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**HATRED ON THE RISE, AMERICAN VOTERS SAY,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
CONCERN ABOUT ANTI-SEMITISM JUMPS IN ONE MONTH**

The level of hatred and prejudice in the U.S. has increased since Donald Trump was elected president, 63 percent of American voters say in a Quinnipiac University national poll released today. Another 32 percent say the level hasn't changed and 2 percent say it has decreased.

A total of 77 percent of voters say prejudice against minority groups in the U.S. is a "very serious" or "somewhat serious" problem, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Concern about anti-Semitism has jumped in the last month: Looking specifically at prejudice against Jewish people, a total of 70 percent of American voters say it is a "very serious" or "somewhat serious" problem, up from 49 percent in an February 8 Quinnipiac University Poll.

American voters are divided on President Donald Trump's response to bomb threats against Jewish community centers and vandalism of Jewish cemeteries as 37 percent approve and 38 percent disapprove.

"Americans are concerned that the dark forces of prejudice and anti-Semitism are rearing their ugly heads. Voters are less than confident with the new administration's response," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

From March 2 – 6, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,283 voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines 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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51. Since the election of Donald Trump, do you believe the level of hatred and prejudice in the U.S. has increased, the level of hatred and prejudice has decreased, or hasn't it changed either way?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| | | | | | | | Yes | No |
| Increased | 63% | 42% | 84% | 62% | 56% | 70% | 66% | 55% |
| Decreased | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Hasn't changed | 32 | 49 | 14 | 33 | 39 | 25 | 29 | 38 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 |

| | AGE IN YRS..... | | | | WHITE..... | | Wht | NonWht |
|----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|------------|-----|-----|--------|
| | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | | |
| Increased | 67% | 63% | 63% | 59% | 51% | 70% | 61% | 70% |
| Decreased | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Hasn't changed | 30 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 43 | 25 | 34 | 26 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 |

72. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against minority groups is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| | | | | | | | Yes | No |
| Very serious | 48% | 16% | 76% | 46% | 40% | 55% | 43% | 35% |
| Somewhat serious | 29 | 38 | 20 | 31 | 29 | 29 | 35 | 34 |
| Not so serious | 15 | 28 | 2 | 17 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 19 |
| Not at all | 7 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 4 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

| | AGE IN YRS..... | | | | WHITE..... | | Wht | NonWht |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|------------|-----|-----|--------|
| | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | | |
| Very serious | 57% | 52% | 43% | 40% | 31% | 46% | 39% | 66% |
| Somewhat serious | 25 | 25 | 33 | 32 | 34 | 35 | 34 | 19 |
| Not so serious | 13 | 15 | 14 | 17 | 22 | 12 | 17 | 9 |
| Not at all | 3 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 2 | - | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

TREND: How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against minority groups is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

| | Very Serious | Smwht Serious | Not so Serious | Not at All | DK/NA |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-------|
| Mar 09, 2017 | 48 | 29 | 15 | 7 | 2 |
| Feb 08, 2017 | 41 | 34 | 17 | 8 | 1 |
| Jan 13, 2017 | 47 | 32 | 13 | 6 | 3 |
| Nov 23, 2016 | 43 | 33 | 17 | 5 | 2 |

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73. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against Jewish people is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| | | | | | | | Yes | No |
| Very serious | 35% | 18% | 51% | 32% | 28% | 41% | 32% | 29% |
| Somewhat serious | 35 | 35 | 36 | 35 | 34 | 36 | 40 | 34 |
| Not so serious | 19 | 30 | 8 | 22 | 22 | 17 | 19 | 22 |
| Not at all | 10 | 15 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 6 | 9 | 12 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

| | AGE IN YRS..... | | | | WHITE..... | | Wht | NonWht |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|------------|-----|-----|--------|
| | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | | |
| Very serious | 32% | 33% | 38% | 35% | 24% | 37% | 30% | 44% |
| Somewhat serious | 29 | 32 | 35 | 44 | 36 | 38 | 37 | 31 |
| Not so serious | 23 | 24 | 18 | 12 | 23 | 19 | 21 | 16 |
| Not at all | 14 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 10 | 8 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

TREND: How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against Jewish people is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

| | Very Serious | Smwht Serious | Not so Serious | Not at All | DK/NA |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-------|
| Mar 09, 2017 | 35 | 35 | 19 | 10 | 2 |
| Feb 08, 2017 | 13 | 36 | 29 | 18 | 3 |

74. As you may know, in the past few weeks there have been bomb threats against Jewish community centers, and Jewish cemeteries have been vandalized. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's response to the recent acts against Jewish people?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG | |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| | | | | | | | Yes | No |
| Approve | 37% | 71% | 10% | 39% | 44% | 32% | 38% | 47% |
| Disapprove | 38 | 5 | 66 | 36 | 34 | 41 | 41 | 22 |
| DK/NA | 25 | 24 | 23 | 25 | 23 | 27 | 20 | 31 |

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|------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|------------|-----|-----|--------|
| | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | | |
| Approve | 25% | 32% | 42% | 48% | 49% | 37% | 43% | 24% |
| Disapprove | 42 | 38 | 40 | 33 | 26 | 36 | 31 | 53 |
| DK/NA | 33 | 30 | 19 | 19 | 25 | 27 | 26 | 23 |