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AMERICAN VOTERS OPPOSE IRAN DEAL 2-1, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; POPE'S CLIMATE CHANGE MESSAGE GETS HUGE SUPPORT

American voters oppose 57 – 28 percent, with only lukewarm support from Democrats and overwhelming opposition for Republicans and independent voters, the nuclear pact negotiated with Iran, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

Voters say 58 – 30 percent the nuclear pact will make the world less safe, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Opposing the Iran deal are Republicans 86 – 3 percent and independent voters 55 – 29 percent, while Democrats support it 52 – 32 percent. There is little gender gap as men oppose the deal 59 – 30 percent and women oppose it 56 – 27 percent.

American voters agree 65 – 27 percent with Pope Francis' call for action to address climate change. Support is 84 – 9 percent among Democrats and 67 – 27 percent among independent voters. Republicans disagree with the Pope 48 – 40 percent. Men agree with the Pope 62 – 32 percent and women agree 68 – 22 percent.

Climate change is not a moral issue, voters say 49 – 44 percent, but it is caused by human activity voters say 68 – 27 percent. Again, there are partisan divides as Republicans say 77 – 18 percent that climate change is not a moral issue. Republicans are divided 46 – 46 percent on whether climate change is caused by human activity.

“There’s not a lot of love for the proposed nuclear deal with Iran. Only a bare majority of Democrats support the pact,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Pope Francis is doing much better with his call for action on climate change. Voters say the Pope got it right: Climate change is a problem. And it’s our fault. But does humanity’s damage to mother earth have its roots in moral failure? On that claim by the Pope, it’s a nope.”

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Illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and apply for citizenship, 55 percent of American voters say. Another 9 percent say immigrants should be allowed to stay, but not seek citizenship, and 32 percent say immigrants should be required to leave the U.S.

While 76 percent of Democrats say illegal immigrants should stay and seek citizenship, 49 percent of Republicans say they should be required to leave.

Same-Sex Marriage

American voters support 53 – 40 percent allowing same-sex couples to marry and support 53 – 44 percent the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage in all 50 states.

Voters oppose 56 – 39 percent a constitutional amendment allowing states to ban same sex marriage.

Businesses should not be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians, U.S. voters say 65 – 30 percent. Even when a business owner cites religious beliefs, he/she should not be allowed to refuse service, voters say 52 – 42 percent.

American voters disapprove 52 – 43 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, compared to a 50 – 43 percent disapproval in a Jun 1 Quinnipiac University poll.

Republicans and Democrats in Congress each get one of their worst approval ratings ever as voters disapprove 75 – 17 percent of the job Republicans are doing and disapprove 63 – 29 percent of the job Democrats are doing.

“These ratings for Republicans and Democrats in Congress have to sting even the thick skins of Capitol Hill,” Malloy said.

“It’s like having a single-digit batting average and booting every ground ball that comes your way.

“Team Congress could well be on the trading block.”

From July 23 – 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,644 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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7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	43%	4%	82%	39%	37%	48%
Disapprove	52	94	14	54	57	47
DK/NA	5	2	4	6	5	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (* High also 59% Mar 2009)

	Aug 03 2015	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Jun 04 2009*	Dec 10 2013
Approve	43	43	44	41	39	59	38
Disapprove	52	50	49	52	54	31	57
DK/NA	5	7	7	7	8	10	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	17%	35%	8%	14%	17%	16%
Disapprove	75	56	88	78	78	73
DK/NA	8	9	4	8	5	11

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job? (* High also 34% Mar 3 2011, Mar 2010, ** Low also 17% Jun 2015, Jan 2014, Oct 2013)

	Aug 03 2015	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 26 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Mar 31 2011*	Aug 03 2015**
Approve	17	17	22	22	23	34	17
Disapprove	75	73	69	69	69	55	75
DK/NA	8	10	9	9	8	11	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	29%	7%	63%	22%	25%	33%
Disapprove	63	90	32	69	69	58
DK/NA	7	3	5	9	6	9

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job? (* Low also 24% Nov 2011, Oct 2011, Sep 2011)

	Aug 03 2015	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 26 2014	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Mar 04 2009	Nov 26 2014*
Approve	29	30	30	28	24	45	24
Disapprove	63	61	61	62	67	45	67
DK/NA	7	9	9	10	9	10	9

10. 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
Very satisfied	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Smwht satisfied	25	7	48	20	23	26
Smwht dissatisfied	31	23	35	34	32	30
Very dissatisfied	42	68	13	44	42	42
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2

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	Aug 03 2015	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Dec 11 2001	Low Nov 13 2008
Very satisfied	2	2	2	2	2	21	2
Smwht satisfied	25	26	28	29	23	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	31	32	32	33	32	19	38
Very dissatisfied	42	39	37	35	42	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	3	2

44. Who do you trust more to make decisions that are good for the country, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Obama	43%	2%	85%	39%	38%	48%
Reps in Congress	45	92	7	44	49	40
DK/NA	13	6	7	17	13	12

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	Aug 03 2015	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015	Mar 04 2015	Nov 25 2014
Obama	43	45	45	42	42
Reps in Congress	45	43	43	47	47
DK/NA	13	12	13	11	12

45. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	44%	8%	79%	44%	40%	48%
Disapprove	53	91	19	53	58	49
DK/NA	3	1	2	4	2	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?
 (* Low also 32% Sep 2011)

	APPROVE.....						
				High	Low		
	Aug 03	Jun 01	Apr 27	Mar 04	Jul 02	Mar 04	Oct 06
	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2009	2011*
Approve	44	46	45	44	40	57	32
Disapprove	53	50	50	50	55	33	64
DK/NA	3	4	5	6	4	10	4

46. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	4%	77%	36%	35%	43%
Disapprove	55	94	17	58	61	50
DK/NA	5	3	6	5	4	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

	APPROVE.....						
				High	Low		
	Aug 03	Jun 01	Apr 27	Mar 04	Jul 02	Apr 29	Mar 04
	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2009	2015
Approve	39	38	39	35	37	57	35
Disapprove	55	56	53	55	57	32	55
DK/NA	5	6	8	10	6	11	10

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	35%	3%	67%	34%	32%	38%
Disapprove	56	93	23	55	61	51
DK/NA	9	4	10	10	7	11

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

	APPROVE.....						
				High	Low		
	Aug 03	Apr 27	Jan 22	Dec 10	Oct 01	Oct 01	Aug 03
	2015	2015	2014	2013	2013	2013	2015
Approve	35	37	39	40	48	48	35
Disapprove	56	52	47	48	40	40	56
DK/NA	9	10	14	12	12	12	9

67. Do you support or oppose the nuclear deal with Iran?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	28%	3%	52%	29%	30%	27%
Oppose	57	86	32	55	58	56
DK/NA	15	11	16	16	13	17

68. Do you think the nuclear deal with Iran would make the world safer or less safe?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Safer	30%	4%	54%	30%	30%	29%
Less safe	58	87	32	58	59	56
DK/NA	12	9	14	12	10	15

69. Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap between wealthy and less well-off Americans?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Should	61%	35%	88%	59%	58%	63%
Should not	32	57	7	34	36	28
DK/NA	7	8	6	6	6	9

70. Do you support or oppose increasing taxes on higher income earners to reduce the amount of taxes paid by the middle class?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	60%	31%	86%	59%	54%	65%
Oppose	36	65	12	36	42	32
DK/NA	4	4	1	5	4	4

TREND: Do you support or oppose increasing taxes on higher income earners to reduce the amount of taxes paid by the middle class?

	Aug 03 2015	Mar 04 2015
Support	60	58
Oppose	36	35
DK/NA	4	6

71. Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to get married?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	53%	26%	70%	59%	49%	57%
Oppose	40	67	26	32	41	38
DK/NA	7	7	4	9	9	5

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to get married?

	Aug 03 2015	Jun 01 2015	Apr 27 2015
Support	53	56	58
Oppose	40	36	34
DK/NA	7	8	8

72. As you may know, the Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriages should be legal in all fifty states. Do you support or oppose this ruling?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	53%	23%	73%	57%	49%	56%
Oppose	44	74	25	38	47	41
DK/NA	3	3	2	4	4	3

73. Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment that would allow states to ban same-sex marriage?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	39%	63%	24%	32%	41%	36%
Oppose	56	30	73	63	54	58
DK/NA	5	6	3	5	5	5

74. Do you think businesses should or should not be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Should be allowed	30%	49%	15%	29%	32%	28%
Should not	65	44	84	68	63	67
DK/NA	5	7	2	4	4	5

TREND: Do you think businesses should or should not be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians?

	Aug 03 2015	Apr 27 2015
Should be allowed	30	26
Should not	65	69
DK/NA	5	5

75. What if the business says homosexuality violates its owners' religious beliefs; in that case do you think the business should or should not be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Should be allowed	42%	66%	21%	42%	44%	40%
Should not	52	27	75	53	51	53
DK/NA	5	7	4	4	5	6

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	Aug 03 2015	Apr 27 2015
Should be allowed	42	35
Should not	52	58
DK/NA	5	7

76. Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	43%	6%	77%	42%	40%	46%
Oppose	52	89	18	54	56	48
DK/NA	5	5	6	4	4	6

TREND: Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Aug 03 2015	Jun 01 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 02 2014	Apr 02 2014	SUPPORT.....	
						High Oct 01 2013	Low Jan 22 2014
Support	43	43	40	43	41	45	38
Oppose	52	51	54	55	55	47	56
DK/NA	5	6	6	2	5	8	7

77. Do you think Congress should try to repeal the health care law, or should they let it stand?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Should repeal it	48%	86%	16%	46%	50%	46%
Should let it stand	47	8	80	49	46	48
DK/NA	5	6	4	5	4	6

TREND: Do you think Congress should try to repeal the health care law, or should they let it stand?

	Aug 03 2015	Jun 01 2015	Nov 25 2014	Jul 12 2012	Apr 20 2012	SHOULD REPEAL	
						High Feb 23 2012	Low May 04 2011
Should repeal it	48	46	48	49	51	52	44
Should let it stand	47	48	46	43	38	39	45
DK/NA	5	6	6	8	11	10	11

78. Do you think that climate change is or is not - a moral issue?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Moral issue	44%	18%	64%	48%	39%	49%
No	49	77	29	48	55	44
DK/NA	6	6	7	4	6	7

79. Do you think that climate change is or is not - caused by human activity?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Human activity	68%	46%	84%	71%	63%	71%
No	27	46	12	25	32	22
DK/NA	6	9	4	4	5	7

80. Do you agree or disagree with the message from Pope Francis calling on the world to do more to address climate change?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Agree	65%	40%	84%	67%	62%	68%
Disagree	27	48	9	27	32	22
DK/NA	8	12	7	6	6	10

81. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently living in the United States? A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship. B) They should be allowed to remain in the United States, but not be allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship. C) They should be required to leave the U.S.

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A) Stay/Citizenship	55%	34%	76%	54%	53%	57%
B) Stay/Not citizen	9	11	7	10	11	7
C) Not stay	32	49	16	32	32	31
DK/NA	4	6	2	4	4	4

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	Aug 03 2015	Nov 25 2014	Nov 13 2013	Jul 12 2013	May 31 2013	STAY/CITIZENSHIP	
						High Apr 04 2013	Low Nov 25 2014
A) Stay/Citizenship	55	48	57	54	54	59	48
B) Stay/Not citizen	9	11	12	12	12	11	11
C) Not stay	32	35	26	28	29	25	35
DK/NA	4	6	4	6	5	5	6