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**WOMEN, UNION HOUSEHOLDS KEEP OHIO GOV UNDER WATER,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
MOST VOTERS WANT TO REPEAL SB 5 LIMITING UNIONS**

A 41-point disapproval from union households and a 16-point disapproval from women keep Ohio Gov. John Kasich under water with a negative 40 – 49 percent overall job approval, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a negative 35 – 50 percent approval in a July 20 survey from the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

Ohio voters support 51 – 38 percent repeal in a November referendum of SB 5, the law limiting collective bargaining for public employees, compared to 56 – 32 percent in July.

Republican voters approve of Gov. Kasich 72 – 18 percent, but disapproval is 74 – 17 percent among Democrats and 48 – 38 percent among independent voters. Men split 45 – 46 percent while women disapprove 51 – 35 percent.

Disapproval among voters in households with a union member is 68 – 27 percent.

In the SB 5 referendum, Republicans say keep the law 65 – 23 percent, up from 56 – 35 percent July 20. Men oppose SB 5 50 – 45 percent, compared to 55 – 37 percent. Women want to repeal the law 53 – 31 percent, compared to 56 – 28 percent in July.

“Ohio voters seem to be warming a little toward Gov. John Kasich, although he is still under water when it comes to public opinion,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “The governor still has more than three years left until he faces the voters again and his numbers are moving in the right direction.

“But SB 5 is another story. Support for repealing the bill in the November referendum has dropped from a 24-point to a 13-point margin. Backers of SB 5 have only six weeks to make up the difference, although public opinion appears to be moving in their direction.”

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“The referendum on SB 5 also is a referendum on John Kasich,” Brown added.

Another area where Kasich shows improvement is voter perception of the fairness of his budget. Ohioans say it is unfair 49 – 36 percent, up from 50 – 32 percent in July.

“Kasich sure has a ways to go to get his head above water, especially among women and union members, but his overall numbers are getting better,” said Brown.

Looking at the elements of SB 5, Ohio voters:

- Oppose 58 – 36 percent banning public employees from striking;
- Support 60 – 31 percent replacing automatic pay increases based on seniority with increases based on merit;
- Oppose 53 – 41 percent eliminating seniority rights as the sole factor in layoffs;
- Support 59 – 35 percent requiring public employees to pay at least 15 percent of their health insurance costs;
- Support 56 – 33 percent requiring public employees to pay 10 percent of their wages toward their pensions;
- Oppose 54 – 39 percent banning public employees from bargaining over health insurance.

Ohio voters oppose 56 – 32 percent Kasich’s proposal to lease the Ohio Turnpike to a private company to raise money to fund transportation projects.

One Ohio politician who voters think is doing a good job is U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, who earns a 41 – 23 percent approval rating.

From September 20 – 25, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,301 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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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9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Kasich is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Approve	40%	72%	17%	38%	45%	35%	48%
Disapprove	49	18	74	48	46	51	36
DK/NA	11	10	9	15	9	14	16

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	Union HsHld
Approve	43%	36%	39%	39%	45%	27%
Disapprove	52	50	50	48	45	68
DK/NA	6	14	11	13	10	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Kasich is handling his job as Governor?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011	Mar 23 2011	Jan 19 2011
Approve	40	35	38	30	30
Disapprove	49	50	49	46	22
DK/NA	11	15	13	23	48

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rob Portman is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Approve	41%	65%	31%	35%	46%	37%	43%
Disapprove	23	8	34	24	26	21	16
DK/NA	35	27	36	42	28	42	41

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	Union HsHld
Approve	41%	34%	34%	53%	49%	35%
Disapprove	25	21	27	27	26	30
DK/NA	34	45	39	20	25	35

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rob Portman is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 21 2011	May 19 2011	Mar 24 2011	Jan 20 2011
Approve	41	40	38	30	34
Disapprove	23	21	21	25	16
DK/NA	35	39	41	45	51

15. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Ohio today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Very satisfied	3%	5%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%
Smwht satisfied	31	48	23	28	33	30	41
Smwht dissatisfied	32	26	33	35	30	34	27
Very dissatisfied	32	19	39	35	34	31	30
DK/NA	1	2	1	-	-	1	-

	Union					
	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	HsHld
Very satisfied	5%	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%
Smwht satisfied	35	35	26	25	32	23
Smwht dissatisfied	29	28	38	38	39	33
Very dissatisfied	32	34	30	32	25	41
DK/NA	-	1	1	2	2	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Ohio today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	VERY+SMWHT SAT						
	High		Low				
	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011	Mar 23 2011	Jan 19 2011	Mar 21 2007	Mar 23 2011
Very satisfied	3	3	3	3	3	5	3
Smwht satisfied	31	31	30	26	28	49	26
Smwht dissatisfied	32	32	32	34	39	28	34
Very dissatisfied	32	32	35	36	28	16	36
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

16. As you may know, there is a new law in Ohio that would limit collective bargaining for public employees. Do you support or oppose limiting collective bargaining for public employees?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Support	40%	65%	18%	41%	46%	34%	46%
Oppose	50	26	67	51	49	50	42
DK/NA	11	9	14	8	6	16	13

	Union					
	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	HsHld
Support	39%	38%	39%	46%	39%	25%
Oppose	52	51	51	44	47	70
DK/NA	9	11	10	10	14	5

TREND: As you may know, there is a new law in Ohio that would limit collective bargaining for public employees. Do you support or oppose limiting collective bargaining for public employees? (*Mar 2011 "proposed" law)

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011	Mar 23 2011*
Support	40	34	38	41
Oppose	50	52	50	48
DK/NA	11	14	12	10

17. As you may know there is a proposed referendum to repeal this new law. Do you think this new law which limits collective bargaining for public employees should be kept or repealed?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Kept	38%	65%	18%	35%	45%	31%	42%
Repealed	51	23	71	55	50	53	43
DK/NA	11	12	11	9	5	16	15

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	Union HsHld
Kept	42%	36%	36%	36%	39%	23%
Repealed	50	53	52	52	48	72
DK/NA	8	11	12	12	13	4

TREND: As you may know there is a proposed referendum to repeal this new law. Do you think this new law which limits collective bargaining for public employees should be kept or repealed?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011
Kept	38	32	36
Repealed	51	56	54
DK/NA	11	12	10

20. Do you think limiting collective bargaining for public employees is necessary to help balance the state budget or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Yes	41%	70%	24%	35%	46%	36%	44%
No	50	22	65	56	49	51	42
DK/NA	9	8	11	9	5	13	14

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	Union HsHld
Yes	43%	37%	40%	42%	43%	24%
No	52	51	48	50	44	70
DK/NA	4	12	11	8	13	6

TREND: Do you think limiting collective bargaining for public employees is necessary to help balance the state budget or not?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011	Mar 23 2011
Yes	41	38	38	37
No	50	50	52	55
DK/NA	9	11	10	8

21. The new law limiting collective bargaining for public employees would ban all public employee strikes. Do you support or oppose banning all public employee strikes?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Support	36%	70%	12%	35%	43%	30%	41%
Oppose	58	25	84	57	55	61	51
DK/NA	5	5	5	8	2	9	8

	Union HsHld
Support	21%
Oppose	74
DK/NA	5

TREND: The new law limiting collective bargaining for public employees would ban all public employee strikes. Do you support or oppose banning all public employee strikes? (*Mar 2011 "proposed" law)

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011	Mar 23 2011*
Support	36	36	35	35
Oppose	58	56	58	58
DK/NA	5	8	7	7

22. The new law would require public employees to pay at least 15 percent of their health insurance premiums. Do you support or oppose requiring public employees to pay at least 15 percent of their health insurance premiums?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Support	59%	87%	35%	61%	61%	56%	66%
Oppose	35	10	56	32	32	37	28
DK/NA	7	3	9	7	7	7	7

	Union HsHld
Support	42%
Oppose	52
DK/NA	6

TREND: The new law would require public employees to pay at least 15 percent of their health insurance premiums. Do you support or oppose requiring public employees to pay at least 15 percent of their health insurance premiums? (*Mar 2011 "proposed" law)

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011	Mar 23 2011*
Support	59	60	59	66
Oppose	35	33	34	27
DK/NA	7	7	7	8

23. The new law would prevent the public employee unions from bargaining over their health insurance plans. Do you support or oppose preventing the public employee unions from bargaining over their health insurance plans?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Support	39%	62%	23%	37%	41%	37%	43%
Oppose	54	30	72	56	54	54	46
DK/NA	7	8	5	7	4	10	11
Union HsHld							
Support	28%						
Oppose	66						
DK/NA	6						

TREND: The new law would prevent the public employee unions from bargaining over their health insurance plans. Do you support or oppose preventing the public employee unions from bargaining over their health insurance plans? (*May 2011 "bargaining over health insurance plans for public employees")

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011*
Support	39	36	38
Oppose	54	58	54
DK/NA	7	6	8

24. The new law would require public employees to pay at least 10 percent of their wages for their pensions. Do you support or oppose requiring public workers to pay at least 10 percent of their wages for their pensions?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Support	56%	78%	39%	56%	59%	52%	57%
Oppose	33	16	49	31	33	34	31
DK/NA	11	7	12	12	8	14	12
Union HsHld							
Support	44%						
Oppose	45						
DK/NA	11						

TREND: The new law would require public employees to pay at least 10 percent of their wages for their pensions. Do you support or oppose requiring public workers to pay at least 10 percent of their wages for their pensions?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011
Support	56	58	58
Oppose	33	33	34
DK/NA	11	9	9

25. The new law would replace automatic pay increases based on length of service with increases based on merit. Do you support or oppose replacing automatic pay increases based on longevity with merit pay for public employees?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Support	60%	69%	52%	62%	66%	55%	58%
Oppose	31	25	38	29	29	34	32
DK/NA	8	6	10	9	6	11	10

Union
HsHld

Support	57%
Oppose	39
DK/NA	4

TREND: The new law would replace automatic pay increases based on length of service with increases based on merit. Do you support or oppose replacing automatic pay increases based on longevity with merit pay for public employees?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011
Support	60	56	57
Oppose	31	35	35
DK/NA	8	9	7

26. The new law would eliminate seniority as the sole factor when determining layoffs. Do you support or oppose eliminating seniority as the sole factor when determining layoffs?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Support	41%	59%	26%	44%	55%	30%	46%
Oppose	53	36	69	49	42	62	48
DK/NA	6	5	5	7	4	8	6

Union
HsHld

Support	30%
Oppose	66
DK/NA	3

TREND: The new law would eliminate seniority as the sole factor when determining layoffs. Do you support or oppose eliminating seniority as the sole factor when determining layoffs?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011
Support	41	45	45
Oppose	53	49	50
DK/NA	6	6	5

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Kasich is handling the state budget?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Approve	35%	72%	11%	31%	43%	29%	44%
Disapprove	53	18	78	55	49	57	41
DK/NA	12	9	11	14	8	15	15

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	Union HsHld
Approve	40%	32%	41%	35%	35%	27%
Disapprove	53	57	48	53	46	69
DK/NA	8	10	11	12	18	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Kasich is handling the state budget?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011	May 18 2011	Mar 23 2011
Approve	35	32	35	31
Disapprove	53	54	53	51
DK/NA	12	14	12	18

32. Do you think that the budget approved by the legislature and signed by Governor Kasich is fair or unfair to people like you?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Fair	36%	67%	17%	33%	44%	29%	42%
Unfair	49	18	71	48	43	54	39
DK/NA	15	14	11	19	13	17	19

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	Union HsHld
Fair	38%	35%	39%	39%	34%	28%
Unfair	45	53	47	46	46	63
DK/NA	17	12	14	14	20	9

TREND: Do you think that the budget approved by the legislature and signed by Governor Kasich is fair or unfair to people like you?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011
Fair	36	32
Unfair	49	50
DK/NA	15	18

33. What do you think about the cuts in state spending used to balance the state budget? Do you think the cuts in state spending go too far, not far enough or are they about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Too far	35%	12%	55%	33%	32%	38%	28%
Not far enough	26	34	20	24	27	25	28
About right	29	44	15	31	34	24	31
DK/NA	11	10	10	12	8	14	13

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	Union HsHld
Too far	33%	36%	29%	35%	36%	46%
Not far enough	28	26	24	23	23	23
About right	29	27	34	30	29	23
DK/NA	10	10	12	12	13	8

TREND: What do you think about the cuts in state spending used to balance the state budget? Do you think the cuts in state spending go too far, not far enough or are they about right?

	Sep 27 2011	Jul 20 2011
Too far	35	34
Not far enough	26	25
About right	29	30
DK/NA	11	11

34. Governor Kasich says he would like to lease the Ohio Turnpike to a private company and use the funds the state would receive to fund other transportation projects for Ohio. Do you think leasing the Ohio Turnpike is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Good idea	32%	55%	20%	28%	35%	29%	31%
Bad idea	56	32	71	60	57	56	52
DK/NA	11	14	9	12	8	15	17

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthW	WstCnt	Union HsHld
Good idea	39%	27%	26%	34%	39%	19%
Bad idea	48	64	65	53	44	73
DK/NA	13	9	9	13	17	8