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**63% OF VOTERS DISAPPROVE OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING
OF THE JEFFREY EPSTEIN FILES,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
NEARLY HALF OF VOTERS WOULD CONSIDER JOINING A THIRD PARTY, JUST
NOT ONE CREATED BY ELON MUSK**

A week after the Justice Department and the FBI effectively closed the investigation into convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein by releasing no new files and concluding that he died by suicide in his jail cell, 17 percent of voters say they approve of the way the Trump Administration is handling the Jeffrey Epstein files, while 63 percent of voters disapprove, and 20 percent did not offer an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

Republicans are split with 40 percent approving of the way the Trump administration is handling the Jeffrey Epstein files, 36 percent disapproving and 24 percent not offering an opinion.

Democrats (83 – 2 percent) and independents (71 – 11 percent) disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling the Jeffrey Epstein files.

“Epstein has been dead and gone for years but his tawdry legacy looms large in a country wanting to know more about who he knew and whether secrets have been buried with him,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

When asked how Pam Bondi is handling her job as U.S. Attorney General, 32 percent of voters approve, while 53 percent disapprove and 15 percent did not offer an opinion.

When asked how Kash Patel is handling his job as Director of the FBI, 36 percent of voters approve, while 47 percent disapprove and 17 percent did not offer an opinion.

When asked how Dan Bongino is handling his job as Deputy Director of the FBI, 34 percent of voters approve, while 41 percent disapprove and 26 percent did not offer an opinion.

TRUMP JOB APPROVAL

Forty percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 54 percent disapprove, largely unchanged from Quinnipiac University's June 26 poll.

Voters were asked about Trump's handling of seven issues...

- the economy: 42 percent approve, while 55 percent disapprove, with 3 percent not offering an opinion;
- foreign policy: 41 percent approve, while 54 percent disapprove, with 5 percent not offering an opinion;

- the Israel – Hamas conflict: 40 percent approve, while 54 percent disapprove, with 6 percent not offering an opinion;
- immigration issues: 40 percent approve, while 55 percent disapprove, with 4 percent not offering an opinion;
- trade: 40 percent approve, while 56 percent disapprove, with 4 percent not offering an opinion;
- deportations: 38 percent approve, while 59 percent disapprove, with 3 percent not offering an opinion;
- the Russia – Ukraine war: 34 percent approve, while 57 percent disapprove, with 9 percent not offering an opinion.

CONGRESS JOB APPROVAL

Fewer than 2 in 10 voters (19 percent) approve of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job, while 72 percent disapprove and 10 percent did not offer an opinion. This is a record low since March 2009 when the Quinnipiac University Poll first began asking this question of registered voters.

Among Democrats, 39 percent approve of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job, while 52 percent disapprove and 9 percent did not offer an opinion.

One-third of voters (33 percent) approve of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job, while 62 percent disapprove and 5 percent did not offer an opinion.

Among Republicans, 77 percent approve of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job, while 20 percent disapprove and 3 percent did not offer an opinion.

“If the approval numbers for Republicans are bad...then the approval numbers for Democrats can be characterized as flat out terrible,” added Malloy.

THIRD-PARTY ALTERNATIVE

Roughly half of voters (49 percent) say they would consider joining a third party as an alternative to the Republican and Democratic parties, while 45 percent say they would not consider joining a third party.

Close to 8 in 10 voters (77 percent) say they would not consider joining a third party if Elon Musk created it as an alternative to the Republican and Democratic parties, while 17 percent say they would consider joining it.

“There is a healthy appetite for a third party among American voters. But with Elon Musk leading the way, not so much,” added Malloy.

ICE & DEPORTATIONS

When it comes to the way U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE, is enforcing immigration laws, 39 percent of voters approve, while 57 percent disapprove and 4 percent did not offer an opinion.

Voters 64 – 30 percent oppose the United States deporting undocumented immigrants to countries other than their own.

GOP TAX AND SPENDING BILL

A majority of voters (55 percent) oppose the Republican tax and spending bill named One Big Beautiful Bill Act that was passed by Congress and signed into law, while 35 percent support it and 10 percent did not offer an opinion.

A majority (53 percent) think the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will hurt the country, while 36 percent think it will help the country.

Forty-four percent of voters think the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will hurt them personally, while 37 percent think it will help them personally.

Roughly 6 out of 10 voters (61 percent) say they are either very concerned (43 percent) or somewhat concerned (18 percent) that they, or someone they know personally, may be affected by the cuts to Medicaid and food aid contained in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, while 36 percent say they are either not so concerned (13 percent) or not concerned at all (23 percent).

WORKING CLASS AMERICANS

When voters were asked which party they think best looks out for the needs of the working class, 46 percent think the Democratic Party, 40 percent think the Republican Party and 10 percent volunteer that they think neither party best looks out for the needs of the working class.

THE AMERICAN DREAM

When voters were asked which comes closer to their line of thinking, half (50 percent) think the American dream is not attainable, while 43 percent think the American dream is alive and well.

There are big gaps when it comes to political party and gender.

Among Democrats, 78 percent think the American dream is not attainable, while 15 percent think it is alive and well.

Among independents, 51 percent think the American dream is not attainable, while 41 percent think it is alive and well.

Among Republicans, 18 percent think the American dream is not attainable, while 79 percent think it is alive and well.

Among women, 57 percent think the American dream is not attainable, while 37 percent think it is alive and well.

Among men, 42 percent think the American dream is not attainable, while half (50 percent) think it is alive and well.

“Is the sun setting on the American Dream? Overall, voters have their concerns, though Republicans have a far rosier view,” said Malloy.

1,290 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from July 10th – 14th with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	90%	3%	33%	51%	31%
Disapprove	54	8	95	59	43	65
DK/NA	6	2	2	8	7	5

1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?
COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q1) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve strongly	30%	74%	2%	18%	37%	24%
Approve smwht	10	15	1	14	13	7
Disapprove smwht	6	5	5	8	6	6
Disapprove strongly	47	3	90	50	36	58
DK/NA	7	3	2	9	8	5

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	33%	77%	5%	24%	40%	27%
Disapprove	62	20	92	70	54	69
DK/NA	5	3	3	6	6	5

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	19%	7%	39%	13%	17%	20%
Disapprove	72	87	52	78	74	69
DK/NA	10	6	9	9	9	11

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Homan is handling his job as President Trump's border czar?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	41%	85%	5%	36%	51%	31%
Disapprove	50	11	85	55	40	58
DK/NA	10	4	9	9	9	10

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pam Bondi is handling her job as United States Attorney General?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	32%	69%	7%	26%	38%	27%
Disapprove	53	19	77	62	49	56
DK/NA	15	11	15	13	13	17

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pete Hegseth is handling his job as Secretary of Defense?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	82%	6%	32%	48%	31%
Disapprove	50	9	83	56	42	57
DK/NA	11	8	11	12	10	12

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kash Patel is handling his job as Director of the FBI?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	36%	71%	6%	33%	41%	30%
Disapprove	47	14	77	51	43	51
DK/NA	17	15	17	16	16	19

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dan Bongino is handling his job as Deputy Director of the FBI?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	34%	71%	6%	28%	41%	27%
Disapprove	41	10	67	45	37	44
DK/NA	26	20	27	26	22	28

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kristi Noem is handling her job as Secretary of Homeland Security?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	79%	6%	35%	47%	31%
Disapprove	50	13	83	55	42	57
DK/NA	11	9	11	10	11	12

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - immigration issues?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	88%	5%	33%	51%	31%
Disapprove	55	11	93	61	47	63
DK/NA	4	2	2	6	3	6

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the economy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	42%	88%	6%	36%	51%	34%
Disapprove	55	10	92	61	46	63
DK/NA	3	2	2	3	3	3

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	81%	7%	36%	50%	31%
Disapprove	56	15	90	61	46	64
DK/NA	4	5	3	4	4	5

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - deportations?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	38%	81%	5%	31%	49%	28%
Disapprove	59	14	94	66	48	69
DK/NA	3	5	1	3	3	4

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - foreign policy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	41%	87%	6%	35%	50%	32%
Disapprove	54	11	93	59	45	63
DK/NA	5	2	1	7	4	5

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the Russia - Ukraine war?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	34%	74%	7%	29%	40%	30%
Disapprove	57	20	89	60	53	61
DK/NA	9	6	4	11	8	9

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the Israel - Hamas conflict?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	83%	7%	38%	48%	33%
Disapprove	54	13	91	56	45	61
DK/NA	6	4	3	6	7	5

17. Thinking only about the short term, do you think President Trump's tariffs will help or hurt the U.S. economy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Help	29%	62%	5%	24%	34%	24%
Hurt	65	30	91	72	61	69
NO DIFFERENCE (VOL)	1	1	1	-	1	1
DK/NA	5	6	3	4	4	6

18. Thinking only about the long term, do you think President Trump's tariffs will help or hurt the U.S. economy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Help	41%	86%	5%	38%	51%	32%
Hurt	52	10	90	56	43	61
NO DIFFERENCE (VOL)	-	-	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	6	4	4	5	5	7

19. Do you think President Trump's strategy on tariffs is working, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Working	39%	84%	6%	31%	50%	28%
No	53	9	90	60	44	62
DK/NA	8	8	4	9	6	10

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Supreme Court is handling its job?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	76%	10%	37%	49%	32%
Disapprove	53	16	85	58	45	61
DK/NA	7	8	5	6	6	8

21. In general, do you think that the Supreme Court is mainly motivated by politics or mainly motivated by the law?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Mainly politics	63%	39%	86%	64%	56%	70%
Mainly law	30	54	9	31	38	23
DK/NA	7	6	5	5	6	7

22. Which party do you think best looks out for the needs of - low-income people: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Republican Party	30%	70%	2%	24%	37%	24%
Democratic Party	53	20	93	53	46	60
NEITHER (VOL)	12	8	3	19	12	12
BOTH (VOL)	1	-	-	1	-	1
DK/NA	4	2	1	4	5	4

23. Which party do you think best looks out for the needs of - middle-income people: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Republican Party	40%	85%	5%	36%	49%	32%
Democratic Party	43	5	86	43	34	52
NEITHER (VOL)	13	8	7	18	12	13
BOTH (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	1	3	3	5	3

24. Which party do you think best looks out for the needs of - upper-income people: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Republican Party	64%	55%	85%	59%	59%	69%
Democratic Party	20	31	11	18	26	15
NEITHER (VOL)	3	2	2	4	3	4
BOTH (VOL)	9	6	2	14	9	9
DK/NA	3	4	1	4	3	4

25. Which party do you think best looks out for the needs of the - working class: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Republican Party	40%	85%	3%	35%	50%	31%
Democratic Party	46	7	91	46	36	56
NEITHER (VOL)	10	6	4	16	10	10
BOTH (VOL)	1	-	-	1	-	1
DK/NA	3	2	1	2	3	2

26. Would you consider joining a third party as an alternative to the Republican and Democratic parties, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Consider	49%	28%	39%	75%	49%	49%
No	45	67	56	21	45	45
DK/NA	6	5	5	4	5	6

27. Would you consider joining a third party, if Elon Musk created it, as an alternative to the Republican and Democratic parties, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Consider	17%	18%	6%	22%	20%	14%
No	77	74	90	73	73	81
DK/NA	6	9	4	5	8	5

28. As you may know, the Republican tax and spending bill named One Big Beautiful Bill Act was passed by Congress and signed into law. Based upon what you have heard or read about the legislation, do you support or oppose the One Big Beautiful Bill Act?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	35%	81%	3%	27%	45%	26%
Oppose	55	9	92	64	47	63
DK/NA	10	10	4	9	8	11

29. Do you think the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will help or hurt - the country?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Help	36%	82%	4%	29%	46%	27%
Hurt	53	10	91	60	46	60
NO DIFFERENCE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	-
DK/NA	9	6	5	10	6	12

30. Do you think the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will help or hurt - you personally?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Help	37%	77%	8%	33%	47%	29%
Hurt	44	7	80	47	36	52
NO DIFFERENCE (VOL)	7	5	5	9	8	6
DK/NA	12	11	7	11	10	13

31. How concerned are you that you, or someone you know personally, may be affected by the cuts to Medicaid and food aid contained in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act; very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very concerned	43%	9%	76%	45%	34%	52%
Smwht concerned	18	16	16	21	20	17
Not so concerned	13	23	3	15	15	11
Not concerned at all	23	48	4	19	29	17
DK/NA	2	3	1	1	2	3

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE, is enforcing immigration laws?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	84%	5%	34%	50%	30%
Disapprove	57	14	93	63	47	66
DK/NA	4	2	2	3	3	5

33. Do you support or oppose the United States deporting undocumented immigrants to countries other than their own?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	30%	64%	6%	23%	38%	23%
Oppose	64	30	90	71	57	70
DK/NA	6	5	4	6	5	7

34. As you may know, President Trump has said he plans to wind down FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after this year's hurricane season ends in late November. Do you support or oppose that plan?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	28%	58%	1%	26%	35%	22%
Oppose	64	32	96	66	57	70
DK/NA	8	11	3	8	8	8

35. How closely have you been following news about the Jeffrey Epstein files; very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very closely	20%	17%	22%	21%	23%	18%
Somewhat closely	42	39	41	49	41	43
Not too closely	36	43	36	29	35	37
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	1	2

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling the Jeffrey Epstein files?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	17%	40%	2%	11%	20%	14%
Disapprove	63	36	83	71	63	64
DK/NA	20	24	14	18	17	22

37. Which comes closer to your line of thinking: the American dream is alive and well or the American dream is not attainable?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Alive and well	43%	79%	15%	41%	50%	37%
Not attainable	50	18	78	51	42	57
DK/NA	7	3	7	8	8	6