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**AMERICANS BACK WOMEN IN COMBAT 3-1, BUT LESS FOR DRAFT,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL GUN BACKGROUND CHECKS IS 92%**

American voters support allowing women in combat by an overwhelming 75 – 22 percent, including 77 – 21 percent among women, but say by a smaller 52 – 42 percent, including a negative 45 – 48 percent among women, that women should be drafted if the draft is reinstated, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

On gun-control, there is overwhelming 92 – 7 percent support for background checks for all gun buyers, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Support for universal background checks is 91 – 8 percent among voters in a household with a gun.

American voters oppose 65 – 28 percent reestablishing the military draft. If there is a draft, however, men say 59 – 36 percent that women should be drafted. Women are split on being drafted, 48 – 45 percent.

“There is overwhelming support for allowing women in combat, with virtually no difference between men and women. But on whether such a move will increase military effectiveness, and especially on the question of whether in the case of a military draft women should be called, too, there is a sizeable difference in how men and women feel,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Men are divided as 36 percent say allowing women in combat enhances military effectiveness, while 34 percent say it compromises effectiveness. Women say 46 – 30 percent it enhances effectiveness.”

There is a partisan divide on whether to change the way states allocate Presidential Electoral College votes: 46 percent of voters want to keep the system used in most states where all of a state’s Electoral College votes go to the candidate who wins the state; 41 percent want to allocate Electoral College votes based who wins in each congressional district.

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Democratic voters favor the current winner-take-all system 55 – 31 percent while Republicans want to allocate votes by congressional district 57 – 30 percent. Independent voters favor winner-take-all 47 – 41 percent.

Gun Control

Voters support 52 – 43 percent stricter nationwide gun-control laws. Attitudes on other gun-control issues are:

- 56 – 39 percent support for a ban on the sale of assault weapons, with voters in gun households opposing a ban 52 – 44 percent;
- 56 – 40 percent support for a ban on the sale of high capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds, with voters in gun households opposed 52 – 45 percent;
- 46 percent say the National Rifle Association better reflects their view on guns, with 43 percent who say President Barack Obama better reflects their views.

“There is no significant voter opposition to requiring background checks for gun buyers,” said Brown, “and there is support for banning high volume ammunition clips and assault weapons, with the issue pretty much falling along party lines.

“The politics of gun policy are also unclear. Despite the huge news media coverage of the issue since the Newtown shooting, only 37 percent of voters are more likely to vote for a congressman who votes to ban sales of assault rifles, while 31 percent are less likely and 30 percent say it would not affect their vote. And it’s worth noting that voters narrowly believe that the NRA more represents their views on guns than does President Obama.”

Illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship, 56 percent of American voters say, while 10 percent say they should be allowed to stay but not apply for citizenship. Another 30 percent say illegal immigrants should be required to leave.

From January 30 – February 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,772 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.3 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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21. Who do you trust to do a better job handling - gun policy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	45%	8%	82%	40%	38%	52%	38%	84%	54%
Reps in Congress	43	84	10	44	51	36	50	6	33
DK/NA	12	8	9	16	12	12	12	10	13

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv		Mltry HsHld
	Yes	No					Yes	No	
Obama	50%	32%	32%	42%	33%	43%	20%	44%	35%
Reps in Congress	38	56	56	46	55	45	67	43	53
DK/NA	12	12	12	13	12	12	13	12	12

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
 Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Obama	53%	42%	48%	43%	44%	40%	43%	47%	49%
Reps in Congress	35	46	40	47	48	47	47	42	35
DK/NA	11	12	13	10	8	13	9	11	16

22. Who do you trust to do a better job handling - immigration, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	46%	7%	83%	41%	41%	51%	38%	80%	65%
Reps in Congress	41	79	10	42	45	37	49	9	21
DK/NA	13	14	7	18	14	13	14	11	14

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv		Mltry HsHld
	Yes	No					Yes	No	
Obama	50%	32%	30%	39%	34%	41%	18%	43%	35%
Reps in Congress	41	53	55	49	52	46	66	44	49
DK/NA	10	16	15	11	14	13	16	12	16

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
 Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Obama	52%	43%	50%	43%	43%	43%	48%	48%	44%
Reps in Congress	38	42	36	47	45	44	43	39	39
DK/NA	10	15	14	10	12	13	9	13	17

33. 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	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Legal all cases	24%	11%	38%	22%	22%	26%	22%	34%	23%
Legal most cases	32	24	34	35	30	33	33	30	26
Illegal most cases	25	39	13	25	27	23	26	13	26
Illegal all cases	14	23	10	11	14	14	14	13	18
DK/NA	6	4	6	7	7	5	5	10	7

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	BrnAgn Evngl	POL Lib	PHIL.....	
	Yes	No					Mod	Con
Legal all cases	31%	17%	15%	20%	10%	42%	29%	10%
Legal most cases	35	32	32	31	20	38	36	22
Illegal most cases	23	28	30	28	37	11	19	39
Illegal all cases	7	18	19	15	30	6	10	24
DK/NA	4	5	4	6	4	3	6	6

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No				18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Legal all cases	31%	21%	22%	26%	28%	25%	23%	28%	17%
Legal most cases	35	30	30	31	36	28	37	31	28
Illegal most cases	22	26	25	25	23	23	25	23	29
Illegal all cases	8	17	17	13	9	19	13	11	18
DK/NA	4	7	6	5	4	3	3	7	9

TREND: Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases? (*Combined high also 57% Aug 2007, Dec 2005, Jul 2005, & Dec 2004)

COMBINED LEGAL
ALL & MOST CASES
High Low

	Feb 07 2013	Feb 23 2012	Apr 21 2010	Jan 14 2010	May 14 2009	Jul 17 2008*	Apr 21 2010
Legal all cases	24	22	18	18	15	19	18
Legal most cases	32	33	33	34	37	38	33
Illegal most cases	25	25	27	24	27	24	27
Illegal all cases	14	14	16	18	14	14	16
DK/NA	6	6	6	5	7	5	6

34. In general, do you agree or disagree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Agree	63%	42%	78%	66%	60%	67%	62%	69%	62%
Disagree	30	52	14	28	33	27	32	19	27
DK/NA	7	6	8	5	7	7	6	11	10

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	BrnAgn Evngl	POL Lib	PHIL.....		
	Yes	No					Mod	Con	
Agree	72%	57%	53%	60%	33%	86%	75%	39%	
Disagree	25	36	41	35	61	10	19	56	
DK/NA	3	7	6	5	6	4	7	5	

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No				18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Agree	73%	59%	61%	64%	70%	67%	68%	62%	57%
Disagree	24	33	29	33	27	27	26	31	34
DK/NA	4	8	10	3	3	7	6	6	9

TREND: In general, do you agree or disagree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion?

	AGREE.....						
	High		Low				
	Feb 07 2013	Feb 23 2012	Apr 21 2010	Jul 17 2008	Aug 16 2007	Jul 27 2005	Apr 21 2010
Agree	63	64	60	63	62	65	60
Disagree	30	31	35	33	32	30	35
DK/NA	7	5	5	5	6	6	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	52%	26%	78%	50%	40%	62%	47%	73%	62%
Oppose	43	69	17	46	55	33	48	21	35
DK/NA	5	6	5	4	5	5	5	7	3

	COLLEGE DEG		Gun HsHld	Mltry HsHld	HvKids PubSch	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No				18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Support	63%	47%	36%	40%	48%	41%	47%	56%	57%
Oppose	33	48	59	55	50	53	49	40	35
DK/NA	4	5	5	4	3	6	4	4	8

REGION..... DENSITY.....

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	Nest	MWst	Sth	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	62%	49%	51%	45%	58%	56%	39%
Oppose	33	44	43	53	36	41	55
DK/NA	5	7	5	2	5	4	6

TREND: Do you support or oppose stricter gun control laws in the United States?

	Feb 07 2013	Jul 17 2008
Support	52	54
Oppose	43	40
DK/NA	5	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	56%	39%	81%	50%	44%	68%	55%	76%	47%
Oppose	39	55	16	46	53	27	40	22	48
DK/NA	5	7	3	4	3	6	5	1	4

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	Gun HsHld	Mltry HsHld	HvKids PubSch	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
Support	65%	53%	44%	48%	49%	41%	49%	62%	68%
Oppose	30	43	52	50	49	52	48	36	25
DK/NA	5	4	4	2	2	8	2	3	7

	REGION..... NEst	MWst	Sth	West	DENSITY..... Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	67%	58%	55%	47%	61%	59%	49%
Oppose	26	38	40	52	36	36	47
DK/NA	7	4	5	1	3	5	5

37. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	56%	37%	77%	55%	46%	65%	54%	68%	53%
Oppose	40	58	20	42	51	30	42	28	41
DK/NA	4	6	4	3	3	5	4	4	6

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	Gun HsHld	Mltry HsHld	HvKids PubSch	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
Support	66%	51%	45%	51%	51%	44%	49%	59%	67%
Oppose	31	44	52	45	48	50	48	38	26
DK/NA	3	5	3	4	2	6	3	3	7

	REGION..... NEst	MWst	Sth	West	DENSITY..... Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	63%	62%	53%	48%	59%	62%	46%
Oppose	32	34	43	48	37	35	50
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	4	4	4

38. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	92%	89%	96%	92%	90%	94%	92%	95%	91%
Oppose	7	9	3	7	9	5	7	5	8
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	1

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	Gun HsHld	Mltry HsHld	HvKids PubSch	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
Support	95%	91%	91%	89%	93%	92%	95%	92%	90%
Oppose	4	8	8	9	6	8	5	6	7
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	1	2

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEst	MWst	Sth	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Support	94%	91%	93%	91%	93%	93%	91%
Oppose	5	7	6	9	6	6	8
DK/NA	1	2	1	-	1	1	1

39. If a member of Congress who represents your district were to vote for a ban on the sale of assault weapons, would you be more likely to vote for that person, less likely to vote for that person, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More likely	37%	19%	61%	30%	27%	45%	35%	51%	34%
Less likely	31	48	11	33	41	22	34	15	28
No difference	30	29	26	34	30	30	29	32	38
DK/NA	3	4	2	2	2	3	3	3	-

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	Gun HsHld	Mltry HsHld	HvKids PubSch	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
More likely	46%	33%	25%	30%	34%	22%	32%	41%	46%
Less likely	24	34	45	41	36	42	35	28	24
No difference	28	30	27	27	28	33	31	30	25
DK/NA	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	5

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEst	MWst	Sth	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural
More likely	45%	37%	36%	29%	41%	39%	30%
Less likely	21	28	32	42	25	31	38
No difference	32	31	29	27	31	29	29
DK/NA	2	4	3	2	3	1	3

40. Who do you think better reflects your views on guns, President Obama or the National Rifle Association?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Obama	43%	8%	76%	38%	35%	50%	38%	70%	47%
NRA	46	78	15	49	55	37	51	16	39
BOTH (VOL)	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	5	2
NEITHER (VOL)	5	4	2	8	6	4	5	2	4
DK/NA	5	9	5	4	3	7	5	8	8

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	Gun HsHld	Mltry HsHld	HvKids PubSch	AGE IN YRS..... 18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Obama	57%	36%	27%	33%	38%	31%	40%	45%	51%
NRA	32	52	62	57	50	54	51	43	38
BOTH (VOL)	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	-
NEITHER (VOL)	6	5	7	6	5	4	5	6	3
DK/NA	3	6	4	3	3	9	2	4	7

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEst	MWst	Sth	West	Urban	Suburb	Rural
Obama	54%	44%	37%	39%	49%	48%	30%
NRA	35	43	50	52	37	43	60
BOTH (VOL)	2	1	2	1	2	-	1
NEITHER (VOL)	4	6	5	5	4	7	4
DK/NA	5	7	6	3	8	2	5

41. In a presidential election, all of a state's electoral votes go to the statewide popular vote winner except in Maine and Nebraska. Some states are considering dividing their state's electoral votes between candidates based on the number of congressional districts they win. Which comes closer to your view: your state should award all of its electoral votes to the statewide popular vote winner, or your state should divide its electoral votes between candidates based on the congressional districts they win?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Winner-take-all	46%	30%	55%	47%	45%	47%	44%	58%	50%
Divide by district	41	57	31	41	44	39	43	28	36
DK/NA	13	13	14	11	11	14	13	13	14

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	ANNUAL INC <50K	HSOLD INC 50-100	AGE IN YRS..... 18-29	30-44	45-64	65+		
Winner-take-all	48%	45%	46%	44%	47%	43%	42%	47%	51%
Divide by district	43	40	38	48	43	45	49	40	30
DK/NA	8	15	16	8	10	12	9	13	19

42. Do you think that women who serve in the military and who want to serve in ground units that engage in close combat should be allowed to do that or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	75%	63%	86%	73%	73%	77%	73%	80%	83%
No	22	34	12	25	24	21	24	17	14
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3

	Mltry HsHld	COLLEGE DEG Yes	AGE IN YRS..... 18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Yes	69%	79%	73%	85%	79%	75%	62%
No	29	17	25	13	18	22	35
DK/NA	2	3	2	1	3	2	3

TREND: Do you think that women who serve in the military and who want to serve in ground units that engage in close combat should be allowed to do that or not?

	Feb 07 2013	Feb 23 2012
Yes	75	75
No	22	22
DK/NA	3	3

43. Do you think women's presence in combat situations enhances military effectiveness or compromises it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Enhances	41%	30%	55%	37%	36%	46%	38%	55%	48%
Compromises	32	46	21	34	34	30	34	26	27
NEITHER (VOL)	12	10	12	14	15	10	12	10	15
DK/NA	14	14	12	15	15	14	15	9	10

	Mltry HsHld	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
Enhances	38%	45%	40%	43%	46%	42%	33%
Compromises	40	27	35	30	28	32	39
NEITHER (VOL)	10	15	11	15	13	12	9
DK/NA	12	14	15	12	13	13	18

44. Do you favor or oppose reinstating the military draft?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favor	28%	29%	25%	30%	34%	22%	27%	31%	32%
Oppose	65	62	69	63	59	70	65	62	61
DK/NA	8	9	6	6	7	8	8	7	6

	Mltry HsHld	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
Favor	39%	25%	29%	24%	24%	26%	37%
Oppose	54	68	64	71	70	65	55
DK/NA	7	7	8	5	7	8	8

TREND: Do you favor or oppose reinstating the military draft?

	Feb 07 2013	May 05 2004
Favor	28	26
Oppose	65	67
DK/NA	8	7

45. If the military draft were reinstated, would you favor or oppose drafting women as well as men?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favor	52%	46%	54%	55%	59%	45%	53%	39%	45%
Oppose	42	48	39	40	36	48	41	53	49
DK/NA	6	6	7	5	5	7	5	7	6
	Mltry	COLLEGE	DEG	AGE IN	YRS.....				
	HsHld	Yes	No	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+		
Favor	56%	60%	48%	46%	52%	55%	48%		
Oppose	38	35	46	47	44	40	43		
DK/NA	6	6	6	7	4	5	9		

46. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently living in the United States? A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for US 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	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A) Stay/Citizenship	56%	40%	74%	53%	51%	59%	50%	77%	70%
B) Stay/Not citizen	10	11	8	11	11	10	10	8	13
C) Not stay	30	46	16	30	34	27	35	13	13
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	4	5	4	3	4

WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE	DEG			Men	Wom	BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath			Yes	No	HsHld
A) Stay/Citizenship	59%	46%	48%	54%	46%	54%	43%	53%	50%
B) Stay/Not citizen	14	8	9	12	11	9	8	11	10
C) Not stay	23	41	37	32	38	32	43	33	35
DK/NA	4	5	6	2	4	5	6	4	4

	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A) Stay/Citizenship	60%	54%	57%	57%	55%	51%	56%	55%	60%
B) Stay/Not citizen	14	8	10	10	12	10	10	9	11
C) Not stay	22	34	30	31	29	38	31	30	23
DK/NA	4	5	4	3	4	2	3	6	6

TREND: Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently living in the United States? A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for US 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.

	Feb 07	Dec 05
	2013	2012
A) Stay/Citizenship	56	57
B) Stay/Not citizen	10	11
C) Not stay	30	26
DK/NA	4	5