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**47% OF U.S. WOMEN SAY THEY’VE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
PEOPLE SPEAKING UP WILL MAKE U.S. BETTER, AMERICANS SAY**

Almost half of American women, 47 percent, say they’ve been sexually assaulted, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

The independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll asked a random sample of 1,747 American adults: “Have you ever been sexually assaulted, meaning someone touched you in an inappropriate, sexual manner without your consent, or not?”

Among all adults, 32 percent say they were assaulted, including 17 percent of men and 47 percent of women. The pattern is consistent across all age groups as 33 percent of people 18 to 34 years old, 30 percent of people 35 to 49 years old, 36 percent of people 50 to 64 years old and 34 percent of people over 65 years old say they were sexually assaulted.

Among those men and women who say they were sexually assaulted, 39 percent say it happened in social settings; 37 percent say it happened at work, 27 percent say it happened at home; 20 percent say it happened on the street and 19 percent say it happened in school.

People coming forward with stories of sexual harassment and sexual assault will change the nation for the better, 52 percent of Americans say, while 9 percent say it will make the situation worse and 33 percent say it will not have much impact.

The media get the best grades for how it is handling sexual harassment and sexual assault in its industry, as Americans approve 48 – 42 percent. Approval for other groups are negative:

- 21 – 60 percent for how the Republican Party is handling sexual harassment and sexual assault in politics;
- 28 – 50 percent for the Democratic Party;
- 38 – 51 percent for the entertainment industry.

“The number is staggering: Almost half of American women say they’ve been sexually assaulted,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. “And most Americans give most institutions failing grades for how they deal with sexual assault and sexual harassment within their ranks.

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“But there is a ray of sunshine here. Most Americans believe that shining a light on the problem, rather than sweeping it under the rug, will help make us a better people,” Malloy added.

If multiple people have accused an elected official of sexual harassment or sexual assault, 66 percent of Americans say that official should resign, while 24 percent say the official should not resign.

Twenty-five percent of women and 4 percent of men are concerned about being sexually assaulted in the future.

Americans disapprove 63 – 22 percent of the way President Donald Trump is handling sexual harassment and sexual assault. Republicans approve 55 – 24 percent, the only party, gender, age or racial group to approve.

It is hypocritical for President Trump to criticize men accused of sexual harassment, 73 percent of Americans say, while 16 percent say he has a right to criticize these men.

The U.S. Congress should investigate accusations of sexual harassment against President Trump, Americans say 70 – 25 percent.

“The message to President Donald Trump on calling out offenders: People who live in glass houses, even if it’s the White House, shouldn’t point fingers,” Malloy said.

From November 29 – December 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,747 American adults nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Colorado as a public service and for research.

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33. Have you ever been sexually assaulted, meaning someone touched you in an inappropriate, sexual manner without your consent, or not?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Assaulted	32%	17%	47%	33%	30%	36%	34%
No	65	82	49	66	66	62	64
DK/NA	3	1	4	1	4	2	2

	REGION.....						
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Assaulted	26%	32%	32%	40%	35%	31%	23%
No	71	66	67	57	63	68	75
DK/NA	3	3	2	4	2	1	2

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Yes/Assaulted	34%	27%	43%	33%
No	63	70	57	63
DK/NA	3	3	1	4

33a. (If yes/Been sexually assaulted q33) Where have you experienced sexual assault: at work, at home, in social settings, in school, or on the street?
 (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33.....						
	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
18-34				35-49	50-64	65+	
Work	37%	23%	41%	20%	42%	43%	44%
Home	27	23	29	30	37	24	22
Social settings	39	41	39	49	47	34	28
In school	19	11	22	25	23	19	13
On the street	20	18	21	19	20	26	12
OTHER (VOL)	3	5	3	2	3	4	5
DK/NA	3	4	3	6	1	2	2

	REGION.....			
	NEast	MWest	South	West
Work	31%	42%	36%	36%
Home	25	28	26	31
Social settings	30	32	42	47
In school	19	17	19	23
On the street	25	22	17	20
OTHER (VOL)	4	5	2	4
DK/NA	4	4	2	3

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Work	39%	36%	43%	38%
Home	26	25	30	23
Social settings	38	35	37	42
In school	21	8	24	21
On the street	19	17	17	20
OTHER (VOL)	3	4	2	4
DK/NA	3	-	3	4

34. Are you concerned that you may be sexually assaulted in the future, or are you not concerned about that?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Concerned	15%	4%	25%	27%	11%	11%	8%
No	84	95	73	71	88	89	92
DK/NA	1	1	2	2	1	1	1

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
								Yes	No
Yes/Concerned	10%	17%	15%	17%	11%	19%	25%	23%	11%
No	89	82	83	82	88	81	74	76	89
DK/NA	2	1	1	1	1	-	2	1	1

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Yes/Concerned	14%	7%	22%	12%
No	85	93	77	87
DK/NA	1	-	1	1

35. Do you approve or disapprove of how the Republican Party is handling the issue of sexual harassment and sexual assault in politics?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	21%	23%	20%	12%	22%	25%	24%
Disapprove	60	57	63	63	61	60	62
DK/NA	19	20	18	26	17	15	15

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
								Yes	No
Approve	23%	18%	23%	21%	24%	14%	19%	16%	24%
Disapprove	62	61	58	62	57	72	61	68	57
DK/NA	15	21	19	18	19	14	20	16	19

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Approve	22%	42%	11%	21%
Disapprove	63	41	81	64
DK/NA	15	18	8	16

36. Do you approve or disapprove of how the Democratic Party is handling the issue of sexual harassment and sexual assault in politics?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	28%	25%	31%	27%	27%	29%	28%
Disapprove	50	55	45	44	51	53	54
DK/NA	22	20	24	29	21	18	18

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
								Yes	No
Approve	27%	29%	27%	28%	28%	32%	27%	28%	28%
Disapprove	54	45	52	48	52	47	44	50	50
DK/NA	18	26	21	23	20	21	29	22	22

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
	Approve	30%	17%	45%
Disapprove	52	66	39	55
DK/NA	18	16	16	18

37. Do you approve or disapprove of how President Trump is handling the issue of sexual harassment and sexual assault in general?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	22%	26%	18%	9%	22%	31%	25%
Disapprove	63	56	69	76	62	54	60
DK/NA	15	18	13	14	16	15	15

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
								Yes	No
Approve	19%	20%	27%	18%	27%	9%	16%	18%	24%
Disapprove	67	62	59	66	58	81	66	70	60
DK/NA	14	18	14	16	15	9	18	12	16

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
	Approve	24%	55%	4%
Disapprove	64	24	92	64
DK/NA	12	21	4	13

40. In general, do you think elected officials are handling the issue of sexual harassment and sexual assault better than the entertainment and news industries, handling it worse, or handling it the same as the entertainment and news industries?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Better	10%	13%	7%	9%	11%	8%	11%
Worse	36	33	39	40	35	38	33
Same	45	46	44	43	43	46	46
DK/NA	9	9	10	8	11	9	10

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
								Yes	No
Better	9%	11%	11%	9%	11%	9%	11%	9%	11%
Worse	33	33	34	44	35	37	33	43	32
Same	46	47	48	38	44	44	49	39	48
DK/NA	12	10	8	9	10	10	8	10	9

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Better	9%	18%	6%	7%
Worse	38	22	49	41
Same	45	52	39	46
DK/NA	7	8	6	6

41. If an elected official has been accused of sexual harassment or sexual assault by multiple people, do you think that elected official should resign, or not?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Resign	66%	57%	74%	72%	61%	63%	68%
No	24	33	16	19	29	27	22
DK/NA	10	10	9	9	10	10	10

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
								Yes	No
Yes/Resign	66%	66%	66%	67%	62%	81%	70%	69%	65%
No	22	22	25	27	28	11	21	22	25
DK/NA	12	12	10	7	10	8	10	9	10

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Yes/Resign	63%	51%	77%	60%
No	26	37	14	31
DK/NA	11	12	9	9

42. Do you think that people coming forward with stories about sexual harassment and sexual assault is going to change the nation for the better, change the nation for the worse, or do you think their stories won't have much impact either way?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Better	52%	48%	55%	57%	48%	56%	51%
Worse	9	9	8	8	10	12	7
Not much impact	33	35	31	29	37	26	37
DK/NA	6	7	5	6	6	6	5

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
Better	53%	57%	47%	54%	53%	54%	45%	60%	48%
Worse	10	8	9	8	9	8	8	8	9
Not much impact	31	30	37	30	31	36	38	25	37
DK/NA	6	4	7	8	6	3	9	7	6

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Better	56%	40%	68%	56%
Worse	8	14	4	10
Not much impact	30	37	25	30
DK/NA	6	9	4	4

43. As you may know, President Trump has criticized multiple men on Twitter after they were accused of sexual harassment. President Trump has also been accused of sexual harassment, but has denied the accusations. Do you think President Trump is right to criticize these other men, or do you think it is hypocritical of him to criticize these other men?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
				18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Right to criticize	16%	21%	11%	12%	18%	16%	17%
Hypocritical	73	66	79	79	71	74	70
DK/NA	12	13	10	8	10	10	13

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
Right to criticize	17%	12%	19%	13%	19%	7%	8%	13%	17%
Hypocritical	72	73	70	77	68	84	80	78	70
DK/NA	11	15	11	10	13	9	11	8	13

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Right to criticize	16%	31%	3%	20%
Hypocritical	73	46	94	71
DK/NA	11	22	3	10

44. Do you think Congress should investigate the accusations of sexual harassment against President Trump, or not?

	ADULTS.....						
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
18-34				35-49	50-64	65+	
Yes/Investigate	70%	66%	73%	83%	76%	63%	60%
No	25	28	22	13	20	32	35
DK/NA	5	5	5	4	4	5	6

	REGION.....							SEXUALLY ASSAULTED Q33	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Yes	No
Yes/Investigate	68%	71%	70%	71%	66%	83%	77%	76%	68%
No	27	23	26	24	30	12	17	21	27
DK/NA	4	7	5	6	4	5	6	4	6

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind
Yes/Investigate	67%	39%	86%	66%
No	28	56	12	28
DK/NA	5	5	2	5