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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 not 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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	4 YR COLL DEG	
							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.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
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.....

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	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.....

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht		
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