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**U.S. VOTERS BELIEVE COMEY MORE THAN TRUMP,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
SUPPORT FOR MARIJUANA HITS NEW HIGH**

American voters have a 30 – 41 percent negative opinion of former FBI Director James Comey, but they believe him more than President Donald Trump 54 – 35 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

Believing President Trump more than Comey are Republicans 76 – 13 percent, white men 47 – 39 percent and white voters with no college degree, 47 – 40 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Every other party, gender, education, age and racial group backs Comey.

American voters believe 53 – 35 percent that the Russian government has compromising information about President Trump. Only Republicans and white men don't believe this. White voters with no college degree are divided 45 – 46 percent.

Trump should not fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller, voters say 74 – 13 percent, including 59 – 25 percent among Republicans. But voters are divided in their support of a bill to prevent the president from firing the special counsel with 46 percent supporting the bill and 44 percent opposed. Voters oppose 52 – 42 percent impeaching Trump if he fires Mueller.

American voters say 54 – 31 percent that Mueller is conducting a fair investigation into possible links between the Russian government and the 2016 Trump presidential campaign.

Asked differently, 52 percent of voters say the investigation is legitimate and 44 percent say it is a “political witch hunt.”

“American voters aren't enamored of former FBI Director James Comey, but they trust, by 19 points, his version of events more than President Donald Trump's version,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Americans also seem to be on Independent Counsel Robert Mueller's side in his ongoing look at the president and his people.”

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American voters disapprove 52 – 25 percent of the job Scott Pruitt is doing as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The news media is an important part of democracy, 66 percent of American voters say, while 22 percent say the media is the enemy of the people. Republicans say 51 – 37 percent that the media is the enemy of the people, rather than an important part of democracy, the only group to believe that. Voters trust the media more than President Trump 53 – 37 percent to tell the truth about important issues.

Legalizing Marijuana

American voters support 63 – 33 percent legalizing marijuana in the U.S., the highest level of support ever measured in a Quinnipiac University Poll. The previous high was 61 – 33 percent in an August 3, 2017 survey.

Support for use of medical marijuana is 93 – 5 percent, similar to prior polls.

There is a wide gender gap as 43 percent of American voters say they have used recreational marijuana, including 54 percent of men and 33 percent of women.

Voters oppose 70 – 23 percent enforcement of federal laws against marijuana in states that have legalized medical or recreational marijuana. In fact, voters support 74 – 20 percent a bill protecting states with legal medical or recreational marijuana from federal prosecution.

Recreational marijuana is legal in the state in which they live, 22 percent of voters say.

Increased revenue from taxes on recreational marijuana is a good reason to legalize marijuana, voters say 54 – 42 percent.

American voters say 61 – 31 percent that marijuana is not a “gateway drug.”

Legalizing marijuana will make people more likely to use opioids, 20 percent of voters say, while 20 percent say it will be less likely to lead to opioid use and 56 percent say legalized marijuana will not have much impact on opioid use.

“Voters are more favorable to legalizing marijuana than in any previous Quinnipiac University survey, and do not see its use as a gateway to more serious drugs,” Brown said.

From April 20 – 24, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,193 voters nationwide, with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and Texas as a public service and for research.

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15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Pruitt is handling his job as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Approve	25%	51%	7%	20%	31%	20%	22%	31%		
Disapprove	52	18	76	61	52	52	58	45		
DK/NA	23	31	16	19	16	28	20	24		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	20%	20%	30%	28%	32%	22%	26%	18%	28%	
Disapprove	60	53	52	48	53	51	52	54	46	
DK/NA	20	27	18	24	15	28	22	27	25	

26. Is your opinion of James Comey favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Favorable	30%	8%	49%	34%	28%	32%	37%	23%		
Unfavorable	41	67	20	40	46	37	45	46		
Hvn't hrd enough	25	23	26	23	24	27	14	29		
REFUSED	3	2	5	3	3	4	5	2		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	21%	28%	38%	32%	27%	33%	30%	38%	16%	
Unfavorable	30	41	40	49	52	40	45	22	42	
Hvn't hrd enough	47	28	17	15	19	23	21	37	37	
REFUSED	2	3	5	4	2	5	4	3	5	

TREND: Is your opinion of James Comey favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Fav	Unfav	HvntHrd	REF
Apr 26, 2018	30	41	25	3
Jun 29, 2017	38	36	21	4
Jun 07, 2017	30	34	31	4
May 24, 2017	32	33	31	4

27. Who do you trust more to tell you the truth about important issues: President Trump or former FBI Director James Comey?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Trump	35%	76%	6%	27%	41%	29%	33%	47%		
Comey	54	13	90	59	46	61	57	40		
DK/NA	12	10	5	14	13	10	10	13		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Trump	23%	31%	36%	46%	47%	34%	40%	9%	31%	
Comey	61	55	55	49	39	57	49	81	56	
DK/NA	16	14	9	5	14	9	11	10	13	

TREND: Who do you trust more to tell you the truth about important issues: President Trump or former FBI Director James Comey?

	Trump	Comey	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	35	54	12
Dec 12, 2017	32	56	12
Jun 29, 2017	36	56	8

28. Who do you trust more to tell you the truth about important issues: President Trump or the news media?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Trump	37%	81%	4%	31%	42%	32%	36%	51%		
News media	53	13	90	54	46	59	54	40		
DK/NA	10	6	6	14	12	9	11	10		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Trump	29%	33%	37%	45%	49%	37%	43%	12%	35%	
News media	56	57	55	47	38	54	47	77	53	
DK/NA	15	10	8	7	12	8	10	11	12	

TREND: Who do you trust more to tell you the truth about important issues: President Trump or the news media?

	Trump	News Media	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	37	53	10
Nov 14, 2017	34	54	12
Oct 12, 2017	37	52	11
Aug 23, 2017	36	54	10
Aug 16, 2017	37	55	9
May 25, 2017	34	53	13
May 10, 2017	31	57	12
Mar 07, 2017	37	53	10
Feb 22, 2017	37	52	10

29. Which comes closer to your point of view: the news media is the enemy of the people, or the news media is an important part of democracy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							Yes	No			
Enemy of the people	22%	51%	3%	16%	26%	18%	20%	33%			
Part of democracy	66	37	91	70	62	70	71	56			
NEITHER (VOL)	4	4	2	5	4	4	4	4			
DK/NA	8	8	4	9	8	7	5	7			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Enemy of the people	19%	18%	24%	27%	32%	22%	26%	7%	20%		
Part of democracy	62	72	70	62	57	70	64	78	65		
NEITHER (VOL)	6	4	2	4	5	4	4	2	2		
DK/NA	13	5	4	7	7	5	6	14	12		

30. If the Democratic party wins control of the House of Representatives in 2018, would you like to see them begin the process to impeach President Trump, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							Yes	No			
Yes/Impeach	38%	6%	71%	38%	32%	44%	34%	30%			
No	55	92	21	54	63	47	59	65			
DK/NA	7	2	8	8	5	9	7	5			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes/Impeach	48%	40%	40%	31%	22%	41%	32%	69%	46%		
No	44	55	56	60	74	52	62	23	47		
DK/NA	8	5	4	8	4	8	6	8	7		

TREND: If the Democratic party wins control of the House of Representatives in 2018, would you like to see them begin the process to impeach President Trump, or not?

	Yes/ Impeach	No	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	38	55	7
Jan 10, 2018	45	51	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
							COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes	63%	41%	75%	67%	65%	60%	61%	62%		
No	33	55	21	27	29	36	36	33		
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	5	4	3	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	82%	70%	63%	43%	61%	62%	62%	71%	60%	
No	16	25	33	52	34	34	34	26	34	
DK/NA	3	4	5	5	4	4	4	3	5	

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

	Yes	No	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	63	33	4
Jan 11, 2018	58	36	6
Aug 03, 2017	61	33	5
Apr 20, 2017	60	34	6
Feb 23, 2017	59	36	5
Jun 06, 2016	54	41	5
Dec 05, 2012	51	44	5

36. Do you support or oppose allowing adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
							COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	93%	86%	97%	95%	93%	94%	95%	91%		
Oppose	5	12	2	4	6	5	4	8		
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	96%	93%	95%	91%	92%	94%	93%	95%	95%	
Oppose	4	5	5	7	7	5	6	5	2	
DK/NA	-	2	1	2	1	1	1	-	3	

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	93	5	1
Jan 11, 2018	91	6	2
Aug 03, 2017	94	4	1
Apr 20, 2017	94	5	1
Feb 23, 2017	93	6	1
Jun 06, 2016	89	9	2

37. Keeping in mind that your answers are confidential, have you ever recreationally used marijuana or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No
Yes	43%	28%	53%	45%	54%	33%	43%	44%		
No	54	70	45	52	44	64	55	53		
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	63%	50%	46%	25%	53%	36%	44%	53%	49%	
No	37	49	51	74	45	62	54	45	50	
DK/NA	-	2	4	1	2	3	2	2	1	

38. If you agreed with a political candidate on other issues, but not on the issue of legalizing marijuana, do you think you could still vote for that candidate or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No
Yes	82%	75%	87%	86%	83%	81%	87%	79%		
No	13	19	8	11	14	12	8	16		
DK/NA	5	6	5	3	3	7	6	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	84%	89%	84%	73%	84%	82%	83%	86%	69%	
No	13	8	11	19	13	11	12	11	25	
DK/NA	3	3	5	8	3	7	5	3	6	

39. Would you support or oppose the government enforcing federal laws against marijuana in states that have already legalized medical or recreational marijuana?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No
Support	23%	38%	14%	19%	26%	20%	21%	22%		
Oppose	70	52	83	76	70	70	72	70		
DK/NA	7	10	4	6	4	10	8	7		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	21%	24%	19%	26%	26%	17%	21%	24%	35%	
Oppose	75	73	76	61	69	73	71	71	61	
DK/NA	4	4	5	12	5	9	7	4	4	

TREND: Would you support or oppose the government enforcing federal laws against marijuana in states that have already legalized medical or recreational marijuana?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	23	70	7
Jan 11, 2018	23	70	7
Aug 03, 2017	20	75	5
Apr 20, 2017	21	73	6
Feb 23, 2017	23	71	6

40. Would you support or oppose a bill protecting states that have legalized medical or recreational marijuana from federal prosecution?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	74%	52%	88%	77%	75%	73%	74%	72%
Oppose	20	38	10	17	21	19	19	20
DK/NA	6	10	2	6	4	8	7	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	81%	78%	78%	63%	74%	73%	73%	75%	79%
Oppose	16	20	18	25	20	19	19	22	16
DK/NA	3	3	4	12	6	9	7	3	6

41. Is recreational marijuana legal in the state in which you live, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Legal	22%	17%	25%	26%	23%	22%	21%	21%
No	72	76	69	71	74	71	74	75
DK/NA	5	7	6	3	4	7	5	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Legal	28%	18%	25%	17%	21%	21%	21%	13%	36%
No	72	76	71	74	76	73	74	82	52
DK/NA	-	6	4	10	3	6	5	5	12

41a. (If yes/legal q41) Do you think that legalizing recreational marijuana has been good for your state or bad for your state?

	IF YES/LEGAL Q41		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Good	48%	57%	40%
Bad	25	27	24
DK/NA	26	16	36

42. As you may know, legalizing recreational marijuana allows states to tax the sale of marijuana, which can result in increased revenue. Do you think that increasing revenue in your state is a good reason or a bad reason for recreational marijuana to be legalized?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Good reason	54%	35%	66%	58%	58%	50%	51%	53%
Bad reason	42	61	29	38	39	44	46	45
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	2	6	3	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Good reason	76%	63%	54%	33%	53%	51%	52%	64%	61%
Bad reason	20	34	43	62	44	46	46	29	31
DK/NA	5	3	3	5	2	3	3	7	7

43. Do you consider marijuana a so-called "gateway drug", or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Gateway drug	31%	47%	18%	30%	29%	33%	35%	30%
No	61	45	74	62	64	57	58	62
DK/NA	8	8	8	8	7	9	8	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Gateway drug	18%	31%	31%	39%	31%	33%	32%	27%	24%
No	78	63	62	48	63	57	60	62	64
DK/NA	5	6	8	13	6	10	8	10	12

44. Do you think that legalizing marijuana will make people more likely to use opioids, less likely to use opioids, or don't you think legalizing marijuana will have much impact either way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More likely	20%	36%	12%	17%	21%	20%	22%	21%
Less likely	20	12	26	20	20	19	20	17
Not much impact	56	47	60	60	54	56	53	57
DK/NA	5	6	2	3	4	5	5	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
More likely	8%	20%	20%	31%	24%	20%	22%	18%	18%
Less likely	28	27	16	11	20	17	18	22	23
Not much impact	60	50	61	53	52	57	55	59	54
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	5	6	5	1	4

45. As you may know, Special Counsel Robert Mueller was appointed to oversee the criminal investigation into any links or coordination between President Trump's campaign and the Russian government. Do you think that he is conducting a fair investigation into this matter, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Fair	54%	26%	79%	58%	52%	57%	62%	44%
No	31	61	9	26	35	28	28	39
DK/NA	15	13	12	16	13	16	10	17

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
					Men	Wom			
Yes/Fair	49%	60%	61%	51%	49%	56%	53%	60%	56%
No	27	26	32	36	38	29	33	21	31
DK/NA	24	14	7	13	12	15	14	19	13

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	Yes/ Fair	No	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	54	31	15
Apr 10, 2018	52	32	17
Mar 07, 2018	58	28	14
Feb 06, 2018	56	28	16
Jan 11, 2018	59	26	15
Dec 12, 2017	58	29	13
Nov 15, 2017	60	27	13

46. Do you think President Trump should fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Fire	13%	25%	6%	9%	17%	10%	9%	17%
No	74	59	82	82	75	73	83	66
DK/NA	12	16	12	9	8	17	9	17

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
					Men	Wom			
Yes/Fire	19%	10%	13%	12%	18%	9%	13%	10%	27%
No	61	77	79	80	74	75	74	81	57
DK/NA	21	13	8	8	8	16	13	9	16

TREND: Do you think President Trump should fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller, or don't you think so?

	Yes/ Fire	No	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	13	74	12
Apr 10, 2018	13	69	18

47. Would you support or oppose a bill to prevent President Trump from firing Special Counsel Robert Mueller?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Support	46%	17%	73%	48%	43%	48%	51%	35%		
Oppose	44	74	17	42	49	39	41	51		
DK/NA	11	9	10	10	8	13	8	14		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	43%	46%	53%	45%	38%	48%	43%	60%	46%	
Oppose	39	43	42	47	53	39	46	31	43	
DK/NA	18	11	6	7	9	13	11	9	11	

48. Do you think President Trump should be impeached and removed from office if he fires Special Counsel Robert Mueller, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Impeached	42%	6%	76%	43%	36%	47%	40%	29%		
No	52	91	16	51	57	46	54	65		
DK/NA	7	3	8	6	7	7	6	6		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Impeached	43%	42%	48%	37%	27%	41%	35%	77%	48%	
No	45	51	49	60	68	52	59	13	47	
DK/NA	12	7	4	4	5	7	6	10	5	

TREND: Do you think President Trump should be impeached and removed from office if he fires Special Counsel Robert Mueller, or don't you think so?

	Yes/ Impeach	No	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	42	52	7
Feb 06, 2018	46	47	8

49. Do you think that the investigation into any links or coordination between President Trump's 2016 election campaign and the Russian government is a legitimate investigation, or do you think it is a political witch hunt?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
							COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Legitimate	52%	14%	88%	53%	48%	56%	58%	39%		
Political witch hunt	44	82	9	43	49	38	39	56		
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	3	6	3	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Legitimate	60%	55%	56%	43%	41%	56%	49%	69%	49%	
Political witch hunt	35	40	43	53	55	41	47	24	47	
DK/NA	5	5	2	4	4	4	4	7	5	

TREND: Do you think that the investigation into any links or coordination between President Trump's 2016 election campaign and the Russian government is a legitimate investigation, or do you think it is a political witch hunt?

	Legit- mate	Witch Hunt	DK/NA
Apr 26, 2018	52	44	4
Mar 07, 2018	53	42	5
Feb 06, 2018	50	42	7
Jan 18, 2018	52	43	5

50. Do you believe that the Russian government has compromising information about President Trump, or don't you believe that the Russian government has that kind of information about President Trump?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
							COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Has info	53%	21%	83%	53%	46%	58%	50%	45%		
No	35	67	9	33	41	30	34	46		
DK/NA	12	12	8	13	13	12	16	9		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Has info	62%	49%	53%	53%	38%	56%	48%	81%	61%	
No	26	37	39	35	48	33	40	12	31	
DK/NA	11	14	8	13	15	11	13	7	7	