

## Connecticut 2nd



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|                                  |  | <u>Likely Voters</u> | <u>Certain Voters</u> | <u>Party Identification</u> |                 |                    | <u>Geography</u> |              | <u>Hierarchical Vote</u> |                          |                        |                           |                        | <u>Bush Job Approval</u> |                   |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                                  |  |                      |                       | <u>Republican</u>           | <u>Democrat</u> | <u>Independent</u> | <u>North</u>     | <u>South</u> | <u>Strong Simmons</u>    | <u>Weak/Lean Simmons</u> | <u>Undecided/Other</u> | <u>Weak/Lean Courtney</u> | <u>Strong Courtney</u> | <u>Approve</u>           | <u>Disapprove</u> |
| Weighted Proportion              |  | 100%                 | 82%                   | 28%                         | 36%             | 36%                | 58%              | 42%          | 34%                      | 11%                      | 4%                     | 8%                        | 43%                    | 30%                      | 63%               |
| <b>1. Voter Motivation Index</b> |  |                      |                       |                             |                 |                    |                  |              |                          |                          |                        |                           |                        |                          |                   |
| Mean                             |  | 8.00                 | 9.00                  | 7.62                        | 8.23            | 8.06               | 8.04             | 7.95         | 7.85                     | 7.62                     | 7.95                   | 7.92                      | 8.24                   | 7.80                     | 8.07              |
| <b>2. Preference</b>             |  |                      |                       |                             |                 |                    |                  |              |                          |                          |                        |                           |                        |                          |                   |
| Republican Simmons               |  | 44%                  | 42%                   | 81%                         | 15%             | 43%                | 43%              | 44%          | 100%                     | 87%                      | 0%                     | 0%                        | 0%                     | 89%                      | 20%               |
| Other-Consider Simmons           |  | 1%                   | 0%                    | 1%                          | 0%              | 0%                 | 1%               | 0%           | 0%                       | 4%                       | 0%                     | 0%                        | 0%                     | 1%                       | 0%                |
| Undecided-Lean Simmons           |  | 1%                   | 1%                    | 0%                          | 0%              | 3%                 | 1%               | 2%           | 0%                       | 9%                       | 0%                     | 0%                        | 0%                     | 0%                       | 1%                |
| Democrat Courtney                |  | 48%                  | 50%                   | 15%                         | 78%             | 45%                | 49%              | 48%          | 0%                       | 0%                       | 0%                     | 66%                       | 100%                   | 8%                       | 71%               |
| Other-Consider Courtney          |  | 0%                   | 1%                    | 0%                          | 1%              | 1%                 | 0%               | 1%           | 0%                       | 0%                       | 0%                     | 5%                        | 0%                     | 0%                       | 1%                |
| Undecided-Lean Courtney          |  | 2%                   | 3%                    | 1%                          | 3%              | 3%                 | 3%               | 1%           | 0%                       | 0%                       | 0%                     | 29%                       | 0%                     | 0%                       | 4%                |
| Other                            |  | 2%                   | 1%                    | 1%                          | 2%              | 2%                 | 1%               | 2%           | 0%                       | 0%                       | 41%                    | 0%                        | 0%                     | 1%                       | 1%                |
| Undecided                        |  | 2%                   | 2%                    | 1%                          | 2%              | 4%                 | 3%               | 2%           | 0%                       | 0%                       | 59%                    | 0%                        | 0%                     | 1%                       | 3%                |
| Total Simmons                    |  | 45%                  | 43%                   | 82%                         | 16%             | 46%                | 44%              | 46%          | 100%                     | 100%                     | 0%                     | 0%                        | 0%                     | 90%                      | 21%               |
| Total Courtney                   |  | 51%                  | 53%                   | 16%                         | 81%             | 49%                | 52%              | 50%          | 0%                       | 0%                       | 0%                     | 100%                      | 100%                   | 8%                       | 75%               |
| <b>3. Certainty</b>              |  |                      |                       |                             |                 |                    |                  |              |                          |                          |                        |                           |                        |                          |                   |
| Certain                          |  | 80%                  | 82%                   | 81%                         | 84%             | 76%                | 78%              | 84%          | 100%                     | 0%                       | 100%                   | 0%                        | 100%                   | 86%                      | 79%               |
| May Vote for Opponent            |  | 20%                  | 18%                   | 19%                         | 16%             | 24%                | 22%              | 16%          | 0%                       | 100%                     | 0%                     | 100%                      | 0%                     | 14%                      | 21%               |
| <b>Hierarchical Vote</b>         |  |                      |                       |                             |                 |                    |                  |              |                          |                          |                        |                           |                        |                          |                   |
| Strong Simmons                   |  | 34%                  | 33%                   | 69%                         | 10%             | 30%                | 31%              | 37%          | 100%                     | 0%                       | 0%                     | 0%                        | 0%                     | 77%                      | 11%               |
| Weak/Lean Simmons                |  | 11%                  | 10%                   | 13%                         | 6%              | 15%                | 13%              | 9%           | 0%                       | 100%                     | 0%                     | 0%                        | 0%                     | 13%                      | 10%               |
| Undecided/Other                  |  | 4%                   | 4%                    | 2%                          | 3%              | 6%                 | 4%               | 4%           | 0%                       | 0%                       | 100%                   | 0%                        | 0%                     | 2%                       | 4%                |
| Weak/Lean Courtney               |  | 8%                   | 8%                    | 6%                          | 10%             | 9%                 | 9%               | 8%           | 0%                       | 0%                       | 0%                     | 100%                      | 0%                     | 2%                       | 11%               |
| Strong Courtney                  |  | 43%                  | 45%                   | 10%                         | 72%             | 40%                | 43%              | 42%          | 0%                       | 0%                       | 0%                     | 0%                        | 100%                   | 6%                       | 64%               |

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Weighted Proportion      100%

**4. Bush Job Approval**

Approve      30%  
Disapprove    64%  
Not Sure      7%

**5. Gender**

Female      51%  
Male        49%

**6. Age** (from voter file match)

18-44      28%  
45-64      44%  
65-74      15%  
75+        13%

**7/8a. Race**

Hispanic/Latino    2%  
White            94%  
Black            2%  
Asian/Other        2%

**9. Party Identification**

Republican      28%  
Democrat        36%  
Independent/Other   36%

|                   | Likely Voters | Certain Voters | Party Identification |          |             | Geography |       | Hierarchical Vote |                   |                 |                    |                 | Bush Job Approval |            |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
|                   |               |                | Republican           | Democrat | Independent | North     | South | Strong Simmons    | Weak/Lean Simmons | Undecided/Other | Weak/Lean Courtney | Strong Courtney | Approve           | Disapprove |
|                   | 100%          | 82%            | 28%                  | 36%      | 36%         | 58%       | 42%   | 34%               | 11%               | 4%              | 8%                 | 43%             | 30%               | 63%        |
| Approve           | 30%           | 30%            | 60%                  | 9%       | 28%         | 30%       | 30%   | 69%               | 33%               | 18%             | 7%                 | 4%              | 100%              | 0%         |
| Disapprove        | 64%           | 64%            | 27%                  | 89%      | 66%         | 63%       | 64%   | 21%               | 55%               | 62%             | 87%                | 94%             | 0%                | 100%       |
| Not Sure          | 7%            | 6%             | 12%                  | 2%       | 6%          | 6%        | 7%    | 10%               | 12%               | 20%             | 6%                 | 2%              | 0%                | 0%         |
| Female            | 51%           | 54%            | 47%                  | 57%      | 48%         | 48%       | 54%   | 49%               | 48%               | 60%             | 55%                | 51%             | 48%               | 53%        |
| Male              | 49%           | 46%            | 54%                  | 43%      | 52%         | 52%       | 46%   | 51%               | 53%               | 40%             | 45%                | 49%             | 52%               | 47%        |
| 18-44             | 28%           | 28%            | 28%                  | 23%      | 33%         | 30%       | 25%   | 22%               | 44%               | 27%             | 28%                | 28%             | 23%               | 30%        |
| 45-64             | 44%           | 47%            | 45%                  | 49%      | 39%         | 42%       | 47%   | 49%               | 33%               | 32%             | 41%                | 45%             | 48%               | 43%        |
| 65-74             | 15%           | 14%            | 14%                  | 17%      | 14%         | 17%       | 12%   | 15%               | 16%               | 20%             | 16%                | 14%             | 14%               | 15%        |
| 75+               | 13%           | 11%            | 12%                  | 12%      | 15%         | 11%       | 16%   | 14%               | 8%                | 21%             | 16%                | 12%             | 15%               | 12%        |
| Hispanic/Latino   | 2%            | 2%             | 2%                   | 2%       | 2%          | 2%        | 2%    | 2%                | 4%                | 3%              | 1%                 | 2%              | 3%                | 2%         |
| White             | 94%           | 95%            | 95%                  | 95%      | 93%         | 94%       | 95%   | 95%               | 90%               | 87%             | 94%                | 96%             | 94%               | 95%        |
| Black             | 2%            | 2%             | 1%                   | 1%       | 3%          | 2%        | 2%    | 2%                | 3%                | 4%              | 3%                 | 1%              | 1%                | 2%         |
| Asian/Other       | 2%            | 1%             | 2%                   | 1%       | 2%          | 2%        | 1%    | 1%                | 2%                | 6%              | 3%                 | 2%              | 2%                | 2%         |
| Republican        | 28%           | 25%            | 100%                 | 0%       | 0%          | 28%       | 28%   | 57%               | 32%               | 17%             | 20%                | 6%              | 56%               | 12%        |
| Democrat          | 36%           | 39%            | 0%                   | 100%     | 0%          | 36%       | 35%   | 10%               | 19%               | 28%             | 42%                | 60%             | 10%               | 50%        |
| Independent/Other | 36%           | 36%            | 0%                   | 0%       | 100%        | 36%       | 37%   | 33%               | 49%               | 55%             | 38%                | 34%             | 33%               | 38%        |

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|                                  |      | Gender |      | Age   |       |       |      |       |           | Gender/Age     |               |              |             |
|----------------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                  |      | Female | Male | 18-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75+  | White | Non-White | Female<br>< 60 | Female<br>60+ | Male<br>< 60 | Male<br>60+ |
| Weighted Proportion              | 100% | 51%    | 49%  | 28%   | 44%   | 15%   | 13%  | 94%   | 6%        | 31%            | 19%           | 31%          | 19%         |
| <b>1. Voter Motivation Index</b> |      |        |      |       |       |       |      |       |           |                |               |              |             |
| Mean                             | 8.00 | 8.26   | 7.73 | 8.16  | 8.25  | 7.56  | 7.31 | 8.04  | 7.39      | 8.50           | 7.86          | 7.98         | 7.33        |
| <b>2. Preference</b>             |      |        |      |       |       |       |      |       |           |                |               |              |             |
| Republican Simmons               | 44%  | 42%    | 45%  | 43%   | 44%   | 45%   | 41%  | 43%   | 47%       | 41%            | 45%           | 47%          | 42%         |
| Other-Consider Simmons           | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%    | 1%    | 0%    | 0%   | 0%    | 2%        | 0%             | 0%            | 1%           | 1%          |
| Undecided-Lean Simmons           | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 2%    | 1%    | 0%    | 2%   | 1%    | 3%        | 1%             | 1%            | 1%           | 2%          |
| Democrat Courtney                | 48%  | 48%    | 49%  | 48%   | 49%   | 47%   | 48%  | 49%   | 36%       | 50%            | 45%           | 47%          | 52%         |
| Other-Consider Courtney          | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 1%    | 1%   | 0%    | 1%        | 1%             | 1%            | 0%           | 0%          |
| Undecided-Lean Courtney          | 2%   | 3%     | 2%   | 3%    | 2%    | 2%    | 2%   | 2%    | 2%        | 3%             | 3%            | 2%           | 0%          |
| Other                            | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 2%    | 1%    | 3%    | 2%   | 2%    | 3%        | 2%             | 2%            | 1%           | 2%          |
| Undecided                        | 2%   | 3%     | 2%   | 2%    | 2%    | 3%    | 5%   | 2%    | 6%        | 2%             | 4%            | 2%           | 1%          |
| Total Simmons                    | 45%  | 43%    | 47%  | 45%   | 46%   | 45%   | 43%  | 45%   | 52%       | 42%            | 45%           | 48%          | 44%         |
| Total Courtney                   | 51%  | 52%    | 50%  | 52%   | 51%   | 50%   | 51%  | 52%   | 39%       | 54%            | 50%           | 49%          | 52%         |
| <b>3. Certainty</b>              |      |        |      |       |       |       |      |       |           |                |               |              |             |
| Certain                          | 80%  | 80%    | 80%  | 74%   | 84%   | 80%   | 83%  | 81%   | 71%       | 80%            | 82%           | 79%          | 83%         |
| May Vote for Opponent            | 20%  | 20%    | 20%  | 26%   | 16%   | 21%   | 17%  | 19%   | 29%       | 20%            | 18%           | 22%          | 17%         |
| <b>Hierarchical Vote</b>         |      |        |      |       |       |       |      |       |           |                |               |              |             |
| Strong Simmons                   | 34%  | 33%    | 34%  | 27%   | 37%   | 33%   | 36%  | 34%   | 32%       | 31%            | 35%           | 33%          | 36%         |
| Weak/Lean Simmons                | 11%  | 11%    | 12%  | 18%   | 9%    | 12%   | 7%   | 11%   | 20%       | 11%            | 10%           | 15%          | 8%          |
| Undecided/Other                  | 4%   | 5%     | 3%   | 4%    | 3%    | 5%    | 6%   | 4%    | 9%        | 4%             | 5%            | 3%           | 4%          |
| Weak/Lean Courtney               | 8%   | 9%     | 8%   | 8%    | 8%    | 9%    | 10%  | 8%    | 9%        | 9%             | 8%            | 7%           | 9%          |
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**Gender**

Female      Male

**Age**

18-44      45-64      65-74      75+

**Gender/Age**

White      Non-White      Female      Female      Male      Male  
< 60      60+      < 60      60+

**4. Bush Job Approval**

|            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Approve    | 30% | 28% | 32% | 25% | 32% | 29% | 34% | 30% | 32% | 27% | 31% | 30% | 34% |
| Disapprove | 64% | 66% | 61% | 68% | 61% | 64% | 61% | 64% | 57% | 68% | 63% | 61% | 61% |
| Not Sure   | 7%  | 6%  | 8%  | 7%  | 7%  | 7%  | 5%  | 6%  | 11% | 5%  | 6%  | 9%  | 5%  |

**5. Gender**

|        |     |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Female | 51% | 100% | 0%   | 42% | 54% | 57% | 52% | 51% | 51% | 100% | 100% | 0%   | 0%   |
| Male   | 49% | 0%   | 100% | 58% | 46% | 43% | 48% | 49% | 49% | 0%   | 0%   | 100% | 100% |

**6. Age** (from voter file match)

|       |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 18-44 | 28% | 23% | 33% | 100% | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 28% | 26% | 37% | 0%  | 53% | 0%  |
| 45-64 | 44% | 47% | 42% | 0%   | 100% | 0%   | 0%   | 44% | 53% | 63% | 21% | 47% | 32% |
| 65-74 | 15% | 17% | 13% | 0%   | 0%   | 100% | 0%   | 15% | 8%  | 0%  | 44% | 0%  | 34% |
| 75+   | 13% | 13% | 13% | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 100% | 13% | 13% | 0%  | 35% | 0%  | 34% |

**7/8a. Race**

|                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hispanic/Latino | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 1%  | 2%  | 0%   | 37% | 3%  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  |
| White           | 94% | 94% | 94% | 95% | 93% | 97% | 94% | 100% | 0%  | 93% | 97% | 95% | 94% |
| Black           | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 1%  | 3%  | 0%  | 2%  | 0%   | 32% | 3%  | 1%  | 2%  | 2%  |
| Asian/Other     | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 1%  | 0%   | 31% | 2%  | 1%  | 2%  | 2%  |

**9. Party Identification**

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Republican        | 28% | 26% | 30% | 28% | 28% | 27% | 26% | 28% | 27% | 24% | 28% | 35% | 23% |
| Democrat          | 36% | 40% | 31% | 29% | 40% | 40% | 32% | 36% | 30% | 42% | 37% | 26% | 39% |
| Independent/Other | 36% | 34% | 39% | 43% | 32% | 33% | 42% | 36% | 43% | 33% | 36% | 39% | 38% |