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**FOX NEWS HAS MOST TRUSTED COVERAGE, OR NOT,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
TINA FEY, DENNIS MILLER TOP CHOICES TO REPLACE STEWART**

FOX News offers the most trusted network and cable news coverage, 29 percent of American voters say, when asked to compare the major TV news outlets in a Quinnipiac University National poll released today. But when network news is examined on a case-by-case basis, FOX drops in the ratings.

In the comparison rankings, CNN gets 22 percent, with NBC News and CBS News at 10 percent each, 8 percent for ABC News and 7 percent for MSNBC, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

When asked, "Do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by FOX News," 20 percent of U.S. voters say "a great deal" and 35 percent say "somewhat." Scores for other networks are:

- NBC News – 14 percent "a great deal" and 46 percent "somewhat;"
- ABC News – 14 percent "a great deal" and 50 percent "somewhat;"
- CBS News – 14 percent "a great deal" and 50 percent "somewhat;"
- MSNBC – 11 percent "a great deal" and 41 percent "somewhat;"
- CNN – 18 percent "a great deal" and 43 percent "somewhat."

The big winner is local television news, trusted by 19 percent of voters "a great deal" and by 52 percent "somewhat."

"FOX News may be the most trusted in the network and cable news race, but they all take a back seat to your local news," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

In the comparison chart, FOX News is definitely the Republican choice as 58 percent of GOP voters say they trust FOX the most, while 13 percent turn to CNN, with 7 percent each for NBC and CBS, 5 percent for ABC and 2 percent for MSNBC.

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Only 3 percent of Democrats trust FOX the most, with 32 percent for CNN, 15 percent for NBC, 14 percent each for CBS and MSNBC and 8 percent for ABC.

FOX tops CNN 34 – 18 percent among men, with women divided 25 – 25 percent. Voters 18 to 34 years old trust CNN more than FOX 33 – 21 percent, while voters 35 to 54 years old go to FOX 29 – 21 percent and voters over 55 years old trust FOX more 34 – 17 percent.

American voters say 48 – 7 percent that network TV news is less trustworthy than in the days of Walter Cronkite, while 35 percent say it is about as trustworthy.

Brian Williams should be allowed to come back as NBC Nightly News anchor, voters say 42 – 35 percent.

FOX News' Bill O'Reilly should be fired over allegations of inaccuracies in past reporting, 12 percent of voters say, as 11 percent say he should be suspended, 23 percent say he should stay and 51 percent haven't heard enough about this to form an opinion.

“Bring back Uncle Walter, as Brian Williams and Bill O'Reilly get lukewarm support for their journalistic indiscretions. American news watchers long for an era where the person in the big chair could be truly trusted,” Malloy said. “And that's the way it is.”

Replacing Jon Stewart

For 19 percent of voters, Tina Fey is the top choice to replace Jon Stewart, with 16 percent for Dennis Miller, 8 percent for John Oliver, 7 percent each for Brian Williams and Craig Ferguson and 5 percent for Chelsea Handler.

There are gender and age gaps. Fey tops Miller 23 – 12 percent among women, while men go to Miller 21 – 15 percent. Voters 18 to 34 years old go 27 percent for Fey, 12 percent for Oliver, 10 percent for Handler and 9 percent each for Ferguson and Miller. Older voters are divided between Fey and Miller.

“Two comedians, both former *Saturday Night Live* mock news readers, lead the pack to fill Jon Stewart's chair,” Malloy said. “Dennis Miller is the favorite of 24 percent of Republicans. Tina Fey, with her dead-on take on Sarah Palin, is the darling of 26 percent of Democrats.”

From February 26 – March 2, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,286 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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55. (Intro Q55-61: How much do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by the following TV News sources.) Do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by - NBC News a great deal, somewhat, not so much, or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
A great deal	14%	9%	23%	12%	9%	18%	17%	12%	14%
Somewhat	46	38	59	45	41	52	48	48	46
Not so much	18	28	8	20	24	13	19	16	19
Not at all	18	22	5	20	22	14	13	23	17
DK/NA	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	1	5

56. (Intro at Q55) Do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by - ABC News a great deal, somewhat, not so much, or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
A great deal	14%	10%	22%	10%	11%	16%	18%	11%	15%
Somewhat	50	44	59	52	45	55	52	55	47
Not so much	17	24	9	19	20	15	15	16	18
Not at all	14	17	5	15	19	9	11	14	14
DK/NA	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	3	6

57. (Intro at Q55) Do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by - CBS News a great deal, somewhat, not so much, or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
A great deal	14%	10%	20%	13%	13%	16%	18%	12%	15%
Somewhat	50	47	61	45	45	55	53	54	48
Not so much	17	23	8	20	20	14	12	17	17
Not at all	15	17	5	18	18	12	13	16	15
DK/NA	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	2	5

58. (Intro at Q55) Do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by - MSNBC a great deal, somewhat, not so much, or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
A great deal	11%	6%	22%	7%	8%	14%	10%	11%	13%
Somewhat	41	34	56	37	39	43	49	42	38
Not so much	16	17	9	24	17	15	23	13	14
Not at all	24	37	7	25	30	19	16	30	25
DK/NA	7	7	6	7	5	9	3	4	10

59. (Intro at Q55) Do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by - CNN a great deal, somewhat, not so much, or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
A great deal	18%	14%	26%	17%	13%	22%	29%	15%	16%
Somewhat	43	36	54	42	42	44	36	44	45
Not so much	16	20	6	19	18	13	15	17	15
Not at all	18	25	7	19	22	14	18	21	16
DK/NA	6	6	7	4	4	7	3	3	9

60. (Intro at Q55) Do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by - Fox News a great deal, somewhat, not so much, or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
A great deal	20%	35%	11%	17%	19%	22%	14%	16%	28%
Somewhat	35	45	27	32	34	37	38	36	34
Not so much	14	11	16	20	18	10	19	17	10
Not at all	26	5	44	28	26	25	27	28	23
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	2	6	3	2	6

61. (Intro at Q55) Do you trust the journalistic coverage provided by - local television news a great deal, somewhat, not so much, or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
A great deal	19%	16%	24%	17%	18%	20%	15%	17%	23%
Somewhat	52	54	55	51	50	54	53	54	51
Not so much	14	16	14	14	16	13	17	13	14
Not at all	11	11	5	14	12	10	13	13	8
DK/NA	3	4	3	4	4	3	2	3	4

62. Whose news coverage do you trust the most: NBC News, ABC News, CBS News, MSNBC, CNN, or Fox News?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
NBC News	10%	7%	15%	9%	6%	13%	8%	12%	9%
ABC News	8	5	8	9	7	8	8	8	7
CBS News	10	7	14	10	12	8	11	9	11
MSNBC	7	2	14	6	7	7	5	8	7
CNN	22	13	32	22	18	25	33	21	17
Fox News	29	58	3	25	34	25	21	29	34
DK/NA	15	9	13	19	15	14	14	12	15

63. Do you think the information you get from national network TV news such as NBC, CBS, or ABC is more trustworthy than in the days of Walter Cronkite, less trustworthy or about as trustworthy?

							AGE IN YRS.....		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
More	7%	7%	8%	6%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%
Less	48	56	36	53	53	43	34	52	51
About as trustworthy	35	28	46	34	31	38	42	32	34
DK/NA	10	10	10	7	8	12	16	10	7

64. Do you think NBC News should or should not allow Brian Williams to return to anchor NBC Nightly News?

							AGE IN YRS.....		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Should	42%	33%	52%	43%	40%	43%	39%	45%	41%
No/Should not	35	42	28	36	40	31	32	31	39
DK/NA	24	25	20	20	20	26	28	24	20

65. Fox News host Bill O'Reilly's depiction of his past reporting has been challenged as inaccurate by a number of news outlets. Do you think Bill O'Reilly should be fired, or should be suspended, or should be allowed to continue at Fox News, or haven't you heard enough about it?

							AGE IN YRS.....		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Fired	12%	4%	21%	12%	13%	12%	16%	9%	13%
Suspended	11	8	18	9	12	10	16	10	11
Allowed to continue	23	30	11	27	26	19	15	24	25
Hvn't hrd enough	51	56	47	50	47	54	49	53	48
REFUSED	3	2	3	2	2	4	3	3	3

66. Who would you like to see replace Jon Stewart on The Daily Show: Tina Fey, Chelsea Handler, John Oliver, Craig Ferguson, Brian Williams or Dennis Miller?

							AGE IN YRS.....		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+
Fey	19%	14%	26%	20%	15%	23%	27%	21%	14%
Handler	5	4	7	2	3	6	10	5	2
Oliver	8	2	12	12	12	5	12	8	7
Ferguson	7	4	7	8	7	7	9	7	5
Williams	7	6	11	6	5	9	7	7	8
Miller	16	24	7	20	21	12	9	22	16
DK/NA	37	46	31	32	36	38	26	30	47