

Connecticut Survey of 500 Likely Voters Conducted February 1-2, 2012  
 By Pulse Opinion Research for Yankee Institute for Public Policy  
 Margin of Error: +/- 4.5% with a 95% level of confidence

1\* How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?

Feb 2012	June 2011	Feb 2011
37% Strongly approve 16% Somewhat approve 11% Somewhat disapprove 33% Strongly disapprove 3% Not sure	36% Strongly approve 19% Somewhat approve 8% Somewhat disapprove 34% Strongly disapprove 2% Not sure	30 % Strongly approve 34 % Somewhat approve 10 % Somewhat disapprove 27 % Strongly disapprove 0 % Not sure
53/44 approve/disapprove	55/42 approve/disapprove	64/37 approve/disapprove

2\* How would you rate the job Dan Malloy has been doing as Governor... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?

Feb 2012	June 2011	Feb 2011
18% Strongly approve 33% Somewhat approve 20% Somewhat disapprove 26% Strongly disapprove 3% Not sure	18% Strongly approve 24% Somewhat approve 22% Somewhat disapprove 34% Strongly disapprove 2% Not sure	18% Strongly approve 32% Somewhat approve 19% Somewhat disapprove 27% Strongly disapprove 3% Not sure
51/46 approve/disapprove	42/56 approve/disapprove	50/46 approve/disapprove

**3\* 2012 Presidential Race**

9a\* In thinking about the 2012 Presidential Election suppose you had a choice between Republican Mitt Romney and Democrat Barack Obama. If the election were held today would you vote for Republican Mitt Romney or Democrat Barack Obama?

10b\* In thinking about the 2012 Presidential Election, suppose you had a choice between Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich. If the election were held today would you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Newt Gingrich?

11a\* Okay, what if the Republicans nominate Newt Gingrich? If the 2012 Presidential Election were held today would you vote for Republican Newt Gingrich or Democrat Barack Obama?

12b\* Okay, what if the Republicans nominate Mitt Romney? If the 2012 Presidential Election were held today would you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney?

Obama	50%
Romney	37%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	8%

Obama	56%
Gingrich	35%
Some other candidate	5%
Not sure	4%

**4\* 2012 Connecticut Senate Race**

13a\* In thinking about the 2012 Election for United States Senate suppose you had a choice between Republican Linda McMahon and Democrat Chris Murphy. If the election were held today would you vote for Republican Linda McMahon or Democrat Chris Murphy?

14b\* In thinking about the 2012 Election for United States senate suppose you had a choice between Democrat Susan Bysiewicz (BY-suh-wits) and Republican Linda McMahon. If the election were held today would you vote for Democrat Susan Bysiewicz or Republican Linda McMahon?

15a\* Okay...what if the Democrats nominate Susan Bysiewicz. If the 2012 election for U.S. Senate were held today would you vote for Republican Linda McMahon or Democrat Susan Bysiewicz?

16b\* Okay...what if the Democrats nominate Chris Murphy. If the 2012 election for U.S. Senate were held today would you vote for Democrat Chris Murphy or Republican Linda McMahon?

17a\* Fine...what if the Republicans nominate Chris Shays and the Democrats nominate Chris Murphy. If the 2012 election for U.S. Senate were held today would you vote for Republican Chris Shays or Democrat Chris Murphy?

18b\* Fine...what if the Democrats nominate Susan Bysiewicz and the Republicans nominate Chris Shays. If the 2012 election for U.S. senate were held today would you vote for Democrat Susan Bysiewicz or Republican Chris Shays?

Murphy	49%
McMahon	40%
Some other candidate	3%
Not sure	8%

Murphy	45%
Shays	39%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	12%

Bysiewicz	43%
McMahon	40%
Some other candidate	7%
Not sure	10%

Bysiewicz	41%
Shays	42%
Some other candidate	7%
Not sure	10%

5\* Now I'm going to read you a short list of people in the News. For each, please let me know if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If you have never heard of them that's OK, just let me know?

	Fav	Unfav	Never Heard of	Not sure	Net
"Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney"	41%	46%	4%	9%	-5
"Republican Presidential candidate Newt Gingrich"	28%	63%	2%	8%	-35
"Congressman Chris Murphy"	44%	25%	10%	21%	+19
"Former Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz"	40%	39%	9%	12%	+1
"Businesswoman Linda McMahon"	39%	48%	4%	9%	-9
"Former Congressman Chris Shays"	37%	30%	10%	22%	+7

6\* If Governor Malloy runs for re-election in the year 2014, how likely are you to vote to re-elect Dan Malloy for governor - do you think you will definitely vote for him, probably vote for him, probably vote against him, or definitely vote against him?

Feb 2012	June 2011
24% Definitely vote for him	10% Definitely vote for him
23% Probably vote for him	29% Probably vote for him
20% Probably vote against him	25% Probably not vote for him
27% Definitely vote against him	31% Definitely not vote for him
6% Not sure	5% Not sure
47% re-elect	39% re-elect

7\* How would you rate the job Joe Lieberman has been doing as Senator... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?

Feb 2012	June 2011
17% Strongly approve	10% Strongly approve
36% Somewhat approve	42% Somewhat approve
27% Somewhat disapprove	28% Somewhat disapprove
16% Strongly disapprove	18% Strongly disapprove
4% Not sure	2% Not sure
53/43 approve/disapprove	52/46 approve/disapprove

8\* How would you rate the job Richard Blumenthal has been doing as Senator... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?

Feb 2012	June 2011
30% Strongly approve	23% Strongly approve
32% Somewhat approve	38% Somewhat approve
16% Somewhat disapprove	14% Somewhat disapprove
15% Strongly disapprove	22% Strongly disapprove
7% Not sure	2% Not sure
62/31 approve/disapprove	61/36 approve/disapprove

9\* Despite last year's tax increase, the Connecticut state budget has a projected deficit of 145 million dollars. Which approach would you choose for dealing with the state's budget shortfall ... rely entirely on spending cuts with no tax increases ... rely mainly on spending cuts, with some tax increases ... have an even balance of spending cuts and tax increases ... rely mainly on tax increases, with some spending cuts ... or rely entirely on tax increases, with no spending cuts?

- 40% Rely entirely on spending cuts with no tax increases
- 30% Rely mainly on spending cuts, with some tax increases
- 21% Have an even balance of spending cuts and tax increases
- 6% Rely mainly on tax increases, with some spending cuts
- 0% Rely entirely on tax increases, with no spending cuts
- 2% Not sure

10\* Public school teachers in Connecticut gain tenure after four years on the job, after which they can only lose their jobs for cause. Do you think teacher tenure is a necessary job protection and should be kept, or do you think tenure makes it too hard to get rid of bad teachers and should be abolished?

24% Tenure should be kept  
61% Tenure should be abolished  
15% Not sure

11\* Should teacher salaries be mostly tied to a teacher's years of experience and formal education, or mostly tied to how well their students do and classroom evaluations?

28% Experience and education  
53% How well students do and classroom evaluations  
19% Not sure

12\* Overall, are teachers' unions more interested in the quality of education or in protecting their members' jobs?

28% Quality of education  
63% Protecting their members' jobs  
10% Not sure

13\* Governor Malloy and two state commissioners recently attended the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Governor Malloy says the trip was a unique opportunity to promote Connecticut businesses. Critics say the conference is more about networking for the global elite at an exclusive resort than about substance. Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Malloy's decision to attend the World Economic Forum?

35% Approve  
48% Disapprove  
17% Not sure

14\* The Connecticut legislature is considering a bill that would allow the sale of beer, wine and liquor on Sundays. Do you favor or oppose changing state law to allow for Sunday beer, wine and liquor sales?

62% Favor  
31% Oppose  
7% Not sure

15\* The Malloy administration and state employee labor unions have been working to unionize certain daycare providers and personal care attendants who service poor families, the elderly, and the disabled. Critics say this is a forced-unionization scheme designed to unionize private sector workers against their wishes in order to collect union dues. Supporters say the daycare providers and personal care assistants should be treated like other state employees who perform similar tasks. Do you agree or disagree with efforts to unionize daycare providers and personal care attendants?

34% Agree  
52% Disagree  
14% Not sure

16\* Should the illegal immigrants who are living in the United States be allowed to stay as guest workers and given a path to legal status provided they pay back taxes or fines and pass a background check; or they should be required to leave the country?

56% Illegal immigrants in the United States should be allowed to stay as guest workers and given a path to legal status  
37% They should be required to leave the country  
7% Not sure