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National Partnership for Women/Families CT Survey
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47 Male 53 Female [109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

- 1a. First, does anyone in this household work for a radio station, a television station, a newspaper, a market research firm, an advertising agency, a political party, or a political campaign?

No	100	CONTINUE	[142]
Yes	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	-		

- 2a. I would like you to rate your feelings toward The Connecticut State Legislature as either very favorable, somewhat favorable, neutral, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know the name or organization, please just say so.

	<u>Very Favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>	
The Connecticut State Legislature	4	23	27	20	14	12	[149]

- 2b. Have you heard anything about a new law here in Connecticut that allows service workers in businesses with fifty or more employees to earn up to five paid sick days each year?

Yes, have heard about new law	61	[152]
No, have not heard about new law ...	39	
Not sure	-	

- 3a/b. From what you know, do you favor or oppose Connecticut's new law that allows service workers in businesses with fifty or more employees to earn up to five paid sick days each year? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE," ASK:) Would you say you strongly (FAVOR/OPPOSE) this legislation or just somewhat (FAVOR/OPPOSE) this legislation?

Favor	73	
Strongly	47	[153-154]
Just somewhat	26	
Oppose	19	
Just somewhat.....	9	
Strongly	10	
Not sure	8	

4. I'm going to read you a series of statements that may describe how some people feel about elected officials or organizations that support Connecticut's new paid sick days law. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the statement describes how you feel about elected officials or organizations that support this new law.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
They are protecting public health by helping sick workers stay home.....	46	30	10	11	3	[159/165]
They are standing up for people like me and people who I care about	32	34	14	15	5	[158/164]
They are more likely to be in touch with the real-life challenges of working people and families.....	29	33	16	18	4	[156/162]
They are on the right side when it comes to balancing the needs of employers and employees.....	23	37	17	16	7	[157/163]
They are more likely to share my values.....	17	37	19	17	10	[155/161]

(READ ONLY TO RESPONDENTS WHOSE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE VOTED YES.)

As you may know, both your state senator and state representative voted for Connecticut's new paid sick days law.

(READ ONLY TO RESPONDENTS WHOSE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE VOTED NO.)

As you may know, both your state senator and state representative voted against Connecticut's new paid sick days law.

(READ ONLY TO RESPONDENTS WHOSE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE VOTED DIFFERENTLY.)

As you may know, your state senator voted (FOR/AGAINST) Connecticut's new paid sick days law while your state representative voted (FOR/AGAINST) this law.

(READ ONLY TO RESPONDENTS WHOSE SENATOR VOTED AND REPRESENTATIVE ABSTAINED.)

As you may know, your state senator voted (FOR/AGAINST) Connecticut's new paid sick days law.

(ASK ONLY TO RESPONDENTS WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE VOTED AND SENATOR ABSTAINED.)

As you may know, your state representative voted (FOR/AGAINST) Connecticut's new paid sick days law.

5a/b. Does knowing that your [state senator/state representative] voted (FOR/AGAINST) the new paid sick day law make you much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, much less favorable, or make no difference in your support for them in the next election?

	Senator			House Member			
	Voted For	Voted Against	Differential	Voted For	Voted Against	Differential	
Total More Favorable	55	22	33	59	23	36	[167-168]
Much more favorable	20	7	13	21	7	14	
Somewhat more favorable	35	15	20	38	16	22	
Total Less Favorable	23	54	-31	18	54	-36	
Somewhat less favorable	13	34	-21	13	36	-23	
Much less favorable	10	20	-10	5	18	-13	
Makes no difference	20	21	-1	20	19	1	
Not sure	2	3	-1	3	4	-1	

(ASK ONLY OF VOTER TYPES 4 & 5.)		State Legislator		
	Voted For	Voted Against	Differential	
Total More Favorable	53	21	32	
Much more favorable	16	8	8	
Somewhat more favorable	37	13	24	
Total Less Favorable	22	51	-29	
Somewhat less favorable	13	38	-25	
Much less favorable	9	13	-4	
Makes no difference	20	23	-3	
Not sure	5	5	-	

6a/b. When issues like paid sick days that have a direct impact on people are discussed as part of campaigns and elections, does it make you more or less likely to pay attention and want to be involved? (IF "MORE" OR "LESS LIKELY," ASK:) Does it make you much (MORE/LESS LIKELY) or just somewhat (MORE/LESS LIKELY) to want to be involved?

More Likely	64	[173-174]
Much	22	
Just somewhat	42	
Less Likely	25	
Just somewhat	20	
Much	5	
Not sure	11	

7. Finally, I am going to read you two statements about how some people feel about the new paid sick days law. Please tell me which statement you agree with more.

Statement A: The new paid sick days law imposes an unnecessary mandate on businesses at a time when the economy continues to perform poorly and jobs are scarce. When government imposes requirements on business, costs rise and businesses struggle. Even those who support the principle of providing paid sick days worry that now is not the right time to impose these new requirements.

Statement B: At a time when working people need to be able to keep their jobs and support their families, the new paid sick days law is more important than ever. Workers are vulnerable now and cannot afford to lose income or risk being fired simply because they have the flu or a child needs medical care. Rebuilding the middle class and strengthening families' economic security requires common-sense protections like paid sick days.

With which statement do you agree more?

Statement A /law imposes unnecessary mandate	27	[175]
Statement B /law is more important than ever	71	
Not sure	2	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?

Grade school	-	[176-177]
Some high school	2	
High school graduate	24	
Some college, no degree	11	
Vocational training/2-year college	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	26	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	16	
Doctoral/law degree	3	
Not sure/refused	3	

F2. Regardless of how you may be registered to vote, which of the following best describes where you stand between the two political parties are you strongly Republican, leaning Republican, completely independent, leaning Democratic, or strongly Democratic?

Strongly Republican	8	[178]
Leaning Republican	17	
Completely independent.....	33	
Leaning Democratic.....	19	
Strongly Democratic	18	
Not sure.....	5	

F3a. Are you currently employed full time, employed part time, retired, a full-time student, or not currently employed?

Employed full time	45	CONTINUE	[179]
Employed part time.....	9		
Retired	25		
Full-time student	4	Skip to Q.F4	
Not currently employed.....	14		
Not sure/refused	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART TIME IN Q.F3a.)

F3b. Does your company or employer have fifty or more employees here in Connecticut, including employees at other offices?

Yes, 50 or more employees.....	66	[180]
No, less than 50 employees	32	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single	21	[208]
Unmarried, living with a partner	3	
Married	59	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	5	
Divorced	7	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	4	

F5a. Do you have any children under age eighteen?

Yes, have children	28	CONTINUE	[209]
No, do not have children	69	Skip to Q.F6a	
Refused	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE CHILDREN IN Q.F5a.)

F5b. How many children do you have who are **(READ ITEM)**?

	<u>1</u> <u>Child</u>	<u>2</u> <u>Children</u>	<u>3</u> <u>Children</u>	<u>4 Or More</u> <u>Children</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Sure</u>	<u>None</u>	
Age twelve and under	30	25	7	2	16	20	[210]
Age thirteen to eighteen.....	30	11	4	-	22	33	[211]

F6a. Are you a member of a labor union?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE NOT A UNION MEMBER OR ARE NOT SURE IN Q.F6a.)

F6b. Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member	13	[212-213]
Labor union household.....	12	
Nonunion household	71	
Not sure	4	

F7. Please tell me which of the following represents your total household income for last year?

Less than twenty thousand dollars	6	[214]
Twenty thousand dollars to thirty-five thousand dollars.....	8	
Thirty-five thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars	15	
Fifty thousand dollars to seventy-five thousand dollars	17	
Seventy-five thousand dollars to one hundred thousand dollars	17	
One hundred thousand dollars to one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.....	8	
One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to one hundred fifty thousand dollars	5	
One hundred fifty thousand dollars or more	7	
Not sure/refused.....	17	

F8. For statistical purposes only, and to ensure a representative sample, would you please tell me how old you are? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	8	[143-144]
25-29.....	6	
30-34.....	5	
35-39.....	7	
40-44.....	5	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	11	
60-64.....	10	
65-69.....	9	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	12	
Refused	2	

F9. Again, for statistical purposes only, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic/Spanish-speaking background	5	[145]
No, not from a Hispanic/Spanish-speaking background.....	95	
Not sure	-	

F10. And what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	85	[146]
Black.....	7	
Asian	1	
Other	4	
Hispanic (VOL)	2	
Not sure.....	1	