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**U.S. VOTERS OPPOSE STEEL TARIFF, BACK CHINA LEVY,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
FBI DID NOT SPY ON TRUMP CAMPAIGN, VOTERS SAY**

American voters oppose 50 – 31 percent tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, with Republicans the only listed party, gender, education, age or racial group supporting the measure, according to a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

Voters do support 52 – 36 percent raising tariffs on products imported from China, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll finds. Democrats and black voters are the only listed groups opposed to this measure.

There are wide party, gender and racial divisions as American voters disapprove 51 – 40 percent of the way President Donald Trump is handling trade:

- Republicans approve 78 – 15 percent. Disapproval is 83 – 8 percent among Democrats and 52 – 38 percent among independent voters;
- Women disapprove 54 – 34 percent. Men are divided as 46 percent approve and 47 percent disapprove;
- Disapproval is 73 – 14 percent among black voters and 58 – 31 percent among Hispanic voters. White voters are divided 46 – 46 percent.

President Trump should not fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller, voters say 70 – 13 percent. Republicans say 50 – 23 percent Trump should not fire Mueller.

The Special Counsel is conducting a “fair” investigation into possible links between the 2016 Trump presidential campaign and the Russian government, voters say 50 – 35 percent.

“Half of American voters give Special Counsel Robert Mueller good grades on fairness, and a big majority, including 50 percent of Republicans, say President Donald Trump should keep hands off,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“That does not mean they believe there’s a case to be made for links between the Trump campaign and the Russians. The phrase ‘witch hunt’ is on the lips of 44 percent of American voters.

“The president bashes the agency, but more Americans are supportive of the FBI.”

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“President Trump’s push to punish China with tariffs is shared by the consumers, many of whom likely buy Chinese products,” Malloy added.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into possible links between the 2016 Trump presidential campaign and the Russian government is “legitimate,” 48 percent of voters say, while 44 percent say it is a “political witch hunt.”

There are wide party, gender and racial divisions on the “witch hunt” question:

- Republicans call it a “witch hunt” 81 – 12 percent. Democrats say 82 – 13 percent it is “legitimate.” Independent voters are divided as 48 percent say “legitimate” and 44 percent say “witch hunt;”
- Men say “witch hunt” 50 – 45 percent, while women say “legitimate” 52 – 39 percent;
- White voters say “witch hunt” 52 – 43 percent. Black voters say 74 – 18 percent and Hispanic voters say 45 – 39 percent the investigation is “legitimate.”

The FBI’s use of a confidential informant in its investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election was “routine procedure,” 56 percent of American voters say, while 33 percent agree with Trump that the FBI spied on the Trump campaign. Republicans are the only listed group who believe the “spy” allegation.

American voters have a 49 – 29 percent favorable opinion of the FBI. Republicans are the only group with an unfavorable opinion.

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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23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - trade?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	40%	78%	8%	38%	46%	34%	40%	52%
Disapprove	51	15	83	52	47	54	54	37
DK/NA	9	8	10	10	7	12	6	11

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	41%	37%	43%	38%	53%	39%	46%	14%	31%
Disapprove	51	51	50	53	43	48	46	73	58
DK/NA	8	12	7	9	4	13	9	13	12

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

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jun 08, 2018	40	51	9
Apr 10, 2018	40	52	8
Mar 06, 2018	34	54	13
May 10, 2017	38	49	13

26. Do you support or oppose imposing a 25% tariff on steel imports and a 10% tariff on aluminum imports?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	31%	56%	9%	31%	37%	25%	29%	38%
Oppose	50	20	72	52	50	50	54	39
DK/NA	19	23	19	17	13	25	17	22

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	30%	26%	35%	29%	40%	28%	34%	12%	31%
Oppose	49	57	47	50	48	45	47	65	55
DK/NA	21	17	17	20	11	27	20	23	14

TREND: Do you support or oppose imposing a 25% tariff on steel imports and a 10% tariff on aluminum imports?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Jun 08, 2018	31	50	19
Mar 06, 2018	31	50	19

27. Do you support or oppose raising tariffs on products imported from China?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	52%	75%	27%	55%	54%	49%	51%	56%
Oppose	36	14	57	35	39	34	40	27
DK/NA	12	12	16	10	7	17	8	17

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	51%	47%	56%	51%	58%	50%	54%	38%	48%
Oppose	37	41	33	34	35	32	33	49	39
DK/NA	11	12	12	15	7	18	13	13	13

TREND: Do you support or oppose raising tariffs on products imported from China?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Jun 08, 2018	52	36	12
Apr 11, 2018	44	45	11

28. Is your opinion of the FBI favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	49%	29%	69%	49%	48%	50%	56%	38%
Unfavorable	29	47	11	29	36	24	28	35
Hvn't hrd enough	18	19	16	19	14	21	12	23
REFUSED	4	6	4	2	2	5	4	4

  

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	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Favorable	46%	47%	52%	54%	47%	48%	47%	54%	50%
Unfavorable	29	31	28	27	39	25	32	19	29
Hvn't hrd enough	22	20	16	15	12	23	17	22	21
REFUSED	4	2	3	4	2	5	4	5	1

34. If the Democratic party wins control of the House of Representatives in 2018, would you like to see them begin the process to impeach President Trump, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Impeach	36%	5%	66%	35%	29%	42%	30%	25%
No	57	94	23	57	65	49	64	67
DK/NA	8	1	10	8	6	9	7	8

  

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	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Impeach	47%	37%	34%	31%	21%	34%	28%	54%	60%
No	46	56	60	59	74	57	65	35	35
DK/NA	6	6	6	10	5	9	7	11	5

TREND: If the Democratic party wins control of the House of Representatives in 2018, would you like to see them begin the process to impeach President Trump, or not?

	Yes/ Impeach	No	DK/NA
Jun 08, 2018	36	57	8
Apr 26, 2018	38	55	7
Jan 10, 2018	45	51	5

39. As you may know, Special Counsel Robert Mueller was appointed to oversee the criminal investigation into any links or coordination between President Trump's campaign and the Russian government. Do you think that he is conducting a fair investigation into this matter, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Fair	50%	25%	73%	51%	47%	52%	55%	39%
No	35	54	16	36	40	30	32	42
DK/NA	15	21	11	13	12	18	13	19

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Fair	43%	47%	54%	54%	45%	49%	47%	64%	44%
No	38	34	35	34	43	32	37	21	37
DK/NA	19	19	12	13	12	19	16	15	19

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	Yes/ Fair	No	DK/NA
Jun 08, 2018	50	35	15
Apr 26, 2018	54	31	15
Apr 10, 2018	52	32	17
Mar 07, 2018	58	28	14
Feb 06, 2018	56	28	16
Jan 11, 2018	59	26	15
Dec 12, 2017	58	29	13
Nov 15, 2017	60	27	13

40. Do you think President Trump should fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Fire	13%	23%	5%	10%	14%	11%	10%	16%
No	70	50	84	75	73	68	78	58
DK/NA	17	27	12	14	12	21	12	25

  

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	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Fire	20%	10%	10%	13%	14%	12%	13%	2%	21%
No	61	69	76	73	73	64	68	87	65
DK/NA	19	22	14	14	13	24	19	11	14

TREND: Do you think President Trump should fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller, or don't you think so?

	Yes/ Fire	No	DK/NA
Jun 08, 2018	13	70	17
Apr 26, 2018	13	74	12
Apr 10, 2018	13	69	18

41. Do you think that the investigation into any links or coordination between President Trump's 2016 election campaign and the Russian government is a legitimate investigation, or do you think it is a political witch hunt?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Legitimate	48%	12%	82%	48%	45%	52%	51%	34%
Political witch hunt	44	81	13	44	50	39	43	60
DK/NA	7	7	5	8	5	9	6	6

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Legitimate	45%	49%	51%	49%	38%	47%	43%	74%	45%
Political witch hunt	46	41	45	45	58	46	52	18	39
DK/NA	9	10	3	5	5	7	6	8	16

TREND: Do you think that the investigation into any links or coordination between President Trump's 2016 election campaign and the Russian government is a legitimate investigation, or do you think it is a political witch hunt?

	Legit- mate	Witch Hunt	DK/NA
Jun 08, 2018	48	44	7
Apr 26, 2018	52	44	4
Mar 07, 2018	53	42	5
Feb 06, 2018	50	42	7
Jan 18, 2018	52	43	5

42. It has been reported that the FBI had a confidential informant speak to some people involved with the Trump campaign during its investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. President Trump says that this means his campaign was spied on, while other officials say that this is routine procedure for an FBI investigation. Do you think that the Trump campaign was spied on, or do you think that it was routine procedure?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Spied on	33%	66%	7%	30%	40%	28%	34%	44%
Routine procedure	56	20	83	61	53	58	56	46
DK/NA	11	14	10	9	8	14	10	11

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Spied on	29%	32%	37%	36%	46%	32%	39%	14%	28%
Routine procedure	62	54	57	52	46	55	51	80	54
DK/NA	10	14	7	12	8	13	11	6	18