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**BACKGROUND CHECKS COULD LEAD TO GUN CONFISCATION,
MANY VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL;
BUT 91 PERCENT WANT UNIVERSAL GUN CHECKS**

American voters say 48 – 38 percent that the government could use the information from universal background checks to confiscate legally-owned guns, but voters still support universal gun background checks 91 – 8 percent, including 88 – 11 percent among voters in households with guns, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Gun owners believe 53 – 34 percent that universal background checks could lead to confiscation of legal guns, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Support for same-sex marriage has reached a 50 percent milestone, with American voters in favor 50 – 41 percent, compared to 47 – 43 percent in a March 8 Quinnipiac University survey and a dramatic shift in public attitudes on the subject from July, 2008, when voters opposed such unions 55 – 36 percent.

Voters say 56 – 36 percent that the legality of same-sex marriage should be based on the U.S. Constitution rather than on laws in each state.

American voters are strongly opposed, 70 – 28 percent, to New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's plan to limit the size of sugary soft drinks to 16 ounces. Voters do support 59 – 39 percent Bloomberg's idea to require stores to keep cigarettes out of public sight to discourage smoking by young people.

"In every Quinnipiac University poll since the Newtown massacre, nationally and in six states, we find overwhelming support, including among gun owners, for universal background checks," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "American voters agree with the National Rifle Association, however, that these background checks could lead someday to confiscation of legally-owned guns."

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“The question is how many of these voters fear confiscation as an abuse of government power and how many are hoping the government uses confiscation to get more guns off the street,” Brown added.

Expecting gun confiscation are Republicans 61 – 25 percent and independent voters 51 – 36 percent, while Democrats say 54 – 32 percent there will not be confiscation. Men say confiscation is likely 52 – 37 percent and women agree 45 – 38 percent.

Health Care Reform

Americans voters disapprove 46 – 41 percent of “ObamaCare,” the 2010 health care reform act, and say 37 – 15 percent the health care law will hurt rather than help them personally. Another 41 percent say the law won’t affect them.

Increasing the number of people in their state eligible for Medicaid is a good idea, voters say 48 – 41 percent. Democrats say good idea 71 – 19 percent while Republicans say bad idea 65 – 24 percent, with independent voters divided 45 – 44 percent.

Immigration

Illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship, 59 percent of voters say, while 11 percent say they should be allowed to stay, but not apply for citizenship, and 25 percent say they should be required to leave the U.S.

Opposition to Bloomberg’s proposed “Big Gulp Ban” is strong among all groups, except Hispanic voters who are divided 48 - 50 percent.

Support for the hidden cigarette proposal is small among some groups, but no group is opposed. There is a large gender gap as men are divided, with 50 percent in favor and 47 percent opposed, while women support it 66 – 32 percent. Voters 18 to 34 years old support the idea 70 – 28 percent with support dropping to 57 – 41 percent among voters over 55 years old.

“Mayor Michael Bloomberg gets one win and one big loss in his latest public health initiatives,” said Brown.

From March 26 – April 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,711 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 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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21. Do you support or oppose - stricter gun control laws in the United States?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	53%	29%	78%	52%	45%	61%	48%	78%	65%
Oppose	42	67	19	44	51	35	47	19	30
DK/NA	4	4	3	5	4	5	4	3	5

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			HAVE KIDS..	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural	<18InPubSch	
Support	58%	51%	51%	55%	59%	56%	42%	51%	52%
Oppose	37	46	44	41	37	39	55	43	42
DK/NA	5	3	5	4	4	5	3	6	6

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	Gun	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Support	60%	50%	54%	50%	60%	49%	53%	57%	35%
Oppose	36	45	42	46	36	48	43	38	61
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	5	3

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

	Apr 04	Mar 07	Feb 07	Jul 17
	2013	2013	2013	2008
Support	53	51	52	54
Oppose	42	42	43	40
DK/NA	4	7	5	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	59%	41%	79%	56%	47%	70%	56%	78%	61%
Oppose	36	55	15	41	50	24	40	17	29
DK/NA	4	4	6	3	2	6	3	5	10

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			HAVE KIDS..	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural	<18InPubSch	
Support	64%	56%	60%	58%	62%	63%	52%	57%	54%
Oppose	31	42	36	36	34	32	44	37	39
DK/NA	5	2	4	7	4	5	4	6	7

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	Gun	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Support	65%	57%	62%	55%	61%	56%	57%	64%	46%
Oppose	32	38	34	40	37	38	40	32	50
DK/NA	3	5	4	4	2	5	3	4	4

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

	Apr 04	Mar 07	Feb 07
	2013	2013	2013
Support	59	54	56
Oppose	36	41	39
DK/NA	4	6	5

23. 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	58%	40%	78%	55%	48%	67%	56%	73%	55%
Oppose	38	55	18	42	48	28	39	24	38
DK/NA	4	5	4	3	3	5	4	3	7

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			HAVE KIDS...	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural	<18InPubSch	
Support	60%	55%	59%	58%	61%	62%	49%	57%	57%
Oppose	34	40	38	38	35	33	47	39	40
DK/NA	6	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	3

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		Gun	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Support	66%	54%	59%	58%	62%	52%	58%	62%	46%
Oppose	31	41	37	39	35	46	37	33	51
DK/NA	3	5	4	3	3	2	4	5	3

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

	Apr 04	Mar 07	Feb 07
	2013	2013	2013
Support	58	54	56
Oppose	38	42	40
DK/NA	4	5	4

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	91%	88%	96%	90%	88%	94%	91%	94%	90%
Oppose	8	10	4	9	12	5	8	5	5
DK/NA	1	2	-	1	1	2	1	1	5

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			HAVE KIDS...	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural	<18InPubSch	
Support	92%	91%	90%	91%	92%	93%	88%	91%	89%
Oppose	7	8	8	8	7	6	11	8	10
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		Gun	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Support	92%	91%	92%	90%	91%	95%	92%	88%	88%
Oppose	7	8	7	10	8	5	8	9	11
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	1

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

	Apr 04	Mar 07	Feb 07
	2013	2013	2013
Support	91	88	92
Oppose	8	10	7
DK/NA	1	2	1

25. Do you believe that if there are background checks for all gun purchases the government will or will not use that information in the future to confiscate legally-owned guns?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Confiscate	48%	61%	32%	51%	52%	45%	47%	42%	55%
Will not	38	25	54	36	37	38	39	43	28
DK/NA	14	15	14	13	11	17	14	15	17

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			HAVE KIDS..	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural	<18In	PubSch
Confiscate	47%	46%	52%	44%	45%	46%	55%	49%	44%
Will not	38	37	37	40	41	40	31	40	42
DK/NA	14	17	11	16	14	14	14	12	14

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	Gun	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	HsHld
Confiscate	36%	53%	52%	48%	39%	58%	47%	43%	53%
Will not	52	31	34	39	52	33	40	41	34
DK/NA	11	15	14	13	9	9	13	16	13

26. In general, do you support or oppose same-sex marriage?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	50%	24%	69%	52%	47%	52%	51%	43%	50%
Oppose	41	66	24	39	43	40	41	48	41
DK/NA	9	10	7	9	10	8	8	9	9

	WHITE.....						Q28Gay		
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv	Fam Or	Friend
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support	58%	47%	36%	55%	47%	54%	24%	54%	57%
Oppose	34	45	55	38	43	39	70	37	34
DK/NA	8	8	9	6	10	6	6	9	9

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Support	58%	46%	48%	50%	60%	69%	50%	38%
Oppose	33	45	44	41	33	28	41	51
DK/NA	9	9	8	9	7	2	10	11

TREND: In general, do you support or oppose same-sex marriage?

	Apr 04	Mar 08	Dec 05	Jul 17
	2013	2013	2012	2008
Support	50	47	48	36
Oppose	41	43	46	55
DK/NA	9	10	7	9

27. Do you think each state should make its own law on whether same-sex marriage is legal or illegal there, or do you think this should be decided for all states on the basis of the U.S. Constitution?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
States laws	36%	49%	27%	38%	40%	34%	39%	36%	26%
Constitution	56	45	67	56	52	60	55	56	60
DK/NA	7	6	6	7	8	7	6	9	14

	WHITE.....								Q28Gay
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Fam Or
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	Friend
States laws	42%	37%	43%	40%	43%	35%	47%	40%	36%
Constitution	53	57	50	55	49	61	48	53	59
DK/NA	5	7	7	5	8	4	5	7	5

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
States laws	39%	35%	35%	37%	37%	35%	35%	39%	
Constitution	56	56	57	57	58	63	58	50	
DK/NA	5	8	7	6	5	2	7	11	

28. Do you have close friends or close relatives who are gay or lesbian?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	65%	61%	64%	68%	60%	70%	66%	60%	67%
No	33	38	35	29	38	29	32	40	33
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	-

	WHITE.....							
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv	
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	72%	63%	64%	64%	59%	72%	62%	66%
No	27	35	35	34	39	27	36	32
DK/NA	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes	71%	63%	61%	70%	70%	71%	70%	57%	
No	28	36	37	29	28	28	29	40	
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	2	

TREND: Do you have close friends or close relatives who are gay or lesbian?

	Apr 04	Apr 30
	2013	2009
Yes	65	63
No	33	34
DK/NA	2	3

29. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently living in the United States?

- A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for US citizenship.
 B) They should be allowed to remain in the United States, but not be allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship.
 C) They should be required to leave the U.S.

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A) Stay/Citizenship	59%	47%	73%	54%	56%	62%	55%	73%	72%
B) Stay/Not citizen	11	10	9	14	12	10	11	12	10
C) Not stay	25	36	13	27	27	22	28	9	13
DK/NA	5	7	5	4	5	6	5	5	5

WHITE.....

COLLEGE DEG

BornAgnEv

	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No
A) Stay/Citizenship	65%	51%	51%	57%	53%	58%	48%	54%
B) Stay/Not citizen	12	11	13	11	12	10	11	13
C) Not stay	18	33	30	28	31	26	36	27
DK/NA	5	5	6	3	4	6	6	5

COLLEGE DEG

ANNUAL

HSOLD INC

AGE IN

YRS.....

	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
A) Stay/Citizenship	66%	56%	61%	57%	60%	66%	55%	58%
B) Stay/Not citizen	12	11	10	10	16	9	12	12
C) Not stay	18	28	24	27	21	23	29	23
DK/NA	4	6	5	6	3	2	4	7

TREND: Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently living in the United States?

- A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for US citizenship.
 B) They should be allowed to remain in the United States, but not be allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship.
 C) They should be required to leave the U.S.

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A) Stay/Citizenship	59	56	57
B) Stay/Not citizen	11	10	11
C) Not stay	25	30	26
DK/NA	5	4	5

39. From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the health care law that was enacted in 2010? IF APPROVE: Do you strongly approve or somewhat approve? IF DISAPPROVE: Do you somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Strongly approve	21%	3%	42%	17%	20%	22%	15%	50%	20%
Somewhat approve	20	5	30	21	18	22	19	24	32
Somewhat disapprove	11	14	7	14	12	10	13	3	6
Strongly disapprove	35	71	7	33	41	29	41	7	22
DK/NA	12	7	14	15	8	16	11	15	19

WHITE.....
COLLEGE DEG BornAgnEv
Yes No Prot Cath Men Wom Yes No

Strongly approve	21%	13%	10%	14%	15%	16%	5%	16%
Somewhat approve	24	17	16	19	19	19	10	22
Somewhat disapprove	10	14	14	11	14	12	15	13
Strongly disapprove	38	43	51	45	45	38	60	39
DK/NA	7	13	9	11	7	15	10	10

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

Strongly approve	24%	20%	21%	22%	25%	24%	20%	22%
Somewhat approve	26	18	21	21	21	29	21	14
Somewhat disapprove	10	12	12	12	11	16	10	10
Strongly disapprove	33	35	29	38	36	22	37	39
DK/NA	7	15	16	7	7	9	12	15

40. From what you've heard or read, do you think the 2010 health care law will mostly help you personally, will mostly hurt you personally, or don't you think it will have much of an effect on you personally?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Help	15%	3%	27%	15%	14%	17%	11%	32%	25%
Hurt	37	68	11	37	40	35	43	11	29
No effect	41	25	55	42	43	40	40	50	30
DK/NA	7	5	6	7	4	9	5	7	15

WHITE.....
COLLEGE DEG BornAgnEv
Yes No Prot Cath Men Wom Yes No

Help	10%	12%	6%	9%	11%	12%	5%	10%
Hurt	41	44	50	47	43	43	60	40
No effect	47	37	37	41	42	39	28	44
DK/NA	3	7	7	4	4	7	7	5

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

Help	13%	16%	18%	15%	10%	26%	13%	12%
Hurt	35	38	33	41	39	27	41	38
No effect	49	38	41	41	46	42	41	40
DK/NA	3	8	9	3	5	4	5	9

41. As you may know Medicaid is a government program that pays for health care for low-income people and others with certain disabilities. Do you think that increasing the number of people eligible for Medicaid coverage in your state is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Good idea	48%	24%	71%	45%	47%	49%	41%	77%	59%
Bad idea	41	65	19	44	44	39	47	14	35
DK/NA	11	10	10	11	9	12	11	10	6

WHITE.....
 COLLEGE DEG BornAgnEv
 Yes No Prot Cath Men Wom Yes No

Good idea	43%	40%	32%	39%	42%	41%	30%	38%
Bad idea	45	49	54	52	49	46	55	51
DK/NA	12	11	14	8	10	13	15	11

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

Good idea	49%	48%	56%	42%	44%	62%	47%	43%
Bad idea	40	42	35	48	47	35	44	42
DK/NA	11	10	9	11	9	4	9	15

42. As you may know, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has a plan to ban large servings of soda and sugary drinks in an effort to help fight obesity in New York City. Bloomberg's proposal would prohibit the sale of soda and other sweetened drinks in containers larger than 16 ounces that are sold in places regulated by the city's health department like restaurants, movie theaters, and food carts. Would you support or oppose Bloomberg's plan for your town or city?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	28%	18%	41%	24%	24%	32%	24%	37%	48%
Oppose	70	81	57	74	75	66	74	62	50
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2

WHITE..... Have Kids
 COLLEGE DEG BornAgnEv Kids
 Yes No Prot Cath Men Wom Yes No <18

Support	26%	23%	23%	23%	22%	26%	20%	25%	28%
Oppose	72	75	75	75	77	72	79	74	71
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1

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

Support	29%	28%	33%	24%	26%	38%	25%	26%
Oppose	69	70	65	75	73	61	74	72
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2

43. As you may know, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has proposed that stores be required to keep cigarettes out of sight to discourage young people from smoking in New York City. Would you support or oppose Bloomberg's proposal for your town or city?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	59%	50%	68%	59%	50%	66%	56%	72%	69%
Oppose	39	47	29	39	47	32	42	27	30
DK/NA	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	2

	WHITE.....								Have
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Kids
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	<18
Support	63%	52%	58%	52%	48%	63%	55%	56%	63%
Oppose	34	45	40	45	49	35	43	42	35
DK/NA	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Support	63%	57%	62%	57%	61%	70%	54%	57%	
Oppose	34	41	36	41	37	28	43	41	
DK/NA	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	