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**MAJORITY OF VOTERS BLAME TRUMP FOR RECENT RISE IN GAS PRICES,  
TRUMP JOB APPROVAL HOLDS STEADY AT 38%,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
64% THINK THREAT TO END ‘A WHOLE CIVILIZATION’ WAS UNACCEPTABLE**

As the U.S. war with Iran drives up gasoline prices, 65 percent of voters blame President Donald Trump either a lot (51 percent) or some (14 percent) for the recent rise in gasoline prices, while 34 percent blame Trump either not much (11 percent) or not at all (23 percent), according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

Among Republicans, 22 percent blame Trump either a lot (9 percent) or some (13 percent) for the recent rise in gasoline prices, while 76 percent blame Trump either not much (23 percent) or not at all (53 percent).

Among Democrats, 97 percent blame Trump either a lot (91 percent) or some (6 percent) for the recent rise in gasoline prices, while 1 percent blame Trump not much.

Among independents, 73 percent blame Trump either a lot (53 percent) or some (20 percent) for the recent rise in gasoline prices, while 25 percent blame Trump not much (10 percent) or not at all (15 percent).

“From regular to premium to diesel, for many, pain at the pump rhymes with Trump. Sixty-five percent of voters say, ‘when filling ’er up,’ the president shoulders blame for the price spike,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

**PRESIDENT TRUMP**

Thirty-eight percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 55 percent disapprove, essentially unchanged from Quinnipiac University’s March 25 poll.

In today’s poll, Republicans (88 – 7 percent) approve of the way Trump is handling his job, while Democrats (97 – 3 percent) and independents (63 – 27 percent) disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job.

**TRUMP: THE ECONOMY**

Thirty-eight percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy, while 57 percent disapprove.

The president’s 38 percent approval rating for his handling of the economy matches an all-time low for both of his terms that was reached in Quinnipiac University’s March 25, 2026 and October 22, 2025 polls.

**TRUMP: IRAN**

Thirty-six percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Iran, while 58 percent disapprove.

This is largely unchanged from Quinnipiac University's March 25 poll when 34 percent approved and 59 percent disapproved.

### **U.S. MILITARY ACTION**

Forty percent of voters support the U.S. military action against Iran, while 53 percent oppose it, virtually unchanged from Quinnipiac University's March 25 poll.

### **TRUMP THREAT**

Voters were asked about a threat made by President Trump before the negotiated cease-fire between the U.S. and Iran when he said "a whole civilization will die tonight..." if Iran did not open the Strait of Hormuz.

Sixty-four percent of voters think this threat was not acceptable, while 28 percent think this threat was acceptable.

Before the negotiated cease-fire, President Trump talked about the United States bombing power plants and other civilian infrastructure in Iran.

Voters were asked, in the event that negotiations between the United States and Iran do not succeed, would they support or oppose the United States bombing power plants and other civilian infrastructure in Iran.

Sixty-five percent of voters say they would oppose the United States bombing power plants and other civilian infrastructure in Iran, while 29 percent say they would support it.

"Voters have no taste for a leap from military targets to civilian ones that would harm Iran's general population or for the ominous language about a potential end game for Iran," added Malloy.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

A vast majority (68 percent) of voters think the U.S. military action against Iran will last months or longer, with 36 percent thinking months, 13 percent thinking about a year, and 19 percent thinking longer than that. Twenty-four percent of voters think the U.S. military action against Iran will last days (4 percent) or weeks (20 percent).

### **U.S. AND IRAN WORLD POSITIONS**

Voters were asked about the United States' position in the world as a result of the U.S. military action against Iran. Forty-five percent say the U.S. is in a weaker position in the world as a result of the U.S. military action against Iran, 30 percent say the U.S. is in a stronger position in the world, and 22 percent say the U.S. military action against Iran has not changed the United States' position in the world.

Voters were asked about Iran's position in the world as a result of the U.S. military action against Iran.

Forty-seven percent say Iran is in a weaker position in the world as a result of the U.S. military action against Iran, 23 percent say Iran is in a stronger position in the world, and 23 percent say the U.S. military action against Iran has not changed Iran's position in the world.

1,028 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from April 9th – 13th with a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percentage points, including the design effect.

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 probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	38%	88%	3%	27%	41%	35%
Disapprove	55	7	97	63	52	58
DK/NA	7	4	-	9	7	6

1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?  
 COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q1) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve strongly	29%	73%	1%	18%	31%	26%
Approve smwht	9	15	2	9	9	9
Disapprove smwht	6	4	5	10	8	4
Disapprove strongly	49	4	91	52	43	54
DK/NA	7	4	-	11	8	7

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the economy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	38%	88%	4%	28%	42%	35%
Disapprove	57	9	95	65	52	62
DK/NA	5	3	-	7	7	3

3. How much do you blame Donald Trump for the recent rise in gasoline prices; a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A lot	51%	9%	91%	53%	47%	56%
Some	14	13	6	20	16	12
Not much	11	23	1	10	11	11
Not at all	23	53	-	15	24	21
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	3	1

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the situation with Iran?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	36%	85%	3%	25%	39%	33%
Disapprove	58	12	96	65	53	62
DK/NA	6	3	1	10	7	5

5. Do you support or oppose the U.S. military action against Iran?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	40%	86%	7%	30%	46%	34%
Oppose	53	10	88	61	50	57
DK/NA	7	4	5	9	5	9

6. Just your best guess, how much longer do you think the U.S. military action against Iran will last; days, weeks, months, about a year, or longer than that?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Days	4%	8%	1%	2%	4%	4%
Weeks	20	30	11	20	21	18
Months	36	39	36	35	38	35
About a year	13	10	17	12	13	14
Longer than that	19	6	28	24	20	19
DK/NA	7	7	7	7	4	10

7. In the event that negotiations between the United States and Iran do not succeed, would you support or oppose the United States bombing power plants and other civilian infrastructure in Iran?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	29%	66%	3%	18%	33%	24%
Oppose	65	24	95	77	61	69
DK/NA	6	9	2	5	5	7

8. Before the negotiated cease-fire between the U.S. and Iran, Donald Trump threatened that "a whole civilization will die tonight..." if Iran did not open the Strait of Hormuz. Do you think this threat was acceptable, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Acceptable	28%	62%	3%	21%	32%	24%
No	64	27	94	71	60	68
DK/NA	8	12	2	8	8	8

9. As a result of the U.S. military action against Iran, would you say that the United States is in a stronger position in the world, a weaker position in the world, or has it not changed the U.S. position in the world?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Stronger	30%	67%	4%	21%	32%	29%
Weaker	45	5	81	48	42	48
Not changed	22	24	15	27	23	21
DK/NA	3	4	-	3	3	2

10. As a result of the U.S. military action against Iran, would you say that Iran is in a stronger position in the world, a weaker position in the world, or has it not changed Iran's position in the world?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Stronger	23%	5%	43%	25%	26%	21%
Weaker	47	80	22	40	50	44
Not changed	23	11	28	29	21	24
DK/NA	7	4	8	6	4	10