

## CONNECTICUT SURVEY

APRIL 2008

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Hello, my name is **(NAME)**, could I speak to **(NAME ON LIST)**. I'm conducting a survey for Bannon Communications Research, a national public opinion research firm and I would like to get your opinions on some important issues facing **CONNECTICUT**. Would you mind answering a few questions for me?

**INTERVIEWER:** If respondent hesitates, assure him/her that his/her name will be kept completely confidential and that you are not trying to sell him/her anything.

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### 1. INTERVIEWER: RECORD COUNTY FROM LIST

Fairfield.....	1
Hartford.....	2
Litchfield.....	3
Middlesex.....	4
New Haven....	5
New London	6
Tolland.....	7
Windham	8

Answer	Freq	%
1	127	25.40%
2	124	24.80%
3	31	6.20%
4	27	5.40%
5	116	23.20%
6	37	7.40%
7	23	4.60%
8	15	3.00%

2. How likely are you to vote in the 2008 elections for President and other offices -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

- A. Almost certain-1
- B. Probably-2

- C. 50-50-TERMINATE
- D. Probably not-TERMINATE
- E. Definitely not-TERMINATE
- F. Don't Know-TERMINATE

**TERMINATE IF NOT A or B**

Answer	Freq	%
1	469	93.80%
2	31	6.20%

3. How would you describe your employment status? Are you employed full time, or part time, or are you currently unemployed, or retired?

- A. Employed full time-1
- B. Part time-2
- C. Unemployed-3
- D. Retired-4
- E. Multiple jobs -5- DO NOT READ
- F. Employed, don't know whether full time or part time-6 – DO NOT READ
- G. House wife or husband-7-DO NOT READ
- H. Not Sure/Don't Know -8– DO NOT READ

Answer	Freq	%
1	218	43.60%
2	58	11.60%
3	31	6.20%
4	192	38.40%

**SKIP QUESTION 4 IF UNEMPLOYED, RETIRED, EMPLOYED, DON'T KNOW OR NOT SURE OR DON'T KNOW**

4. Do you receive paid sick days at your job? By that I mean, paid days you can take off of work on short notice or on no notice to recover from illness like the cold or the flu, with no fear of punishment or loss of pay.

- A. Yes-1
- B. No-2
- C. Don't Know/Not Sure -3- DO NOT READ

Answer	Freq	%
1	188	37.60%
2	89	17.80%

5. Have you ever worked in a job where you felt worried about getting punished or losing pay because you were too sick to go to work?

- A. Yes-1
- B. No-2
- C. Don't Know/Not Sure – 3-DO NOT READ

Answer	Freq	%
1	80	16.00%
2	420	84.00%

6. Overall do you **STRONGLY FAVOR, MILDLY FAVOR, MILDLY OPPOSE OR STRONGLY OPPOSE** a basic workplace standard that would allow all employees to earn a minimum number of paid sick days to care for themselves or immediate family members?

- A. Strongly favor-1
- B. Mildly favor-2
- C. Mildly oppose-3
- D. Strongly oppose-4
- E. Don't Know/Not Sure –5- DO NOT READ

Answer	Freq	%
1	343	68.60%
2	93	18.60%
3	1	0.20%
4	37	7.40%
5	26	5.20%

7. I'd like to tell you about a bill in Connecticut this year that is intended to make paid sick days a basic workplace standard.

Employees would earn one hour of paid sick time for every forty hours worked, and could use the accumulated time to take care of themselves or their children in the event of illness or injury or in the case of domestic violence.

A full time employee would earn six and a half days per year--part-time employees would earn less. Employers could ask for proof of illness in the event of sickness longer than two days.

Small businesses with fewer than 25 employees would be exempt from the requirement.

Of course, employers would be allowed to offer more generous benefits, as many do now. This measure would serve to set a minimum floor.

Based on this description, would you **STRONGLY FAVOR, MILDLY FAVOR, MILDLY OPPOSE** this proposal to allow all employees to earn paid sick days?

- A. Strongly favor-1
- B. Mildly favor-2
- C. Mildly oppose-3
- D. Strongly oppose-4
- E. Don't Know/Not Sure -5- DO NOT READ

Answer	Freq	%
1	313	62.60%
2	105	21.00%
3	11	2.20%
4	60	12.00%
5	10	2.00%

8. A bill like this could treat small businesses differently, or it could treat them just the same as large businesses. If a bill like this were to pass, do you think that small businesses with less than 25 employees should be exempt from the requirement, that they should have to provide half as many paid sick days as large employers, or that they should have to provide the same number of sick days as other employers?

- A. They should be exempt-1
- B. They should have to provide half as many paid sick days as large employers-2
- C. They should have to provide as many paid sick days as large employers-3
- D. Don't Know/Not Sure - 4-DO NOT READ

Answer	Freq	%
1	154	30.80%
2	192	38.40%
3	113	22.60%
4	41	8.20%

9. Just for statistical purposes, can you tell me if your family's total yearly income (before taxes) is:

**(READ APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES)**

Under \$15,000.....	-1
\$15,000-\$30,000.....	-2
\$30,000-\$50,000.....	-3
\$50,000-\$60,000.....	-4
\$60,000-\$75,000.....	-5
\$75,000-\$100,000.....	-6
Over \$100,000.....	-7
Don't know/Refuse.....	-8

**(IF DK/RF)** Well, could you tell me if your family income is above or below \$50,000? [**above \$50,000 = code 4 ; below \$50,000 = code 3**]

Answer	Freq	%
1	28	5.60%
2	37	7.40%
3	74	14.80%
4	93	18.60%
5	76	15.20%
6	86	17.20%
7	66	13.20%
8	40	8.00%

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**[INTERVIEWER: RECORD AGE FROM LIST**

18-19 years	-1
20-24 years	-2
25-29 years	-3
30-34 years	-4
35-39 years	-5
40-44 years	-6
45-49 years	-7
50-54 years	-8
55-59 years	-9
60-64 years	-10
65-69 years	-11
70-74 years	-12
75-79 years	-13
80 years or more	-14
DK/NA/Refused	-15

Answer	Freq	%
1	1	0.20%
2	3	0.60%
3	15	3.00%
4	16	3.20%
5	27	5.40%
6	34	6.80%
7	47	9.40%
8	45	9.00%
9	62	12.40%
10	66	13.20%
11	54	10.80%
12	54	10.80%
13	39	7.80%
14	33	6.60%
15	4	0.80%

11. **INTERVIEWER: RECORD SEX OF RESPONDENT:**

Male	-1
Female	-2

Answer	Freq	%
1	240	48.00%
2	260	52.00%

12. **INTERVIEWER: RECORD PARTY OF RESPONDENT:**

Democratic	-1
Republican	-2
Unaffiliated	-3
Other	-4

Answer	Freq	%
1	236	47.20%
2	128	25.60%
3	135	27.00%
4	1	0.20%

**INTERVIEWER: "Thank you for taking the time to complete this interview"**