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**U.S. VOTERS OPPOSE TRUMP EMERGENCY POWERS ON WALL 2-1
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
86% BACK DEMOCRATS' BILL ON GUN BACKGROUND CHECKS**

American voters disapprove 66 – 31 percent of President Donald Trump using emergency executive powers to fund a wall on the border with Mexico, according to a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

Republicans back President Trump's use of emergency powers for the wall 69 – 29 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll finds. Every other listed party, gender, education, age and racial group disapproves of this action.

Driven mainly by women, American voters oppose building a wall on the Mexican border 55 – 41 percent. Women oppose the wall 62 – 34 percent. Men are divided, with 49 percent supporting the wall and 47 percent opposed.

U.S. voters support 86 – 12 percent, including 80 – 17 percent among Republicans and 76 – 20 percent among gun owners, a bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives requiring background checks for all gun purchases, including at gun shows and online purchases.

Voters support 93 – 6 percent “requiring background checks for all gun buyers.” Support is 89 – 10 percent among Republicans and 87 – 12 percent among gun owners. Support for universal background checks has ranged from 88 to 97 percent in every Quinnipiac University poll since February 2013, in the wake of the Sandy Hook massacre. The highest level of support, 97 – 2 percent, came in a February 20, 2018 survey, six days after the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

“‘We didn't want it in the first place and we certainly don't want it built by emergency executive order,’ say wall-weary voters in big numbers,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“The call for universal background checks is now nearly universal. The trend we saw after the horror of Sandy Hook and through subsequent mass shootings has become an unstoppable tide.”

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The U.S. must do more to address gun violence, 73 percent of American voters say. Another 16 percent say the U.S. is doing enough and 5 percent say the U.S. is doing too much. Voters support stricter gun laws 60 – 35 percent.

Legalized Marijuana

American voters say 60 – 33 percent “the use of marijuana should be made legal in the U.S.” There is a very small gender gap, but a wide age gap:

- Voters 18 to 34 years old support legalized marijuana 85 – 12 percent;
- Voters 35 to 49 years old support it 63 – 30 percent;
- Voters 50 to 64 years old support it 59 – 35 percent;
- Voters over 65 years old are divided on legalized marijuana as 44 percent support it, with 49 percent opposed.

Voters support medical marijuana, if a doctor prescribes it, 93 – 5 percent.

American voters support erasing criminal records for marijuana possession 63 – 29 percent. Republicans are divided as 45 percent support erasing records, with 47 percent opposed. Every other listed party, gender, education, age and racial group supports erasing criminal records.

“The baby boomers say no to the drug that helped define an era, while the millennials say bring it on,” Malloy said. “In between are enough voters to rubber stamp legalizing marijuana for recreation as well as medical reasons.”

From March 1 – 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,120 voters nationwide 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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16. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	41%	85%	8%	36%	49%	34%	42%	56%			
Oppose	55	11	89	60	47	62	56	41			
DK/NA	4	4	3	5	4	5	2	3			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	23%	41%	47%	45%	56%	42%	49%	12%	20%		
Oppose	73	56	51	52	41	56	49	81	76		
DK/NA	4	3	2	4	3	2	3	7	4		

TREND: Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Mar 06, 2019	41	55	4
Jan 29, 2019	41	55	4
Jan 14, 2019	43	55	2
Dec 18, 2018	43	54	3
Aug 15, 2018	38	58	4
Jun 18, 2018	39	58	4
Apr 11, 2018	40	57	3
Feb 06, 2018	37	59	4
Jan 11, 2018	34	63	3
Dec 13, 2017	36	62	2

See additional trend information on website

17. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump using emergency executive powers to fund a wall along the border with Mexico without the approval of Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	31%	69%	5%	26%	38%	25%	30%	43%			
Disapprove	66	29	95	70	59	73	69	53			
DK/NA	3	2	-	3	3	3	1	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Approve	11%	29%	37%	37%	43%	30%	37%	10%	14%		
Disapprove	88	68	61	60	54	67	61	89	85		
DK/NA	1	3	2	3	2	3	3	1	1		

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump using emergency executive powers to fund a wall along the border with Mexico without the approval of Congress?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Mar 06, 2019	31	66	3
Jan 29, 2019	31	66	3
Jan 14, 2019	32	65	3

22. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the United States?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							Yes	No			
Support	60%	33%	87%	61%	51%	68%	64%	50%			
Oppose	35	62	11	33	44	26	33	44			
DK/NA	5	5	2	5	5	5	3	6			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	66%	58%	56%	68%	48%	65%	57%	84%	66%		
Oppose	30	37	41	29	47	31	39	14	27		
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	5	4	5	1	7		
	GUN.....										
	HsHld	Owner									
Support	45%	35%									
Oppose	51	60									
DK/NA	5	4									

TREND: Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the United States?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Mar 06, 2019	60	35	5
Jan 14, 2019	56	40	4
Nov 21, 2018	58	36	6
Apr 11, 2018	56	39	4
Mar 06, 2018	63	32	5
Feb 20, 2018	66	31	4
Dec 20, 2017	59	36	5
Nov 15, 2017	60	36	3
Oct 12, 2017	60	36	3
Jun 28, 2017	54	42	4

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23. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No	
Support	93%	89%	98%	93%	89%	96%	94%	93%			
Oppose	6	10	2	5	9	3	6	6			
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	1			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	91%	93%	92%	97%	89%	98%	94%	98%	87%		
Oppose	8	7	7	3	10	2	6	2	10		
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3		
	GUN.....										
	HsHld Owner										
Support	90%	87%									
Oppose	10	12									
DK/NA	1	1									

TREND: Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Mar 06, 2019	93	6	1
Jan 14, 2019	92	6	1
Feb 20, 2018	97	2	1
Dec 20, 2017	95	4	1
Nov 15, 2017	95	4	1
Oct 12, 2017	94	5	1
Jun 28, 2017	94	5	-
Jun 30, 2016	93	6	1
Nov 05, 2015	93	5	1
Sep 28, 2015	93	6	1

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24. In general, do you think the United States is doing enough to address gun violence, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address gun violence?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No	
Doing enough	16%	30%	4%	16%	21%	12%	15%	19%			
Doing too much	5	8	-	4	7	2	3	6			
More to be done	73	52	95	74	64	81	78	64			
DK/NA	6	10	1	6	7	5	4	11			
AGE IN YRS.....											
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Doing enough	14%	13%	21%	15%	21%	13%	17%	7%	19%		
Doing too much	7	2	4	2	7	2	5	-	4		
More to be done	76	77	69	78	62	79	71	90	74		
DK/NA	3	7	7	5	9	6	7	3	3		
GUN.....											
	HsHld	Owner									
Doing enough	25%	29%									
Doing too much	6	6									
More to be done	60	54									
DK/NA	9	10									

25. As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that would require background checks on all gun sales, including those at gun shows and through online retailers. Do you support or oppose this bill?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No	
Support	86%	80%	97%	86%	80%	91%	88%	83%			
Oppose	12	17	2	12	17	7	11	12			
DK/NA	3	4	-	2	3	3	2	4			
AGE IN YRS.....											
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	86%	87%	86%	88%	81%	90%	86%	93%	85%		
Oppose	12	10	13	10	17	7	12	4	14		
DK/NA	2	4	1	2	3	3	3	3	1		
GUN.....											
	HsHld	Owner									
Support	79%	76%									
Oppose	17	20									
DK/NA	4	4									

26. Do you think that the use of marijuana should be made legal in the United States, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No	COLLEGE DEG	
Yes	60%	40%	73%	64%	59%	61%	61%	55%		
No	33	52	20	31	35	31	34	37		
DK/NA	7	8	8	5	6	8	6	8		

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	85%	63%	59%	44%	58%	58%	58%	68%	65%
No	12	30	35	49	36	35	35	20	32
DK/NA	2	7	6	7	6	7	7	12	3

TREND: Do you think that the use of marijuana should be made legal in the United States, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
Mar 06, 2019	60	33	7
Apr 26, 2018	63	33	4
Jan 11, 2018	58	36	6
Aug 03, 2017	61	33	5
Apr 20, 2017	60	34	6
Feb 23, 2017	59	36	5
Jun 06, 2016	54	41	5
Dec 05, 2012	51	44	5

27. Do you support or oppose allowing adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	93%	86%	96%	96%	93%	92%	93%	91%
Oppose	5	12	3	3	5	5	6	5
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	99%	93%	93%	91%	94%	90%	92%	98%	96%
Oppose	1	6	6	6	5	7	6	1	4
DK/NA	-	1	1	3	1	3	2	1	-

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Mar 06, 2019	93	5	2
Apr 26, 2018	93	5	1
Jan 11, 2018	91	6	2
Aug 03, 2017	94	4	1
Apr 20, 2017	94	5	1
Feb 23, 2017	93	6	1
Jun 06, 2016	89	9	2

28. Do you support or oppose erasing criminal records for marijuana possession or use?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	63%	45%	80%	62%	62%	64%	64%	61%
Oppose	29	47	12	32	31	27	30	30
DK/NA	8	8	8	6	7	9	6	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	77%	60%	64%	57%	63%	63%	63%	78%	60%
Oppose	19	35	29	31	31	29	30	15	31
DK/NA	4	5	6	12	7	8	8	7	9