



Polling Results

October 20, 2006 - Lieberman Opens 17-Point Lead In Connecticut, Quinnipiac University Poll Finds; Dem Challenger Gains Slightly On Rell

Candidate debates this week did not help the two principal challengers in the Connecticut Senate race, as Sen. Joseph Lieberman now holds a 52 - 35 percent likely voter lead over Democratic candidate Ned Lamont, with 6 percent for Republican Alan Schlesinger and 7 percent undecided, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 49 - 39 percent Sen. Lieberman lead over Lamont, with 5 percent for Schlesinger in a September 28 poll by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh- pe-ack) University.

In this latest survey, Lieberman leads Lamont 70 - 9 percent among likely Republican voters, with 18 percent for Schlesinger, and 58 - 32 - 5 percent among likely independent voters, while likely Democratic voters back Lamont 55 - 36 percent.

While 35 percent of Connecticut voters watched Monday's candidate debate, another 35 percent said they heard or read about the debate. Of those who watched the debate or read or heard about it, only 3 percent say they changed their mind about whom they would vote for as a result of the debate.

"Ned Lamont needed to score a knockout in the debates to catch Sen. Joseph Lieberman, but he apparently didn't lay a glove on him," said Quinnipiac University Poll Director Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D.

"Lamont's negatives are up and he has fallen farther behind in the matchup against Lieberman because of his drop among independent voters and men.

"Observers had speculated that Alan Schlesinger would benefit from the debate exposure and take Republican votes away from Lieberman," Dr. Schwartz added. "Instead, he took Republican votes away from Lamont."

Connecticut likely voters give Lieberman a 49 - 28 percent favorability rating, with 21 percent mixed.

Lamont gets a negative 29 - 36 percent favorability rating, with 21 percent mixed and 13 percent who haven't heard enough to form an opinion.

For Schlesinger, 65 percent don't know enough about him to form an opinion.

Among Lieberman supporters, 47 percent cite his experience as the main reason they are voting for him, with 9 percent citing his stand on the war in Iraq.

For Lamont supporters, 48 percent cite his position on Iraq as the main reason for their choice, with 15 percent each citing other issues or his political party.

Governor's Race

Republican incumbent Gov. Jodi Rell leads Democratic challenger John DeStefano 59 - 33 percent among likely voters, compared to 63 - 30 percent September 28. In this latest survey, 7 percent are undecided and 15 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

Gov. Rell even gets 32 percent of Democratic voters, to 59 percent for DeStefano. She also gets 91 percent of Republican voters and 68 percent of independent voters.

"Mayor DeStefano's debate performance and his subsequent ads attacking Gov. Rell for saying she couldn't think of her biggest mistake may have gotten the Democrat a bump, but nowhere near enough to overcome Rell's huge lead," Dr. Schwartz said.

From October 17 - 19, Quinnipiac University surveyed 881 Connecticut likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts public opinion surveys in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the 2006 election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were John DeStefano the Democrat and Jodi Rell the Republican for whom would you vote? (If undecided q1) As of today, do you lean more toward DeStefano or Rell? This table includes Leaners.

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
DeStefano	33%	4%	59%	25%	35%	32%
Rell	59	91	32	68	60	58
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	2	-	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	7	3	9	7	4	10

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
DeStefano	33	30	32
Rell	59	63	64
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-
DK/NA	7	6	4

1a. (If candidate choice q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY CHOOSING CAND Q1 CAND CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	JD	JR
Made up	85%	90%	82%
Might change	15	9	17
DK/NA	1	1	-

TREND: Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the Election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Made up	85	81	72
Might change	15	19	28
DK/NA	1	-	1

2. If the 2006 election for senator were being held today, and the candidates were Ned Lamont the Democrat, Alan Schlesinger the Republican, and Joseph Lieberman running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote? (If undecided q2) As of today, do you lean more toward Lamont, Schlesinger or Lieberman? This table includes Leaners.

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Lamont	35%	9%	55%	32%	32%	38%
Schlesinger	6	18	-	5	8	4
Lieberman	52	70	36	58	53	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	7	3	9	5	6	8

	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.....				
	01	02	03	04	05
Lamont	34%	35%	33%	28%	44%
Schlesinger	5	4	6	8	7
Lieberman	51	54	53	57	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	9	6	8	7	6

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Lamont	35	39	41
Schlesinger	6	5	4
Lieberman	52	49	53
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-
DK/NA	7	7	2

2a. (If candidate choice q2) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY CHOOSING CAND Q2 CAND CHOICE Q2		
	Tot	NL	JL
Made up	86%	89%	88%
Might change	13	10	12
DK/NA	-	1	-

TREND: Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Made up	86	83	72
Might change	13	17	28
DK/NA	-	-	-

3. (If Lieberman supporter) What is the main reason you support Lieberman? Is it because of A) his experience, B) his personal qualities, C) his stand on the war in Iraq, D) his stand on issues, other than the war in Iraq or E) Because of his political party?

	LIEBERMAN SUPPORTERS.....					
	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A) Experience	47%	36%	73%	44%	37%	59%
B) Personal qualities	16	20	7	21	20	12
C) Stand on Iraq	9	19	-	7	11	7
D) Issues, not Iraq	12	11	7	17	14	10

E) Political party	2	3	3	-	3	-
OTHER(VOL)	12	11	7	9	13	10
DK/NA	1	-	2	2	1	1

4. (If Lamont supporter) What is the main reason you support Lamont? Is it because of A)his experience, B)his personal qualities, C)his stand on the war in Iraq, D)his stand on issues, other than the war in Iraq or E) Because of his political party?

	LAMONT SUPPORTERS.....				
	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Tot	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A) Experience	1%	-	1%	1%	1%
B) Personal qualities	4	3	6	3	5
C) Stand on Iraq	48	52	48	45	50
D) Issues, not Iraq	15	16	10	19	11
E) Political party	15	17	13	15	16
OTHER(VOL)	17	11	21	16	17
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-

5. Is your opinion of Joseph Lieberman favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	49%	67%	36%	53%	52%	47%
Unfavorable	28	13	41	24	28	28
Mixed	21	19	21	22	19	23
Hvn't hrd enough	-	-	1	-	-	1
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Joseph Lieberman favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Favorable	49	51	46
Unfavorable	28	24	30
Mixed	21	22	23
Hvn't hrd enough	-	2	1
REFUSED	1	1	-

6. Is your opinion of Ned Lamont favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	29%	6%	51%	22%	29%	30%
Unfavorable	36	70	17	36	42	31
Mixed	21	12	20	27	19	22
Hvn't hrd enough	13	12	11	15	10	16
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	-	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Ned Lamont favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Favorable	29	31	25
Unfavorable	36	28	30
Mixed	21	23	19

Hvn't hrd enough	13	17	26
REFUSED	1	1	-

7. Is your opinion of Alan Schlesinger favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	8%	12%	4%	9%	12%	4%
Unfavorable	15	10	21	12	16	13
Mixed	11	15	9	10	13	9
Hvn't hrd enough	65	63	65	68	59	72
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	-	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Alan Schlesinger favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Favorable	8	3	3
Unfavorable	15	17	15
Mixed	11	10	11
Hvn't hrd enough	65	70	72
REFUSED	1	1	-

8. Did you watch any of the televised Senate debate on Monday between Ned Lamont, Joseph Lieberman and Alan Schlesinger?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes	35%	36%	33%	34%	39%	30%
No	65	64	67	65	60	70
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	1	-

9. (If "no" q8) Have you heard or read anything about the debate?

	LIKELY DID NOT SEE DEBATE Q8.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes	54%	55%	58%	52%	60%	49%
No	45	45	41	46	39	50
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1

COMBINED questions 8 & 9

8. Did you watch any of the televised Senate debate on Monday between Ned Lamont, Joseph Lieberman and Alan Schlesinger? 9. (If "no" q8) Have you heard or read anything about the debate?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Watched debate	35%	36%	33%	34%	39%	30%
Heard or read only	35	35	38	34	37	34
Did not see/hear/read	29	29	27	30	24	35
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1

10. (If "yes" q8 or q9) As a result of the senate debate, have you changed your vote from one senate candidate to another?

	WATCHED, HEARD, READ DEBATE.....					
	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom

Yes	3%	3%	1%	6%	4%	2%
No	96	96	99	92	94	97
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	2	1

12. Is your opinion of John DeStefano favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	32%	8%	50%	30%	32%	33%
Unfavorable	19	43	5	18	22	16
Mixed	25	24	23	29	23	27
Hvn't hrd enough	22	24	21	22	21	23
REFUSED	1	-	2	2	1	2

TREND: Is your opinion of John DeStefano favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Favorable	32	27	25
Unfavorable	19	13	14
Mixed	25	27	16
Hvn't hrd enough	22	32	45
REFUSED	1	2	1

13. Is your opinion of Jodi Rell favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about her?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	59%	82%	42%	63%	55%	62%
Unfavorable	12	4	22	6	15	8
Mixed	26	11	31	27	26	25
Hvn't hrd enough	3	3	4	3	3	3
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	-	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Jodi Rell favorable, unfavorable, mixed, or haven't you heard enough about her?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Favorable	59	67	62
Unfavorable	12	10	10
Mixed	26	18	21
Hvn't hrd enough	3	5	7
REFUSED	1	1	-

14. (If support DeStefano) What is the main reason you support DeStefano? Is it because of A) his experience, B) his personal qualities, C) his stand on issues, or D) Because of his political party?

	DESTEFANO SUPPORTERS.....				
	Tot	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A) Experience	11%	15%	4%	8%	14%
B) Personal qualities	4	3	4	6	1
C) Stand on issues	45	41	56	44	46
D) Political party	30	33	23	32	27
OTHER (VOL)	9	7	11	10	8

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15. (If support Rell) What is the main reason you support Rell? Is it because of A) her experience, B) her personal qualities, C) her stand on issues or D) Because of her political party?

	RELL SUPPORTERS.....					
	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A) Experience	24%	20%	22%	27%	24%	24%
B) Personal qualities	23	21	35	22	21	25
C) Stand on issues	34	33	29	35	31	36
D) Political party	8	19	5	3	13	4
OTHER (VOL)	9	6	8	11	9	9
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	2	2

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	28%	63%	5%	30%	31%	24%
Disapprove	67	30	92	64	64	69
DK/NA	6	8	3	6	5	6

	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.....				
	01	02	03	04	05
Approve	18%	30%	29%	29%	32%
Disapprove	75	67	64	66	61
DK/NA	7	3	7	5	8