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## CONNECTICUT VOTERS SUPPORT SPENDING CUTS, OPPOSE TAX HIKES

HARTFORD – A new poll of likely voters shows strong support for Governor Malloy’s proposed spending cuts but strong opposition to his proposed tax increases.

57% of voters think the budget deficit should be addressed “entirely” or “mainly” though spending cuts. 30% more think it should be though an “even balance” of spending cuts and tax increases. Just 11% say it should be “mainly” or “entirely” though tax increases.

- By 73-15%, voters oppose eliminating the \$500 property tax credit (least popular)
- By 68-21%, voters oppose creating a state earned income tax credit
- By 67-31%, voters oppose increasing the gas tax
- By 60-34%, voters oppose eliminating sales tax exemptions
- By 54-38%, voters oppose increasing the income tax
- By 53-43%, voters oppose increasing the sales tax
  
- By 71-20%, voters support seeking concessions from state employees (most popular)
- By 68-39%, voters support increasing tobacco and alcohol taxes
- By 47-28%, voters support budget cuts in social services and higher education

In other survey results:

- 58% of voters say they have considered moving out of Connecticut because of high taxes
- President Obama has a 64% job approval rating
- 52% of respondents said they would probably vote to re-elect President Obama next year
- Governor Malloy’s approval rating is 50/46
- Support for the federal health care law remains evenly divided, with 45% supporting repeal and 44% saying Congress should keep the law
- 20% of voters say they consider themselves supporters of the Tea Party Movement

The complete survey, including question wording, order, and cross tabs, is posted at [yankeeinstitute.org](http://yankeeinstitute.org)

Methodology: The phone survey was conducted on Sunday, February 20 of 500 likely Connecticut voters and has a margin or error of 4.5 % with a 95% level of confidence. The

survey was conducted by Pulse Opinion Research, which is associated with Rasmussen Reports. Question wording was based on public polling conducted by Quinnipiac, UNH, NBC/Wall Street Journal, Rasmussen, and Pew.

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