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QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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WOMEN DRIVE CLINTON TO 2-1 LEAD AMONG FLORIDA DEMS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; SHE HAS 9-POINT LEAD IN OHIO

Powered by a 69 – 24 percent lead among women, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leads Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders 62 – 32 percent overall among Florida likely Democratic primary voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

In the Ohio primary to be decided next week, Clinton leads Sanders 52 – 43 percent among Ohio likely Democratic primary voters, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

In Florida, 6 percent of likely Democratic voters remain undecided and 16 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

In Ohio, 5 percent of voters remain undecided and 17 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

“Secretary Hillary Clinton has doubled-up on Sen. Bernie Sanders in Florida. With less than a week until the actual voting, it is difficult to see a path to victory for him in the Sunshine State. He just has too much ground to make up and not enough time in which to do it,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“It is certainly a long shot, but Ohio is potentially a different situation for Sen. Sanders. With a 52 – 43 percent lead, Secretary Clinton's advantage is impressive, but nowhere as large as the 30 percentage point lead she has in Florida.

“In both states, the number of undecided voters is smaller than her lead, meaning that to be victorious Sanders has to get all the undecideds and then take Clinton voters away from her.”

“The fact that there is no meaningful difference between the two candidates’ supporters when it comes to professed loyalty to their candidate contributes to Sen. Sanders’ problems.”

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“One other finding worth considering: In these two states, Clinton has a close to unsurmountable lead among women voters,” Brown added.

Florida

Among Florida likely Democratic primary voters, Clinton leads 69 – 24 percent among women and 51 – 43 percent among men. She gets 50 percent of voters who describe themselves as “very liberal,” with Sanders at 46 percent. Voters who say they are “somewhat liberal” back Clinton 63 – 31 percent among and voters who say they are “moderate” or “conservative” back her 65 – 27 percent.

Clinton ties Sanders 49 – 49 percent among voters 18 to 44 years old. She leads 66 – 26 percent among voters 45 to 64 years old and 72 – 21 percent among voters over 65 years old.

Ohio

The gender gap is wide among Ohio likely Democratic primary voters as men back Sanders 53 – 44 percent while women go to Clinton 59 – 34 percent.

Sanders leads 58 – 39 percent among self-described “very liberal” voters, while Clinton leads 58 – 37 percent among “somewhat liberal” voters and 56 – 38 percent among “moderate” and “conservative” voters.

Voters 18 to 44 years old go to Sanders 65 – 34 percent, while Clinton leads 64 – 29 percent among voters 45 to 64 years old and 68 – 24 percent among voters over 65 years old.

From March 2 – 7, Quinnipiac University surveyed 511 Florida likely Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.3 percentage points and 521 Ohio likely Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.3 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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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.....							
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very Liberal.....	Smwht	Mod/Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	62%	50%	63%	65%	51%	69%	66%	61%
Sanders	32	46	31	27	43	24	29	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
DK/NA	6	3	6	7	5	6	5	6

	AGE IN YRS.....		
	18-44	45-64	65+
Clinton	49%	66%	72%
Sanders	49	26	21
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1
DK/NA	2	8	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...		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q2.....		
	Tot	Clinton	Sanders
Made up	83%	84%	80%
Might change	16	14	20
DK/NA	1	2	-

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.....								
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	LIBERAL..... Very	Smwht	Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Clinton	52%	39%	58%	56%	44%	59%	60%	50%	
Sanders	43	58	37	38	53	34	35	46	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DK/NA	5	2	5	6	3	7	5	5	

	AGE IN YRS.....		
	18-44	45-64	65+
Clinton	34%	64%	68%
Sanders	65	29	24
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-
DK/NA	1	7	8

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	82%	81%	83%
Might change	17	18	17
DK/NA	-	1	-