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**ALLOW MARIJUANA FOR VETS WITH PTSD, U.S. VOTERS SAY 10-1,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
SLIM MAJORITY SAYS LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN GENERAL**

U.S. Veterans Administration doctors should be allowed to prescribe marijuana in pill form to veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, American voters say 87 – 9 percent in a Quinnipiac University National poll released today.

Voters in military households, where at least one member is a veteran or on active duty military service, support marijuana for PTSD 82 – 13 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Support is 79 percent or higher among every party, gender, age or racial group listed.

On a broader question, American voters support 89 – 9 percent allowing adults to legally use medical marijuana if prescribed by a doctor. Again, support tops 81 percent among every group listed.

“If you serve your country and suffer for it, you deserve every health remedy available, including medical marijuana in pill form. That is the full-throated recommendation of Americans across the demographic spectrum, including voters in military households,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is debilitating and life-threatening. The response from voters should take political considerations out of the debate and allow doctors to do what’s best for veterans.

“The fact that a majority of American voters favors legalizing marijuana in general shows how attitudes about the drug have changed.”

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American voters are more closely divided on marijuana in general, saying 54 – 41 percent that “marijuana should be made legal in the United States,” with no other qualifications.

There is a gender gap as men support a general legalization of marijuana 60 – 37 percent, while women are divided, with 48 percent in favor and 46 percent opposed.

Republicans are opposed 62 – 36 percent and voters over 65 years old say no 57 – 37 percent. All other listed groups support legalizing marijuana, with white women tied 47 – 48 percent.

From May 24 – 30, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,561 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.5 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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53. Do you think that the use of marijuana should be made legal in the United States, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Yes	54%	36%	65%	61%	60%	48%	53%	55%	
No	41	62	30	36	37	46	42	40	
DK/NA	5	3	5	3	4	5	4	5	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	69%	59%	52%	37%	59%	47%	53%	52%	56%
No	27	36	44	57	37	48	43	41	37
DK/NA	3	4	4	6	4	5	4	6	6

54. 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	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Support	89%	81%	94%	93%	90%	89%	91%	89%	
Oppose	9	17	5	5	8	9	8	9	
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	91%	89%	90%	89%	90%	90%	90%	90%	83%
Oppose	7	10	9	9	8	8	8	8	12
DK/NA	2	1	-	2	2	2	2	2	4

55. Do you think U.S. Veterans Administration doctors should be allowed to prescribe medical marijuana in pill form, in states where it is legal, to veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Should	87%	79%	90%	92%	90%	84%	88%	86%		
No/Should not	9	15	7	5	8	10	9	9		
DK/NA	4	5	3	3	2	6	3	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Should	89%	90%	91%	81%	89%	85%	87%	90%	82%	
No/Should not	8	8	8	12	9	9	9	7	14	
DK/NA	3	2	2	7	2	6	4	3	5	
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Yes/Should	82%									
No/Should not	13									
DK/NA	5									