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**CT GOVERNOR’S RACE: LAMONT 58%, FAZIO 38% IN THE FINAL STRETCH,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY CONNECTICUT POLL FINDS;
FAZIO STILL UNKNOWN TO 3 IN 10 LIKELY VOTERS**

Less than three weeks until Election Day, 58 percent of likely voters back incumbent Democrat Ned Lamont, who’s seeking a third term as governor, and 38 percent back Republican challenger Ryan Fazio, with 3 percent not choosing a candidate, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of likely voters in Connecticut released today.

This compares to Quinnipiac University’s September 16 poll, when Lamont received 55 percent support and Fazio received 38 percent support, with 7 percent not choosing a candidate.

In today’s poll, Democrats 93 – 4 percent back Lamont and Republicans 90 – 10 percent back Fazio. Among independents, 53 percent back Lamont and 44 percent back Fazio.

“Ned Lamont looks headed to a very comfortable victory. This is the biggest lead a candidate for governor in Connecticut has had in two decades since Jodi Rell led John DeStefano by 24 points in Quinnipiac University’s November 1, 2006 poll,” said Doug Schwartz, Associate Vice President and Director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

FAVORABILITY RATINGS

Fifty-four percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Ned Lamont, while 37 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him, and 6 percent haven’t heard enough about him.

Thirty-three percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Ryan Fazio, while 35 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him, and 30 percent haven’t heard enough about him.

“The yawning gap between Lamont and his opponent in the governor’s race is in no small part attributable to the fact that 30 percent of likely voters don’t know enough about Ryan Fazio,” added Schwartz.

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

When likely voters were given a list of nine issues and asked which is the most important one in deciding who to vote for in the election for governor, the cost of living (24 percent) and the economy (21 percent) top the list, followed by taxes (13 percent), health care (10 percent), and immigration (10 percent). No other issue reaches double digits.

Among likely voters who say the cost of living is the most important issue, 67 percent back Lamont and 30 percent back Fazio.

Among likely voters who say the economy is the most important issue, 73 percent back Lamont and 25 percent back Fazio.

Among likely voters who say taxes are the most important issue, 77 percent back Fazio and 23 percent back Lamont.

Among likely voters who say health care is the most important issue, 89 percent back Lamont and 9 percent back Fazio.

Among likely voters who say immigration is the most important issue, 64 percent back Fazio and 35 percent back Lamont.

JOB APPROVALS

More than half of likely voters (53 percent) approve of the way Ned Lamont is handling his job as governor, while 40 percent disapprove.

Twenty-nine percent of likely voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 67 percent disapprove.

1,225 Connecticut likely voters were surveyed from October 8th – 12th with a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ned Lamont the Democrat and Ryan Fazio the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES ALREADY VOTED AND LEANERS)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Lamont	58%	10%	93%	53%	52%	64%
Fazio	38	90	4	44	45	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	-	2	-	1	2
REFUSED	2	-	1	3	3	2

	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO GOV VOTE Q6				
	Econ-omy	CostOf Living	Health Care	Taxes	Immig-ration
Lamont	73%	67%	89%	23%	35%
Fazio	25	30	9	77	64
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	2	-	-	1
REFUSED	1	2	2	-	-

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (candidate of choice), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Lamont	Fazio
Very enthusiastic	36%	30%	46%
Smwht enthusiastic	49	54	42
Not so enthusiastic	8	9	8
Not enthus at all	4	5	3
DK/NA	2	2	2

1b. (If candidate chosen q1) How likely is it that you will change your mind about your choice for governor before the election; very likely, somewhat likely, not so likely, or not likely at all?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Lamont	Fazio
Very likely	1%	1%	2%
Somewhat likely	4	5	4
Not so likely	11	11	10
Not likely at all	83	83	84
DK/NA	-	-	-

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	54%	13%	85%	50%	49%	59%
Unfavorable	37	80	8	43	43	32
Hvn't hrd enough	6	5	4	5	6	5
REFUSED	3	3	2	2	2	4

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	33%	81%	7%	34%	38%	29%
Unfavorable	35	5	57	30	33	37
Hvn't hrd enough	30	14	34	34	27	31
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	3

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ned Lamont is handling his job as governor?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	53%	12%	87%	45%	48%	58%
Disapprove	40	82	9	49	46	35
DK/NA	7	6	5	6	6	7

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	29%	78%	2%	30%	35%	23%
Disapprove	67	17	98	65	60	73
DK/NA	5	5	1	5	4	5

6. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding who to vote for in the election for governor: the economy, the cost of living, health care, taxes, electricity costs, crime, schools, immigration, or affordable housing?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Economy	21%	15%	25%	21%	20%	21%
Cost of living	24	16	27	28	22	26
Health care	10	2	15	9	9	11
Taxes	13	30	5	10	13	12
Electricity costs	3	4	2	5	4	3
Crime	3	8	-	3	4	1
Schools	5	4	6	5	3	7
Immigration	10	15	6	11	12	8
Affordable housing	5	2	6	5	6	5
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	3	2	3	1	4	2
DK/NA	3	3	4	2	2	4