Western New England University Polling Institute Connecticut Statewide Survey, Sept. 15-21, 2022 – Final Draft Landline version

Date:	Time:	Interviewer:
Respondent phone no	umber:	Record number:
Q: INTRO ******* Hello, my name is (first		*************
Connecticut. The surve		University. We are conducting a public opinion survey in as and all answers are confidential. May I please speak to now at home?
IF NO MALE AT HO	ME NOW:	
Then may I speak with	the YOUNGEST FEMAL	E, age 18 or older, who is now at home?
IF NEW RESPONDE	NT GETS ON THE PHON	E:
Repeat above intro		
(CLICK NEX	Γ TO CONTINUE)	
Q: Q2 **********************************		***********
1. Male 2. Female		
Q: Q1********** Are you a resident of C		**********
 Yes No Don't know / Refuse 	ed (DO NOT READ)	(Go to TERM1) (Go to TERM1)

Q: Q2a************************************	
(INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ CHO KNOW THE COUNTY, ASK FOR THE "OTHER.")	
 Fairfield County Hartford County Litchfield County Middlesex County New Haven County New London County Tolland County Windham County Other (Specify):	
Q: Q41 ***********************************	
1. Yes 2. No 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) Q: q42B ************************************	GO TO Q. Q10A GO TO Q. Q10A
Thinking about your voter registration that is on fregistered as a	
1 Democrat 2 Republican 3 Unaffiliated voter 4 Or something else? (specify) 9 Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	
Q: Q43************************************	favorable opinion of the
(HIT ANY KEY TO CONTINUE) (NOTE: Q44 – Q47 ROTATE IN RANDO	OM ORDER)

Q: Q44**********************************
 Favorable Unfavorable Haven't heard of No opinion Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)
Q: Q45************************************
 Favorable Unfavorable Haven't heard of No opinion Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)
Q: Q46************************************
 Favorable Unfavorable Haven't heard of No opinion Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)
Q: Q47************************************
 Favorable Unfavorable Haven't heard of

9. Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: Q52 ***********************************
nave in this election a lot, some, a little, of none at an?
(INTERVIEWER: NO NEED TO READ THE RESPONSE CATEGORIES AGAIN BELOW)
 A lot Some A little None at all Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ)
Q: PROB ************************************
 0 1. Definitely WILL NOT vote 0 2. 0 3. 0 4. 0 5. 0 6. 0 7. Definitely WILL vote 0 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ)
Q: Q8 **********************************
 Yes, names location (enter location in box) Yes, but does not name location No Refused (DO NOT READ)

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1. Ned Lamont, the Democrat	GO TO Q. SEN1
2. Bob Stefanowski, the Republican	GO TO Q. SEN1
3. Some other candidate	GO TO Q. GOV2
4. Wouldn't vote (DO NOT READ)	GO TO Q. GOV2
8. Don't know / Undecided (DO NOT READ)	GO TO Q. GOV2
9. Refused (DO NOT READ)	GO TO Q. GOV2

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1. Richard Blumenthal, the Democrat	GO TO Q. SEN3
2. Leora Levy, the Republican	GO TO Q. SEN3
3. Some other candidate	GO TO Q. SEN2
4. Wouldn't vote (DO NOT READ)	GO TO Q. SEN2
8. Don't know / Undecided (DO NOT READ)	GO TO Q. SEN2
9. Refused (DO NOT READ)	GO TO Q. SEN2

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- 9. Contraception
- 10. Crime / public safety
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- 16. Illegal immigration
- 17. Race / diversity / equity / inclusion
- 18.. Morals / ethics / personal integrity of the candidate
- 96. No Issue / the party of the candidate
- 98. Other, specify:
- 99. Don't know/Refused

[Questions ECON1 and ECON2 rotate in random order in the questionnaire]

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Q: Q10a ************************************	**************************************
Thinking about your telephone use, do you have	a working cell phone?
 Yes, has a cell phone No, does not have a cell phone Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) 	GO TO Q. Q10B GO TO Q. Q12 GO TO Q. Q12
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Q: Q12 ***********************************	**************************************
(DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)	
 No high school diploma High school graduate Some college or two-year associate degree College graduate (four-year degree) Post-graduate study (masters, doctorate, la Don't know / refused 	
For statistical purposes only, in what year we	**************************************

 Yes No Don't Know / Refused (DO NOT READ) 	

Q: Q15 ***********************************
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[IF YES, ASK: Could I please have just your first name?]
1. Yes If yes, first name 2. No
Thank you for your time. Have a good day / evening.

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IF NO, HIT CTRL	-END AND CC	ODE AS A REFUSAL.	
IF THEY WANT T A CALLBACK.	ГО SCHEDULE	E A CALLBACK, HIT CTRL-END AND SCHEI	OULE
IF THERE IS NO APPROPRIATELY.	ANSWER, HIT	CTRL-END AND CODE THE PHONE NUMBI	ER
IF RESPONDENT	OBJECTS TO	RECEIVING A CALL ON A CELL PHONE:	

"I understand that this is a cell phone number. We are calling both cell phone and landline numbers to ensure we have a representative sample. Would you be willing to complete this short survey?"

Are you in a place where you can safely talk on the phone and answer my questions? For example, if you are driving we can schedule a time to call back.

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, CLICK NEXT TO CONTINUE.

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, BUT THE RESPONDENT SAYS HE / SHE IS DRIVING, SAY THAT WE WILL CALL THEM BACK. HIT CTRL-END AND SCHEDULE A CALLBACK.

IF THE ANSWER IS NO, HIT CTRL-END AND SCHEDULE A CALLBACK.

Q: SCREEN ***********************************	***********
IF THE ANSWER IS YES, CLICK NEXT TO COM	NTINUE.
IF THE ANSWER IS NO, THANK THE RESPONDING TIME, AND EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE ONLY IN THE SURVEY. THEN, HIT CTRL-END AND CO INELIGIBLE.	TERVIEWING ADULTS FOR
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Q: Q46************************************	***
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of	
Richard Blumenthal (pronounced Blue-men-thall)?	

- 1. Favorable
- 2. Unfavorable
- 3. Haven't heard of
- 4. No opinion
- 9. Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Leora Levy (pronounced Lee-or-ah Lee-vee)?

- 1. Favorable
- 2. Unfavorable
- 3. Haven't heard of
- 4. No opinion
- 9. Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

As you may know, there will be an election on November Eighth. How much INTEREST do you have in this election -- a lot, some, a little, or none at all?

(INTERVIEWER: NO NEED TO READ THE RESPONSE CATEGORIES AGAIN BELOW)

- 1. A lot
- 2. Some
- 3. A little
- 4. None at all
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o 4.
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0 6.
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O: O8 *********************
Next, do you happen to know where people who live in your neighborhood go to vote? (INTERVIEWER: DON'T READ RESPONSES. IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, PROBE: Where is that?)
1. Yes, names location (enter location in box)
2. Yes, but does not name location
3. No
4. Refused (DO NOT READ)
O: GOV1 ************************************
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Next, in thinking about the election for governor, what is the most important issue to you personally in choosing whom to support for governor?

[DO NOT READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER – PROBE FOR MOST IMPORTANT.]

- 1. Inflation / cost of living / economy
- 2. Unemployment
- 3. Gasoline prices
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O: O10a********************** We're almost finished. We have just a few more questions to help us understand our survey results. Thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone? 1. Yes, has a home telephone (Go to Q. Q10b) 2. No, does not have a home telephone (Go to Q. Q12) 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) (Go to Q. Q12) Of all the telephone calls that you receive, do you get 1. All or almost all calls on a cell phone 2. Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone 3. All or almost all calls on a regular home phone 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) What was the last grade in school that you completed? (DO NOT READ CATEGORIES) 1. No high school diploma 2. High school graduate 3. Some college or two-year associate degree 4. College graduate (four-year degree) 5. Post-graduate study (masters, doctorate, law, medical school) 9. Don't know / refused For statistical purposes only, in what year were you born? (Interviewer: Enter the four-digit year. If the respondent refuses to answer the question, enter 9999.) O: O14 ************************ Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish-speaking background?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. Don't Know / Refused (DO NOT READ)

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