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Democrats favored for Governor in CT.

Raleigh, N.C. – In the wake of Jodi Rell’s decision not to seek another term as Governor Democrats start out with the lead to reclaim the office for the first time since the 1980s.

Democrats Susan Bysiewicz, Ned Lamont, and Dan Malloy all lead prospective contests with Republican hopefuls Michael Fedele and Tom Foley. Bysiewicz appears to be the strongest of the candidates, holding leads of 25 and 22 points over Fedele and Foley respectively. Lamont and Malloy lead by more modest margins of 10-11 points against the GOP candidates.

The Republican contenders do have a lot of room to grow, as they have very low name recognition at this point. Despite his tenure as Lieutenant Governor 79% of Connecticut voters don’t know enough about Fedele to have formed an opinion about him. 76% say the same of Foley, and the numbers are likely to tighten as voters become more familiar with them.

Bysiewicz and Lamont are both known to slightly over half of the state’s voters, with the Secretary of State’s favorability breaking down 39/16 and the 2006 Democratic Senate nominee’s coming down at 29/28. They have similar numbers with Democrats, with 47% having a positive take on Bysiewicz and 46% seeing Lamont in a good light. Bysiewicz is a good deal more popular with Republicans and independents though.

“Democrats haven’t gotten a lot of good news across the country in the last few months but Connecticut is proving an exception,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Chris Dodd’s retirement made that seat safe again, and Jodi Rell’s has given the party a great chance to pick up the Governorship.”

PPP surveyed 522 Connecticut voters on January 4th and 5th. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. 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.

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

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Connecticut Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Jodi Rell's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 39%
Not Sure..... 12%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Susan Bysiewicz? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 16%
Not Sure..... 45%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michael Fedele? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 9%
Unfavorable 12%
Not Sure..... 79%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Foley? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 10%
Unfavorable 14%
Not Sure..... 76%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ned Lamont? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 28%
Not Sure..... 43%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Malloy? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 18%
Unfavorable 15%
Not Sure..... 68%

Q7 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Susan Bysiewicz and Republican Michael Fedele, who would you vote for? If Susan Bysiewicz, press 1. If Michael Fedele, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bysiewicz..... 50%
Fedele..... 25%
Undecided..... 25%

Q8 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Susan Bysiewicz and Republican Tom Foley, who would you vote for? If Susan Bysiewicz, press 1. If Tom Foley, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bysiewicz..... 48%
Foley..... 26%
Undecided..... 27%

Q9 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Ned Lamont and Republican Michael Fedele, who would you vote for? If Ned Lamont, press 1. If Michael Fedele, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Lamont..... 40%
Fedele..... 30%
Undecided..... 29%





Q10 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Ned Lamont and Republican Tom Foley, who would you vote for? If Ned Lamont, press 1. If Tom Foley, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Lamont..... 40%
Foley..... 29%
Undecided..... 30%

Q11 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Dan Malloy and Republican Michael Fedele, who would you vote for? If Dan Malloy, press 1. If Michael Fedele, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Malloy 37%
Fedele..... 26%
Undecided..... 36%

Q12 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Dan Malloy and Republican Tom Foley, who would you vote for? If Dan Malloy, press 1. If Tom Foley, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Malloy 37%
Foley..... 27%
Undecided..... 36%

Q13 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 36%
Obama..... 57%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 7%

Q14 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 25%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 31%

Q15 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q16 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 46%
Republican..... 26%
Independent/Other..... 29%

Q17 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 7%
White 81%
African American 9%
Other..... 3%

Q18 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 8%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Reil Approval				
Approve	49%	67%	38%	48%
Disapprove	39%	25%	47%	42%
Not Sure	12%	8%	15%	10%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Bysiewicz Favorability				
Favorable	39%	30%	46%	21%
Unfavorable	16%	27%	9%	18%
Not Sure	45%	43%	45%	61%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Fedele Favorability				
Favorable	9%	17%	5%	2%
Unfavorable	12%	9%	12%	20%
Not Sure	79%	74%	82%	78%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Foley Favorability				
Favorable	10%	15%	6%	12%
Unfavorable	14%	14%	13%	21%
Not Sure	76%	71%	81%	68%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Lamont Favorability				
Favorable	29%	11%	43%	12%
Unfavorable	28%	49%	12%	42%
Not Sure	43%	40%	45%	46%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Malloy Favorability				
Favorable	18%	16%	21%	7%
Unfavorable	15%	19%	10%	27%
Not Sure	68%	65%	69%	66%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Bysiewicz/Fedele				
Bysiewicz	50%	20%	72%	19%
Fedele	25%	56%	5%	31%
Undecided	25%	23%	23%	50%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Bysiewicz/Foley				
Bysiewicz	48%	18%	70%	16%
Foley	26%	59%	4%	33%
Undecided	27%	24%	26%	50%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Lamont/Fedele				
Lamont	40%	11%	64%	5%
Fedele	30%	65%	8%	41%
Undecided	29%	25%	29%	55%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Lamont/Foley				
Lamont	40%	10%	64%	5%
Foley	29%	63%	7%	38%
Undecided	30%	27%	29%	57%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Malloy/Fedele				
Malloy	37%	13%	57%	5%
Fedele	26%	56%	6%	33%
Undecided	36%	31%	36%	62%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Malloy/Foley				
Malloy	37%	10%	58%	5%
Foley	27%	60%	5%	33%
Undecided	36%	30%	37%	62%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reil Approval				
Approve	49%	40%	49%	56%
Disapprove	39%	44%	40%	34%
Not Sure	12%	16%	11%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bysiewicz Favorability				
Favorable	39%	52%	42%	23%
Unfavorable	16%	5%	16%	25%
Not Sure	45%	42%	42%	52%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Fedele Favorability				
Favorable	9%	9%	8%	12%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	12%	12%
Not Sure	79%	79%	81%	76%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Foley Favorability				
Favorable	10%	10%	8%	12%
Unfavorable	14%	13%	12%	17%
Not Sure	76%	78%	80%	71%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lamont Favorability				
Favorable	29%	60%	25%	10%
Unfavorable	28%	7%	30%	42%
Not Sure	43%	33%	45%	47%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Malloy Favorability				
Favorable	18%	30%	17%	9%
Unfavorable	15%	8%	14%	20%
Not Sure	68%	61%	69%	71%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bysiewicz/Fedele				
Bysiewicz	50%	81%	50%	24%
Fedele	25%	3%	19%	53%
Undecided	25%	16%	31%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bysiewicz/Foley				
Bysiewicz	48%	81%	49%	19%
Foley	26%	1%	19%	55%
Undecided	27%	17%	32%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lamont/Fedele				
Lamont	40%	83%	39%	9%
Fedele	30%	3%	25%	60%
Undecided	29%	14%	36%	31%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lamont/Foley				
Lamont	40%	83%	39%	8%
Foley	29%	1%	23%	60%
Undecided	30%	15%	38%	32%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Malloy/Fedele				
Malloy	37%	74%	36%	11%
Fedele	26%	5%	19%	53%
Undecided	36%	22%	45%	36%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Malloy/Foley				
Malloy	37%	76%	35%	7%
Foley	27%	3%	19%	58%
Undecided	36%	22%	45%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Reil Approval			
Approve	49%	43%	56%
Disapprove	39%	44%	34%
Not Sure	12%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bysiewicz Favorability			
Favorable	39%	41%	36%
Unfavorable	16%	15%	17%
Not Sure	45%	44%	47%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fedele Favorability			
Favorable	9%	8%	10%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	14%
Not Sure	79%	82%	76%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Foley Favorability			
Favorable	10%	7%	13%
Unfavorable	14%	9%	19%
Not Sure	76%	85%	68%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lamont Favorability			
Favorable	29%	28%	31%
Unfavorable	28%	22%	34%
Not Sure	43%	50%	35%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy Favorability			
Favorable	18%	17%	19%
Unfavorable	15%	12%	18%
Not Sure	68%	72%	63%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bysiewicz/Fedele			
Bysiewicz	50%	55%	44%
Fedele	25%	19%	32%
Undecided	25%	26%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bysiewicz/Foley			
Bysiewicz	48%	53%	42%
Foley	26%	18%	34%
Undecided	27%	29%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lamont/Fedele			
Lamont	40%	41%	40%
Fedele	30%	24%	38%
Undecided	29%	35%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lamont/Foley			
Lamont	40%	41%	40%
Foley	29%	23%	36%
Undecided	30%	36%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy/Fedele			
Malloy	37%	38%	37%
Fedele	26%	21%	32%
Undecided	36%	42%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Malloy/Foley			
Malloy	37%	38%	35%
Foley	27%	21%	34%
Undecided	36%	41%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Reil Approval				
Approve	49%	37%	65%	53%
Disapprove	39%	48%	25%	37%
Not Sure	12%	14%	10%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bysiewicz Favorability				
Favorable	39%	47%	25%	38%
Unfavorable	16%	8%	28%	19%
Not Sure	45%	45%	47%	43%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fedele Favorability				
Favorable	9%	6%	14%	10%
Unfavorable	12%	14%	9%	11%
Not Sure	79%	80%	77%	79%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Foley Favorability				
Favorable	10%	9%	10%	11%
Unfavorable	14%	11%	15%	16%
Not Sure	76%	80%	74%	73%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lamont Favorability				
Favorable	29%	46%	11%	19%
Unfavorable	28%	13%	49%	33%
Not Sure	43%	41%	40%	48%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy Favorability				
Favorable	18%	25%	10%	14%
Unfavorable	15%	11%	23%	13%
Not Sure	68%	64%	68%	73%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bysiewicz/Fedele				
Bysiewicz	50%	76%	18%	36%
Fedele	25%	5%	56%	30%
Undecided	25%	19%	26%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bysiewicz/Foley				
Bysiewicz	48%	73%	15%	36%
Foley	26%	5%	58%	30%
Undecided	27%	22%	27%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lamont/Fedele				
Lamont	40%	66%	7%	29%
Fedele	30%	8%	65%	35%
Undecided	29%	25%	28%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lamont/Foley				
Lamont	40%	67%	5%	29%
Foley	29%	6%	65%	35%
Undecided	30%	27%	30%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy/Fedele				
Malloy	37%	63%	6%	26%
Fedele	26%	6%	57%	31%
Undecided	36%	32%	36%	44%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy/Foley				
Malloy	37%	63%	4%	25%
Foley	27%	5%	61%	32%
Undecided	36%	33%	35%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Reil Approval					
Approve	49%	75%	50%	21%	50%
Disapprove	39%	13%	39%	58%	45%
Not Sure	12%	13%	11%	21%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Bysiewicz Favorability					
Favorable	39%	38%	39%	37%	37%
Unfavorable	16%	6%	18%	11%	16%
Not Sure	45%	56%	43%	53%	47%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Fedele Favorability					
Favorable	9%	13%	9%	5%	10%
Unfavorable	12%	6%	10%	26%	20%
Not Sure	79%	81%	80%	68%	70%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Foley Favorability					
Favorable	10%	13%	9%	11%	10%
Unfavorable	14%	13%	13%	16%	35%
Not Sure	76%	75%	78%	74%	55%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Lamont Favorability					
Favorable	29%	31%	30%	16%	35%
Unfavorable	28%	13%	30%	21%	30%
Not Sure	43%	56%	40%	63%	35%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Malloy Favorability					
Favorable	18%	25%	16%	26%	20%
Unfavorable	15%	13%	14%	21%	10%
Not Sure	68%	63%	70%	53%	70%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Bysiewicz/Fedele					
Bysiewicz	50%	50%	46%	79%	55%
Fedele	25%	6%	29%	5%	35%
Undecided	25%	44%	25%	16%	10%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Bysiewicz/Foley					
Bysiewicz	48%	44%	44%	79%	50%
Foley	26%	13%	28%	5%	40%
Undecided	27%	44%	27%	16%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Lamont/Fedele					
Lamont	40%	50%	38%	58%	40%
Fedele	30%	19%	33%	16%	35%
Undecided	29%	31%	29%	26%	25%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Lamont/Foley					
Lamont	40%	50%	37%	63%	40%
Foley	29%	19%	33%	5%	35%
Undecided	30%	31%	30%	32%	25%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Malloy/Fedele					
Malloy	37%	50%	33%	68%	40%
Fedele	26%	13%	29%	5%	40%
Undecided	36%	38%	38%	26%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Malloy/Foley					
Malloy	37%	44%	32%	68%	40%
Foley	27%	19%	30%	5%	35%
Undecided	36%	38%	38%	26%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Reil Approval					
Approve	49%	53%	42%	49%	56%
Disapprove	39%	37%	39%	43%	32%
Not Sure	12%	10%	19%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bysiewicz Favorability					
Favorable	39%	31%	38%	37%	46%
Unfavorable	16%	17%	18%	16%	13%
Not Sure	45%	52%	44%	47%	41%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fedele Favorability					
Favorable	9%	29%	6%	9%	7%
Unfavorable	12%	8%	10%	12%	15%
Not Sure	79%	63%	85%	79%	78%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Foley Favorability					
Favorable	10%	24%	5%	10%	11%
Unfavorable	14%	15%	12%	15%	14%
Not Sure	76%	61%	83%	76%	76%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lamont Favorability					
Favorable	29%	56%	24%	29%	27%
Unfavorable	28%	15%	29%	30%	26%
Not Sure	43%	29%	47%	41%	47%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy Favorability					
Favorable	18%	18%	18%	19%	17%
Unfavorable	15%	17%	11%	16%	14%
Not Sure	68%	65%	71%	65%	69%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bysiewicz/Fedele					
Bysiewicz	50%	57%	49%	47%	53%
Fedele	25%	17%	25%	26%	26%
Undecided	25%	26%	26%	26%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bysiewicz/Foley					
Bysiewicz	48%	57%	49%	45%	48%
Foley	26%	17%	25%	26%	27%
Undecided	27%	26%	26%	29%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lamont/Fedele					
Lamont	40%	57%	40%	39%	37%
Fedele	30%	21%	30%	32%	30%
Undecided	29%	21%	30%	28%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lamont/Foley					
Lamont	40%	60%	39%	38%	40%
Foley	29%	13%	29%	33%	27%
Undecided	30%	27%	31%	29%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy/Fedele					
Malloy	37%	55%	40%	34%	35%
Fedele	26%	11%	23%	31%	26%
Undecided	36%	34%	37%	35%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy/Foley					
Malloy	37%	55%	39%	33%	35%
Foley	27%	13%	26%	31%	26%
Undecided	36%	32%	35%	36%	39%

