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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## **OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR NO-FLY, NO-BUY GUN LAW, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; SUPPORT FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS TOPS 90 PERCENT AGAIN**

People on the government's terrorist watch list should not be allowed to purchase guns, American voters say 86 – 12 percent, including 83 – 14 percent among voters in households where there is a gun, according to a Quinnipiac University National poll released today.

“It's possible to make new gun laws without interfering with gun rights,” voters say 64 – 28 percent, including 59 – 33 percent among voters in gun households, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. There is no listed party, gender, age, education or racial group which disagrees with either of these two findings.

American voters support 93 – 6 percent, including 92 – 8 percent among voters in gun households, “requiring background checks for all gun buyers.” Support is 90 percent or higher among every listed group.

Support for universal background checks ranges from 88 percent to 93 percent in eight Quinnipiac University national polls conducted since the Sandy Hook massacre in December, 2012.

“The people have spoken time and again, but nothing changes,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“American voters clearly are worried about guns. They want to make it harder for bad people to get them and believe it can be done without penalizing legitimate gun owners.”

American voters support stricter gun laws in the U.S. 54 – 42 percent, the highest level of support ever for this generic question. There is a huge gender gap as women support stricter gun laws 63 – 33 percent, with men opposed 51 – 45 percent. Voters in gun households oppose stricter gun laws 56 – 39 percent.

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Results for more specific gun questions are:

- 59 – 37 percent support for a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons;
- 47 percent say an assault weapons ban would help reduce gun violence and 49 percent say it would not be effective;
- 62 – 35 percent believe that expanding background checks would help reduce gun violence;
- 57 percent say it's too easy to buy a gun in the U.S., while 36 percent say it's about right;
- 52 percent say the U.S. would be less safe if more people carried guns, while 40 percent say the U.S. would be safer;
- 38 percent have a favorable opinion of the National Rifle Assn., with 36 percent unfavorable.

### Attitudes on Muslims

American voters oppose 52 – 40 percent temporarily banning Muslims who are not citizens from entering the U.S. Republicans support a ban 73 – 22 percent. Opposed are Democrats 80 – 13 percent and independent voters 52 – 38 percent. There is a small gender gap as both men and women oppose a ban. White voters are divided 47 – 47 percent. Opposition is 73 – 16 percent among black voters and 61 – 31 percent among Hispanic voters.

Government anti-terror policies have not gone far enough to protect the country, 62 percent of voters say, while 26 percent say anti-terror policies have gone too far in restricting civil liberties.

Mainstream Islam is a peaceful religion, 55 percent of voters say, while 28 percent believe mainstream Islam encourage violence against non-Muslims.

American voters disagree 65 – 29 percent with Donald Trump's suggestion that President Barack Obama may sympathize with terrorist organizations such as ISIS. Republicans are the only listed group to agree, 55 – 33 percent.

Voters agree 51 – 43 percent with Hillary Clinton's suggestion that making inflammatory anti-Muslim remarks is exactly what terrorists want us to do.

From June 21 – 27, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,610 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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12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	48%	8%	91%	47%	43%	54%	52%	45%	
Disapprove	48	89	7	49	55	41	44	51	
DK/NA	4	3	2	5	2	5	4	4	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	65%	52%	43%	35%	35%	46%	41%	91%	55%
Disapprove	29	43	54	61	63	49	56	5	39
DK/NA	6	4	3	4	2	5	4	5	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	16%	28%	9%	13%	15%	17%	13%	19%	
Disapprove	78	65	88	81	81	76	83	73	
DK/NA	6	7	3	6	4	7	4	8	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	18%	14%	13%	21%	18%	19%	18%	10%	10%
Disapprove	73	81	82	74	79	74	76	86	81
DK/NA	9	6	5	5	4	8	6	4	9

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	34%	6%	70%	27%	28%	40%	37%	32%	
Disapprove	61	91	26	67	69	54	59	63	
DK/NA	5	3	4	6	3	6	4	6	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	49%	33%	32%	26%	22%	34%	28%	66%	36%
Disapprove	44	63	65	69	75	60	67	30	58
DK/NA	7	4	3	5	3	6	5	5	7

31. 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	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Very satisfied	3%	1%	6%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	
Smwht satisfied	28	10	48	27	25	31	31	25	
Smwht dissatisfied	28	27	30	29	29	28	29	28	
Very dissatisfied	40	61	15	43	42	38	36	43	
DK/NA	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	-	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	9%	2%
Smwht satisfied	35	34	25	21	23	29	26	46	30
Smwht dissatisfied	37	29	27	24	30	24	27	28	42
Very dissatisfied	27	34	44	51	46	44	45	17	26
DK/NA	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

41. Do you support or oppose temporarily banning Muslims who are not citizens from entering the U.S.?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Support	40%	73%	13%	38%	43%	38%	34%	46%	
Oppose	52	22	80	52	50	53	58	46	
DK/NA	8	6	7	9	7	9	8	8	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	26%	37%	45%	52%	50%	44%	47%	16%	31%
Oppose	68	59	45	37	44	49	47	73	61
DK/NA	6	4	9	11	6	7	7	11	7

42. What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies that they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties, or that they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Gone too far	26%	14%	29%	34%	32%	21%	25%	28%	
Not gone far enough	62	79	55	55	60	63	60	63	
DK/NA	12	7	16	11	9	15	16	9	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Gone too far	43%	27%	21%	18%	29%	22%	25%	27%	26%
Not gone far enough	49	60	68	70	63	62	62	59	69
DK/NA	9	13	12	13	8	16	12	15	5

43. Every religion has mainstream beliefs, and also fringe elements or extremists. Thinking of mainstream Islam, do you think mainstream Islam encourages violence against non-Muslims, or is it a peaceful religion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Encourages violence	28%	45%	15%	25%	31%	25%	23%	33%	
Peaceful religion	55	38	70	56	54	56	62	49	
DK/NA	17	17	15	18	15	19	15	18	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Encourages violence	21%	26%	28%	33%	34%	28%	31%	14%	24%
Peaceful religion	64	62	53	44	52	54	53	59	63
DK/NA	14	12	19	23	13	17	15	27	13

44. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the United States?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Support	54%	26%	83%	54%	45%	63%	59%	50%	
Oppose	42	69	13	43	51	33	38	45	
DK/NA	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	60%	57%	48%	54%	39%	59%	49%	77%	62%
Oppose	35	41	48	41	57	37	47	20	31
DK/NA	5	3	4	5	4	4	4	3	6

	Gun HsHld	DENSITY.....		
		Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	39%	59%	57%	43%
Oppose	56	37	40	52
DK/NA	5	4	3	5

45. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Support	93%	90%	98%	93%	91%	95%	94%	92%	
Oppose	6	9	1	6	8	4	5	7	
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	94%	93%	94%	94%	90%	94%	92%	96%	96%
Oppose	6	7	5	4	9	4	7	3	3
DK/NA	-	-	1	2	-	2	1	1	1

	Gun HsHld	DENSITY.....		
		Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	92%	93%	94%	92%
Oppose	8	6	5	7
DK/NA	-	1	1	1

46. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Support	59%	40%	90%	52%	46%	71%	61%	57%	
Oppose	37	54	10	43	50	25	35	39	
DK/NA	4	6	1	5	4	4	4	4	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	59%	55%	56%	66%	43%	69%	56%	83%	55%
Oppose	39	43	39	29	54	27	40	16	44
DK/NA	1	3	5	5	4	5	4	1	1
	Gun DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural					
Support	42%	62%	60%	54%					
Oppose	53	35	36	42					
DK/NA	5	3	4	4					

47. Do you believe that expanding background checks would be effective in reducing gun violence in the U.S., or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Yes	62%	42%	86%	62%	56%	68%	65%	60%	
No	35	53	12	36	41	28	32	37	
DK/NA	3	4	3	2	2	4	3	3	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	72%	61%	61%	57%	54%	66%	60%	71%	70%
No	27	34	37	37	44	30	37	25	28
DK/NA	1	4	2	5	2	4	3	4	2
	Gun DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural					
Yes	53%	65%	62%	58%					
No	44	32	35	38					
DK/NA	3	3	3	3					

48. Do you believe that a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons would be effective in reducing gun violence in the U.S., or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Yes	47%	24%	78%	41%	38%	56%	51%	44%	
No	49	70	18	55	61	37	46	52	
DK/NA	4	6	4	3	1	6	3	5	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	47%	46%	45%	52%	34%	55%	45%	66%	40%
No	49	51	50	46	65	41	52	26	52
DK/NA	4	3	5	3	1	4	3	8	9
	Gun DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural					
Yes	32%	50%	48%	42%					
No	65	45	49	55					
DK/NA	3	6	3	3					

49. Do you think it is too easy to buy a gun in the U.S. today, too difficult to buy a gun in the U.S. today, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Too easy	57%	28%	86%	56%	46%	67%	60%	54%	
Too difficult	3	6	-	4	4	2	3	4	
About right	36	60	12	36	46	25	33	38	
DK/NA	4	6	1	4	3	5	4	3	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Too easy	67%	56%	52%	54%	41%	64%	53%	80%	65%
Too difficult	2	4	4	2	5	3	4	-	-
About right	29	36	40	37	52	28	39	18	27
DK/NA	2	3	4	6	2	5	4	2	8
	Gun DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural					
Too easy	45%	61%	59%	47%					
Too difficult	5	3	5	3					
About right	48	32	32	47					
DK/NA	3	4	4	3					

50. Do you think any new gun laws will interfere with the right to own guns, or do you think it's possible to make new gun laws without interfering with gun rights?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Will interfere	28%	41%	15%	28%	33%	23%	25%	30%			
Won't interfere	64	49	80	64	62	66	67	61			
NO RIGHT TO OWN (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
DK/NA	8	10	5	9	5	11	7	9			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Will interfere	21%	24%	31%	33%	34%	23%	28%	18%	27%		
Won't interfere	75	70	62	53	61	67	64	77	61		
NO RIGHT TO OWN (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DK/NA	5	6	7	14	6	10	8	5	12		
	Gun DENSITY.....										
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural							
Will interfere	33%	27%	25%	32%							
Won't interfere	59	65	69	57							
NO RIGHT TO OWN (VOL)	-	-	-	-							
DK/NA	8	8	6	12							

51. If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer or less safe?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Safer	40%	67%	12%	41%	50%	30%	35%	44%			
Less safe	52	23	84	50	43	60	57	47			
DK/NA	8	10	4	9	7	10	8	9			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Safer	35%	39%	44%	39%	56%	34%	45%	8%	37%		
Less safe	59	55	46	50	37	55	46	88	56		
DK/NA	6	6	9	12	7	11	9	5	7		
	Gun DENSITY.....										
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural							
Safer	55%	35%	38%	51%							
Less safe	34	57	55	40							
DK/NA	12	9	8	9							



52. As you may know, individuals on the U.S. government's terrorist watch list are not allowed to fly on planes. Would you support or oppose banning those on the U.S. government's terrorist watch list from purchasing guns?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	86%	85%	91%	83%	82%	89%	86%	86%			
Oppose	12	12	8	15	15	9	11	13			
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	3	2	3	1			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	87%	84%	88%	86%	83%	89%	86%	88%	90%		
Oppose	11	13	10	12	15	9	12	8	9		
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	1		
	Gun DENSITY.....										
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural							
Support	83%	84%	87%	87%							
Oppose	14	15	9	12							
DK/NA	2	1	4	2							

53. Is your opinion of the National Rifle Association favorable, unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Favorable	38%	72%	8%	36%	49%	28%	36%	40%			
Unfavorable	36	7	62	38	33	39	46	27			
Hvn't hrd enough	24	19	30	23	17	31	16	31			
REFUSED	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Favorable	19%	35%	45%	51%	56%	33%	44%	6%	34%		
Unfavorable	37	41	36	32	31	38	35	45	34		
Hvn't hrd enough	43	22	16	15	12	27	20	47	31		
REFUSED	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	1		
	Gun DENSITY.....										
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural							
Favorable	55%	31%	37%	50%							
Unfavorable	27	37	41	27							
Hvn't hrd enough	16	30	20	21							
REFUSED	2	2	2	2							

54. In the wake of the recent Orlando shooting, Donald Trump has suggested that President Obama may sympathize with terrorist organizations such as ISIS. Do you agree or disagree with this idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Agree	29%	55%	4%	29%	31%	26%	25%	32%			
Disagree	65	33	94	65	63	67	71	60			
DK/NA	6	11	1	6	6	6	4	8			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Agree	16%	26%	31%	38%	37%	32%	34%	2%	22%		
Disagree	78	68	64	52	56	61	59	97	70		
DK/NA	6	6	5	9	7	7	7	-	8		
	Gun DENSITY.....										
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural							
Agree	39%	25%	27%	37%							
Disagree	55	68	69	54							
DK/NA	6	6	4	9							

55. In the wake of the recent Orlando shooting, Hillary Clinton has suggested that making inflammatory anti-Muslim remarks is exactly what the terrorists want us to do. Do you agree or disagree with this idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Agree	51%	21%	78%	51%	47%	54%	53%	49%			
Disagree	43	72	16	44	47	39	41	45			
DK/NA	6	7	5	5	6	6	6	6			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Agree	60%	55%	47%	43%	43%	51%	48%	78%	52%		
Disagree	35	40	46	50	51	42	46	19	42		
DK/NA	5	5	7	7	6	7	6	3	6		
	Gun DENSITY.....										
	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural							
Agree	44%	54%	51%	45%							
Disagree	51	40	43	47							
DK/NA	5	6	6	8							