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**MAJORITY SUPPORT STRICTER GUN LAWS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
STARK DIVIDES ON VIEWS OF POLICE AND VOTING ISSUES**

In the wake of multiple mass shootings in the United States, a majority of Americans (54 – 42 percent) support stricter gun laws in a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University national poll of adults released today. Democrats support stricter gun laws 91 – 8 percent. Republicans oppose these laws 74 – 22 percent, and independents oppose them 51 – 44 percent.

Support for stricter gun laws varies widely depending on the measure. Americans:

- 89 – 8 percent support requiring background checks for all gun buyers;
- 74 – 21 percent support a so-called “red flag” law, which would allow the police or family members to petition a judge to remove guns from a person that may be at risk for violent behavior;
- 52 – 43 percent support a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons;
- 51 – 44 percent support a nationwide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets;
- 49 – 43 percent oppose repealing a law that gives gun manufacturers broad immunity from being sued by victims of gun violence and their relatives.

As to whether gun violence in the United States is a crisis, 45 percent think it is a crisis, 41 percent say it is a problem but not a crisis, and 12 percent say it’s not a problem at all.

“There are mixed feelings on whether gun violence has reached a true crisis point, but a clear consensus on reporting ‘the threat next door’ before it is too late,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

POLICE & RACE

Half of Americans (50 percent) say police in the United States are tougher on Black people than on white people, while roughly 4 in 10 Americans (41 percent) say police generally treat Black and white people the same, and 1 percent say police are generally tougher on white people.

The findings are almost the same as an October 2016 poll of adults, in which 48 percent said the police in the U.S. are generally tougher on Black people, 40 percent said police treat Black people and white people the same, and 3 percent said the police are generally tougher on white people.

In today’s survey, 79 percent of Black Americans say that police are generally tougher on Black people, while 10 percent say they treat Black and white people the same. White Americans are evenly split, as 46 percent say police are generally tougher on Black people, while 46 percent say police treat Black and white people the same.

POLICE JOB APPROVALS

More than half of Americans, 55 – 34 percent, say they approve of the way police in the United States are doing their job. That is down slightly from a 60 – 29 percent job approval rating in October of 2016.

There are sharp divides on views of the police, especially among partisan and racial groups. Republicans approve of the way police in the U.S. are doing their job 86 – 8 percent, independents approve 61 – 30 percent, and Democrats disapprove 56 – 31 percent. Black Americans disapprove 63 – 28 percent, while white Americans approve 65 – 27 percent and among Hispanic Americans 46 percent approve while 40 percent disapprove.

Nearly three-quarters of Americans (73 – 21 percent) approve of the way police in their community are doing their job. This is lower than a 2016 survey, when Americans approved 81 – 14 percent of the way police in their communities were doing their job.

“Overall, support for law enforcement takes a hit as police shootings, and the demonstrations they ignite, fill the airwaves and dominate the headlines. Even hometown police are losing ground in America, though they still have the approval of a large majority of Americans,” added Malloy.

VOTING ISSUES

Americans were asked what they think is a bigger problem in U.S. elections: voter fraud or voter suppression. Nearly half (49 percent) say voter suppression, while just over 4 in 10 (43 percent) say voter fraud. Democrats say 84 – 13 percent that voter suppression is the bigger problem, independents are split with 47 percent saying voter suppression and 44 percent saying voter fraud, and Republicans say 82 – 11 percent that voter fraud is a bigger problem.

Asked whether expanded mail-in ballot access put in place during the 2020 elections because of the pandemic should become permanent, 54 percent of Americans say they support it while 42 percent oppose. Democrats support it 92 – 7 percent, Republicans oppose it 78 – 16 percent, and 52 percent of independents oppose it while 46 percent support it.

While Georgia’s new voting law has received considerable attention, 44 percent say they haven’t heard enough about it to offer an opinion, while 33 percent have an unfavorable view of it and 22 percent have a favorable view of it.

Americans are split on Major League Baseball’s decision to move the 2021 All-Star Game out of Atlanta in response to the new voting law passed in Georgia, with 40 percent supporting MLB’s decision, 40 percent opposing it, and 20 percent not offering an opinion.

“The national pastime is pulled into the political fray as Americans weigh in on moving the midseason classic out of Georgia,” added Malloy.

MARIJUANA

Nearly 7 in 10 Americans (69 – 25 percent) think the use of marijuana should be made legal in the United States. The numbers among registered voters are similar (70 – 24 percent), and they mark a record level of

support for marijuana legalization since Quinnipiac University began polling on this issue in December of 2012. At that time, 51 percent of registered voters supported it and 44 percent opposed it.

1,237 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from April 8th – 12th with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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16. Which comes closer to your point of view: democracy in the United States is alive and well or democracy in the United States is under threat?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Alive and well	22%	10%	29%	24%	20%	24%	22%	17%		
Under threat	70	85	64	68	73	67	73	76		
DK/NA	8	4	7	8	7	9	5	7		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Alive and well	30%	25%	19%	16%	17%	20%	19%	32%	28%	
Under threat	57	69	77	77	77	73	75	56	63	
DK/NA	13	6	4	7	5	6	6	12	9	

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

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	54%	22%	91%	44%	41%	65%	67%	41%		
Oppose	42	74	8	51	56	30	30	55		
DK/NA	4	5	1	5	3	5	2	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	54%	51%	54%	64%	35%	63%	50%	78%	58%	
Oppose	42	45	43	34	61	34	47	16	41	
DK/NA	4	4	3	2	4	3	3	6	2	
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....							
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural					
Support	42%	36%	61%	59%	38%					
Oppose	55	61	34	38	61					
DK/NA	3	3	5	3	1					

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

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	89%	84%	98%	88%	82%	95%	91%	89%
Oppose	8	11	2	10	14	3	7	9
DK/NA	3	4	-	2	3	2	2	2

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	91%	91%	89%	91%	84%	95%	90%	89%
Oppose	7	7	10	8	13	4	8	9
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	2

GUN.....		DENSITY.....		
HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	88%	85%	92%	84%
Oppose	10	13	7	14
DK/NA	2	2	1	2

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

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	52%	27%	88%	44%	39%	64%	63%	42%
Oppose	43	70	11	50	56	31	33	55
DK/NA	5	3	1	6	5	4	3	4

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	44%	50%	56%	68%	34%	63%	49%	47%
Oppose	54	45	41	28	62	34	47	52
DK/NA	2	6	3	4	4	4	3	1

GUN.....		DENSITY.....		
HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	37%	31%	60%	38%
Oppose	59	66	36	58
DK/NA	4	3	4	4

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

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	51%	27%	85%	43%	37%	65%	67%	44%		
Oppose	44	65	14	54	59	30	31	52		
DK/NA	4	8	1	4	4	5	2	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	43%	47%	60%	65%	37%	65%	52%	74%	45%	
Oppose	52	49	38	32	60	32	45	26	48	
DK/NA	5	4	2	3	3	4	4	1	8	
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....							
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural					
Support	39%	34%	57%	56%	42%					
Oppose	57	64	39	39	56					
DK/NA	4	2	4	5	3					

27. Do you support or oppose allowing the police or family members to petition a judge to remove guns from a person that may be at risk for violent behavior?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	74%	65%	92%	67%	64%	83%	82%	72%		
Oppose	21	27	6	28	30	12	14	22		
DK/NA	5	8	2	5	6	5	4	6		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	74%	71%	77%	84%	64%	85%	75%	87%	76%	
Oppose	22	24	19	10	28	11	19	11	22	
DK/NA	4	4	5	5	7	4	5	3	2	
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....							
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural					
Support	71%	67%	80%	79%	63%					
Oppose	24	28	17	17	29					
DK/NA	5	6	3	4	9					

28. As you may know, there is a law that gives gun manufacturers broad immunity from being sued by victims of gun violence and their relatives. Do you support or oppose repealing this law?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	43%	22%	70%	39%	36%	50%	48%	35%
Oppose	49	68	21	55	61	38	45	56
DK/NA	8	9	8	6	4	12	7	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	39%	48%	45%	48%	34%	45%	40%	62%	45%
Oppose	56	48	46	41	62	44	52	32	49
DK/NA	5	4	8	12	4	12	8	5	7

	GUN.....		DENSITY.....		
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	33%	31%	50%	42%	36%
Oppose	61	64	43	51	56
DK/NA	7	5	7	7	8

29. Do you think that gun violence in the United States is a crisis, a problem but not a crisis, or not a problem at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Crisis	45%	23%	76%	39%	33%	57%	55%	42%
Problem/Not crisis	41	52	23	45	47	36	36	43
Not a problem at all	12	20	1	15	18	6	9	14
DK/NA	2	5	-	1	3	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Crisis	42%	41%	45%	62%	30%	60%	46%	77%	35%
Problem/Not crisis	43	43	42	34	52	31	41	21	48
Not a problem at all	13	15	11	4	16	8	12	2	14
DK/NA	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	-	3

	GUN.....		DENSITY.....		
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural
Crisis	35%	31%	50%	53%	32%
Problem/Not crisis	49	50	38	38	49
Not a problem at all	15	18	10	9	15
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	3

30. Which do you think is a bigger problem in U.S. elections: voter fraud or voter suppression?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Fraud	43%	82%	13%	44%	50%	38%	34%	55%
Suppression	49	11	84	47	41	56	61	38
DK/NA	8	6	3	9	9	7	4	8

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Fraud	34%	47%	46%	45%	54%	42%	48%	24%	39%
Suppression	54	49	49	48	39	52	46	64	51
DK/NA	12	4	6	7	7	6	6	12	10

31. As you may know, some states expanded mail-in voting during the 2020 elections because of the pandemic. Do you support or oppose keeping that expanded mail-in ballot access in place permanently?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	54%	16%	92%	46%	45%	61%	63%	43%
Oppose	42	78	7	52	50	35	35	53
DK/NA	4	6	1	2	4	4	2	4

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Support	64%	49%	51%	52%	43%	56%	50%	78%	54%
Oppose	33	47	45	43	54	40	47	20	38
DK/NA	3	4	4	4	2	5	4	2	7

32. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Georgia's new voting law, or haven't you heard enough about it?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	22%	45%	3%	25%	28%	16%	24%	29%
Unfavorable	33	7	67	26	28	38	51	27
Hvn't hrd enough	44	47	30	49	43	45	23	44
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Favorable	13%	18%	29%	21%	36%	21%	28%	9%	10%
Unfavorable	27	33	35	42	28	42	35	41	23
Hvn't hrd enough	61	48	35	36	35	37	36	49	66
REFUSED	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1

33. As you may know, Major League Baseball decided to move the 2021 All-Star Game out of Atlanta in response to a new voting law passed in Georgia. Do you support or oppose Major League Baseball's decision?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	40%	17%	72%	33%	35%	45%	51%	34%
Oppose	40	65	14	46	46	34	39	43
DK/NA	20	18	14	21	19	21	10	23

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	44%	40%	39%	46%	33%	46%	40%	59%	34%
Oppose	32	35	45	41	51	34	42	26	40
DK/NA	25	25	16	13	16	20	18	14	26

48. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police in - the United States are doing their job?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	55%	86%	31%	61%	63%	47%	57%	69%
Disapprove	34	8	56	30	27	41	33	24
DK/NA	11	6	14	9	9	12	10	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	41%	55%	60%	64%	72%	58%	65%	28%	46%
Disapprove	50	38	26	25	22	32	27	63	40
DK/NA	9	7	14	11	7	10	8	9	14

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Approve	56%	53%	62%	45%	45%	58%	65%
Disapprove	34	36	28	43	44	32	24
DK/NA	10	12	10	12	11	10	11

49. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police in - your community are doing their job?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	73%	94%	58%	80%	79%	68%	76%	83%
Disapprove	21	5	33	17	16	25	20	13
DK/NA	6	1	9	3	5	7	4	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	63%	72%	78%	85%	85%	76%	81%	55%	66%
Disapprove	34	25	14	11	12	19	16	32	28
DK/NA	3	4	8	5	2	5	4	13	6

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Approve	71%	74%	77%	69%	61%	81%	84%
Disapprove	22	21	17	27	32	14	13
DK/NA	7	5	7	4	8	5	3

50. Do you think the police in the United States are generally tougher on white people than on Black people, tougher on Black people than on white people, or do the police treat them both the same?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
White people	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Black people	50	19	86	43	40	60	59	39
Treat them the same	41	73	9	46	53	30	36	51
DK/NA	7	7	4	8	6	8	4	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
White people	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	-
Black people	53	54	48	52	35	55	46	79	55
Treat them the same	41	38	43	38	56	37	46	10	42
DK/NA	5	7	6	8	7	6	6	11	3

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
White people	2%	1%	2%	-	1%	2%	2%
Black people	56	51	44	56	57	58	36
Treat them the same	33	39	47	39	35	37	53
DK/NA	9	9	7	4	8	4	9

51. Do you think that climate change in the United States is a crisis, a problem but not a crisis, or not a problem at all?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Crisis	40%	10%	72%	32%	29%	50%	49%	35%
Problem/Not crisis	34	43	22	39	38	30	30	31
Not a problem at all	23	45	3	26	31	16	21	31
DK/NA	4	3	3	2	3	4	1	3

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Crisis	47%	41%	36%	37%	27%	51%	40%	41%	41%
Problem/Not crisis	39	32	33	35	34	28	31	43	41
Not a problem at all	11	26	28	24	36	20	27	10	14
DK/NA	2	1	3	4	2	2	2	6	4

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

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	69%	62%	78%	67%	68%	70%	71%	70%
No	25	32	17	28	25	25	25	24
DK/NA	6	6	5	5	7	5	5	6

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	78%	78%	72%	51%	70%	71%	71%	69%	70%
No	17	18	22	42	25	24	24	28	20
DK/NA	5	5	6	7	5	5	5	3	9