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887 likely Democratic primary voters in Connecticut

Margin of error: +/- 3.4%

Initial Ballot

58% Ned Lamont
20 Joshua Elliott
22 Not sure
0 Would not vote

Informed Ballot

50% Ned Lamont
31 Joshua Elliott
18 Not sure
1 Would not vote

Q1. Regardless of what you think of the political parties, which party are you registered to vote with?

100% The Democratic Party
0 The Republican Party
0 Registered to vote, but not with a political party
0 Registered to vote with some other political party

Q2. There is a Democratic primary election on August 11, for Governor and other offices. How motivated are you to vote in the August 11 primary election on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you are not motivated at all and 10 means you are extremely motivated?

64% 10 - Extremely motivated
6 9
9 8
6 7
4 6
8 5
2 4
0 3
0 2
0 1
0 0 - Not motivated at all

80% Total 8-10
0 Total 0-2

Polling was conducted online from May 28-29, 2026. Using Dynamic Online Sampling to attain a representative sample, Change Research polled 887 likely Democratic primary voters in Connecticut. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, and region. You can see a full methodology statement [here](#), which complies with the requirements of AAPOR's Transparency Initiative. Members of the Transparency Initiative disclose all relevant details about our research, with the principle that the public should be able to evaluate and understand research-based findings, in order to instill and restore public confidence in survey results.

Q3. What are the most important issues influencing how you vote? Please choose up to THREE.

- 60% Inflation/cost of living
- 52 Healthcare
- 35 Energy/utility costs
- 33 Jobs and the economy
- 33 Taxes
- 29 Housing costs
- 27 War in Iran
- 22 Climate change
- 21 K-12 public education
- 19 Immigration
- 16 Roads, bridges, and other infrastructure
- 15 Abortion
- 14 Crime and public safety
- 13 Artificial intelligence
- 6 Public transit
- 1 None of these

Q4. How favorable are your feelings about each of the following public officials and organizations? If you haven't heard of them, please indicate it.

	<u>Favorable</u>		Neutral	<u>Unfavorable</u>		Never heard	Total Fav	Total Unfav
	Very	Smwt		Smwt	Very			
The Democratic Party	31	42	10	10	6	1	74	16
Ned Lamont	32	39	14	7	8	1	71	14
Democrats in Congress	26	43	11	11	9	1	69	20
Joshua Elliott	8	14	29	4	4	41	22	8
Donald Trump	3	2	1	1	91	1	5	93
The Republican Party	2	3	7	9	78	2	4	87

Q5. If the Democratic primary election for Governor were held today, and the candidates were the following, who would you vote for?

- 56% Ned Lamont
- 18 Joshua Elliott
- 26 Not sure

Q5b. [IF NOT SURE] If you had to choose, who would you vote for?

- 9% Ned Lamont
- 6 Joshua Elliott
- 83 Not sure
- 2 Would not vote

Initial Ballot (with leaners)

- 58% Ned Lamont
- 20 Joshua Elliott
- 22 Not sure
- 0 Would not vote

Next, you will read some information about the candidates for Governor. [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

Ned Lamont has served as Governor of Connecticut since 2019, after many years as a businessman and job creator. Governor Lamont is committed to building a strong, prosperous future for the state of Connecticut. His Connecticut Forward agenda tackles costs head-on and focuses on affordability and opportunity at every stage. Opponents of Ned Lamont say he is an out-of-touch billionaire who doesn't understand working people's needs, protects the wealthy, and doesn't do enough to fight back against Donald Trump.

Josh Elliott is a Hamden small business owner, fifth-term Democratic State Representative, Deputy Speaker of the Connecticut House, and chair of the legislature's Tax Equity Caucus. For years, he's stood up to the special interests that have made life less affordable and driven families out of our state. Now, he's running to bring the new leadership we all deserve. If elected, Josh would push to raise taxes on people making more than \$1 million per year. Opponents of Josh Elliott say he is too liberal for Connecticut, and that he'll raise everyone's taxes and state spending and send Connecticut back to the days of big budget deficits.

Q6. Now that you've read some more, if the Democratic primary election for the Governor were held today and the candidates were the following, who would you vote for?

47% Ned Lamont
30 Joshua Elliott
23 Not sure

Q6b. [IF NOT SURE] If you had to choose, who would you vote for?

14% Ned Lamont
5 Joshua Elliott
77 Not sure
4 Would not vote

Informed Ballot (with leaners)

50% Ned Lamont
31 Joshua Elliott
18 Not sure
1 Would not vote

Ballot Movement

47% Always Lamont
18 Always Elliott
3 Moved to Lamont
13 Moved to Elliott
7 Moved to Undecided
12 Fully Undecided

D1. Are you:

39% A man
61 A woman

D2. Age

10% 18 to 34
15 35 to 49
31 50 to 64
45 65+

D3. Race/Ethnicity

78% White / Caucasian
13 Black or African American
6 Hispanic or Latino/a
1 Asian / Pacific Islander
0 American Indian or Alaska Native
1 Other

D4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

8% High school diploma or less
19 Some college, but no degree
11 Associate's degree, or two-year college degree
28 Bachelor's degree, or four-year college degree
33 Graduate degree

D5. Party Identification

68% Strong Democrats
18 Weak Democrats
8 Independent lean Democrats
2 Pure independents
2 Independent lean Republicans
0 Weak Republicans
1 Strong Republicans

94% Democrats
2 Pure independents
4 Republicans

D6. Region

23% Fairfield
30 Hartford
25 New Haven
22 Other

D7. How did you vote in the 2024 election for President, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

89% Kamala Harris, the Democrat
6 Donald Trump, the Republican
2 A third party candidate
1 Not registered/Too young/Ineligible
2 Did not vote