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**MAJORITY OF VOTERS OPPOSE DEPLOYING NATIONAL GUARD TO D.C.,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
SUPPORT DROPS FOR U.S. MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL AS 50% THINK ISRAEL IS  
COMMITTING GENOCIDE IN GAZA**

In the wake of President Donald Trump's decision to send National Guard troops to Washington D.C. in an effort to reduce crime, voters 56 – 41 percent oppose the move, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

There are wide partisan and gender differences.

Republicans (86 – 12 percent) support the president's decision to deploy the National Guard to the nation's capital to reduce crime, while Democrats (93 – 5 percent) and independents (61 – 34 percent) oppose it.

Men are split about the president's decision, with 50 percent supporting it and 47 percent opposing it, while women (63 – 33 percent) oppose it.

"Posting the National Guard in D.C. to fight local crime gets faint support, with independent voters giving the deployment a big thumbs down," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

**PRESIDENT TRUMP**

Thirty-seven percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 55 percent disapprove. In Quinnipiac University's July 16 poll, 40 percent of voters approved and 54 percent disapproved.

In today's poll, Republicans (84 – 9 percent) approve, while Democrats (98 – 1 percent) and independents (58 – 31 percent) disapprove.

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

- crime: 42 percent approve, while 54 percent disapprove, with 4 percent not offering an opinion;
- talks to end the war between Russia and Ukraine: 40 percent approve, while 52 percent disapprove, with 7 percent not offering an opinion;
- foreign policy: 40 percent approve, while 56 percent disapprove, with 5 percent not offering an opinion;
- the economy: 39 percent approve, while 57 percent disapprove, with 4 percent not offering an opinion;
- trade: 38 percent approve, while 56 percent disapprove, with 5 percent not offering an opinion;
- the Israel – Hamas conflict: 34 percent approve, while 53 percent disapprove, with 12 percent not offering an opinion.

## **ISRAEL – HAMAS – GAZA**

Six in 10 voters (60 percent) oppose the United States sending more military aid to Israel for their efforts in the war with Hamas, while 32 percent support it.

This is the highest level of opposition and lowest level of support for the United States sending more military aid to Israel since Quinnipiac University first asked this question of registered voters on November 2, 2023, in the wake of the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

In today's poll, Democrats (75 – 18 percent) and independents (66 – 27 percent) oppose sending more military aid to Israel for their efforts in the war with Hamas, while Republicans (56 – 37 percent) support it.

Voters were asked whether their sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians based on what they know about the situation in the Middle East. Thirty-seven percent of voters say the Palestinians, while 36 percent say the Israelis, and 27 percent did not offer an opinion.

This is an all-time high for the Palestinians and an all-time low for the Israelis since the Quinnipiac University Poll began asking this question of registered voters in December 2001.

Fifty percent of voters think Israel is committing genocide based on what they know about the situation in Gaza, while 35 percent do not think Israel is committing genocide and 15 percent did not offer an opinion.

Democrats (77 – 11 percent) and independents (51 – 34 percent) think Israel is committing genocide, while Republicans (64 – 20 percent) do not think Israel is committing genocide.

“Support for the Palestinians grows while the appetite for funding Israel militarily dips sharply. And a harsh assessment of the way Israel is prosecuting the Gaza campaign invokes a word of infamy,” added Malloy.

## **RUSSIA – UKRAINE**

Four in 10 voters (40 percent) are either very confident (15 percent) or somewhat confident (25 percent) that President Trump can broker a permanent peace between Ukraine and Russia, while 59 percent are either not so confident (20 percent) or not confident at all (39 percent).

Voters 76 – 18 percent do not trust that Russian President Vladimir Putin will stand by any peace agreement to end the war between Russia and Ukraine if one is reached.

Democrats (91 – 7 percent), independents (77 – 16 percent), and Republicans (62 – 29 percent) do not trust that Putin will stand by any peace agreement between the two countries if one is reached.

Fifty percent of voters would oppose the U.S. providing ground troops as part of a peacekeeping force in Ukraine if it led to a deal to end the war between Russia and Ukraine, while 40 percent would support it.

Voters 62 – 29 percent would support the U.S. providing military air support to Ukraine if it led to a deal to end the war between Russia and Ukraine.

Democrats (74 – 18 percent), independents (61 – 31 percent), and Republicans (57 – 36 percent) would support the U.S. providing military air support to Ukraine if it led to a deal to end the war between Russia and Ukraine.

“Voters have little confidence in President Trump's effort to broker peace in Ukraine, and most voters don't trust Vladimir Putin to keep a peace deal if one were reached. And though the president has ruled out putting U.S. troops in the war theater to keep the peace, four out of 10 voters would support it,” added Malloy.

### **THE EPSTEIN FILES**

Seven out of 10 voters (70 percent) say they are following news about the Jeffrey Epstein files either very closely (27 percent) or somewhat closely (43 percent), while 28 percent say they are following it not too closely.

Two-thirds of voters (67 percent) disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling the Jeffrey Epstein files, while 19 percent approve and 14 percent did not offer an opinion. This compares to Quinnipiac University's July 16 poll when 63 percent of voters disapproved, 17 percent approved, and 20 percent did not offer an opinion.

In today's poll, 44 percent of Republicans approve of the way the Trump administration is handling the Epstein files, while 34 percent disapprove and 22 percent did not offer an opinion.

Democrats (92 – 2 percent) and independents (73 – 12 percent) disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling the Epstein files.

Voters 73 – 16 percent think the U.S. Justice Department is not being transparent in the way it is handling the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein.

### **SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS**

Voters were asked about the Trump administration's plan for a comprehensive internal review of exhibitions at eight of the Smithsonian museums to ensure they comply with President Trump's directives and the need for museums to adjust content that comes into question. Six in 10 voters (60 percent) oppose the review, while 33 percent support it.

Republicans (68 – 18 percent) support the review, while Democrats (94 – 5 percent) and independents (66 – 29 percent) oppose the review.

1,220 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from August 21st – 25th with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points, including the design effect.

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	37%	84%	1%	31%	46%	29%
Disapprove	55	9	98	58	45	65
DK/NA	7	7	2	11	9	6

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	28%	68%	1%	20%	36%	22%
Approve smwht	9	15	-	11	10	8
Disapprove smwht	6	3	8	6	4	7
Disapprove strongly	49	6	88	51	40	57
DK/NA	8	8	3	11	9	7

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	85%	2%	34%	49%	30%
Disapprove	57	12	96	61	45	67
DK/NA	4	3	1	5	5	3

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	38%	82%	3%	33%	49%	29%
Disapprove	56	13	94	61	47	65
DK/NA	5	5	3	6	4	6

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	89%	2%	34%	49%	31%
Disapprove	56	10	96	59	47	64
DK/NA	5	1	3	7	4	5

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - talks to end the war between Russia and Ukraine?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	84%	6%	34%	50%	32%
Disapprove	52	11	89	57	43	60
DK/NA	7	5	5	9	7	7

6. 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	34%	77%	3%	28%	43%	26%
Disapprove	53	12	90	57	45	60
DK/NA	12	11	7	15	11	14

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - crime?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	42%	87%	5%	36%	52%	33%
Disapprove	54	9	93	59	45	62
DK/NA	4	4	2	5	4	5

8. Do you think the system of democracy in the United States is working, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Working	40%	70%	21%	34%	51%	31%
No	50	21	72	56	41	58
DK/NA	10	9	7	10	7	12

9. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Excellent	4%	9%	-	3%	6%	2%
Good	33	65	10	27	41	26
Not so good	37	19	51	43	34	39
Poor	25	6	37	26	16	32
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	3	1

10. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Better	27%	61%	1%	22%	35%	20%
Worse	50	12	83	53	40	59
The same	22	26	15	24	24	21
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	1

11. Would you describe your financial situation these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Excellent	13%	19%	11%	11%	18%	8%
Good	54	63	50	54	55	53
Not so good	20	11	25	21	18	22
Poor	10	4	12	11	7	12
DK/NA	3	3	2	3	2	4

12. How much trust do you have in the federal government's data on the economy, such as monthly unemployment reports; a lot, some, not too much, or none at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A lot	11%	16%	8%	9%	15%	8%
Some	32	45	26	29	34	30
Not too much	29	26	28	32	27	30
None at all	27	10	37	28	23	30
DK/NA	2	3	1	1	2	2

13. In general, do you think that President Trump is too tough on Russia, not tough enough on Russia, or is President Trump's attitude towards Russia about right?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Too tough	3%	5%	3%	1%	3%	3%
Not tough enough	62	32	90	66	58	66
About right	28	59	3	25	34	24
DK/NA	7	4	4	7	6	7

14. In general, do you think that President Trump is too tough on Ukraine, not tough enough on Ukraine, or is President Trump's attitude towards Ukraine about right?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Too tough	45%	15%	74%	47%	41%	48%
Not tough enough	13	16	7	15	14	12
About right	31	62	6	27	37	26
DK/NA	11	7	13	11	7	14

15. How confident are you that President Trump can broker a permanent peace between Ukraine and Russia; very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very confident	15%	32%	1%	12%	17%	13%
Somewhat confident	25	48	6	21	30	20
Not so confident	20	11	25	25	17	22
Not confident at all	39	7	67	41	34	44
DK/NA	2	1	-	1	2	1

16. Do you trust that Russian President Vladimir Putin will stand by any peace agreement to end the war between Russia and Ukraine if one is reached, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Stand by	18%	29%	7%	16%	22%	14%
No	76	62	91	77	73	78
DK/NA	7	10	2	7	5	8

17. Would you support or oppose the U.S. providing ground troops as part of a peacekeeping force in Ukraine if it led to a deal to end the war between Russia and Ukraine?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	40%	33%	52%	39%	36%	44%
Oppose	50	61	38	52	59	43
DK/NA	9	7	11	9	5	13

18. Would you support or oppose the U.S. providing military air support to Ukraine if it led to a deal to end the war between Russia and Ukraine?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	62%	57%	74%	61%	61%	64%
Oppose	29	36	18	31	33	25
DK/NA	8	8	8	7	6	11

19. Do you support or oppose President Trump's decision to deploy the National Guard to Washington D.C. in an effort to reduce crime?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	41%	86%	5%	34%	50%	33%
Oppose	56	12	93	61	47	63
DK/NA	3	2	1	5	3	3

20. As you may know, the Smithsonian Institution runs the nation's major public museums. The Trump Administration is planning a comprehensive internal review of exhibitions at eight of the museums to ensure they comply with President Trump's directives. Museums will need to adjust content that comes into question. Do you support or oppose this review?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	33%	68%	5%	29%	40%	27%
Oppose	60	18	94	66	53	66
DK/NA	7	14	2	4	7	7

21. From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Israelis	36%	66%	13%	32%	44%	28%
Palestinians	37	10	63	40	35	39
DK/NA	27	24	24	28	20	33

22. Thinking about the relationship between the United States and Israel, do you think the U.S. is too supportive of Israel, not supportive enough of Israel, or is the U.S. support of Israel about right?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Too supportive	40%	15%	63%	42%	39%	42%
Not enough	9	10	9	8	7	11
About right	42	69	18	41	50	34
DK/NA	9	5	10	9	5	13

23. Do you support or oppose the United States sending more military aid to Israel for their efforts in the war with Hamas?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	32%	56%	18%	27%	40%	25%
Oppose	60	37	75	66	55	64
DK/NA	8	7	7	7	5	11

24. In thinking about what you know about the situation in Gaza, do you think Israel is committing genocide, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Committing	50%	20%	77%	51%	45%	55%
No	35	64	11	34	44	27
DK/NA	15	16	13	14	12	18

25. 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	27%	19%	31%	31%	28%	26%
Somewhat closely	43	40	47	42	43	42
Not too closely	28	39	20	25	26	30
DK/NA	2	3	2	1	2	2



26. 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	19%	44%	2%	12%	24%	15%
Disapprove	67	34	92	73	63	70
DK/NA	14	22	6	14	13	16

27. Do you think the U.S. Justice Department is being transparent in the way it is handling the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Transparent	16%	33%	7%	9%	20%	12%
No	73	51	87	81	72	75
DK/NA	11	16	6	10	8	13