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## **Obama Dominates in Connecticut**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Connecticut voters are certain of who they want to see win the Presidential election on November 6. With 40 days until election day, President Barack Obama leads in the state by 13 points at 54%, with Mitt Romney only taking 41% of the vote. This comes with President Obama's approval rating at 52%, while Romney's favorability hardly compares at 41%.

When polled, Connecticut residents back Obama on all issues. 51% of residents trust Obama on issues with the economy, while only 43% trust Romney. When it comes to foreign policy, 54% trust President Obama's decisions, while Romney compares with only 40%.

"Connecticut looked earlier in the year like it had the potential to be a sleeper swing state," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But Barack Obama has solidified his position over the last couple months. He won't win it by as much as he did in 2008 but a loss now appears out of the question."

When it comes to Mitt Romney releasing his tax returns over the past 12 years, 49% agreed that he should release this information. However, 38% think he should not release his personal information, while 13% are unsure.

On the state level, citizens of Connecticut are a little less 'true blue.' Governor Dan Malloy does not have high ratings- only 32% approve compared to 51% disapprove of his job performance. However, if there was an election today, 38% would vote Malloy back into office, while 42% would support the Republican opponent and 19% unsure.

For Senate, Richard Blumenthal is heavily supported, with 53% approving of his work and only 31% disapproving. However, Joe Lieberman is tied with 40% approval/disapproval of his job performance.

PPP surveyed 801 Connecticut voters from September 24 to 26. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.5%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.

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# **Connecticut Survey Results**

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?	Q7	Generally speaking, if there was an election today, would you vote for Democrat Dan Malloy or his Republican opponent?
	Approve52%		
	Disapprove44%		Dan Malloy38% Not sure19% Republican
	Not sure		opponent42%
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?	Q8	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Joe Lieberman's job performance?
	Favorable41%		Approve40% Not sure21%
	Unfavorable53%		Disapprove40%
Q3	Not sure	Q9	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Richard Blumenthal's job performance?
ŲS	Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If		Approve53% Not sure
	the election was today, who would you vote		Disapprove31%
	for?	Q10	Are you familiar with comments Mitt Romney
	Barack Obama54%		has made about the '47%', or not?
	Mitt Romney41%		Familiar87%
	Undecided5%		Not familiar13%
Q4	Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?	Q11	Mitt Romney recently said, "There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the
	Barack Obama51%		president no matter what. All right? There are
	Mitt Romney43%		47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that
	Not sure 6%		they are victims, who believe the government
Q5	Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of foreign policy?		has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to
	Barack Obama54%		food, to housing, to you-name-it, that that's an entitlement. And the government should give it
	Mitt Romney40%		to them. And they will vote for this president no
			matter what These are people who pay no
00	Not sure 6%		income tax." Do you think Romney's comments were appropriate or inappropriate?
Q6	Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Dan Malloy's job performance?		Appropriate
	Approve		
	• •		Inappropriate56%
	Disapprove51%		Not sure





QIZ	likely to vote for Mitt Romney, or do they no make a difference?	
	More likely	23%
	Less likely	39%
	No difference	36%
	Not sure	2%
Q13	Do you think Mitt Romney should release hax returns for the last 12 years, or not?	nis
	He should	49%
	He should not	38%
	Not sure	
Q14	Would you describe yourself as very liberal somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?	
	Very liberal	11%
	Somewhat liberal	23%
	Moderate	.37%
	Somewhat conservative	.21%
	Very conservative	. 9%
Q15	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pres	
	Woman	.51%
		10%

Q16	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republi press 2. If you are an independent or identi with another party, press 3.	
	Democrat	43%
	Republican	26%
	Independent/Other	32%
Q17	If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press If African-American, press 3. If other, press	
	Hispanic	13%
	White	75%
	African-American	7%
Q18	Other	
	18 to 29	16%
	30 to 45	24%
	46 to 65	40%
	Older than 65	20%





		ldeology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	
Obama Approval		-	-				
Approve	52%	78%	78%	60%	14%	13%	
Disapprove	44%	22%	13%	37%	85%	87%	
Not sure	3%	1%	9%	3%	1%	-	

		Ideology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Romney Favorability							
Favorable	41%	14%	13%	35%	77%	87%	
Unfavorable	53%	78%	80%	58%	19%	13%	
Not sure	6%	8%	7%	7%	3%	-	

		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Obam a/Rom ney		_	<u>-</u>	_	-	
Barack Obama	54%	78%	84%	60%	16%	10%
Mitt Romney	41%	11%	12%	34%	79%	89%
Undecided	5%	10%	5%	6%	5%	1%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	. ,
Trust More on Economy?		=	•		•	
Barack Obama	51%	70%	83%	57%	13%	9%
Mitt Romney	43%	20%	12%	35%	83%	89%
Not sure	6%	10%	6%	7%	4%	2%





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		Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Foreign Policy?						
Barack Obama	54%	75%	87%	60%	16%	10%
Mitt Romney	40%	20%	10%	31%	78%	86%
Not sure	6%	5%	3%	9%	6%	4%

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Malloy Approval						
Approve	32%	35%	49%	38%	13%	6%
Disapprove	51%	45%	36%	45%	70%	75%
Not sure	17%	19%	16%	17%	17%	19%

		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	
Malloy or GOP Opponent?						
Dan Malloy	38%	63%	56%	41%	15%	6%
Republican opponent		27%	12%	38%	73%	86%
Not sure	19%	11%	32%	21%	12%	7%

		Ideolog	deology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative				
Lieberman Approval			-	-					
Approve	40%	33%	30%	42%	49%	38%			
Disapprove	40%	48%	45%	41%	31%	30%			
Not sure	21%	19%	24%	17%	20%	32%			





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Blumenthal Approval		-	<u>-</u>	=	•	
Approve	53%	68%	70%	58%	32%	21%
Disapprove	31%	18%	9%	27%	52%	70%
Not sure	16%	14%	20%	15%	16%	9%

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Very Somewhat iberal liberal Moderate conservative conserva					
Familiar with Romney Comments?								
Fam iliar	87%	95%	82%	87%	87%	93%		
Not familiar	13%	5%	18%	13%	13%	7%		

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappro- priate								
Appropriate	38%	28%	10%	31%	72%	68%		
Inappropriate	56%	70%	85%	63%	22%	22%		
Not sure	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	10%		

		Ideolo	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal			Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him		•					
More likely	23%	25%	10%	17%	38%	39%	
Less likely	39%	54%	62%	42%	17%	12%	
No difference	36%	21%	24%	39%	44%	47%	
Not sure	2%	-	4%	2%	2%	2%	





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Should Romney Release Taxes?						
He should	49%	80%	68%	53%	17%	25%
He should not	38%	14%	18%	33%	68%	67%
Not sure	13%	6%	15%	14%	15%	8%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama Approval		-	
Approve	52%	59%	46%
Disapprove	44%	37%	51%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Romney Favorability		-	
Favorable	41%	33%	50%
Unfavorable	53%	59%	47%
Notsure	6%	8%	3%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obam a/Rom ne y		- -	
Barack Obama	54%	61%	46%
Mitt Romney	41%	33%	49%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Trust More on Economy?			
Barack Obama	51%	57%	45%
Mitt Romney	43%	36%	50%
Not sure	6%	7%	4%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Trust More on Foreign Policy?			
Barack Obama	54%	61%	47%
Mitt Romney	40%	31%	48%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Malloy Approval		-	
Approve	32%	34%	30%
Disapprove	51%	48%	53%
Not sure	17%	18%	17%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Malloy or GOP Opponent?			
Dan Malloy	38%	42%	35%
Republican opponent	42%	36%	49%
Not sure	19%	22%	17%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Lieberman Approval		-	
Approve	40%	41%	39%
Disapprove	40%	36%	43%
Not sure	21%	23%	18%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Blumenthal Approval		-	
Approve	53%	62%	44%
Disapprove	31%	23%	40%
Not sure	16%	16%	16%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Familiar with Romney Comments?				
Familiar	87%	85%	90%	
Not familiar	13%	15%	10%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappro- priate			
Appropriate	38%	32%	44%
Inappropriate	56%	60%	52%
Not sure	6%	8%	4%





		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him				
More likely	23%	20%	25%	
Less likely	39%	45%	34%	
No difference	36%	31%	40%	
Not sure	2%	4%	1%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Should Romney Release Taxes?			
He should	49%	52%	45%
He should not	38%	33%	43%
Not sure	13%	15%	11%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obam a Approval				
Approve	52%	80%	17%	44%
Disapprove		16%	79%	54%
Not sure		4%	4%	2%

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Romney Favorability		='	•	•		
Favorable	41%	14%	75%	49%		
Unfavorable	53%	79%	18%	47%		
Not sure	6%	7%	7%	4%		





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney		='		•
Barack Obama	54%	83%	20%	43%
Mitt Romney	41%	13%	75%	50%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%	7%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Economy?				
Barack Obama	51%	79%	15%	43%
Mitt Romney	43%	16%	77%	51%
Not sure	6%	4%	8%	6%

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Trust More on Foreign Policy?						
Barack Obama	54%	83%	19%	45%		
Mitt Romney	40%	14%	72%	48%		
Not sure	6%	3%	9%	8%		

	Party				
Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
	=	•			
32%	49%	12%	26%		
51%	34%	68%	59%		
17%	17%	20%	15%		
	32% 51% 17%	Base Democrat  32% 49% 51% 34%	Base Democrat Republican  32% 49% 12% 51% 34% 68%		





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Malloy or GOP Opponent?		•		
Dan Malloy	38%	63%	11%	28%
Republican opponent		17%	73%	50%
Not sure	19%	20%	16%	22%

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Lieberman Approval		='					
Approve	40%	31%	53%	41%			
Disapprove	40%	46%	27%	41%			
Not sure	21%	23%	20%	18%			

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Blumenthal Approval		='		-		
Approve	53%	75%	27%	45%		
Disapprove	31%	11%	57%	37%		
Not sure	16%	14%	16%	18%		

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Familiar with Romney Comments?							
Familiar	87%	85%	87%	91%			
Not familiar	13%	15%	13%	9%			





		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappro- priate							
Appropriate	38%	14%	65%	49%			
Inappropriate		82%	24%	47%			
Not sure	6%	4%	11%	4%			

		Party						
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other				
Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him								
More likely	23%	13%	38%	24%				
Less likely	39%	59%	14%	34%				
No difference	36%	26%	47%	40%				
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	2%				

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Should Romney Release Taxes?								
He should	49%	71%	24%	39%				
He should not	38%	16%	66%	46%				
Not sure	13%	13%	11%	15%				

		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other	
Obama Approval						
Approve	52%	49%	50%	83%	51%	
Disapprove	44%	46%	47%	12%	38%	
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	5%	11%	





		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other	
Romney Favorability		-		-		
Favorable	41%	41%	44%	16%	25%	
Unfavorable	53%	54%	50%	78%	63%	
Not sure	6%	5%	5%	6%	11%	

		Race			
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other
Obam a/Rom ney		-		-	•
Barack Obama	54%	53%	51%	84%	62%
Mitt Romney	41%	43%	44%	12%	28%
Undecided	5%	4%	5%	4%	10%

		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other	
Trust More on Economy?			•			
Barack Obama	51%	47%	49%	81%	59%	
Mitt Romney	43%	47%	46%	12%	30%	
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	7%	11%	

	Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other
Trust More on Foreign Policy?			•		
Barack Obama	54%	48%	52%	83%	60%
Mitt Romney	40%	45%	42%	12%	30%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%	5%	10%





		Race				
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Malloy Approval		=		-		
Approve	32%	27%	31%	62%	27%	
Disapprove	51%	58%	53%	22%	36%	
Not sure	17%	15%	16%	16%	37%	

		Race						
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Malloy or GOP Opponent?								
Dan Malloy	38%	40%	36%	66%	32%			
Republican opponent	42%	39%	46%	17%	35%			
Not sure	19%	21%	18%	17%	33%			

		Race					
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other		
Lieberman Approval							
Approve	40%	48%	40%	33%	30%		
Disapprove	40%	34%	41%	43%	34%		
Not sure	21%	18%	20%	24%	35%		

		Race					
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other		
Blumenthal Approval							
Approve	53%	44%	53%	68%	51%		
Disapprove	31%	40%	32%	15%	17%		
Not sure	16%	16%	15%	17%	32%		





		Race					
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other		
Familiar with Romney Comments?							
Familiar	87%	80%	90%	81%	81%		
Not familiar	13%	20%	10%	19%	19%		

		Race					
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other		
Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappro- priate							
Appropriate	38%	44%	41%	7%	19%		
Inappropriate	56%	53%	53%	89%	69%		
Not sure	6%	3%	6%	5%	12%		

		Race					
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other		
Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him							
More likely	23%	31%	23%	11%	8%		
Less likely	39%	34%	39%	65%	31%		
No difference	36%	33%	37%	15%	49%		
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	10%	11%		

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	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other		
Should Romney Release Taxes?							
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Not sure	13%	14%	13%	15%	6%		





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	52%	58%	48%	53%	52%
Disapprove	44%	33%	49%	45%	45%
Not sure	3%	8%	2%	2%	4%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	41%	31%	43%	43%	43%
Unfavorable	53%	56%	54%	53%	51%
Not sure	6%	14%	3%	4%	6%

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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Obam a/Rom ney						
Barack Obama	54%	64%	48%	54%	53%	
Mitt Romney	41%	25%	46%	42%	44%	
Undecided	5%	11%	5%	4%	3%	

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Not sure	6%	11%	6%	3%	6%	





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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Malloy Approval					
Approve	32%	20%	33%	35%	35%
Approve Disapprove	51%	60%	54%	48%	44%
Not sure	17%	20%	14%	17%	21%

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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65		
Malloy or GOP Opponent?						
Dan Malloy	38%	35%	33%	41%	43%	
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Lieberman Approval					
Approve	40%	29%	45%	38%	45%
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Blumenthal Approval					
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Disapprove	31%	30%	34%	33%	27%
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Familiar with Romney Comments?						
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Not familiar	13%	24%	13%	7%	15%	

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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
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Not sure	6%	3%	5%	7%	6%	

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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to	Older than 65	
Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him	DdSC	23	40	00	tilali 05	
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Less likely	39%	48%	36%	37%	42%	
No difference	36%	17%	40%	41%	34%	
Not sure	2%	7%	-	1%	4%	





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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Should Romney Release Taxes?						
He should	49%	55%	42%	50%	49%	
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