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**SUPPORT FOR GOP TAX PLAN COULD HURT CANDIDATES,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
U.S. VOTERS SAY 7-1 DACA IMMIGRANTS SHOULD STAY**

American voters disapprove of the pending Republican tax plan 55 – 26 percent, and 43 percent say they are less likely to vote for a U.S. Senator or Congressperson who supports the plan, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today. Another 18 percent say they are more likely to vote for someone who supports the plan and 35 percent say support for the tax plan won't matter.

Republicans support the tax plan 66 – 11 percent. Every other party, gender, education, age and racial group listed opposes the plan, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Only 16 percent of American voters say the tax plan will reduce their taxes, while 44 percent say it will increase their taxes and 30 percent say the tax plan will have little impact.

The wealthy will benefit most from the tax plan, 65 percent of voters say. The middle class will benefit most, 21 percent say, and 4 percent say low-income people will benefit most.

On another pending issue, 77 percent of American voters say undocumented children brought to the U.S. as children should be allowed to stay and to apply for citizenship.

Another 7 percent say these immigrants should be allowed to stay, but not apply for citizenship and 12 percent say they should be required to leave the U.S.

“American voters pan the tax plan making its way through Congress towards President Donald Trump’s desk – and warn candidates it could be a poison pill at the polling place,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Empathy for the immigrants in blunt terms and big numbers. Voters say don’t dump the DACA kids and forget about building that wall.”

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American voters oppose 62 – 36 percent building a wall on the border with Mexico. Support for the wall is 83 – 14 percent among Republicans and 52 – 45 percent among white voters with no college degree. Among white men, 50 percent support the wall, with 47 percent opposed. All white voters oppose the wall 53 – 45 percent. Also opposing the wall are black voters 94 – 5 percent and Hispanic voters 81 – 19 percent.

The abortion issue continues to divide the nation, with stronger support among women and younger voters:

- 21 percent of voters, including 28 percent of voters 18 to 34 years old, say abortion should be legal in all cases;
- 39 percent of voters, including 42 percent of 18 to 34-year-olds, say it should be legal in most cases;
- 22 percent of voters, including 18 percent of 18 to 34-year-olds, say it should be illegal in most cases;
- 12 percent of voters, including 9 percent of 18 to 34-year-olds, say it should be illegal in all cases.

From December 6 – 11, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,211 voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 3.5 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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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Approve	20%	47%	6%	14%	22%	18%	21%	26%		
Disapprove	72	43	90	78	71	74	73	66		
DK/NA	8	10	4	8	7	9	7	8		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	19%	20%	21%	17%	25%	22%	23%	4%	19%	
Disapprove	68	75	72	77	69	69	69	88	74	
DK/NA	13	5	7	6	6	9	7	9	7	

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

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	20	72	8
Nov 14, 2017	15	79	6
Oct 11, 2017	17	77	6
Sep 27, 2017	15	78	7
Jun 29, 2017	25	70	5
Jun 08, 2017	19	73	7
May 25, 2017	21	70	9
May 10, 2017	22	71	7
Apr 19, 2017	24	68	7
Apr 04, 2017	21	70	9
Mar 22, 2017	29	64	7
Feb 22, 2017	31	62	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Approve	30%	7%	60%	25%	27%	34%	32%	22%		
Disapprove	61	89	33	64	67	56	60	69		
DK/NA	8	4	7	10	6	10	8	8		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	34%	36%	27%	28%	25%	29%	27%	45%	47%	
Disapprove	49	60	66	66	70	60	65	46	44	
DK/NA	17	4	7	7	5	11	8	9	9	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job? (* Low also 24%)

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	30	61	8
Nov 14, 2017	29	63	8
Oct 11, 2017	28	65	8
Sep 27, 2017	29	63	8
Jun 29, 2017	29	64	7
Jun 08, 2017	28	63	9
May 25, 2017	28	63	9
May 10, 2017	34	58	9
Apr 19, 2017	29	63	7
Apr 04, 2017	34	57	9
Mar 22, 2017	30	60	10
Feb 22, 2017	32	59	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Republican Party	37%	92%	3%	30%	43%	32%	41%	55%
Democratic Party	49	4	94	47	43	55	52	33
DK/NA	13	4	3	23	14	13	7	12

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Republican Party	25%	35%	41%	43%	52%	44%	48%	3%	18%
Democratic Party	51	52	49	49	38	46	42	81	63
DK/NA	25	13	10	8	10	10	10	16	19

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

	Rep Party	Dem Party	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	37	49	13
Dec 05, 2017	36	50	13
Nov 14, 2017	38	51	11
Oct 11, 2017	41	49	10
Sep 27, 2017	38	47	15
Aug 24, 2017	38	50	11
Aug 17, 2017	40	50	10
Aug 03, 2017	38	52	10
Jun 29, 2017	41	51	9
Jun 08, 2017	39	51	10
May 10, 2017	38	54	8

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6. 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..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Republican Party	39%	92%	3%	33%	46%	32%	41%	55%
Democratic Party	51	5	96	50	44	58	53	34
DK/NA	10	3	1	17	10	10	6	11

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Republican Party	30%	35%	42%	43%	54%	43%	48%	3%	22%
Democratic Party	50	55	51	50	38	48	43	87	68
DK/NA	19	10	7	7	8	9	8	10	10

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
Dec 13, 2017	39	51	10
Dec 05, 2017	37	51	12
Nov 14, 2017	39	52	8
Oct 11, 2017	43	49	8
Sep 27, 2017	40	49	12
Aug 24, 2017	40	51	9
Aug 17, 2017	41	51	8
Aug 03, 2017	39	53	8
Jun 29, 2017	41	51	8
Jun 08, 2017	39	52	8

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14. As you may know, Congress must pass a new spending bill in order to prevent a government shutdown, which then must be signed by President Trump. If a government shutdown does occur, who would you blame more: Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, or President Trump?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Republicans	33%	8%	51%	38%	34%	33%	40%	26%
Democrats	29	68	2	25	36	23	30	40
President Trump	21	7	36	21	15	26	15	17
DK/NA	17	17	10	17	15	18	15	17

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Republicans	38%	38%	32%	31%	34%	32%	33%	35%	37%
Democrats	18	26	32	34	41	30	35	1	21
President Trump	19	22	21	21	10	21	16	49	29
DK/NA	24	14	14	15	16	17	16	15	13

TREND: As you may know, Congress must pass a new spending bill in order to prevent a government shutdown, which then must be signed by President Trump. If a government shutdown does occur, who would you blame more: Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, or President Trump? (* by December 8th, ** by April 28th)

	Reps	Dems	Trump	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	33	29	21	17
Dec 05, 2017 *	31	31	26	12
Apr 20, 2017 **	38	32	15	15
Apr 05, 2017 **	36	28	18	18

20. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Legal all cases	21%	9%	32%	22%	17%	25%	24%	17%
Legal most cases	39	21	50	43	39	39	40	36
Illegal most cases	22	43	7	21	26	19	23	28
Illegal all cases	12	22	7	9	12	12	8	14
DK/NA	5	5	4	5	6	5	6	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Legal all cases	28%	23%	18%	17%	15%	24%	20%	23%	25%
Legal most cases	42	40	37	39	38	38	38	45	38
Illegal most cases	18	23	26	24	29	23	26	12	14
Illegal all cases	9	10	11	15	11	11	11	15	19
DK/NA	3	4	8	5	7	4	5	5	4

TREND: Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	LEGAL.....		ILLEGAL.....		DK/NA
	All	Most	Most	All	
Dec 13, 2017	21	39	22	12	5
Feb 08, 2017	27	35	23	11	4
Jan 27, 2017	28	36	22	9	5
Jan 12, 2017	28	34	21	11	6
Nov 23, 2016	26	38	22	10	4

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21. If you agreed with a political candidate on other issues, but not on the issue of abortion, do you think you could still vote for that candidate or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
							COLLEGE DEG			
Yes	64%	58%	66%	66%	72%	56%	67%	62%		
No	29	33	27	27	21	35	27	30		
DK/NA	7	8	7	6	6	9	6	9		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	67%	71%	63%	57%	74%	55%	64%	66%	63%	
No	28	24	28	34	20	36	28	24	36	
DK/NA	5	5	9	10	7	8	8	9	1	
	ABORTION Q20 SHOULD BE...									
	LEGAL.....		ILLEGAL...							
	All	Most	Most	All						
Yes	60%	77%	63%	27%						
No	32	18	31	59						
DK/NA	8	5	6	13						

22. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
							COLLEGE DEG			
Support	36%	83%	4%	30%	43%	30%	37%	52%		
Oppose	62	14	95	67	56	68	61	45		
DK/NA	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	19%	33%	40%	42%	50%	39%	45%	5%	19%	
Oppose	80	65	58	53	47	57	53	94	81	
DK/NA	1	2	2	5	2	3	3	1	-	

TREND: Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	36	62	2
Sep 28, 2017	37	60	3
May 11, 2017	33	64	3
Apr 20, 2017	33	64	3
Apr 05, 2017	33	64	3
Feb 23, 2017	37	60	3
Feb 08, 2017	38	59	3
Nov 23, 2016	42	55	3

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the Republican tax plan?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	26%	66%	3%	20%	35%	19%	30%	36%			
Disapprove	55	11	91	61	50	60	56	40			
DK/NA	18	23	6	19	15	21	14	24			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Approve	20%	25%	31%	28%	39%	27%	33%	1%	17%		
Disapprove	60	61	55	49	44	51	48	80	72		
DK/NA	20	14	14	23	16	22	19	19	11		

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the Republican tax plan?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	26	55	18
Dec 05, 2017	29	53	18
Nov 15, 2017	25	52	23

24. Do you think the Republican tax plan will increase your taxes, reduce your taxes, or will it not have much impact either way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Increase taxes	44%	13%	68%	48%	39%	48%	42%	33%			
Reduce taxes	16	32	7	14	21	12	21	17			
Not much impact	30	41	18	32	31	29	31	37			
DK/NA	10	13	6	7	9	10	6	13			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Increase taxes	46%	45%	45%	40%	35%	40%	38%	68%	57%		
Reduce taxes	13	20	21	11	23	15	19	11	6		
Not much impact	29	27	28	38	34	34	34	12	21		
DK/NA	13	8	7	11	8	11	10	9	15		

TREND: Do you think the Republican tax plan will increase your taxes, reduce your taxes, or will it not have much impact either way?

	Incr	Reduce	No Impact	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	44	16	30	10
Dec 05, 2017	41	20	32	8
Nov 15, 2017	35	16	36	12

25. Who do you think will benefit the most from this plan: low income Americans, middle class Americans, or wealthy Americans?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No
Low income	4%	11%	1%	3%	3%	5%	4%	6%		
Middle class	21	48	3	18	26	17	25	25		
Wealthy	65	26	95	72	61	69	64	55		
DK/NA	9	16	2	7	10	9	7	14		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Low income	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	6%	5%	-	5%	
Middle class	16	20	21	26	28	23	25	4	17	
Wealthy	68	71	64	61	58	60	59	94	69	
DK/NA	12	6	10	10	10	11	11	3	9	

TREND: Who do you think will benefit the most from this plan: low income Americans, middle class Americans, or wealthy Americans?

	Low Income	Middle Class	Wealthy	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	4	21	65	9
Dec 05, 2017	5	24	64	8
Nov 15, 2017	6	24	61	9

26. If your U.S. Senator or Congressperson voted for the Republican tax plan, does that make you more likely to vote for their reelection, less likely to vote for their reelection, or won't it matter much either way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No
More likely	18%	42%	3%	16%	22%	15%	21%	23%		
Less likely	43	8	69	47	40	45	48	33		
Won't matter	35	45	26	36	35	36	28	41		
DK/NA	3	5	3	1	3	4	3	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
More likely	14%	16%	22%	22%	25%	19%	22%	6%	11%	
Less likely	47	47	40	40	38	43	41	51	48	
Won't matter	34	35	36	34	35	34	34	36	37	
DK/NA	5	2	2	5	2	4	3	7	3	

27. If your U.S. Senator or Congressperson voted against the Republican tax plan, does that make you more likely to vote for their reelection, less likely to vote for their reelection, or won't it matter much either way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More likely	36%	5%	64%	38%	34%	38%	41%	26%
Less likely	21	41	8	17	25	17	25	23
Won't matter	40	50	26	43	38	41	32	47
DK/NA	4	4	2	3	4	4	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
More likely	42%	38%	34%	33%	32%	35%	34%	46%	40%
Less likely	11	18	25	24	27	21	24	11	13
Won't matter	41	43	38	36	38	41	40	36	41
DK/NA	5	1	2	7	2	3	3	8	6

30. Which comes closest to your view about undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children? A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship. B) They should be allowed to remain in the United States, but not be allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship. C) They should be required to leave the U.S.

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
A) Stay/Citizenship	77%	57%	91%	81%	72%	82%	79%	72%
B) Stay/Not citizen	7	13	4	7	10	5	8	10
C) Not stay	12	25	4	9	14	11	11	14
DK/NA	3	5	-	3	4	2	3	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
A) Stay/Citizenship	83%	78%	76%	78%	69%	80%	75%	86%	89%
B) Stay/Not citizen	4	7	8	9	11	6	9	3	3
C) Not stay	12	11	14	9	15	11	13	10	7
DK/NA	1	4	2	4	5	2	4	1	1

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	Stay/ Citiz	Stay/ NotCit	Not Stay	DK/NA
Dec 13, 2017	77	7	12	3
Sep 28, 2017	82	6	10	2