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**AMERICAN VOTERS BACK IRAN DEAL BY WIDE MARGIN,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
VOTERS OPPOSE FAITH EXCLUSION TO SERVE GAYS**

American voters support 58 – 33 percent the preliminary agreement with Iran to restrict that country’s nuclear program, according to a Quinnipiac University National poll released today.

At the same time, only 35 percent of voters are “very confident” or “somewhat confident” the agreement would prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, while 62 percent are “not so confident” or “not confident at all,” the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Supporting the agreement are Democrats 76 – 15 percent and independent voters 60 – 33 percent, with Republicans opposed 56 – 37 percent.

The letter from Republican senators to Iranian leaders was not appropriate, American voters say 53 – 40 percent. It will hurt rather than help negotiations, voters say 37 – 8 percent, while 48 percent say it will make no difference.

Voters support 65 – 24 percent making any Iran agreement subject to congressional approval.

Voters back 77 – 13 percent a negotiated settlement rather than military intervention to limit Iran’s nuclear program.

“Better to sit down and negotiate than to flex muscle and isolate. Americans are worried about Iran, but not enough to send in the troops,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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American voters are divided on whether they will vote Democratic or Republican in the 2016 elections for the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives:

- In House races, 40 percent would vote Republican, while 37 percent would vote Democratic;
- Voters in states where there is a U.S. Senate election are divided 39 – 39 percent on whether they would vote for a Democrat or a Republican.

Voters disapprove of Democrats in Congress less than they disapprove of Republicans, giving Democrats a negative 30 – 61 percent score, compared to a negative 22 – 69 percent for Republicans.

President Barack Obama gets a negative 44 – 49 percent job approval rating, continuing an upward climb from a negative 39 – 54 percent score in a November 25 Quinnipiac University poll.

Same-Sex Marriage

American voters support same-sex marriage 58 – 34 percent, with strong support from every party, gender and age group except Republicans, who are opposed 59 – 33 percent, and voters over 55 years old, who support same-sex marriage by a narrow 48 – 43 percent.

By a 69 – 26 percent margin, including a 50 – 44 percent margin among Republicans, voters say businesses should not be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians.

By a smaller 58 – 35 percent margin, voters say businesses should not be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians, even if it violates a business owner’s religious beliefs.

Again, there is strong agreement among all groups except Republicans, who say 56 – 37 percent a business owner should be allowed to deny service based on religious belief.

“Americans support same-sex marriage by nearly 2-1, and by an even larger margin say businesses should not be allowed to discriminate against gays and lesbians,” Malloy said.

From April 16 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,353 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or for the Democratic candidate in your district?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Republican	40%	90%	3%	37%	42%	37%	35%	39%	43%
Democratic	37	2	81	29	32	42	41	37	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	1	1	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	1	3	2	2	4	1	2
DK/NA	20	7	15	30	22	18	19	20	18

TREND: If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or for the Democratic candidate in your district?

	Apr 27 2015	Jul 08 2014	Apr 02 2014	Jan 21 2014	Jan 08 2014	DEMOCRATIC ADVANTAGE	
						High	Low
						Oct 01 2013	Apr 27 2015
Republican	40	39	38	38	38	34	40
Democratic	37	41	40	37	37	43	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	2	2	2	4	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
DK/NA	20	17	18	21	21	17	20

2. If an election for the U.S. Senate were being held in your state today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Republican	40%	90%	3%	39%	45%	36%	34%	40%	44%
Democratic	39	2	82	32	33	45	46	40	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	2	3	1	1	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	1	2	4	1	1
DK/NA	17	7	14	25	18	16	15	16	17

STATES WITH SENATE ELECTION IN 2016.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Republican	39%	90%	4%	39%	44%	35%	32%	38%	46%
Democratic	39	3	82	31	35	44	45	42	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	2	3	2	1	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	1	2	2	1	4	1	1
DK/NA	18	7	13	26	17	18	18	16	16

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	44%	6%	84%	40%	39%	48%	49%	48%	39%
Disapprove	49	91	13	51	55	44	41	45	57
DK/NA	7	3	3	9	5	8	11	6	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (* High also 59% Mar 2009)

	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Jun 04 2009*	Low Dec 10 2013
Approve	44	41	39	40	42	59	38
Disapprove	49	52	54	53	50	31	57
DK/NA	7	7	8	7	8	10	6

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	22%	43%	10%	20%	20%	24%	25%	23%	21%
Disapprove	69	48	86	71	72	66	65	68	72
DK/NA	9	9	4	9	7	10	10	9	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job? (* High also 34% Mar 3 2011, Mar 2010, ** Low also 17% Oct 2013)

	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 26 2014	Jul 08 2014	Apr 02 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Mar 31 2011*	Low Jan 21 2014**
Approve	22	22	23	18	18	34	17
Disapprove	69	69	69	73	73	55	76
DK/NA	9	9	8	9	9	11	7

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	30%	7%	64%	21%	27%	33%	32%	34%	28%
Disapprove	61	89	28	69	66	56	54	57	66
DK/NA	9	4	8	10	7	11	13	10	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job? (* Low also 24% Nov 2011, Oct 2011, Sep 2011)

	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 26 2014	Jul 08 2014	Apr 02 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Mar 04 2009	Low Nov 26 2014*
Approve	30	28	24	29	30	45	24
Disapprove	61	62	67	63	60	45	67
DK/NA	9	10	9	8	10	10	9

8. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Very satisfied	2%	-	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Smwht satisfied	28	11	48	25	26	30	35	30	22
Smwht dissatisfied	32	33	32	34	32	33	37	33	31
Very dissatisfied	37	55	16	40	39	34	26	33	45
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	2	1	2	2	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 08 2014	Apr 02 2014	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Dec 11 2001	Low Nov 13 2008
Very satisfied	2	2	2	2	2	21	2
Smwht satisfied	28	29	23	24	24	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	32	33	32	31	33	19	38
Very dissatisfied	37	35	42	43	40	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	3	2

24. Who do you trust more to make decisions that are good for the country, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Obama	45%	4%	87%	40%	40%	49%	50%	49%	40%
Reps in Congress	43	91	6	42	45	40	35	39	49
DK/NA	13	5	7	17	15	11	14	12	11

TREND: Who do you trust more to make decisions that are good for the country, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014
Obama	45	42	42
Reps in Congress	43	47	47
DK/NA	13	11	12

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	45%	12%	80%	43%	42%	47%	49%	51%	40%
Disapprove	50	86	17	52	54	47	44	46	57
DK/NA	5	2	3	6	4	6	7	3	3

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?
(* Low also 32% Sep 2011)

	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	Jan 22 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Mar 04 2009	Low Oct 06 2011*
Approve	45	44	40	40	39	57	32
Disapprove	50	50	55	55	56	33	64
DK/NA	5	6	4	4	5	10	4

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	39%	7%	75%	34%	37%	42%	39%	44%	36%
Disapprove	53	89	19	57	58	48	47	49	59
DK/NA	8	4	6	9	5	10	13	8	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	Jan 22 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Apr 29 2009	Low Mar 04 2015
Approve	39	35	37	39	40	57	35
Disapprove	53	55	57	55	49	32	55
DK/NA	8	10	6	6	11	11	10

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - terrorism?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	43%	10%	77%	41%	41%	45%	47%	48%	38%
Disapprove	50	87	18	52	54	46	46	45	56
DK/NA	7	4	5	8	5	8	8	7	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling terrorism?

	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Jul 02 2014	Jan 22 2014	Jan 08 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High May 05 2011	Low Mar 04 2015
Approve	43	39	44	48	52	67	39
Disapprove	50	54	51	41	41	27	54
DK/NA	7	7	5	10	6	7	7

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the situation between Israel and the Palestinians?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	31%	6%	59%	28%	30%	32%	26%	35%	30%
Disapprove	53	88	23	55	58	49	54	47	59
DK/NA	15	6	19	17	12	19	20	18	11

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation between Israel and the Palestinians?

	Apr 27 2015	Oct 06 2011	Jun 09 2011	Apr 22 2010
Approve	31	34	35	35
Disapprove	53	48	47	44
DK/NA	15	17	17	21

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the situation in Iran?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	37%	10%	69%	33%	37%	38%	35%	42%	35%
Disapprove	52	86	21	56	56	49	48	48	59
DK/NA	10	4	10	12	7	13	17	10	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Iran?

	Apr 27 2015	Jan 22 2014	Dec 10 2013	Oct 01 2013	Nov 23 2011	Apr 22 2010	Oct 07 2009
Approve	37	39	40	48	46	44	45
Disapprove	52	47	48	40	38	43	39
DK/NA	10	14	12	12	16	13	17

51. Is your opinion of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	38%	68%	14%	38%	48%	29%	21%	37%	46%
Unfavorable	22	5	33	26	23	22	25	26	19
Hvn't hrd enough	37	25	50	34	27	46	51	35	32
REFUSED	3	1	3	3	2	3	3	2	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Apr 27 2015	Jun 09 2011	Apr 22 2010
Favorable	38	34	30
Unfavorable	22	15	14
Hvn't hrd enough	37	49	54
REFUSED	3	3	3

52. Do you think the President of the United States should be a strong supporter of Israel or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Should	67%	87%	56%	67%	74%	61%	57%	61%	77%
No/Should not	20	7	27	22	19	21	32	22	13
DK/NA	13	6	17	11	7	18	10	17	10

TREND: Do you think the President of the United States should be a strong supporter of Israel or not?

	Apr 27 2015	Oct 06 2011	Jun 09 2011	Apr 22 2010
Yes/Should	67	63	66	66
No/Should not	20	20	18	19
DK/NA	13	17	16	15

53. Do you think President Obama is a strong supporter of Israel or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Strong	38%	9%	65%	38%	39%	37%	44%	40%	34%
No	48	83	17	48	52	44	39	42	56
DK/NA	15	7	17	15	9	19	17	18	10

TREND: Do you think President Obama is a strong supporter of Israel or not?

	Apr 27 2015	Oct 06 2011	Jun 09 2011	Apr 22 2010
Yes/Strong	38	39	40	34
No/Not strong	48	40	39	42
DK/NA	15	21	22	24

54. Do you think that Iran's nuclear program is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Major threat	63%	84%	54%	59%	64%	63%	45%	59%	74%
Minor threat	26	12	34	31	26	26	42	28	18
Not a threat	7	1	8	9	8	5	9	9	4
DK/NA	4	3	5	2	2	6	3	4	4

55. As you may know a preliminary agreement was reached in which the United States and other countries would lift major economic sanctions against Iran, in exchange for Iran restricting its nuclear program in a way that makes it harder for it to produce nuclear weapons. Do you support or oppose this agreement?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	58%	37%	76%	60%	55%	61%	66%	60%	54%
Oppose	33	56	15	33	39	28	24	33	37
DK/NA	9	7	8	7	6	11	11	7	9

56. How confident are you that this agreement would prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons; very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Very confident	4%	2%	9%	3%	6%	3%	4%	3%	6%
Somewhat confident	31	13	48	32	29	32	36	35	26
Not so confident	23	21	23	24	21	24	33	22	19
Not confident at all	39	63	17	40	42	36	23	37	46
DK/NA	3	2	4	2	2	5	4	4	3

57. As you may know, 47 Republican senators sent an open letter to the leaders of Iran warning that any agreement they make with President Obama will only be an "executive agreement" that could be revoked unless it gets congressional approval. Do you think it was or was not appropriate for Republicans to send this letter?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Appropriate	40%	72%	14%	38%	42%	37%	41%	34%	43%
Not appropriate	53	23	79	56	53	54	53	57	50
DK/NA	7	5	7	6	5	9	7	8	6

58. Do you think that letter will help or hurt White House efforts to peacefully reduce Iran's nuclear capabilities, or won't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Help	8%	12%	3%	10%	6%	9%	5%	7%	9%
Hurt	37	18	56	35	36	39	46	37	33
No difference	48	65	32	50	53	42	41	49	50
DK/NA	7	6	8	6	5	9	8	6	8

59. Would you prefer military intervention against Iran's nuclear program or a negotiated settlement to reduce its nuclear potential?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Military interventn	13%	21%	6%	11%	18%	9%	9%	13%	15%
Negotiated settlemnt	77	69	85	81	75	79	85	78	73
DK/NA	10	10	9	7	7	12	6	8	12

60. Would you support or oppose legislation that would make any Iran agreement subject to congressional approval?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	65%	88%	49%	66%	70%	61%	63%	64%	69%
Oppose	24	6	40	25	23	25	25	29	20
DK/NA	10	7	11	9	6	14	13	7	11

61. Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to get married?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	58%	33%	74%	66%	56%	61%	74%	64%	48%
Oppose	34	59	22	26	35	33	21	30	43
DK/NA	8	8	4	9	9	7	5	6	9

62. Do you think businesses should or should not be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Should be allowed	26%	44%	9%	25%	28%	23%	22%	23%	30%
Should not	69	50	88	70	65	73	75	72	65
DK/NA	5	6	3	5	7	4	3	5	6

63. What if the business says homosexuality violates its owners' religious beliefs; in that case do you think the business should or should not be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Should be allowed	35%	56%	17%	33%	38%	32%	31%	33%	38%
Should not	58	37	79	59	57	60	64	61	54
DK/NA	7	7	3	7	6	8	6	5	8