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HOMEGROWN JIHADISTS MORE DANGEROUS THAN REFUGEES, U.S. VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL; U.S., OTHER COUNTRIES MUST DO MORE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Homegrown jihadists are a greater threat to the U.S., 58 percent of American voters say in a Quinnipiac University National poll released today, while 16 percent say terrorists hiding among Syrian refugees are a greater threat. Another 17 percent most fear radicalized foreign visitors.

American voters oppose 52 – 42 percent accepting Syrian refugees into the U.S., the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Democrats would accept refugees 68 – 23 percent, with Republicans opposed 84 – 14 percent. Independent voters are divided as 46 percent support accepting refugees with 49 percent opposed.

Opinions on security screening for Syrian refugees depends on how much voters know:

- With no description of the current screening process, half of the respondents were asked if screening should be stricter: 69 percent say stricter while 24 percent say the process is about right.
- Among the half of respondents who received a description of the current screening process, 53 percent say it should be stricter and 41 percent say it is about right.

“It takes time and meticulous vetting to be accepted as a Syrian refugee. Voters who know that are far more accepting than those who may not understand the process,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“And Americans are far more concerned about the threat from within, homegrown terrorists, than they are about someone being welcomed to the U.S. as a refugee and committing an act of terror.”

A total of 83 percent of American voters say a major terrorist attack in the U.S. in the near future is “very likely” or “somewhat likely.”

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Government anti-terror policies have not gone far enough to protect the country, 61 percent of American voters say, while 27 percent say anti-terror policies have gone too far in restricting civil liberties.

“Not if, but when, say Americans when asked about the likelihood of a terrorist attack on the U.S.,” Malloy said. “More than 80 percent say it’s likely and a large majority says the government isn’t doing enough to prevent it.”

American voters support 77 – 18 percent changing gun laws to ban people on the government’s terrorist watch list from purchasing guns. Support is 73 percent or higher among all party, gender, ethnic, education and age groups.

Voters support 54 – 41 percent sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria and say 62 – 23 percent the U.S. and its allies are losing the war against ISIS.

Climate Change

A total of 65 percent of American voters are “very concerned” or “somewhat concerned” about climate change.

The U.S. must do more to address climate change, 57 percent of voters say, while 21 percent say the U.S. is doing enough and 17 percent say the country is doing too much.

Other countries must do more on climate change, 72 percent of American voters say, as 10 percent say other countries are doing enough and 5 percent say they are doing too much.

Approval of President Obama, Congress

The wide gender gap continues as President Barack Obama gets a negative 44 – 51 percent job approval rating. Women are divided as 49 percent approve and 45 percent disapprove. Men disapprove 58 – 39 percent.

Voters disapprove 79 – 15 percent of the job Republicans in Congress are doing and disapprove 65 – 27 percent of Democrats in Congress.

American voters are divided on who they trust more to make decisions that are good for the country as 46 percent trust President Obama and 43 percent trust Republicans in Congress.

From November 23 – 30, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,453 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 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, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	44%	9%	83%	41%	39%	49%	48%	42%	
Disapprove	51	89	12	54	58	45	48	53	
DK/NA	4	2	5	5	3	6	4	4	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	51%	49%	45%	34%	31%	38%	34%	83%	77%
Disapprove	44	48	52	60	67	55	61	15	19
DK/NA	5	4	3	6	2	7	4	2	4

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	15%	31%	5%	10%	15%	16%	12%	17%	
Disapprove	79	62	93	84	81	77	83	77	
DK/NA	6	7	2	6	4	7	4	6	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	15%	15%	15%	17%	15%	18%	17%	11%	10%
Disapprove	78	82	80	77	81	75	78	85	82
DK/NA	8	3	5	6	4	8	6	4	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	27%	6%	56%	22%	24%	31%	25%	28%	
Disapprove	65	89	36	71	71	60	70	63	
DK/NA	7	4	9	7	5	10	5	8	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	28%	33%	27%	22%	20%	23%	22%	58%	43%
Disapprove	61	61	66	72	75	68	72	36	47
DK/NA	11	6	7	6	5	8	7	7	9

28. 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?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Very satisfied	2%	1%	5%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	
Smwht satisfied	26	9	44	26	25	27	27	25	
Smwht dissatisfied	31	25	38	29	29	32	35	29	
Very dissatisfied	40	65	12	43	42	38	35	43	
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	8%	2%
Smwht satisfied	30	30	23	20	21	23	22	41	42
Smwht dissatisfied	38	28	30	29	29	33	31	33	33
Very dissatisfied	28	38	44	48	47	43	45	17	23
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-

29. Who do you trust more to make decisions that are good for the country, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Obama	46%	6%	88%	43%	41%	51%	52%	43%	
Reps in Congress	43	87	6	38	48	37	40	44	
DK/NA	12	7	7	19	11	12	8	13	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	51%	50%	47%	36%	33%	40%	36%	83%	73%
Reps in Congress	35	45	42	49	56	46	51	11	15
DK/NA	14	6	11	15	11	14	13	6	12

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	47%	12%	83%	46%	43%	51%	52%	44%	
Disapprove	49	87	14	49	54	44	45	51	
DK/NA	4	1	3	6	3	5	3	4	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	56%	52%	47%	34%	36%	41%	38%	82%	68%
Disapprove	37	46	52	61	61	53	57	18	26
DK/NA	8	2	1	5	4	5	4	-	6

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	34%	5%	66%	31%	28%	41%	40%	32%	
Disapprove	60	91	25	64	69	51	56	62	
DK/NA	6	3	9	5	4	8	5	6	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	39%	35%	38%	25%	23%	31%	27%	74%	51%
Disapprove	56	58	58	68	75	62	69	23	36
DK/NA	5	7	4	7	2	7	4	3	13

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - terrorism?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	38%	8%	69%	37%	34%	42%	43%	36%	
Disapprove	56	90	23	57	62	50	53	58	
DK/NA	6	2	8	6	3	8	4	6	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	45%	39%	40%	30%	28%	33%	31%	75%	54%
Disapprove	49	56	56	63	69	60	65	15	41
DK/NA	6	6	5	7	3	6	5	10	6

73. How concerned are you about climate change; very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Very concerned	32%	9%	55%	30%	27%	36%	37%	29%	
Somewhat concerned	33	26	34	37	31	34	31	33	
Not so concerned	14	22	5	15	17	10	16	12	
Not concerned at all	21	42	6	18	24	19	16	24	
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very concerned	36%	33%	29%	29%	24%	35%	30%	33%	47%
Somewhat concerned	36	32	34	26	29	30	30	51	33
Not so concerned	13	14	12	15	19	12	16	4	7
Not concerned at all	13	20	24	29	26	22	24	12	12
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1

74. Do you think other countries are doing enough to address climate change, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address climate change?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Doing enough	10%	14%	6%	10%	10%	9%	12%	9%			
Doing too much	5	10	-	6	8	3	5	6			
More to be done	72	57	85	73	71	73	74	71			
DK/NA	13	19	9	11	11	15	9	15			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Doing enough	11%	10%	10%	7%	10%	11%	10%	7%	7%		
Doing too much	3	7	6	6	10	4	7	1	2		
More to be done	77	69	72	67	69	70	70	73	83		
DK/NA	8	13	12	20	11	15	13	19	7		

75. Do you think the United States is doing enough to address climate change, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address climate change?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Doing enough	21%	34%	11%	20%	23%	19%	22%	21%			
Doing too much	17	33	3	14	22	11	14	18			
More to be done	57	26	83	62	50	64	62	55			
DK/NA	5	6	3	4	4	6	2	6			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Doing enough	20%	21%	23%	21%	25%	23%	24%	9%	14%		
Doing too much	8	14	19	25	25	13	19	7	11		
More to be done	67	62	54	47	46	58	52	75	75		
DK/NA	5	3	4	8	3	5	4	9	-		

76. Do you support or oppose accepting Syrian refugees into the U.S.?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	42%	14%	68%	46%	41%	44%	59%	34%			
Oppose	52	84	23	49	55	48	37	59			
DK/NA	6	3	9	6	5	8	4	7			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	51%	44%	42%	34%	39%	41%	40%	49%	57%		
Oppose	41	51	53	60	57	52	54	43	33		
DK/NA	8	5	5	7	4	7	5	8	10		

77. (Split Sample) Do you think the security screening process for Syrian refugees entering the US should be made stricter, less strict, or is it about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Stricter	69%	91%	51%	67%	72%	67%	56%	76%
Less strict	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	-
About right	24	6	39	28	23	25	32	20
DK/NA	6	2	8	4	5	7	10	4
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Stricter	57%	75%	67%	75%				
Less strict	-	1	1	1				
About right	29	19	30	18				
DK/NA	13	5	3	6				

78. (Split Sample) As you may know, Syrian refugees are required to go through a security screening process before entering the United States. This process includes multiple background checks, finger-printings, interviews, and approval by the Department of Homeland Security. Do you think the security screening process for Syrian refugees entering the U.S. should be made stricter, less strict, or is it about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Stricter	53%	80%	34%	44%	53%	52%	41%	59%
Less strict	3	-	3	7	2	4	5	2
About right	41	18	63	44	40	42	50	37
DK/NA	3	2	-	5	5	2	5	2
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Stricter	31%	52%	57%	70%				
Less strict	4	5	3	1				
About right	61	41	37	25				
DK/NA	4	2	3	3				

79. What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies, that they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties, or that they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Gone too far	27%	11%	37%	33%	30%	25%	31%	26%	
Not gone far enough	61	82	50	55	59	64	56	64	
DK/NA	11	7	13	12	11	12	13	10	
AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....									
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Gone too far	42%	29%	26%	13%	28%	23%	25%	34%	34%
Not gone far enough	47	62	63	73	61	66	63	55	57
DK/NA	11	9	12	14	11	11	11	11	9

83. Would you support or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Support	54%	71%	39%	53%	59%	48%	49%	56%	
Oppose	41	23	56	42	36	45	46	38	
DK/NA	6	5	5	6	5	7	5	6	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	47%	62%	54%	51%	60%	52%	56%	46%	40%
Oppose	44	34	43	41	35	41	38	51	55
DK/NA	9	4	3	7	5	6	6	3	5

84. Do you think the United States and its allies are winning or losing the fight against ISIS?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Winning	23%	12%	36%	20%	24%	21%	24%	22%	
Losing	62	79	43	66	63	61	63	61	
DK/NA	16	9	22	14	13	18	12	17	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Winning	29%	21%	26%	14%	22%	18%	20%	33%	29%
Losing	53	68	59	67	67	65	66	50	42
DK/NA	18	12	15	18	11	16	14	17	29