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## AMERICAN VOTERS BACK GAY SCOUTS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS

The Boy Scouts of America should drop its ban on openly gay members, American voters say 55 - 33 percent in a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

There is a large gender gap as women support gay scouts 61 - 27 percent, compared to 49 - 39 percent among men, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. White Catholics support gay scouts 63 - 25 percent. Among white Protestants, 44 percent say open up scouting and 41 percent say no. White evangelical Protestants oppose gay scouts 56 - 33 percent.

One troubling finding for Scouting in America is that 54 percent of voters say they were Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, while only 36 percent of voters, including 55 percent of former scouts, say they have children in Scouting.

"Now that the Armed Forces ban on openly gay service members has been lifted, and polls show increasing acceptance of same-sex marriage, most American voters think it's time to open up the Boy Scouts too," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

From January 30 – February 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,772 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.3 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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47. Do you think The Boy Scouts of America should continue its ban on openly gay members or end its ban on openly gay members?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Continue ban End ban DK/NA	33% 55 12	51% 33 16	19% 71 10	31% 57 12	39% 49 12	27% 61 12	33% 55 12		35% 57 7
	COLLEGE DEG BrnAgn POL PHIL Y						YE		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Evngl	Llb	Моа	Con OR	Q49
Continue ban End ban DK/NA	26% 65 9	36% 50 14	41% 44 15	25% 63 12	56% 33 11	79	23% 65 12	56% 30 13	-
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No		HSHOLD 50-100				45-64	
Continue ban End ban DK/NA	25% 64 11	36% 51 13	37% 50 13		27% 62 11	30% 62 8	28% 61 11	34% 53 13	38% 46 17
	HvKids <18								
Continue ban End ban DK/NA	32% 58 11								

48. Were you yourself ever in the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes No DK/NA	54% 46 -	54% 46 -	52% 47 -	56% 43 1	53% 46 1	54% 45 -	57% 43 -	43% 56 1	39% 61 -
	WHITE. COLLEGI Yes		Prot	Cath	BrnAgn	POL PH	IL Mod		
Yes No DK/NA	64% 36 -	54% 46 1	55% 45 -	60% 40 -	51% 48 1	58% 41 1	55% 45 -	52% 47 1	82% 18 -
	COLLEGI Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	65+
Yes No DK/NA	63% 37 -	49% 50 1	52% 48 1	58% 42 -	55% 44 1	46% 53 1	51% 49 -	60% 39 1	49% 50 -
	HvKids								

Yes 53% No 47 DK/NA -

 $49.\ \, \text{Do}$  you now have or did you ever have any children involved in the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes No DK/NA	36% 64 -	39% 60 1	37% 63 -			44% 55 -	38% 62 -	35% 65 -	23% 77 –
	WHITE. COLLEG	GE DEG		eot Cath E		POL PHIL		SCOUTS YESQ48 Con OR Q49	
Yes No DK/NA	37% 62 1		43% 57 -	42% 57 1		34% 66 -	39% 61 -		
	COLLEG Yes	GE DEG No		HSHOLD 50-100				45-64	
Yes No DK/NA	36% 63 -	36% 64 -		36% 64 -	65	2% 98 -	30% 70 -	42% 58 -	
	HvKids <18								
Yes	37%								