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**COLORADO, IOWA, VIRGINIA VOTERS WANT UN-OBAMA PRESIDENT,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SWING STATE POLL FINDS;
KEEP UN-VACCINATED KIDS OUT OF SCHOOL, VOTERS SAY 2-1**

Voters in three critical swing states, Colorado, Iowa and Virginia, disapprove by margins of 9 percentage points of the job President Barack Obama is doing, according to a Quinnipiac University Swing State Poll released today.

By even bigger margins, voters want the next president to change directions from President Obama's policies, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. The Swing State Poll focuses on key states in the presidential election.

The president gets negative job approval ratings in all three states:

- 43 – 52 percent in Colorado;
- 43 – 52 percent in Iowa;
- 44 – 53 percent in Virginia.

Voters support by wide margins, Obama's proposal to increase taxes on higher income earners to reduce taxes on the middle class. By smaller margins, voters in each state oppose the president's proposal to provide free community college tuition.

"Events change and issues move on and off the front-burner, but President Barack Obama's job approval stays relatively the same – low. In the critical Swing States of Colorado, Iowa and Virginia the president's job approval rating is in the low to mid 40s," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac Poll. "That's about where it has been for most of the last few years.

"By margins of 24 points or higher, voters say they want the next president to change direction and not follow President Obama's policies. Whether that desire for a new direction will hurt the eventual Democratic nominee in 2016, time will tell."

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“One reason for this seems to be that while voters in all three states say their state economy is excellent or good, and many say their personal financial situation is improving, more think Obama’s policies have hurt rather than helped the economy,” Brown added.

“At this point the president is not getting much credit for the improving economy.”

“There is strong agreement – by more than 2-1 in these states – on the need to ban from public schools children who have not been vaccinated against childhood diseases such as measles.”

Colorado

Colorado voters say 60 – 29 percent that children who do not receive standard vaccinations should not be allowed to attend schools or childcare facilities. There is almost no gender gap, but parents of children under 18 years old support a ban on un-vaccinated children by a smaller 53 – 39 percent margin.

Voters say 58 – 34 percent they want the next president to “change direction from Barack Obama’s policies.”

A total of 69 percent of voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in the state and 76 percent say the state’s economy is “excellent” or “good.” Colorado’s economy is getting better, 54 percent of voters say, and 48 percent say they are better off than they were a year ago.

But voters say 42 – 38 percent that Obama’s policies have hurt rather than helped the U.S. economy and say 40 – 21 percent that his policies have hurt rather than helped their personal financial situation.

Colorado voters support 57 – 37 percent Obama’s proposal to raise taxes on the wealthy and use the money to reduce taxes on the middle class.

By a narrow 49 – 46 percent margin, voters oppose the president’s plan to offer free community college tuition.

A total of 78 percent of voters are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” about the rise of Islamic extremism and 71 percent are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” about a terrorist attack in the U.S.

The federal government should investigate terrorist threats, even if it means intruding on personal privacy, Colorado voters say 50 – 41 percent.

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Iowa

Children who do not receive standard vaccinations should not be allowed in schools or childcare facilities, Iowa voters say 64 – 28 percent. Women support such a ban 69 – 22 percent, while men support it 58 – 34 percent. Parents of children under 18 years old support a ban on un-vaccinated children 58 – 37 percent.

Voters say 58 – 34 percent they want the next president to “change direction from Barack Obama’s policies.”

A total of 77 percent of voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in the state and 76 percent say the state’s economy is “excellent” or “good.” Iowa’s economy is getting better, 33 percent of voters say, while 12 percent say it is getting worse and 53 percent say it’s about the same. They are better off than they were a year ago, 45 percent of voters say.

But voters say 42 – 38 percent that Obama’s policies have hurt rather than helped the U.S. economy and say 32 – 19 percent that his policies have hurt rather than helped their personal financial situation.

Iowa voters support 64 – 30 percent the president’s proposal to raise taxes on the wealthy and use the money to reduce taxes on the middle class.

Voters oppose 55 – 40 percent Obama’s plan to offer free community college tuition.

A total of 85 percent of voters are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” about the rise of Islamic extremism and 77 percent are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” about a terrorist attack in the U.S.

The federal government should investigate terrorist threats, even if it means intruding on personal privacy, Iowa voters say 59 – 31 percent.

Virginia

By an overwhelming 71 – 22 percent margin, Virginia voters say un-vaccinated children should not be allowed in school or child care. There is almost no gender gap and parents of children under 18 years old agree with the ban 68 – 28 percent.

Voters say 61 – 31 percent they want the next president to “change direction from Barack Obama’s policies.”

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A total of 63 percent of voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in the state and 65 percent say the state’s economy is “excellent” or “good.” Virginia’s economy is getting better, 30 percent of voters say, while 14 percent say it is getting worse and 54 percent say it’s about the same. They are better off than they were a year ago, 42 percent of voters say.

But voters say 45 – 39 percent that Obama’s policies have hurt rather than helped the U.S. economy and say 38 – 19 percent that his policies have hurt rather than helped their personal financial situation.

Virginia voters support 56 – 39 percent the president’s proposal to raise taxes on the wealthy and use the money to reduce taxes on the middle class.

Voters oppose 51 – 45 percent Obama’s plan to offer free community college tuition.

A total of 84 percent of voters are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” about the rise of Islamic extremism and 80 percent are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” about a terrorist attack in the U.S.

The federal government should investigate terrorist threats, even if it means intruding on personal privacy, Virginia voters say 62 – 30 percent.

From February 5 – 15 Quinnipiac University surveyed:

- 1,049 Colorado voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points;
 - 1,089 Iowa voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points;
 - 1,074 Virginia 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.

For more information, visit <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/polling>, call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on [Twitter](#) @QuinnipiacPoll.

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

	CO	IA	VA
Approve	43%	43%	44%
Disapprove	52	52	53
DK/NA	6	5	4

18. 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	34%	34%	31%
Change direction	58	58	61
DK/NA	9	8	8

22abc. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in - (CO) Colorado / (IA) Iowa / (VA) Virginia - today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	CO	IA	VA
Very satisfied	16%	14%	6%
Smwht satisfied	53	63	57
Smwht dissatisfied	21	17	24
Very dissatisfied	10	6	11
DK/NA	-	1	1

23abc. Would you describe the state of - (CO) Colorado's / (IA) Iowa's / (VA) Virginia's - economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	CO	IA	VA
Excellent	13%	7%	5%
Good	63	69	60
Not so good	18	17	24
Poor	5	5	9
DK/NA	1	3	3

24abc. Do you think - (CO) Colorado's / (IA) Iowa's / (VA) Virginia's - economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	CO	IA	VA
Better	54%	33%	30%
Worse	10	12	14
The same	34	53	54
DK/NA	2	3	1

25. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	CO	IA	VA
Better off	48%	45%	42%
Worse off	26	27	30
SAME (VOL)	26	27	26
DK/NA	-	1	1

26. Do you think President Obama's policies have helped - the nation's economy, hurt the nation's economy, or haven't made a difference?

	CO	IA	VA
Helped	38%	38%	39%
Hurt	42	42	45
No difference	16	17	13
DK/NA	3	3	3

27. Do you think President Obama's policies have helped - your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

	CO	IA	VA
Helped	21%	19%	19%
Hurt	40	32	38
No difference	38	48	42
DK/NA	1	1	1

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

	CO	IA	VA
Support	57%	64%	56%
Oppose	37	30	39
DK/NA	6	6	6

29. If a candidate for Congress or the U.S. Senate opposes increasing taxes on higher income earners to reduce the amount of taxes paid by the middle class; does that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or doesn't it make a difference?

	CO	IA	VA
More likely	26%	20%	25%
Less likely	37	40	38
No difference	35	36	34
DK/NA	3	4	3

30. Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	CO	IA	VA
Support	41%	41%	42%
Oppose	53	53	53
DK/NA	6	6	5

31. Do you think Congress should keep the health care law in place as it is, make minor changes, make major changes, or repeal the health care law entirely?

	CO	IA	VA
Keep law	11%	9%	11%
Minor changes	32	36	32
Major changes	23	26	23
Repeal law entirely	31	26	31
DK/NA	3	3	3

32. The federal health care law says companies with 50 or more employees have to offer health insurance to those who work at least 30 hours a week. The Republicans in Congress have proposed changing this to at least 40 hours a week. Which of these do you prefer? Should employers be required to provide coverage for employees who work at least 30 hours a week, or should it be at least 40 hours a week?

	CO	IA	VA
At least 30/wk	54%	51%	52%
At least 40/wk	39	41	42
DK/NA	8	8	6

33. Do you think that children who have not received standard vaccinations should be allowed to attend schools and childcare facilities, or should not be allowed to attend schools and childcare facilities?

	CO	IA	VA
Should be allowed	29%	28%	22%
Should not	60	64	71
DK/NA	11	8	7

34. President Obama has proposed providing free tuition to attend community colleges at a cost to the federal government of sixty billion dollars over 10 years. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	CO	IA	VA
Support	46%	40%	45%
Oppose	49	55	51
DK/NA	5	5	4

35. How worried are you about the rise of Islamic extremism around the world; very worried, somewhat worried, not so worried or not worried at all?

	CO	IA	VA
Very worried	44%	44%	50%
Somewhat worried	34	41	34
Not so worried	13	9	9
Not worried at all	9	5	6
DK/NA	1	-	1

36. How worried are you about the possibility of a terrorist attack in the United States, like the ones that happened recently in Paris; very worried, somewhat worried, not so worried or not worried at all?

	CO	IA	VA
Very worried	31%	32%	39%
Somewhat worried	40	45	41
Not so worried	19	16	13
Not worried at all	8	7	6
DK/NA	1	1	-

37. What do you think is more important right now: for the federal government to investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy, or for the federal government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats?

	CO	IA	VA
Investigate threats	50%	59%	62%
Not intrude privacy	41	31	30
DK/NA	8	10	8