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Close Race for Governor in Connecticut

Raleigh, N.C. – There's been a huge movement in the Connecticut Governor's race over the last month and the race is now a toss up, with Republican Tom Foley inching ahead of Democrat Dan Malloy by a 49-47 margin after trailing 50-40 in early October.

A look inside the numbers makes it clear that attacks on Malloy, rather than an increase in voter affection toward Foley, are what has made this race so competitive in the final days. A month ago Foley's favorability rating was 41/40 and now it's almost identical at 41/38. Voters aren't really warming up to him. But Malloy's numbers have seen a precipitous drop. At the beginning of the month he posted a stellar 50/29 favorability spread and that's gone all the way down now to 39/40, a 22 point decline on the margin in just four weeks time.

Foley has built a dominant lead with independent voters at 58-33, even as they simultaneously split almost even with their Senate votes. A lot of indys in Connecticut are clearly planning to vote a Blumenthal/Foley ticket. Foley's also seen a large increase in his crossover support, now taking 20% of Democrats compared to only 12% a month ago.

While the Governor's race is now looking pretty interesting, the Senate contest is not. Richard Blumenthal leads by a 54-43 margin. Republicans probably could have been competitive in this race. Blumenthal's net favorability is a +10 at 50/40. Those numbers don't exactly scream invincibility and they represent a 30 point drop on the margin from when his favorability was +40 at the beginning of January. Republicans were *not*, however, going to be competitive with Linda McMahon as their nominee. 52% of voters view her dimly while only 37% see her in a positive light.

“The Senate race in Connecticut has drawn most of the national media attention over the course of 2010 but the contest for Governor is where the action is here in the final days of the campaign,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Tom Foley has made a furious comeback and it really could go either way at this point.”

PPP surveyed 759 likely Connecticut voters from October 27th to 29th. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.6%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Connecticut Survey Results

Q1 The candidates for US Senate are Democrat Richard Blumenthal and Republican Linda McMahon. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Richard Blumenthal..... 54%
Linda McMahon 43%
Undecided..... 3%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Richard Blumenthal?

Favorable 50% *Not sure* 10%
Unfavorable..... 40%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Linda McMahon?

Favorable 37% *Not sure* 12%
Unfavorable..... 52%

Q4 The candidates for Governor are Democrat Dan Malloy and Republican Tom Foley. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Dan Malloy..... 47%
Tom Foley..... 49%
Undecided..... 4%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Malloy?

Favorable 39% *Not sure* 22%
Unfavorable..... 40%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Foley?

Favorable 41% *Not sure* 21%
Unfavorable..... 38%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 46%
Disapprove..... 44%
Not sure 11%

Q8 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Jodi Rell's job performance?

Approve 55%
Disapprove..... 31%
Not sure 15%

Q9 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Chris Dodd's job performance?

Approve 36%
Disapprove..... 52%
Not sure 12%

Q10 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Joe Lieberman's job performance?

Approve 33%
Disapprove..... 54%
Not sure 13%

Q11 The candidates for Secretary of State are Democrat Denise Merrill and Republican Jerry Farrell. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Denise Merrill, press 1. If Jerry Farrell, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Merrill..... 46%
Farrell 44%
Undecided..... 10%

Q12 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 35%
Barack Obama..... 59%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%

Q13 Do you identify yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 21%
Moderate..... 52%
Conservative..... 28%





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

Woman 52%

Man..... 48%

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..... 27%

Independent/Other..... 31%

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

White 81%

African-American 12%

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..... 8%

30 to 45..... 28%

46 to 65..... 40%

Older than 65..... 24%

Q18 Have you already cast your ballot for this year's election?

Yes..... 7%

No..... 93%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Blumenthal/McMahon				
Richard Blumenthal	54%	13%	80%	39%
Linda McMahon	43%	84%	18%	50%
Undecided	3%	3%	2%	10%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Blumenthal Favorability				
Favorable	50%	16%	72%	34%
Unfavorable	40%	74%	19%	51%
Not sure	10%	10%	9%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
McMahon Favorability				
Favorable	37%	69%	16%	42%
Unfavorable	52%	19%	74%	36%
Not sure	12%	12%	10%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Malloy/Foley				
Dan Malloy	47%	10%	71%	35%
Tom Foley	49%	86%	25%	56%
Undecided	4%	4%	3%	10%





Crosstabs

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Malloy Favorability				
Favorable	39%	14%	55%	28%
Unfavorable	40%	64%	24%	51%
Not sure	22%	22%	22%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Foley Favorability				
Favorable	41%	67%	25%	41%
Unfavorable	38%	14%	53%	25%
Not sure	21%	18%	22%	34%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	8%	71%	17%
Disapprove	44%	88%	16%	53%
Not sure	11%	4%	13%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Reil Approval				
Approve	55%	72%	46%	45%
Disapprove	31%	19%	37%	34%
Not sure	15%	10%	17%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Dodd Approval				
Approve	36%	9%	53%	16%
Disapprove	52%	83%	32%	70%
Not sure	12%	8%	15%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Lieberman Approval				
Approve	33%	54%	22%	24%
Disapprove	54%	34%	65%	57%
Not sure	13%	12%	13%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Secretary of State				
Merrill	46%	13%	67%	31%
Farrell	44%	79%	22%	49%
Undecided	10%	8%	10%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Blumenthal/McMahon				
Richard Blumenthal	54%	80%	60%	23%
Linda McMahon	43%	17%	37%	75%
Undecided	3%	3%	4%	2%





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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Blumenthal Favorability				
Favorable	50%	70%	57%	21%
Unfavorable	40%	19%	34%	70%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McMahon Favorability				
Favorable	37%	17%	31%	62%
Unfavorable	52%	76%	56%	25%
Not sure	12%	8%	13%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Malloy/Foley				
Dan Malloy	47%	81%	52%	14%
Tom Foley	49%	16%	44%	82%
Undecided	4%	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Malloy Favorability				
Favorable	39%	60%	43%	14%
Unfavorable	40%	19%	35%	65%
Not sure	22%	21%	22%	21%





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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Foley Favorability				
Favorable	41%	21%	38%	62%
Unfavorable	38%	57%	41%	16%
Not sure	21%	22%	21%	22%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	80%	47%	14%
Disapprove	44%	13%	40%	77%
Not sure	11%	7%	13%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reil Approval				
Approve	55%	48%	56%	56%
Disapprove	31%	35%	30%	29%
Not sure	15%	17%	14%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Dodd Approval				
Approve	36%	60%	38%	11%
Disapprove	52%	26%	47%	83%
Not sure	12%	14%	15%	6%





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Lieberman Approval				
Approve	33%	17%	35%	44%
Disapprove	54%	70%	51%	45%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
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Secretary of State				
Merrill	46%	74%	51%	16%
Farrell	44%	14%	38%	77%
Undecided	10%	13%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blumenthal/McMahon			
Richard Blumenthal	54%	58%	49%
Linda McMahon	43%	40%	47%
Undecided	3%	2%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blumenthal Favorability			
Favorable	50%	56%	43%
Unfavorable	40%	35%	46%
Not sure	10%	8%	11%





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McMahon Favorability			
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		Woman	Man
Malloy/Foley			
Dan Malloy	47%	52%	43%
Tom Foley	49%	45%	52%
Undecided	4%	3%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy Favorability			
Favorable	39%	40%	37%
Unfavorable	40%	35%	44%
Not sure	22%	25%	18%

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		Woman	Man
Foley Favorability			
Favorable	41%	42%	40%
Unfavorable	38%	36%	40%
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		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	46%	47%	44%
Disapprove	44%	42%	45%
Not sure	11%	11%	10%

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		Woman	Man
Reil Approval			
Approve	55%	58%	52%
Disapprove	31%	27%	34%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%

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		Woman	Man
Dodd Approval			
Approve	36%	40%	31%
Disapprove	52%	44%	60%
Not sure	12%	16%	9%

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Lieberman Approval			
Approve	33%	34%	32%
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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Blumenthal/McMahon				
Richard Blumenthal	54%	83%	19%	46%
Linda McMahon	43%	16%	79%	48%
Undecided	3%	2%	2%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Blumenthal Favorability				
Favorable	50%	75%	19%	43%
Unfavorable	40%	15%	74%	46%
Not sure	10%	11%	7%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McMahon Favorability				
Favorable	37%	16%	68%	36%
Unfavorable	52%	75%	19%	49%
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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy/Foley				
Dan Malloy	47%	79%	16%	33%
Tom Foley	49%	20%	82%	58%
Undecided	4%	1%	2%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy Favorability				
Favorable	39%	58%	19%	30%
Unfavorable	40%	19%	66%	44%
Not sure	22%	22%	15%	26%

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Crosstabs

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		White	African-American	Other
Blumenthal/McMahon				
Richard Blumenthal	54%	50%	72%	61%
Linda McMahon	43%	47%	25%	36%
Undecided	3%	3%	3%	3%

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Disapprove	31%	29%	31%	46%
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Malloy/Foley			
Dan Malloy	47%	46%	48%
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Undecided	4%	9%	4%

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Malloy Favorability			
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