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**U.S. REPUBLICANS WANT TRUMP, BUT RUBIO IS BEST IN NOVEMBER,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
DEM RACE IS TIED, BUT SANDERS RUNS BETTER AGAINST GOP**

Donald Trump still leads the GOP presidential pack among Republican voters nationwide, with 31 percent, followed by Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas with 22 percent and Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida with 19 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University National poll released today. Dr. Ben Carson has 6 percent, with 9 percent undecided and no other candidate above 3 percent.

In the Democratic race nationwide, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has 44 percent, with Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont at 42 percent, and 11 percent undecided. This compares to a 61 – 30 percent Clinton lead in a December 22 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll.

Sanders and Rubio are the strongest candidates in general election matchups. If former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg runs, he hurts Sanders more than he hurts any of the top Republican contenders.

Among Republicans, 30 percent say they “would definitely not support” Trump, while 15 percent say no to Cruz and 7 percent say no to Rubio.

Sanders has the highest favorability rating among top candidates, while Trump has the lowest.

“Democrats nationwide are feeling the Bern as Sen. Bernie Sanders closes a 31-point gap to tie Secretary Hillary Clinton,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“And despite the Iowa setback, Donald Trump is way ahead of his GOP opponents.”

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“But that’s not the whole story nine months before Election Day. In mano a mano, or mano a womano, face-offs with all contenders, Sanders and Rubio would be the candidates left standing,” Malloy added.

“Although he is characterized as the New York counterpunch to Trump, Mayor Mike Bloomberg is more the nemesis of Bernie than he is of Donald.”

General election matchups among American voters show:

- Clinton tops Trump 46 – 41 percent;
- Clinton ties Cruz 45 – 45 percent;
- Clinton trails Rubio 48 – 41 percent;
- Sanders thumps Trump 49 – 39 percent;
- Sanders edges Cruz 46 – 42 percent;
- Sanders and Rubio are tied 43 – 43 percent.

If Bloomberg runs as a third party candidate in some contests, results are:

- Sanders at 35 percent, with Trump at 36 percent and Bloomberg at 15 percent;
- Sanders at 37 percent, with Cruz at 36 percent and Bloomberg at 15 percent.

Sanders has a 44 – 35 percent favorability rating among American voters. Ratings for other candidates are:

- Negative 39 – 56 percent for Clinton;
- Negative 34 – 59 percent for Trump;
- Negative 36 – 42 percent for Cruz;
- Positive 42 – 28 percent for Rubio;
- Negative 20 – 25 percent for Bloomberg with 53 percent who don’t know enough about him to form an opinion.

“While Trump, Clinton and Cruz wallow in a negative favorability swamp, by comparison, Rubio and Sanders are rock stars,” Malloy said.

From February 2 – 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,125 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones. The survey includes 507 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points and 484 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points.

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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1. (If Republican or Republican Leaner) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Jim Gilmore, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, and Donald Trump, for whom would you vote?

REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS.....							
	Tot	Wht			COLLEGE DEG		
		Tea Party	BrnAgn Evang	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Bush	3%	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%
Carson	6	5	9	5	7	4	6
Christie	3	3	3	2	3	4	2
Cruz	22	31	28	19	26	18	24
Fiorina	2	3	1	2	2	3	1
Gilmore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kasich	3	2	3	5	2	6	3
Rubio	19	14	18	18	20	28	15
Trump	31	32	31	39	23	25	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
DK/NA	9	9	5	6	13	7	10

1A. (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the primary?

REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS.....				
CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....				
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1.....		
		Cruz	Rubio	Trump
Made up	48%	45%	46%	60%
Might change	52	55	52	40
DK/NA	-	-	2	-

2. (If Republican or Republican Leaner) Are there any of these candidates you would definitely not support for the Republican nomination for president: Bush, Carson, Christie, Cruz, Fiorina, Gilmore, Kasich, Rubio, or Trump? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS.....							
	Tot	Wht			COLLEGE DEG		
		Tea Party	BrnAgn Evang	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Bush	24%	36%	16%	29%	17%	22%	24%
Carson	8	4	6	8	7	10	6
Christie	12	12	6	12	12	13	11
Cruz	15	6	10	17	12	21	12
Fiorina	13	10	9	15	11	14	13
Gilmore	10	7	7	12	8	10	10
Kasich	11	11	12	12	10	12	11
Rubio	7	7	5	11	4	8	7
Trump	30	24	28	27	35	35	28
No/No one	28	34	38	27	29	27	29
DK/NA	7	6	5	6	7	2	9

3. (If Democrat or Democratic Leaner) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, for whom would you vote?

	DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS....			COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	44%	38%	48%	45%	44%
Sanders	42	48	38	42	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	1	2	2
DK/NA	11	10	12	10	11

3A. (If candidate chosen q3) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the primary?

	DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q3.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q3.....		
	Tot	Clinton	Sanders
Made up	65%	67%	63%
Might change	33	29	37
DK/NA	2	4	-

4. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Clinton	46%	9%	87%	48%	39%	52%	51%	44%
Trump	41	80	7	34	48	36	37	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	1	4	3	2	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	7	6	2	10	8	6	8	7
DK/NA	3	2	3	3	2	4	3	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Clinton	61%	40%	44%	41%	30%	42%	36%	82%
Trump	23	50	43	49	57	44	50	10
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	11	7	6	4	8	7	8	3
DK/NA	2	1	4	3	2	5	3	3

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Clinton	45%	9%	89%	42%	38%	52%	51%	42%
Cruz	45	86	5	41	49	41	40	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	1	4	3	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	3	9	7	3	6	4
DK/NA	3	1	3	5	3	4	2	4
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Clinton	57%	39%	44%	40%	30%	42%	36%	77%
Cruz	33	52	45	49	56	49	52	14
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	3	1	3	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	6	4	5	9	4	6	2
DK/NA	4	1	5	4	2	4	3	5

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Clinton	41%	5%	84%	38%	34%	47%	45%	39%
Rubio	48	89	9	47	54	43	48	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	2	8	7	2	3	5
DK/NA	4	2	4	5	3	6	3	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Clinton	50%	35%	42%	38%	27%	37%	32%	79%
Rubio	37	58	48	51	60	54	57	12
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	4	2	2	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	3	3	4	8	2	5	4
DK/NA	5	1	5	5	3	5	4	4

7. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Bernie Sanders the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Sanders	49%	11%	84%	56%	46%	52%	51%	48%
Trump	39	76	8	30	45	33	35	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	2	2	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	5	4	8	5	7	9	4
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	2	7	4	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Sanders	72%	40%	47%	39%	37%	42%	40%	77%
Trump	19	46	42	48	55	42	48	8
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	7	6	6	4	6	5	6
DK/NA	4	6	4	4	2	8	5	7

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Bernie Sanders the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Sanders	46%	9%	81%	51%	44%	48%	51%	44%
Cruz	42	83	6	35	44	40	38	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	6	6	6	4	5	5
DK/NA	6	4	6	6	4	7	4	7
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Sanders	65%	41%	41%	38%	37%	40%	39%	64%
Cruz	26	47	46	49	51	49	50	17
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	6	4	7	7	3	5	4
DK/NA	5	4	7	5	4	7	5	10

9. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Bernie Sanders the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Sanders	43%	6%	81%	43%	41%	44%	46%	41%
Rubio	43	83	8	40	47	40	45	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	5
DK/NA	8	5	6	10	5	9	3	10
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Sanders	62%	37%	40%	34%	34%	36%	35%	67%
Rubio	26	53	45	52	54	51	52	15
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	-	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	5	5	6	6	5	5	6
DK/NA	7	4	10	6	6	9	7	10

10. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Bernie Sanders the Democrat, Donald Trump the Republican, and Michael Bloomberg running as an independent, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Sanders	35%	5%	70%	35%	35%	35%	34%	36%
Trump	36	69	7	28	41	30	28	39
Bloomberg	15	15	11	19	14	15	23	11
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	2	6	4	5	4	4
DK/NA	9	5	10	11	4	13	9	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Sanders	55%	29%	33%	27%	26%	26%	26%	67%
Trump	18	40	39	45	50	38	43	8
Bloomberg	15	16	16	12	16	18	17	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	6	4	5	3	5	4	6
DK/NA	9	8	9	9	4	13	9	10

11. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Bernie Sanders the Democrat, Ted Cruz the Republican, and Michael Bloomberg running as an independent, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Sanders	37%	6%	70%	36%	37%	37%	36%	37%
Cruz	36	74	3	28	39	33	33	37
Bloomberg	15	12	13	21	13	16	20	12
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	4	5	5	3	3	4
DK/NA	8	5	10	9	5	11	7	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Sanders	57%	32%	33%	28%	29%	29%	29%	61%
Cruz	20	41	38	44	46	41	43	13
Bloomberg	14	17	15	12	15	17	16	12
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	4	5	5	5	3	4	4
DK/NA	8	5	9	10	6	10	8	9

12. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	39%	7%	75%	39%	31%	47%	43%	37%
Unfavorable	56	89	22	55	64	49	54	57
Hvn't hrd enough	3	2	2	5	3	2	1	3
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	39%	34%	42%	41%	23%	39%	31%	73%
Unfavorable	55	63	54	56	74	57	66	20
Hvn't hrd enough	5	2	2	1	2	3	3	5
REFUSED	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2

13. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	34%	60%	13%	26%	39%	29%	28%	37%
Unfavorable	59	34	83	64	54	64	67	56
Hvn't hrd enough	5	4	3	8	5	5	3	6
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	16%	40%	37%	41%	47%	36%	41%	8%
Unfavorable	79	51	59	51	46	57	52	84
Hvn't hrd enough	2	8	3	5	4	5	5	6
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	3	1	2	2

14. Is your opinion of Ted Cruz favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	36%	68%	9%	27%	39%	33%	33%	37%
Unfavorable	42	19	61	48	45	38	56	35
Hvn't hrd enough	20	11	27	23	13	26	9	25
REFUSED	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	3
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	25%	42%	37%	41%	42%	39%	40%	19%
Unfavorable	49	41	41	35	45	38	41	41
Hvn't hrd enough	25	17	19	21	11	21	16	38
REFUSED	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	2

15. Is your opinion of Marco Rubio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	42%	69%	17%	40%	47%	38%	44%	41%
Unfavorable	28	8	48	30	30	26	36	24
Hvn't hrd enough	29	20	34	28	21	36	18	33
REFUSED	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	34%	45%	45%	44%	52%	44%	48%	12%
Unfavorable	32	27	26	23	28	22	25	38
Hvn't hrd enough	31	27	27	30	18	33	26	50
REFUSED	3	-	1	3	2	1	2	-

16. Is your opinion of Bernie Sanders favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	44%	13%	72%	53%	44%	45%	51%	41%
Unfavorable	35	66	10	30	41	30	38	34
Hvn't hrd enough	19	19	18	16	13	23	10	23
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	60%	41%	41%	36%	39%	40%	39%	55%
Unfavorable	19	43	39	38	48	38	43	14
Hvn't hrd enough	19	16	19	23	12	20	16	31
REFUSED	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	-

17. Is your opinion of Michael Bloomberg favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	20%	13%	27%	21%	19%	21%	29%	15%
Unfavorable	25	36	15	24	36	16	26	25
Hvn't hrd enough	53	50	56	54	44	62	44	58
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	19%	21%	21%	18%	20%	23%	22%	14%
Unfavorable	14	24	30	30	38	19	28	23
Hvn't hrd enough	65	54	48	50	40	58	49	63
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	-