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LOW DEM SUPPORT HURTS CONNECTICUT GOV MALLOY, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS SAY NO TO MORE CASINOS 4-1

Fresh from a bruising but victorious reelection battle, Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy has weak support from Democrats, women and young voters, leaving him with a negative 43 – 47 percent score, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 48 – 46 percent approval rating in a May 9 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

In today's poll, men disapprove 52 – 40 percent, while women are divided, with 45 percent approving and 43 percent disapproving. Disapproval is 78 – 17 percent among Republicans and 54 – 36 percent among independent voters, while Democrats approve 64 – 22 percent, an anemic score for same party approval.

While 50 percent of Connecticut voters are optimistic about the next four years with Malloy as governor, 44 percent are pessimistic.

“Gov. Dannel Malloy starts his second term in the hole. It is the first time he has been in negative territory since a June 2012 poll,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Director Douglas Schwartz, PhD.

“When a Democrat scores only 64 percent among Democrats and is under 50 percent among the base, women and young people, you know he is in trouble.”

“Half of Connecticut voters say they are optimistic about the next four years with Gov. Malloy. But 44 percent remain gloomy, probably because of the economy. About two thirds say the economy is in bad shape, and only about 1 in 5 says it's getting better.”

A total of 47 percent of voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in Connecticut, as 53 percent are “somewhat dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied.”

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In an open-ended question, allowing for any answer, 22 percent of Connecticut voters list the economy/jobs as the top priority for Gov. Malloy and the State Legislature, while 18 percent list taxes. The governor gets a negative 35 – 57 percent approval for the way he is handling the economy/jobs and a negative 29 – 64 percent for handling taxes.

Casinos, Marijuana, Assisted Suicide, Highway Tolls

Voters say 62 – 29 percent that the current legal gambling in Connecticut is good for the state. No party, gender or age group disagrees. But voters say 75 – 20 percent there should not be more casinos in Connecticut. Again, no party, gender or age group disagrees.

Voters oppose 59 – 36 percent a more limited proposal to allow the two Native American tribes which currently operate casinos in the state to open new smaller casinos near New York and Massachusetts. Only voters 18 to 34 years old support the idea, 54 – 46 percent.

Connecticut voters support 63 – 34 percent allowing adults to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use. Voters also support 67 – 28 percent reducing the penalties of small amounts of illegal drugs for personal use from a felony to a misdemeanor.

By an overwhelming 82 – 15 percent margin, voters support elimination of mandatory minimum sentences for possession of small amounts of illegal drugs, and allowing judges to decide sentences on a case by case basis.

Voters support 63 – 31 percent allowing doctors to legally prescribe lethal drugs to help terminally ill patients end their own lives. All party, age and gender groups support the idea, including voters over 55 years old, who support it 59 – 34 percent.

Voters oppose 61 – 36 percent putting tolls on state highways, with opposition from all party, age and gender groups.

But voters support tolls 59 – 40 percent if the money is used to repair the state's roads and bridges. There is little difference among Democrats, Republicans and independent voters.

“Voters think gambling in Connecticut is good for the state, but they don't want more casinos. Three quarters oppose more casinos in general and nearly 60 percent oppose specific legislation to allow two Native-American tribes to open new smaller casinos,” Dr. Schwartz said.

From March 6 – 9, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,235 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

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

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18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	43%	17%	64%	36%	40%	45%	48%	43%	42%
Disapprove	47	78	22	54	52	43	42	48	48
DK/NA	10	5	14	10	9	11	10	9	10

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling his job as Governor? (* High also 48% Mar 2014, Mar 12 2013)

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						May 09 2014*	Mar 09 2011
Approve	43	48	48	47	48	48	35
Disapprove	47	46	45	47	39	46	40
DK/NA	10	7	7	6	13	7	25

19. Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Dannel Malloy as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Optimistic	50%	21%	74%	44%	45%	55%	60%	51%	47%
Pessimistic	44	73	19	51	50	39	37	43	47
DK/NA	6	6	7	5	5	7	3	6	6

TREND: Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Dannel Malloy as Governor?

	Mar 11 2015	Mar 09 2011
Optimistic	50	55
Pessimistic	44	39
DK/NA	6	6

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	39%	26%	55%	34%	37%	41%	52%	40%	35%
Disapprove	46	61	27	54	52	41	40	47	48
DK/NA	15	13	18	12	11	18	7	14	17

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Jun 03 2004	Sep 15 2011
Approve	39	35	35	33	38	48	27
Disapprove	46	41	50	54	47	33	57
DK/NA	15	23	15	12	15	19	16

25. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Connecticut today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Very satisfied	5%	3%	9%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Smwht satisfied	42	17	62	36	41	42	51	43	39
Smwht dissatisfied	29	37	20	34	29	29	27	29	30
Very dissatisfied	24	41	8	27	25	23	17	23	26
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Connecticut today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Oct 21 1998	Low Sep 15 2011
Very satisfied	5	4	4	4	4	21	2
Smwht satisfied	42	40	37	37	36	62	27
Smwht dissatisfied	29	28	31	28	31	14	39
Very dissatisfied	24	28	28	30	28	3	32
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	-	-	1

26. What do you think should be the top priority for Governor Malloy and the State Legislature in 2015?

	Tot
Economy (General)	5%
Jobs/Unemployment	15
Business friendly climate	2
Wages/Minimum Wage	1
Class inequality	1
Budget (General)	9
Government spending	4
Budget deficit	1
Taxes (General)	16
Property taxes	1
Taxes (Other)	1
Education (General)	8
Funding/Spending education	2
Education (Other)	2
Gun Issues/Policy/Control	2
Healthcare	2
Social Services	2
Elderly Issues	1
Immigration Issues	1
Roads/Traffic/Infrastructure	5
Lack/Quality of Public Trans	2
Environment	1
Caring about people	1
Honesty/Trustworthiness	1
Other	6
DK/NA	8

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling - the budget?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	27%	10%	45%	21%	28%	27%	30%	28%	26%
Disapprove	62	85	40	70	63	62	59	60	65
DK/NA	11	6	15	9	9	12	12	12	9

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling the budget?

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Mar 06 2014	Low Mar 11 2015
Approve	27	35	37	35	33	37	27
Disapprove	62	53	53	55	57	53	62
DK/NA	11	11	10	10	10	10	11

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling - transportation?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	45%	27%	57%	42%	43%	46%	52%	46%	42%
Disapprove	40	62	27	43	44	37	35	38	44
DK/NA	15	11	16	15	12	17	13	15	15

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling - taxes?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	29%	11%	45%	24%	31%	28%	36%	32%	25%
Disapprove	64	85	45	70	64	64	58	61	68
DK/NA	7	3	10	6	6	8	6	7	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling taxes?

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	Apr 25 2012
						Approve
Disapprove	64	61	63	63	61	64
DK/NA	7	6	8	8	10	11

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling - the economy and jobs?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	35%	13%	53%	31%	35%	34%	38%	38%	32%
Disapprove	57	82	37	62	58	56	58	53	59
DK/NA	8	5	10	7	7	9	3	9	9

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling the economy and jobs? (* the economy)

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013*	Mar 12 2013*	Apr 25 2012*
Approve	35	38	33	35	35	31
Disapprove	57	55	60	57	56	56
DK/NA	8	7	7	8	9	13

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling - crime?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	55%	40%	64%	53%	55%	55%	50%	59%	55%
Disapprove	25	41	17	27	27	24	35	25	23
DK/NA	19	19	19	20	18	21	16	16	22

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling - this winter's snowstorms?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	85%	73%	88%	89%	86%	84%	77%	88%	86%
Disapprove	10	17	9	7	9	11	20	9	8
DK/NA	5	9	3	4	6	5	3	3	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling this winter's snowstorms?

	Mar 11 2015	Mar 06 2014
Approve	85	86
Disapprove	10	10
DK/NA	5	5

33. Would you describe the state of Connecticut's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Excellent	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Good	34	15	51	28	36	32	43	37	29
Not so good	43	50	35	49	43	44	41	41	47
Poor	21	34	10	21	20	22	13	20	22
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	2	2	-	1

TREND: Would you describe the state of Connecticut's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013	Apr 25 2012	EXCLNT+GOOD...	
						High Dec 20 2001	Low Feb 10 2009
Excellent	1	1	-	1	-	3	-
Good	34	30	24	23	19	51	6
Not so good	43	40	45	41	51	38	53
Poor	21	29	28	34	28	7	39
DK/NA	1	1	2	2	1	1	1

34. Do you think Connecticut's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Better	22%	7%	35%	20%	25%	19%	24%	25%	20%
Worse	25	37	12	27	24	26	22	22	27
The same	51	56	50	51	50	53	53	52	52
DK/NA	2	-	2	1	1	2	1	1	1

TREND: Do you think Connecticut's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same? (*the state's economy)

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 06 2014	Jun 19 2013	Aug 01 2002*	Feb 22 2001
Better	22	21	16	20	12	16
Worse	25	27	30	31	34	22
The same	51	50	52	48	52	60
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	3

35. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Better off	38%	25%	49%	36%	42%	34%	54%	46%	27%
Worse off	36	47	24	40	33	39	31	30	43
SAME (VOL)	24	25	24	24	23	25	14	24	28
DK/NA	1	2	2	-	2	1	2	-	1

TREND: Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Mar 11 2015	Apr 25 2012	Jun 15 2011	Jul 23 2009	Feb 11 2009	BETTER OFF....	
						High Nov 24 2004	Low Feb 11 2009
Better off	38	31	32	20	18	40	18
Worse off	36	41	45	56	60	32	60
SAME (VOL)	24	27	22	23	21	26	21
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

36. Do you think Dannel Malloy's economic policies have helped - the state's economy, hurt the state's economy, or haven't made a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Helped	20%	4%	35%	14%	21%	19%	25%	21%	18%
Hurt	28	57	8	30	31	25	26	24	30
No difference	44	37	45	48	42	47	39	47	46
DK/NA	7	2	11	7	6	9	9	8	6

37. Do you think Dannel Malloy's economic policies have helped - your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Helped	6%	-	11%	4%	7%	5%	11%	6%	5%
Hurt	29	50	12	32	28	29	19	29	32
No difference	63	49	73	62	64	63	68	63	62
DK/NA	2	-	4	1	1	3	3	1	2

TREND: Do you think Dannel Malloy's economic policies have helped your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

	Mar 11 2015	Mar 06 2014
Helped	6	6
Hurt	29	36
No difference	63	57
DK/NA	2	1

38. Would you say that Dannel Malloy - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	58%	34%	76%	54%	54%	61%	64%	58%	56%
No	36	59	18	41	38	35	30	36	39
DK/NA	6	7	6	5	7	4	6	6	4

TREND: Would you say that Dannel Malloy has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Yes	58	59	60	57
No	36	36	35	38
DK/NA	6	5	5	5

39. Would you say that Dannel Malloy - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	52%	34%	69%	46%	50%	54%	49%	46%	59%
No	38	55	20	44	40	36	39	43	33
DK/NA	10	10	11	9	10	11	12	11	8

TREND: Would you say that Dannel Malloy is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Yes	52	57	59	57
No	38	33	33	33
DK/NA	10	10	9	10

40. Would you say that Dannel Malloy - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	47%	26%	69%	40%	45%	48%	49%	46%	47%
No	47	67	24	54	48	45	43	47	47
DK/NA	7	7	7	6	7	6	8	6	6

TREND: Would you say that Dannel Malloy cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Mar 11 2015	May 09 2014	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Yes	47	49	50	47
No	47	45	45	47
DK/NA	7	6	5	6

41. Do you think the current legal gambling in Connecticut is a good thing or a bad thing for Connecticut? (* Subgroup too small for reliable analysis)

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Good thing	62%	58%	59%	67%	65%	60%	72%	68%	56%
Bad thing	29	35	31	25	28	29	20	25	35
DK/NA	9	7	10	8	7	11	8	8	9

	COUNTY.....						VISITED CT CASINO IN PAST YEAR Q47	
	Farfld	Hrtfrd	Lchfld	NewHvn	NewLondon	Tolland	Yes	No
Good thing	67%	61%	*	64%	57%		76%	51%
Bad thing	23	33		26	32		19	36
DK/NA	10	7		10	11		5	13

48. (Intro Q48-49: Do you support or oppose the following proposals:) Reducing the criminal penalties for possession of small amounts of illegal drugs for personal use from a felony to a misdemeanor? Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	67%	60%	70%	69%	72%	63%	67%	69%	67%
Oppose	28	38	24	27	24	31	29	27	28
DK/NA	5	2	6	4	4	6	4	4	5

49. (Intro at Q48) And how about eliminating mandatory minimum sentences for possession of small amounts of illegal drugs for personal use, allowing judges to decide sentences based on the circumstances of the case? Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	82%	81%	83%	85%	85%	80%	80%	83%	84%
Oppose	15	18	15	13	13	17	20	15	14
DK/NA	3	1	2	2	2	4	-	2	2

50. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Connecticut to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	63%	46%	70%	65%	71%	55%	63%	68%	58%
Oppose	34	53	27	31	27	40	35	30	38
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	2	5	1	3	4

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Connecticut to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Mar 11 2015	May 12 2014
Support	63	52
Oppose	34	45
DK/NA	3	3

51. If marijuana were legalized for recreational use in Connecticut would you definitely use it, probably use it, probably not use it, or definitely not use it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Definitely use	5%	3%	8%	4%	7%	4%	14%	5%	3%
Probably use	9	6	12	8	13	5	10	11	8
Probably not use	19	16	19	21	19	19	31	20	16
Definitely not use	65	75	59	65	59	70	45	62	73
DK/NA	2	-	2	1	1	2	-	3	1

52. Do you support or oppose putting tolls on state highways in Connecticut?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	36%	31%	41%	35%	35%	36%	23%	42%	36%
Oppose	61	67	54	62	61	61	76	55	60
DK/NA	4	2	4	3	4	4	2	3	4

TREND: Do you support or oppose putting tolls on state highways in Connecticut?

	Mar 11 2015	Mar 12 2013	Mar 18 2010	Mar 10 2009
Support	36	39	40	35
Oppose	61	58	56	61
DK/NA	4	3	3	3

53. Would you support or oppose putting tolls on state highways in Connecticut if the money were used for repairs to the state's roads and bridges?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	59%	58%	62%	57%	58%	60%	66%	56%	60%
Oppose	40	41	36	41	41	38	34	42	38
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	1	1

TREND: Would you support or oppose putting tolls on state highways in Connecticut if the money were used for repairs to the state's roads and bridges?

	Mar 11 2015	Mar 12 2013
Support	59	57
Oppose	40	40
DK/NA	1	2

54. Do you support or oppose allowing doctors to legally prescribe lethal drugs to help terminally ill patients end their own lives?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Support	63%	50%	68%	65%	65%	62%	58%	72%	59%
Oppose	31	45	25	30	29	32	37	23	34
DK/NA	6	5	8	5	6	6	4	5	6

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing doctors to legally prescribe lethal drugs to help terminally ill patients end their own lives?

	Mar 11 2015	Mar 06 2014
Support	63	61
Oppose	31	32
DK/NA	6	7