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QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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FLORIDA BACKS MEDICAL MARIJUANA 9-1, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; YOUNG VOTERS LEAD CALL FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Florida voters support legalized marijuana for medical use 88 – 10 percent, with support ranging from 83 – 14 percent among voters over 65 years old to 95 – 5 percent among voters 18 to 29 years old, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

The lowest level of support is 80 – 19 percent among Republicans, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Sunshine State voters also support 55 – 41 percent “allowing adults in Florida to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use,” or so-called “recreational marijuana.” There is a wide gender gap and an even wider age gap: Men back recreational marijuana 61 – 36 percent while women back it by a narrow 49 – 45 percent. Voters 18 to 29 years old are ready to roll 72 – 25, while voters over 65 years old are opposed 59 – 36 percent.

Support is 64 – 32 percent among Democrats and 55 – 40 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 56 – 41 percent.

“Forget the stereotypes of stodgy old folks living out their golden years playing canasta and golf,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University poll. “Almost nine-in-ten Floridians favor legalizing medical marijuana and a small majority says adults should be able to possess small amounts of the drug for recreational purposes.

“Even though a proposal to legalize medical marijuana, on the ballot this November, must meet a 60 percent threshold, these numbers make a strong bet the referendum is likely to pass,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

“As the Quinnipiac University poll has found in other states, men support recreational marijuana more than women and of course young voters support it more than older voters.”

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If medical marijuana is legalized in Florida, voters say 71 – 26 percent they would support having a marijuana dispensary in the town or city where they live. Support ranges from 57 – 37 percent among voters over 65 years old to 79 – 21 percent among voters 18 to 29 years old.

The gender and age gaps persist as 44 percent of Florida voters say they have tried marijuana. That includes 51 percent of men, 39 percent of women, 48 percent of voters 18 to 29 years old and 23 percent of voters over 65 years old.

“No ‘Not in My Backyard’ mentality here. By an almost 3-1 majority, Florida voters would allow a medical marijuana dispensary near where they live,” Brown said.

From July 17 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,251 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 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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36. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Florida to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	55%	41%	64%	55%	61%	49%	72%	64%	54%	36%
Oppose	41	56	32	40	36	45	25	32	41	59
DK/NA	4	3	4	6	3	5	2	4	5	5

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Florida to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Jul 28 2014	May 05 2014	Nov 21 2013
Support	55	53	48
Oppose	41	42	46
DK/NA	4	5	6

37. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Florida to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	88%	80%	94%	89%	85%	91%	95%	92%	86%	83%
Oppose	10	19	4	9	13	8	5	7	12	14
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	1	-	1	1	3

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Florida to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it?

	Jul 28 2014	May 05 2014	Nov 21 2013
Support	88	88	82
Oppose	10	10	16
DK/NA	2	2	3

38. Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	44%	38%	48%	44%	51%	39%	48%	48%	59%	23%
No	54	59	51	55	47	60	50	50	38	77
DK/NA	2	3	-	1	2	2	2	1	3	1

TREND: Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

	Jul 28 2014	May 05 2014
Yes	44	45
No	54	54
DK/NA	2	1

39. If the use of medical marijuana is legalized in Florida, would you support or oppose having a medical marijuana dispensary in the town or city you live in?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	71%	58%	80%	72%	73%	70%	79%	77%	77%	57%
Oppose	26	40	16	25	24	27	21	21	21	37
DK/NA	3	2	5	3	3	4	-	2	2	6