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**WOMEN LIFT LAMONT IN CONNECTICUT GOV RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
MURPHY UP 15 POINTS IN U.S. SENATE RACE**

A 22-percentage point lead among women in the Connecticut governor's race gives Democrat Ned Lamont a 47 – 39 percent likely voter lead over Republican Bob Stefanowski, with 11 percent for independent candidate Oz Griebel, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Women back Lamont over Stefanowski 53 – 31 percent, with 13 percent for Griebel. Men tip Republican 46 – 41 percent, with 9 percent for Griebel. This is the first survey of this race among likely voters by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll and can not be compared to earlier surveys of registered voters.

Lamont tops Stefanowski 87 – 3 percent among Democrats, with 9 percent for Griebel. Stefanowski leads Lamont 90 – 2 percent among Republicans, with 5 percent for Griebel. Independent voters go 42 percent for Lamont, 36 percent for Stefanowski and 18 percent for Griebel.

With 27 days to go, 21 percent of Connecticut likely voters who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

Connecticut likely voters don't like their candidates very much, giving Lamont a divided 44 – 45 percent favorability rating and giving Stefanowski a slightly negative 39 – 44 percent. For Griebel, 72 percent haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion.

“Ned Lamont is ahead in the Connecticut governor's race, but with 27 days to go, Bob Stefanowski is within striking distance,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Director Douglas Schwartz, PhD.

“The number one issue for Connecticut voters is the economy, and Lamont wins decisively among those voters. Voters also say, however, that the most important quality in a candidate for governor is the ability to bring needed change, and among those voters, Stefanowski wins big.”

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The economy is the most important issue in their vote for governor, 31 percent of Connecticut likely voters say, while 26 percent cite taxes and 24 percent list government spending, with 13 percent for education.

In electing a governor, 30 percent of Connecticut likely voters most want someone who will bring needed change, while 21 percent want someone who shares their values. Another 18 percent want someone who cares about average people and 15 percent most want a governor who is honest.

Supporting a candidate who shares their opinion of President Donald Trump is important to 65 percent of likely voters, 78 percent of Democrats, 58 percent of Republicans and 61 percent of independent voters. Only 35 percent of voters say it's important to their vote if a candidate shares their opinion of Gov. Dannel Malloy.

Connecticut likely voters disapprove 59 – 39 percent of the way President Trump is doing his job.

Voters disapprove 69 – 23 percent of the job Gov. Dannel Malloy is doing.

“In deciding which candidate to support, President Donald Trump is a more important factor for voters than Gov. Dannel Malloy, although both men appear to be doing damage to their own parties,” Dr. Schwartz said.

U. S. Senate Race

In Connecticut's U.S. Senate race, Democratic incumbent Sen. Chris Murphy leads business owner Matthew Corey, the Republican challenger, 57 – 42 percent among likely voters. Sen. Murphy is ahead 95 – 4 percent among Democrats and 57 – 39 percent among independent voters. Republicans back Corey 96 – 4 percent.

Ten percent of likely voters who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

Voters give Murphy a 58 – 37 percent favorability rating. For Corey, 57 percent haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion.

From October 3 – 8, Quinnipiac University surveyed 767 Connecticut likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 5 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ned Lamont the Democrat, Bob Stefanowski the Republican, and Oz Griebel running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Ned Lamont the Democrat, Bob Stefanowski the Republican, or Oz Griebel running as an independent candidate?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Lamont	47%	2%	87%	42%	41%	53%	52%	30%
Stefanowski	39	90	3	36	46	31	36	55
Griebel	11	5	9	18	9	13	9	12
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	3	3	1	4	3	3	3	2

	WHITE.....			Non
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Lamont	37%	49%	43%	62%
Stefanowski	53	34	43	23
Griebel	8	13	11	13
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	2	3	3	1

	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN HOW TO VOTE Q10			
	Econ	Taxes	Govt Spend	Eductn
Lamont	53%	30%	30%	82%
Stefanowski	37	58	46	3
Griebel	6	10	19	12
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	2	4	3

	MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY IN HOW TO VOTE Q11				
	Honest	Shares Values	Cares	Bring Change	Good Leader
Lamont	51%	59%	71%	23%	46%
Stefanowski	30	32	16	66	28
Griebel	13	5	11	9	22
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	5	1	2	4

	IMPORTANCE OF TRUMP Q12.....		GOV CANDIDATE MALLOY Q13....		SHARING OPINION ON	
	Imp	NotImp	Imp	NotImp	Imp	NotImp
Lamont	59%	25%	33%	54%		
Stefanowski	30	54	57	29		
Griebel	8	18	7	13		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-		
DK/NA	3	4	3	3		

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1.....			
	Tot	Lamont	Stefanowski	Griebel
Mind made up	78%	82%	85%	32%
Might change	21	17	14	63
DK/NA	1	1	1	5

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							
	WHITE.....							
	COLLEGE DEG							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	44%	5%	83%	34%	39%	49%	50%	26%
Unfavorable	45	86	10	50	51	40	39	61
Hvn't hrd enough	9	7	5	15	9	9	9	10
REFUSED	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	3
	WHITE.....				Non			
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht				
Favorable	34%	47%	40%	56%				
Unfavorable	56	39	48	37				
Hvn't hrd enough	9	10	9	7				
REFUSED	1	4	2	-				

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							
	WHITE.....							
	COLLEGE DEG							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	39%	87%	6%	36%	48%	30%	35%	52%
Unfavorable	44	3	74	44	38	50	51	29
Hvn't hrd enough	16	9	19	18	14	18	13	18
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	2	2	1
	WHITE.....				Non			
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht				
Favorable	51%	32%	42%	28%				
Unfavorable	34	50	42	49				
Hvn't hrd enough	14	16	15	21				
REFUSED	1	1	1	2				

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	18%	14%	16%	23%	16%	19%	18%	15%
Unfavorable	8	15	6	7	10	7	10	7
Hvn't hrd enough	72	69	76	69	72	73	69	77
REFUSED	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	1
	WHITE.....			Non				
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht				
Favorable	14%	20%	17%	21%				
Unfavorable	12	6	9	5				
Hvn't hrd enough	72	72	72	74				
REFUSED	2	2	2	-				

5. 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? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Chris Murphy the Democrat or more toward Matthew Corey the Republican?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Murphy	57%	4%	95%	57%	49%	65%	61%	41%
Corey	42	96	4	39	50	33	37	57
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
DK/NA	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	1
	WHITE.....			Non				
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht				
Murphy	43%	64%	53%	71%				
Corey	55	34	45	28				
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	-				
DK/NA	2	1	1	1				

5a. (If candidate chosen q5) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q5.....			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q5			
Tot	Murphy	Corey		
Mind made up	90%	92%	88%	
Might change	10	8	12	
DK/NA	-	-	-	

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

LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	58%	9%	91%	59%	54%	62%	62%	45%
Unfavorable	37	87	4	34	43	30	32	51
Hvn't hrd enough	5	4	4	7	3	7	5	3
REFUSED	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
WHITE.....							Non	
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht				
Favorable	48%	63%	56%	68%				
Unfavorable	48	31	40	24				
Hvn't hrd enough	3	5	4	7				
REFUSED	-	-	-	1				

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

LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	25%	61%	4%	20%	30%	20%	20%	35%
Unfavorable	15	4	26	10	15	14	16	10
Hvn't hrd enough	57	34	67	68	52	63	61	53
REFUSED	2	1	3	2	2	3	2	2
WHITE.....							Non	
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht				
Favorable	31%	21%	26%	22%				
Unfavorable	14	13	14	15				
Hvn't hrd enough	52	64	58	60				
REFUSED	2	1	2	3				

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

LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	23%	2%	43%	21%	20%	27%	26%	15%
Disapprove	69	98	44	72	75	63	67	82
DK/NA	7	1	13	6	5	10	8	2
WHITE.....							Non	
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht				
Approve	18%	26%	22%	33%				
Disapprove	79	66	73	54				
DK/NA	3	8	6	13				

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Approve	39%	89%	2%	41%	48%	30%	33%	55%	
Disapprove	59	10	95	57	50	68	66	44	
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	
	WHITE.....			Non					
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht					
Approve	51%	31%	42%	30%					
Disapprove	48	67	57	66					
DK/NA	1	2	1	4					

10. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for governor this year: the economy, taxes, government spending, transportation, or education?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Economy	31%	29%	32%	28%	33%	28%	33%	33%	
Taxes	26	38	18	27	26	27	22	32	
Government spending	24	31	17	30	26	23	23	29	
Transportation	3	-	5	2	4	1	4	-	
Education	13	1	26	10	8	18	16	6	
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	2	-	3	1	2	2	2	-	
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	
	WHITE.....			Non					
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht					
Economy	33%	32%	33%	27%					
Taxes	26	25	26	29					
Government spending	28	22	25	22					
Transportation	3	2	2	4					
Education	8	16	12	18					
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	1					
DK/NA	2	1	1	-					

11. Thinking about who to vote for in the election for governor, which of the following is most important to you: is it someone who is honest, someone who shares your values, someone who cares about average people, someone who would bring needed change, or someone who has good leadership skills?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Honest	15%	15%	17%	15%	15%	16%	16%	16%
Shares values	21	23	26	16	20	21	28	13
Cares about people	18	6	26	20	16	21	13	21
Bring change	30	45	18	30	30	30	29	33
Good leader	12	10	11	16	14	11	12	12
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	1
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	3	1	2	4

	WHITE.....			Non
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Honest	15%	17%	16%	13%
Shares values	22	23	22	16
Cares about people	14	18	16	28
Bring change	31	30	30	31
Good leader	13	11	12	13
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	4	1	3	-

12. Is supporting a candidate who shares your opinion on President Trump important to you in the election for governor, or is that not important?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Important	65%	58%	78%	61%	60%	70%	65%	67%
Not important	35	41	22	39	40	29	34	33
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-

	WHITE.....			Non
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Important	60%	72%	66%	60%
Not important	40	28	34	40
DK/NA	-	1	-	-

13. Is supporting a candidate who shares your opinion on Governor Malloy important to you in the election for governor, or is that not important?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Important	35%	52%	23%	33%	34%	36%	28%	46%
Not important	64	47	76	66	65	63	72	53
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-
	WHITE.....			Non				
	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht				
Important	37%	33%	35%	35%				
Not important	63	66	64	65				
DK/NA	-	1	1	-				