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FOLEY TOPS GOP PACK, TIES MALLOY IN CONNECTICUT RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; SUPPORT FOR MINIMUM WAGE HIKE ALMOST 3-1

Tom Foley dominates the crowded Republican primary field in the Connecticut governor's race and is locked in a 42 – 42 percent dead heat with Democratic Gov. Dannel Malloy, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

There is a large gender gap as women back the Democrat 45 – 37 percent while men go Republican 48 – 39 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Foley leads 83 – 9 percent among Republicans and 45 – 33 percent among independent voters while Gov. Malloy takes Democrats 79 – 10 percent.

Malloy gets a 48 percent approval rating from Connecticut voters, while 45 percent disapprove. Voters are divided 45 – 46 percent on whether he should be reelected.

Foley leads a Republican primary with 36 percent. His nearest competitor is Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton with 11 percent. No other candidate tops 6 percent and 35 percent of Republican voters remain undecided.

Malloy tops other possible Republican challengers by margins ranging from 6 to 11 percentage points.

Connecticut voters give their governor a 46 – 43 percent favorability rating. Foley gets a 38 – 21 percent favorability. For other Republican candidates, anywhere from 72 percent of voters to 89 percent don't know enough to form an opinion.

“Haven't we seen this movie before? A potential rematch of Gov. Dannel Malloy vs Tom Foley couldn't get any closer,” said Douglas Schwartz, PhD, director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

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“Foley dominates other Republicans vying for the nomination, who have little statewide recognition,” Dr. Schwartz added. “One potential problem for Foley is if he gets bloodied during the primary process. For Malloy, perhaps the biggest worry is that he’s never been able to get over 50 percent in job approval – a danger sign for any incumbent.”

Looking at Malloy’s personal qualities, Connecticut voters say:

- 60 – 35 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 59 – 33 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 50 – 45 percent that he cares about their needs and problems.

President Obama’s Approval

Connecticut voters give President Barack Obama a negative 45 – 51 percent approval rating, his lowest score ever in the state. There is a wide gender gap as men disapprove 57 – 40 percent rating while women are divided, with 49 percent approving and 47 percent disapproving.

The president gets a negative 7 – 92 percent from Republicans and a negative 38 – 57 percent from independent voters, while Democrats approve 80 – 16 percent. He gets a lukewarm 49 – 43 percent approval from voters 18 to 29 years old and negative grades among older voters.

Minimum Wage

Connecticut voters support 71 – 25 percent raising the state’s minimum wage. Support is 93 – 6 percent among Democrats and 73 – 23 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 53 – 41 percent. Support is 78 – 18 percent among women, 64 – 32 percent among men and 69 percent or higher among all age groups.

Offered four choices:

- 42 percent want to increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour;
- 8 percent want to increase it to something less than \$10.10 per hour;
- 20 percent want to increase it to more than \$10.10 per hour;
- 25 percent want no increase.

A minimum wage increase would help rather than hurt Connecticut’s economy, voters say 47 – 28 percent. Republicans say 57 – 17 percent that it would hurt the economy.

From February 26 – March 2, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,878 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.3 percentage points. The survey includes 477 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

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 Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Foley, John McKinney, Mark Lauretti, Joseph Visconti, Toni Boucher, and Mark Boughton for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Foley	36%	38%	34%
McKinney	3	4	3
Lauretti	6	6	5
Visconti	3	4	-
Boucher	2	1	2
Boughton	11	15	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	3
DK/NA	35	29	43

TREND: (If Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Foley, John McKinney, Mark Lauretti, Joseph Visconti, Toni Boucher and Mark Boughton for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS	
	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Foley	36	36
McKinney	3	11
Lauretti	6	na
Visconti	3	na
Boucher	2	na
Boughton	11	8
Cafero	na	4
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4
DK/NA	35	37

2. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Foley the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Foley	42%	83%	10%	45%	48%	37%	29%	43%	45%	43%
Malloy	42	9	79	33	39	45	51	39	41	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	3	4	4	3	6	3	4	1
DK/NA	11	7	8	16	8	14	14	14	8	11

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Foley the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 04	Jun 19
	2014	2013
Foley	42	43
Malloy	42	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2
DK/NA	11	14

3. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John McKinney the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
McKinney	37%	79%	6%	40%	42%	34%	24%	36%	44%	36%
Malloy	43	10	80	34	42	44	53	43	40	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	3	4	5	3	7	4	3	1
DK/NA	14	8	10	20	10	18	15	14	11	18

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John McKinney the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
McKinney	37	37
Malloy	43	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3
DK/NA	14	15

4. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Boughton the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Boughton	35%	74%	5%	37%	39%	30%	20%	37%	38%	34%
Malloy	44	12	81	35	43	46	57	41	43	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	4	4	3	9	3	3	1
DK/NA	16	10	11	22	12	20	13	17	13	20

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Boughton the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Boughton	35	36
Malloy	44	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	16	16

5. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Lauretti the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Lauretti	34%	75%	4%	36%	39%	30%	23%	36%	36%	33%
Malloy	44	10	81	36	43	46	55	41	43	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	2	2	-	3	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	3	4	4	3	7	3	4	1
DK/NA	16	12	11	22	12	20	15	17	15	19

6. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Joseph Visconti the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Visconti	34%	75%	4%	35%	38%	31%	25%	35%	37%	32%
Malloy	45	11	81	36	44	45	53	43	43	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	4	4	2	6	3	4	1
DK/NA	16	11	10	24	13	20	15	16	15	20

7. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Toni Boucher the Republican and Dannel Malloy the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Boucher	34%	74%	5%	36%	39%	30%	21%	35%	38%	33%
Malloy	45	11	82	36	43	46	54	42	44	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	2	2	2	-	2	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3	5	5	3	10	4	3	1
DK/NA	15	11	9	22	12	19	14	17	12	19

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	38%	64%	20%	37%	43%	32%	24%	37%	42%	39%
Unfavorable	21	10	34	18	20	22	9	20	25	26
Hvn't hrd enough	39	26	43	43	35	44	66	41	32	32
REFUSED	2	-	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	3

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

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Aug 05 2010	Jan 21 2010	Nov 12 2009	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Mar 04 2014	Low Apr 02 2009
Favorable	38	35	25	31	20	38	12
Unfavorable	21	18	24	6	6	21	6
Hvn't hrd enough	39	46	48	62	74	39	80
REFUSED	2	2	3	1	-	2	1

9. Is your opinion of Dannel Malloy favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	46%	14%	79%	41%	44%	48%	57%	42%	45%	49%
Unfavorable	43	78	12	47	48	39	22	45	50	42
Hvn't hrd enough	8	7	7	9	6	10	18	10	3	6
REFUSED	3	1	2	4	3	3	3	3	1	3

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

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Aug 05 2010*	Jan 21 2010*	Nov 10 2009*	Feb 10 2009*
Favorable	46	46	40	32	21	19
Unfavorable	43	44	15	7	10	11
Hvn't hrd enough	8	7	44	59	67	69
REFUSED	3	3	2	2	2	1

10. Is your opinion of John McKinney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	19%	32%	12%	19%	23%	15%	14%	15%	22%	23%
Unfavorable	8	5	10	7	8	7	5	10	8	7
Hvn't hrd enough	72	63	77	74	67	77	79	74	69	69
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1

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

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Favorable	19	16
Unfavorable	8	8
Hvn't hrd enough	72	75
REFUSED	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	12%	24%	4%	13%	15%	11%	12%	12%	14%	12%
Unfavorable	4	1	7	3	5	3	4	4	5	3
Hvn't hrd enough	82	75	88	83	80	85	82	84	80	84
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Jan 21 2010
Favorable	12	11	7
Unfavorable	4	5	2
Hvn't hrd enough	82	84	90
REFUSED	1	-	1

12. Is your opinion of Mark Lauretti favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	10%	21%	6%	8%	12%	8%	6%	10%	11%	9%
Unfavorable	4	3	6	4	5	4	5	5	5	3
Hvn't hrd enough	85	76	87	87	82	87	88	85	83	87
REFUSED	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1

13. Is your opinion of Joseph Visconti favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	7%	13%	2%	6%	9%	5%	6%	8%	6%	6%
Unfavorable	4	2	6	3	4	4	5	4	4	3
Hvn't hrd enough	89	85	90	91	86	91	87	88	89	90
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1

14. Is your opinion of Toni Boucher favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	8%	14%	4%	8%	8%	9%	8%	9%	8%	8%
Unfavorable	4	3	6	2	5	3	2	5	4	4
Hvn't hrd enough	87	83	89	89	86	88	90	86	87	88
REFUSED	1	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	48%	17%	80%	42%	46%	50%	58%	47%	45%	49%
Disapprove	45	79	14	51	49	42	29	46	52	43
DK/NA	7	4	6	8	5	8	13	6	4	8

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dannel Malloy is handling his job as Governor? (* High also 48% Mar 12, 2013)

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	Mar 06 2013	Oct 24 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Mar 04 2014*	Mar 09 2011
Approve	48	47	48	43	45	48	35
Disapprove	45	47	39	43	41	45	40
DK/NA	7	6	13	15	14	7	25

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	35%	14%	57%	32%	31%	39%	45%	37%	34%	31%
Disapprove	50	74	28	52	57	43	38	51	52	49
DK/NA	15	12	14	17	12	18	18	12	14	19

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	Jun 06 2012	Apr 25 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						Jun 03 2004	Sep 15 2011
Approve	35	33	38	35	32	48	27
Disapprove	50	54	47	51	49	33	57
DK/NA	15	12	15	14	20	19	16

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	45%	7%	80%	38%	40%	49%	49%	45%	45%	43%
Disapprove	51	92	16	57	57	47	43	52	53	52
DK/NA	4	1	4	5	4	4	8	4	2	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (*High also 71% Apr 2009)

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	Jun 06 2012	Apr 25 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High	Low
						May 27 2009*	Mar 04 2014
Approve	45	50	53	53	49	71	45
Disapprove	51	46	44	43	47	22	51
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	4	7	4

20. Do you feel that Dannel Malloy deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Deserves	45%	14%	77%	40%	42%	48%	59%	43%	43%	44%
No/Does not	46	82	14	51	51	41	27	48	52	44
DK/NA	9	5	9	9	7	11	14	9	6	11

TREND: Do you feel that Dannel Malloy deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013
Yes/Deserves	45	44	42
No/Does not	46	46	45
DK/NA	9	10	13

21. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Connecticut today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied	4%	1%	7%	2%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	6%
Smwht satisfied	37	14	62	31	36	38	48	35	33	39
Smwht dissatisfied	31	38	24	33	29	32	32	34	29	28
Very dissatisfied	28	46	7	34	32	25	16	28	35	26
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Connecticut today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013	Mar 12 2013	Jun 06 2012	Apr 25 2012	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Oct 21 1998	Low Sep 15 2011
Very satisfied	4	4	4	4	2	21	2
Smwht satisfied	37	37	36	37	37	62	27
Smwht dissatisfied	31	28	31	33	33	14	39
Very dissatisfied	28	30	28	26	27	3	32
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	1	-	1

32. Would you say that Dannel Malloy - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	60%	38%	83%	55%	58%	61%	68%	59%	57%	61%
No	35	57	13	39	38	32	22	36	40	33
DK/NA	5	4	4	6	3	7	10	5	4	6

TREND: Would you say that Dannel Malloy has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Yes	60	57
No	35	38
DK/NA	5	5

33. Would you say that Dannel Malloy - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	59%	45%	79%	53%	58%	59%	59%	55%	58%	65%
No	33	47	15	37	34	32	28	37	35	26
DK/NA	9	8	6	10	8	9	13	8	7	8

TREND: Would you say that Dannel Malloy is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Yes	59	57
No	33	33
DK/NA	9	10

34. Would you say that Dannel Malloy - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	50%	27%	76%	44%	47%	53%	61%	49%	46%	52%
No	45	68	20	50	49	41	34	45	50	42
DK/NA	5	5	5	6	4	7	5	6	4	7

TREND: Would you say that Dannel Malloy cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Yes	50	47
No	45	47
DK/NA	5	6

35. Do you think Dannel Malloy is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Liberal	36%	76%	7%	36%	45%	28%	19%	37%	41%	36%
Conservative	8	3	10	10	7	9	7	9	9	8
About right	47	16	78	43	42	52	61	46	44	47
DK/NA	8	5	5	11	5	10	13	8	6	9

TREND: Do you think Dannel Malloy is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	Mar 04 2014	Jun 19 2013
Liberal	36	38
Conservative	8	7
About right	47	44
DK/NA	8	12

40. Would you support or oppose raising Connecticut's minimum wage, which is now \$8.70 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	71%	41%	93%	73%	64%	78%	74%	73%	69%	71%
Oppose	25	53	6	23	32	18	21	24	28	24
DK/NA	4	6	1	4	4	4	5	3	3	4

41. (If support q40) Do you think that Connecticut's minimum wage should be \$10.10 an hour, should be less than \$10.10 an hour, or should be more than \$10.10 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	SUPPORTS INCREASE Q40.....			
							AGE IN YRS.....	18-29	30-49	50-64
Exactly \$10.10	59%	56%	61%	58%	60%	59%	53%	58%	60%	62%
Less than \$10.10	11	25	6	13	9	12	14	10	13	10
More than \$10.10	28	17	32	28	28	28	31	30	25	26
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2

41a. (COMBINED Q40 & Q41) Would you support or oppose raising Connecticut's minimum wage, which is now \$8.70 an hour? IF SUPPORT: Do you think that Connecticut's minimum wage should be \$10.10 an hour, should be less than \$10.10 an hour, or should be more than \$10.10 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Increase to \$10.10	42%	23%	57%	42%	38%	46%	39%	43%	42%	44%
Increase < \$10.10	8	10	5	9	6	10	10	7	9	7
Increase > \$10.10	20	7	30	20	18	22	23	22	17	19
Oppose increase	25	53	6	23	32	18	21	24	28	24
DK/NA	5	7	2	5	5	5	7	4	5	6

42. Do you think an increase in Connecticut's minimum wage would help the state's economy, hurt the state's economy, or wouldn't affect the state's economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Help	47%	17%	70%	45%	39%	53%	61%	47%	43%	46%
Hurt	28	57	9	26	35	23	21	27	32	26
Wouldn't affect	21	20	18	24	23	19	12	21	22	23
DK/NA	5	6	3	5	3	6	6	4	3	5