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AMERICANS HAVE NO APPETITE FOR POLITICS AT THANKSGIVING TABLE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; 7 IN 10 PLAN TO GIVE SAME AMOUNT TO CHARITY AS LAST YEAR

In a country gripped by political polarization, Americans across the board agree on something: they are <u>not</u> in the mood to talk politics this Thanksgiving. Two-thirds of Americans, 66 percent, say they are hoping to avoid discussing politics while visiting family or friends this Thanksgiving, and 21 percent say they are looking forward to discussing politics, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today.

As for how likely people think there will be a heated political debate among their family or friends at Thanksgiving, half (50 percent) say not likely at all, 24 percent say not so likely, 15 percent say somewhat likely, and 9 percent say very likely.

"A heaping serving of political back and forth with your cranberries and stuffing? No way, say Americans, who would far rather feast on the big meal than feud with each other on Turkey Day," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Another thing Americans of all stripes agree on: charitable giving. Seventy percent say they plan to give about the same amount to charity as they did last year, 19 percent say they plan to give more, and 7 percent say they plan to give less.

"The pandemic nightmare may have brought emotional, and in some cases, financial upheaval to American homes, but it did not chip away at their charitable instincts," added Malloy.

1,378 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from November 11th – 15th with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 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.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Email poll@qu.edu, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @QuinnipiacPoll. 45. If you are visiting with family or friends this Thanksgiving, are you looking forward to discussing politics, or are you hoping to avoid discussing politics?

	ADULTS								
	WHITE								
						4 YR COLL DEG			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Looking forward	21%	22%	22%	20%	23%	19%	25%	20%	
Hoping to avoid	66	68	66	69	63	69	64	68	
NOT VISITING (VOL)	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	
NEITHER (VOL)	8	8	6	9	10	7	7	8	
DK/NA	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Looking forward	18%	20%	21%	23%	26%	17%	21%	17%	20%
Hoping to avoid	67	68	70	61	63	70	67	70	67
NOT VISITING (VOL)	_	1	1	5	1	1	1	2	1
NEITHER (VOL)	12	8	5	8	8	8	8	8	12
DK/NA	2	2	3	4	2	4	3	3	_

46. How likely do you think it is that there will be a heated political debate among either your family or friends at this Thanksgiving; very likely, somewhat likely, not so likely, or not likely at all?

	ADULTS								
	WHITE								
							4 YR COLL DE		G
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Very likely	9%	10%	8%	10%	9%	9%	11%	11%	
Smwht likely	15	13	16	20	19	12	15	17	
Not so likely	24	24	24	23	26	22	30	22	
Not likely at all	50	52	50	47	44	55	44	50	
DK/NA	2	1	3	-	2	2	1	1	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very likely	12%	10%	9%	6%	10%	11%	11%	10%	3%
Smwht likely	19	19	13	14	18	14	16	15	21
Not so likely	26	23	22	23	25	24	25	17	24
Not likely at all	39	47	56	56	46	50	48	56	48
DK/NA	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4

47. Thinking about this holiday season, do you plan to give more to charity this year than last year, less to charity, or about the same as last year?

			ADULTS								
									WHITE		
			Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
More			19%	18%	18%	19%	18%	20%	22%	18%	
Less			7	12	6	6	7	7	7	9	
About	the	same	70	70	71	72	71	70	71	71	
DK/NA			4	1	5	3	4	3	1	2	
			AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
			18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More			20%	23%	17%	17%	17%	20%	19%	20%	18%
Less			2	7	9	11	7	8	8	4	7
About	the	same	71	67	72	70	73	70	71	71	66
DK/NA			7	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	8

47a. (If giving more q47) Would you say a lot more, somewhat more, or only a little more?

ADULTS - GIVING MORE Q47 Tot

Lot more 28%
Smwht more 50
Little more 20
DK/NA 2

47b. (If giving less q47) Would you say a lot less, somewhat less, or only a little less?

ADULTS - GIVING LESS Q47
Tot

Lot less 49%
Smwht less 28
Little less 22
DK/NA 1

47c. Thinking about this holiday season, do you plan to give more to charity this year than last year, less to charity, or about the same as last year? COMBINED WITH: (If giving more q47) Would you say a lot more, somewhat more, or only a little more? (If giving less q47) Would you say a lot less, somewhat less, or only a little less?

	ADULTS	3							
							WHITE		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Lot more	5%	4%	4%	7%	5%	5%	7%	4%	
Smwht more	10	10	8	9	9	10	11	9	
Little more	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	
About the same	70	70	71	72	71	70	71	71	
Little less	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	
Smwht less	2	3	3	1	1	3	2	2	
Lot less	3	5	2	3	4	3	3	4	
DK/NA	4	1	5	3	5	4	1	3	
	AGE IN YRS		WHITE						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Lot more	7%	7%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	8%	6%
Smwht more	10	11	10	8	9	10	10	8	9
Little more	3	5	3	5	3	5	4	4	3
About the same	71	67	72	70	73	70	71	71	66
Little less	1	1	2	3	1	2	2	-	2
Smwht less	_	3	1	4	1	2	2	1	2
Lot less	1	3	6	4	5	3	4	3	2
DK/NA	8	2	2	2	3	2	2	5	8