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**COLORADO, IOWA, VIRGINIA VOTERS WANT IRAN DEAL,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SWING STATE POLL FINDS;
VOTERS SAY 5-1 TALK, DON'T SHOOT TO STOP NUKES**

Voters in three critical swing states, Colorado, Iowa and Virginia, support almost 3-1 a negotiated settlement between the U.S. and other nations and Iran in which some sanctions against Iran are lifted if Iran restricts its nuclear program, according to a Quinnipiac University Swing State Poll released today.

By margins of almost 5-1, voters in each state prefer a negotiated settlement with Iran rather than military intervention, the Swing State Poll by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University finds. The Swing State Poll focuses on key states in the presidential election.

Support for a negotiated settlement "in which the U.S. and other countries would lift some of their economic sanctions against Iran, in exchange for Iran restricting its nuclear program in a way that makes it harder for it to produce nuclear weapons," is:

- 67 – 26 percent in Colorado;
- 64 – 25 percent in Iowa;
- 64 – 26 percent in Virginia.

President Barack Obama's job approval rating remains deeply negative in each state:

- 42 – 55 percent in Colorado, compared to 43 – 52 percent February 19;
- 40 – 56 percent in Iowa, compared to 43 – 52 percent in February;
- 45 – 53 percent in Virginia, compared to 44 – 53 percent.

"Voters in Colorado, Iowa and Virginia are ambivalent about any proposed nuclear deal with Iran. Two-thirds like the idea of an agreement that would restrict Iran's ability to continue its nuclear weapons program in exchange for lifting economic sanctions," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac poll. "And by almost 5-1, voters prefer a diplomatic solution. Those numbers indicate support for President Barack Obama's efforts to sell the deal."

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“Yet almost two-thirds say that Congress must have the opportunity to approve or reject the deal, a position the president has yet to embrace,” Brown added.

“Moreover, the electorate’s mixed message includes the belief by five in eight voters in these states that the Iranians are incapable of negotiating in good faith, which could translate into public skepticism about the agreement. And President Obama’s low job approval ratings raise the question of his ability to convince the public – and Congress – to see things his way.”

Voters in each state say by double-digit margins that the letter to Iran by 47 Republican U.S. senators was not appropriate.

Colorado

A total of 91 percent of Colorado voters say Iran’s nuclear program is a major or minor threat to the well-being of the U.S.

Voters prefer 75 – 16 percent a negotiated nuclear deal, rather than military intervention. Voters say 59 – 29 percent, however, that Iran “is not capable of negotiating in good faith.”

The letter from Republican senators was not appropriate, Colorado voters say 55 – 39 percent. The letter will hurt rather than help White House efforts to peacefully reduce Iran’s nuclear capabilities, voters say 38 – 5 percent, while 49 percent say the letter will make no difference.

Colorado voters support 67 – 23 percent making any Iran nuclear agreement subject to congressional approval.

“Better a carrot than a stick in dealing with Iran on nukes say Coloradans who clearly see negotiation as a better path than muscle flexing and threats,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“The letter sent to Iran by GOP Senators was not only a bad idea, it will hurt attempts to make a deal to defuse a nuclear threat.

“From a state with a rugged Rocky Mountain reputation, a call to make peace, not war.”

Iowa

Iran’s nuclear program is a threat to U.S. well-being, 91 percent of Iowa voters say.

Voters prefer 74 – 16 percent negotiations to military intervention to curb Iran’s nuclear program, but they say 61 – 26 percent that Iran is not capable of negotiating in good faith.

The Republican senators’ letter to Iran was not appropriate, voters say 52 – 39 percent. The letter will hurt rather than help reach an agreement, voters say 36 – 5 percent, while 49 percent say it will make no difference.

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By a 64 – 24 percent margin, Iowa voters want congressional approval of any nuclear agreement with Iran.

“In Iowa, where the caucuses drive the kind of partisanship that sharply defines the differences between voters, the fact that more than nine in 10 Iowans see Iran as a major or minor threat to their well-being is striking,” Brown said.

Virginia

Iran’s nuclear program is a threat to the U.S., 92 percent of Virginia voters say.

Voters prefer 76 – 16 percent negotiations to military intervention to curb this threat, but say 61 – 28 percent that Iran is not capable of negotiating in good faith.

Virginia voters say 57 – 38 percent that the Republican senators’ letter to Iran was not appropriate. The letter will hurt rather than help peace talks, voters say 37 – 7 percent, with 50 percent saying the letter won’t make a difference.

Any nuclear deal with Iran should be subject to congressional approval, Virginia voters say 61 – 31 percent.

“More than nine in 10 Virginia voters think the Iranian nuclear program is a major or minor threat to the well-being of the United States,” Brown said.

From March 29 – April 7 Quinnipiac University surveyed:

- 894 Colorado voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points;
 - 948 Iowa voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points;
 - 961 Virginia voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 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.

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

	CO	IA	VA
Approve	42%	40%	45%
Disapprove	55	56	53
DK/NA	3	4	2

20. Would you like to see the next President generally; continue with Barack Obama's policies or change direction from Barack Obama's policies?

	CO	IA	VA
Continue policies	36%	29%	36%
Change direction	59	63	60
DK/NA	5	8	4

33. Do you think that Iran's nuclear program is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?

	CO	IA	VA
Major threat	63%	67%	65%
Minor threat	28	24	27
Not a threat	6	5	5
DK/NA	2	4	3

34. Would you support or oppose an agreement, in which the United States and other countries would lift some of their economic sanctions against Iran, in exchange for Iran restricting its nuclear program in a way that makes it harder for it to produce nuclear weapons?

	CO	IA	VA
Support	67%	64%	64%
Oppose	26	25	26
DK/NA	7	11	9

35. Do you think Iran is or is not capable of negotiating in good faith?

	CO	IA	VA
Yes/Is capable	29%	26%	28%
No/Not capable	59	61	61
DK/NA	12	13	11

36. As you may know, 47 Republican senators sent an open letter to the leaders of Iran warning that any agreement they make with President Obama will only be an "executive agreement" that could be revoked unless it gets congressional approval. Do you think it was or was not appropriate for Republicans to send this letter?

	CO	IA	VA
Appropriate	39%	39%	38%
Not appropriate	55	52	57
DK/NA	7	9	5

37. Do you think that letter will help or hurt White House efforts to peacefully reduce Iran's nuclear capabilities, or won't it make a difference?

	CO	IA	VA
Help	5%	5%	7%
Hurt	38	36	37
No difference	49	49	50
DK/NA	8	10	6

38. Would you prefer military intervention against Iran's nuclear program or a negotiated settlement to reduce its nuclear potential?

	CO	IA	VA
Military interventn	16%	16%	16%
Negotiated settlemnt	75	74	76
DK/NA	8	10	8

39. Would you support or oppose legislation that would make any Iran agreement subject to congressional approval?

	CO	IA	VA
Support	67%	64%	61%
Oppose	23	24	31
DK/NA	10	12	8