

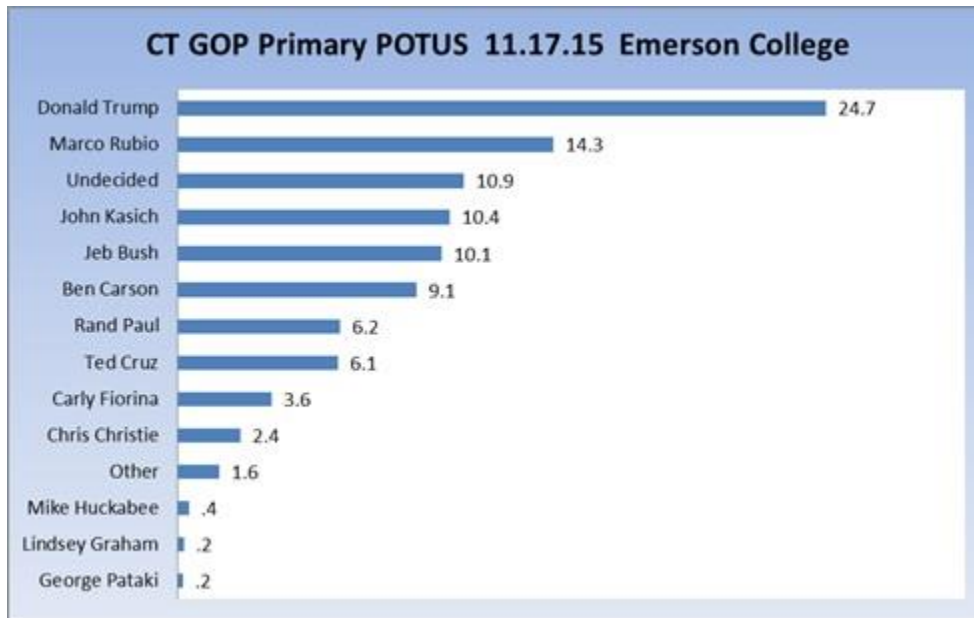


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EMERSON COLLEGE POLL REVEALS TRUMP LEADS SPLINTERED GOP FIELD IN CONNECTICUT, CLINTON FAR AHEAD IN DEM RACE

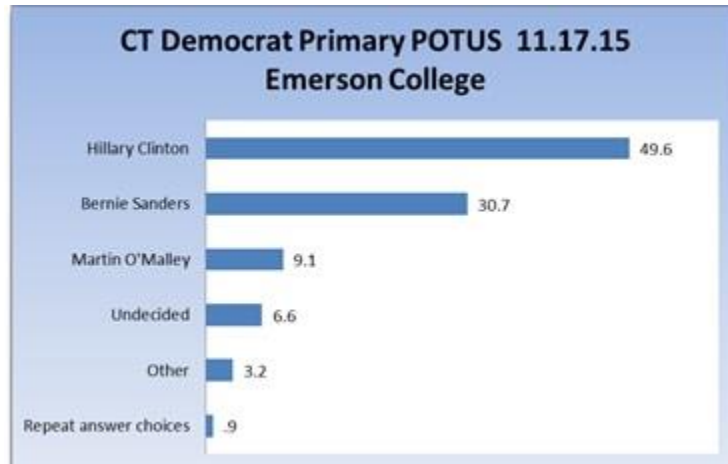
Voters Opposed to Recreational Marijuana, the Common Core Standards, and Increasing Tuition at the University of Connecticut.

A new statewide Connecticut poll reveals Donald Trump holding a significant lead over his Republican opponents with 25% of the vote, followed by Marco Rubio at 14% and John Kasich and Jeb Bush tied at 10%. Ben Carson rounded out the top five at 9%. Trump has an overall favorability of 40%, but that number increases to 55% among likely GOP primary voters. Asked about the press scrutiny of Ben Carson, 61% of voters overall said it was fair. As expected, party affiliation drove opinion with only 40% of GOP primary voters saying it was fair, compared with 72% of Democrat primary voters.



On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton holds a commanding lead in the primary race, with 50% of the vote, followed by Bernie Sanders at 31% and Martin O’Malley at 9%. There is a wide gender gap among women, with Clinton beating Sanders 55% to 24%. Among male voters, Clinton and Sanders are tied at 41%. Clinton has an overall 39% favorable rating, but among

Republican primary voters this drops to 8%; among Democratic voters she has a 71% favorable rating.



A variety of other issues were polled in the state.

A majority of respondents (50% to 27%) oppose a tuition hike for the University of Connecticut, which was proposed to make up for a budget deficit.

By more than a three-to-one ratio (65% to 18%), voters support allowing a mentally competent adult who is terminally ill to voluntarily end their life using prescription medication.

Of the respondents familiar with Common Core standards for education, 61% oppose the standards while 21% support them.

Legalization of recreational marijuana is opposed by 47% and supported by 37%.

When asked if respondents would encourage someone to move to Connecticut 60% said no, and 30% said yes.

On the lighter side, 33% of respondents said the New England Patriots were their favorite pro football team, followed by the New York Giants at 20%. Only 4% chose the New York Jets.

Only 18% of respondents liked the name, Hartford Yard Goats, which was chosen for the Colorado Rockies Do minor league baseball affiliate, which will move from New Britain to Hartford this coming spring.

The Emerson College Polling Society poll was conducted from Friday night November 13 through Monday November 16. The polling sample for the Democratic and GOP primaries consisted of 251 and 445 likely primary voters, respectively, with a margin of error of +/-6% and +/-4.6%, an overall sample of 623 registered voters with a +/-3.9%, and a 95% confidence level was used for the additional statewide questions. Data was collected using an Interactive Voice Response system and weighted based on race, age, gender and region to reflect likely voter populations in Connecticut. The full methodology and results can be found at www.theecps.com

Below are the full results and survey instrument.

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	304	48.8	48.8	48.8
	Female	319	51.2	51.2	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Are you currently registered in Connecticut

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	275	44.1	44.1	44.1
	Republican	175	28.1	28.1	72.2
	Independent or other party	173	27.8	27.8	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

University of Connecticut expected to run a \$40 million deficit next fiscal year.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Support	167	26.7	26.7	26.7
	Oppose	309	49.6	49.6	76.3
	Undecided	148	23.7	23.7	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Favorite NFL Team?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	New England Patriots	206	33.0	33.0	33.0
	New York Giants	126	20.2	20.2	53.3
	New York Jets	22	3.5	3.5	56.8
	Other	131	21.1	21.1	77.8
	Undecided	48	7.6	7.6	85.4
	Not a football fan	91	14.6	14.6	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Do you like the name Hartford Yard Goats for new minor league baseball team?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	109	17.5	17.5	17.5
	No	514	82.5	82.5	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

State legislation proposed to end life with prescription medication if terminally ill.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Support	407	65.3	65.3	65.3
	Oppose	114	18.3	18.3	83.6
	Undecided	102	16.4	16.4	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Familiar with Common Core for CT schools?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	354	56.9	56.9	56.9
	No	147	23.5	23.5	80.4
	Don't know	122	19.6	19.6	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Do you support or oppose Common Core?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Support	73	11.7	20.5	20.5
	Oppose	219	35.2	61.9	82.4
	Undecided	59	9.5	16.7	99.0
	Don't know	3	.5	1.0	100.0
	Total	354	56.9	100.0	
Missing	System	269	43.1		
Total		623	100.0		

Support or oppose recreational marijuana use?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Support	229	36.8	36.8	36.8
	Oppose	291	46.8	46.8	83.5
	Undecided	103	16.5	16.5	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Would you encourage someone to move to Connecticut?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	185	29.6	29.6	29.6
	No	370	59.3	59.3	89.0
	Undecided	69	11.0	11.0	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

**Who would you vote/lean towards in the Democratic Presidential
Primary?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	125	20.0	49.6	49.6
	Bernie Sanders	77	12.4	30.7	80.3
	Martin O'Malley	23	3.7	9.1	89.4
	Other	8	1.3	3.2	92.6
	Undecided	17	2.7	6.6	99.1
	Repeat answer choices	2	.3	.9	100.0
	Total	251	40.3	100.0	
Missing	System	372	59.7		
Total		623	100.0		

Who would you vote/lean towards in the Republican Presidential Primary?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Jeb Bush	45	7.2	10.1	10.1
	Rand Paul	28	4.4	6.2	16.2
	Carly Fiorina	16	2.6	3.6	19.8
	Ted Cruz	27	4.3	6.1	25.9
	Marco Rubio	64	10.2	14.3	40.2
	Ben Carson	40	6.5	9.1	49.3
	Donald Trump	110	17.6	24.7	74.0
	Mike Huckabee	2	.3	.4	74.4
	John Kasich	46	7.4	10.4	84.7
	Chris Christie	11	1.7	2.4	87.1
	George Pataki	1	.1	.2	87.3
	Lindsey Graham	1	.2	.2	87.5
	Other	7	1.1	1.6	89.1
	Undecided	48	7.8	10.9	100.0
	Total	445	71.4	100.0	
Missing	System	178	28.6		
Total		623	100.0		

What is your opinion of Hillary Clinton?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	243	38.9	38.9	38.9
	Unfavorable	337	54.1	54.1	93.0
	Undecided	43	6.9	6.9	99.9
	Never heard of this candidate	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total		623	100.0	100.0	

What is your opinion of Donald Trump

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	246	39.5	39.5	39.5
	Unfavorable	300	48.1	48.1	87.6
	Undecided	77	12.3	12.3	99.9
	Never heard of this candidate		.1	.1	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

The way Clinton handled her email relevant to her character?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	329	52.9	52.9	52.9
	No	294	47.1	47.1	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Do you think Ben Carson is being treated fairly by the press?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, he is a politician and should expect it	377	60.5	60.5	60.5
	No, the media is unfairly targeting him	246	39.5	39.5	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Do you use social networking websites?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	More than once a day	174	27.9	27.9	27.9
	Everyday	67	10.7	10.7	38.6
	Every three-to-five days per week	73	11.7	11.7	50.3
	Everyone-to-two days per week	16	2.6	2.6	52.9
	Less often	54	8.7	8.7	61.7
	Never	239	38.3	38.3	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

What is your age group?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	64	10.3	10.3	10.3
	35-54	231	37.0	37.0	47.3
	55-74	249	40.0	40.0	87.3
	75 and above	79	12.7	12.7	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

How do you self-identify your race/ethnicity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White or Caucasian	424	68.0	68.0	68.0
	Latino or Hispanic	93	15.0	15.0	83.0
	African American or black	72	11.5	11.5	94.5
	Asian or Asian American	28	4.5	4.5	99.0
	Mixed Race	6	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

What is your educational level?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than High School	20	3.2	3.2	3.2
	High school diploma or equivalent	142	22.8	22.8	26.0
	Some college but no degree	115	18.5	18.5	44.5
	College degree	187	30.0	30.0	74.5
	Graduate degree or higher	159	25.5	25.5	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

What is your income level?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Under \$25,000	101	16.3	16.3	16.3
	\$25,000 to \$75,000	245	39.3	39.3	55.6
	Over \$75,000	277	44.4	44.4	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

Congressional District

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00	124	20.0	20.0	20.0
	2.00	125	20.0	20.0	40.0
	3.00	125	20.0	20.0	60.0
	4.00	124	20.0	20.0	80.0
	5.00	125	20.0	20.0	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	100.0	

CONNECTICUT POLL SURVEY INSTRUMENT V5

Hello, I'm calling from the Emerson College Polling society to conduct a brief public opinion survey regarding current events in Connecticut and the 2016 presidential race. I am not selling anything, and at no time will I ask you for a contribution or donation. You will not be added to any mailing list as a result of your participation. The survey will likely take about 6 minutes. At the end, you will have the option of having a summary of the results sent to your home or email address. Your name will, at no time, be linked to your responses. If you do not want to participate, you may withdraw at any time.

AFFIRMATION OF INFORMED CONSENT: A

Please answer yes or no to the following question:

1. Do you understand that the information from this survey will be used only to learn about public opinion regarding current events and national political elections and that you are under no obligation to participate?

Press 1 for YES.....1
Press 2 for NO.....2

IF PARTICIPANT INDICATES "YES," CONTINUE WITH THE SURVEY. IF PARTICIPANT INDICATES "NO," THANK THE PARTICIPANT FOR THEIR TIME AND END THE SURVEY.

SCREENING FOR ADULT PARTICIPANTS: B

Please answer yes or no to the following question:

2. Are you age 18 or older?

Press 1 for YES.....1
Press 2 for NO.....2

IF PARTICIPANT INDICATES "YES," CONTINUE WITH THE SURVEY. IF PARTICIPANT INDICATES "NO," THANK THE PARTICIPANT FOR THEIR TIME AND END THE SURVEY.

- 1. What is your gender?
Press 1 for Male1
Press 2 for Female.....2
- 2. Are you currently registered in Connecticut as a Democrat, Republican, Independent or other party? Or are you unregistered?
Press 1 for Democrat.....1
Press 2 for Republican.....2
Press 3 for Independent or other party.....3
Press 4 for Unregistered in Connecticut.....4

IF PARTICIPANT PRESSES "4/UNREGISTERED IN CT." THANK THEM FOR THEIR TIME AND END THE SURVEY.

3. The University of Connecticut expected to run a \$40 million deficit next fiscal year. The chief financial officer recently said it was likely tuition would be raised to help close the gap. Do you support or oppose a tuition hike, or are you undecided?
 Press 1 for Support
 Press 2 for Oppose
 Press 3 for Undecided

4. What is your favorite National Football League team?
 Press 1 for New England Patriots
 Press 2 for New York Giants
 Press 3 for New York Jets
 Press 4 for Other
 Press 5 for Undecided
 Press 6 for Not a football fan

5. Yes or no: Do you like the team name, Hartford Yard Goats, for the new minor league baseball team?
 Press 1 for Yes
 Press 2 for No

6. State legislation has been proposed that would allow a mentally competent adult who is terminally ill to voluntarily end their life using prescription medication. Do you support this legislation, oppose it, or are you undecided?
 Press 1 for Support.....1
 Press 2 for Oppose.....2
 Press 3 for Undecided.....3

7. Are you familiar with the Common Core Standards for Connecticut Schools?
 Press 1 for Yes (q8)
 Press 2 for No (q9)
 Press 3 for Don't know (q9)

8. Do you support or oppose the Common Core Standards? Or are you undecided?
 Press 1 for Support.....1
 Press 2 for Oppose.....2
 Press 3 for Undecided.....3
 Press 4 for Don't Know.....4

9. Do you support or oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana use by adults 18 and older? Or are you undecided ?
 Press 1 for Support.....1
 Press 2 for Oppose.....2
 Press 3 for Undecided.....3

10. Would you encourage someone to move to Connecticut?
 Press 1 for Yes
 Press 2 for No

Press 3 for Undecided

11. Thinking about the upcoming presidential primaries and caucuses early next year, do you think you will vote/lean toward voting in your state's Democratic contest, Republican contest, or do you think you will skip the primary season and just vote next November?

Press 1 for Vote in Democratic primary/caucus (q12)
Press 2 for Vote in Republican primary/caucus (q13)
Press 3 for Skip Primaries/caucuses. Vote in November (q15)
Press 4 for Undecided (q15)

12. If the Democratic Primary for President was held today, and the candidates were {RANDOMIZE} Joe Biden, Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, or Jim Webb, for whom would you vote or lean toward?

Press 1 for Hillary Clinton (q10)
Press 2 for Bernie Sanders (q10)
Press 3 for Martin O'Malley (q10)
Press 4 for Other (q10)
Press 5 for Undecided (q10)
Press 6 to repeat answer choices

13. If the Republican Primary for President of the United States were held today, who would be your first choice to win the Republican nomination? {RANDOMIZE LIST}

Press 1 for Jeb Bush (q15)
Press 2 for Rand Paul (q15)
Press 3 for Carly Fiorina (q15)
Press 4 for Ted Cruz (q15)
Press 5 for Marco Rubio (q15)
Press 6 for Ben Carson (q15)
Press 7 for Donald Trump (q15)
Press 8 for Mike Huckabee (q15)
Press 9 for John Kasich (q15)
Press 0 for Someone else (q14)
Press * to repeat answer choices

14. You selected other in your choice for the Republican, from the following like who would your first choice to win the Republican nomination? {RANDOMIZE LIST}

Press 1 for Chris Christie
Press 2 for Rick Santorum
Press 3 for Bobby Jindal
Press 4 for George Pataki
Press 5 for Lindsey Graham
Press 6 for Other
Press 7 for Undecided

Great, I am going to read you a list of candidates and for each one, indicate if your opinion of them is generally favorable, unfavorable, undecided or you have never heard of them.

What is s your opinion of {RANDOMIZED LIST 15-16}

Press 1 for Favorable
 Press 2 for Unfavorable
 Press 3 for Undecided
 Press 4 for Never heard of this candidate

- 15. Hillary Clinton
- 16. Donald Trump

17. Do you believe the way Clinton handled her email while serving as Secretary of State is not relevant to her character or her ability to serve as president?
 Press 1 for Yes
 Press 2 for No

18. Do you think Ben Carson is being treated fairly by the press?
 Press 1 for Yes, he is a politician and should expect it
 Press 2 for No, the media is unfairly targeting him

19. How often do you use social networking websites such as Facebook or Twitter?
 Press 1 for more than once a day
 Press 2 for Everyday
 Press 3 for every three-to-five days per week
 Press 4 for every one-to-two days per week
 Press 5 for Less often
 Press 6 for Never

20. What is your age group?
 Press 1 for 18-34.....1
 Press 2 for 35-54.....2
 Press 3 for 55-74.....3
 Press 4 for 75 and above.....4

21. How do you self-identify your race/ethnicity?
 Press 1 for White or Caucasian.....1
 Press 2 for Latino or Hispanic.....2
 Press 3 for African American or black.....3
 Press 4 for Asian or Asian American.....4
 Press 5 for Mixed race.....5
 Press 6 for Other.....6

22. What is your educational level?
 Press 1 for Less than high school.....1
 Press 2 for High school diploma or equivalent.....2
 Press 3 for Some college but no degree3
 Press 4 for College degree.....4
 Press 5 for Graduate degree or higher.....5

23. What is your income level?
Press 1 for Under \$25,000.....1
Press 2 for \$25,000 to \$75,000.....2
Press 3 for over \$75,000.....3
24. If you would like the results of this survey to be sent to you, please press 1 and record your mailing address or email. To ensure confidentiality, your address information is not associated with your survey answers.
Press 1 to Record your address.....1
Or hang up to end this call