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## **MALLOY CATCHES FOLEY IN CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR'S RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; RACE IS DEAD HEAT AS INDEPENDENT GETS 9 PERCENT**

Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy overcomes a six-point lead by Tom Foley, the Republican challenger, leaving the race a 43 – 43 percent dead heat, with 9 percent for independent candidate Joe Visconti, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 46 – 40 percent Foley lead among likely voters in a September 10 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

With Visconti out of the race, it's a 46 – 46 percent tie.

In the last four weeks, Malloy has cut Foley's lead among men from 19 percentage points to 11 points, while the Democrat's lead among women grows from 7 points to 11 points.

In today's three-way matchup, women back Malloy 47 – 36 percent, with 10 percent for Visconti, while men back Foley 50 – 39 percent, with 8 percent for Visconti. Foley leads 82 – 9 percent among Republicans, with 6 percent for Visconti, and 47 – 37 percent among independent voters, with 11 percent for Visconti. Democrats back Malloy 77 – 9 percent, with 9 percent for Visconti.

Among Connecticut likely voters who name a candidate, 74 percent say their mind is made up, while 25 percent say they might change their mind by Election Day. Their minds are made up, say 73 percent of Malloy voters and 81 percent of Foley backers, while 56 percent of Visconti supporters say they might change their mind.

“The poll is good news for Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy. After trailing Republican Tom Foley by 6 points a month ago, Malloy is tied as this race promises to go down to the wire,” said Douglas Schwartz, PhD, director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

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“Malloy has been able to cut into Foley’s lead among men while increasing his lead among women, to break even over all. There is a gender gap in the race with Malloy ahead by 11 percentage points among women and Foley up 11 points among men,” Dr. Schwartz added.

“While there are only 5 percent of likely voters undecided, 25 percent of voters could still change their minds.

“It looks like we’re heading for another photo finish – just like in 2010.”

Connecticut likely voters are not overly fond of any of the candidates:

- Malloy gets a negative 41 – 51 percent favorability, compared to his negative 40 – 53 percent grade September 10;
- Foley gets a split 41 – 39 percent favorability, compared to a positive 42 – 33 percent rating last month;
- 86 percent of voters still don’t know enough about Visconti to form an opinion, little changed from his 89 percent “don’t know enough” rating last month.

“As the campaign has gotten nasty, voters are not wild about either candidate. Malloy’s favorability rating is still underwater. Foley gets a mixed favorability rating. He is a little better known since early September, but a little less liked.

“Voters like Foley less since our last poll. Foley’s negatives have risen perhaps due to Malloy’s attacks.”

From October 1 – 6, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,085 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points.

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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1. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Dan Malloy the Democrat, Tom Foley the Republican, and Joe Visconti running as an independent, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Malloy, Foley, or Visconti? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Malloy	43%	9%	77%	37%	39%	47%
Foley	43	82	9	47	50	36
Visconti	9	6	9	11	8	10
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	1	-
DK/NA	5	2	5	4	2	7

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	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 08 2014	Sep 10 2014
Malloy	43	40
Foley	43	46
Visconti	9	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1
DK/NA	5	6

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	Tot	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
		CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Malloy	Foley	Visconti	
Mind made up	74%	73%	81%	42%
Might change	25	26	19	56
DK/NA	1	1	-	2

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS...	
	Oct 08 2014	Sep 10 2014
Mind made up	74	69
Might change	25	30
DK/NA	1	1

2. RECALCULATED MATCHUP Q1 ASKING VISCONTI VOTERS: Who is your second choice?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	MATCHUP Q1 WITHOUT VISCONTI.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Malloy	46%	11%	81%	41%	41%	51%
Foley	46	86	13	50	54	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	2	-
DK/NA	7	3	6	8	4	10

TREND: RECALCULATED MATCHUP ASKING VISCONTI VOTERS: Who is your second choice?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....	
	MATCHUP WITHOUT VISCONTI	
	Oct 08	Sep 10
	2014	2014
Malloy	46	43
Foley	46	49
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
DK/NA	7	7

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	41%	12%	71%	36%	36%	46%
Unfavorable	51	79	21	57	56	45
Hvn't hrd enough	5	8	5	3	5	6
REFUSED	3	2	3	4	3	4

TREND: Is your opinion of Dan Malloy favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 08	Sep 10
	2014	2014
Favorable	41	40
Unfavorable	51	53
Hvn't hrd enough	5	5
REFUSED	3	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	41%	76%	11%	44%	47%	34%
Unfavorable	39	12	63	36	36	42
Hvn't hrd enough	18	12	22	17	15	21
REFUSED	2	1	3	3	2	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Tom Foley favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 08	Sep 10
	2014	2014
Favorable	41	42
Unfavorable	39	33
Hvn't hrd enough	18	23
REFUSED	2	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	7%	6%	2%	11%	6%	7%
Unfavorable	7	7	7	5	9	4
Hvn't hrd enough	86	86	89	83	84	88
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Joe Visconti favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 08	Sep 10
	2014	2014
Favorable	7	6
Unfavorable	7	4
Hvn't hrd enough	86	89
REFUSED	1	1