

HU/NNPA National Black Voter Poll: 90 percent of Black Voters Said They Would Cast Ballots for Clinton

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Nearly 90 percent of Black voters said they planned cast ballots for Hillary Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, according to the 2016 National Black Voter Poll conducted before the election.

National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) partnered with Howard University to produce the 2016 National Black Voter Poll, the first scientific poll of Black voters conducted during this election season.

“This is truly a historic occasion and we are in a celebrated moment that the largest and oldest Black trade association representing Black-owned newspapers joined with one of the most

prestigious historically Black colleges in Howard University to present the National Black Voter Poll,” said Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA.

An overwhelming majority of those surveyed (96 percent) said that they plan to vote in the upcoming election – dispelling the perception that Black voter turnout would decline, because President Barack Obama is not on the ballot.

When asked, “Do you think Donald Trump is a racist?” 84 percent of respondents said, “Yes.” The respondents were not asked if they thought Hillary Clinton was a racist or if they found her trustworthy.

Terri Adams-Fuller, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Scienc-

es at Howard University said that the results of the poll showed that African Americans are actively engaged in the political process and that they are aware of the issues that are important.

Eighty-seven percent of respondents said that high quality education was important to them. The economy and jobs (85 percent), race and racial justice (84 percent) and income inequality (82 percent) also helped to shape their decisions about political candidates.

William Spriggs, an economics pro-



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA, talks about the results of the 2016 HU/NNPA National Black Voter Poll during a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

fessor at Howard University and chief economist at AFL-CIO, said that, the

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Ten new stories told by Vanport survivors and others closely related to the era will be screened at The Hollywood Theatre on Sunday November 20 at 4:30 p.m. The stories focus on life in Vanport and the 1948 Memorial Day flood when a dike broke on the Columbia River. The rising waters completely destroyed Vanport, Oregon, the city built by industrialist and ship builder Henry J. Kaiser. Immediately following the screening there will be a discussion about possible plans for a Vanport memorial.

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