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**CLINTON SWEEPS DEMS, TOPS REPUBLICANS IN 2016 RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
AMERICAN VOTERS SAY 3-1 KEEP GUNS OUT OF STARBUCKS**

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton dominates the 2016 presidential field, winning the support of 61 percent of Democrats and holding double-digit leads over leading Republican contenders, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

Among Democrats, Clinton tops Vice President Joseph Biden 61 – 11 percent, with 7 percent for U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and 2 percent for New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo. No other candidate tops 1 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

The Republican field is more mixed, with 17 percent for U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, 13 percent for New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie, 12 percent for U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, 11 percent for former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and 10 percent each for U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

In woman-a-mano matchups, Clinton tops leading Republicans:

- 49 – 36 percent over Christie;
- 53 – 36 percent over Paul;
- 54 – 31 percent over Cruz.

“As she watches the hand-to-hand political combat in Washington, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton remains above the fray and the queen of the 2016 mountain,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Recent rumblings about a Vice President Joseph Biden candidacy aside, she is six times better among democrats than is he and in head-to-head matchups with Republicans she dominates. We’ve got a long way to 2016, but at this point she looks very very strong.”

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“The race for the GOP nomination remains wide open with a handful of candidates bunched together in low double-digits,” Brown added. “Sen. Ted Cruz’ high-profile role opposing Obamacare has added him to that group, but he probably will have to find other ways to keep his star rising.

“Over the last several months, Sen. Marco Rubio’s star has fallen a bit and Sen. Rand Paul’s has risen a bit, while Gov. Jeb Bush, Gov. Christopher Christie and Congressman Paul Ryan have essentially been flickering in place.”

Gun Control

American voters support background checks for all gun-buyers 89 – 9 percent, basically unchanged from the results of several Quinnipiac University polls conducted in the months after the Sandy Hook massacre. Voters in households where there is a gun support background checks 88 – 11 percent, with no group falling below 80 percent on this measure.

Voters support stricter gun control laws generally 54 – 41 percent, with voters in gun households opposed 56 – 40 percent.

But voters say 61 – 32 percent that stricter gun laws would not have prevented the Washington Navy Yard massacre last month.

Voters support 66 – 23 percent, including 52 – 35 percent in gun households, Starbucks’ request that customers not bring guns into their stores. Starbucks’ request makes them more likely to sip there, 15 percent say, while 11 percent say less likely and 72 percent say it won’t make a difference in where they get their coffee.

“Americans somewhat favor more gun control but more than three in five say stricter gun control would not have stopped the Washington Navy Yard shooter,” Brown said.

“Two-thirds of voters prefer their Starbucks coffee without a shot as they back the coffee-seller’s plea to keep guns out of the store.”

From September 23 – 29, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,497 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.5 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, Iowa, Ohio, Colorado, Virginia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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2a. (If Republican or Republican Leaner) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Paul Ryan, Scott Walker, Chris Christie, Bobby Jindal, Rand Paul, and Ted Cruz, for whom would you vote?

	REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS			
	Tot	Men	Wom	TeaParty
Bush	11%	13%	9%	7%
Rubio	12	10	13	10
Ryan	10	10	10	14
Walker	4	5	2	1
Christie	13	11	15	2
Jindal	3	3	3	4
Paul	17	18	17	22
Cruz	10	13	7	20
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	2	-
DK/NA	19	15	22	18

TREND: (If Republican or Republican Leaner) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were: Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Paul Ryan, Scott Walker, Chris Christie, Bobby Jindal, Rand Paul and Ted Cruz, for whom would you vote?

	REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS	
	Oct 02 2013	Apr 03 2013
Bush	11	10
Rubio	12	19
Ryan	10	17
Walker	4	2
Christie	13	14
Jindal	3	3
Paul	17	15
Cruz	10	na
McDonnell	na	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-
DK/NA	19	18

2b. (If Democrat or Democratic Leaner) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Andrew Cuomo, Elizabeth Warren, Mark Warner and Martin O'Malley, for whom would you vote?

	DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Clinton	61%	54%	66%
Biden	11	15	8
Cuomo	2	4	1
Warren	7	9	5
Warner	1	1	1
O'Malley	-	1	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1
DK/NA	15	14	16

TREND: (If Democrat or Democratic Leaner) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were: Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Andrew Cuomo, Elizabeth Warren, Mark Warner and Martin O'Malley, for whom would you vote?

DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS
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Clinton	61	65
Biden	11	13
Cuomo	2	4
Warren	7	na
Warner	1	1
O'Malley	-	1
Patrick	na	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-
DK/NA	15	14

7. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Clinton	49%	9%	88%	40%	45%	52%	41%	85%	59%
Christie	36	77	8	38	39	33	42	10	26
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	-	6	5	2	3	1	5
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	1	5	5	2	4	-	4
DK/NA	9	7	3	11	7	11	10	5	5

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC	AGE IN YRS.....
	Lib Mod Con	<50K 50-100 >100K	18-29 30-49 50-64 65+
Clinton	79%	53%	24%
Christie	9	33	59
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	5
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	4
DK/NA	7	9	8

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote? (* Christopher Christie)

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Clinton	49	46	45
Christie	36	40	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	4
DK/NA	9	8	12

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Clinton	53%	13%	93%	43%	47%	58%	45%	88%	63%	
Paul	36	79	4	39	42	30	42	4	29	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	5	4	2	3	1	3	
DK/NA	6	5	2	10	5	8	7	4	3	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY									
	Lib	Mod	Con	ANNUAL	SHOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
				<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	86%	60%	23%	58%	48%	52%	57%	51%	56%	49%
Paul	9	25	66	30	45	37	25	38	36	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	2	3	1	4	6	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	3
DK/NA	1	8	7	6	4	5	10	6	4	6

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Oct 02	Jul 12	May 31
	2013	2013	2013
Clinton	53	50	49
Paul	36	38	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2
DK/NA	6	7	6

9. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Clinton	54%	14%	92%	48%	49%	58%	47%	87%	66%	
Cruz	31	76	3	29	36	27	37	4	27	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	-	4	4	2	3	2	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	5	4	2	3	-	4	
DK/NA	9	7	4	14	7	11	10	7	2	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY									
	Lib	Mod	Con	ANNUAL	SHOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
				<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	89%	61%	25%	60%	51%	51%	55%	53%	58%	51%
Cruz	6	20	62	26	38	35	21	31	32	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4	2	3	2	4	7	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	1	3	1	3	2	3	2	3
DK/NA	2	12	9	8	8	7	15	10	6	7

10. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	56%	17%	90%	52%	50%	62%	50%	85%	68%	
Unfavorable	36	74	4	39	42	31	43	7	21	
Hvn't hrd enough	6	8	5	7	7	6	5	8	10	
REFUSED	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	90%	64%	25%	59%	53%	56%	62%	56%	58%	51%
Unfavorable	7	26	66	31	39	41	25	38	35	42
Hvn't hrd enough	2	7	8	8	6	2	10	5	5	5
REFUSED	1	3	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	FAVORABLE.....						
	High		Low				
	Oct 02	Jul 12	May 31	Feb 08	May 14	Feb 08	May 03
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2008	2013	2007
Favorable	56	55	52	61	47	61	44
Unfavorable	36	38	40	34	44	34	46
Hvn't hrd enough	6	5	7	4	7	4	7
REFUSED	2	2	1	1	2	1	3

11. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	30%	56%	8%	32%	36%	24%	34%	8%	25%	
Unfavorable	33	13	54	29	34	32	34	35	22	
Hvn't hrd enough	37	30	38	38	29	43	32	56	48	
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	4	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	10%	21%	51%	24%	35%	36%	31%	30%	29%	30%
Unfavorable	64	34	13	30	32	41	24	33	36	35
Hvn't hrd enough	24	44	35	46	31	22	45	37	34	35
REFUSED	2	1	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Oct 02	Jul 12	May 31
	2013	2013	2013
Favorable	30	31	32
Unfavorable	33	28	24
Hvn't hrd enough	37	39	42
REFUSED	1	1	1

12. Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	40%	43%	40%	44%	38%	42%	45%	26%	18%	
Unfavorable	22	21	21	22	28	17	21	28	22	
Hvn't hrd enough	36	35	37	32	32	40	32	44	58	
REFUSED	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	49%	46%	33%	32%	46%	55%	30%	36%	45%	46%
Unfavorable	28	15	25	19	24	27	20	25	24	18
Hvn't hrd enough	21	37	41	47	28	17	49	38	30	32
REFUSED	2	2	1	2	2	-	1	1	1	4

TREND: Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Oct 02 2013	Jul 12 2013	Oct 05 2011
Favorable	40	45	23
Unfavorable	22	18	17
Hvn't hrd enough	36	34	59
REFUSED	2	2	1

13. Is your opinion of Ted Cruz favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	16%	37%	2%	15%	19%	14%	19%	2%	8%	
Unfavorable	25	9	39	27	30	20	26	25	21	
Hvn't hrd enough	58	53	58	57	50	65	54	73	69	
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	2%	7%	35%	11%	20%	21%	6%	17%	17%	20%
Unfavorable	54	25	7	22	25	36	17	24	29	28
Hvn't hrd enough	43	67	57	66	54	43	77	59	53	49
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	2

14. Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	48%	7%	85%	41%	45%	50%	40%	87%	48%	
Unfavorable	49	89	11	55	52	45	57	9	42	
Hvn't hrd enough	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	7	
REFUSED	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	78%	55%	19%	52%	40%	51%	46%	47%	50%	45%
Unfavorable	18	40	78	44	58	46	49	50	45	50
Hvn't hrd enough	-	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	1
REFUSED	3	2	-	3	1	1	3	1	2	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	FAVORABLE.....						
						High	Low
	Oct 02	Jul 12	May 30	Feb 08	Jul 11	Nov 12	Oct 05
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2008	2011
Favorable	48	47	48	51	45	67	42
Unfavorable	49	49	49	46	48	19	53
Hvn't hrd enough	2	2	2	2	4	11	3
REFUSED	2	3	1	2	4	3	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GunHsHld
Support	54%	28%	82%	47%	46%	62%	40%
Oppose	41	66	13	50	51	32	56
DK/NA	5	6	4	4	3	6	4

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	66%	50%	54%	47%	60%	56%	45%
Oppose	30	47	41	45	37	39	49
DK/NA	4	3	5	7	3	5	7

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

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

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GunHsHld
Support	89%	82%	95%	89%	87%	91%	88%
Oppose	9	17	4	10	13	7	11
DK/NA	1	1	2	-	-	2	1

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	95%	87%	87%	90%	90%	93%	85%
Oppose	4	12	12	7	9	6	13
DK/NA	1	-	1	3	1	1	2

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

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

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GunHsHld
Support	88%	89%	88%	86%	88%	87%	89%
Oppose	9	7	9	10	8	9	8
DK/NA	3	4	3	4	3	3	3

REGION.....	DENSITY.....
NEast MWest South West	Urban Suburb Rural

Support	89%	86%	89%	87%	86%	90%	88%
Oppose	9	9	9	8	12	6	8
DK/NA	2	5	2	5	2	4	4

45. Do you think stricter gun control laws could have prevented the mass killing at the Washington Navy Yard or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GunHsHld
Yes	32%	17%	48%	24%	25%	37%	19%
No	61	80	40	68	68	54	77
DK/NA	7	3	11	8	6	9	5

REGION.....	DENSITY.....
NEast MWest South West	Urban Suburb Rural

Yes	40%	29%	32%	26%	36%	31%	26%
No	51	64	61	65	57	62	66
DK/NA	9	6	7	9	8	7	8

46. As you may know, Starbucks is asking customers to not bring guns into its stores. Do you think that is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GunHsHld
Good idea	66%	41%	85%	66%	59%	73%	52%
Bad idea	23	44	11	19	30	17	35
DK/NA	11	15	4	14	12	10	13

REGION.....	DENSITY.....
NEast MWest South West	Urban Suburb Rural

Good idea	70%	64%	65%	66%	69%	67%	60%
Bad idea	18	27	24	21	20	20	30
DK/NA	12	9	11	13	11	13	9

47. Have you gone to Starbucks within the past year?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GunHsHld
Yes	50%	51%	50%	50%	50%	51%	50%
No	49	49	48	50	49	48	50
DK/NA	1	-	2	-	1	1	-

REGION.....	DENSITY.....
NEast MWest South West	Urban Suburb Rural

Yes	50%	45%	48%	60%	46%	64%	42%
No	49	55	51	38	54	36	57
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	1	-	1

48. Does Starbucks asking customers to not bring guns into its stores make you more likely to go to a Starbucks store, less likely to go to a Starbucks store, or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GunHsHld
More likely	15%	5%	24%	12%	10%	20%	9%
Less likely	11	22	3	10	14	9	17
No difference	72	70	72	77	74	70	73
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural
More likely	15%	13%	19%	12%	19%	14%	12%
Less likely	9	13	11	12	11	11	13
No difference	75	72	70	74	70	75	72
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	1	-	4