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Lieberman sees numbers collapse

Raleigh, N.C. – Joe Lieberman’s actions on the health care bill antagonized constituents both for and against it, and in the wake of that he finds his approval rating at just 25% with 67% of voters in the state disapproving of him.

Lieberman has hit a low point with Democrats usually reserved for Republican politicians, with 81% of them disapproving of him to just 14% happy with his performance. Republicans give him bad marks by a 48/39 margin and independents do so by a 61/32 spread.

It’s clear that his actions on the Senate health care bill have made a large contribution to his falling popularity. 68% of voters say they disagree with how he handled the issue to just 19% giving him support. Among people who support the health care bill 84% say they disapprove of Lieberman’s actions but even among those opposed to the initiative 52% say they disagree with how Lieberman handled himself.

“Joe Lieberman isn’t popular enough with the Democrats or the Republicans to receive their nomination for the Senate in 2012,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “And since the independents don’t like him much these days either it’s hard to see how he’ll be around for another term.”

Connecticut voters are pretty divided on the health care plan, with 47% supporting it and 43% opposed. Barack Obama’s approval rating in the state is 54%, with 38% of voters disapproving of him.

PPP will release new numbers on the Governor’s race tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 522 Connecticut voters on January 4th and 5th. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Connecticut Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 54%
Disapprove..... 38%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Support 47%
Oppose 43%
No Opinion..... 10%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Joe Lieberman's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 25%
Disapprove..... 67%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Lieberman's actions in relation to the health care bill? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 19%
Disapprove..... 68%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q5 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 36%
Obama 57%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 7%

Q6 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 25%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 31%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 46%
Republican..... 26%
Independent/Other..... 29%

Q9 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 7%
White 81%
African American 9%
Other..... 3%

Q10 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 8%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	54%	11%	86%	21%
Disapprove	38%	82%	7%	63%
Not Sure	8%	7%	7%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	47%	8%	75%	18%
Oppose	43%	88%	11%	67%
No Opinion	10%	4%	14%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Lieberman Approval				
Approve	25%	46%	11%	37%
Disapprove	67%	42%	83%	53%
Not Sure	8%	11%	6%	10%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Lieberman Health Care Approval				
Approve	19%	35%	9%	24%
Disapprove	68%	50%	80%	57%
Not Sure	13%	16%	11%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	54%	90%	58%	21%
Disapprove	38%	8%	32%	70%
Not Sure	8%	3%	10%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	47%	86%	47%	15%
Oppose	43%	7%	38%	79%
No Opinion	10%	7%	15%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lieberman Approval				
Approve	25%	10%	27%	36%
Disapprove	67%	87%	66%	51%
Not Sure	8%	3%	7%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lieberman Health Care Approval				
Approve	19%	8%	20%	27%
Disapprove	68%	84%	66%	57%
Not Sure	13%	9%	14%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	54%	61%	46%
Disapprove	38%	29%	48%
Not Sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care Plan			
Support	47%	51%	42%
Oppose	43%	36%	51%
No Opinion	10%	13%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lieberman Approval			
Approve	25%	22%	30%
Disapprove	67%	68%	65%
Not Sure	8%	11%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lieberman Health Care Approval			
Approve	19%	18%	21%
Disapprove	68%	64%	72%
Not Sure	13%	18%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	54%	81%	15%	47%
Disapprove	38%	10%	77%	47%
Not Sure	8%	9%	7%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	47%	73%	12%	38%
Oppose	43%	14%	83%	52%
No Opinion	10%	13%	5%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lieberman Approval				
Approve	25%	14%	39%	32%
Disapprove	67%	81%	48%	61%
Not Sure	8%	6%	13%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lieberman Health Care Approval				
Approve	19%	8%	26%	30%
Disapprove	68%	80%	55%	59%
Not Sure	13%	11%	19%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	54%	69%	49%	89%	50%
Disapprove	38%	19%	43%	5%	45%
Not Sure	8%	13%	8%	5%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	47%	69%	42%	74%	45%
Oppose	43%	25%	47%	16%	50%
No Opinion	10%	6%	11%	11%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Lieberman Approval					
Approve	25%	38%	27%	6%	25%
Disapprove	67%	56%	66%	83%	60%
Not Sure	8%	6%	8%	11%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Lieberman Health Care Approval					
Approve	19%	38%	18%	11%	25%
Disapprove	68%	44%	68%	79%	70%
Not Sure	13%	19%	13%	11%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	54%	71%	53%	53%	51%
Disapprove	38%	18%	43%	39%	37%
Not Sure	8%	11%	4%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	47%	57%	44%	48%	46%
Oppose	43%	30%	45%	42%	47%
No Opinion	10%	13%	11%	10%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lieberman Approval					
Approve	25%	34%	21%	26%	27%
Disapprove	67%	57%	69%	66%	69%
Not Sure	8%	9%	10%	9%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lieberman Health Care Approval					
Approve	19%	25%	16%	18%	23%
Disapprove	68%	70%	68%	68%	66%
Not Sure	13%	4%	16%	14%	11%

