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BOMBING HIROSHIMA WAS RIGHT, AMERICAN VOTERS SAY 3-1, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS

Sixty-four years after America dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, American voters say 61 – 22 percent, with 16 percent undecided, that it was the right thing to do, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Weaker support for President Harry Truman’s decision is 49 – 29 percent among Democrats, 51 – 27 percent among women, and 50 – 32 percent among voters 18 – 34 years old, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Voters over 55 years old approve 73 – 13 percent, while voters 35 to 54 approve 60 – 23 percent.

Strongest support is 74 – 13 percent among Republicans and 72 – 17 percent among men.

White Protestants, Catholics and evangelical Christians all support the bombing by about 70 – 15 percent, while Jews support it 58 – 26 percent.

“Sixty-four years after the dawn of the atomic age, one in five Americans think President Harry Truman made a mistake dropping the bomb,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Voters who remember the horrors of World War II overwhelmingly support Truman’s decision. Support drops with age, from the generation that grew up with the nuclear fear of the Cold War to the youngest voters, who know less about WW II or the Cold War,” Brown added.

From July 27 – August 3, Quinnipiac University surveyed 2,409 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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45. As you may know, on Aug 6th and Aug 9th in 1945, the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War Two. Do you think the United States did the right thing or the wrong thing by dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	His
Right thing	61%	74%	49%	65%	72%	51%	66%	34%	44%
Wrong thing	22	13	29	23	17	27	18	36	43
DK/NA	16	13	22	12	11	22	15	30	13

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Right thing	50%	60%	73%	57%	67%	69%	47%	63%	69%
Wrong thing	32	23	13	25	22	20	37	24	13
DK/NA	18	17	14	19	11	11	16	13	18

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	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Jew
Right thing	62%	59%	72%	72%	69%	58%
Wrong thing	22	25	15	14	17	26
DK/NA	16	17	13	14	14	17