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HISTORIC LOW APPROVAL FOR CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; SATISFACTION WITH LIFE IN STATE ALSO HITS NEW LOW

Connecticut voters disapprove 68 – 24 percent of the job Gov. Dannel Malloy is doing, his worst approval rating ever and one of the lowest approval ratings ever recorded for a governor in any of the nine states surveyed by the Quinnipiac University Poll. Former Gov. Rowland had a 69 – 24 percent disapproval rating February 19, 2004.

Gov. Malloy’s lowest rating before today was a 58 – 32 percent disapproval in an October 14 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll.

Only 3 percent of Connecticut voters are “very satisfied” with the way things are going in the state, with 25 percent “somewhat satisfied.” Another 33 percent are “somewhat dissatisfied” with 39 percent “very dissatisfied.”

This combined 28 – 72 percent negative satisfaction rate is the lowest ever for Connecticut, edging out a negative 29 – 71 percent recorded September 15, 2011.

Malloy gets negative character ratings:

- 36 – 57 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 37 – 52 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 32 – 61 percent that he cares about voter needs and problems.

“Voters feel Connecticut’s economy is going down the drain and they are sending Gov. Dannel Malloy’s approval ratings right down the same drain. Even Democrats disapprove of the way he is doing his job,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Director Douglas Schwartz, PhD.

“Gov. Malloy has lost ground on almost every measure.

“When things get tough, voters usually blame the person in charge, fairly or unfairly.”

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In an open-ended question, allowing for any answer, 36 percent of Connecticut voters say the economy is the most important problem facing the state today, while 20 percent cite the budget and 17 percent list taxes.

Malloy gets deeply negative approval ratings for his handling of those three issues:

- 18 – 76 percent for his handling of the economy and jobs;
- 16 – 77 percent for his handling of the budget;
- 18 – 76 percent for his handling of taxes.

Only 20 percent of Connecticut voters say the state’s economy is “excellent” or “good,” while 80 percent say it is “not so good” or “poor.”

The state’s economy is getting worse, 53 percent of voters say, while 6 percent say it is getting better and 41 percent say it is the same.

Only 29 percent of voters say they are better off financially than they were a year ago, while 45 percent say they are worse off and 24 percent say they are the same.

But 42 percent expect to be better off this time next year, while 30 percent expect to be worse off and 19 percent expect to be the same.

Jobs are difficult to find in their community, 74 percent of Connecticut voters say.

“You know people are hurting financially when 60 percent of voters say they would find it difficult to pay an unexpected bill of \$1,000 immediately,” Dr. Schwartz said.

“Voters are sending a clear message: Connecticut’s economy needs fixing.”

From June 1 – 5, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,330 Connecticut voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

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

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	24%	8%	40%	21%	24%	25%	23%	26%
Disapprove	68	89	47	72	69	66	71	65
DK/NA	8	3	13	6	7	9	6	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	35%	22%	24%	22%	20%	22%	21%	39%
Disapprove	53	72	70	72	75	70	72	49
DK/NA	12	6	6	6	6	8	7	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	24%	15%	37%	20%	22%	26%	24%	25%
Disapprove	65	78	48	71	71	59	66	64
DK/NA	11	8	15	9	7	14	10	11
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	34%	29%	21%	16%	19%	26%	23%	32%
Disapprove	51	65	69	70	73	60	66	58
DK/NA	15	7	9	13	8	14	11	10

20. 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	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	3%	1%	7%	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Smwht satisfied	25	11	39	22	22	28	26	24
Smwht dissatisfied	33	28	34	34	31	34	32	33
Very dissatisfied	39	60	19	43	44	34	39	39
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very satisfied	6%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%
Smwht satisfied	37	27	21	20	20	24	23	36
Smwht dissatisfied	37	29	32	33	30	33	32	35
Very dissatisfied	21	42	44	43	47	39	43	23
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

21. What do you think is the most important problem facing Connecticut today?

	Tot
Economy Total	36%
Economy general	12
Unemployment/Jobs	16
Business leaving/Outsourcing	4
Cost of living	3
Economy other	1
Budget Total	20%
Budget general	10
Budget deficits	4
Gov too big/Gov spending	2
Budget cuts/Cuts in services	1
State workers/Union contracts	1
Budget other	2
Taxes Total	17%
Taxes general	16
Taxes other	1
Education Total	4%
Education general	3
Education other	1
Politicians Total	4%
Governor/State leadership/Legsltr	3
Politicians other	1
Healthcare Total	2%
Healthcare/Costs/Ins/HMO's	1
Healthcare other	1
Transportation	1%
Class inequality	1%
Poverty/Homeless	1%
Drugs	1%
Gun control	1%
Housing Total	1%
Welfare	1%
Infrastructure	1%
Other	5%
DK/NA	4%

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	36%	19%	55%	30%	35%	37%	34%	38%
No	57	77	34	63	59	54	57	56
DK/NA	7	3	11	7	6	9	9	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Yes	44%	32%	39%	35%	33%	36%	35%	43%
No	45	63	56	58	63	56	59	47
DK/NA	12	5	5	7	4	8	6	9

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	37%	18%	54%	34%	36%	37%	37%	37%
No	52	74	34	53	53	50	52	51
DK/NA	12	8	12	12	11	12	11	12
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes	35%	31%	41%	41%	37%	38%	37%	37%
No	50	61	49	46	56	49	52	48
DK/NA	15	8	10	14	7	13	10	16

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	32%	13%	52%	26%	33%	31%	34%	30%
No	61	83	39	66	61	60	59	62
DK/NA	8	4	9	7	6	9	7	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes	36%	31%	31%	33%	31%	29%	30%	40%
No	47	64	66	62	65	63	64	47
DK/NA	17	5	4	6	5	8	6	13

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	16%	5%	27%	15%	18%	15%	15%	17%
Disapprove	77	89	67	80	76	78	79	76
DK/NA	6	6	6	5	6	7	6	7
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	16%	16%	18%	16%	16%	15%	15%	20%
Disapprove	77	79	77	76	77	78	78	76
DK/NA	7	5	5	7	7	8	7	4

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	35%	19%	47%	35%	35%	35%	33%	37%
Disapprove	50	65	38	51	55	45	51	49
DK/NA	15	17	15	14	10	20	17	14
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	43%	32%	37%	33%	32%	31%	32%	49%
Disapprove	42	52	52	47	57	47	52	41
DK/NA	15	15	11	20	11	22	17	9

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	18%	7%	30%	15%	21%	15%	16%	20%
Disapprove	76	92	62	79	73	78	78	74
DK/NA	6	2	8	6	6	6	6	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	21%	20%	18%	17%	18%	14%	16%	28%
Disapprove	73	76	77	76	76	80	78	67
DK/NA	6	4	6	7	6	6	6	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	18%	6%	32%	14%	17%	19%	14%	21%
Disapprove	76	91	60	81	77	76	80	73
DK/NA	6	3	8	6	6	6	5	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	26%	15%	20%	14%	15%	17%	16%	25%
Disapprove	70	78	77	78	79	77	78	68
DK/NA	4	7	4	8	6	5	6	7

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	40%	24%	53%	40%	39%	42%	45%	37%
Disapprove	44	63	29	44	48	40	36	50
DK/NA	16	14	17	16	13	18	19	13
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	41%	39%	49%	36%	39%	42%	41%	42%
Disapprove	45	40	41	46	47	37	42	50
DK/NA	14	20	10	19	14	21	18	7

30. 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	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Excellent	1%	-	2%	-	1%	-	-	1%
Good	19	10	31	13	17	20	19	18
Not so good	39	29	44	43	40	39	40	39
Poor	41	61	23	43	41	40	40	41
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Excellent	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Good	27	20	17	13	17	16	16	28
Not so good	48	35	37	43	39	40	40	37
Poor	22	45	44	42	44	41	42	33
DK/NA	2	-	1	1	-	2	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Better	6%	3%	11%	4%	7%	5%	4%	7%
Worse	53	70	40	52	50	55	55	51
The same	41	27	49	43	43	39	39	42
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Better	4%	9%	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%	6%
Worse	32	50	62	60	52	59	56	41
The same	63	41	32	35	42	35	38	53
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-

32. In order to address the state's overall fiscal problems, almost 1,000 state employees have received layoff notices. Do you approve or disapprove of these layoffs?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	29%	39%	23%	30%	36%	23%	36%	24%
Disapprove	62	57	69	58	56	68	56	67
DK/NA	8	5	8	11	8	9	8	8
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	13%	25%	38%	36%	39%	26%	32%	17%
Disapprove	81	65	57	53	55	63	59	78
DK/NA	6	10	6	10	6	11	9	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Better off	29%	19%	41%	26%	33%	26%	33%	27%
Worse off	45	56	33	50	43	48	42	48
SAME (VOL)	24	25	24	23	22	25	24	23
DK/NA	2	-	2	1	2	1	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Better off	56%	32%	24%	11%	30%	22%	26%	42%
Worse off	28	45	54	49	46	49	48	36
SAME (VOL)	14	22	20	39	22	28	25	17
DK/NA	3	-	2	1	2	-	1	5

34. Looking ahead, do you expect that at this time next year you will be financially better off than now, or worse off than now?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Better off	42%	31%	50%	42%	46%	39%	42%	43%
Worse off	30	40	18	33	31	29	30	30
SAME (VOL)	19	21	18	18	16	21	21	17
DK/NA	9	8	13	6	7	12	7	11
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Better off	71%	44%	42%	20%	43%	36%	39%	54%
Worse off	15	27	33	41	34	34	34	14
SAME (VOL)	8	22	16	30	18	22	20	15
DK/NA	7	8	10	10	5	9	7	17

35. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going for you financially; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	11%	9%	15%	9%	12%	11%	13%	9%
Smwht satisfied	44	43	46	42	46	42	45	43
Smwht dissatisfied	27	31	23	28	25	28	30	24
Very dissatisfied	17	16	14	20	17	17	11	23
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very satisfied	14%	10%	11%	13%	13%	10%	11%	12%
Smwht satisfied	44	50	41	43	46	43	44	43
Smwht dissatisfied	23	26	29	28	24	28	26	27
Very dissatisfied	18	14	19	13	16	18	17	17
DK/NA	1	-	-	2	1	2	1	1

36. Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Plenty of jobs	16%	9%	23%	16%	15%	18%	16%	17%
Difficult to find	74	82	65	77	77	72	73	75
DK/NA	10	9	12	7	9	10	12	8
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Plenty of jobs	18%	23%	16%	10%	15%	17%	16%	20%
Difficult to find	77	71	77	70	77	73	75	70
DK/NA	4	7	7	20	9	10	9	10

37. How difficult would it be for you to pay an unexpected bill of one thousand dollars right away: very difficult, somewhat difficult, not so difficult, or not difficult at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very difficult	30%	25%	33%	29%	27%	32%	19%	39%
Smwht difficult	30	34	26	31	29	31	30	30
Not so difficult	16	15	17	16	16	17	20	14
Not difficult at all	23	26	23	23	27	19	31	16
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very difficult	44%	26%	28%	22%	25%	29%	27%	39%
Smwht difficult	28	34	31	28	27	32	30	30
Not so difficult	13	14	19	19	16	18	17	14
Not difficult at all	15	26	22	30	31	19	25	17
DK/NA	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	-

38. Which statement best describes your current employment situation? Would you say that you: are not employed in any capacity, are employed in one or more part time jobs, are employed in a full time job, or are working a full time job and an additional full or part time job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Not employed	29%	28%	30%	29%	23%	34%	22%	34%
1 or more PT jobs	16	17	15	17	15	16	11	20
Employed in 1 FT job	45	43	47	44	49	41	57	36
FT + another job	8	8	8	8	9	6	8	7
DK/NA	3	4	1	3	3	3	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Not employed	6%	10%	23%	77%	23%	37%	31%	23%
1 or more PT jobs	34	12	15	9	14	16	15	18
Employed in 1 FT job	53	64	50	9	48	39	43	51
FT + another job	7	11	11	1	11	6	8	6
DK/NA	-	3	2	5	3	2	3	2

38a. (If employed) Thinking about the next twelve months, how likely do you think it is that you will lose your job or be laid off: is it very likely, somewhat likely, not so likely, or not likely at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very likely	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%	1%	4%	3%
Smwht likely	16	15	15	16	14	18	16	16
Not so likely	27	32	26	27	26	29	30	25
Not likely at all	52	50	53	53	54	50	49	54
DK/NA	1	1	2	-	1	2	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Very likely	1%	6%	3%	4%	4%	1%	3%	6%
Smwht likely	14	11	21	16	12	17	14	21
Not so likely	30	29	25	25	26	31	29	23
Not likely at all	56	52	49	53	56	51	53	46
DK/NA	-	2	2	2	1	1	1	4