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**AMERICAN VOTERS LIKE CLINTON OVER PAUL, JEB BUSH,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
CONGRESS WON'T FIX IMMIGRATION, VOTERS SAY 3-1**

In an early look at the 2016 presidential campaign, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leads Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky 49 – 41 percent and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush 48 – 40 percent, but Vice President Joseph Biden trails Bush 44 – 38 percent and falls behind Paul 43 – 39 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Ms. Clinton gets a 52 – 40 percent favorability rating, down from an all-time high 61 – 34 percent in a February 8 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. Favorability ratings for other possible 2016 presidential contenders are:

- Biden: Negative 37 – 44 percent;
- Paul: Positive 32 – 24 percent, with 42 percent who don't know enough about him to form an opinion;
- Bush: 29 – 29 percent, with 42 percent who haven't formed an opinion.

Looking at immigration, 54 percent of American voters support a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants, while 12 percent say these immigrants can stay but not become citizens and 29 percent say they should be deported. Those numbers are virtually identical to the results in Quinnipiac University's May 2 survey, but both represent a drop from April, before the Boston bombing, when 59 percent backed a path to citizenship.

Voters say 71 – 24 percent, however, that Democrats and Republicans in Congress will not be able to work together to achieve immigration reform.

"Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton remains the queen of the 2016 hill at this point, but the wide gap between her and some of the leading Republican contenders on favorability may be closing, as her overall favorability has taken a hit," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

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“Her score is down substantially from her all-time high score in February. The drop in her favorability is substantial among men, Republicans and independent voters. One reason for her drop may be that 48 percent of voters blame her either a little or a lot for the death of the American ambassador in Benghazi,” Brown added.

In the hypothetical race between Clinton and Jeb Bush, she carries Democrats 92 – 3 percent, but loses Republicans 82 – 8 percent and splits independent voters 42 – 43 percent. She wins women 55 – 35 percent, but loses men 45 – 40 percent.

Clinton gets a 91 – 4 percent favorability among Democrats and a 46 – 42 percent favorability from independent voters, with a negative 18 – 77 percent favorability from Republicans. Women are favorable 59 – 32 percent, while men are negative 44 – 50 percent.

In February, she was 91 – 5 percent favorable among Democrats, negative 27 – 68 percent among Republicans and 59 – 35 percent positive among independents. She was 53 – 42 favorable among men and 68 – 27 percent favorable among women.

“If Ms. Clinton chooses not to run in 2016, the potential Democratic field could include a somewhat unpopular vice president and a number of new faces who are unknown to the vast majority of Americans,” said Brown. “The potential Republican candidates include many unknowns also. Some of them, however, lead the incumbent vice president and outscore him when it comes to overall voter favorability.”

One thing voters of all parties agree upon is that Congress will not be able to pass an immigration reform bill: 78 percent of Republicans, 61 percent of Democrats and 76 percent of independent voters say Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill won't be able to agree.

“There isn't a lot of confidence outside the Beltway in the ability of those in Congress to play nice and be productive,” said Brown.

From May 22 – 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,419 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 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, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Clinton	48%	8%	92%	42%	40%	55%	40%	88%	56%
Bush	40	82	3	43	45	35	47	8	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	-	4	5	1	3	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	-	4	3	3	3	-	4
DK/NA	7	5	5	7	7	7	7	3	7

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Clinton	49%	35%	30%	42%	30%	48%	20%	39%	37%
Bush	41	50	58	45	55	40	67	47	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	3	1	5	1	4	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3
DK/NA	6	8	6	8	7	7	6	8	8

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Clinton	52%	47%	53%	44%	43%	51%	49%	49%	43%
Bush	37	40	36	43	43	33	37	40	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2	3	3	6	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	2	3	5	2	5	3	2
DK/NA	6	7	6	7	7	9	7	6	6

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Clinton	49%	10%	92%	41%	40%	57%	41%	86%	57%
Paul	41	78	3	45	49	33	48	7	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	4	2	2	2	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	4	3	2	2	2	6
DK/NA	6	7	4	7	7	6	7	2	5

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Clinton	50%	36%	31%	44%	30%	51%	21%	41%	39%
Paul	40	52	58	45	58	39	68	46	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2
DK/NA	5	8	7	7	8	7	7	8	7

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Clinton	54%	47%	53%	46%	44%	51%	51%	49%	43%
Paul	36	43	36	44	49	35	41	41	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	3	1	1	6	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	3	2	-	2	3	3
DK/NA	5	7	6	6	3	7	5	5	8

7. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Biden	38%	3%	84%	26%	33%	43%	31%	80%	38%
Bush	44	84	6	50	49	39	51	10	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	3	1	6	5	3	4	1	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	2	4	6	5	5	5	5	4
DK/NA	9	7	4	12	7	10	9	5	8

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Biden	38%	27%	21%	34%	24%	37%	12%	32%	30%
Bush	48	53	61	51	59	45	70	51	51
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	3	4	2	5	3	4	3	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	6	4	3	5	4	4	4	4
DK/NA	6	11	9	11	8	10	10	11	11

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Biden	41%	37%	42%	36%	36%	41%	37%	39%	36%
Bush	43	44	41	48	48	42	41	44	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	3	4	4	4	5	6	4	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	5	5	6	3	7	5	4
DK/NA	6	10	9	7	6	9	9	9	9

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Biden	39%	4%	86%	27%	35%	43%	31%	82%	53%
Paul	43	80	5	50	49	38	51	8	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	1	5	4	3	3	1	5
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	5	3	4	3	-	3
DK/NA	11	10	6	13	9	13	11	9	6

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Biden	39%	27%	22%	37%	25%	36%	14%	32%	33%
Paul	45	53	59	48	59	44	68	49	49
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	2	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3	5	4	3	2	4	3
DK/NA	7	13	12	7	9	13	12	13	11

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Biden	43%	38%	44%	38%	35%	45%	35%	42%	36%
Paul	41	44	38	47	52	38	45	44	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	3	4	2	2	3	4	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	4
DK/NA	7	13	11	9	6	11	13	8	14

9. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	52%	18%	91%	46%	44%	59%	46%	87%	59%
Unfavorable	40	77	4	42	50	32	46	5	33
Hvn't hrd enough	7	4	4	10	5	8	7	6	9
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	-

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Favorable	51%
Unfavorable	43
Hvn't hrd enough	5
REFUSED	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	May 31	Feb 08	May 14	Oct 31	Aug 15	FAVORABLE.....	
	2013	2013	2008	2007	2007	High	Low
						Feb 08	May 03
						2013	2007
Favorable	52	61	47	46	48	61	44
Unfavorable	40	34	44	46	43	34	46
Hvn't hrd enough	7	4	7	6	6	4	7
REFUSED	1	1	2	2	3	1	3

10. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	37%	9%	72%	27%	34%	39%	31%	71%	38%
Unfavorable	44	74	9	51	51	38	52	8	31
Hvn't hrd enough	19	15	18	21	14	23	17	21	30
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-

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

	May 31	Feb 08	Nov 12
	2013	2013	2008
Favorable	37	46	50
Unfavorable	44	41	23
Hvn't hrd enough	19	11	25
REFUSED	1	2	2

11. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	32%	56%	6%	37%	40%	26%	37%	7%	23%
Unfavorable	24	6	44	23	25	24	22	36	25
Hvn't hrd enough	42	37	49	39	34	50	40	56	49
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4

12. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	29%	49%	10%	32%	35%	24%	30%	16%	33%
Unfavorable	29	8	48	26	28	29	26	40	27
Hvn't hrd enough	42	43	41	40	36	46	43	44	40
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

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

	May 31 2013	Feb 08 2013
Favorable	29	25
Unfavorable	29	29
Hvn't hrd enough	42	45
REFUSED	1	2

27. 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	54%	39%	72%	52%	51%	56%	50%	74%	60%
B) Stay/Not citizen	12	15	7	13	14	10	11	8	25
C) Not stay	29	40	17	31	31	28	34	15	9
DK/NA	5	7	4	4	4	6	5	3	6

	WHITE.....						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	COLLEGE DEG						Yes	No	HsHld
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom			
A) Stay/Citizenship	64%	42%	46%	44%	46%	53%	44%	47%	47%
B) Stay/Not citizen	13	11	10	15	13	10	10	13	12
C) Not stay	20	41	38	36	38	30	40	34	34
DK/NA	3	6	6	5	3	6	5	6	7

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A) Stay/Citizenship	65%	49%	52%	54%	58%	53%	54%	53%	54%
B) Stay/Not citizen	13	11	11	13	14	12	14	11	10
C) Not stay	19	34	31	30	25	33	28	30	27
DK/NA	4	6	6	3	4	2	3	6	8

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.

	May 31 2013	May 02 2013	Apr 04 2013	Feb 07 2013	Dec 05 2012
A) Stay/Citizenship	54	52	59	56	57
B) Stay/Not citizen	12	11	11	10	11
C) Not stay	29	30	25	30	26
DK/NA	5	6	5	4	5

28. Do you think Republicans and Democrats in Congress will be able to work together to pass comprehensive immigration reform this year or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	24%	17%	33%	21%	24%	23%	20%	39%	35%
No	71	78	61	76	72	70	74	53	65
DK/NA	5	5	7	4	4	6	6	8	-

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Yes	27%	16%	19%	22%	20%	20%	19%	20%	20%
No	69	77	75	72	76	73	76	74	75
DK/NA	4	6	5	6	4	7	5	7	5

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Yes	26%	22%	23%	23%	24%	26%	21%	24%	23%
No	71	72	69	75	73	71	75	71	68
DK/NA	4	6	7	2	2	3	4	5	8

29. If a candidate for Congress supports a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More likely	26%	15%	38%	26%	27%	26%	24%	30%	44%
Less likely	24	36	12	25	26	23	28	11	15
No difference	44	42	46	45	43	46	43	57	39
DK/NA	5	7	4	4	5	6	6	3	2

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
More likely	36%	17%	19%	24%	23%	24%	15%	23%	19%
Less likely	19	32	32	31	30	26	39	26	28
No difference	41	44	41	40	43	43	39	45	48
DK/NA	4	7	8	5	4	7	6	6	4

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

More likely	37%	21%	23%	27%	36%	35%	32%	24%	20%
Less likely	18	27	25	23	23	23	21	26	26
No difference	42	46	47	45	37	42	41	46	46
DK/NA	3	6	5	5	4	-	7	5	8