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**TRUMP TOPS NATIVE SON KASICH AMONG OHIO REPUBLICANS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CLINTON LEADS SANDERS BY 15 POINTS**

Not even native son Gov. John Kasich can stop the Donald Trump steamroller as Kasich falls behind the Republican front-runner 31 – 26 percent among Ohio likely Republican primary voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas is at 21 percent with Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida at 13 percent and Dr. Ben Carson at 5 percent.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leads Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont 55 – 40 percent among Ohio likely Democratic primary voters, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Five percent of Republicans remain undecided and 38 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind before the March 15 primary.

On the negative side, 32 percent of likely Republican primary voters say they “would definitely not support” Trump for the nomination, with 22 percent saying no to Cruz.

Trump tops Kasich 35 – 26 percent among men, with 23 percent for Cruz and 9 percent for Rubio. Women are divided, with 27 percent for Trump and 26 percent for Kasich, 19 percent for Cruz and 17 percent for Rubio.

“The Donald Trump train begins the three-week campaign for Ohio’s crucial delegates on the right track and holds a small lead over the Buckeye State’s own governor, John Kasich,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“A Kasich Ohio win is crucial to the Republicans trying to stop the New York businessman’s nomination. If Trump can defeat Kasich in his home state, that would be an impressive demonstration of his strength in a state that is just now getting attention. But Trump’s lead is just 5 points, certainly not large enough for him to breathe easy.”

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“Also impressive for Trump is that 78 percent of his supporters say their mind is made up, higher than supporters of other GOP candidates, especially Kasich. Yet Trump’s favorability ratings are lower than the other GOP candidates,” Brown added.

“Former Secretary Hillary Clinton has a solid double-digit lead over Sen. Sanders, but anything can happen in three weeks of presidential politics.”

Kasich has the best favorability rating, 77 – 14 percent, among Ohio likely Republican primary voters. Rubio has a 62 – 17 percent favorability, with Cruz at 60 – 27 percent and Trump at 57 – 36 percent.

Clinton – Sanders

The gender gap which marks the Clinton-Sanders face-off in other states shrinks among Ohio likely Democratic primary voters as men back Clinton 54 – 44 percent while women back her 56 – 37 percent.

Five percent of Democrats remain undecided, while 29 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind in the next three weeks.

Clinton and Sanders have almost identical favorability ratings, 77 – 17 percent for her and 77 – 11 percent for him.

From February 16 – 20, Quinnipiac University surveyed 759 Ohio likely Republican primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points and 518 Ohio likely Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.3 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, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the Republican primary were being held today, and the candidates were Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, and Donald Trump, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Carson, Cruz, Kasich, Rubio, or Trump?

	LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
	Tea Party		Wht BrnAgn	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men		COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Party	Evang	Very	Smwht	Mod/ Lib		Wom	Yes	No
Carson	5%	7%	9%	9%	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	5%
Cruz	21	34	27	30	18	12	23	19	18	21
Kasich	26	11	19	15	30	34	26	26	35	23
Rubio	13	13	14	16	11	11	9	17	16	11
Trump	31	35	26	27	33	35	35	27	22	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	1	4	3	5	6	3	6	6	4

	PARTYID...		AGE IN YRS.....		
	Rep	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+
Carson	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%
Cruz	20	20	31	17	16
Kasich	28	27	24	23	32
Rubio	13	13	6	17	15
Trump	30	30	30	35	27
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	5

Matchup includes the second choice of Bush voters

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

	LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....			
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1.....			
	Tot	Cruz	Kasich	Trump
Made up	60%	62%	50%	78%
Might change	38	36	48	21
DK/NA	1	2	2	1

2. Are there any of these candidates you would definitely not support for the Republican nomination for president? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....										
			Wht	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY							
		Tea	BrnAgn	CONSERVATIVE		Mod/			COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Party	Evang	Very	Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Carson	11%	8%	7%	9%	9%	16%	13%	9%	15%	10%	
Cruz	22	16	14	18	19	31	26	18	25	21	
Kasich	11	13	10	15	7	10	11	11	8	13	
Rubio	12	16	10	13	12	13	16	7	10	13	
Trump	32	31	34	34	28	33	29	36	42	28	
No/No one	24	22	27	25	32	17	24	24	23	25	
DK/NA	4	2	6	4	4	3	3	5	3	4	

	PARTYID...		AGE IN YRS.....		
	Rep	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+
Carson	10%	10%	7%	14%	11%
Cruz	19	31	26	20	19
Kasich	9	11	14	12	6
Rubio	8	17	14	12	8
Trump	33	34	40	27	33
No/No one	28	19	17	27	30
DK/NA	5	-	3	4	3

3. If the Democratic primary were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Clinton or Sanders?

	LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTERS.....							
	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
		LIBERAL.....	Mod/	Cons			Yes	No
Clinton	55%	38%	45%	64%	54%	56%	49%	57%
Sanders	40	59	52	29	44	37	44	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	3	4	6	3	7	7	4

	PARTYID...		AGE IN YRS.....			Wht	Blk
	Dem	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+		
Clinton	60%	41%	40%	62%	75%	50%	71%
Sanders	36	55	56	33	18	45	26
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	4	3	5	7	5	3

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

LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTERS.....			
CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q3.....			
CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q3			
	Tot	Clinton	Sanders
Made up	70%	71%	68%
Might change	29	28	30
DK/NA	2	2	2

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

LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTERS.....								
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
LIBERAL..... Mod/								
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	77%	77%	63%	81%	76%	77%	81%	75%
Unfavorable	17	23	24	12	20	14	15	17
Hvn't hrd enough	4	-	2	6	3	5	4	3
REFUSED	3	-	10	2	1	5	-	4
PARTYID... AGE IN YRS.....								
	Dem	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	84%	55%	67%	82%	89%	73%	90%	
Unfavorable	11	34	23	13	9	21	5	
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5	5	4	1	4	5	
REFUSED	1	7	5	2	-	3	-	

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

LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTERS.....								
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY								
LIBERAL..... Mod/								
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	77%	92%	90%	67%	81%	74%	89%	72%
Unfavorable	11	6	3	17	7	14	6	13
Hvn't hrd enough	12	2	7	16	11	12	5	14
REFUSED	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
PARTYID... AGE IN YRS.....								
	Dem	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	79%	76%	85%	72%	68%	76%	74%	
Unfavorable	12	6	6	14	19	14	5	
Hvn't hrd enough	10	17	9	13	13	9	22	
REFUSED	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	

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

	LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
			Wht	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Tea Party	BrnAgn Evang	CONSERVATIVE Very	Mod/ Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	60%	73%	68%	72%	65%	42%	61%	60%	60%	60%
Unfavorable	27	17	20	18	24	43	28	26	31	27
Hvn't hrd enough	11	10	12	8	11	14	9	14	9	12
REFUSED	1	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	1	1
PARTYID... AGE IN YRS.....										
	Rep	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+					
Favorable	62%	52%	59%	62%	60%					
Unfavorable	25	35	32	26	24					
Hvn't hrd enough	11	12	8	11	15					
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	1					

19. Is your opinion of John Kasich favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
			Wht	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY					COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Tea Party	BrnAgn Evang	CONSERVATIVE Very	Mod/ Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	77%	72%	75%	73%	83%	76%	78%	76%	81%	77%
Unfavorable	14	16	16	21	8	14	13	16	12	15
Hvn't hrd enough	7	11	9	5	7	10	7	8	6	7
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	1	1
PARTYID... AGE IN YRS.....										
	Rep	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+					
Favorable	82%	74%	64%	81%	89%					
Unfavorable	11	16	19	15	6					
Hvn't hrd enough	6	8	15	5	4					
REFUSED	1	3	3	-	1					

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

	LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
			Wht	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						
	Tot	Tea Party	BrnAgn Evang	CONSERVATIVE Very	Mod/ Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	62%	62%	63%	69%	63%	55%	59%	66%	72%	59%
Unfavorable	17	20	14	17	17	20	21	13	15	18
Hvn't hrd enough	20	17	22	14	20	25	19	20	13	22
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
	PARTYID...		AGE IN YRS.....							
	Rep	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+					
Favorable	67%	56%	51%	67%	71%					
Unfavorable	14	20	26	15	9					
Hvn't hrd enough	19	23	23	18	18					
REFUSED	-	1	-	-	3					

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

	LIKELY REP PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
			Wht	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY						
	Tot	Tea Party	BrnAgn Evang	CONSERVATIVE Very	Mod/ Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	57%	59%	54%	59%	59%	54%	61%	53%	46%	62%
Unfavorable	36	35	37	34	35	39	32	41	50	30
Hvn't hrd enough	5	4	6	5	4	5	5	4	3	5
REFUSED	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	3
	PARTYID...		AGE IN YRS.....							
	Rep	Ind	18-44	45-64	65+					
Favorable	57%	54%	49%	62%	56%					
Unfavorable	35	40	46	30	37					
Hvn't hrd enough	5	4	3	5	5					
REFUSED	2	2	3	2	1					