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## **WAR OF THE SEXES LEAVES CONNECTICUT GOV RACE TIED, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS LIKE FOLEY A LITTLE MORE THAN MALLOY**

Men and women likely voters are miles apart, leaving the Connecticut governor's race between Democratic incumbent Gov. Dannel Malloy and Republican challenger Tom Foley tied 43 – 43 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Independent candidate Joe Visconti has 7 percent, with 6 percent undecided.

This compares to results of an October 22 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, showing Gov. Malloy with 43 percent of likely voters to Foley's 42 percent.

Today, with Visconti out of the race, Foley gets 46 percent to Malloy's 45 percent.

In the three-way matchup, independent voters go to Foley over Malloy 48 – 33 percent, with 14 percent for Visconti.

Republicans back Foley 87 – 7 percent, with 4 percent for Visconti. Democrats go to Malloy 82 – 9 percent, with 3 percent for Visconti.

The gender gap remains wide, as Malloy leads Foley 52 – 35 percent among women, with 5 percent for Visconti, while Foley leads Malloy 51 – 34 percent among men, with 10 percent for Visconti.

“The Connecticut governor's race is a fight to the finish between Gov. Dannel Malloy and challenger Tom Foley – and between men and women,” said Douglas Schwartz, PhD, director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“Independent candidate Joe Visconti’s numbers have edged slightly downward. Not a surprise given that many of his supporters told us they could change their mind. Perhaps we are beginning to see some of those more conservative minded Visconti voters shift to Foley as the election draws near,” Dr. Schwartz added.

Just 6 days before the election, 86 percent of Connecticut likely voters who name a candidate say their mind is made up, while 13 percent say they might change their mind. Their minds are made up, say 89 percent of Malloy voters and 90 percent of Foley backers, while 56 percent of Visconti supporters say they might change their mind.

Connecticut likely voters give Foley a split 43 – 43 percent favorability rating, while Malloy gets a negative 41 – 52 percent score. Visconti remains unknown as 75 percent of voters still don’t know enough about him to form an opinion,

“Foley’s favorability rating has improved. Voters now have a mixed opinion of him after viewing him negatively. Voters’ views of Malloy are stable and negative,” Schwartz said.

“Will Connecticut visits by President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama in the final week of the campaign motivate the Democratic base to turnout in an election where they otherwise might stay home? And will that be enough to put Malloy ahead?

“Or will New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie’s appearance on behalf of Foley get Republicans fired up more?”

From October 22 – 27, Quinnipiac University surveyed 838 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 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%	7%	82%	33%	34%	52%
Foley	43	87	9	48	51	35
Visconti	7	4	3	14	10	5
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	6	3	6	5	5	7

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	Oct 29 2014	Oct 22 2014	Oct 08 2014	Sep 10 2014
Malloy	43	43	43	40
Foley	43	42	43	46
Visconti	7	9	9	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1
DK/NA	6	6	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.....			
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....			
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
Malloy		Foley	Visconti	
Mind made up	86%	89%	90%	42%
Might change	13	10	9	56
DK/NA	1	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.....			
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN.....			
	Oct 29 2014	Oct 22 2014	Oct 08 2014	Sep 10 2014
Mind made up	86	81	74	69
Might change	13	18	25	30
DK/NA	1	1	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	45%	7%	83%	37%	35%	54%
Foley	46	88	10	54	55	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2	-
DK/NA	8	3	6	9	7	9

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	MATCHUP WITHOUT VISCONTI.....			
	Oct 29 2014	Oct 22 2014	Oct 08 2014	Sep 10 2014
Malloy	45	45	46	43
Foley	46	45	46	49
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	1
DK/NA	8	8	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%	9%	74%	33%	31%	50%
Unfavorable	52	89	17	61	63	42
Hvn't hrd enough	4	-	4	4	3	5
REFUSED	3	2	4	2	3	4

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	Oct 29 2014	Oct 22 2014	Oct 08 2014	Sep 10 2014
Favorable	41	42	41	40
Unfavorable	52	50	51	53
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5	5	5
REFUSED	3	3	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	43%	79%	13%	48%	50%	37%
Unfavorable	43	11	72	40	40	46
Hvn't hrd enough	10	8	13	9	7	13
REFUSED	3	2	2	3	3	3

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	Oct 29 2014	Oct 22 2014	Oct 08 2014	Sep 10 2014
Favorable	43	40	41	42
Unfavorable	43	46	39	33
Hvn't hrd enough	10	12	18	23
REFUSED	3	2	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	11%	13%	6%	16%	17%	7%
Unfavorable	11	10	16	6	13	9
Hvn't hrd enough	75	74	76	76	67	83
REFUSED	2	3	2	2	3	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	Oct 29 2014	Oct 22 2014	Oct 08 2014	Sep 10 2014
Favorable	11	11	7	6
Unfavorable	11	8	7	4
Hvn't hrd enough	75	80	86	89
REFUSED	2	1	1	1