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**LAMONT UP BY 15 POINTS IN CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR’S RACE,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY CONNECTICUT POLL FINDS;  
BLUMENTHAL UP BY 15 POINTS IN SENATE RACE**

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont maintains a double-digit lead over his Republican challenger Bob Stefanowski 56 – 41 percent in the race for governor, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of likely voters in Connecticut released today.

This is essentially unchanged from a September 21<sup>st</sup> Quinnipiac University poll when Lamont led Stefanowski 57 – 40 percent.

There is a wide gender gap. Women support Lamont 64 – 33 percent. Among men, 51 percent support Stefanowski, while 46 percent support Lamont.

Roughly 6 in 10 likely voters (57 percent) have a favorable opinion of Lamont, while 36 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

Nearly 4 in 10 likely voters (39 percent) have a favorable opinion of Stefanowski, while 42 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him, and 17 percent say they haven’t heard enough about him.

“Governor Lamont appears to be in a stronger position facing Republican challenger Bob Stefanowski than he was back in 2018 when they were locked in a tight race. Then, Lamont won by 3 points. This time around, he’s looking at a double-digit lead and the first gubernatorial race since 2006 that hasn’t been close,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Director Doug Schwartz.

**SENATE RACE**

As Senator Richard Blumenthal seeks a third term in the U.S. Senate, he leads his Republican challenger Leora Levy 56 – 41 percent. This is largely unchanged from a September 21<sup>st</sup> Quinnipiac University poll when Blumenthal was ahead of Levy 57 – 40 percent.

As with the gubernatorial race, there is a wide gender gap. Women back Blumenthal 64 – 33 percent. Among men, 51 percent back Levy, while 46 percent back Blumenthal.

Fifty-four percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Blumenthal, while 41 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

Three in 10 likely voters (30 percent) have a favorable opinion of Levy, while 37 percent have an unfavorable opinion of her, and 31 percent say they haven’t heard enough about her.

“Not only does Republican Leora Levy have the formidable task of taking on a popular Democratic incumbent U.S. Senator in blue Connecticut, but about 3 in 10 likely voters say they haven’t heard enough about her to express an opinion,” added Schwartz.

### **MOST URGENT ISSUE**

Asked to choose the most urgent issue facing Connecticut today, inflation (37 percent) ranks by far as the top issue among likely voters followed by taxes (13 percent).

Among Republicans, inflation (56 percent) ranks first followed by taxes (15 percent) and crime (11 percent).

Among Democrats, inflation (24 percent) ranks first followed by abortion (14 percent) and climate change (13 percent).

Among independents, inflation (41 percent) ranks first followed by taxes (16 percent).

### **JOB APPROVALS**

Job approval ratings for Connecticut elected officials...

- Governor Ned Lamont: 58 percent approve, while 37 percent disapprove;
- Senator Richard Blumenthal: 55 percent approve, while 41 percent disapprove;
- Senator Chris Murphy: 54 percent approve, while 36 percent disapprove.

Forty-eight percent of likely voters approve of the way President Joe Biden is handling his job, while 49 percent disapprove.

### **TRUMP FAVORABILITY**

Thirty percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of former President Donald Trump, while 62 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

1,879 Connecticut likely voters were surveyed from October 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> with a margin of error of +/- 2.3 percentage points.

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 random samples of adults 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 Bob Stefanowski the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES ALREADY VOTED AND LEANERS)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Lamont	56%	11%	95%	45%	46%	64%
Stefanowski	41	89	5	51	51	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	2
REFUSED	2	-	-	3	2	2

  

	REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT..		INDEPENDENT	
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Lamont	12%	10%	90%	97%	40%	51%
Stefanowski	88	89	9	3	59	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	-	1	1	-	-	3
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	1	4

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	57%	18%	92%	47%	47%	64%
Unfavorable	36	73	6	43	45	29
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5	1	6	5	3
REFUSED	3	4	1	4	4	3

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	39%	83%	7%	45%	46%	33%
Unfavorable	42	8	73	31	32	50
Hvn't hrd enough	17	8	19	21	19	16
REFUSED	2	1	1	3	3	1

4. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Richard Blumenthal the Democrat and Leora Levy the Republican, for whom would you vote?  
(INCLUDES ALREADY VOTED AND LEANERS)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Blumenthal	56%	9%	94%	46%	46%	64%
Levy	41	90	5	50	51	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	2	-	-	1	1	2
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	1

  

	REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT..		INDEPENDENT	
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Blumenthal	10%	9%	91%	96%	40%	54%
Levy	90	90	8	4	58	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	1
UNDECIDED (VOL)	-	1	1	-	1	2
REFUSED	-	-	1	-	-	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	54%	12%	90%	43%	43%	62%
Unfavorable	41	84	7	50	51	32
Hvn't hrd enough	4	4	3	5	3	5
REFUSED	2	1	-	2	2	1

6. Is your opinion of Leora Levy favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	30%	74%	6%	31%	36%	26%
Unfavorable	37	8	64	27	28	45
Hvn't hrd enough	31	18	29	40	34	28
REFUSED	2	-	1	2	2	1

7. 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	58%	15%	93%	50%	48%	65%
Disapprove	37	80	5	44	46	29
DK/NA	5	5	2	6	5	5

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Murphy is handling his job as United States Senator?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	54%	14%	90%	44%	44%	63%
Disapprove	36	76	5	46	46	28
DK/NA	9	10	5	10	9	9

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Richard Blumenthal is handling his job as United States Senator?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	55%	11%	92%	45%	44%	63%
Disapprove	41	86	6	50	52	32
DK/NA	5	4	3	5	4	5

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	48%	7%	89%	34%	38%	57%
Disapprove	49	92	10	61	58	41
DK/NA	3	1	1	5	4	3

11. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	30%	71%	4%	34%	35%	27%
Unfavorable	62	22	93	56	54	69
Hvn't hrd enough	4	2	2	6	7	1
REFUSED	4	5	1	3	5	3

12. In your opinion, what is the most urgent issue facing Connecticut today: abortion, COVID-19, inflation, climate change, health care, racial inequality, taxes, crime, infrastructure, or schools?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Abortion	8%	2%	14%	5%	4%	11%
COVID-19	1	-	1	1	1	1
Inflation	37	56	24	41	36	37
Climate change	7	1	13	5	6	7
Health care	6	2	9	7	5	7
Racial inequality	4	-	7	2	3	4
Taxes	13	15	7	16	16	10
Crime	8	11	7	9	10	7
Infrastructure	5	3	7	5	7	4
Schools	5	5	7	4	4	6
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	4	3	3	4	6	3
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	2