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**TAKING A KNEE IS NOT UNPATRIOTIC,  
U.S. VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL;  
48 PERCENT APPROVE OF ABC CANCELLING ROSEANNE**

National Football League players who kneel in protest during the National Anthem are not unpatriotic, American voters say 58 – 35 percent in a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

Republican voters say 70 – 23 percent that these NFL players are unpatriotic, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll finds. White voters with no college degree are divided 46 – 46 percent. All other listed party, gender, education, age and racial groups say they are not unpatriotic.

American voters say 53 – 43 percent that professional athletes have the right to protest on the playing field or court. Men and women agree, but there are wide racial and party divisions:

- Players have the right to protest, Democrats say 82 – 16 percent and independent voters say 54 – 42 percent. Republicans say 81 – 16 percent that players do not have the right to protest.
- Black voters say 85 – 11 percent and Hispanic voters say 67 – 28 percent that players have the right to protest. White voters say 53 – 43 percent they do not have the right.

American voters support 51 – 42 percent the new NFL policy requiring players on the field to stand for the National Anthem. Independent voters are divided as 49 percent support this policy, with 44 percent opposed.

But voters oppose 51 – 44 percent fining NFL teams if players on the field do not stand for the National Anthem. Men are divided 47 – 48 on the fining measure. Women oppose it 54 – 40 percent.

“Voters are clearly torn on the National Anthem issue. They seem to be saying, ‘You can still love your country and kneel during its Anthem,’ but the NFL’s new ‘must stand’ mandate is fine with them, too,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“As for teams that defy the new rule, Americans say, ‘Don’t throw a flag on them.’”

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Race relations in the U.S. have gotten worse in the last five years, 59 percent of American voters say, while 10 percent say race relations have gotten better and 30 percent say they are the same.

American voters disapprove 61 – 33 percent of the way President Donald Trump is handling race relations. Republicans are the only listed group who approve. White men are divided 48 – 48 percent.

### **Roseanne Barr**

Roseanne Barr gets a 51 percent unfavorable rating from American voters, with 15 percent favorable and 29 percent who haven't heard enough about her to form an opinion of her.

Voters agree 48 – 34 percent with ABC Television Network's decision to cancel Roseanne Barr's TV show. Disagreeing with the decision are Republicans 50 – 28 percent and white voters with no college degree 43 – 35 percent. White men are divided as 41 percent agree and 40 percent disagree.

From May 31 – June 5, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,223 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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24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - race relations?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							Yes	No	
Approve	33%	74%	4%	27%	39%	27%	35%	45%	
Disapprove	61	16	93	68	56	66	59	47	
DK/NA	6	10	4	5	5	7	6	8	

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	25%	32%	35%	37%	48%	33%	40%	6%	23%
Disapprove	73	61	58	56	48	58	53	87	74
DK/NA	2	7	7	7	4	9	7	7	3

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling race relations?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jun 07, 2018	33	61	6
Oct 11, 2017	35	59	6
Sep 27, 2017	32	62	6
Aug 23, 2017	31	63	6

43. Compared to 5 years ago, do you think race relations in the United States have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		ADULTS Tot
							Yes	No	
Better	10%	17%	4%	9%	10%	10%	10%	15%	10%
Worse	59	38	77	60	54	63	55	52	59
Same	30	42	17	30	35	25	33	31	28
DK/NA	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	2

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		ADULTS		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Better	8%	8%	10%	13%	12%	13%	13%	1%	5%
Worse	65	56	60	59	50	57	54	75	69
Same	27	34	29	25	37	28	32	22	26
DK/NA	-	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	-

44. Do you support or oppose the new NFL rule requiring that NFL players on the field stand for the national anthem?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		ADULTS Tot
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	
Support	51%	87%	25%	49%	53%	49%	52%	66%	51%
Oppose	42	9	69	44	41	44	41	29	41
DK/NA	7	4	6	8	6	7	7	5	8
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	39%	50%	52%	60%	61%	57%	59%	19%	45%
Oppose	55	45	43	31	34	36	35	74	50
DK/NA	6	5	5	9	5	6	6	7	5

45. Do you support or oppose the NFL fining teams if players on the field refuse to stand for the national anthem?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		ADULTS Tot
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	
Support	44%	77%	19%	42%	47%	40%	45%	57%	43%
Oppose	51	19	77	51	48	54	49	40	50
DK/NA	5	4	4	7	5	6	6	3	7
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	34%	40%	46%	51%	54%	48%	51%	12%	33%
Oppose	63	56	47	42	42	47	45	84	59
DK/NA	3	3	6	8	4	5	5	4	8

46. Do you think NFL players who kneel during the national anthem to protest police shootings of unarmed black men are being unpatriotic or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		ADULTS Tot
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	
Unpatriotic	35%	70%	11%	31%	36%	34%	39%	46%	34%
Not unpatriotic	58	23	85	60	58	58	55	46	58
DK/NA	7	7	5	8	6	8	6	8	8
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Unpatriotic	27%	28%	39%	42%	44%	41%	42%	6%	23%
Not unpatriotic	69	65	55	52	50	51	50	91	70
DK/NA	4	8	6	7	6	8	7	3	7

47. Do you believe that professional athletes have the right to protest on the playing field or court or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		ADULTS Tot
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	
Yes/Have the right	53%	16%	82%	54%	52%	54%	47%	39%	56%
No	43	81	16	42	45	42	49	57	40
DK/NA	4	3	2	4	3	4	4	4	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Have the right	67%	55%	48%	43%	42%	45%	43%	85%	67%
No	30	39	48	55	55	51	53	11	28
DK/NA	3	6	4	3	3	4	4	4	5

48. Is your opinion of Roseanne Barr favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		ADULTS Tot
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	
Favorable	15%	24%	7%	16%	17%	14%	14%	19%	15%
Unfavorable	51	37	67	51	50	52	60	42	46
Hvn't hrd enough	29	33	24	30	28	30	21	33	35
REFUSED	4	6	2	4	5	4	4	5	4
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	11%	21%	14%	13%	17%	16%	16%	13%	18%
Unfavorable	29	50	62	64	52	52	52	60	40
Hvn't hrd enough	57	24	18	20	26	29	27	24	40
REFUSED	3	4	6	4	5	4	5	3	2

49. Do you agree or disagree with ABC's decision to cancel Roseanne Barr's television show?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		ADULTS Tot
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	
Agree	48%	28%	69%	49%	44%	52%	53%	35%	45%
Disagree	34	50	21	30	37	31	32	43	35
DK/NA	18	22	9	21	19	17	15	22	21
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Agree	43%	44%	51%	57%	41%	47%	44%	73%	45%
Disagree	35	37	33	30	40	36	38	16	37
DK/NA	21	19	17	13	19	18	18	11	18