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**GOP CUTS INTO DEM LEAD IN HOUSE RACES,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
MORE VOTERS WANT DEMOCRATS TO CONTROL SENATE**

Five weeks before the Midterm Elections, 49 percent of American voters back the Democratic candidate in their local race for the U.S. House of Representatives and 42 percent support the Republican candidate, according to a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

This compares to the results of a September 12 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll, showing Democrats with a 52 – 38 percent lead.

White voters back Republicans 52 – 42 percent. Democrats win 82 – 10 percent support among black voters and lead 63 – 28 percent among Hispanic voters.

American voters say 50 – 43 percent they want Democrats to control the U.S. Senate.

American voters disapprove 53 – 41 percent of the job President Donald Trump is doing, compared to a 54 – 38 percent disapproval September 10.

“The numbers suggest the big blue wave may have lost some of its momentum as House races tighten. President Donald Trump’s approval remains deeply in the red,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“But five weeks out, voters prefer Democrats to take control of the Senate, putting the more elusive prize for Democrats within reach.”

From September 27 – 30, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,111 voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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1. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your congressional district? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic candidate or more toward the Republican candidate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Democratic candidate	49%	5%	95%	50%	43%	55%	51%	33%
Republican candidate	42	92	3	39	48	37	43	59
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
DK/NA	8	3	3	10	9	7	6	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Democratic candidate	54%	54%	43%	51%	35%	47%	42%	82%	63%
Republican candidate	35	37	50	45	58	46	52	10	28
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
DK/NA	9	9	6	4	6	7	6	8	7

TREND: If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your congressional district? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic candidate or more toward the Republican candidate?

	Dem	Rep	SMONE ELSE	DK/NA
Oct 02, 2018	49	42	-	8
Sep 12, 2018	52	38	-	9
Aug 15, 2018	51	42	1	7
Jul 25, 2018	51	39	-	10
Jul 02, 2018	50	41	1	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Republican Party	43%	91%	4%	41%	50%	37%	43%	60%
Democratic Party	50	6	94	51	42	57	53	33
DK/NA	8	3	2	8	9	6	4	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Republican Party	36%	36%	51%	46%	60%	45%	52%	9%	29%
Democratic Party	58	56	43	50	34	50	43	83	64
DK/NA	6	9	6	4	6	5	6	8	7

TREND: If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States Senate?

	Rep Party	Dem Party	DK/NA
Oct 02, 2018	43	50	8
Jun 20, 2018	44	49	7
Jun 06, 2018	41	48	11
Apr 25, 2018	42	48	10
Apr 11, 2018	43	46	10
Mar 21, 2018	43	49	8
Mar 07, 2018	39	49	12
Feb 20, 2018	39	54	7
Feb 07, 2018	42	49	9
Jan 24, 2018	39	53	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	41%	83%	8%	37%	48%	35%	40%	58%
Disapprove	53	12	90	53	44	60	56	36
DK/NA	6	4	2	10	7	6	3	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	35%	35%	48%	44%	56%	44%	49%	8%	24%
Disapprove	57	60	47	53	38	52	45	80	70
DK/NA	8	5	5	3	6	4	5	12	5

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	App	Dis	DK/NA
Oct 02, 2018	41	53	6
Sep 10, 2018	38	54	8
Aug 14, 2018	41	54	5
Jul 24, 2018	38	58	4
Jul 03, 2018	40	55	4
Jun 20, 2018	43	52	6
Jun 06, 2018	40	51	8
Apr 25, 2018	39	54	7
Apr 10, 2018	41	52	7
Mar 21, 2018	40	53	7

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3a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q3) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve strongly	31%	70%	4%	24%	36%	27%	31%	44%
Approve smwht	10	13	4	13	12	8	9	13
Disapprove smwht	6	5	6	7	7	5	4	5
Disapprove strongly	46	7	84	46	37	55	52	30
DK/NA	7	5	2	11	8	6	4	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve strongly	25%	24%	36%	37%	43%	34%	38%	6%	20%
Approve smwht	9	11	12	7	14	10	11	2	5
Disapprove smwht	4	9	6	5	5	5	5	12	10
Disapprove strongly	53	51	40	48	32	47	40	68	61
DK/NA	9	5	6	3	7	4	6	12	5

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	APPROVE.....		DISAPPROVE.....		
	Strngly	Smwht	Smwht	Strngly	DK/NA
Oct 02, 2018	31	10	6	46	7
Sep 10, 2018	27	10	6	48	9
Aug 14, 2018	30	10	6	48	6
Jul 24, 2018	28	10	7	51	5
Jul 03, 2018	30	10	8	47	5
Jun 20, 2018	32	10	5	47	6
Jun 06, 2018	29	11	8	44	9
Apr 25, 2018	31	8	6	47	8
Apr 10, 2018	30	10	10	42	7
Mar 21, 2018	30	9	7	46	8

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