Americans consider NRA endorsement to be a negative

Raleigh, N.C. – Much has been made in recent weeks about the NRA's political strength, but PPP's newest national poll finds more voters consider their endorsement to be a negative than a positive. 39% say they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who had the NRA's support to just 26% who say they'd be more likely to, with 32% saying it wouldn't influence them one way or the other. Among independents 41% consider an NRA endorsement to be a turn off to 27% who say it's a plus.

In general 53% of voters say they support stricter gun laws in the country to 39% who are opposed to them. Those numbers are basically identical to a 53/40 spread a month ago, suggesting that the desire for stronger legislation has not died down as Newtown gradually fades from voters' minds. On the specific issue of an assault weapons ban 51% of voters are supportive to 42% who are opposed. It has support from a solid majority of Democrats, as well as 26% of Republicans.

“Politicians really don’t have to be scared of the NRA,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Voters consider its support to be a negative thing.”

Congressional Republicans have seen some improvement in their numbers over the last month. They still have only a 22% approval rating with 68% of voters disapproving of them, but that's an improvement from a 15/75 spread a month ago. Most of the improvement has come with GOP voters, whose anger over the fiscal cliff deal seems to have subsided a little bit.

64% of voters nationally think illegal immigrants should be given a chance to apply for legal citizenship, compared to only 27% who think they should be deported back to their home countries. Over two thirds of white voters with an opinion on the matter (60/29) and a plurality of Republicans (44/41) support a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants in the country.

PPP surveyed 800 voters nationally from January 31st to February 3rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.5%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.
### National Survey Results

#### Q1: Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama’s job performance?
- **Approve**: 49%
- **Disapprove**: 48%
- **Not sure**: 2%

#### Q2: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Democrats are doing?
- **Approve**: 39%
- **Disapprove**: 53%
- **Not sure**: 8%

#### Q3: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Republicans are doing?
- **Approve**: 22%
- **Disapprove**: 68%
- **Not sure**: 10%

#### Q4: If there was an election for the U.S. House today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate from your district?
- **Democrat**: 45%
- **Republican**: 45%
- **Not sure**: 10%

#### Q5: Do you support or oppose Chuck Hagel being confirmed as Secretary of Defense?
- **Support**: 39%
- **Oppose**: 33%
- **Not sure**: 28%

#### Q6: Would you support or oppose banning assault weapons?
- **Support**: 51%
- **Oppose**: 42%
- **Not sure**: 8%

#### Q7: Would you support or oppose Congress passing stricter gun laws?
- **Support**: 53%
- **Oppose**: 39%
- **Not sure**: 8%

#### Q8: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the National Rifle Association?
- **Favorable**: 43%
- **Unfavorable**: 41%
- **Not sure**: 16%

#### Q9: Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate supported by the National Rifle Association, or would it not make a difference?
- **More likely**: 26%
- **Less likely**: 39%
- **Wouldn’t make a difference**: 32%
- **Not sure**: 2%

#### Q10: Do you support or oppose legislation that would allow for a legal way for illegal immigrants in America to become U.S. citizens?
- **Support**: 49%
- **Oppose**: 37%
- **Not sure**: 14%

#### Q11: Do you think illegal immigrants who are living in America should be offered a chance to apply for legal citizenship, or do you think they should all be deported back to their native countries?
- **They should be offered a chance to apply for legal citizenship**: 64%
- **They should be deported back to their home country**: 27%
- **Not sure**: 9%
Q12 In the last presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama ........................................ 51%
Mitt Romney ........................................ 43%
Someone else/Don’t remember .................. 6%

Q13 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal ............................................ 11%
Somewhat liberal ................................. 19%
Moderate ............................................... 28%
Somewhat conservative ....................... 25%
Very conservative .............................. 18%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman ............................................. 51%
Man .................................................. 49%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat ............................................. 42%
Republican ......................................... 33%
Independent/Other ............................. 25%

Q16 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic ............................................. 10%
White ................................................ 72%
African-American ............................... 11%
Other ............................................... 7%

Q17 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29 ............................................. 14%
30 to 45 ............................................. 26%
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