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**BIDEN, SANDERS, O’ROURKE TIE TRUMP IN TEXAS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CORNYN, O’ROURKE IN DEAD HEAT IN 2020 SENATE MATCHUP**

In a very early look at possible 2020 presidential matchups in Texas, President Donald Trump is essentially tied with former Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders or former U.S. Rep. Beto O’Rourke, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. President Trump leads other possible Democratic contenders by small margins.

Hypothetical matchups by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll show:

- President Trump at 47 percent, including 41 percent of independent voters, to Biden’s 46 percent, including 46 percent of independent voters;
- Trump at 47 percent, including 41 percent of independent voters, to Sanders’ 45 percent, including 48 percent of independent voters;
- Trump at 47 percent, including 41 percent of independent voters, to O’Rourke’s 46 percent, including 48 percent of independent voters.

Trump has leads, driven mainly by a shift among independent voters, over other possible Democratic candidates:

- 46 – 41 percent over former San Antonio Mayor and former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro;
- 48 – 41 percent over U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris of California;
- 48 – 41 percent over U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

Biden, Sanders and O’Rourke share similar support among Democrats and voters 18 – 34 years old.

“The 2020 presidential race in Texas, and how some of Democrats stack up against President Donald Trump, begins as a two-tiered contest. There are three more well-known contenders who run evenly against President Donald Trump. Another group, less well-known, are just a little behind Trump,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“Former Vice President Joe Biden has the highest favorability of any of the contenders and has a better net favorability than President Trump,” Brown added. “Former U.S. Rep. Beto O’Rourke also does relatively well on favorability and in a matchup with Trump, but that may well be due to O’Rourke being a home-state favorite.

“But former Housing Secretary Julian Castro, who is also a former San Antonio mayor, does not do as well as O’Rourke.”

Among Texas voters, 47 percent have a favorable opinion of Trump, with 49 percent unfavorable. Favorability ratings for possible Democratic challengers are:

- Biden: 48 – 38 percent;
- Sanders: Negative 41 – 47 percent;
- O’Rourke: Divided 44 – 40 percent;
- Harris: Negative 24 – 33 percent;
- Warren: Negative 27 – 42 percent;
- Castro: Divided 23 – 27 percent;
- U.S. Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey: 51 percent haven’t heard enough to form an opinion;
- Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg: 53 percent haven’t heard enough to form an opinion;
- U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York: 68 percent haven’t heard enough to form an opinion;
- U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota: 70 percent haven’t heard enough to form an opinion.

Texas Senate Race

In an early look at the 2020 U.S. Senate race in Texas, Republican incumbent Sen. John Cornyn and possible Democratic challenger Beto O’Rourke are tied 46 – 46 percent. Independent voters go to O’Rourke 47 – 40 percent.

From February 20 – 25, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,222 Texas voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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1. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No	
Biden	46%	7%	96%	46%	41%	51%	37%	27%	
Trump	47	90	2	41	52	42	54	70	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	2	1	
DK/NA	5	2	1	8	4	5	6	1	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Biden	56%	50%	41%	40%	29%	35%	32%	86%	58%
Trump	34	44	53	56	64	60	62	8	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	-	1	2	1	2	-	2
DK/NA	6	3	5	3	3	4	4	5	7

2. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Bernie Sanders the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No	
Sanders	45%	5%	93%	48%	40%	50%	33%	28%	
Trump	47	92	3	41	52	42	57	69	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	2	2	1	2	-	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	3	4	2	3	4	2	
DK/NA	4	1	1	5	4	4	4	2	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Sanders	59%	50%	37%	36%	27%	34%	31%	83%	56%
Trump	33	42	55	58	66	59	63	8	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2
DK/NA	4	2	5	2	3	2	3	4	6

3. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Beto O'Rourke the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
O'Rourke	46%	6%	95%	48%	42%	51%	35%	26%		
Trump	47	91	3	41	52	41	57	69		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	1	2	1		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	1	3	1	2	2	-		
DK/NA	4	3	2	6	4	5	4	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
O'Rourke	56%	52%	41%	38%	28%	34%	31%	86%	59%	
Trump	34	43	53	58	66	59	63	7	33	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	
DK/NA	6	2	4	4	3	5	4	6	5	

4. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Kamala Harris the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Harris	41%	3%	91%	39%	34%	48%	33%	25%		
Trump	48	93	3	43	54	43	57	70		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	-		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	3	7	4	3	3	2		
DK/NA	5	2	2	9	6	5	5	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Harris	50%	42%	39%	36%	25%	33%	29%	75%	51%	
Trump	37	45	54	57	66	61	63	10	35	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2	-	2	1	1	1	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	2	2	3	1	2	8	4	
DK/NA	6	5	4	4	4	3	4	7	9	

5. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Elizabeth Warren the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Warren	41%	5%	89%	39%	35%	47%	33%	23%			
Trump	48	90	4	44	53	43	58	70			
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	-			
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	3	6	4	3	3	3			
DK/NA	6	3	3	9	6	6	4	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Warren	51%	43%	38%	34%	23%	33%	28%	81%	50%		
Trump	37	43	54	58	67	60	64	7	33		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	-	2		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	2	2	4	2	3	3	4		
DK/NA	7	7	4	4	5	3	4	8	11		

6. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Julian Castro the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Castro	41%	5%	89%	39%	37%	45%	33%	22%			
Trump	46	90	3	40	51	42	57	69			
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	1	3	2	1	3	-			
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	4	3	3	2	3			
DK/NA	8	3	5	13	8	9	5	5			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Castro	48%	45%	39%	34%	25%	31%	28%	79%	51%		
Trump	34	42	53	58	65	61	63	6	32		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	-	2	3	2	2	4	2		
DK/NA	12	7	6	5	5	5	5	10	14		

7. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Beto O'Rourke the Democrat and John Cornyn the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes	
O'Rourke	46%	5%	94%	47%	40%	51%	36%	27%	
Cornyn	46	89	4	40	50	41	56	65	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	2	1	1	2	
DK/NA	6	3	3	10	6	7	4	4	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
O'Rourke	61%	47%	39%	37%	28%	35%	32%	79%	58%
Cornyn	27	44	55	58	64	57	60	9	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	4	-	1	2	1	2	-	1
DK/NA	11	5	6	3	3	6	4	12	8

8. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes	
Favorable	47%	89%	5%	41%	52%	42%	54%	70%	
Unfavorable	49	9	93	54	44	55	43	28	
Hvn't hrd enough	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	37%	40%	55%	56%	64%	59%	62%	11%	33%
Unfavorable	60	56	43	41	33	38	36	87	61
Hvn't hrd enough	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	5
REFUSED	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2

9. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	48%	17%	84%	52%	47%	48%	45%	36%
Unfavorable	38	72	4	31	41	34	45	55
Hvn't hrd enough	12	8	10	16	8	17	8	9
REFUSED	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Favorable	53%	48%	46%	44%	41%	39%	40%	77%	51%
Unfavorable	28	34	43	47	53	47	50	5	26
Hvn't hrd enough	17	14	10	8	6	11	8	15	20
REFUSED	2	4	1	1	1	2	1	3	3

10. Is your opinion of Bernie Sanders favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	41%	12%	75%	45%	41%	41%	31%	28%
Unfavorable	47	84	11	41	52	43	62	66
Hvn't hrd enough	10	4	11	13	6	14	5	6
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Favorable	59%	43%	33%	29%	28%	31%	29%	66%	54%
Unfavorable	32	44	55	58	67	61	64	10	30
Hvn't hrd enough	8	11	11	11	4	7	6	22	14
REFUSED	1	2	-	2	1	2	1	1	2

11. Is your opinion of Beto O'Rourke favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
							COLLEGE	DEG		
Favorable	44%	11%	83%	45%	41%	46%	37%	26%		
Unfavorable	40	79	2	36	47	34	53	61		
Hvn't hrd enough	15	10	13	18	10	19	9	13		
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1		
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	57%	43%	40%	34%	31%	33%	32%	78%	52%	
Unfavorable	21	38	48	54	62	52	57	4	24	
Hvn't hrd enough	21	17	12	11	6	15	11	18	22	
REFUSED	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	

12. Is your opinion of Kamala Harris favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
							COLLEGE	DEG		
Favorable	24%	4%	54%	21%	23%	26%	20%	12%		
Unfavorable	33	61	4	30	41	25	42	43		
Hvn't hrd enough	42	35	41	49	35	49	37	44		
REFUSED	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1		
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	24%	27%	26%	21%	15%	18%	16%	60%	25%	
Unfavorable	20	32	39	42	50	35	42	9	24	
Hvn't hrd enough	55	40	35	36	34	47	40	29	51	
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	

13. Is your opinion of Elizabeth Warren favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Favorable	27%	4%	60%	24%	22%	31%	25%	15%		
Unfavorable	42	75	7	40	51	33	56	56		
Hvn't hrd enough	30	21	32	35	25	35	18	29		
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1		

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	25%	27%	29%	26%	15%	24%	20%	54%	27%	
Unfavorable	24	43	48	55	63	49	56	10	28	
Hvn't hrd enough	50	30	22	17	20	26	23	35	44	
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	2	1	

14. Is your opinion of Cory Booker favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Favorable	19%	3%	41%	17%	17%	20%	19%	8%		
Unfavorable	29	52	3	30	37	21	40	39		
Hvn't hrd enough	51	44	54	53	44	57	40	52		
REFUSED	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	1		

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	14%	22%	20%	18%	13%	14%	14%	48%	16%	
Unfavorable	13	27	36	42	49	31	40	3	18	
Hvn't hrd enough	73	49	44	38	38	53	46	47	65	
REFUSED	1	2	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	

15. Is your opinion of Michael Bloomberg favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes	No	
Favorable	14%	7%	23%	15%	16%	12%	20%	6%		
Unfavorable	31	49	15	28	35	26	39	39		
Hvn't hrd enough	53	42	59	55	46	59	39	52		
REFUSED	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	7%	16%	17%	14%	16%	11%	13%	22%	11%	
Unfavorable	16	33	36	40	43	36	39	9	25	
Hvn't hrd enough	76	49	45	42	39	51	45	68	62	
REFUSED	2	2	1	4	2	2	2	1	2	

16. Is your opinion of Kirsten Gillibrand favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes	No	
Favorable	10%	3%	19%	11%	10%	9%	9%	6%		
Unfavorable	22	38	5	19	26	18	31	27		
Hvn't hrd enough	68	58	75	70	63	73	59	66		
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	12%	6%	11%	9%	8%	8%	8%	14%	13%	
Unfavorable	8	17	26	35	34	25	29	5	12	
Hvn't hrd enough	79	75	63	56	58	66	62	81	74	
REFUSED	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	

17. Is your opinion of Julian Castro favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Favorable	23%	5%	50%	19%	21%	24%	20%	11%			
Unfavorable	27	48	5	25	30	24	36	32			
Hvn't hrd enough	49	46	43	56	48	50	42	56			
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Favorable	24%	23%	24%	22%	15%	16%	15%	42%	32%		
Unfavorable	17	22	29	40	39	30	34	6	20		
Hvn't hrd enough	59	53	46	36	46	53	49	51	46		
REFUSED	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	2	2		

18. Is your opinion of Amy Klobuchar favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Favorable	11%	4%	23%	9%	12%	11%	14%	6%			
Unfavorable	17	31	2	15	19	15	24	24			
Hvn't hrd enough	70	64	72	76	68	73	61	69			
REFUSED	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	1			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Favorable	10%	8%	11%	17%	11%	10%	10%	23%	8%		
Unfavorable	8	13	23	26	27	22	24	2	10		
Hvn't hrd enough	82	78	66	55	61	68	65	74	80		
REFUSED	-	2	-	2	1	1	1	2	2		

19. Is your opinion of John Cornyn favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No	
Favorable	34%	55%	12%	34%	40%	29%	47%	39%			
Unfavorable	21	11	38	18	21	21	29	19			
Hvn't hrd enough	43	34	48	45	38	48	22	41			
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Favorable	16%	28%	44%	49%	51%	36%	43%	16%	22%		
Unfavorable	12	26	25	24	22	25	24	22	18		
Hvn't hrd enough	71	45	30	24	25	38	31	62	59		
REFUSED	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2		