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Malloy Sinks, Lieberman Rises in Connecticut

Raleigh, N.C.-- Much has happened in the 10 months since PPP last surveyed the Nutmeg state, but nothing that has drastically altered Connecticut voters' perception of their major politicians. Governor Dan Malloy's already ugly approval rating got a little uglier, sinking from -16 to -18, while freshman Senator Richard Blumenthal's rating has also taken a hit, dropping to +13 at 49% approving and 36% disapproving, from +18 in September.

Governor Malloy's numbers have actually improved somewhat with Democrats, who now approve of his performance by +19, compared to +12. However, his support among independents has withered significantly from an already underwhelming -19 net approval to -28. Malloy's reelection numbers have recovered some, from -11 when pitted against 2010 opponent Tom Foley to -7 now against an unnamed Republican. This movement can be entirely explained by an increase in undecideds due to the nameless challenger, however, and Malloy is clearly still in trouble.

Senator Joe Lieberman, on the other hand, has experienced a small bounce in his swan song on the way to retirement. His approval rating has rebounded from -9 to -2 since September, with 41% of voters now approving of his job performance and 43% disapproving. Curiously, this bump is fueled by increases in support from both very liberal (from -58 to -42) and very conservative voters (from -10 to +26). Independents have reversed their standing on Lieberman, now approving by a 5 point margin compared to a 19 point deficit 10 months ago.

Connecticut's opinion on gay marriage hasn't shifted much, with the margin for keeping it legal almost unchanged, but there are a few noteworthy related numbers. An outright majority, 51%, of voters now favor marriage over any alternative, including civil unions. Also, only 11% of voters now prefer no legal recognition of same sex unions.

Finally Geno Auriemma has the better public image of the state's two prominent basketball coaches. His favorability is 57/10, compared to just 35/20 for Jim Calhoun.

PPP surveyed 771 Connecticut voters from July 26th to 29th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.53%. 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 approve or disapprove of Governor Dan Malloy's job performance?

Approve33% Not sure16%
Disapprove.....51%

Q2 Generally speaking, if there was an election today, would you vote for Democrat Dan Malloy or his Republican opponent?

Dan Malloy.....39% Not sure16%
Republican
opponent.....46%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Joe Lieberman's job performance?

Approve41% Not sure17%
Disapprove.....43%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Richard Blumenthal's job performance?

Approve49% Not sure15%
Disapprove.....36%

Q5 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal.....55% Not sure12%
Illegal33%

Q6 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry.....51%	There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship11%
Gay couples should be able to form civil unions but not marry.....37%	Not sure 1%

Q7 Has the legalization of gay marriage in Connecticut had a positive or negative impact on your life, or has it not had any impact at all?

Positive impact.....16% No impact at all.....70%
Negative impact.....14% Not sure 0%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Calhoun?

Favorable..... 35%
Unfavorable 20%
Not sure 45%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Geno Auriemma?

Favorable..... 57%
Unfavorable 10%
Not sure 33%

Q10 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%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man.....46%

Q12 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%





Q13 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%

Q14 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
Malloy Approval						
Approve	33%	48%	57%	35%	16%	7%
Disapprove	51%	40%	23%	48%	67%	86%
Not sure	16%	13%	20%	17%	17%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Malloy or GOP Opponent?						
Dan Malloy	39%	66%	69%	39%	13%	8%
Republican opponent	46%	16%	15%	40%	75%	87%
Not sure	16%	18%	16%	21%	12%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Lieberman Approval						
Approve	41%	20%	28%	42%	55%	51%
Disapprove	43%	62%	56%	41%	31%	25%
Not sure	17%	18%	16%	17%	14%	24%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Blumenthal Approval						
Approve	49%	69%	71%	56%	28%	11%
Disapprove	36%	18%	13%	28%	56%	79%
Not sure	15%	13%	16%	17%	16%	10%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal						
Legal	55%	80%	87%	57%	26%	21%
Illegal	33%	18%	5%	30%	55%	69%
Not sure	12%	2%	8%	13%	19%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	51%	79%	86%	51%	21%	18%
Gay couples should be able to form civil unions but not marry	37%	13%	11%	38%	61%	56%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	11%	8%	1%	10%	17%	23%
Not sure	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Legal Gay Marriage: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life?						
Positive impact	16%	48%	19%	14%	2%	1%
Negative impact	14%	7%	4%	11%	25%	28%
No impact at all	70%	45%	76%	75%	73%	72%
Not sure	0%	-	0%	-	-	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Calhoun Favorability						
Favorable	35%	30%	40%	34%	37%	29%
Unfavorable	20%	27%	16%	20%	17%	24%
Not sure	45%	43%	44%	46%	46%	47%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Auriemma Favorability						
Favorable	57%	50%	59%	56%	57%	63%
Unfavorable	10%	14%	12%	11%	5%	11%
Not sure	33%	36%	30%	33%	37%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy Approval			
Approve	33%	34%	33%
Disapprove	51%	46%	55%
Not sure	16%	19%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy or GOP Opponent?			
Dan Malloy	39%	43%	34%
Republican opponent	46%	38%	54%
Not sure	16%	19%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lieberman Approval			
Approve	41%	38%	44%
Disapprove	43%	41%	45%
Not sure	17%	21%	11%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blumenthal Approval			
Approve	49%	58%	39%
Disapprove	36%	26%	47%
Not sure	15%	17%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	55%	60%	49%
Illegal	33%	28%	40%
Not sure	12%	12%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	51%	57%	45%
Gay couples should be able to form civil unions but not marry	37%	33%	41%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	11%	10%	12%
Not sure	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Legal Gay Marriage: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life?			
Positive impact	16%	17%	13%
Negative impact	14%	13%	15%
No impact at all	70%	69%	72%
Not sure	0%	0%	-





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Calhoun Favorability			
Favorable	35%	31%	38%
Unfavorable	20%	15%	26%
Not sure	45%	53%	36%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Auriemma Favorability			
Favorable	57%	51%	63%
Unfavorable	10%	9%	11%
Not sure	33%	40%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy Approval				
Approve	33%	52%	15%	25%
Disapprove	51%	33%	73%	53%
Not sure	16%	15%	12%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy or GOP Opponent?				
Dan Malloy	39%	63%	13%	29%
Republican opponent	46%	20%	80%	48%
Not sure	16%	17%	6%	23%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lieberman Approval				
Approve	41%	26%	56%	46%
Disapprove	43%	55%	26%	41%
Not sure	17%	19%	18%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Blumenthal Approval				
Approve	49%	69%	25%	45%
Disapprove	36%	16%	60%	40%
Not sure	15%	16%	15%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal				
Legal	55%	71%	31%	55%
Illegal	33%	18%	56%	34%
Not sure	12%	12%	13%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	51%	71%	24%	50%
Gay couples should be able to form civil unions but not marry	37%	20%	59%	39%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	11%	8%	17%	9%
Not sure	1%	2%	0%	2%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Legal Gay Marriage: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life?				
Positive impact	16%	25%	7%	10%
Negative impact	14%	10%	21%	14%
No impact at all	70%	65%	72%	76%
Not sure	0%	-	-	0%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Calhoun Favorability				
Favorable	35%	34%	36%	33%
Unfavorable	20%	19%	19%	24%
Not sure	45%	47%	45%	43%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Auriemma Favorability				
Favorable	57%	58%	55%	56%
Unfavorable	10%	10%	10%	10%
Not sure	33%	31%	35%	35%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Malloy Approval					
Approve	33%	39%	32%	38%	34%
Disapprove	51%	45%	51%	50%	52%
Not sure	16%	17%	16%	12%	14%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Malloy or GOP Opponent?					
Dan Malloy	39%	47%	36%	51%	40%
Republican opponent	46%	38%	48%	30%	39%
Not sure	16%	15%	15%	18%	21%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Lieberman Approval					
Approve	41%	38%	41%	33%	41%
Disapprove	43%	49%	41%	52%	40%
Not sure	17%	12%	17%	14%	19%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Blumenthal Approval					
Approve	49%	55%	47%	59%	57%
Disapprove	36%	36%	37%	34%	21%
Not sure	15%	9%	16%	6%	22%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal					
Legal	55%	59%	56%	41%	48%
Illegal	33%	30%	33%	51%	27%
Not sure	12%	11%	11%	8%	25%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	51%	61%	52%	39%	45%
Gay couples should be able to form civil unions but not marry	37%	30%	39%	24%	39%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	11%	6%	9%	35%	13%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Legal Gay Marriage: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life?					
Positive impact	16%	27%	13%	28%	13%
Negative impact	14%	15%	13%	16%	17%
No impact at all	70%	58%	73%	56%	68%
Not sure	0%	-	-	-	2%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Calhoun Favorability					
Favorable	35%	28%	36%	26%	44%
Unfavorable	20%	22%	19%	29%	20%
Not sure	45%	50%	45%	45%	37%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Auremma Favorability					
Favorable	57%	49%	58%	45%	60%
Unfavorable	10%	9%	9%	22%	11%
Not sure	33%	42%	32%	33%	30%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy Approval					
Approve	33%	34%	26%	36%	37%
Disapprove	51%	45%	61%	51%	44%
Not sure	16%	21%	13%	14%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy or GOP Opponent?					
Dan Malloy	39%	50%	28%	40%	41%
Republican opponent	46%	32%	60%	46%	41%
Not sure	16%	18%	12%	15%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lieberman Approval					
Approve	41%	32%	43%	44%	39%
Disapprove	43%	45%	41%	40%	46%
Not sure	17%	24%	16%	16%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blumenthal Approval					
Approve	49%	53%	46%	49%	51%
Disapprove	36%	24%	43%	37%	33%
Not sure	15%	24%	11%	14%	16%





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	Base	Age			
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Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal					
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There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	11%	11%	10%	9%	14%
Not sure	1%	-	-	2%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Legal Gay Marriage: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life?					
Positive impact	16%	38%	14%	12%	8%
Negative impact	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%
No impact at all	70%	49%	72%	74%	78%
Not sure	0%	-	-	-	0%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Calhoun Favorability					
Favorable	35%	41%	33%	32%	35%
Unfavorable	20%	24%	18%	22%	17%
Not sure	45%	35%	49%	45%	48%





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Auriemma Favorability					
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Unfavorable	10%	17%	9%	10%	8%
Not sure	33%	26%	47%	32%	26%

