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CONNECTICUT GOV HITS NEW HIGH IN MIDST OF GUN DEBATE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS BACK TOLLS TO REPAIR ROADS, REDUCE GAS TAX

As the gun-control debate flashes in the State Legislature, Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy wins an overall 48 – 39 percent job approval rating from voters, his highest ever, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to Gov. Malloy’s split 43 – 43 percent approval in a March 6 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

In today’s results, Democrats approve 72 – 15 percent, while disapproval is 69 – 21 percent among Republicans and 45 – 41 percent among independent voters. Women approve 51 – 33 percent while men are divided 45 – 46 percent.

Connecticut voters approve 48 – 39 percent approve of the governor’s handling of gun policy. They also approve 76 – 17 percent of Malloy’s response to the Newtown shootings and 80 – 14 percent of his response to the February blizzard. This comes on top of a 78 – 16 percent approval for his response to Hurricane Sandy.

Malloy is a strong leader in a crisis, voters say 67 – 27 percent. Voter approval on his handling of other issues is mixed:

- 57 – 33 percent disapprove of his handling of the state budget;
- 45 – 39 percent approve of his handling of education;
- 61 – 29 percent disapprove of his handling of taxes;
- 56 – 35 percent disapprove of his handling of the economy.

“Connecticut voters say Gov. Dannel Malloy is a good man to have in a crisis and give him very high grades for his response to recent crises in the state,” said Douglas Schwartz, PhD, director of the Quinnipiac University poll. “On the day-to-day issues of governing, such as budget, taxes and the economy, he gets failing grades.”

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Only 42 percent of Connecticut voters say Gov. Malloy deserves to be reelected, while 45 percent say he does not deserve four more years.

Democrats in the State Legislature get mixed grades, with 44 percent of voters approving and 46 percent disapproving. Republicans get a negative 32 – 55 percent grade from voters.

Highway Tolls

Connecticut voters oppose 58 – 39 percent putting tolls on highways in the state. But voters support tolls 57 – 40 percent if toll proceeds are used to repair the state’s roads and bridges. Additionally, voters support tolls 53 – 44 percent if proceeds are used to reduce the state gas tax.

Voters are divided 44 – 45 percent in whether they support or oppose eliminating the local car tax. They oppose eliminating the tax 77 – 18 percent if that leads to higher property taxes.

Voters oppose 65 – 31 percent allowing illegal immigrants to get drivers’ licenses.

Gun-Control

Voters support 66 – 29 percent stricter gun-control laws in Connecticut, with 70 – 27 percent support for a statewide ban on ammunition magazines with more than 10 rounds and 71 – 26 percent support for expanding the statewide ban on the sale of assault weapons.

Republicans and Democrats in the State Legislature will not be able to work together to reduce gun violence in the state, voters say 53 – 41 percent.

By a 49 – 27 percent margin, voters trust Democrats more than Republicans on gun policy, but they still are divided 48 – 47 percent on whether the governor and the State Legislature will be able to get something done to reduce gun violence this year.

“Connecticut voters by wide margins want action on gun-control, but they have less confidence that the State Legislature will deliver on this issue,” Dr. Schwartz said. “Voters trust Democrats more than Republicans on gun-control and overall they dislike Democrats less than they dislike Republicans.”

From March 7 – 10, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,144 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

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

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	48%	21%	72%	41%	45%	51%
Disapprove	39	69	15	45	46	33
DK/NA	13	10	13	13	9	17

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

	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013	Aug 28 2012	Jun 06 2012	APPROVE.....	
					High Mar 12 2013	Low Mar 09 2011
Approve	48	43	43	44	48	35
Disapprove	39	43	43	47	39	40
DK/NA	13	15	14	9	13	25

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	38%	21%	57%	32%	33%	42%
Disapprove	47	67	26	56	56	40
DK/NA	15	12	17	12	11	18

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

	Mar 12 2013	Jun 06 2012	Apr 25 2012	Mar 21 2012	Sep 15 2011	APPROVE.....	
						High Jun 03 2004	Low Sep 15 2011
Approve	38	35	32	35	27	48	27
Disapprove	47	51	49	50	57	33	57
DK/NA	15	14	20	15	16	19	16

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in the state legislature are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	44%	7%	77%	35%	40%	48%
Disapprove	46	87	11	56	54	39
DK/NA	10	6	11	9	6	13

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in the state legislature are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	32%	56%	19%	34%	35%	29%
Disapprove	55	36	66	54	55	55
DK/NA	13	9	15	12	10	16

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Murphy is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	50%	24%	78%	40%	46%	54%
Disapprove	34	58	13	40	40	29
DK/NA	16	18	8	20	14	18

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Richard Blumenthal is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	63%	40%	81%	60%	56%	69%
Disapprove	27	48	12	31	37	19
DK/NA	10	12	8	10	8	12

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Richard Blumenthal is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Mar 12 2013	Jun 06 2012	Apr 25 2012	Mar 22 2012	Sep 16 2011	Jun 15 2011	Mar 09 2011
Approve	63	61	58	64	60	54	49
Disapprove	27	25	27	23	23	25	25
DK/NA	10	14	15	14	17	21	26

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	53%	9%	88%	43%	45%	60%
Disapprove	44	90	9	53	53	36
DK/NA	3	1	4	3	2	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (*High also 71% Apr 2009)

	Mar 12 2013	Jun 06 2012	Apr 25 2012	Mar 22 2012	Sep 16 2011	APPROVE..... High Low May 27 Sep 16 2009* 2011	
Approve	53	53	49	53	48	71	48
Disapprove	44	43	47	43	48	22	48
DK/NA	3	4	4	4	4	7	4

8. Do you feel that Dannel Malloy deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Deserves	42%	17%	65%	35%	39%	44%
No/Does not	45	73	21	53	50	41
DK/NA	13	10	14	12	10	15

9. 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
Very satisfied	4%	1%	9%	3%	4%	5%
Smwht satisfied	36	16	56	30	34	39
Smwht dissatisfied	31	37	24	35	29	33
Very dissatisfied	28	47	11	32	33	23
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 12 2013	Jun 06 2012	Apr 25 2012	Sep 15 2011	Jun 15 2011	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Oct 21 1998	Low Sep 15 2011
Very satisfied	4	4	2	2	4	21	2
Smwht satisfied	36	37	37	27	30	62	27
Smwht dissatisfied	31	33	33	39	32	14	39
Very dissatisfied	28	26	27	32	35	3	32
DK/NA	-	-	1	1	-	-	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	33%	13%	51%	28%	35%	32%
Disapprove	57	78	38	64	59	55
DK/NA	10	9	11	8	6	13

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

	Mar 12 2013	Apr 25 2012	Sep 15 2011	Jun 15 2011	Mar 09 2011
Approve	33	31	36	36	32
Disapprove	57	54	55	52	51
DK/NA	10	15	9	13	16

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling - education?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	45%	34%	59%	40%	45%	45%
Disapprove	39	48	26	45	38	40
DK/NA	16	18	16	15	17	15

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

	Mar 12 2013	Apr 25 2012	Mar 21 2012
Approve	45	38	36
Disapprove	39	43	41
DK/NA	16	20	23

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	29%	13%	46%	23%	28%	30%
Disapprove	61	78	42	69	65	58
DK/NA	10	9	12	8	7	12

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

	Mar 12 2013	Apr 25 2012
Approve	29	25%
Disapprove	61	64
DK/NA	10	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	35%	15%	56%	28%	34%	36%
Disapprove	56	76	34	65	59	53
DK/NA	9	9	10	7	6	11

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

	Mar 12 2013	Apr 25 2012
Approve	35	31
Disapprove	56	56
DK/NA	9	13

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling - gun policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	48%	21%	73%	40%	43%	51%
Disapprove	39	65	17	46	46	33
DK/NA	13	15	10	14	10	16

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

	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013
Approve	48	41
Disapprove	39	38
DK/NA	13	21

15. Do you approve or disapprove of Dannel Malloy's overall response to - Hurricane Sandy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	78%	74%	85%	75%	80%	77%
Disapprove	16	18	11	20	16	16
DK/NA	6	8	4	6	4	7

16. Do you approve or disapprove of Dannel Malloy's overall response to - the Newtown school shootings?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	76%	59%	88%	73%	69%	81%
Disapprove	17	33	4	21	23	12
DK/NA	7	8	8	6	7	7

17. Do you approve or disapprove of Dannel Malloy's overall response to - the February blizzard?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	80%	73%	85%	80%	80%	80%
Disapprove	14	16	11	15	14	14
DK/NA	6	11	3	5	6	6

18. Do you think Dannel Malloy is a strong leader in a crisis or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Strong leader	67%	52%	81%	62%	62%	70%
Not strong leader	27	44	13	32	32	23
DK/NA	6	4	6	5	5	6

19. Do you think Dannel Malloy has a likable personality or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes	53%	35%	69%	49%	51%	56%
No	36	53	23	41	38	34
DK/NA	10	12	8	10	11	10

20. Do you support or oppose - stricter gun control laws in Connecticut?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	66%	43%	86%	61%	55%	76%
Oppose	29	55	12	32	41	19
DK/NA	4	3	2	6	4	5

TREND: Do you support or oppose stricter gun control laws in Connecticut?

	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013
Support	66	66
Oppose	29	30
DK/NA	4	5

21. Do you support or oppose - expanding the statewide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	71%	52%	89%	66%	57%	83%
Oppose	26	44	9	31	40	14
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	3	3

TREND: Do you support or oppose expanding the statewide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013
Support	71	68
Oppose	26	28
DK/NA	3	5

22. Do you support or oppose - a statewide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	70%	51%	84%	67%	60%	79%
Oppose	27	45	14	29	38	18
DK/NA	3	3	2	3	2	3

TREND: Do you support or oppose a statewide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets?

	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013
Support	70	68
Oppose	27	28
DK/NA	3	3

23. Do you think Governor Malloy is trying to change the state's gun laws too quickly, not quickly enough, or at about the right pace?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Too quickly	29%	58%	8%	34%	39%	21%
Not quickly enough	18	10	26	15	15	21
About right	47	28	62	45	41	53
DK/NA	6	5	4	7	5	6

TREND: Do you think Governor Malloy is trying to change the state's gun laws too quickly, not quickly enough, or at about the right pace?

	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013
Too quickly	29	33
Not quickly enough	18	17
About right	47	42
DK/NA	6	9

24. Do you think Republicans and Democrats in the state legislature will be able to work together to reduce gun violence in Connecticut or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Work together	41%	30%	54%	35%	35%	46%
No/Don't think so	53	60	40	61	62	46
DK/NA	6	11	6	4	4	8

TREND: Do you think Republicans and Democrats in the state legislature will be able to work together to reduce gun violence in Connecticut or don't you think so?

	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013
Yes/Work together	41	39
No/Don't think so	53	54
DK/NA	6	7

25. Who do you trust to do a better job handling gun policy, the Democrats or the Republicans in the state legislature?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Democrats	49%	12%	84%	37%	43%	54%
Republicans	27	67	3	31	36	20
DK/NA	24	21	13	32	21	27

26. Do you think the governor and state legislature will be able to get something done this year to reduce gun violence in Connecticut or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Get something done	48%	27%	64%	45%	42%	54%
Don't think so	47	65	33	52	55	41
DK/NA	4	8	2	4	3	5

27. Do you support or oppose eliminating the local car tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	44%	45%	42%	46%	42%	47%
Oppose	45	46	46	45	50	41
DK/NA	11	9	12	9	8	13

28. Would you support or oppose eliminating the local car tax if it led to higher property taxes?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	18%	14%	17%	20%	19%	17%
Oppose	77	84	76	75	77	77
DK/NA	5	2	7	5	5	6

29. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favor	59%	73%	42%	68%	65%	54%
Oppose	35	21	51	28	33	37
DK/NA	6	6	6	4	2	9

TREND: Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder? (*Low also 59% Jan 2005)

	Mar 12 2013	Apr 25 2012	Mar 10 2011	Oct 13 2010	Nov 07 2007	FAVOR.....	
						High Mar 10 2011	Low Mar 12 2013*
Favor	59	62	67	65	63	67	59
Oppose	35	30	28	23	27	28	35
DK/NA	6	8	5	12	10	5	6

30. As you may know, last year Governor Malloy signed into law a bill that replaces the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole. Do you approve or disapprove of this law that replaces the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	45%	26%	66%	37%	41%	50%
Disapprove	51	71	31	59	58	44
DK/NA	4	3	3	4	1	6

31. Would you support or oppose raising the minimum wage in Connecticut, which is now \$8.25 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	75%	58%	91%	72%	66%	83%
Oppose	22	40	7	26	32	15
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	2	2

TREND: Would you support or oppose raising the minimum wage in Connecticut, which is now \$8.25 an hour?

	Mar 12 2013	Apr 25 2012
Support	75	70
Oppose	22	28
DK/NA	2	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	39%	30%	39%	44%	39%	40%
Oppose	58	68	58	55	59	57
DK/NA	3	2	3	1	2	3

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

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

33. 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
Support	57%	51%	60%	59%	55%	59%
Oppose	40	49	39	38	43	38
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	2	3

34. Would you support or oppose putting tolls on state highways in Connecticut if the money were used to reduce the state's gas tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	53%	51%	51%	55%	51%	54%
Oppose	44	47	45	43	47	42
DK/NA	3	2	4	2	2	4

35. Do you support or oppose allowing illegal immigrants to get drivers' licenses?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	31%	14%	51%	23%	28%	34%
Oppose	65	82	44	73	70	60
DK/NA	4	3	5	4	2	6