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**BIDEN UNDERWATER ON JOB APPROVAL AND HANDLING OF KEY ISSUES,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
MORE THAN 6 IN 10 AMERICANS BELIEVE U.S. TROOPS WILL RETURN TO
AFGHANISTAN**

Americans' views have dimmed on the way President Joe Biden is handling his job as president, with 42 percent approving and 50 percent disapproving, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today. This is the first time Biden's job approval has dropped into negative territory since taking office. In early August, 46 percent of Americans approved and 43 percent disapproved of the way Biden was handling his job.

In today's poll, Democrats approve 88 – 7 percent, while Republicans disapprove 91 – 7 percent and independents disapprove 52 – 34 percent.

Biden's numbers on his handling of the response to the coronavirus are mixed, with 48 percent approving and 49 percent disapproving. This compares to August, when he received a 53 – 40 percent approval rating on his handling of the coronavirus.

Americans give him a negative score on his handling of foreign policy, 34 – 59 percent. In August, 42 percent approved and 44 percent disapproved of his handling of foreign policy. They also give Biden a negative score on his handling of his job as Commander in Chief of the U.S. military, with 40 percent approving and 55 percent disapproving.

On his handling of the economy, Biden receives a negative 42 – 52 percent rating. In August, it was a slightly negative 43 – 48 percent rating.

On his handling of climate change, Americans are divided, as 42 percent approve and 45 percent disapprove. This compares to a positive 48 – 35 percent approval rating in August.

“If there ever was a honeymoon for President Biden, it is clearly over. This is, with few exceptions, a poll full of troubling negatives... from overall job approval, to foreign policy, to the economy,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

AFGHANISTAN

More than half of Americans, 54 – 41 percent, say they approve of President Biden's decision to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

Nearly 7 in 10 Americans, 69 – 24 percent, say it was the right thing to do to end the war in Afghanistan.

However, Americans give Biden a negative 31 – 65 percent score for the way he handled withdrawing all U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

More than 6 in 10 Americans, 62 – 28 percent, say they think American troops will have to return to Afghanistan to fight terrorism. Republicans say 83 – 10 percent and independents say 65 – 25 percent that they think American troops will have to return to Afghanistan to fight terrorism, while Democrats say 52 – 38 percent they think American troops will not have to return to Afghanistan to fight terrorism.

“‘The pullout is over, but boots will be back on the ground eventually,’ predict voters, who clearly see a looming terrorist threat churning in the cauldron that is Afghanistan,” added Malloy.

SATISFACTION

A majority of Americans (70 percent) say they are very dissatisfied (46 percent) or somewhat dissatisfied (24 percent) with the way things are going in the nation today. Almost 3 in 10 (29 percent) say that they are very satisfied (3 percent) or somewhat satisfied (26 percent).

CONGRESS

Americans give Republicans in Congress their lowest job approval rating since February 2021: a negative 23 – 65 percent rating. Democrats in Congress also receive a negative job approval, 37 – 53 percent, which is the lowest rating they have received since February 2021.

1,210 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from September 10th – 13th with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 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 random samples of adults 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 Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	42%	7%	88%	34%	36%	47%	56%	28%			
Disapprove	50	91	7	52	55	45	39	65			
DK/NA	9	1	5	14	9	8	5	7			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Approve	34%	40%	40%	54%	30%	43%	37%	69%	38%		
Disapprove	50	54	55	39	64	50	57	18	47		
DK/NA	16	6	5	7	6	7	6	13	15		

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

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve strongly	24%	2%	57%	17%	18%	31%	35%	16%			
Approve smwht	16	5	29	16	18	15	21	11			
Disapprove smwht	8	4	5	13	8	8	5	5			
Disapprove strongly	41	87	2	38	46	37	33	59			
DK/NA	10	2	7	15	10	10	6	8			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Approve strongly	10%	24%	29%	37%	15%	29%	23%	39%	26%		
Approve smwht	24	15	11	14	15	14	14	27	12		
Disapprove smwht	17	5	6	3	6	5	5	11	14		
Disapprove strongly	33	48	48	36	57	45	51	7	33		
DK/NA	16	8	6	10	7	7	7	16	15		

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

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	23%	50%	9%	20%	26%	21%	18%	29%			
Disapprove	65	38	88	67	64	67	76	61			
DK/NA	11	12	4	13	10	12	7	10			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Approve	25%	22%	23%	25%	27%	23%	25%	14%	25%		
Disapprove	58	70	68	65	67	66	66	73	58		
DK/NA	17	9	9	10	7	11	9	12	17		

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

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	37%	6%	80%	30%	31%	42%	49%	25%
Disapprove	53	89	15	56	60	47	46	68
DK/NA	10	5	4	15	9	11	5	8

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	35%	34%	34%	45%	27%	38%	33%	61%	39%
Disapprove	47	58	59	48	68	54	60	27	43
DK/NA	18	8	7	7	5	8	7	12	17

4. If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Republican Party	42%	93%	2%	38%	46%	37%	37%	58%
Democratic Party	45	4	94	40	39	50	55	32
DK/NA	14	4	4	22	15	12	8	10

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Republican Party	36%	43%	48%	41%	57%	45%	51%	7%	35%
Democratic Party	42	45	41	51	35	44	40	76	43
DK/NA	22	13	11	8	8	11	9	18	23

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - the response to the coronavirus?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	48%	12%	92%	44%	41%	54%	63%	33%
Disapprove	49	86	6	53	55	43	35	63
DK/NA	4	2	2	4	4	3	2	4

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	43%	41%	48%	60%	37%	49%	44%	76%	46%
Disapprove	53	54	49	37	60	48	53	18	51
DK/NA	4	5	3	3	2	4	3	6	2

REGION.....				DENSITY.....			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Approve	59%	42%	47%	45%	54%	54%	33%
Disapprove	39	56	48	50	41	45	63
DK/NA	2	2	5	5	5	2	4

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - the economy?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	42%	6%	85%	39%	37%	47%	51%	29%			
Disapprove	52	91	10	55	57	47	43	66			
DK/NA	6	2	5	6	6	6	6	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom					
	Approve	37%	38%	42%	52%	30%	42%	36%	76%	44%	
Disapprove	52	58	56	43	65	53	59	17	51		
DK/NA	10	4	2	6	5	5	5	7	5		

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - foreign policy?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	34%	4%	74%	28%	29%	38%	48%	23%			
Disapprove	59	93	18	64	65	52	47	71			
DK/NA	8	3	8	8	6	10	5	6			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom					
	Approve	26%	28%	35%	47%	26%	36%	31%	51%	32%	
Disapprove	64	62	60	48	71	56	63	35	59		
DK/NA	9	10	4	6	3	8	6	14	8		

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - climate change?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	42%	10%	83%	36%	38%	45%	57%	30%			
Disapprove	45	82	12	44	50	40	35	59			
DK/NA	13	8	6	20	12	14	8	11			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom					
	Approve	35%	40%	40%	52%	35%	42%	39%	65%	38%	
Disapprove	46	47	49	39	56	46	51	16	43		
DK/NA	20	13	11	9	8	11	10	19	18		

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as Commander in Chief of the U.S. military?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	40%	5%	83%	37%	37%	43%	49%	29%
Disapprove	55	93	14	56	59	51	45	68
DK/NA	5	3	4	7	4	6	5	3

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	32%	38%	39%	52%	30%	41%	36%	69%	41%
Disapprove	61	57	57	44	68	53	60	22	54
DK/NA	8	6	3	4	3	5	4	9	5

12. 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?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very satisfied	3%	1%	7%	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%
Smwht satisfied	26	5	50	22	24	27	28	17
Smwht dissatisfied	24	17	28	27	25	23	30	21
Very dissatisfied	46	76	14	48	46	45	38	60
DK/NA	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	1

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Very satisfied	1%	2%	6%	3%	1%	2%	2%	5%	5%
Smwht satisfied	24	24	21	33	18	23	21	45	28
Smwht dissatisfied	31	23	22	22	25	23	24	22	31
Very dissatisfied	44	50	49	40	54	51	53	23	34
DK/NA	-	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	1

13. As you may know, President Biden decided to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan. Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden's decision?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	54%	27%	85%	51%	50%	58%	64%	42%
Disapprove	41	70	12	43	45	38	31	53
DK/NA	5	3	3	6	5	4	5	4

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	56%	47%	53%	60%	48%	51%	50%	72%	57%
Disapprove	39	48	43	37	47	44	46	18	40
DK/NA	5	6	4	3	4	5	5	9	3

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden handled withdrawing all U.S. troops from Afghanistan?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	31%	8%	62%	24%	29%	33%	34%	20%
Disapprove	65	91	35	68	67	62	62	76
DK/NA	4	1	4	7	4	5	4	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	30%	25%	28%	41%	21%	28%	25%	53%	38%
Disapprove	65	70	70	54	77	66	71	39	59
DK/NA	6	5	2	5	2	5	4	8	3

15. Do you think ending the war with Afghanistan was the right thing for the United States to do or the wrong thing?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Right thing	69%	48%	90%	69%	70%	68%	79%	62%
Wrong thing	24	45	6	24	26	23	17	30
DK/NA	7	7	4	8	4	9	5	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Right thing	67%	63%	70%	74%	69%	66%	67%	81%	69%
Wrong thing	26	28	25	20	27	23	25	12	28
DK/NA	7	9	5	6	4	11	7	8	3

16. Do you support or oppose accepting Afghan refugees into the U.S.?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	60%	30%	87%	62%	58%	62%	76%	49%
Oppose	32	62	9	31	36	29	19	43
DK/NA	7	8	4	8	6	8	5	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	67%	58%	57%	59%	57%	59%	58%	70%	63%
Oppose	26	33	36	34	38	32	35	22	32
DK/NA	8	9	6	7	5	9	7	8	4

17. Do you support or oppose accepting Afghan refugees if they assisted the U.S. during the war in Afghanistan?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	83%	72%	91%	84%	83%	82%	93%	79%
Oppose	14	26	6	13	16	13	5	19
DK/NA	3	2	3	3	1	5	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	82%	85%	83%	83%	85%	82%	83%	83%	81%
Oppose	16	13	14	12	15	14	15	12	16
DK/NA	2	2	3	4	-	4	2	5	3

18. Do you think American troops will have to return to Afghanistan to fight terrorism, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Return	62%	83%	38%	65%	69%	56%	50%	70%
No	28	10	52	25	25	31	35	20
DK/NA	10	7	11	10	6	13	14	10

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Return	64%	74%	63%	44%	68%	59%	63%	53%	65%
No	29	18	27	41	26	25	25	41	30
DK/NA	6	8	10	15	6	16	11	7	5