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NEW JERSEY: DEM TILT IN CD07

GOP incumbent still in the hunt despite strong anti-Trump sentiment

West Long Branch, NJ – Democrat Tom Malinowski holds a narrow lead over incumbent Republican Leonard Lance in the race for New Jersey’s 7th Congressional District, according to the ***Monmouth University Poll***. Malinowski benefits from running in a district with a large number of college educated voters who have swung more Democratic in the past two years. But Lance is keeping this race close despite President Donald Trump’s low ratings in the district. New Jersey’s 7th is home to Trump National Golf Club Bedminster, where the president has spent a good deal of time since taking office.

Malinowski is supported by 47% and Lance is supported by 39% of all potential voters – that is voters who have participated in an election since 2010 or have newly registered to vote (a group that represents about 84% of all registered voters in the district). Another 2% of voters support one of the other candidate running and 12% are undecided. Lance holds a lead among white voters without a college degree (50% to 36%), while Malinowski has the advantage among college educated white voters (50% to 39%) and non-white voters regardless of education (64% to 20%).

The Democrat’s lead in this race narrows when applying two different likely voter models. A historical midterm model gives Malinowski an insignificant 46% to 43% edge over Lance. A model that projects a possible turnout surge in Democratic precincts gives Malinowski a lead of 47% to 41%. Neither margin in these two likely voter models is statistically significant.

“The fundamentals of this swing district favor Malinowski, but he has not been able to break clear of Lance’s deep roots here,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

New Jersey's 7th district voted for Mitt Romney for president by 6 points in 2012, but swung to Hillary Clinton by one point in 2016. Lance ran more than 10 points ahead of the top of the GOP ticket in both years, winning his House seat by 17 points in 2012 and 11 points in 2016.

Lance currently holds the lead in his home base of Hunterdon County (49% to 38%), but not elsewhere in the district. Malinowski is running slightly ahead of Lance in the Morris and Warren portion of the district (44% to 38%), which is an area that usually supports Republicans. Malinowski maintains a large lead in the historically Democratic-leaning Union and Essex portion of the district (54% to 35%). Perhaps the most interesting part of the district is the largest section in Somerset County, where Malinowski holds a 49% to 38% edge over Lance. This part of the district backed Romney by 5 points in 2012, but swung to give Clinton a nearly 6 point win four years later. This is also the part of the district where the president's golf club is located.

Overall, just 39% of district voters approve of the job Trump is doing as president while a majority of 55% disapprove. The gap is even wider when looking at voters with "strong" opinions of the president – just 26% *strongly approve* while 47% *strongly disapprove*. These are the lowest net ratings for Trump recorded by Monmouth in its polls of 12 bellwether House districts in this cycle – only Virginia's 10th district comes close. The president's rating is a negative 36% approve to 59% disapprove in the Somerset portion of the district, which is nearly as bad as the 32% to 64% rating he gets in the more traditionally Democratic area of Union/Essex. Opinion of the president is slightly positive in Hunterdon (48% to 45%) and slightly negative in Morris/Warren (43% to 49%).

The poll finds that 62% of potential NJ-07 voters say it is very important for them to cast a vote for Congress that shows how they feel about the president – including 71% of Trump opponents and 67% of Trump supporters. The *Monmouth University Poll* also finds that 61% of voters have a lot of interest in the election, which includes 69% of Malinowski supporters and 67% of Lance supporters.

"There's not a lot of difference in enthusiasm levels between the two camps. It's just that voters in this wealthy suburban district have swung more Democratic largely due to problems they have with their presidential neighbor," said Murray.

More NJ-07 voters say that they would rather see Democrats (46%) than Republicans (32%) in control of Congress. Another 19% say that party control does not matter to them.

When asked to choose the top issue in their vote for Congress from a list of six policy areas, 26% of NJ-07 voters pick health care. This is followed by immigration (18%), gun control (14%), tax policy (14%), job creation (11%), and abortion (6%). Malinowski has the advantage on handling voters' top concern, with 31% saying they trust the Democrat more on keeping health care affordable to 21% who say they trust Lance more on this issue. Another 20% say they trust both candidates equally.

Last year’s tax reform legislation, the GOP’s hallmark policy achievement which Lance voted against, plays poorly in this district. Just 34% approve of the plan and 49% disapprove. Nearly half (45%) of NJ-07 voters say they expect their federal tax bill to go up under the new tax rules, just 20% think their taxes will go down, and 27% say their federal taxes will likely stay the same as they are now.

“It’s hard to buck a trend where voters really dislike both your party’s leader and signature accomplishment. But Lance is keeping this race close on the back of his reputation as a moderate as well as the goodwill he has built with constituents during his time in office. It remains to be seen whether this will be enough to hang onto his seat,” said Murray.

Lance gets a personal rating of 35% favorable and 21% unfavorable from NJ-07 voters, with 44% expressing no opinion of him. The poll also finds that 39% say the five-term Congressman is in touch with district residents while 33% feel he is out of touch. Malinowski, who recently moved back to New Jersey after serving in the Barack Obama administration, gets a 26% favorable and 14% unfavorable rating, with 60% having no opinion of him. Opinion is divided on whether the Democrat is in touch (30%) or out of touch (28%) with the district.

“Lance has been trying to paint Malinowski as a carpetbagger, but it looks like this line of attack has been meeting with only limited success so far,” said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from September 13 to 17, 2018 with 414 voters in New Jersey’s 7th Congressional District. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 4.8 percentage points for the full sample and +/- 5.1 percentage points for the likely voter models. The error of the gap between the two candidates’ vote share (i.e. the margin of the “lead”) is +/- 6.7 percentage points for the full sample and +/- 7.2 percentage points for the likely voter models. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1/2. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives in your district was today, would you vote for Leonard Lance the Republican or Tom Malinowski the Democrat, or some other candidate? [IF UNDECIDED: If you had to vote for one of the following at this moment, do you lean more toward Leonard Lance or more toward Tom Malinowski?]

[NAMES WERE ROTATED]

<i>With leaners</i>	September 2018		
	Full voter sample	Standard Midterm	Likely Voter Models Democratic “Surge”
Leonard Lance	39%	43%	41%
Tom Malinowski	47%	46%	47%
Other	2%	2%	2%
(VOL) Undecided	12%	9%	10%
(n)	(414)	(365)	(365)

[QUESTIONS 3 & 4 WERE ROTATED]

3. Is your general impression of Leonard Lance favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

	Sept. 2018
Favorable	35%
Unfavorable	21%
No opinion	44%
(n)	(414)

4. Is your general impression of Tom Malinowski favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

	Sept. 2018
Favorable	26%
Unfavorable	14%
No opinion	60%
(n)	(414)

5. How much interest do you have in the upcoming election for House of Representatives – a lot of interest, a little interest, or not much interest at all?

	Sept. 2018
A lot	61%
A little	28%
Not much at all	11%
(VOL) Don't Know	0%
(n)	(414)

6. Have you been following the campaign in your congressional district very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?

	Sept. 2018
Very closely	14%
Somewhat closely	43%
Not too closely	43%
(VOL) Don't Know	0%
(n)	(414)

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? [Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]

	Sept. 2018
Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	47%
(VOL) Don't know	6%
(n)	(414)

8. On most issues would you say you support or oppose what President Trump is doing?

	Sept. 2018
Support	37%
Oppose	53%
(VOL) Depends/both	6%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
(n)	(414)

9. How important is it for you to cast a vote for Congress that shows your [support of/opposition to] President Trump – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	Sept. 2018
Very important	62%
Somewhat important	18%
Not too important	4%
Not at all important	4%
(VOL) Don't know	11%
(n)	(414)

10. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesn't this matter to you?

	Sept. 2018
Republicans	32%
Democrats	46%
Does not matter	19%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(414)

11. Please tell me which one of the following policy issues is most important to you in your vote choice for Congress? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

	Sept. 2018
Immigration policy	18%
Health care policy	26%
Gun control policy	14%
Abortion policy	6%
Tax policy	14%
Job creation policy	11%
(VOL) Other	9%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(414)

12. Who do you trust more to work to keep health care affordable – Leonard Lance or Tom Malinowski, or do you trust both equally?

[NAMES WERE ROTATED]

	Sept. 2018
Leonard Lance	21%
Tom Malinowski	31%
Both equally	20%
(VOL) Neither one	9%
(VOL) Don't know	19%
(n)	(414)

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress in December?
 [Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]

	Sept. 2018
Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	32%
(VOL) Don't know	18%
(n)	(414)

14. Under this new tax plan, do you think the federal taxes you pay will go up, go down, or stay about the same?

	Sept. 2018
Go up	45%
Go down	20%
Stay about the same	27%
(VOL) Don't know	8%
(n)	(414)

[QUESTIONS 15 & 16 WERE ROTATED]

15. Do you think Leonard Lance is in touch or out of touch with the residents of this district?

	Sept. 2018
In touch	39%
Out of touch	33%
(VOL) Don't know	28%
(n)	(414)

16. Do you think Tom Malinowski is in touch or out of touch with the residents of this district?

	Sept. 2018
In touch	30%
Out of touch	28%
(VOL) Don't know	42%
(n)	(414)

17. How important is it for you personally to get involved in politics – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	Sept. 2018
Very important	40%
Somewhat important	36%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	8%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
(n)	(414)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from September 13 to 17, 2018 with a random sample of 414 potential voters in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, drawn from a list of registered voters who voted in at least one of the last four general or primary elections or have registered to vote since January 2016. This includes 232 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 182 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone in English. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. Final sample is weighted for region, party registration, age, gender, education and race based on state voter registration list and U.S. Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and L2 (voter sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 4.8 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Party Registration</i>	
34%	<i>Republican</i>
31%	<i>Democrat</i>
35%	<i>Neither</i>
 <i>Self-Reported Party ID</i>	
27%	<i>Republican</i>
44%	<i>Independent</i>
29%	<i>Democrat</i>
 <i>Gender</i>	
48%	<i>Male</i>
52%	<i>Female</i>
 <i>Age</i>	
17%	<i>18-34</i>
25%	<i>35-49</i>
34%	<i>50-64</i>
24%	<i>65+</i>
 <i>Race</i>	
81%	<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>
19%	<i>Other</i>
 <i>Education</i>	
44%	<i>No college degree</i>
56%	<i>4-year college degree</i>
 <i>County</i>	
20%	<i>Hunterdon County</i>
32%	<i>Somerset County</i>
21%	<i>Morris / Warren Counties</i>
27%	<i>Union / Essex Counties</i>

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
ALL VOTERS		414	4.8%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	120	9.0%
	Independent	166	7.6%
	Democrat	118	9.0%
IDEOLOGY	Conservative	121	8.9%
	Moderate	190	7.1%
	Liberal	90	10.3%
GENDER	Male	185	7.2%
	Female	229	6.5%
AGE	18-49	161	7.7%
	50-64	130	8.6%
	65+	112	9.3%
COLLEGE by RACE	White, No degree	114	9.2%
	White, 4 year degree	211	6.8%
	Other race, Latino	66	12.1%
COUNTY	Hunterdon	82	10.8%
	Somerset	125	8.8%
	Morris / Warren	87	10.5%
	Union / Essex	120	9.0%
VOTE CHOICE	Lance	152	8.0%
	Malinowski	177	7.4%
	Undecided	85	10.6%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q1-2. NJ07 HOUSE VOTE WITH LEANERS	Leonard Lance	39%	86%	36%	2%	79%	31%	7%	44%	35%	33%
	Tom Malinowski	47%	9%	43%	92%	13%	51%	84%	44%	50%	48%
	Other	2%	0%	4%	0%	3%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%
	Undecided	12%	5%	17%	6%	5%	16%	9%	10%	14%	17%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY	
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set
Q1-2. NJ07 HOUSE VOTE WITH LEANERS	Leonard Lance	43%	46%	50%	39%	20%	49%	38%
	Tom Malinowski	49%	42%	36%	50%	64%	38%	49%
	Other	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	4%	1%
	Undecided	6%	11%	13%	9%	13%	9%	13%

		COUNTY	
		Morris Warren	Union Essex
Q1-2. NJ07 HOUSE VOTE WITH LEANERS	Leonard Lance	38%	35%
	Tom Malinowski	44%	54%
	Other	3%	1%
	Undecided	15%	10%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q3. Is your general impression of Leonard Lance favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	35%	66%	31%	12%	57%	32%	14%	35%	34%	25%
	Unfavorable	21%	6%	21%	36%	9%	22%	34%	21%	21%	22%
	No opinion	44%	28%	48%	53%	35%	46%	53%	43%	45%	53%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY			
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren	Union Essex
Q3. Is your general impression of Leonard Lance favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	41%	45%	41%	37%	17%	45%	37%	33%	26%
	Unfavorable	24%	12%	12%	31%	15%	25%	17%	19%	24%
	No opinion	35%	42%	47%	32%	69%	30%	46%	48%	50%

		NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q3. Is your general impression of Leonard Lance favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	75%	13%	13%
	Unfavorable	2%	40%	13%
	No opinion	23%	47%	74%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q4. Is your general impression of Tom Malinowski favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	26%	7%	23%	51%	8%	27%	51%	25%	28%	23%
	Unfavorable	14%	26%	13%	3%	28%	9%	3%	18%	11%	16%
	No opinion	60%	67%	64%	47%	64%	64%	46%	57%	62%	61%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q4. Is your general impression of Tom Malinowski favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	31%	24%	17%	37%	20%	33%	23%	27%
	Unfavorable	12%	13%	14%	15%	12%	19%	14%	12%
	No opinion	57%	62%	69%	48%	68%	48%	63%	61%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q4. Is your general impression of Tom Malinowski favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	25%	6%	53%	6%
	Unfavorable	12%	30%	2%	12%
	No opinion	63%	64%	45%	82%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q5. How much interest do you have in the upcoming election for House of Representatives - a lot of interest, a little interest, or not much interest at all?	A lot	61%	63%	54%	70%	62%	62%	60%	64%	59%	51%
	A little	28%	27%	32%	22%	26%	28%	30%	26%	30%	37%
	Not much at all	11%	10%	14%	8%	12%	10%	10%	11%	11%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q5. How much interest do you have in the upcoming election for House of Representatives - a lot of interest, a little interest, or not much interest at all?	A lot	70%	65%	55%	68%	48%	68%	55%	59%
	A little	23%	21%	29%	26%	37%	24%	34%	25%
	Not much at all	8%	13%	16%	6%	16%	8%	10%	16%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q5. How much interest do you have in the upcoming election for House of Representatives - a lot of interest, a little interest, or not much interest at all?	A lot	65%	67%	69%	36%
	A little	25%	23%	23%	47%
	Not much at all	10%	10%	8%	18%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	1%	0%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q6. Have you been following the campaign in your Congressional district very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?	Very closely	14%	13%	13%	16%	15%	12%	18%	14%	14%	8%
	Somewhat closely	43%	45%	40%	46%	43%	43%	42%	44%	42%	42%
	Not too closely	43%	42%	47%	38%	41%	45%	40%	41%	44%	50%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q6. Have you been following the campaign in your Congressional district very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?	Very closely	16%	21%	12%	12%	19%	16%	14%	11%
	Somewhat closely	46%	40%	41%	52%	27%	53%	43%	44%
	Not too closely	38%	39%	47%	36%	55%	31%	43%	44%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q6. Have you been following the campaign in your Congressional district very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?	Very closely	15%	15%	16%	10%
	Somewhat closely	35%	45%	46%	33%
	Not too closely	49%	40%	38%	56%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly approve	26%	63%	17%	2%	64%	13%	2%	29%	22%	21%
	Somewhat approve	13%	17%	18%	3%	20%	16%	1%	16%	11%	14%
	Somewhat disapprove	8%	3%	13%	6%	4%	10%	7%	10%	6%	13%
	Strongly disapprove	47%	15%	43%	86%	9%	54%	86%	39%	55%	44%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	3%	8%	3%	3%	7%	5%	6%	6%	7%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly approve	27%	30%	33%	22%	16%	30%	19%	33%
	Somewhat approve	16%	10%	18%	13%	8%	18%	17%	10%
	Somewhat disapprove	6%	3%	7%	5%	20%	2%	11%	5%
	Strongly disapprove	47%	51%	39%	54%	49%	43%	48%	44%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	5%	3%	5%	7%	7%	5%	8%

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		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?] [VOL] Dont Know	Strongly approve	24%	62%	3%	13%
	Somewhat approve	8%	22%	2%	23%
	Somewhat disapprove	13%	3%	8%	17%
	Strongly disapprove	51%	11%	85%	30%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	3%	2%	18%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q8. On most issues would you say you support or oppose what President Trump is doing? [VOL] Both [VOL] Dont Know	Support	37%	78%	34%	2%	85%	26%	2%	47%	29%	34%
	Oppose	53%	15%	53%	91%	10%	61%	92%	45%	59%	58%
	[VOL] Both	6%	6%	8%	4%	3%	9%	3%	5%	7%	5%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	2%	5%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q8. On most issues would you say you support or oppose what President Trump is doing? [VOL] Both [VOL] Dont Know	Support	42%	39%	47%	34%	24%	44%	34%	41%
	Oppose	47%	50%	43%	57%	64%	44%	55%	49%
	[VOL] Both	7%	7%	7%	5%	5%	8%	7%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	4%	3%	3%	7%	4%	4%	7%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q8. On most issues would you say you support or oppose what President Trump is doing? [VOL] Both [VOL] Dont Know	Support	34%	83%	5%	30%
	Oppose	58%	11%	90%	45%
	[VOL] Both	6%	5%	3%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	1%	2%	12%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q9. How important is it for you to cast a vote for Congress that shows your President Trump - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? [VOL] Dont Know	Very important	62%	69%	51%	75%	70%	54%	75%	60%	64%	55%
	Somewhat important	18%	17%	22%	10%	20%	20%	10%	18%	17%	23%
	Not too important	4%	2%	6%	5%	2%	5%	5%	6%	3%	7%
	Not at all important	4%	4%	8%	1%	3%	7%	2%	7%	2%	6%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	8%	13%	9%	5%	14%	8%	9%	14%	9%

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		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q9. How important is it for you to cast a vote for Congress that shows your President Trump - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	65%	70%	60%	65%	60%	64%	61%	63%
	Somewhat important	15%	12%	20%	16%	19%	17%	17%	21%
	Not too important	3%	2%	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%	3%
	Not at all important	6%	1%	4%	5%	6%	3%	6%	1%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	14%	12%	9%	12%	12%	12%	12%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS			
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec	
Q9. How important is it for you to cast a vote for Congress that shows your President Trump - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	62%	69%	71%	34%	
	Somewhat important	16%	18%	13%	26%	
	Not too important	5%	3%	6%	4%	
	Not at all important	7%	3%	3%	10%	
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	8%	7%	26%	

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q10. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you?	Republicans	32%	78%	24%	1%	75%	21%	1%	37%	28%	27%
	Democrats	46%	6%	40%	96%	10%	52%	85%	42%	50%	43%
	Does not matter	19%	13%	33%	2%	12%	24%	13%	20%	18%	28%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q10. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you?	Republicans	34%	40%	40%	31%	17%	39%	30%	34%
	Democrats	50%	46%	36%	49%	63%	38%	47%	39%
	Does not matter	13%	11%	20%	19%	17%	20%	23%	21%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	1%	5%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS			
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec	
Q10. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you?	Republicans	28%	81%	2%	14%	
	Democrats	56%	3%	90%	27%	
	Does not matter	11%	14%	8%	49%	
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	2%	0%	11%	

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		Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49	
Q11. Please tell me which one of the following policy issues is most important to you in your vote choice for Congress - [READ ITEMS]?	Immigration policy	18%	27%	20%	8%	34%	14%	5%	20%	17%	14%
	Health care policy	26%	14%	20%	44%	13%	25%	45%	27%	25%	28%
	Gun control policy	14%	9%	15%	18%	11%	16%	13%	14%	13%	12%
	Abortion policy	6%	4%	6%	9%	6%	5%	10%	2%	10%	5%
	Tax policy	14%	22%	14%	6%	16%	17%	5%	17%	10%	14%
	Job creation policy	11%	11%	12%	6%	13%	11%	8%	14%	8%	18%
	[VOL] Other	9%	10%	10%	8%	7%	10%	11%	4%	14%	7%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%

	AGE 3-WAY	WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY				
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q11. Please tell me which one of the following policy issues is most important to you in your vote choice for Congress - [READ ITEMS]?	Immigration policy	22%	20%	16%	16%	26%	27%	15%	22%
	Health care policy	26%	20%	32%	24%	21%	27%	23%	28%
	Gun control policy	16%	14%	14%	14%	16%	5%	19%	12%
	Abortion policy	5%	9%	4%	9%	4%	6%	5%	7%
	Tax policy	15%	12%	8%	20%	11%	15%	14%	8%
	Job creation policy	5%	7%	14%	7%	11%	7%	13%	12%
	[VOL] Other	8%	13%	9%	9%	10%	10%	9%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	6%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%

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		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q11. Please tell me which one of the following policy issues is most important to you in your vote choice for Congress - [READ ITEMS]?	Immigration policy	13%	33%	9%	14%
	Health care policy	27%	10%	38%	27%
	Gun control policy	14%	10%	17%	12%
	Abortion policy	7%	4%	8%	5%
	Tax policy	16%	18%	11%	11%
	Job creation policy	10%	15%	4%	18%
	[VOL] Other	9%	9%	9%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	1%	3%	4%

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			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q12. Who do you trust more to work to keep health care affordable - Leonard Lance or Tom Malinowski, or do you trust both equally?	Leonard Lance	21%	45%	17%	3%	43%	15%	4%	24%	18%	16%
	Tom Malinowski	31%	5%	25%	67%	7%	32%	62%	29%	32%	31%
	Both equally	20%	20%	28%	9%	18%	27%	10%	23%	17%	21%
	[VOL] Neither one	9%	8%	14%	2%	11%	10%	5%	10%	9%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	19%	22%	16%	20%	21%	17%	19%	14%	24%	23%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q12. Who do you trust more to work to keep health care affordable - Leonard Lance or Tom Malinowski, or do you trust both equally?	Leonard Lance	25%	23%	25%	20%	8%	24%	17%	26%
	Tom Malinowski	37%	21%	23%	35%	37%	23%	31%	29%
	Both equally	20%	18%	21%	19%	24%	21%	20%	22%
	[VOL] Neither one	7%	12%	8%	11%	7%	15%	10%	8%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	25%	22%	15%	24%	17%	22%	15%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q12. Who do you trust more to work to keep health care affordable - Leonard Lance or Tom Malinowski, or do you trust both equally?	Leonard Lance	19%	52%	1%	9%
	Tom Malinowski	37%	2%	65%	7%
	Both equally	18%	18%	18%	27%
	[VOL] Neither one	5%	12%	2%	19%
	[VOL] Dont Know	21%	16%	13%	38%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q13. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress in December? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly approve	18%	42%	14%	2%	41%	12%	2%	20%	16%	15%
	Somewhat approve	16%	25%	18%	5%	28%	15%	3%	20%	12%	15%
	Somewhat disapprove	17%	5%	19%	23%	7%	18%	26%	18%	16%	30%
	Strongly disapprove	32%	6%	30%	59%	7%	37%	55%	27%	36%	24%
	[VOL] Dont Know	18%	21%	18%	10%	18%	18%	13%	15%	20%	16%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q13. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress in December? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly approve	21%	19%	20%	18%	12%	24%	15%	18%
	Somewhat approve	17%	16%	16%	16%	16%	14%	20%	15%
	Somewhat disapprove	9%	6%	11%	17%	31%	11%	16%	16%
	Strongly disapprove	38%	34%	26%	37%	27%	37%	31%	28%
	[VOL] Dont Know	14%	25%	27%	11%	14%	14%	18%	23%

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		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q13. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress in December? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?] [VOL] Dont Know	Strongly approve	16%	45%	3%	4%
	Somewhat approve	14%	25%	6%	23%
	Somewhat disapprove	22%	6%	23%	23%
	Strongly disapprove	31%	6%	59%	18%
	[VOL] Dont Know	17%	19%	10%	31%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q14. Under this new tax plan, do you think the federal taxes you pay will go up, go down, or stay about the same? [VOL] Dont Know	Go up	45%	24%	53%	51%	29%	55%	48%	44%	46%	43%
	Go down	20%	30%	16%	18%	32%	13%	22%	26%	15%	24%
	Stay about the same	27%	36%	24%	25%	32%	25%	26%	27%	28%	28%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	10%	7%	5%	8%	7%	5%	3%	12%	5%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q14. Under this new tax plan, do you think the federal taxes you pay will go up, go down, or stay about the same? [VOL] Dont Know	Go up	50%	41%	36%	52%	45%	50%	41%	46%
	Go down	21%	12%	19%	19%	22%	21%	18%	14%
	Stay about the same	26%	28%	36%	24%	20%	24%	32%	30%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	19%	9%	5%	13%	5%	9%	10%

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		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q14. Under this new tax plan, do you think the federal taxes you pay will go up, go down, or stay about the same? [VOL] Dont Know	Go up	44%	24%	56%	56%
	Go down	27%	33%	14%	12%
	Stay about the same	22%	34%	25%	23%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	10%	6%	9%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q15. Do you think Leonard Lance is in touch or out of touch with the residents of this district? [VOL] Dont Know	In touch	39%	64%	36%	21%	59%	34%	26%	43%	36%	30%
	Out of touch	33%	12%	36%	49%	18%	35%	48%	33%	33%	38%
	[VOL] Dont Know	28%	24%	28%	30%	22%	31%	26%	24%	31%	33%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q15. Do you think Leonard Lance is in touch or out of touch with the residents of this district? [VOL] Dont Know	In touch	47%	48%	47%	39%	24%	50%	37%	44%
	Out of touch	33%	24%	27%	37%	35%	28%	32%	30%
	[VOL] Dont Know	20%	29%	26%	24%	41%	23%	31%	26%

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		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q15. Do you think Leonard Lance is in touch or out of touch with the residents of this district?	In touch	30%	73%	24%	16%
	Out of touch	40%	8%	48%	42%
	[VOL] Dont Know	30%	19%	28%	42%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q16. Do you think Tom Malinowski is in touch or out of touch with the residents of this district?	In touch	30%	8%	26%	59%	10%	33%	52%	30%	30%	31%
	Out of touch	28%	44%	32%	7%	50%	22%	13%	29%	27%	31%
	[VOL] Dont Know	42%	48%	42%	34%	40%	45%	35%	41%	43%	38%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q16. Do you think Tom Malinowski is in touch or out of touch with the residents of this district?	In touch	35%	20%	23%	35%	32%	29%	30%	35%
	Out of touch	26%	28%	30%	25%	28%	35%	28%	31%
	[VOL] Dont Know	39%	52%	47%	40%	40%	36%	42%	35%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q16. Do you think Tom Malinowski is in touch or out of touch with the residents of this district?	In touch	27%	11%	56%	9%
	Out of touch	21%	47%	9%	37%
	[VOL] Dont Know	51%	42%	36%	55%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q17. How important is it for you personally to get involved in politics - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	40%	40%	37%	47%	43%	33%	55%	43%	38%	39%
	Somewhat important	36%	30%	36%	40%	31%	40%	31%	31%	41%	37%
	Not too important	14%	19%	14%	12%	13%	16%	13%	14%	15%	12%
	Not at all important	8%	11%	12%	1%	11%	10%	1%	10%	7%	11%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunter don	Somer set	Morris Warren
Q17. How important is it for you personally to get involved in politics - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	43%	38%	39%	39%	50%	34%	37%	35%
	Somewhat important	34%	35%	33%	36%	36%	40%	36%	39%
	Not too important	16%	16%	16%	16%	10%	15%	16%	14%
	Not at all important	6%	9%	12%	8%	5%	10%	10%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%

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		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Undec
Q17. How important is it for you personally to get involved in politics - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	52%	39%	51%	20%
	Somewhat important	31%	31%	34%	49%
	Not too important	12%	18%	12%	11%
	Not at all important	5%	10%	3%	18%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	2%	0%	2%