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## **Lieberman in Serious Trouble for 2012**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Joe Lieberman managed to leave his old party in 2006 after losing the Democratic primary to liberal insurgent Ned Lamont and still comfortably win re-election as an independent in a three-way contest. But after endorsing John McCain over Barack Obama in 2008, Connecticut voters may finally have had enough. Two-thirds of those likely to cast their ballots this fall are looking forward to voting Lieberman out of office in the next election—including 70% of Democrats, 61% of Republicans, and 63% of independents—while only a quarter are committed to re-electing him. When stacked against 5<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Chris Murphy as the Democratic candidate and two different Republicans, Lieberman fails to get more than 20% of the vote in a three-way or a third against just Murphy.

Head-to-head, Murphy leads Lieberman, 47-33, winning independents 41-33, pulling 70% of Democrats, and holding Lieberman to 59% of Republicans. With Peter Schiff as the Republican nominee, Murphy gets 39% to Schiff's 25% and Lieberman's 19%. At 24%, Lieberman's GOP support is less than half of Schiff's, and Murphy still gets 14% of Republicans. Lieberman also earns only 18% of independents' votes, and Murphy tops Schiff, 32-28. Outgoing Governor Jodi Rell would be a stronger GOP choice than Schiff, closing the Murphy advantage to 37-29 and bringing Lieberman down to 17%. Rell wins slightly more of Democrats and Republicans than Schiff, and tops among unaffiliateds, 33-29-18 over Murphy and Lieberman.

With a 31-57 job approval rating, Lieberman is tied with Ohio's retiring George Voinovich for the fourth least popular of 60 senators PPP has polled in 2010. That said, he is up significantly from the 25-67 mark measured in January.

"Democrats, Republicans, and independents in Connecticut agree on one thing: they want Joe Lieberman replaced in the US Senate," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "His path to reelection, at least at this point a couple years away, looks extremely difficult."

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.



## Connecticut Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Chris Dodd's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 36%  
*Disapprove*..... 54%  
*Not sure* ..... 9%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Joe Lieberman's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 31%  
*Disapprove*..... 57%  
*Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q3** Generally speaking in 2012 will you vote to reelect Joe Lieberman or would you rather replace him with someone else?

*Vote to re-elect Lieberman*..... 24%  
*Vote to replace him*..... 66%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q4** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Independent Joe Lieberman, Democrat Chris Murphy, and Republican Peter Schiff who would you vote for?

*Joe Lieberman* ..... 19%  
*Chris Murphy* ..... 39%  
*Peter Schiff* ..... 25%  
*Undecided*..... 17%

**Q5** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Independent Joe Lieberman, Democrat Chris Murphy, and Republican Jodi Rell who would you vote for?

*Joe Lieberman* ..... 17%  
*Chris Murphy* ..... 37%  
*Jodi Rell*..... 29%  
*Undecided*..... 16%

**Q6** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were just Independent Joe Lieberman and Democrat Chris Murphy, who would you vote for?

*Joe Lieberman* ..... 33%  
*Chris Murphy* ..... 47%  
*Undecided*..... 20%

**Q7** If there was an election for Congress today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

*Democratic*..... 44%  
*Republican*..... 42%  
*Undecided*..... 14%

**Q8** Who did you vote for President in 2008?

*John McCain*..... 39%  
*Barack Obama*..... 54%  
*Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 7%

**Q9** If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 19%  
*Moderate*..... 49%  
*Conservative*..... 32%

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

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

**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*..... 31%

**Q12** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

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





**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> .....	8%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	25%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	43%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Dodd Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	36%	8%	58%	25%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	88%	29%	57%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	4%	12%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Lieberman Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	31%	46%	20%	27%
<b>Disapprove</b>	57%	41%	69%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	13%	10%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Lieberman Re-elect</b>				
<b>Vote to re-elect Lieberman</b>	24%	34%	17%	24%
<b>Vote to replace him</b>	66%	56%	74%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	10%	8%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Lieberman/Murphy/Schiff</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	19%	28%	13%	16%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	39%	9%	61%	32%
<b>Peter Schiff</b>	25%	48%	6%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	17%	15%	19%	12%





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	Base	2008 Vote		
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<b>Lieberman/Murphy/Rell</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	17%	23%	13%	14%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	37%	8%	59%	31%
<b>Jodi Rell</b>	29%	51%	13%	38%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	18%	15%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Lieberman/Murphy</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	33%	60%	15%	26%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	47%	15%	71%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	20%	25%	14%	34%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Generic Ballot</b>				
<b>Dem ocratic</b>	44%	4%	75%	31%
<b>Republican</b>	42%	84%	11%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	14%	12%	14%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Dodd Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	36%	73%	38%	11%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	21%	49%	82%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	6%	12%	7%





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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Lieberman Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	31%	19%	28%	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	57%	74%	60%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	7%	12%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Lieberman Re-elect</b>				
<b>Vote to re-elect     Lieberman</b>	24%	15%	24%	30%
<b>Vote to replace him</b>	66%	77%	66%	59%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	8%	9%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Lieberman/Murphy/ Schiff</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	19%	11%	19%	23%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	39%	68%	45%	12%
<b>Peter Schiff</b>	25%	4%	17%	50%
<b>Undecided</b>	17%	17%	18%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Lieberman/Murphy/ Reil</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	17%	11%	18%	19%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	37%	68%	43%	10%
<b>Jodi Reil</b>	29%	8%	24%	51%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	13%	14%	21%





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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Lieberman/Murphy</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	33%	12%	27%	56%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	47%	80%	55%	15%
<b>Undecided</b>	20%	8%	18%	29%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Generic Ballot</b>				
<b>Democratic</b>	44%	88%	50%	10%
<b>Republican</b>	42%	8%	31%	80%
<b>Undecided</b>	14%	4%	19%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Dodd Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	36%	41%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	48%	60%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Lieberman Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	31%	31%	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	57%	57%	58%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	12%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Lieberman Re-elect</b>			
Vote to re-elect Lieberman	24%	27%	22%
Vote to replace him	66%	62%	69%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Lieberman/Murphy-Schiff</b>			
Joe Lieberman	19%	22%	16%
Chris Murphy	39%	39%	38%
Peter Schiff	25%	20%	29%
Undecided	17%	19%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Lieberman/Murphy-Rell</b>			
Joe Lieberman	17%	16%	18%
Chris Murphy	37%	38%	37%
Jodi Rell	29%	27%	32%
Undecided	16%	19%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Lieberman/Murphy</b>			
Joe Lieberman	33%	31%	36%
Chris Murphy	47%	49%	45%
Undecided	20%	20%	19%







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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Generic Ballot</b>			
<b>Democratic</b>	<b>44%</b>	50%	39%
<b>Republican</b>	<b>42%</b>	34%	49%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>14%</b>	16%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Dodd Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>36%</b>	59%	13%	26%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>54%</b>	29%	81%	63%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	11%	6%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Lieberman Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>31%</b>	20%	46%	31%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>57%</b>	69%	41%	56%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	10%	13%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Lieberman Re-elect</b>				
<b>Vote to re-elect     Lieberman</b>	<b>24%</b>	19%	31%	25%
<b>Vote to replace him</b>	<b>66%</b>	72%	61%	63%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	8%	12%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Lieberman/Murphy-Schiff</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	19%	16%	24%	18%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	39%	61%	14%	32%
<b>Peter Schiff</b>	25%	6%	49%	28%
<b>Undecided</b>	17%	16%	13%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Lieberman/Murphy-Rell</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	17%	14%	22%	18%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	37%	62%	10%	29%
<b>Jodi Rell</b>	29%	12%	52%	33%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	13%	16%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Lieberman/Murphy</b>				
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	33%	17%	59%	33%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	47%	70%	20%	41%
<b>Undecided</b>	20%	13%	22%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Generic Ballot</b>				
<b>Democratic</b>	44%	80%	8%	29%
<b>Republican</b>	42%	12%	85%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	14%	8%	7%	27%





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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Dodd Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>36%</b>	36%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>54%</b>	57%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	7%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Lieberman Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>31%</b>	32%	25%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>57%</b>	57%	57%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	10%	18%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Lieberman Re-elect</b>			
<b>Vote to re-elect     Lieberman</b>	<b>24%</b>	25%	21%
<b>Vote to replace him</b>	<b>66%</b>	66%	67%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	12%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Lieberman/Murphy/ Schiff</b>			
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	<b>19%</b>	20%	17%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	<b>39%</b>	39%	38%
<b>Peter Schiff</b>	<b>25%</b>	26%	21%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>17%</b>	15%	24%





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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Lieberman/Murphy- Rell</b>			
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	17%	16%	19%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	37%	37%	38%
<b>Jodi Rell</b>	29%	31%	25%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	15%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Lieberman/Murphy</b>			
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	33%	34%	31%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	47%	47%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	20%	18%	24%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Generic Ballot</b>			
<b>Democratic</b>	44%	44%	46%
<b>Republican</b>	42%	44%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	14%	13%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Dodd Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	36%	53%	23%	39%	40%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	40%	65%	52%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	7%	12%	9%	8%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Lieberman Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	31%	20%	26%	33%	35%
<b>Disapprove</b>	57%	60%	58%	58%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	20%	16%	9%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Lieberman Re-elect</b>					
<b>Vote to re-elect Lieberman</b>	24%	13%	22%	27%	26%
<b>Vote to replace him</b>	66%	80%	68%	65%	61%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	7%	10%	9%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Lieberman/Murphy-Schiff</b>					
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	19%	13%	10%	21%	25%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	39%	60%	31%	40%	39%
<b>Peter Schiff</b>	25%	13%	37%	23%	20%
<b>Undecided</b>	17%	13%	22%	16%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Lieberman/Murphy-Reil</b>					
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	17%	27%	14%	16%	18%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	37%	40%	32%	41%	35%
<b>Jodi Reil</b>	29%	20%	36%	27%	31%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	13%	18%	16%	16%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Lieberman/Murphy</b>					
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>	<b>33%</b>	40%	33%	33%	33%
<b>Chris Murphy</b>	<b>47%</b>	47%	45%	49%	46%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>20%</b>	13%	22%	19%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Generic Ballot</b>					
<b>Democratic</b>	<b>44%</b>	47%	37%	45%	49%
<b>Republican</b>	<b>42%</b>	47%	49%	40%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>14%</b>	7%	14%	15%	14%

