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## **Malloy Favored Over Foley for CT Gov.**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – A Democrat has not been elected governor in the Nutmeg State since 1986, but in this Republican year, of all years, it looks like that trend will be broken. Despite outgoing Governor Jodi Rell’s popularity, her partymate Tom Foley lags Democrat Dan Malloy, 50-40, defying other recent polls of the race which have shown closer margins for Malloy.

Rell is tied for the fifth most popular of 31 governors PPP has polled this year, with a 51-37 job approval rating. All but nine are in negative territory. But Foley, with a tepid 41-40 favorability rating, cannot match her crossover support. Democrats, who make up a 41% plurality of the electorate, split on Rell, 44-44, but they are way down on Foley, 19-61. He is slightly more popular with Republicans, but they are an even smaller share of the electorate than independents, who give him a 44-30 mark to her 56-34. Malloy is very well liked, with a 50-29 favorability grade.

Unlike his party’s Senate nominee, Linda McMahon, Foley is winning independents in the horse race, but only by a 46-40 margin. His deficit comes from the prevalence of Democrats, 82% of whom are behind Malloy. Foley is holding together only 75% of the GOP because Malloy, as Richard Blumenthal in the Senate race, is getting more of the Republican vote, at 18%, than Foley is of Democrats, at 12%.

“Tom Foley would have to win over a lot of Democrats to be elected Governor of Connecticut and right now he’s not doing that,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Dan Malloy won the primary by a much larger than expected margin and since then he’s been successful at consolidating his party’s voters around his candidacy. Something big would have to happen in the final month for Malloy not to win this race.”

PPP surveyed 810 likely Connecticut voters from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.4%. 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](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

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



## Connecticut Survey Results

**Q1** The candidates for Governor are Democrat Dan Malloy and Republican Tom Foley. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

*Dan Malloy*..... 50%  
*Tom Foley*..... 40%  
*Undecided*..... 10%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Malloy?

*Favorable*..... 48%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 30%  
*Not sure* ..... 22%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Foley?

*Favorable*..... 41%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 19%

**Q4** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Jodi Rell's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 51%  
*Disapprove*..... 37%  
*Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q5** Who did you vote for President in 2008?

*John McCain*..... 39%  
*Barack Obama*..... 54%  
*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*..... 19%  
*Moderate*..... 49%  
*Conservative*..... 32%

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

*Woman* ..... 47%  
*Man*..... 53%

**Q8** 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*..... 31%

**Q9** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 77%  
*Other*..... 23%

**Q10** 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*..... 25%  
*46 to 65*..... 43%  
*Older than 65*..... 24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Malloy/Foley</b>				
<b>Dan Malloy</b>	51%	13%	81%	39%
<b>Tom Foley</b>	40%	77%	12%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	10%	8%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Malloy Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	50%	23%	71%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	54%	10%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	21%	23%	19%	33%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Foley Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	68%	20%	42%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	17%	58%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	15%	22%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Reil Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	53%	66%	44%	45%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	23%	46%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	10%	10%	21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Malloy/Foley</b>				
<b>Dan Malloy</b>	51%	88%	60%	16%
<b>Tom Foley</b>	40%	4%	32%	73%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	7%	9%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Malloy Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	50%	76%	58%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	5%	22%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	21%	19%	20%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Foley Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	12%	36%	64%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	67%	43%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	21%	21%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Reil Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	53%	35%	54%	62%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	50%	35%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	15%	10%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Malloy/Foley</b>			
<b>Dan Malloy</b>	51%	56%	46%
<b>Tom Foley</b>	40%	33%	47%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Malloy Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	50%	52%	47%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	25%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	21%	23%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Foley Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	36%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	43%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	21%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Reil Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	53%	55%	51%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	34%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	11%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Malloy/Foley</b>				
<b>Dan Malloy</b>	51%	82%	18%	40%
<b>Tom Foley</b>	40%	12%	75%	46%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	7%	8%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Malloy Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	50%	73%	26%	39%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	11%	52%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	21%	16%	21%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Foley Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	19%	68%	44%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	61%	20%	30%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	20%	12%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Reil Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	53%	44%	64%	56%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	44%	26%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	12%	10%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Malloy/Foley</b>			
<b>Dan Malloy</b>	51%	51%	54%
<b>Tom Foley</b>	40%	40%	32%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	9%	14%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Malloy Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	50%	50%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	29%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	21%	21%	25%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Foley Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	41%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	40%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	18%	29%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Reil Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	53%	54%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	36%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	11%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Malloy/Foley</b>					
<b>Dan Malloy</b>	51%	51%	44%	52%	53%
<b>Tom Foley</b>	40%	37%	47%	39%	38%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	12%	8%	9%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Malloy Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	50%	51%	42%	50%	52%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	19%	41%	26%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	21%	30%	17%	24%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Foley Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	46%	48%	41%	37%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	42%	39%	39%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	12%	13%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Reil Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	53%	40%	51%	50%	59%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	47%	35%	41%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	12%	13%	10%	12%

