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Malloy popularity plummets, Lieberman up with GOP

Raleigh, N.C. – Gov. Dan Malloy’s already negative job approval spread has only doubled since PPP last polled Connecticut six months ago. Then, shortly into his term, 39% approved and 47% disapproved. That has fallen to 36-52, making Malloy the third least popular governor on which PPP has polled this year, bested only by controversial Republicans John Kasich of Ohio and Rick Scott of Florida. He has actually gotten slightly more popular with independents, from 29-53 to 36-55. But his own Democrats have really soured on him, moving from an already weak 57-29 to only 49-37, accounting for essentially his entire decline. Republicans disapprove by an almost identical spread as in the previous poll, 16-72.

Malloy only narrowly won his office in the first place, beating Tom Foley by not much more than half a point. If voters got the chance to do it all over again, Foley would trounce Malloy, 52-41. Republicans stick with Foley by roughly the same amount as they voted for him, with only 13% of them going for his opponent. But 28% of Malloy’s party says they would cross the aisle, versus the 13% who actually did, according to exit polls. Independents go for Foley by slightly more as well, by 25 points versus 21.

About the only thing Malloy can hang his hat on is that 68% of voters approve of his handling of the recent Hurricane Irene, with 19% disapproving.

Though he is still *one of* the least popular senators, Joe Lieberman is no longer *the* least popular. Knowing he will soon be out of their hair, voters have apparently given him a reprieve. Now 39% approve and 48% disapprove of his job performance, up 20 points on the margin from 29-58 in March. Democrats (from 21-67 to 28-58) and independents (32-57 to 34-53) are coming around on him a little, but it is mostly his continued bucking of Democratic orthodoxy that is boosting his numbers—most of his improvement comes from a 32-point shift with Republicans, from 39-44 to 57-30. Lieberman’s new junior colleague, Richard Blumenthal, is far more popular, at 52-34.

PPP surveyed 592 Connecticut voters from September 22nd to 25th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.0%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Connecticut Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Daniel Malloy's job performance?

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

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Malloy's handling of Hurricane Irene?

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

Q3 If you could do last year's election for Governor over again, would you vote for Democrat Daniel Malloy or Republican Tom Foley?

Daniel Malloy 41%
Tom Foley 52%
Not sure 7%

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

Approve 52%
Disapprove..... 34%
Not sure 14%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Joe Lieberman's job performance?

Approve 39%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 14%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Larson?

Favorable..... 22%
Unfavorable 21%
Not sure 58%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Himes?

Favorable..... 18%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 66%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Courtney?

Favorable..... 26%
Unfavorable 27%
Not sure 47%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rosa DeLauro?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 34%
Not sure 28%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 10%
Somewhat liberal 26%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 11%

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

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

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 45%
Republican..... 31%
Independent/Other..... 24%





Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 80%
Other..... 20%

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.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Malloy Approval						
Approve	36%	51%	58%	39%	17%	6%
Disapprove	52%	25%	32%	47%	72%	91%
Not sure	12%	24%	9%	14%	11%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Malloy Irene Approval						
Approve	68%	84%	73%	71%	67%	40%
Disapprove	19%	11%	16%	18%	18%	40%
Not sure	13%	5%	12%	11%	16%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Malloy/Foley Re-do						
Daniel Malloy	41%	80%	68%	40%	14%	8%
Tom Foley	52%	17%	24%	49%	83%	88%
Not sure	7%	3%	8%	11%	3%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Blumenthal Approval						
Approve	52%	76%	77%	50%	32%	22%
Disapprove	34%	11%	11%	31%	53%	73%
Not sure	14%	13%	12%	19%	15%	5%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Lieberman Approval						
Approve	39%	14%	31%	39%	56%	40%
Disapprove	48%	72%	51%	51%	30%	50%
Not sure	14%	14%	18%	10%	14%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Larson Favorability						
Favorable	22%	31%	29%	23%	17%	7%
Unfavorable	21%	11%	9%	22%	29%	33%
Not sure	58%	58%	62%	55%	54%	60%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Himes Favorability						
Favorable	18%	21%	28%	18%	10%	6%
Unfavorable	17%	13%	6%	21%	19%	27%
Not sure	66%	66%	67%	61%	70%	67%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Courtney Favorability						
Favorable	26%	41%	29%	32%	21%	3%
Unfavorable	27%	13%	13%	26%	36%	52%
Not sure	47%	46%	59%	42%	43%	45%





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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
DeLauro Favorability						
Favorable	38%	51%	59%	40%	24%	6%
Unfavorable	34%	17%	9%	30%	52%	76%
Not sure	28%	32%	32%	29%	24%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy Approval			
Approve	36%	38%	33%
Disapprove	52%	48%	57%
Not sure	12%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy Irene Approval			
Approve	68%	71%	65%
Disapprove	19%	16%	23%
Not sure	13%	13%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy/Foley Re-do			
Daniel Malloy	41%	47%	34%
Tom Foley	52%	46%	59%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blumenthal Approval			
Approve	52%	61%	42%
Disapprove	34%	23%	47%
Not sure	14%	16%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lieberman Approval			
Approve	39%	34%	43%
Disapprove	48%	50%	46%
Not sure	14%	16%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Larson Favorability			
Favorable	22%	22%	22%
Unfavorable	21%	13%	29%
Not sure	58%	65%	49%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Himes Favorability			
Favorable	18%	20%	15%
Unfavorable	17%	11%	23%
Not sure	66%	69%	62%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Courtney Favorability			
Favorable	26%	25%	27%
Unfavorable	27%	20%	34%
Not sure	47%	55%	39%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
DeLauro Favorability			
Favorable	38%	46%	31%
Unfavorable	34%	26%	43%
Not sure	28%	28%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy Approval				
Approve	36%	49%	16%	36%
Disapprove	52%	37%	72%	55%
Not sure	12%	14%	11%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy Irene Approval				
Approve	68%	77%	61%	62%
Disapprove	19%	16%	20%	23%
Not sure	13%	7%	19%	15%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy/Foley Re-do				
Daniel Malloy	41%	65%	13%	33%
Tom Foley	52%	28%	82%	58%
Not sure	7%	6%	5%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Blumenthal Approval				
Approve	52%	74%	26%	45%
Disapprove	34%	17%	56%	38%
Not sure	14%	9%	18%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lieberman Approval				
Approve	39%	28%	57%	34%
Disapprove	48%	58%	30%	53%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Larson Favorability				
Favorable	22%	31%	9%	21%
Unfavorable	21%	11%	30%	26%
Not sure	58%	58%	60%	53%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Himes Favorability				
Favorable	18%	25%	12%	11%
Unfavorable	17%	11%	22%	20%
Not sure	66%	64%	66%	69%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Courtney Favorability				
Favorable	26%	35%	18%	19%
Unfavorable	27%	14%	36%	38%
Not sure	47%	51%	45%	44%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
DeLauro Favorability				
Favorable	38%	56%	16%	34%
Unfavorable	34%	16%	60%	34%
Not sure	28%	28%	24%	32%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Malloy Approval			
Approve	36%	36%	38%
Disapprove	52%	53%	48%
Not sure	12%	11%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Malloy Irene Approval			
Approve	68%	67%	73%
Disapprove	19%	18%	23%
Not sure	13%	15%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Malloy/Foley Re-do			
Daniel Malloy	41%	38%	53%
Tom Foley	52%	55%	43%
Not sure	7%	7%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Blumenthal Approval			
Approve	52%	49%	65%
Disapprove	34%	36%	28%
Not sure	14%	16%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Lieberman Approval			
Approve	39%	40%	33%
Disapprove	48%	46%	55%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Larson Favorability			
Favorable	22%	21%	25%
Unfavorable	21%	21%	20%
Not sure	58%	58%	55%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Himes Favorability			
Favorable	18%	17%	20%
Unfavorable	17%	18%	13%
Not sure	66%	65%	68%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Courtney Favorability			
Favorable	26%	28%	18%
Unfavorable	27%	26%	30%
Not sure	47%	46%	53%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
DeLauro Favorability			
Favorable	38%	37%	43%
Unfavorable	34%	36%	28%
Not sure	28%	27%	30%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy Approval					
Approve	36%	36%	31%	37%	39%
Disapprove	52%	51%	56%	54%	45%
Not sure	12%	13%	13%	9%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy Irene Approval					
Approve	68%	67%	64%	72%	66%
Disapprove	19%	24%	24%	15%	18%
Not sure	13%	9%	12%	13%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy/Foley Re-do					
Daniel Malloy	41%	52%	32%	41%	47%
Tom Foley	52%	43%	60%	54%	44%
Not sure	7%	5%	8%	5%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blumenthal Approval					
Approve	52%	60%	45%	51%	57%
Disapprove	34%	37%	33%	37%	27%
Not sure	14%	2%	22%	12%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lieberman Approval					
Approve	39%	23%	47%	37%	42%
Disapprove	48%	61%	38%	52%	43%
Not sure	14%	17%	16%	11%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Larson Favorability					
Favorable	22%	20%	8%	27%	29%
Unfavorable	21%	24%	20%	17%	26%
Not sure	58%	56%	73%	55%	45%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Himes Favorability					
Favorable	18%	14%	15%	19%	19%
Unfavorable	17%	16%	17%	15%	20%
Not sure	66%	70%	68%	65%	61%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Courtney Favorability					
Favorable	26%	18%	16%	27%	42%
Unfavorable	27%	35%	31%	23%	23%
Not sure	47%	48%	52%	50%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
DeLauro Favorability					
Favorable	38%	23%	30%	43%	48%
Unfavorable	34%	36%	35%	34%	31%
Not sure	28%	41%	35%	23%	20%

