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**IRAQ – GETTING IN WAS WRONG; GETTING OUT WAS RIGHT,
U.S. VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL;
92 PERCENT BACK BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL GUN BUYS**

The 2003 war in Iraq was the wrong thing to do, American voters say 61 – 32 percent, and President Barack Obama’s decision to withdraw all U.S. troops in 2011 was the right thing to do, voters say 58 – 37 percent in a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

But voters disapprove 55 – 37 percent of the way President Obama is handling the situation in Iraq and disapprove 52 – 42 percent of the way he is handling the situation in Afghanistan, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

The pace of U.S. troop withdrawal from Afghanistan is “about right,” 46 percent of voters say, while 26 percent say Obama is moving “too quickly” and 20 percent say “not quickly enough.” Among voters in military households, 32 percent say “too quickly,” as 19 percent say “not quickly enough” and 41 percent say “about right.”

By a 51 – 27 percent margin, American voters blame former President George W. Bush, rather than Obama, for the situation in Iraq. Only 35 percent of voters, however, say Obama is better than Bush conducting foreign policy, while 39 percent say he is worse.

American voters oppose 63 – 29 percent, with opposition from all party, gender and age groups, sending U.S. ground troops back into Iraq. When asked about air strike options:

- 2 percent support the use of piloted aircraft;
- 20 percent support use of drones or cruise missiles, where American pilots are not at risk;
- 30 percent support using both options;
- 39 percent say there should be no U.S. airstrikes.

“By 2-1, American voters believe the Iraq War was a mistake and most say it was the fault of President George W. Bush, but President Barack Obama isn’t exactly getting high marks for the way he has handled the two conflicts he inherited,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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American voters say 56 – 39 percent that it is not in the U.S. national interest to get involved in Iraq. But a total of 72 percent of voters say it is “very likely” or “somewhat likely” that if Islamic militants take over Iraq, “they would launch a terrorist attack against the U.S. in the near future.”

Voters say 51 – 39 percent that the U.S. should not work with Iran to help the Iraqi government defeat Islamic militants.

The U.S. is doing too much around the world and it is time to do less internationally and focus more on domestic problems, American voters say 64 – 32 percent. Agreement is strong among all party, gender and age groups, ranging from 56 – 39 percent among Republicans to 76 – 22 percent among voters 18 to 29 years old.

Gun Control

American voters support 92 – 7 percent, including 92 – 6 percent among gun owners, requiring background checks for all gun buyers. Support ranges from 86 – 11 percent among Republicans to 98 – 2 percent among Democrats.

Voters also support 89 – 9 percent laws to prevent people with mental illness from purchasing guns. Gun owners support this idea 91 – 7 percent.

But only 50 percent of voters support “stricter gun control laws,” with 47 percent opposed.

“Americans are all in on stricter background checks on gun buyers and on keeping weapons out of the hands of the mentally ill,” Malloy said. “But when it comes to ‘stricter gun control,’ three words which prompt a negative reflex, almost half of those surveyed say ‘hands off.’”

Voters support 58 – 30 percent federal government actions to limit greenhouse gases from existing power plants to reduce global warming. Republicans are opposed 47 – 38 percent, while all other party, gender and age groups support such limits by wide margins.

From June 24 – 30, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,446 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 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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49. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the situation in Iraq?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	37%	12%	67%	31%	36%	37%	42%	42%	33%	34%
Disapprove	55	82	25	60	58	53	55	49	59	57
DK/NA	8	6	8	9	6	9	3	9	7	9

Mltry
HsHld

Approve	31%
Disapprove	64
DK/NA	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Iraq?

	Jul 03 2014	Nov 03 2011
Approve	37	61
Disapprove	55	34
DK/NA	8	5

50. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the situation in Afghanistan?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	42%	16%	72%	36%	43%	41%	42%	48%	41%	37%
Disapprove	52	78	22	56	53	51	52	46	54	55
DK/NA	7	6	6	8	4	9	6	7	6	7

Mltry
HsHld

Approve	35%
Disapprove	60
DK/NA	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Afghanistan? (* Post Bin Laden Death)

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	Jul 03 2014	Jul 11 2013	Nov 03 2011	Sep 01 2011	Jul 14 2011		May 05 2011*	Nov 18 2009
Approve	42	46	50	43	50		59	38
Disapprove	52	45	41	47	42		30	49
DK/NA	7	9	9	10	8		10	12

51. 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	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
A) Focus on home	64%	56%	65%	67%	64%	64%	76%	64%	58%	61%
B) Promote democracy	32	39	32	29	32	33	22	33	37	32
DK/NA	4	5	3	4	5	4	2	3	5	7

Mltry
HsHld

A) Focus on home	62%
B) Promote democracy	35
DK/NA	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	50%	24%	80%	44%	41%	58%	49%	54%	45%	52%
Oppose	47	71	17	52	57	38	50	43	52	41
DK/NA	3	4	2	4	3	4	1	3	3	7

Gun
HsHld

Support	32%
Oppose	65
DK/NA	3

TREND: Do you support or oppose stricter gun control laws in the United States?

	Jul 03 2014	Oct 02 2013	Apr 04 2013	Mar 07 2013	Feb 07 2013	Jul 17 2008
Support	50	54	53	51	52	54
Oppose	47	41	42	42	43	40
DK/NA	3	5	4	7	5	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	92%	86%	98%	92%	90%	94%	93%	91%	92%	93%
Oppose	7	11	2	7	9	5	7	7	7	5
DK/NA	1	3	1	1	1	2	-	1	1	2

Gun
HsHld

Support	92%
Oppose	6
DK/NA	1

TREND: Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Jul 03 2014	Oct 02 2013	Apr 04 2013	Mar 07 2013	Feb 07 2013
Support	92	89	91	88	92
Oppose	7	9	8	10	7
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1

60. Do you support or oppose laws to prevent people with mental illness from purchasing guns?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	89%	90%	91%	87%	89%	88%	89%	86%	90%	91%
Oppose	9	8	8	10	9	9	11	13	6	7
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	2	-	1	3	2

	Gun HsHld
Support	91%
Oppose	7
DK/NA	2

TREND: Do you support or oppose laws to prevent people with mental illness from purchasing guns?

	Jul 03 2014	Oct 02 2013
Support	89	88
Oppose	9	9
DK/NA	2	3

61. In an effort to reduce global warming, do you think the federal government should limit the release of greenhouse gases from existing power plants, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	58%	38%	76%	58%	55%	60%	74%	64%	52%	46%
No	30	47	13	32	36	24	21	24	37	35
DK/NA	13	15	11	10	9	16	5	12	12	19

62. Do you think Barack Obama has been better in conducting foreign policy than George W. Bush, worse, or about the same as George W. Bush?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Better	35%	6%	73%	26%	32%	38%	41%	41%	31%	29%
Worse	39	75	6	39	42	36	26	33	44	44
About the same	25	17	19	34	25	25	30	25	24	23
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	3

Mltry
HsHld

Better	28%
Worse	47
About the same	24
DK/NA	1

63. Do you think going to war with Iraq in 2003 was the right thing for the United States to do or the wrong thing?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Right thing	32%	56%	15%	29%	35%	29%	31%	31%	32%	32%
Wrong thing	61	37	80	63	60	62	59	65	61	61
DK/NA	7	7	5	8	5	9	10	4	7	7

Mltry
HsHld

Right thing	39%
Wrong thing	56
DK/NA	5

TREND: Do you think going to war with Iraq in 2003 was the right thing for the United States to do or the wrong thing? (* in 2003)

							RIGHT THING...	
	Jul 03	Nov 03	Mar 05	Nov 12	May 14		High	Low
	2014*	2011	2009	2008	2008		Sep 17	Jul 03
							2003	2014*
Right thing	32	36	36	36	33		58	32
Wrong thing	61	60	60	58	62		37	61
DK/NA	7	4	5	6	5		5	7

64. Do you think President Obama's decision to withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq by the end of 2011 was the right thing to do or the wrong thing to do?

							AGE IN YRS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Right thing	58%	30%	90%	52%	56%	60%	66%	64%	52%	54%
Wrong thing	37	62	8	43	41	33	29	31	43	40
DK/NA	5	7	2	5	3	7	5	5	5	6

Mltry
HsHld

Right thing	52%
Wrong thing	43
DK/NA	5

TREND: Do you think President Obama's decision to withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq by the end of 2011 was the right thing to do or the wrong thing to do? (* by the end of the year)

	Jul 03 2014	Nov 03 2011*
Right thing	58	74
Wrong thing	37	21
DK/NA	5	5

65. Do you support or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops back into Iraq to help the Iraqi government defeat Islamic militants?

							AGE IN YRS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	29%	34%	22%	32%	33%	25%	40%	34%	28%	17%
Oppose	63	56	70	62	62	64	52	58	65	76
DK/NA	8	11	8	6	5	10	8	8	7	7

Mltry
HsHld

Support	28%
Oppose	67
DK/NA	5

66. Do you think the U.S. should launch airstrikes against Islamic militants in Iraq using piloted aircraft, or launch airstrikes that do not put U.S. lives at risk, such as drones or cruise missiles, or a combination of both piloted aircraft and drones or cruise missiles, or should the U.S. not launch airstrikes against Islamic militants in Iraq?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Piloted aircraft	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	2%	1%
Drones/Cruise mssls	20	20	24	18	18	22	13	22	22	20
Both	30	42	17	32	41	20	29	29	33	27
No airstrikes	39	26	48	41	35	43	56	36	35	39
DK/NA	9	12	9	7	5	13	2	11	8	12

Mltry
HsHld

Piloted aircraft	2%
Drones/Cruise mssls	17
Both	36
No airstrikes	38
DK/NA	7

67. Who do you blame more for the situation in Iraq, President Obama or former President George W. Bush?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Obama	27%	54%	5%	26%	32%	23%	20%	20%	31%	36%
Bush	51	20	81	52	48	54	61	60	48	39
NEITHER (VOL)	11	14	7	12	11	11	9	12	12	11
BOTH (VOL)	5	7	2	5	4	6	4	5	5	6
DK/NA	5	6	4	5	4	6	6	4	4	8

Mltry
HsHld

Obama	32%
Bush	44
NEITHER (VOL)	15
BOTH (VOL)	5
DK/NA	4

68. Do you think it is in the national interest of the United States to be involved in the conflict in Iraq, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	39%	48%	31%	38%	46%	32%	31%	45%	43%	34%
No	56	43	63	58	49	61	66	52	52	57
DK/NA	6	9	6	4	5	7	4	4	5	9

Mltry
HsHld

Yes	41%
No	53
DK/NA	5

69. Do you think the U.S. should or should not work with Iran to help the Iraqi government defeat Islamic militants?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Should	39%	33%	44%	42%	41%	37%	44%	40%	41%	34%
Should not	51	58	45	50	55	48	51	53	50	51
DK/NA	9	9	11	8	4	14	5	7	9	14
	Mltry									
	HsHld									
Should	33%									
Should not	60									
DK/NA	7									

70. If Islamic militants take over Iraq, how likely do you think it is that they would launch a terrorist attack against the U.S. in the near future; very likely, somewhat likely, not so likely, or not likely at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very likely	37%	51%	24%	39%	37%	37%	26%	35%	42%	38%
Smwht likely	35	34	36	34	32	37	35	33	37	35
Not so likely	16	7	22	17	16	15	22	19	11	15
Not likely at all	8	4	11	8	11	5	9	8	6	8
DK/NA	5	5	7	3	3	6	7	5	3	5
	Mltry									
	HsHld									
Very likely	39%									
Smwht likely	31									
Not so likely	17									
Not likely at all	10									
DK/NA	3									

71. From what you've read and heard, do you think Barack Obama is removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan too quickly, not quickly enough, or is he handling this about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Too quickly	26%	49%	5%	28%	31%	22%	17%	23%	31%	30%
Not quickly enough	20	15	23	21	17	22	25	22	17	17
About right	46	25	66	44	45	46	53	46	46	41
DK/NA	8	11	5	7	6	10	5	8	6	11
	Mltry									
	HsHld									
Too quickly	32%									
Not quickly enough	19									
About right	41									
DK/NA	7									

72. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama administration releasing five Taliban prisoners in exchange for the Taliban releasing U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	37%	17%	61%	30%	38%	35%	51%	43%	28%	30%
Disapprove	54	77	27	61	56	53	38	47	65	60
DK/NA	9	7	12	9	5	12	11	10	6	10
Mltry										
HsHld										
Approve	33%									
Disapprove	61									
DK/NA	6									

73. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's decision to hold a press conference with Bowe Bergdahl's parents?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	34%	17%	56%	28%	33%	36%	49%	38%	28%	28%
Disapprove	50	68	26	57	54	47	38	49	55	54
DK/NA	16	15	17	15	14	18	14	13	16	18