

# Populus Research

n=471 Likely General Election Voters

Survey Results- August 27th, 2009

4.5% Margin of Error

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1. The state of Connecticut faces a budget deficit of more than 8 billion dollars. To close this deficit, do you think the state should cut spending or raise taxes?
  1. Cut spending 72.2%
  2. Raise Taxes 27.8%
  
2. Now let me ask you about some of the particular taxes which are being considered. Do you support or oppose raising the income tax from 5 percent to 6.5 percent on the wealthy?
  1. Support 56.1%
  2. Oppose 43.9%
  
3. Do you support or oppose eliminating the inheritance tax on estates worth more than 2 million dollars?
  1. Support 53.9%
  2. Oppose 46.1%
  
4. Do you support or oppose lowering the sales tax from 6 percent to 5.5 percent?
  1. Support 58.8%
  2. Oppose 41.2%
  
5. Do you support or oppose raising the cigarette tax from 2 dollars to 3 dollars per pack?
  1. Support 72%
  2. Oppose 28%
  
6. Do you support or oppose raising the corporate profits tax by 10 percent on large businesses?
  1. Support 46.7%
  2. Oppose 53.3%
  
7. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who supported an increase in the income tax?
  1. More likely 34.4%
  2. Less likely 65.6%
  
8. After pledging to oppose tax increases, Governor Rell's latest budget proposal raises taxes by 710 million dollars. Does Governor Rell's support for tax increases make you more or less likely to vote for her?
  1. More likely 46.1%
  2. Less Likely 53.9%
  
9. And have you or your family ever considered moving out of Connecticut because of high taxes?
  1. Yes 44.6%
  2. No 55.4%