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CLINTON LOSING ON HONESTY IN FLORIDA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SWING STATE POLL FINDS

FLORIDA: Trump 42 – Clinton 39

OHIO: Clinton 41 – Trump 41

PENNSYLVANIA: Trump 43 – Clinton 41

With a drop in grades on honesty and moral standards, Democrat Hillary Clinton loses an 8-point lead over Republican Donald Trump in Florida, and finds herself in too-close-to-call races in the three critical swing states of Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, according to a Quinnipiac University Swing State Poll released today.

Clinton loses ground on almost every measure from a June 21 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. The Swing State Poll focuses on Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania because since 1960 no candidate has won the presidential race without taking at least two of these three states.

The presidential matchups show:

- **Florida** – Trump at 42 percent to Clinton’s 39, compared to a 47 – 39 percent Clinton lead June 21;
- **Ohio** – Clinton and Trump tied 41 – 41 percent, compared to a 40 – 40 percent tie June 21;
- **Pennsylvania** – Trump at 43 percent to Clinton’s 41 percent, compared to June 21, when Clinton had 42 percent to Trump’s 41 percent.

With third party candidates in the race, results are:

- **Florida** – Trump leads Clinton 41 – 36 percent, with 7 percent for Libertarian Gary Johnson and 4 percent for Green Party candidate Jill Stein;
- **Ohio** – Trump at 37 percent to Clinton’s 36 percent, with Johnson at 7 percent and Stein at 6 percent;
- **Pennsylvania** – Trump over Clinton 40 – 34 percent with 9 percent for Johnson and 3 percent for Stein.

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“Donald Trump enters the Republican Convention on a small roll in the three most important swing states in the country. He has wiped out Hillary Clinton’s lead in Florida; is on the upside of too-close to call races in Florida and Pennsylvania and is locked in a dead heat in Ohio,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“While there is no definite link between Clinton’s drop in Florida and the U.S. Justice Department decision not to prosecute her for her handling of e-mails, she has lost ground to Trump on questions which measure moral standards and honesty.”

By wide margins, voters in each state agree with the statement, “The old way of doing things no longer works and we need radical change.” Voters also agree by wide margins that trade agreements with other countries have hurt them and their families’ financial situation.

Voters still say Clinton is more intelligent than Trump and that she is better prepared to be president. But Clinton has lost her wide lead over Trump for having “higher moral standards.” And Trump widens his lead over Clinton for being more honest and trustworthy.

Florida

While the gender gap remains wide, Trump gains support among men, who back him 50 – 29 percent, and women, who back Clinton 48 – 36 percent, compared to 52 – 34 percent in June. Independent voters shift from 44 – 35 percent for Clinton last month to 43 – 30 percent for Trump today. Republicans back Trump 82 – 6 percent, while Clinton leads 87 – 4 among Democrats. White voters back Trump 54 – 30 percent, as non-white voters go to Clinton 56 – 21 percent.

Florida voters give Clinton and Trump negative favorability ratings, 35 – 59 percent for her and 38 – 54 percent for him.

Comparing the candidates’ character traits, voters say:

- 53 – 37 percent that Clinton is better prepared to be president;
- 42 – 42 percent tie on who has higher moral standards, wiping out a 47 – 36 percent Clinton lead on this measure June 21;
- 52 – 35 percent that Clinton is more intelligent;
- 50 – 37 percent that Trump is more honest and trustworthy, up from 43 – 40 percent.

Florida voters say 54 – 39 percent that Trump would be better creating jobs; 49 – 45 percent that he would do better on immigration and 57 – 35 percent that Trump would be more effective against ISIS.

Voters agree:

- 71 – 25 percent that the old ways don’t work and it’s time for radical change;
- 55 – 39 percent that foreign trade agreements have hurt them personally;
- 80 – 19 that public officials “don’t care much what people like me think.”

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“In Florida, Donald Trump is getting only 21 percent of the non-white vote. Although he is winning among white voters, who are mainly Republican, victory in Florida will be a very difficult lift for him if he can’t do better among non-white voters,” Brown said.

Ohio

Disenchantment runs strong in the Rust Belt state of Ohio, where voters agree:

- 59 – 39 percent that they are falling further and further behind economically;
- 73 – 24 percent that the old ways don’t work and it’s time for radical change;
- 59 – 37 percent that foreign trade agreements have hurt them personally;
- 79 – 20 that public officials “don’t care much what people like me think.”

Gender and racial gaps continue to divide Ohio voters. Men back Trump 47 – 33 percent, while women go to Clinton 48 – 35 percent. White voters go Republican 46 – 35 percent, while non-white voters go Democratic 69 – 15 percent.

Trump leads 77 – 6 percent among Republicans and 43 – 31 percent among independent voters, while Democrats back Clinton 90 – 4 percent.

Ohio voters give Clinton a negative 35 – 60 percent favorability rating, and give Trump a negative 34 – 59 percent.

Comparing the candidates’ character traits, voters say:

- 57 – 34 percent that Clinton is better prepared to be president;
- 43 percent that she has higher moral standards, to Trump’s 42 percent;
- 52 – 35 percent that Clinton is more intelligent;
- 47 – 37 percent that Trump is more honest and trustworthy.

Trump would be better creating jobs, Ohio voters say 54 – 39 percent. Clinton would be better on immigration, 48 percent of voters say, while 45 percent say Trump would be better. Trump would be more effective against ISIS, voters say 51 – 40 percent, but Clinton would be better responding to an international crisis, voters say 50 – 43 percent.

“A majority of Ohio voters, 53 – 44 percent, say the ‘government has gone too far in assisting minority groups,’” Brown said. “The same voters agree 72 – 25 percent that ‘Prejudice against minority groups is a big problem in the United States today.’”

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Pennsylvania

The gender gap is shrinking in Pennsylvania, where Clinton leads 43 – 39 percent among women, down from 50 – 34 percent in June, while Trump leads 48 – 37 percent among men, compared to 50 – 33 percent last month. He leads 82 – 5 percent among Republicans, as Clinton takes Democrats 82 – 9 percent. Independent voters are divided with 39 percent for Trump and 36 percent for Clinton. White voters go Republican 51 – 33 percent, while non-white voters go Democratic 72 – 12 percent.

Keystone State voters give Clinton a negative 31 – 65 percent favorability rating, and give Trump a negative 38 – 57 percent.

Comparing the candidates' character traits, voters say:

- 56 – 36 percent that Clinton is better prepared to be president;
- 43 percent that she has higher moral standards, with 41 percent for Trump;
- 51 – 37 percent that Clinton is more intelligent;
- 49 – 34 percent that Trump is more honest and trustworthy.

Trump would be better creating jobs, Pennsylvania voters say 54 – 39 percent. Clinton would be better on immigration, 49 percent of voters say, as 47 percent pick Trump. Trump would be more effective against ISIS, voters say 52 – 40 percent, but Clinton would be better responding to an international crisis, voters say 52 – 43 percent.

Pennsylvania voters agree:

- 72 – 26 percent that the old ways don't work and it's time for radical change;
- 58 – 38 percent that foreign trade agreements have hurt them personally;
- 78 – 21 percent that public officials "don't care much what people like me think."

"As she battles for every vote in a tight race with Donald Trump in Pennsylvania, Hillary Clinton has to look at the erosion of support from women as a red flag in a blue state that could carry one of the candidates to the White House," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

From June 30 – July 11 Quinnipiac University surveyed:

- 1,015 Florida voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points;
- 955 Ohio voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points;
- 982 Pennsylvania voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 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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1. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 39% | 41% | 41% |
| Trump | 42 | 41 | 43 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 8 | 6 |

2. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat, Donald Trump the Republican, Gary Johnson the Libertarian, and Jill Stein the Green party candidate, for whom would you vote?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 36% | 36% | 34% |
| Trump | 41 | 37 | 40 |
| Johnson | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| Stein | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| SMONE ELSE (VOL) | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| WLDN'T VOTE (VOL) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 9 | 8 |

3. Compared to past presidential elections, how would you describe your level of enthusiasm about voting in this year's presidential election; are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as usual?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| More | 37% | 30% | 34% |
| Less | 33 | 42 | 39 |
| About the same | 28 | 26 | 27 |
| DK/NA | 1 | 1 | - |

4. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? COMBINED WITH: (If Favorable/Unfavorable) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly favorable | 26% | 22% | 24% |
| Smwht favorable | 12 | 12 | 14 |
| Smwht unfavorable | 7 | 10 | 7 |
| Strongly unfavorable | 47 | 49 | 50 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| REFUSED/DK/NA | 3 | 3 | 1 |

5. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her? COMBINED WITH: (If Favorable/Unfavorable) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly favorable | 19% | 20% | 17% |
| Smwht favorable | 16 | 15 | 14 |
| Smwht unfavorable | 6 | 9 | 11 |
| Strongly unfavorable | 53 | 51 | 54 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| REFUSED/DK/NA | 2 | 3 | 2 |

6. Is your opinion of Jill Stein favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her? COMBINED WITH: (If Favorable/Unfavorable) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|----------------------|----|----|----|
| Strongly favorable | 3% | 3% | 1% |
| Smwht favorable | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Smwht unfavorable | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Strongly unfavorable | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 87 | 85 | 87 |
| REFUSED/DK/NA | 1 | 1 | 1 |

7. Is your opinion of Gary Johnson favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? COMBINED WITH: (If Favorable/Unfavorable) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|----------------------|----|----|----|
| Strongly favorable | 4% | 3% | 3% |
| Smwht favorable | 8 | 9 | 12 |
| Smwht unfavorable | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Strongly unfavorable | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 76 | 78 | 73 |
| REFUSED/DK/NA | 1 | 1 | 1 |

13. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - creating jobs: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 39% | 39% | 39% |
| Trump | 54 | 54 | 54 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 7 | 7 |

14. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - handling immigration issues: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 45% | 48% | 49% |
| Trump | 49 | 45 | 47 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 6 | 4 |

15. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would be - most effective against ISIS: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 35% | 40% | 40% |
| Trump | 57 | 51 | 52 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 9 | 8 |

16. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - responding to an international crisis: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 47% | 50% | 52% |
| Trump | 45 | 43 | 43 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 8 | 5 |

17. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think is - more honest and trustworthy: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 37% | 37% | 34% |
| Trump | 50 | 47 | 49 |
| DK/NA | 13 | 16 | 17 |

18. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think is - a stronger leader: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 41% | 45% | 42% |
| Trump | 51 | 48 | 50 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 6 | 7 |

19. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think is - better prepared to be President: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 53% | 57% | 56% |
| Trump | 37 | 34 | 36 |
| DK/NA | 9 | 9 | 8 |

20. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think has - higher moral standards: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 42% | 43% | 43% |
| Trump | 42 | 42 | 41 |
| DK/NA | 16 | 15 | 15 |

21. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think is - more intelligent: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

| | FL | OH | PA |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Clinton | 52% | 52% | 51% |
| Trump | 35 | 35 | 37 |
| DK/NA | 13 | 13 | 12 |

22. (INTRO Ques 22-29; Now I would like to read you some statements. For each one, please tell me if this is something with which you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.)

I feel as though I'm falling further and further behind economically.

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 37% | 33% | 33% |
| Somewhat agree | 21 | 26 | 30 |
| Somewhat disagree | 21 | 23 | 22 |
| Strongly disagree | 17 | 16 | 14 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 2 | 2 |

23. The government has gone too far in assisting minority groups.

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 28% | 29% | 27% |
| Somewhat agree | 23 | 24 | 24 |
| Somewhat disagree | 22 | 20 | 21 |
| Strongly disagree | 24 | 24 | 26 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 2 | 3 |

24. Public officials don't care much what people like me think.

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 51% | 45% | 49% |
| Somewhat agree | 29 | 34 | 29 |
| Somewhat disagree | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Strongly disagree | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| DK/NA | 1 | 1 | 1 |

25. The old way of doing things no longer works and we need radical change.

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 46% | 43% | 43% |
| Somewhat agree | 25 | 30 | 29 |
| Somewhat disagree | 15 | 13 | 16 |
| Strongly disagree | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 3 | 2 |

26. (INTRO Ques 22-29; Now I would like to read you some statements. For each one, please tell me if this is something with which you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.)

Leaders don't worry about what other people say, they follow their own path.

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 38% | 35% | 36% |
| Somewhat agree | 28 | 33 | 31 |
| Somewhat disagree | 17 | 18 | 20 |
| Strongly disagree | 15 | 13 | 11 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 2 | 2 |

27. The news media is part of the Washington D.C. establishment, which is out of touch with the rest of country.

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 46% | 45% | 47% |
| Somewhat agree | 26 | 28 | 32 |
| Somewhat disagree | 16 | 15 | 13 |
| Strongly disagree | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 3 | 2 |

28. Prejudice against minority groups is a big problem in the United States today.

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 45% | 45% | 45% |
| Somewhat agree | 29 | 27 | 29 |
| Somewhat disagree | 13 | 15 | 13 |
| Strongly disagree | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 2 | 3 |

29. I believe trade agreements with other countries have hurt my and my family's financial situation.

| | FL | OH | PA |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 33% | 33% | 32% |
| Somewhat agree | 22 | 26 | 26 |
| Somewhat disagree | 23 | 24 | 26 |
| Strongly disagree | 16 | 13 | 12 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 4 | 4 |