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**66% SAY HISTORY LESSONS FELL SHORT ON ROLE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
NEARLY 4 IN 10 HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS THEY CONSIDER RACIST**

As Black History Month is currently being observed, only 27 percent of Americans say the American History they were taught in school reflected a full and accurate account of the role of African Americans in the United States, while 66 percent say what they were taught in school fell short on that, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today.

That view is shared among majorities of all but one group. Republicans are split with 47 percent saying the American History they were taught in school reflected a full and accurate account of the role of African Americans in the United States, while 46 percent say that account fell short.

“Removed from the classroom, two-thirds of Americans look back and say they were not taught enough about the struggles and the triumphs of African Americans,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

BANNING BOOKS

Nearly 8 in 10 Americans (79 percent) say efforts to ban certain books in schools and libraries in the United States are more about politics, while only 15 percent of Americans say those efforts are more about the content of the books.

RACISM

Nearly 4 in 10 Americans (38 percent) say they have family or friends they consider racist, while 60 percent say they do not have family or friends they consider racist.

There are wide differences by party identification. Democrats say 53 – 45 percent they have family or friends they consider racist, while Republicans say 72 – 27 percent and independents say 61 – 37 percent they do not have family or friends they consider racist.

“Nearly four in ten Americans acknowledge the troubling suspicion that someone they know, and perhaps even someone they love, harbors a deeply disturbing prejudice,” added Malloy.

COVID-19 MANDATES

Eight in ten Americans (80 percent) think that tensions in the U.S. surrounding COVID-19 mandates, vaccines and masks have more to do with disagreements about politics, while 13 percent think they have more to do with disagreements about science.

Thinking ahead, as COVID-19 cases drop in the U.S., 34 percent expect that tensions over COVID-19 mandates, vaccines and masks will decrease; while 20 percent expect those tensions to increase; and 43 percent expect those tensions to stay about the same.

“Even as case numbers drop, Americans believe COVID will linger as a societal flashpoint, with how we handle the pandemic as individuals, remaining the source of debate, division and hard feelings,” added Malloy.

THE SUPREME COURT

Americans give the Supreme Court a negative 40 – 47 percent job approval rating, with 13 percent not offering an opinion. That’s compared to a September 15, 2021 Quinnipiac University Poll when Americans gave the Supreme Court a negative 37 – 49 percent job approval rating.

A majority of Americans (61 percent) say the Supreme Court is mainly motivated by politics, while 32 percent say it’s mainly motivated by the law. This is unchanged from a November 19, 2021 Quinnipiac University Poll.

1,321 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from February 10th – 14th with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Supreme Court is handling its job?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	40%	50%	29%	42%	44%	35%	41%	43%
Disapprove	47	38	63	44	44	50	53	42
DK/NA	13	11	8	14	11	15	7	15

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	30%	43%	42%	47%	49%	36%	42%	32%	40%
Disapprove	51	40	50	46	41	50	46	57	45
DK/NA	19	17	8	7	9	14	12	11	15

17. In general, do you think that the Supreme Court is mainly motivated by politics or mainly motivated by the law?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Mainly politics	61%	50%	75%	60%	57%	65%	55%	57%
Mainly law	32	44	22	34	36	28	39	36
DK/NA	6	6	4	6	6	6	6	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Mainly politics	69%	57%	61%	58%	53%	60%	57%	77%	64%
Mainly law	22	37	34	38	41	33	37	13	31
DK/NA	9	6	5	4	6	7	6	10	5

27. As you may know, efforts to ban certain books in schools and libraries are spreading in the United States. Do you think these efforts are more about the content of the books or more about politics?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Content of books	15%	23%	9%	15%	17%	13%	12%	15%
Politics	79	69	88	81	77	80	84	77
DK/NA	6	8	3	4	6	7	4	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Content of books	12%	18%	16%	15%	18%	10%	14%	13%	15%
Politics	81	74	80	79	77	82	80	82	76
DK/NA	7	8	4	6	5	8	6	5	9

	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS	
	Yes	InPublic School
Content of books	15%	16%
Politics	76	77
DK/NA	9	7

28. Thinking back on American History that you were taught in school, would you say that it reflected a full and accurate account of the role of African Americans in the United States or do you think that what you were taught in school fell short on that?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Full account	27%	47%	8%	29%	34%	21%	27%	36%
Fell short	66	46	88	66	60	71	68	57
DK/NA	7	7	4	6	7	8	4	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Full account	20%	27%	32%	31%	41%	26%	33%	3%	23%
Fell short	71	67	64	63	54	68	61	90	66
DK/NA	10	6	4	6	5	7	6	7	11

29. Do you have family or friends that you consider racist, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	38%	27%	53%	37%	34%	42%	46%	35%
No	60	72	45	61	65	56	52	64
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes	41%	41%	44%	29%	35%	42%	39%	34%	39%
No	57	58	56	69	64	56	60	63	61
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	-

30. Do you think tensions in this country surrounding COVID-19 mandates, vaccines and masks have more to do with disagreements about science or disagreements about politics?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Science	13%	14%	13%	15%	14%	13%	12%	13%
Politics	80	83	82	79	79	81	84	81
DK/NA	7	3	5	6	7	6	4	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Science	13%	16%	16%	11%	13%	12%	13%	18%	14%
Politics	78	74	80	86	82	82	82	67	79
DK/NA	9	9	5	4	5	5	5	14	7

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Science	14%	11%	15%	13%	15%	13%	13%
Politics	78	84	80	77	79	81	82
DK/NA	8	5	5	10	6	5	6

31. Thinking ahead, as COVID-19 cases decrease in the U.S., do you expect tensions among people over COVID-19 mandates, vaccines and masks will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Increase	20%	22%	15%	23%	19%	21%	18%	21%
Decrease	34	36	34	37	40	28	38	32
Stay about the same	43	38	49	38	38	48	41	43
DK/NA	3	4	3	1	3	3	3	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Increase	17%	18%	22%	21%	19%	21%	20%	23%	18%
Decrease	30	39	37	33	38	31	34	27	36
Stay about the same	51	39	39	44	41	44	42	46	46
DK/NA	2	3	2	2	2	4	3	4	-

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Increase	23%	23%	21%	13%	20%	21%	17%
Decrease	35	29	36	35	35	37	32
Stay about the same	37	46	40	50	43	40	46
DK/NA	5	2	4	2	2	2	5