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**FLORIDA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS BACK LIMITS ON COAL 2-1,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SWING STATE POLL FINDS;
VOTERS IN EACH STATE OPPOSE IRAN NUKE DEAL 2-1**

President Barack Obama gets a split decision as voters in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania support his proposal to limit pollution from coal-fired energy plants by more than 2-1, while they oppose the proposed nuclear pact with Iran by margins of more than 2-1, according to a Quinnipiac University Swing State Poll released today.

President Obama remains under water with negative approval ratings of 41 – 56 percent in Florida, 42 – 54 percent in Ohio and 41 – 56 percent in Pennsylvania, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. 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.

By margins of 71 – 26 percent in Florida, 72 – 26 percent in Ohio and 74 – 24 percent in Pennsylvania, voters do not want four more years of Obama.

On other hot-button issues:

- Voters in each state oppose efforts to cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood;
- Majorities in all three states support allowing illegal immigrants to stay, with a path to citizenship;
- Majorities in each state support sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

“Despite President Barack Obama’s poor job approval rating in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, voters back his Environmental Protection Agency’s plan to limit emissions from coal-fired power plants,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“It is noteworthy that Pennsylvania and Ohio are industrial states which would disproportionately be affected by the new regulations.”

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“But voters in these key presidential swing states are strongly opposed to the president’s key foreign policy initiative – the nuclear deal with Iran,” Brown added.

“And voters disagree 3-1 with President Obama’s recent comment that he thought he could win a third term if it were constitutionally permissible.

“Efforts to ban federal funding for Planned Parenthood are getting headlines, but do not have majority support.”

Florida

Florida voters support 69 – 25 percent federal requirements that owners of coal-burning power plants reduce pollution. No party, gender or age group is opposed.

Voters say 73 – 24 percent these efforts are needed to clean the air, but by a narrow 45 – 41 percent they say these efforts will be too expensive.

Voters oppose the nuclear pact with Iran 61 – 25 percent and say 61 – 27 percent the deal would make the world less safe rather than safer.

There is a wide gender gap as Florida voters oppose 48 – 42 percent cutting off federal funding for Planned Parenthood. Men support a fund cutoff 49 – 41 percent, with women opposed 53 – 36 percent. Republicans support the cutoff 67 – 24 percent with Democrats opposed 80 – 9 percent and independent voters divided as 44 percent support a cutoff and 47 percent oppose it.

Offered three choices on illegal immigration:

- 53 percent say immigrants should be allowed to stay, with a path to citizenship;
- 12 percent say immigrants should be allowed to stay, with no path to citizenship;
- 31 percent say immigrants should be forced to leave.

Florida voters support 55 – 40 percent sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS in Syria and Iraq. Men support deployment 62 – 34 percent, with women divided 48 – 46 percent.

“Florida voters support by smaller margins than voters in Pennsylvania and Ohio the federal government using its power to reduce the income gap between the wealthy and the less well-off and of raising taxes on the wealthy,” Brown said.

Ohio

Ohio voters support 67 – 27 percent requiring owners of coal-burning power plants to reduce pollution. Republicans oppose this requirement 51 – 41 percent, with all other party, gender or age groups supporting the measure.

Voters say 70 – 24 percent these efforts are needed to clean the air, and are divided 43 – 41 percent on whether these efforts will be too expensive.

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Voters oppose the nuclear pact with Iran 58 – 24 percent and say 56 – 26 percent the deal would make the world less safe rather than safer.

With a smaller gender gap, Ohio voters oppose 52 – 40 percent cutting off federal funding for Planned Parenthood. Men oppose a fund cutoff 48 – 43 percent, with women opposed 55 – 38 percent. Republicans support the cutoff 70 – 23 percent with opposition at 80 – 12 percent among Democrats and 51 – 41 percent among independent voters.

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- 52 percent say immigrants should be allowed to stay, with a path to citizenship;
- 9 percent say immigrants should be allowed to stay, with no path to citizenship;
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Ohio voters support 51 – 42 percent sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS in Syria and Iraq. Men support deployment 57 – 37 percent, with women divided 46 – 46 percent.

“Ohio men are less supportive than women of Planned Parenthood and women are less supportive of sending troops to fight ISIS than are Buckeye men,” Brown said.

Pennsylvania

In the coal-rich Keystone State, voters support 67 – 28 percent federal requirements that owners of coal-burning power plants reduce pollution. Republicans oppose the proposed limits 51 – 45 percent, but every other party, gender or age group supports them by wide margins.

Voters say 72 – 24 percent these efforts are needed to clean the air, but they are divided 44 – 44 percent on whether these efforts will be too expensive.

Voters oppose the nuclear pact with Iran 61 – 26 percent and say 60 – 27 percent the deal would make the world less safe rather than safer.

The gender gap persists as Pennsylvania voters oppose 55 – 39 percent cutting off federal funding for Planned Parenthood. Men oppose the fund cutoff by a narrow 49 – 45 percent, with women opposed 60 – 34 percent. Republicans support the cutoff 64 – 30 percent with Democrats opposed 82 – 11 percent and independent voters opposed 54 – 39 percent.

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“The coal industry has put food on the table for many generations in Pennsylvania, but nostalgia only goes so far. Voters want cleaner air and they want the feds to police the pollution,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“War weary or not, push comes to shove on ISIS, and Pennsylvanians want U.S. ground troops doing the shoving in Iraq and Syria.

“While some GOP contenders are reshaping and hardening their views on deporting illegals, Pennsylvania voters say, ‘Let them stay.’”

From August 7 – 18 Quinnipiac University surveyed:

- 1,093 Florida voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points;
- 1,096 Ohio voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points;
- 1,085 Pennsylvania 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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44. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	FL	OH	PA
Approve	41%	42%	41%
Disapprove	56	54	56
DK/NA	3	4	3

45. If Barack Obama could run for president again in 2016, would you like to see him serve as president for a third term, or not?

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	26%	26%	24%
No	71	72	74
DK/NA	3	2	2

70. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	FL	OH	PA
Legal all cases	21%	22%	19%
Legal most cases	32	31	35
Illegal most cases	29	29	26
Illegal all cases	11	13	15
DK/NA	6	5	5

71. Is your opinion of Planned Parenthood favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	42%	45%	47%
Unfavorable	40	37	38
Hvn't hrd enough	16	17	14
REFUSED	2	2	2

72. Do you support or oppose cutting off federal government funding to Planned Parenthood?

	FL	OH	PA
Support	42%	40%	39%
Oppose	48	52	55
DK/NA	11	8	6

73. Do you support or oppose the nuclear deal with Iran?

	FL	OH	PA
Support	25%	24%	26%
Oppose	61	58	61
DK/NA	14	18	13

74. Do you think the nuclear deal with Iran would make the world safer or less safe?

	FL	OH	PA
Safer	27%	26%	27%
Less safe	61	56	60
DK/NA	12	18	12

75. Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap between wealthy and less well-off Americans?

	FL	OH	PA
Should	52%	57%	60%
Should not	39	35	32
DK/NA	8	8	8

76. Do you support or oppose increasing taxes on higher income earners to reduce the amount of taxes paid by the middle class?

	FL	OH	PA
Support	55%	61%	65%
Oppose	39	34	31
DK/NA	5	6	4

77. Do you support or oppose efforts by the federal government to require owners of coal-burning power plants, which generate electricity, to reduce pollution?

	FL	OH	PA
Support	69%	67%	67%
Oppose	25	27	28
DK/NA	6	7	5

78. Do you believe such efforts are needed to clean the air or not?

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	73%	70%	72%
No	24	24	24
DK/NA	3	6	4

79. Do you believe these efforts will be too expensive or not?

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	45%	43%	44%
No	41	41	44
DK/NA	13	16	12

80. Do you agree or disagree with the message from Pope Francis calling on the world to do more to address climate change?

	FL	OH	PA
Agree	59%	58%	63%
Disagree	33	33	30
DK/NA	8	9	7

81. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently living in the United States? A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship. B) They should be allowed to remain in the United States, but not be allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship. C) They should be required to leave the U.S.

	FL	OH	PA
A) Stay/Citizenship	53%	52%	52%
B) Stay/Not citizen	12	9	9
C) Not stay	31	36	37
DK/NA	4	3	2

82. Would you support or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria?

	FL	OH	PA
Support	55%	51%	50%
Oppose	40	42	44
DK/NA	6	7	6

82 & 82A. Would you support or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria? COMBINED WITH: (If support/oppose q82) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Q82 & Q82A COMBINED		
	FL	OH	PA
Support/Strongly	35%	35%	30%
Support/Somewhat	20	16	20
Oppose/Somewhat	11	14	12
Oppose/Strongly	29	28	31
DK/NA(Q82 or 82A)	6	7	7

83. Do you think the United States and its allies are winning or losing the fight against ISIS?

	FL	OH	PA
Winning	18%	17%	16%
Losing	63	62	65
DK/NA	18	20	19