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**U.S. VOTERS BACK SUPREME COURT OK FOR GAY MARRIAGE,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
LESS SUPPORT FOR DEATH PENALTY – EXCEPT FOR TERRORISM**

American voters say 56 – 38 percent they would support a U.S. Supreme Court decision granting same-sex couples the constitutional right to marry, according to a Quinnipiac University National poll released today. Voters support 56 – 36 percent same-sex marriage in general.

Backing a possible Supreme Court decision in favor of same-sex marriage are Democrats 70 – 24 percent, independent voters 61 – 34 percent, men 55 – 41 percent and women 57 – 35 percent. Republicans are opposed 62 – 34 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Voters also oppose 53 – 40 percent allowing individual states to prohibit same-sex marriage, and support 57 – 36 percent requiring states to recognize same-sex marriages legally performed in other states. Democrats, independent voters, men and women back same-sex marriage in these questions, with Republicans opposed.

American voters are leaning against the death penalty in general, as 48 percent say a person convicted of murder should be sentenced to life without parole, while 43 percent back the death penalty for convicted murderers.

A person convicted of murder during an act of terror should receive the death penalty, 58 percent of voters say, while 36 percent call for life without parole.

Convicted Boston bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev should get the death penalty, 62 percent of voters say, while 34 percent back life without parole.

“American voters may be moving away from the death penalty in general, but there is absolutely no ambivalence when it comes to executing convicted Boston bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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**President Obama Approval**

American voters disapprove 50 – 43 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, compared to a 49 – 44 percent disapproval in an April 27 Quinnipiac University poll.

Voters disapprove 61 – 30 percent of the job Democrats in Congress are doing and disapprove 73 – 17 percent of the job Republicans in Congress are doing.

The U.S. and its allies are losing the fight against ISIS, American voters say 64 – 17 percent. Republicans, Democrats and independent voters, and men and women, all agree the U.S. is losing.

America is doing too much around the world and should focus more on domestic problems, 64 percent of voters say, while 32 percent say the U.S. must continue to promote democracy around the world.

“Americans, by a huge margin, believe the fight against ISIS is being lost,” Malloy said.

“By a 2-1 margin, voters think the United States is too overextended and should focus on domestic issues.”

**Trains, Planes and Automobiles**

Only 5 percent of American voters rely on trains when traveling long distances, while 50 percent go by plane; 41 percent go by car and 2 percent take the bus.

They feel most safe traveling by car, 51 percent of Americans say, while 31 percent feel most safe on a plane; 11 percent feel safest on a train and 3 percent feel safest on a bus.

But 30 percent feel least safe on a plane, followed by 26 percent on a bus, 23 percent in a car and 14 percent on a train.

From May 19 – 26, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,711 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 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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7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	43%	7%	80%	40%	41%	45%
Disapprove	50	92	15	50	53	47
DK/NA	7	1	5	10	6	8

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

	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 02 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Jun 04 2009*	Low Dec 10 2013
Approve	43	44	41	39	40	59	38
Disapprove	50	49	52	54	53	31	57
DK/NA	7	7	7	8	7	10	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	17%	40%	9%	10%	18%	16%
Disapprove	73	52	85	77	74	73
DK/NA	10	8	6	12	8	11

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% Jan 2014, Oct 2013)

	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 26 2014	Jul 08 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Mar 31 2011*	Low Jun 01 2015**
Approve	17	22	22	23	18	34	17
Disapprove	73	69	69	69	73	55	73
DK/NA	10	9	9	8	9	11	10

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	30%	9%	62%	19%	27%	33%
Disapprove	61	85	29	70	67	55
DK/NA	9	5	8	11	6	12

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)

	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 26 2014	Jul 08 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Mar 04 2009	Low Nov 26 2014*
Approve	30	30	28	24	29	45	24
Disapprove	61	61	62	67	63	45	67
DK/NA	9	9	10	9	8	10	9

10. 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
Very satisfied	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%
Smwht satisfied	26	11	48	20	27	25
Smwht dissatisfied	32	36	30	34	31	33
Very dissatisfied	39	53	16	45	39	39
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	1

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	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 08 2014	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Dec 11 2001	Low Nov 13 2008
Very satisfied	2	2	2	2	2	21	2
Smwht satisfied	26	28	29	23	24	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	32	32	33	32	31	19	38
Very dissatisfied	39	37	35	42	43	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	3	2

41. 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
Obama	45%	5%	84%	42%	41%	49%
Reps in Congress	43	91	10	40	47	39
DK/NA	12	4	6	19	12	12

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	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014
Obama	45	45	42	42
Reps in Congress	43	43	47	47
DK/NA	12	13	11	12

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	46%	9%	80%	44%	45%	48%
Disapprove	50	87	16	52	52	48
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Mar 04 2009	Low Oct 06 2011*
Approve	46	45	44	40	40	57	32
Disapprove	50	50	50	55	55	33	64
DK/NA	4	5	6	4	4	10	4

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	38%	5%	73%	34%	34%	42%
Disapprove	56	91	22	59	61	50
DK/NA	6	5	6	7	5	8

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

	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High Apr 29 2009	Low Mar 04 2015
Approve	38	39	35	37	39	57	35
Disapprove	56	53	55	57	55	32	55
DK/NA	6	8	10	6	6	11	10

62. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Excellent	1%	-	3%	1%	2%	1%
Good	34	15	55	31	36	32
Not so good	37	48	33	33	36	37
Poor	27	37	9	33	26	28
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1

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	Jun 01 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	EXLNT+GOOD....	
						High Dec 10 2003	Low Mar 04 2009
Excellent	1	2	2	1	-	3	-
Good	34	34	31	22	26	37	3
Not so good	37	41	38	43	44	42	28
Poor	27	21	28	34	30	16	68
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	-	1	-

63. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Better	33%	12%	55%	32%	33%	33%
Worse	24	38	11	25	24	25
The same	42	50	34	43	42	42
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	-

TREND: Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same? (\* Low also 11% Sep 2011)

	Jun 01 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	BETTER.....	
						High Jan 18 2011	Low Oct 06 2011*
Better	33	34	34	26	29	36	11
Worse	24	22	22	31	29	20	44
The same	42	43	43	43	42	43	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

64. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Better off	45%	29%	61%	43%	46%	43%
Worse off	30	43	15	33	30	31
SAME (VOL)	23	27	23	21	23	24
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2

TREND: Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Jun 01 2015	Mar 04 2015	May 02 2013	Nov 13 2008	May 05 2004	BETTER OFF....	
						High Jun 01 2015	Low Nov 13 2008
Better off	45	41	36	27	43	45	27
Worse off	30	32	41	50	34	30	50
SAME (VOL)	23	24	22	22	22	23	22
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	1	2	1

65. When you travel long distances which one of these modes of transportation do you most prefer: plane, car, bus, or train?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Plane	50%	45%	54%	49%	50%	49%
Car	41	50	38	39	42	41
Bus	2	1	2	3	2	2
Train	5	2	4	7	4	6
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	2	3

66. Which one of the following do you think is the most cost-effective way to travel: plane, car, bus, or train?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Plane	30%	31%	30%	30%	33%	27%
Car	35	43	31	32	31	38
Bus	13	9	16	14	12	14
Train	17	13	18	19	19	15
DK/NA	5	4	5	5	5	5

67. Do you feel most safe traveling by: plane, car, bus, or train?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Plane	31%	31%	34%	29%	33%	28%
Car	51	54	46	51	47	54
Bus	3	3	3	3	3	3
Train	11	8	13	12	13	10
DK/NA	5	5	4	4	4	5

68. Do you feel least safe traveling by: plane, car, bus, or train?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Plane	30%	34%	27%	28%	28%	31%
Car	23	19	27	24	27	20
Bus	26	26	23	27	24	27
Train	14	14	13	14	13	15
DK/NA	8	6	9	6	8	8

69. If you could vacation this summer in any state other than your own, which would it be?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Alabama	1%	-	-	2%	1%	1%
Alaska	5	7	3	5	6	4
Arizona	2	3	2	3	3	2
Arkansas	-	1	-	-	-	-
California	10	5	15	10	10	10
Colorado	5	6	4	5	6	5
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	14	17	16	11	15	14
Georgia	1	1	1	1	-	2
Hawaii	14	15	14	12	14	14
Idaho	-	1	-	1	-	-
Illinois	1	-	1	-	1	1
Indiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	2	1	2	1	1	2
Maine	4	4	3	5	3	4
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	1	1	1	1	1	1
Michigan	1	-	1	1	1	1
Minnesota	-	-	-	1	-	-
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	-	-	-	-	1	-
Montana	3	2	3	4	4	2
Nebraska	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nevada	2	2	3	1	2	2
New Hampshire	-	-	-	1	-	-
New Jersey	1	1	1	-	1	1
New Mexico	1	1	1	1	1	1
New York	3	2	4	3	2	4
North Carolina	3	4	2	4	3	3
North Dakota	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ohio	1	-	1	1	1	1
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	3	1	3	4	2	3
Pennsylvania	-	1	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island	-	1	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	3	3	3	2	3	2
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	1	2	1	2	1	2
Texas	3	4	2	3	3	3
Utah	1	1	-	2	1	1
Vermont	1	1	-	1	1	1
Virginia	1	1	2	1	1	1
Washington	4	2	5	4	3	5
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wyoming	2	3	-	2	2	1
DK/NA	3	2	3	4	4	3



70. Please tell me which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view:  
 A) The United States is doing too much in other countries around the world, and it is time to do less around the world and focus more on our own problems here at home.  
 B) The United States must continue to push forward to promote democracy and freedom in other countries around the world because these efforts make our own country more secure.

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A) Focus on home	64%	56%	63%	68%	61%	66%
B) Promote democracy	32	42	34	27	35	30
DK/NA	4	2	3	5	4	4

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	Jun 01 2015	Jul 03 2014
A) Focus on home	64	64
B) Promote democracy	32	32
DK/NA	4	4

72. Do you think the United States and its allies are winning or losing the fight against ISIS, the Islamic militant group operating in Iraq and Syria?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Winning	17%	12%	28%	13%	20%	15%
Losing	64	74	50	69	63	64
DK/NA	19	14	23	17	16	21

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	56%	35%	69%	61%	55%	57%
Oppose	36	57	24	32	36	35
DK/NA	8	8	7	7	8	8

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to get married?

	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015
Support	56	58
Oppose	36	34
DK/NA	8	8

74. Overall, do you support or oppose allowing individual states to prohibit same-sex marriages?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	40%	56%	26%	39%	45%	35%
Oppose	53	36	69	53	50	56
DK/NA	7	8	5	7	5	9

75. Overall, do you support or oppose requiring states to recognize same-sex marriages performed legally in other states?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	57%	37%	72%	62%	55%	59%
Oppose	36	56	23	32	38	33
DK/NA	7	7	4	7	6	7

76. The U.S. Supreme Court could decide that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry, which would have the effect of legalizing same sex marriage throughout the country. Would you support or oppose the Supreme Court taking this action?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	56%	34%	70%	61%	55%	57%
Oppose	38	62	24	34	41	35
DK/NA	5	4	6	5	3	7

77. Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	43%	8%	79%	40%	42%	45%
Oppose	51	88	17	53	54	48
DK/NA	6	4	4	7	5	7

TREND: Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Jun 01 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	Jan 22 2014	SUPPORT.....	
						High Oct 01 2013	Low Jan 22 2014
Support	43	40	43	41	38	45	38
Oppose	51	54	55	55	56	47	56
DK/NA	6	6	2	5	7	8	7

78. Do you think Congress should try to repeal the health care law, or should they let it stand?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Should repeal it	46%	84%	15%	44%	49%	42%
Should let it stand	48	12	82	48	46	50
DK/NA	6	4	3	8	5	7

TREND: Do you think Congress should try to repeal the health care law, or should they let it stand?

	Jun 01 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 12 2012	Apr 20 2012	Feb 23 2012	SHOULD REPEAL	
						High Feb 23 2012	Low May 04 2011
Should repeal it	46	48	49	51	52	52	44
Should let it stand	48	46	43	38	39	39	45
DK/NA	6	6	8	11	10	10	11

79. Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder; the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Death penalty	43%	60%	27%	43%	48%	39%
Life/no parole	48	33	64	47	44	51
DK/NA	9	7	9	10	8	10

TREND: Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder; the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole?

	Jun 01 2015	May 02 2013	Jul 17 2008	Dec 15 2004
Death penalty	43	48	47	42
Life/no parole	48	43	44	46
DK/NA	9	9	9	12

80. In general, do you think people convicted of murder during an act of terrorism should receive the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Death penalty	58%	75%	41%	59%	64%	53%
Life/no parole	36	21	55	34	32	41
DK/NA	5	3	4	7	4	6

TREND: In general, do you think people convicted of murder during an act of terrorism should receive the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole?

	Jun 01 2015	May 02 2013
Death penalty	58	63
Life/no parole	36	32
DK/NA	5	5

81. As you may know, the jury in the case of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the man convicted of the Boston Marathon bombing, sentenced him to the death penalty. Do you think he should receive the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Death penalty	62%	79%	45%	63%	65%	59%
Life/no parole	34	18	51	33	32	37
DK/NA	3	3	3	4	3	4