gap: women back Clinton over Sanders 60 – 35 percent and men back her 60 – 33 percent. Self-professed “very liberal Democrats back Sanders 57 – 39 percent, while Clinton takes other Democrats by wide margins.

Ohio

There is a gender gap among Ohio likely Republican primary voters as men back Trump over Kasich 40 – 33 percent while women go to Kasich 44 – 37 percent. Tea Party members go to Trump over Kasich 36 – 18 percent, with 38 percent for Cruz. Kasich and Trump split white, born-again evangelicals 33 – 33 percent.

There is a larger gender gap among Ohio likely Democratic primary voters as women back Clinton over Sanders 56 – 39 percent, while men back Sanders 55 – 43 percent. Sanders has a big 64 – 36 percent lead among “very liberal” voters and 50 percent of “somewhat liberal” voters to Clinton’s 46 percent. She leads 59 – 38 percent among “moderate or conservative voters”

From March 8 – 13, Quinnipiac University surveyed:

615 Florida likely Republican primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 4 percentage points;
519 Florida likely Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.3 percentage points;
721 Ohio likely Republican primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points;
543 Ohio likely Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.2 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.

Visit <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/polling> or www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll
Call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/QuinnipiacPoll) @QuinnipiacPoll.

1. (FL) If the Republican primary were being held today, and the candidates were Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, and Donald Trump, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Cruz, Kasich, Rubio, or Trump?

	FLORIDA LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Tea Party	Wht BrnAgn Evang	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
				Very	Smwht	Mod/ Lib			Yes	No
Cruz	14%	30%	22%	28%	10%	4%	13%	15%	17%	13%
Kasich	10	3	10	4	7	18	9	11	12	9
Rubio	22	13	19	18	25	24	20	25	28	20
Trump	46	47	43	42	55	44	52	41	36	51
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	4	-	-	3	-	-	2
DK/NA	6	5	5	4	2	10	3	9	7	6

1A. (FL) (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the primary?

	FLORIDA LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....			
	Tot	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
		CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1.....		
		Cruz	Rubio	Trump
Made up	86%	83%	86%	91%
Might change	13	17	13	9
DK/NA	-	-	1	-

2. (FL) If the Democratic primary were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Clinton or Sanders?

	FLORIDA LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				COLLEGE DEG			
		LIBERAL.....	Mod/ Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	60%	39%	61%	69%	60%	60%	61%	60%	
Sanders	34	57	35	24	33	35	33	34	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DK/NA	6	4	3	7	7	5	6	6	

2A. (FL) (If candidate chosen q2) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the primary?

	FLORIDA LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTERS...		
	Tot	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q2.....	
		CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q2	
		Clinton	Sanders
Made up	88%	91%	83%
Might change	12	9	16
DK/NA	-	-	1

1. (OH) If the Republican primary were being held today, and the candidates were Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, and Donald Trump, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Cruz, Kasich, Rubio, or Trump?

	OHIO LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Tea Party	Wht BrnAgn Evang	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY CONSERVATIVE Very	Mod/ Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes No	
Cruz	16%	38%	28%	32%	12%	5%	21%	11%	16%	17%
Kasich	38	18	33	27	41	49	33	44	47	34
Rubio	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	4	2
Trump	38	36	33	33	43	39	40	37	31	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	7	4	5	-	4	4	5	2	5

1A. (OH) (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the primary?

	OHIO LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....			
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....			
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1.....		
		Cruz	Kasich	Trump
Made up	80%	78%	78%	84%
Might change	19	22	21	16
DK/NA	-	-	1	-

2. (OH) If the Democratic primary were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Clinton or Sanders?

	OHIO LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTERS.....							
	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY LIBERAL.....				COLLEGE DEG		
Very		Smwht	Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Clinton	51%	36%	46%	59%	43%	56%	45%	53%
Sanders	46	64	50	38	55	39	51	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
DK/NA	4	1	4	3	3	4	3	4

2A. (OH) (If candidate chosen q2) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the primary?

	OHIO LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q2.....		
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q2	
		Clinton	Sanders
Made up	87%	89%	86%
Might change	13	11	14
DK/NA	-	-	-