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**CLINTON, CHRISTIE LEAD THE PACK IN EARLY LOOK AT 2016,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
88% SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL GUN BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Hillary Clinton would defeat three potential Republican presidential candidates if the 2016 presidential election were held today, with New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie second in a field of three Democrats and three Republicans selected by Quinnipiac University for a national poll released today.

Vice President Joseph Biden and New York's Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo would not fare nearly as well, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

The Republicans tested also include Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

Former First Lady, Senator, and Secretary of State Clinton wins easily against any of the Republicans, topping Christie 45 – 37 percent; leading Rubio 50 – 34 percent and besting Ryan 50 – 38 percent.

“Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton would start a 2016 presidential campaign with enormous advantages,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “She obviously is by far the best known and her more than 20 years in the public spotlight allows her to create a very favorable impression on the American people. But it is worth noting that she had very good poll numbers in 2006 looking toward the 2008 election, before she faced a relative unknown in Barack Obama.”

Christie gets 43 percent to Vice President Biden's 40 percent and tops Cuomo 45 – 28 percent.

Biden tops Rubio 45 – 38 percent and gets 45 percent to Ryan's 42 percent.

Ryan tops Cuomo 42 – 37 percent while Cuomo and Rubio are tied 37 – 37 percent.

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“Although some Republicans don’t think New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie is conservative enough for their taste, he runs best of the three Republicans tested and would defeat two of the top Democrats,” Brown said. “He obviously is doing better than the Democrats’ rising star, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, despite other indications of anti-Republican sentiment.”

The Democratic edge is seen in the poll finding that voters disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing 60 – 32 percent, compared to an overwhelming 71 – 20 percent disapproval for Republicans in Congress.

“The Republican brand is not doing very well these days,” said Brown.

The difference between the showing by Mrs. Clinton, Biden and Cuomo shows in her ability and their inability to attract independent voters. For instance, Mrs. Clinton ties Christie 36 – 36 percent among independents while Biden trails Christie 44 – 32 percent among those voters. Cuomo trails Christie 47 – 20 percent among independent voters.

President Barack Obama has a 45 – 46 percent job approval, virtually unchanged from last month’s 46 – 45 percent score, but down from his post-election high of 53 – 40 percent in December. The gender gap continues to mark the president’s ratings, with women approving 48 – 42 percent, while men disapprove 51 – 41 percent.

The good news for Obama is that voters trust him slightly more on several issues than they do congressional Republicans. They give him the advantage 44 – 40 percent on handling the economy, 46 – 41 percent on handling health care and 45 – 40 percent on handling immigration. Republicans have the trust of 44 percent of voters on gun policy, compared to 42 percent for the president, and 43 percent for handling the budget deficit, compared to 41 percent for Obama.

By an 88 – 10 percent margin, including 85 – 13 percent among voters in households with guns, American voters support background checks for all gun buyers. Voters also support 54 – 41 percent a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons and back 54 – 42 percent a nationwide ban on the sale of ammunition magazines with more than 10 rounds.

From February 27 – March 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,944 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.2 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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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	45%	9%	85%	35%	41%	48%	37%	89%	60%
Disapprove	46	87	10	52	51	42	55	7	27
DK/NA	9	4	5	13	7	10	8	4	13

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	45%	33%	28%	35%	35%	39%	20%	39%	40%
Disapprove	50	57	65	58	58	52	72	53	50
DK/NA	5	9	7	7	7	9	8	8	10

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Approve	50%	43%	49%	43%	46%	45%	43%	48%
Disapprove	44	48	41	48	51	42	50	46
DK/NA	6	10	10	9	3	13	7	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (*High also 59% Mar 2009)

APPROVE.....

	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 06	Jul 11	Apr 19	High	Low
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	Jun 04	Oct 06
						2009*	2011
Approve	45	46	53	45	47	59	41
Disapprove	46	45	40	49	48	31	55
DK/NA	9	9	8	6	5	10	4

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	32%	7%	64%	22%	26%	38%	26%	65%	44%
Disapprove	60	90	28	69	68	52	67	27	47
DK/NA	8	2	8	9	6	10	7	8	9

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	30%	24%	21%	23%	22%	30%	16%	27%	27%
Disapprove	67	67	74	69	74	60	79	65	62
DK/NA	3	9	4	8	4	10	6	7	10

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Approve	35%	31%	36%	30%	32%	29%	34%	33%
Disapprove	61	59	55	63	65	60	59	61
DK/NA	5	10	9	7	4	11	7	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job? (*Low also 24% Sep 2011, Oct 2011)

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 06	Jul 11	Apr 19		Mar 4	Nov 23
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012		2009	2011*
Approve	32	33	37	29	27		45	24
Disapprove	60	59	54	62	63		45	69
DK/NA	8	9	9	8	10		10	7

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	20%	38%	9%	17%	21%	19%	21%	11%	26%
Disapprove	71	53	85	72	72	69	70	84	65
DK/NA	9	9	6	11	7	12	9	5	9

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	15%	24%	23%	26%	22%	20%	28%	20%	22%
Disapprove	80	65	69	65	73	67	63	71	67
DK/NA	5	11	8	9	6	12	9	8	11

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	16%	22%	20%	21%	19%	20%	21%	20%
Disapprove	79	67	71	74	73	69	69	74
DK/NA	6	11	9	6	8	11	10	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job? (*High also 34% Mar 3, 2011 & Mar 2010, **Low also 19% Nov 2011)

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 06	Jul 11	Apr 19		Mar 31	Feb 08
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012		2011*	2013**
Approve	20	19	23	24	23		34	19
Disapprove	71	72	69	68	66		55	72
DK/NA	9	8	8	8	11		11	8

4. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Christopher Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Clinton	45%	12%	83%	36%	38%	51%	38%	79%	62%
Christie	37	74	9	36	41	32	44	9	23
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	-	5	5	1	4	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	1	5	5	2	3	1	5
DK/NA	12	8	7	18	10	14	11	11	10

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Clinton	42%	36%	33%	33%	33%	44%	25%	40%	41%
Christie	46	43	49	49	48	40	56	44	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	4	3	1	6	2	3	3	5
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	3	4	5	2	5	3	6
DK/NA	8	12	12	13	9	13	12	10	12

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Clinton	46%	44%	53%	42%	40%	47%	41%	48%
Christie	40	35	30	40	46	29	44	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	3	2	1	5	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	3	6	4	5	4	3
DK/NA	9	13	11	9	9	13	9	12

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Clinton	50%	11%	87%	44%	43%	56%	44%	85%	60%
Rubio	34	76	6	32	41	28	41	5	24
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	4	4	1	2	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	5	4	2	3	-	3
DK/NA	11	10	6	14	8	13	10	10	13

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Clinton	48%	42%	37%	41%	37%	50%	28%	46%	46%
Rubio	40	41	48	44	47	35	59	39	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	1	1	4	1	2	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	2	2	4	1	3	2	4
DK/NA	8	11	11	12	8	13	9	11	10

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Clinton	53%	49%	53%	47%	51%	52%	49%	51%
Rubio	36	34	29	38	40	26	38	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2	3	1	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	3	3	2	5	2	2
DK/NA	8	12	12	9	6	13	9	10

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Clinton	50%	10%	89%	44%	43%	56%	43%	89%	69%
Ryan	38	81	5	38	44	32	46	4	21
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	4	4	1	3	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	4	3	2	2	1	1
DK/NA	7	6	4	11	6	9	7	6	9

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Clinton	49%	40%	35%	41%	36%	49%	26%	46%	45%
Ryan	42	47	55	47	52	40	65	42	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	2	1	4	2	3	2	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	3
DK/NA	4	8	7	10	5	8	6	8	6

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Clinton	53%	49%	54%	49%	50%	51%	48%	53%
Ryan	37	38	33	41	41	37	42	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
DK/NA	5	8	8	6	6	7	6	8

7. (Split Sample A) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Christopher Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Biden	40%	5%	74%	32%	39%	42%	32%	75%
Christie	43	84	16	44	45	41	52	12
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	1	6	4	2	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	1	5	8	2	5	2
DK/NA	9	4	8	13	4	14	9	9

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Biden	37%	29%	24%	26%	29%	33%	17%	30%	34%
Christie	53	51	62	55	54	49	68	51	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4	3	1	4	2	4	3	5
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	6	4	4	9	1	5	3	8
DK/NA	6	10	7	14	4	14	6	12	10

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Biden	42%	39%	47%	37%	37%	43%	41%	40%
Christie	46	42	35	48	54	35	47	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	3	4	-	4	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	6	5	4	3	7	4	3
DK/NA	7	10	10	6	6	11	6	9

8. (Split Sample A) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Biden	45%	8%	80%	36%	44%	46%	37%	83%	
Rubio	38	83	7	39	42	35	46	5	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	5	3	1	3	-	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	2	6	6	2	3	3	
DK/NA	11	6	10	14	5	16	11	10	
WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Biden	43%	33%	27%	34%	34%	39%	20%	38%	40%
Rubio	46	46	58	54	51	42	65	46	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	2	1	4	2	2	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	3	2	6	1	4	2	5
DK/NA	7	13	10	9	5	17	8	11	7
	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Biden	51%	42%	46%	42%	50%	40%	48%	47%	
Rubio	38	39	33	43	44	34	37	41	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	3	3	-	4	2	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	5	6	4	1	8	3	2	
DK/NA	7	12	11	8	5	14	10	9	

9. (Split Sample A) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Biden	45%	5%	84%	36%	44%	47%	38%	79%	
Ryan	42	88	9	45	44	40	50	11	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	5	3	2	3	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	3	4	3	3	1	
DK/NA	7	4	6	10	4	10	7	8	
WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Biden	45%	33%	28%	35%	36%	39%	21%	37%	40%
Ryan	47	51	61	56	53	47	69	50	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2	-	3	2	3	3	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	2	4	2	1	2	4
DK/NA	3	9	7	6	4	10	6	8	7
	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Biden	53%	42%	46%	47%	50%	44%	47%	47%	
Ryan	40	43	38	44	46	40	44	40	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	4	3	-	3	2	3	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3	3	1	4	2	2	
DK/NA	3	9	9	3	2	9	5	8	

10. (Split Sample B) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Christopher Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Cuomo	28%	4%	61%	20%	24%	32%	23%	69%	
Christie	45	78	19	47	49	41	52	18	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	2	4	5	1	3	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	2	5	3	4	4	1	
DK/NA	20	13	17	25	19	21	19	10	
WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Cuomo	29%	20%	18%	20%	22%	24%	15%	21%	29%
Christie	56	50	53	64	54	49	60	55	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4	3	1	5	1	2	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	4	1	3	4	5	3	4
DK/NA	11	22	22	14	16	22	18	19	17
	COLLEGE DEG						ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Cuomo	30%	27%	32%	31%	27%	30%	26%	31%	
Christie	53	42	39	48	53	37	51	46	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4	4	2	2	6	2	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	4	3	5	3	5	3	
DK/NA	12	23	21	16	14	25	16	18	

11. (Split Sample B) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Cuomo	37%	6%	74%	30%	32%	41%	32%	72%	
Rubio	37	78	6	36	43	32	44	6	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	4	3	1	2	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	4	5	5	4	4	1	
DK/NA	19	13	14	26	16	23	18	20	
WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Cuomo	41%	28%	26%	30%	30%	34%	18%	35%	36%
Rubio	45	43	48	50	48	39	58	42	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	2	-	3	1	2	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	5	4	3	6	2	3	5	6
DK/NA	10	22	20	16	13	24	19	18	17
	COLLEGE DEG						ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Cuomo	43%	34%	38%	44%	38%	35%	35%	41%	
Rubio	42	36	32	39	44	33	43	36	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	4	1	1	4	2	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	5	5	4	6	7	4	3	
DK/NA	12	22	22	13	13	21	17	19	

12. (Split Sample B) If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Cuomo	37%	7%	74%	30%	33%	40%	33%	73%	
Ryan	42	82	11	42	47	37	49	7	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	3	1	2	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	
DK/NA	16	9	12	22	13	19	14	18	
WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Cuomo	46%	27%	26%	30%	31%	35%	19%	36%	33%
Ryan	42	52	57	53	52	45	66	46	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	2	2
DK/NA	8	17	15	14	11	17	12	16	17
	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Cuomo	48%	33%	38%	41%	40%	36%	35%	40%	
Ryan	39	44	39	45	43	44	46	38	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	3	
DK/NA	8	20	19	11	11	15	15	17	

13. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	1%	6%	6%
Smwht satisfied	23	9	41	19	22	24	18	47	40
Smwht dissatisfied	28	21	36	26	27	28	28	34	22
Very dissatisfied	46	70	19	54	47	45	52	14	33
DK/NA	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Very satisfied	1%	2%	2%	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Smwht satisfied	18	18	14	19	16	19	11	20	18
Smwht dissatisfied	35	25	25	30	28	28	23	29	26
Very dissatisfied	47	55	58	50	53	51	65	49	52
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1
	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Very satisfied	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	
Smwht satisfied	23	23	24	21	27	26	25	21	
Smwht dissatisfied	33	26	31	30	25	35	24	27	
Very dissatisfied	43	47	42	47	46	36	49	49	
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 06	Jul 11	Apr 20	VERY+SMWHT SAT High Dec 11	Low Nov 13
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2001	2008
Very satisfied	2	3	3	4	3	21	2
Smwht satisfied	23	28	32	25	28	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	28	28	26	29	29	19	38
Very dissatisfied	46	40	38	41	40	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	3	2

14. Who do you trust to do a better job handling the economy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	44%	7%	85%	36%	40%	48%	37%	87%	61%
Reps in Congress	40	85	7	42	44	37	48	6	24
DK/NA	15	8	8	23	16	15	15	8	16

	WHITE.....						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	COLLEGE DEG						Yes	No	HsHld
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Obama	45%	33%	29%	34%	34%	39%	20%	39%	41%
Reps in Congress	46	50	56	54	51	46	66	46	40
DK/NA	9	18	14	12	15	15	15	15	19

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Obama	49%	42%	47%	43%	46%	45%	43%	46%
Reps in Congress	41	40	34	46	44	38	43	40
DK/NA	10	18	18	11	10	16	14	14

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling the economy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress? (* Low also 41% Jul 2010, Jun 2011)

	OBAMA.....						
	High		Low				
	Mar 07	Feb 11	Apr 20	Feb 23	Nov 22	Nov 02	Oct 06
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011*
Obama	44	47	43	46	44	48	41
Reps in Congress	40	41	43	41	41	39	43
DK/NA	15	12	15	13	15	12	16

15. Who do you trust to do a better job handling the federal budget deficit, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	41%	8%	81%	30%	37%	45%	33%	86%	59%
Reps in Congress	43	85	9	47	46	40	52	5	30
DK/NA	16	8	10	23	17	15	15	9	12

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	AgnEv	Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Obama	42%	29%	28%	28%	30%	36%	19%	34%	36%
Reps in Congress	47	54	58	58	54	50	67	50	44
DK/NA	11	17	13	14	16	14	14	15	19

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Obama	46%	39%	45%	40%	42%	41%	40%	44%
Reps in Congress	42	44	37	46	49	41	47	41
DK/NA	12	17	18	13	9	18	13	15

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling the federal budget deficit, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress? (*the budget deficit)

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	Mar 07	Feb 11	Feb 23	Jun 09	Post	Pre	
	2013	2013	2012	2011	May 05	May 05	Mar 3
	2011*	2011*	2011*				
Obama	41	44	44	39	42	42	43
Reps in Congress	43	42	46	46	44	46	46
DK/NA	16	15	10	15	14	11	11

16. Who do you trust to do a better job handling health care, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	46%	8%	85%	37%	42%	49%	38%	88%	64%
Reps in Congress	41	84	9	43	45	38	49	6	24
DK/NA	13	8	7	20	13	13	13	6	12

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	AgnEv	Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Obama	49%	32%	30%	34%	35%	40%	19%	40%	43%
Reps in Congress	43	52	57	54	52	47	67	47	41
DK/NA	8	15	13	12	13	13	14	13	16

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Obama	53%	42%	49%	45%	46%	43%	44%	49%
Reps in Congress	38	43	35	46	47	44	44	38
DK/NA	9	15	16	10	7	12	12	13

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling health care, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress? (*Low also 42% Jan 2010 & Mar 2010)

						BETTER PRES...	
						High	Low
	Mar 07	Feb 11	Mar 03	Nov 17	Apr 21	Jul 1	Apr 21
	2013	2013	2011	2010	2010	2009	2010*
Obama	46	48	46	44	42	53	42
Reps in Congress	41	40	43	45	39	33	39
DK/NA	13	12	12	10	19	14	19

17. Who do you trust to do a better job handling gun policy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	42%	10%	79%	33%	36%	48%	35%	83%	55%
Reps in Congress	44	82	11	50	51	38	51	10	37
DK/NA	14	8	10	17	13	14	14	7	9

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Obama	48%	29%	29%	37%	31%	40%	20%	38%	35%
Reps in Congress	44	55	60	49	56	46	70	47	48
DK/NA	8	16	12	14	13	14	10	15	17

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	Gun	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Obama	51%	38%	44%	41%	47%	34%	41%	50%	25%
Reps in Congress	40	46	39	51	44	52	47	38	62
DK/NA	9	15	16	8	9	14	12	13	14

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling gun policy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Mar 07	Feb 07
	2013	2013
Obama	42	45
Reps in Congress	44	43
DK/NA	14	12

18. Who do you trust to do a better job handling immigration, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	45%	10%	80%	40%	41%	49%	38%	78%	67%
Reps in Congress	40	83	10	39	44	37	48	12	20
DK/NA	15	7	10	21	15	14	14	10	14

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	AgnEv	Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Obama	50%	32%	30%	35%	34%	41%	21%	39%	41%
Reps in Congress	39	52	56	51	50	46	66	47	44
DK/NA	11	16	14	13	15	13	13	14	15

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Obama	53%	41%	45%	46%	49%	50%	41%	45%
Reps in Congress	36	42	37	43	42	36	45	40
DK/NA	11	17	18	11	9	14	13	15

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling immigration, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

Mar 07 Feb 07
2013 2013

Obama	45	46
Reps in Congress	40	41
DK/NA	15	13

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	51%	24%	79%	46%	45%	57%	47%	69%	66%
Oppose	42	68	17	48	50	35	47	25	29
DK/NA	7	8	4	6	5	8	6	5	4

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	AgnEv	Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Support	55%	43%	41%	50%	41%	53%	30%	52%	47%
Oppose	41	49	53	43	54	40	63	41	45
DK/NA	4	8	6	6	5	8	7	6	8

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS..... Gun
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+ HsHld

Support	59%	47%	52%	48%	57%	42%	51%	58%	35%
Oppose	36	45	41	47	39	51	44	35	59
DK/NA	5	7	7	5	4	8	5	6	6

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

	Mar 07 2013	Feb 07 2013	Jul 17 2008
Support	51	52	54
Oppose	42	43	40
DK/NA	7	5	5

20. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	54%	34%	77%	48%	44%	63%	51%	74%	56%
Oppose	41	59	20	46	52	30	44	22	37
DK/NA	6	6	4	6	4	7	6	4	6

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Support	58%	47%	48%	53%	41%	61%	40%	55%	49%
Oppose	39	46	47	40	55	32	55	39	45
DK/NA	3	7	6	7	4	7	5	6	6

	COLLEGE DEG	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	Gun		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Support	60%	51%	56%	48%	60%	40%	51%	65%	39%
Oppose	37	42	38	49	36	54	46	28	56
DK/NA	4	7	6	3	4	6	4	7	5

TREND: Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Mar 07 2013	Feb 07 2013
Support	54	56
Oppose	41	39
DK/NA	6	5

21. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	54%	33%	76%	48%	47%	60%	51%	73%	57%
Oppose	42	62	22	46	50	34	44	23	39
DK/NA	5	6	3	5	3	6	5	4	4

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Support	59%	47%	48%	53%	43%	58%	41%	56%	48%
Oppose	38	47	46	43	53	36	55	40	47
DK/NA	3	6	6	3	3	6	5	4	5

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21. (cont'd) Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets?

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			Gun
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Support	60%	51%	56%	48%	61%	44%	49%	64%	38%
Oppose	37	44	39	50	37	53	46	31	59
DK/NA	3	6	5	2	2	3	4	5	4

TREND: Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets?

	Mar 07	Feb 07
	2013	2013
Support	54	56
Oppose	42	40
DK/NA	5	4

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	88%	83%	96%	88%	85%	91%	89%	88%	88%
Oppose	10	15	3	10	13	6	10	10	9
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	2

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Support	89%	89%	86%	91%	85%	93%	82%	93%	86%
Oppose	10	9	12	9	14	5	15	6	12
DK/NA	1	2	2	-	1	2	2	1	2

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			Gun
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Support	89%	88%	89%	89%	91%	85%	90%	91%	85%
Oppose	9	10	9	11	8	13	9	7	13
DK/NA	2	2	2	-	1	2	1	2	2

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

	Mar 07	Feb 07
	2013	2013
Support	88	92
Oppose	10	7
DK/NA	2	1