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**LAMONT HAS 13-POINT LEAD IN CONNECTICUT GOV RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS LIKE ENDING INCOME TAX, BUT SAY IT'S UNREALISTIC**

In the Connecticut governor's race, Democrat Ned Lamont leads Republican Bob Stefanowski 46 – 33 percent, with 4 percent for independent candidate Oz Griebel and 1 percent for the Libertarian Party's Rod Hanscomb, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

In a head-to-head matchup, Lamont tops Stefanowski 53 – 37 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

In the four-way race, Lamont leads Stefanowski 50 – 27 percent among women. Men are divided with 40 percent for Lamont and 39 percent for Stefanowski. Democrats go to Lamont over Stefanowski 81 – 3 percent. Stefanowski leads Lamont 83 – 8 percent among Republicans and 37 – 30 percent among independent voters.

Connecticut voters give Lamont a 44 – 28 percent favorability rating. Stefanowski gets a divided 33 – 31 percent favorability rating, with 35 percent who haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion.

For Griebel, 83 percent haven't heard enough to form an opinion and 91 percent haven't heard enough about Hanscomb.

A total of 70 percent of Connecticut voters are "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with the choice of candidates for governor, while 25 percent are "somewhat dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied."

"Ned Lamont is leading Bob Stefanowski by double digits thanks to huge support among women and Connecticut's status as a true blue state. But there's a lot of time until Election Day, and a number of undecided voters up for grabs," said Quinnipiac University Poll Director Douglas Schwartz, PhD.

Connecticut voters support 59 – 36 percent allowing adults to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use.

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In the Connecticut U.S. Senate race, Democratic incumbent U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy leads business owner Matthew Corey, the Republican challenger, 59 – 31 percent. Sen. Murphy is ahead 91 – 3 percent among Democrats and 51 – 35 percent among independent voters. Republicans back Corey 78 – 14 percent.

Voters give Murphy a 62 – 28 percent job approval rating and a 58 – 28 percent favorability rating. For Corey, 67 percent haven't heard enough to form an opinion.

Connecticut voters disapprove 67 – 25 percent of the job Gov. Dannel Malloy is doing. But 63 percent of voters say their opinion of Gov. Malloy will have no impact on their vote in this year's governor's race.

Voters approve 61 – 32 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal is doing.

President Donald Trump gets a negative 30 – 67 percent approval rating.

Connecticut voters support 49 – 35 percent eliminating the state income tax. Support is 66 – 22 percent among Republicans and 60 – 26 percent among independent voters. Democrats are opposed 51 – 32 percent.

Voters say 56 – 35 percent, however, that eliminating the income tax over eight years is not realistic.

Voters support 63 – 33 percent raising the Connecticut minimum wage from \$10.10 per hour to \$15 per hour. Republicans are the only listed group against raising the minimum wage.

Connecticut voters oppose 53 – 40 percent putting tolls on state highways.

“President Donald Trump seems to loom more largely in the minds of Connecticut voters than Gov. Dannel Malloy. Voters both approve and disapprove more strongly of President Trump,” Dr. Schwartz added.

“While there's been a lot more talk about eliminating the income tax, voters are much more supportive of raising the minimum wage. Voters' opinions on issues such as these may be contributing to Lamont's lead.”

From August 16 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,029 Connecticut voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

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

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1. How much attention have you been paying to the election campaign for governor; a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
A lot	32%	40%	36%	26%	34%	31%	35%	35%
Some	36	38	35	38	34	37	38	39
Only a little	20	16	18	23	20	19	19	17
None at all	12	6	11	13	12	12	8	10
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
A lot	12%	21%	40%	48%	38%	32%	35%	25%
Some	28	39	39	34	37	40	38	27
Only a little	29	26	17	11	17	19	18	27
None at all	31	13	4	6	8	9	9	22
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ned Lamont the Democrat, Bob Stefanowski the Republican, Oz Griebel running as an independent candidate, and Rod Hanscomb the Libertarian Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Lamont	46%	8%	81%	30%	40%	50%	47%	38%
Stefanowski	33	83	3	37	39	27	33	44
Griebel	4	2	2	7	4	4	6	1
Hanscomb	1	-	1	3	2	1	1	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	1	4	2	2	1	3
DK/NA	14	6	11	18	12	15	11	11

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Lamont	40%	48%	47%	45%	37%	48%	43%	56%
Stefanowski	26	32	35	37	45	32	38	15
Griebel	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	3
Hanscomb	4	2	-	1	2	1	2	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
DK/NA	23	11	11	11	9	13	11	21

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	JOB App	JOB Dis	JOB App	JOB Dis
Lamont	79%	32%	5%	65%
Stefanowski	3	46	82	11
Griebel	1	5	2	5
Hanscomb	1	2	2	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	3	2
DK/NA	15	12	6	16

2a. If the only candidates were Ned Lamont the Democrat and Bob Stefanowski the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Lamont	53%	10%	90%	38%	47%	59%	52%	42%
Stefanowski	37	87	3	45	44	31	38	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	7	4	3	4	3
DK/NA	6	3	5	10	4	8	6	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Lamont	59%	54%	53%	47%	41%	54%	48%	72%
Stefanowski	34	35	39	40	50	36	42	19
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	3	3	4	3	4	3
DK/NA	4	6	6	9	4	8	6	6

* Results based on all registered voters. Question asked of respondents who did not choose Lamont or Stefanowski Q2. Respondents who named Lamont or Stefanowski in Q2 assigned to initial preference.

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	44%	15%	71%	31%	39%	47%	46%	38%
Unfavorable	28	61	6	34	36	20	30	34
Hvn't hrd enough	27	23	22	32	23	31	23	26
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	37%	39%	50%	45%	36%	48%	42%	50%
Unfavorable	18	28	31	32	40	25	32	13
Hvn't hrd enough	44	33	18	20	21	26	24	37
REFUSED	2	-	1	3	2	2	2	-

4. Is your opinion of Bob Stefanowski favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	33%	77%	8%	37%	39%	28%	33%	41%
Unfavorable	31	6	52	22	26	35	33	30
Hvn't hrd enough	35	16	38	40	34	35	32	28
REFUSED	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	23%	37%	36%	37%	43%	31%	37%	21%
Unfavorable	28	27	31	31	27	36	32	29
Hvn't hrd enough	48	34	33	31	29	32	30	49
REFUSED	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	1

5. Is your opinion of Oz Griebel favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	10%	10%	8%	12%	12%	8%	11%	5%
Unfavorable	6	10	5	5	9	4	9	5
Hvn't hrd enough	83	78	86	82	78	88	79	89
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	10%	11%	10%	8%	11%	6%	8%	13%
Unfavorable	2	6	9	5	11	4	7	2
Hvn't hrd enough	86	82	79	87	76	90	84	83
REFUSED	3	1	1	-	2	-	1	2

6. Is your opinion of Rod Hanscomb favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Favorable	4%	7%	4%	2%	5%	3%	3%	4%
Unfavorable	5	6	5	4	5	4	4	4
Hvn't hrd enough	91	86	91	92	89	92	92	91
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	9%	3%	3%	4%	5%	2%	4%	6%
Unfavorable	3	5	5	5	5	3	4	5
Hvn't hrd enough	89	92	92	89	90	93	92	88
REFUSED	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

7. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Chris Murphy the Democrat and Matthew Corey the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Murphy	59%	14%	91%	51%	52%	65%	59%	48%
Corey	31	78	3	35	41	22	32	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	2	2	-	3
DK/NA	8	6	4	11	4	11	8	7

	AGE IN	YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non
							Men	Wom	
Murphy	67%	58%	56%	57%	46%	61%	54%	77%	
Corey	23	28	35	34	47	27	36	12	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	5	1	1	2	2	2	3	
DK/NA	6	9	8	8	5	10	8	8	

8. Is your opinion of Chris Murphy favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Favorable	58%	20%	88%	50%	52%	64%	61%	50%
Unfavorable	28	69	4	31	35	22	27	38
Hvn't hrd enough	13	10	8	16	12	13	11	11
REFUSED	1	2	-	2	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN	YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non
							Men	Wom	
Favorable	62%	58%	58%	59%	51%	61%	56%	69%	
Unfavorable	18	25	33	32	39	25	32	13	
Hvn't hrd enough	18	15	8	9	9	12	11	16	
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	

9. Is your opinion of Matthew Corey favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Favorable	18%	45%	4%	19%	27%	10%	17%	23%
Unfavorable	14	5	24	9	15	13	16	10
Hvn't hrd enough	67	50	70	71	57	76	66	66
REFUSED	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	-

	AGE IN	YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non
							Men	Wom	
Favorable	12%	20%	21%	18%	29%	11%	20%	12%	
Unfavorable	18	11	15	11	15	12	13	16	
Hvn't hrd enough	68	69	63	71	55	76	66	70	
REFUSED	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	

14. How satisfied are you with the choice of candidates for governor this year; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	11%	15%	12%	8%	10%	12%	12%	11%
Smwht satisfied	59	61	60	58	56	61	59	60
Smwht dissatisfied	19	18	16	23	19	19	18	18
Very dissatisfied	6	4	7	5	8	4	7	7
DK/NA	5	2	4	5	6	4	4	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very satisfied	7%	9%	13%	16%	11%	12%	12%	11%
Smwht satisfied	63	54	59	58	58	60	59	57
Smwht dissatisfied	17	25	18	18	17	19	18	20
Very dissatisfied	7	5	7	4	10	5	7	2
DK/NA	7	6	3	4	4	3	3	10

15. Does your opinion of - Governor Malloy make you more likely to vote for Ned Lamont for governor this November, more likely to vote for Bob Stefanowski for governor, or does your opinion of Governor Malloy not have an impact on your vote for governor in November?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
More for Lamont	9%	2%	16%	5%	9%	8%	6%	8%
More for Stefanowski	24	61	2	27	32	17	26	31
No impact	63	36	76	62	55	70	66	56
MORE SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
DK/NA	4	1	5	5	4	4	1	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
More for Lamont	8%	6%	9%	11%	6%	7%	7%	15%
More for Stefanowski	14	26	27	27	37	21	28	9
No impact	74	63	61	55	55	67	61	69
MORE SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	5	3	6	2	4	3	7

16. Does your opinion of - President Trump make you more likely to vote for Ned Lamont for governor this November, more likely to vote for Bob Stefanowski for governor, or does your opinion of President Trump not have an impact on your vote for governor in November?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More for Lamont	31%	5%	58%	20%	26%	36%	33%	28%
More for Stefanowski	9	25	2	8	10	8	7	15
No impact	57	69	38	69	62	52	59	53
MORE SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	3	1	2	2	2	3	1	3

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non	
					Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
More for Lamont	34%	30%	30%	31%	25%	36%	31%	35%
More for Stefanowski	5	7	8	16	11	10	11	4
No impact	58	61	61	50	62	52	56	57
MORE SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	4

17. 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	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Smwht satisfied	28	10	42	22	24	32	28	22
Smwht dissatisfied	32	25	36	34	28	37	36	31
Very dissatisfied	37	64	18	43	45	29	34	44
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non	
					Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very satisfied	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%
Smwht satisfied	36	28	23	29	23	27	25	40
Smwht dissatisfied	42	35	28	26	26	40	34	29
Very dissatisfied	21	35	46	41	48	30	39	27
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-

18. 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	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Excellent	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Good	25	11	33	23	22	28	25	20
Not so good	39	32	44	40	38	40	41	40
Poor	32	55	17	35	37	29	32	35
DK/NA	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Excellent	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Good	36	23	23	22	20	25	23	34
Not so good	46	39	37	35	39	42	41	35
Poor	15	35	38	38	38	29	33	28
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Better	12%	12%	13%	10%	13%	11%	13%	10%
Worse	36	51	25	39	36	35	37	37
The same	49	36	56	49	50	49	47	50
DK/NA	3	1	6	1	1	5	3	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Better	12%	13%	11%	14%	11%	12%	12%	14%
Worse	29	40	40	34	38	36	37	30
The same	55	47	47	47	49	48	48	52
DK/NA	4	1	2	5	2	4	3	4

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Better off	40%	34%	43%	42%	46%	35%	40%	38%
Worse off	30	38	22	33	27	32	27	32
SAME (VOL)	28	24	33	24	25	30	32	27
DK/NA	2	4	2	1	2	2	1	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Better off	63%	40%	37%	26%	43%	35%	39%	45%
Worse off	20	30	38	31	29	29	29	31
SAME (VOL)	15	28	25	41	25	33	29	23
DK/NA	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	1

21. Do you support or oppose eliminating the state income tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	49%	66%	32%	60%	53%	46%	46%	53%
Oppose	35	22	51	26	35	35	41	32
DK/NA	16	12	17	14	12	20	13	15
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	33%	51%	53%	55%	53%	45%	49%	49%
Oppose	43	31	36	34	37	38	37	28
DK/NA	24	17	11	11	10	17	14	23

22. Do you think phasing out the state income tax over 8 years is realistic or not realistic?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Realistic	35%	50%	23%	40%	41%	30%	34%	36%
No	56	42	69	54	53	59	60	56
DK/NA	8	9	8	6	5	11	7	8
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes/Realistic	35%	35%	38%	37%	41%	30%	35%	36%
No	56	57	57	55	56	60	58	53
DK/NA	9	8	5	8	3	10	7	10

23. Do you support or oppose raising the state minimum wage from \$10.10 per hour to \$15 per hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	63%	33%	85%	56%	52%	73%	60%	56%
Oppose	33	63	12	40	44	24	36	38
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	65%	63%	58%	67%	48%	68%	58%	80%
Oppose	33	33	37	28	47	28	37	18
DK/NA	1	3	5	5	5	4	4	2

24. 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	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Support	59%	50%	68%	56%	65%	55%	63%	56%
Oppose	36	48	26	39	32	40	34	39
DK/NA	5	2	6	5	3	6	3	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	78%	65%	57%	42%	65%	55%	60%	59%
Oppose	20	31	38	51	32	39	36	36
DK/NA	2	4	4	7	3	5	4	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Support	40%	26%	50%	37%	38%	43%	48%	33%
Oppose	53	69	43	58	58	49	47	61
DK/NA	6	5	7	5	4	8	5	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Support	30%	41%	43%	46%	39%	44%	42%	36%
Oppose	64	55	51	47	57	49	53	54
DK/NA	5	5	6	7	3	7	5	10