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U.S. VOTERS OPPOSE SYRIAN REFUGEES, BUT NOT ALL MUSLIMS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; PRESIDENT SHOULD COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE, VOTERS SAY 3-1

American voters oppose 51 – 43 percent accepting Syrian refugees into the country, but they also oppose 66 – 27 percent “banning people who are Muslim from entering the U.S.,” according to a Quinnipiac University National poll released today.

Democrats would accept Syrian refugees 74 – 22 percent. Republicans would ban these refugees 82 – 13 percent, as would independent voters 51 – 42 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Men would ban Syrian refugees 56 – 40 percent, with women divided 46 – 47 percent.

Opposition to a ban on all Muslims is 79 – 18 percent among Democrats, 51 – 41 percent among Republicans and 67 – 22 percent among independent voters.

Islam is a peaceful religion, 55 percent of American voters say, while 28 percent say Islam encourages violence.

Homegrown jihadists pose a greater threat of terrorism to the U.S., 55 percent of American voters say, while 18 percent say radicalized foreign visitors pose a greater threat and 15 percent say terrorists hiding among Syrian refugees pose a greater threat.

“American voters are making a distinction between Syrian refugees and Muslims in general. A bare majority says keep the Syrians out, but an overwhelming majority rejects proposals to ban all Muslims from our shores,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Concern about a terror attack is widespread, but it is more likely lurking around the corner than imported from a distant land an ocean away, voters say.”

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American voters support 52 – 40 percent sending ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria. Of those supporting deployment, 52 percent support sending a “significant number” of ground troops.

But only 27 percent of American voters say the U.S. should be leading the fight against ISIS, while 66 percent say the U.S. should be part of a coalition, not necessarily in the lead.

Climate Change, Gun Control

A total of 66 percent of American voters are “very concerned” or “somewhat concerned” about climate change.

Voters say 69 – 23 percent that they would like to see the next president support policies to combat climate change. Support for action against climate change is 91 – 4 percent among Democrats and 70 – 22 percent among independent voters, with Republicans divided 47 – 44 percent. Support is 63 – 28 percent among men and 74 – 19 percent among women.

Americans are divided on gun laws, as 47 percent support stricter gun laws, with 50 percent opposed.

But voters support 89 – 9 percent, including 84 – 14 percent among voters in households where there are guns, requiring background checks on gun purchases at gun shows or online.

Voters also support 58 – 38 percent a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons. Voters in gun households oppose such a ban 53 – 45 percent.

It is “too easy” to buy a gun in the U.S., 55 percent of voters say, including 40 percent in gun households. Another 4 percent, including 6 percent in gun households, say it is “too difficult,” and 36 percent, including 49 percent in gun households, say it is “about right.”

“American voters say it is too easy to buy a gun in the United States. And in a loud voice they say – as they’ve said in three years of Quinnipiac University polls – let’s do background checks,” Malloy said.

From December 16 – 20, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,140 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 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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11. Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	46%	7%	91%	41%	42%	51%	55%	43%
Unfavorable	50	92	8	53	56	45	42	54
Hvn't hrd enough	1	-	-	3	1	1	1	1
REFUSED	2	1	1	4	1	3	3	2

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Favorable	64%	43%	41%	43%
Unfavorable	34	55	55	51
Hvn't hrd enough	1	1	1	1
REFUSED	1	1	3	4

23. 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%	7%	88%	37%	37%	50%	54%	39%
Disapprove	52	92	11	55	59	46	44	56
DK/NA	4	1	2	8	3	4	2	5

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Approve	61%	39%	39%	41%
Disapprove	37	58	58	51
DK/NA	2	2	3	8

24. 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%	25%	10%	11%	13%	17%	10%	17%
Disapprove	78	67	88	79	81	75	87	74
DK/NA	7	8	2	10	6	8	2	9

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Approve	16%	12%	16%	15%
Disapprove	77	78	79	79
DK/NA	6	10	5	6

25. 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	28%	7%	60%	15%	19%	36%	30%	26%
Disapprove	65	89	33	74	74	56	66	64
DK/NA	8	4	6	11	8	8	3	10
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Approve	33%	24%	26%	29%				
Disapprove	60	67	68	61				
DK/NA	7	8	6	10				

26. 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%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Smwht satisfied	26	8	48	23	26	26	31	24
Smwht dissatisfied	31	29	33	30	30	32	33	31
Very dissatisfied	40	62	15	43	40	39	33	42
DK/NA	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Very satisfied	1%	3%	1%	3%				
Smwht satisfied	40	21	23	26				
Smwht dissatisfied	31	34	32	30				
Very dissatisfied	28	42	43	40				
DK/NA	-	1	1	2				

27. 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	44%	5%	86%	41%	38%	49%	56%	38%
Reps in Congress	44	88	8	40	49	39	37	47
DK/NA	12	7	6	19	12	12	7	15
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Obama	56%	41%	39%	43%				
Reps in Congress	31	50	51	40				
DK/NA	13	10	10	16				

52. 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	33%	5%	56%	37%	28%	37%	41%	29%
Somewhat concerned	33	32	35	29	29	36	30	34
Not so concerned	14	26	6	16	17	12	11	16
Not concerned at all	20	38	3	17	25	15	17	21
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Very concerned	39%	29%	31%	37%
Somewhat concerned	41	33	29	30
Not so concerned	9	18	16	12
Not concerned at all	10	20	23	21
DK/NA	-	-	-	-

53. Would you like to see the next President support policies to combat climate change, or oppose policies to combat climate change?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support policies	69%	47%	91%	70%	63%	74%	75%	66%
Oppose policies	23	44	4	22	28	19	19	25
DK/NA	8	9	6	8	8	7	6	8

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Support policies	82%	70%	65%	65%
Oppose policies	13	25	28	23
DK/NA	5	5	8	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	43%	13%	74%	42%	40%	46%	59%	36%
Oppose	51	82	22	51	56	47	37	58
DK/NA	5	5	4	6	4	7	4	6

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Support	67%	37%	37%	44%
Oppose	30	58	58	49
DK/NA	3	5	6	7

55. Do you support or oppose banning people who are Muslim from entering the U.S.?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	27%	41%	18%	22%	25%	28%	18%	31%
Oppose	66	51	79	67	67	65	76	61
DK/NA	7	7	3	11	7	8	6	8
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Support	15%	27%	30%	32%				
Oppose	84	67	62	57				
DK/NA	1	6	7	11				

56. Every religion has mainstream beliefs, and also fringe elements or extremists. Thinking of mainstream Islam, do you think mainstream Islam encourages violence against non-Muslims, or is it a peaceful religion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Encourages violence	28%	47%	13%	25%	31%	25%	19%	32%
Peaceful religion	55	39	73	56	55	55	70	49
DK/NA	17	14	15	19	14	19	11	20
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Encourages violence	21%	32%	31%	27%				
Peaceful religion	74	52	50	51				
DK/NA	5	16	19	22				

57. 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	29%	17%	37%	29%	35%	23%	32%	27%
Not gone far enough	59	76	45	60	53	64	53	61
DK/NA	13	7	18	12	12	14	16	12
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Gone too far	50%	30%	24%	16%				
Not gone far enough	37	56	66	69				
DK/NA	13	14	9	15				

58. How likely do you think it is that in the near future there will be a terrorist attack in the United States causing large numbers of lives to be lost; very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very likely	47%	63%	30%	51%	48%	46%	38%	51%
Smwht likely	35	30	42	32	33	37	41	32
Not very likely	13	4	21	14	13	12	16	11
Not likely at all	2	1	4	1	2	2	3	2
DK/NA	3	1	3	2	3	2	2	3

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Very likely	38%	47%	53%	44%
Smwht likely	33	37	35	38
Not very likely	23	12	8	10
Not likely at all	3	1	2	2
DK/NA	2	2	1	6

59. Which do you think poses a greater terrorist threat to the U.S.: terrorists hiding among Syrian refugees, radicalized foreign visitors or so-called "homegrown jihadists"?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Terrorist refugees	15%	21%	12%	11%	18%	12%	7%	19%
Radicalized visitors	18	18	20	15	18	18	19	17
Homegrown jihadists	55	54	57	61	57	54	66	50
DK/NA	12	7	10	13	7	16	8	14

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Terrorist refugees	12%	15%	16%	15%
Radicalized visitors	22	19	18	14
Homegrown jihadists	54	57	58	55
DK/NA	12	9	9	16

60. Do you think that President Obama is taking the threat from ISIS seriously enough, or do you think President Obama is not taking the threat from ISIS seriously enough?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Seriously enough	44%	10%	80%	41%	39%	48%	53%	40%
Not seriously enough	54	89	19	57	60	49	46	58
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	2

AGE IN YRS.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Seriously enough	56%	42%	39%	46%
Not seriously enough	41	57	59	52
DK/NA	3	1	2	2

61. 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	52%	75%	41%	45%	57%	48%	52%	52%
Oppose	40	17	52	48	39	41	41	40
DK/NA	8	8	7	7	4	11	7	8
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Support	46%	62%	56%	45%				
Oppose	45	31	39	47				
DK/NA	9	7	6	8				

62. (If support q61) Do you think the United States should send a significant number of ground troops or a limited number of ground troops?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Significant number	52%	56%	42%	54%	56%	48%	43%	57%
Limited number	39	36	47	38	37	42	54	33
DK/NA	8	8	11	8	7	10	3	11

63. 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	25%	13%	41%	22%	28%	23%	26%	25%
Losing	57	76	37	59	57	56	58	56
DK/NA	18	10	22	19	15	21	16	19
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Winning	35%	24%	23%	23%				
Losing	44	64	61	52				
DK/NA	21	12	15	25				

64. Do you think that combating ISIS with overwhelming military force will be more likely to help end the terrorist threat, or do you think that combating ISIS with overwhelming military force will be more likely to create additional terrorist threats in the future?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Help end threat	52%	78%	39%	44%	59%	47%	50%	53%
Create threats	35	15	49	39	33	36	40	33
DK/NA	13	7	12	17	8	17	10	14
AGE IN YRS.....								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Help end threat	37%	54%	62%	51%				
Create threats	49	37	27	32				
DK/NA	14	9	10	17				

65. Which of the following comes closest to your point of view: The U.S. should be leading the fight against ISIS; The U.S. should be a part of a coalition to fight ISIS, but not necessarily lead; or The U.S. should not be fighting ISIS?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Lead fight	27%	47%	13%	24%	34%	21%	27%	27%
Part of coalition	66	49	81	67	59	72	71	63
Not fight	5	3	4	6	5	4	1	6
DK/NA	3	1	2	3	2	3	-	4

	AGE IN YRS.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Lead fight	15%	31%	30%	26%
Part of coalition	77	61	64	67
Not fight	6	7	4	2
DK/NA	2	1	2	5

66. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the United States?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	47%	20%	77%	44%	39%	53%	59%	41%
Oppose	50	79	21	51	58	44	38	56
DK/NA	3	1	2	5	3	3	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				Gun Hshld	DENSITY.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	52%	43%	45%	53%	29%	54%	50%	31%
Oppose	47	54	54	42	69	44	46	67
DK/NA	1	2	1	5	2	2	4	2

67. Would you support or oppose a law requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows or online?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	89%	87%	95%	86%	84%	94%	92%	88%
Oppose	9	12	5	12	14	5	7	10
DK/NA	2	1	-	2	2	1	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				Gun Hshld	DENSITY.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	98%	87%	87%	90%	84%	89%	91%	88%
Oppose	2	12	12	8	14	9	9	11
DK/NA	-	1	1	2	2	2	1	2

68. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	58%	42%	81%	53%	46%	69%	65%	55%
Oppose	38	55	18	42	51	26	32	40
DK/NA	4	3	1	5	3	4	2	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				Gun	DENSITY.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	45%	52%	65%	72%	45%	60%	62%	52%
Oppose	48	45	34	23	53	36	37	43
DK/NA	6	3	2	5	3	4	2	6

69. Do you think it is too easy to buy a gun in the U.S. today, too difficult to buy a gun in the U.S. today, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Too easy	55%	31%	84%	50%	44%	64%	61%	52%
Too difficult	4	5	1	5	7	2	2	5
About right	36	57	13	41	45	28	33	37
DK/NA	5	6	3	4	4	6	4	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				Gun	DENSITY.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Too easy	56%	48%	54%	65%	40%	60%	56%	46%
Too difficult	3	6	5	3	6	4	3	6
About right	36	42	38	25	49	31	37	43
DK/NA	6	3	3	7	5	5	4	5

70. If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer or less safe?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Safer	44%	75%	12%	44%	53%	36%	32%	49%
Less safe	47	15	83	43	39	55	62	40
DK/NA	9	10	5	12	8	10	5	11
	AGE IN YRS.....				Gun	DENSITY.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	HsHld	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Safer	36%	49%	47%	37%	65%	35%	43%	59%
Less safe	53	46	46	49	24	54	53	30
DK/NA	10	6	6	14	11	11	5	10

71. Have the mass shootings that have taken place in the United States in the last few years made you more likely to purchase a gun, less likely to purchase a gun, or haven't they had any effect either way on your likelihood of purchasing a gun?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More likely	33%	51%	18%	33%	36%	31%	23%	38%
Less likely	9	4	16	6	4	13	8	9
No effect	56	43	65	59	58	54	69	50
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				Gun HsHld	DENSITY.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		Urban	Suburb	Rural
More likely	29%	40%	35%	27%	46%	27%	36%	41%
Less likely	10	3	10	11	3	9	9	7
No effect	60	56	53	58	48	62	55	50
DK/NA	1	-	1	5	3	2	1	2

72. Do you personally own a gun or does someone else in your household own a gun?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Personally own	25%	37%	13%	28%	40%	12%	21%	27%
Yes/Someone else	12	12	11	11	4	18	12	12
Yes/Both own	9	15	1	12	9	9	7	10
No gun owner	50	29	74	46	42	57	55	47
DK/NA	4	7	1	4	5	4	5	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				DENSITY.....	DENSITY.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		Urban	Suburb	Rural
Yes/Personally own	18%	26%	24%	34%	17%	21%	44%	
Yes/Someone else	15	12	11	9	13	11	11	
Yes/Both own	10	13	8	6	8	7	14	
No gun owner	56	47	52	46	59	56	27	
DK/NA	1	1	5	5	3	5	5	

73. (If gun household q72) Do you feel more safe with a gun in your household, less safe, or doesn't it make a difference?

	GUN HOUSEHOLD Q72.....							
	Tot	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		DENSITY.....		
				Yes	No	Urban	Suburb	Rural
More safe	63%	69%	57%	61%	64%	65%	57%	67%
Less safe	1	-	3	3	1	1	3	-
No difference	35	30	40	35	35	33	40	33
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-

74. (If not gun household q72) Would you feel more safe with a gun in your household, less safe, or doesn't it make a difference?

	NOT GUN HOUSEHOLD Q72.....							
	Tot	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		DENSITY.....		
				Yes	No	Urban	Suburb	Rural
More safe	26%	28%	24%	17%	31%	26%	26%	26%
Less safe	28	21	32	44	19	27	30	24
No difference	44	50	40	37	48	45	42	47
DK/NA	2	1	4	2	3	2	2	3

75. (If gun owner q72) Which of the following best describes the reason that you own a gun: hunting, sport, protection, or collecting?

	GUN OWNER Q72.....							
	Tot	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		DENSITY.....		
				Yes	No	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Hunting	26%	27%	25%	29%	25%	19%	24%	33%
Sport	12	13	10	14	11	9	10	14
Protection	46	46	45	43	46	51	56	36
Collecting	7	5	12	5	8	11	4	7
OTHER (VOL)	7	6	7	7	7	8	3	7
DK/NA	2	3	1	2	3	2	3	3

76. (If gun owner q72) From which of the following sources have you obtained your firearms; gun shows, family members or friends, online sellers, local and chain stores, or other private sellers? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	GUN OWNER Q72.....							
	Tot	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		DENSITY.....		
				Yes	No	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Gun shows	7%	9%	2%	6%	7%	7%	6%	7%
Family/friends	28	25	33	35	25	25	26	31
Online sellers	3	5	-	3	3	3	4	3
Local/chain stores	65	69	57	63	66	69	66	62
Other priv sellers	13	14	11	12	13	10	8	17
DK/NA	4	5	4	1	6	6	3	4

77. As you may know, individuals on the U.S. government's terrorist watch list are not allowed to fly on planes. Would you support or oppose banning those on the U.S. government's terrorist watch list from purchasing guns?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	83%	77%	89%	85%	80%	86%	86%	82%
Oppose	13	20	9	9	17	9	10	14
DK/NA	4	3	2	6	3	5	3	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				Gun HsHld	DENSITY.....		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	84%	79%	86%	85%	80%	83%	83%	83%
Oppose	10	20	12	10	16	13	13	13
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