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Murphy up 8 over McMahan, both set to win primaries

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP has not polled Connecticut in over a year, but the contest between the two almost certain U.S. Senate nominees has not budged an inch. Democrat Chris Murphy led Republican Linda McMahan by a 50-43 margin among registered voters last September. He now leads 50-42 among likely voters in this fall's election.

Murphy has the support of 82% of his party, which makes up a 41% plurality of the electorate. He sees only 10% of Democrats defect across the aisle, while pulling almost twice as much of the GOP vote. McMahan is only keeping it close because she has a 17-point lead (53-36) among the 30% of voters who claim to be independents, who are slightly more numerous than Republicans. In a sense, there is a reverse gender gap, with Murphy up 20 with McMahan's gender and McMahan up seven with Murphy's.

Murphy outdoes his Democratic primary opponent Susan Bysiewicz among both men and women. She would therefore lead McMahan by only three points (45-42) and trail the other Republican, Christopher Shays, by the same margin (40-43). Shays lags behind Murphy by nine (38-47).

With the primaries two weeks away, it is nearly impossible for anyone but Murphy and McMahan to emerge victorious. Shays has really hurt himself in recent weeks by refusing to endorse McMahan in the general election. His favorability spread among the base is down from an already paltry 36-29 last September to 37-40 now, and he trails McMahan by 48 points (68-20), a decline from a 35-point deficit (54-19) in a four-candidate field in the previous poll.

On the Democratic side, Murphy has a smaller lead of 17 points (49-32), but that is up from six (39-33) in a three-candidate slate last fall. Like Shays, Bysiewicz is disliked by her base after some false attacks on Murphy's record. Her favorability numbers are down from 38-30 to 36-38 since the last poll.

“With solid leads in both the primary and general Chris Murphy is likely to be the next Senator from Connecticut,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 771 likely Connecticut voters, including an oversample of 400 likely voters in each the Democratic and Republican primaries, from July 26th to 29th. The margin of error for the general electorate sample is +/-3.5%, and +/-4.9% for each the Democratic and GOP portions. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Connecticut Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Susan Bysiewicz?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 42%
Not sure 31%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Linda McMahon?

Favorable..... 42%
Unfavorable 48%
Not sure 11%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chris Murphy?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 31%
Not sure 30%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Christopher Shays?

Favorable..... 32%
Unfavorable 36%
Not sure 31%

Q5 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Susan Bysiewicz and Republican Linda McMahon, who would you vote for?

Susan Bysiewicz..... 45%
Linda McMahon 42%
Undecided..... 13%

Q6 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Chris Murphy and Republican Linda McMahon, who would you vote for?

Chris Murphy 50%
Linda McMahon 42%
Undecided..... 8%

Q7 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Susan Bysiewicz and Republican Christopher Shays, who would you vote for?

Susan Bysiewicz..... 40%
Christopher Shays 43%
Undecided..... 17%

Q8 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Chris Murphy and Republican Christopher Shays, who would you vote for?

Chris Murphy 47%
Christopher Shays 38%
Undecided..... 15%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 14%
Somewhat liberal 19%
Moderate..... 34%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 10%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q11 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..... 41%
Republican..... 28%
Independent/Other..... 30%





Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.
If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	10%
<i>White</i>	77%
<i>African-American</i>	7%
<i>Other</i>	6%

Q13 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	15%
<i>30 to 45</i>	24%
<i>46 to 65</i>	37%
<i>Older than 65</i>	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bysiewicz Favorability						
Favorable	27%	40%	27%	30%	19%	22%
Unfavorable	42%	28%	46%	39%	43%	59%
Not sure	31%	32%	27%	31%	38%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McMahon Favorability						
Favorable	42%	24%	12%	40%	60%	82%
Unfavorable	48%	69%	75%	49%	27%	13%
Not sure	11%	7%	13%	11%	13%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Murphy Favorability						
Favorable	38%	54%	63%	38%	23%	10%
Unfavorable	31%	18%	13%	30%	45%	55%
Not sure	30%	28%	25%	32%	32%	35%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shays Favorability						
Favorable	32%	32%	32%	35%	30%	27%
Unfavorable	36%	43%	29%	34%	37%	45%
Not sure	31%	25%	39%	30%	32%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bysiewicz/McMahon						
Susan Bysiewicz	45%	74%	77%	45%	18%	11%
Linda McMahon	42%	18%	9%	39%	70%	83%
Undecided	13%	8%	14%	16%	12%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Murphy/McMahon						
Chris Murphy	50%	76%	87%	50%	21%	14%
Linda McMahon	42%	21%	10%	38%	69%	85%
Undecided	8%	3%	3%	12%	10%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bysiewicz/Shays						
Susan Bysiewicz	40%	68%	63%	39%	21%	8%
Christopher Shays	43%	20%	19%	40%	63%	85%
Undecided	17%	12%	18%	22%	16%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Murphy/Shays						
Chris Murphy	47%	71%	80%	47%	22%	11%
Christopher Shays	38%	19%	11%	34%	58%	84%
Undecided	15%	10%	9%	20%	20%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bysiewicz Favorability			
Favorable	27%	30%	24%
Unfavorable	42%	36%	49%
Not sure	31%	34%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McMahon Favorability			
Favorable	42%	38%	46%
Unfavorable	48%	50%	44%
Not sure	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murphy Favorability			
Favorable	38%	42%	34%
Unfavorable	31%	23%	41%
Not sure	30%	35%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shays Favorability			
Favorable	32%	31%	34%
Unfavorable	36%	33%	40%
Not sure	31%	36%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bysiewicz/McMahon			
Susan Bysiewicz	45%	50%	38%
Linda McMahon	42%	37%	49%
Undecided	13%	13%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murphy/McMahon			
Chris Murphy	50%	57%	42%
Linda McMahon	42%	37%	49%
Undecided	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bysiewicz/Shays			
Susan Bysiewicz	40%	45%	34%
Christopher Shays	43%	36%	52%
Undecided	17%	19%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murphy/Shays			
Chris Murphy	47%	52%	41%
Christopher Shays	38%	32%	46%
Undecided	15%	16%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bysiewicz Favorability				
Favorable	27%	38%	16%	23%
Unfavorable	42%	36%	52%	40%
Not sure	31%	26%	32%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McMahon Favorability				
Favorable	42%	18%	67%	51%
Unfavorable	48%	71%	24%	38%
Not sure	11%	11%	9%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murphy Favorability				
Favorable	38%	56%	23%	30%
Unfavorable	31%	17%	44%	39%
Not sure	30%	27%	34%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shays Favorability				
Favorable	32%	36%	30%	30%
Unfavorable	36%	33%	42%	36%
Not sure	31%	31%	28%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bysiewicz/McMahon				
Susan Bysiewicz	45%	72%	18%	33%
Linda McMahon	42%	12%	76%	53%
Undecided	13%	16%	6%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murphy/McMahon				
Chris Murphy	50%	82%	19%	36%
Linda McMahon	42%	13%	74%	53%
Undecided	8%	5%	7%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bysiewicz/Shays				
Susan Bysiewicz	40%	62%	17%	31%
Christopher Shays	43%	23%	70%	45%
Undecided	17%	15%	13%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murphy/Shays				
Chris Murphy	47%	73%	19%	37%
Christopher Shays	38%	16%	67%	42%
Undecided	15%	11%	13%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bysiewicz Favorability					
Favorable	27%	33%	26%	36%	31%
Unfavorable	42%	41%	43%	39%	27%
Not sure	31%	26%	31%	26%	42%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
McMahon Favorability					
Favorable	42%	43%	43%	34%	32%
Unfavorable	48%	45%	47%	55%	51%
Not sure	11%	13%	10%	11%	17%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Murphy Favorability					
Favorable	38%	39%	38%	51%	36%
Unfavorable	31%	37%	32%	25%	17%
Not sure	30%	25%	30%	23%	48%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Shays Favorability					
Favorable	32%	35%	32%	31%	33%
Unfavorable	36%	46%	35%	47%	24%
Not sure	31%	20%	33%	22%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bysiewicz/McMahon					
Susan Bysiewicz	45%	58%	42%	63%	45%
Linda McMahon	42%	33%	47%	24%	20%
Undecided	13%	9%	11%	14%	35%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Murphy/McMahon					
Chris Murphy	50%	55%	47%	72%	54%
Linda McMahon	42%	37%	46%	25%	27%
Undecided	8%	8%	7%	3%	18%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bysiewicz/Shays					
Susan Bysiewicz	40%	53%	38%	58%	31%
Christopher Shays	43%	29%	47%	21%	34%
Undecided	17%	18%	15%	21%	35%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Murphy/Shays					
Chris Murphy	47%	47%	46%	63%	44%
Christopher Shays	38%	39%	40%	25%	28%
Undecided	15%	14%	14%	12%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bysiewicz Favorability					
Favorable	27%	29%	23%	29%	28%
Unfavorable	42%	37%	39%	46%	41%
Not sure	31%	34%	38%	25%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McMahon Favorability					
Favorable	42%	37%	50%	43%	35%
Unfavorable	48%	59%	39%	47%	50%
Not sure	11%	5%	11%	10%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Murphy Favorability					
Favorable	38%	44%	33%	38%	41%
Unfavorable	31%	27%	33%	33%	30%
Not sure	30%	29%	33%	29%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Shays Favorability					
Favorable	32%	32%	28%	30%	40%
Unfavorable	36%	34%	37%	39%	34%
Not sure	31%	34%	36%	31%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bysiewicz/McMahon					
Susan Bysiewicz	45%	59%	37%	44%	45%
Linda McMahon	42%	29%	52%	43%	40%
Undecided	13%	12%	11%	13%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Murphy/McMahon					
Chris Murphy	50%	63%	40%	51%	51%
Linda McMahon	42%	24%	52%	44%	40%
Undecided	8%	12%	8%	5%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bysiewicz/Shays					
Susan Bysiewicz	40%	46%	32%	42%	40%
Christopher Shays	43%	34%	49%	42%	45%
Undecided	17%	20%	19%	16%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Murphy/Shays					
Chris Murphy	47%	56%	40%	49%	45%
Christopher Shays	38%	32%	43%	37%	39%
Undecided	15%	12%	17%	14%	16%



Connecticut Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Linda McMahon?

Favorable..... 73%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 10%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Christopher Shays?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 40%
Not sure 23%

Q3 The Republican candidates for Senate are Linda McMahon and Christopher Shays. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Linda McMahon 68%
Christopher Shays 20%
Undecided..... 12%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 2%
Somewhat liberal 4%
Moderate..... 27%
Somewhat conservative..... 44%
Very conservative 23%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 45%
Man..... 55%

Q6 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 32%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 25%



Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McMahon Favorability						
Favorable	73%	85%	48%	65%	73%	86%
Unfavorable	17%	15%	23%	25%	16%	9%
Not sure	10%	-	29%	9%	11%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shays Favorability						
Favorable	37%	63%	52%	41%	32%	37%
Unfavorable	40%	26%	29%	38%	40%	48%
Not sure	23%	11%	19%	21%	28%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary						
Linda McMahon	68%	56%	47%	67%	66%	76%
Christopher Shays	20%	29%	31%	25%	19%	13%
Undecided	12%	15%	22%	7%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McMahon Favorability			
Favorable	73%	72%	74%
Unfavorable	17%	19%	16%
Not sure	10%	9%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shays Favorability			
Favorable	37%	30%	43%
Unfavorable	40%	39%	41%
Not sure	23%	31%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary			
Linda McMahon	68%	69%	67%
Christopher Shays	20%	20%	20%
Undecided	12%	11%	13%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McMahon Favorability				
Favorable	73%	79%	72%	67%
Unfavorable	17%	16%	17%	20%
Not sure	10%	5%	11%	13%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Shays Favorability				
Favorable	37%	31%	39%	42%
Unfavorable	40%	45%	40%	34%
Not sure	23%	24%	21%	24%



Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary				
Linda McMahon	68%	73%	67%	62%
Christopher Shays	20%	8%	24%	30%
Undecided	12%	19%	9%	8%



Connecticut Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Susan Bysiewicz?

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 38%
Not sure 26%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chris Murphy?

Favorable..... 60%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 23%

Q3 The Democratic candidates for Senate are Susan Bysiewicz and Chris Murphy. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Susan Bysiewicz..... 32%
Chris Murphy 49%
Undecided..... 18%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 23%
Somewhat liberal 33%
Moderate..... 32%
Somewhat conservative..... 8%
Very conservative 4%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 61%
Man..... 39%

Q6 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 9%
White 73%
African-American 10%
Other..... 8%

Q7 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 34%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bysiewicz Favorability						
Favorable	36%	45%	29%	39%	31%	29%
Unfavorable	38%	29%	44%	34%	42%	58%
Not sure	26%	25%	26%	26%	26%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Murphy Favorability						
Favorable	60%	57%	71%	60%	42%	26%
Unfavorable	17%	12%	10%	18%	39%	52%
Not sure	23%	31%	19%	23%	19%	22%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 Dem Sen Primary						
Susan Bysiewicz	32%	35%	31%	36%	25%	15%
Chris Murphy	49%	44%	54%	49%	40%	66%
Undecided	18%	21%	16%	15%	35%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bysiewicz Favorability			
Favorable	36%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	38%	33%	45%
Not sure	26%	30%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murphy Favorability			
Favorable	60%	61%	58%
Unfavorable	17%	11%	26%
Not sure	23%	28%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 Dem Sen Primary			
Susan Bysiewicz	32%	34%	30%
Chris Murphy	49%	44%	57%
Undecided	18%	22%	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bysiewicz Favorability					
Favorable	36%	48%	35%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	38%	27%	40%	41%	32%
Not sure	26%	26%	25%	23%	32%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Murphy Favorability					
Favorable	60%	49%	61%	59%	64%
Unfavorable	17%	22%	18%	16%	2%
Not sure	23%	29%	21%	24%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
2012 Dem Sen Primary					
Susan Bysiewicz	32%	38%	30%	53%	23%
Chris Murphy	49%	45%	54%	29%	36%
Undecided	18%	18%	16%	18%	41%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bysiewicz Favorability				
Favorable	36%	31%	41%	36%
Unfavorable	38%	43%	34%	37%
Not sure	26%	25%	25%	27%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Murphy Favorability				
Favorable	60%	57%	59%	67%
Unfavorable	17%	18%	18%	14%
Not sure	23%	25%	24%	19%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 Dem Sen Primary				
Susan Bysiewicz	32%	25%	36%	35%
Chris Murphy	49%	52%	47%	50%
Undecided	18%	22%	17%	15%

