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NEW JERSEY: NOT MUCH CHANGE IN CD07

Higher Dem enthusiasm helps challenger maintain edge

West Long Branch, NJ – Democrat Tom Malinowski maintains a narrow lead over Republican Leonard Lance in the race for New Jersey’s 7th Congressional District, according to the ***Monmouth University Poll***. The incumbent’s rating has taken a hit but many voters still don’t know much about the challenger. Malinowski’s lead is largely due to a higher level of enthusiasm among Democratic voters, particularly when it comes to sending President Donald Trump a message. New Jersey’s 7th is home to Trump National Golf Club Bedminster, also known as the “Summer White House.”

Malinowski currently holds a statistically insignificant 47% to 44% edge over Lance among likely voters using Monmouth’s standard midterm turnout model. Another 2% support an independent candidate and 6% are undecided. The race stands at 48% for Malinowski and 43% for Lance using a model that incorporates a turnout surge in Democratic precincts similar to the turnout dynamic seen in some special elections held over the past year. A model projecting lower overall turnout shows the race tied at 46% for each candidate. These results are basically unchanged from Monmouth’s September poll. Malinowski then held a 46% to 43% lead in the standard model and a 47% to 41% lead in the Democratic surge model, while the low turnout model produced a result of 45% for Lance and 44% for Malinowski. Leads in all the current likely voter models are within the poll’s margin of error.

A majority of the NJ-07 electorate holds a college degree, making it one of the most highly educated districts in the country. Malinowski holds a large 57% to 37% lead among white voters with a college degree. Lance holds a 53% to 36% lead among the smaller group of white voters who have not graduated college. Lance’s advantage among non-college white voters is similar to his September standing with that group (53% to 34%), but Malinowski has increased his lead among college educated white voters from his 50% to 42% edge last month.

Overall, 78% of likely voters have a lot of interest in the House race, but Democrats (88%) are much more likely than Republicans (70%) to feel this way. In September, 73% of NJ-07 voters had a lot of interest and the gap between Democrats (81%) and Republicans (71%) was smaller.

“This is a rare district in Monmouth’s polling where we actually see the enthusiasm gap between Democrats and Republicans getting larger rather than smaller,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Donald Trump’s job rating of 46% approve and 51% disapprove is somewhat better than his 42% approve and 53% disapprove rating in September. However, those who *strongly disapprove* (45%) continue to outnumber those who *strongly approve* (33%) by double digits. Moreover, 76% of NJ-07 voters say that the president is a very important factor in their House vote – with Trump opponents (86%) being more likely than Trump supporters (75%) to feel this way. In September, slightly fewer likely voters (68%) said that Trump was a very important factor in their vote and the difference between opponents (76%) and supporters (73%) who felt this way was very small.

“The choice for voters in this district seems to fall along the lines of whether they like their congressman more or dislike the president more,” said Murray. He added, “Lance’s reputation has taken a hit over the past month, but many voters have not formed a strong opinion of Malinowski.”

The poll finds that Lance earns a divided 37% favorable and 34% unfavorable rating, with 29% expressing no opinion. His current standing among NJ-07 likely voters is not as positive as the 40% favorable and 24% unfavorable rating he received last month, with 37% who had no opinion. Malinowski earns a relatively more positive 36% favorable and 23% unfavorable rating, which is a similar net positive rating to September’s 29% favorable and 16% unfavorable result. The Democrat is better known than he was a month ago but 41% have still not formed an opinion of him. No opinion was 55% in the prior poll.

One-third (33%) of voters say that Lance’s political views are generally in line with most district residents while 19% say they are out of step. Another 48% are not sure. NJ-07 voters are split on Malinowski’s political views – 19% say they are in line with the district and 23% say they are out of step. Most voters (58%), though, say they are not sure if Malinowski’s views align with the district.

The top voter concern among six policy areas asked about in the poll is health care (30%). This is followed by immigration (19%), taxes (18%), jobs (13%), gun control (10%), and abortion (7%). These results are in line with the issue concerns in Monmouth’s September poll, but Malinowski has widened his advantage on NJ-07 voters’ top issue. Currently, 40% say they trust the Democratic challenger more to work to keep health care affordable compared with 29% who trust the Republican incumbent more. Another 14% say they trust both equally and 8% volunteer that they trust neither one. Last month, Malinowski had a smaller 32% to 25% edge over Lance on handling health care, with 19% trusting both equally and 9% volunteering that they trust neither.

Voters are divided on who they trust more to handle tax policy – 36% choose Malinowski and 35% choose Lance. Another 13% say they trust both candidates equally on this issue and 7% volunteer that they do not trust either candidate. A majority (54%) of NJ-07 likely voters disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year, while 38% approve of it. Last month, the tax plan earned a 49% disapprove to 37% approve rating.

“Tax policy is usually a slam dunk issue for Republican candidates. But Lance can’t escape voter discontent with this GOP plan, even though he voted against it,” said Murray.

NJ07 voters express a slight preference for having Democrats (45%) rather than Republicans (42%) in control of Congress. This is somewhat narrower than their 45% Democrat to 38% Republican preference last month.

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.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from October 25 to 29, 2018 with 356 likely voters in New Jersey’s 7th Congressional District. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 5.2 percentage points. The error of the difference between the two candidates’ vote share (i.e. the “lead”) is +/-7.3 percentage points. 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]

Likely Voters with leaners	Oct. 2018			Sept. 2018		
	Standard Midterm	Democratic “Surge”	Low Turnout	Standard Midterm	Democratic “Surge”	Low Turnout
Leonard Lance	44%	43%	46%	43%	41%	45%
Tom Malinowski	47%	48%	46%	46%	47%	44%
Other	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
(VOL) Undecided	6%	6%	5%	9%	10%	9%
(n)	(356)	(356)	(356)	(365)	(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?

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Favorable	37%	40%
Unfavorable	34%	24%
No opinion	29%	37%
(n)	(356)	(365)

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

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Favorable	36%	29%
Unfavorable	23%	16%
No opinion	41%	55%
(n)	(356)	(365)

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?

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
A lot	78%	73%
A little	17%	23%
Not much at all	4%	5%
(VOL) Don't Know	0%	0%
(n)	(356)	(365)

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

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Very closely	29%	17%
Somewhat closely	50%	49%
Not too closely	21%	33%
(VOL) Don't Know	0%	0%
(n)	(356)	(365)

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

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Strongly approve	33%	29%
Somewhat approve	13%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	6%	5%
Strongly disapprove	45%	48%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%
(n)	(356)	(365)

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

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Support	45%	40%
Oppose	48%	51%
(VOL) Depends/both	4%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	3%
(n)	(356)	(365)

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?

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Very important	76%	68%
Somewhat important	13%	16%
Not too important	4%	4%
Not at all important	2%	2%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	10%
(n)	(356)	(365)

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

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Republicans	42%	38%
Democrats	45%	45%
Does not matter	11%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	2%
(n)	(356)	(365)

[QUESTIONS 11 & 12 WERE ROTATED]

11. Are Leonard Lance's political views generally in line or out of step with most residents in this district, or are you not sure?

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018
In line	33%
Out of step	19%
Not sure	48%
(n)	(356)

12. Are Tom Malinowski's political views generally in line or out of step with most residents in this district, or are you not sure?

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018
In line	19%
Out of step	23%
Not sure	58%
(n)	(356)

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

<i>Likely Voter Standard</i>	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Immigration policy	19%	18%
Health care policy	30%	27%
Gun control policy	10%	13%
Abortion policy	7%	6%
Tax policy	18%	14%
Job creation policy	13%	10%
(VOL) Other	1%	9%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	2%
(n)	(356)	(365)

[QUESTIONS 14 & 15 WERE ROTATED]

14. 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]

Likely Voter Standard	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Leonard Lance	29%	25%
Tom Malinowski	40%	32%
Both equally	14%	19%
(VOL) Neither one	8%	9%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	16%
(n)	(356)	(365)

15. Who do you trust more to handle tax policy – Leonard Lance or Tom Malinowski, or do you trust both equally? [NAMES WERE ROTATED]

Likely Voter Standard	Oct. 2018
Leonard Lance	35%
Tom Malinowski	36%
Both equally	13%
(VOL) Neither one	7%
(VOL) Don't know	10%
(n)	(356)

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year? [Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]

Likely Voter Standard	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018
Strongly approve	21%	22%
Somewhat approve	17%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	18%	14%
Strongly disapprove	36%	35%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	14%
(n)	(356)	(365)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from October 25 to 29, 2018 with a random sample of 356 likely 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 195 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 161 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 5.2 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.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)	
<i>Party Registration</i>	
39%	Republican
35%	Democrat
26%	Neither
 <i>Self-Reported Party ID</i>	
34%	Republican
34%	Independent
31%	Democrat
 <i>Gender</i>	
47%	Male
53%	Female
 <i>Age</i>	
10%	18-34
21%	35-49
38%	50-64
31%	65+
 <i>Race</i>	
86%	White, non-Hispanic
14%	Other
 <i>Education</i>	
40%	No college degree
60%	4-year college degree
 <i>County</i>	
20%	Hunterdon County
31%	Somerset County
21%	Morris/Warren Counties
28%	Union/Essex Counties

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>
ALL VOTERS		356	5.2%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	113	9.2%
	Independent	129	8.6%
	Democrat	110	9.4%
IDEOLOGY	Conservative	97	10.0%
	Moderate	165	7.6%
	Liberal	83	10.8%
GENDER	Male	163	7.7%
	Female	193	7.1%
AGE	18-49	125	8.8%
	50-64	127	8.7%
	65+	100	9.8%
COLLEGE by RACE	White, No degree	89	10.4%
	White, 4 year degree	199	7.0%
	Other race, Latino	52	13.6%
COUNTY	Hunterdon	72	11.6%
	Somerset	113	9.2%
	Morris/Warren	75	11.3%
	Union/Essex	96	10.0%
VOTE CHOICE	Lance	148	8.1%
	Malinowski	160	7.8%
	Other, undecided	48	14.2%

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Monmouth University Poll -- NJ07 HOUSE LIKELY VOTERS: STANDARD MODEL -- 10/31/18

		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	44%	89%	40%	1%	88%	36%	3%	46%	43%	44%
	Tom Malinowski	47%	5%	46%	95%	4%	53%	91%	44%	50%	48%
	Other	2%	0%	4%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%	0%
	Undecided	6%	6%	9%	3%	7%	8%	2%	7%	6%	8%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY	
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset
Q1-2. NJ07 HOUSE VOTE WITH LEANERS	Leonard Lance	41%	49%	53%	37%	41%	58%	47%
	Tom Malinowski	47%	47%	36%	57%	48%	40%	40%
	Other	4%	1%	3%	2%	0%	0%	2%
	Undecided	8%	4%	9%	4%	11%	2%	11%

		COUNTY	
		Morris Warren	Union Essex
Q1-2. NJ07 HOUSE VOTE WITH LEANERS	Leonard Lance	46%	31%
	Tom Malinowski	45%	62%
	Other	4%	1%
	Undecided	5%	6%

		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	37%	73%	26%	11%	72%	32%	7%	36%	38%	35%
	Unfavorable	34%	5%	35%	66%	8%	37%	65%	35%	33%	35%
	No opinion	29%	23%	39%	23%	20%	31%	28%	29%	29%	30%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY			
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren	Union Essex
Q3. Is your general impression of Leonard Lance favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	32%	44%	41%	37%	29%	47%	36%	36%	32%
	Unfavorable	36%	32%	28%	41%	32%	32%	32%	27%	43%
	No opinion	32%	23%	31%	22%	39%	21%	32%	37%	25%

		NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q3. Is your general impression of Leonard Lance favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	72%	12%	10%
	Unfavorable	5%	64%	24%
	No opinion	23%	24%	66%

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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	36%	6%	33%	72%	7%	40%	68%	34%	37%	38%
	Unfavorable	23%	48%	18%	2%	50%	15%	5%	23%	24%	19%
	No opinion	41%	46%	49%	26%	44%	45%	27%	43%	39%	43%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY			
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren	Union Essex
Q4. Is your general impression of Tom Malinowski favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	38%	32%	25%	44%	42%	29%	32%	33%	47%
	Unfavorable	21%	30%	27%	19%	21%	26%	24%	28%	17%
	No opinion	41%	38%	48%	37%	37%	44%	45%	39%	36%

		NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q4. Is your general impression of Tom Malinowski favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	3%	75%	7%
	Unfavorable	49%	3%	9%
	No opinion	48%	22%	84%

		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	78%	70%	79%	88%	76%	78%	88%	79%	78%	73%
	A little	17%	24%	17%	12%	19%	19%	11%	18%	17%	25%
	Not much at all	4%	6%	3%	0%	5%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	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	82%	80%	71%	83%	82%	78%	76%	87%
	A little	14%	14%	22%	16%	16%	19%	17%	11%
	Not much at all	3%	4%	6%	2%	2%	3%	5%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- 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	75%	72%	89%	61%
	A little	21%	22%	11%	24%
	Not much at all	4%	4%	0%	14%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%	0%	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	29%	30%	29%	29%	37%	29%	23%	31%	27%	21%
	Somewhat closely	50%	48%	50%	52%	42%	50%	59%	47%	53%	55%
	Not too closely	21%	21%	21%	19%	21%	20%	18%	21%	20%	24%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren
Q6. Have you been following the campaign in your Congressional district very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?	Very closely	31%	35%	26%	31%	33%	31%	27%	32%
	Somewhat closely	52%	44%	54%	51%	44%	55%	48%	44%
	Not too closely	18%	21%	20%	18%	23%	14%	25%	25%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q6. Have you been following the campaign in your Congressional district very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?	Very closely	28%	34%	31%	8%
	Somewhat closely	54%	46%	53%	52%
	Not too closely	18%	20%	15%	40%

		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	33%	73%	24%	0%	78%	19%	1%	34%	33%	30%
	Somewhat approve	13%	17%	18%	2%	14%	18%	2%	16%	9%	13%
	Somewhat disapprove	6%	3%	9%	5%	2%	8%	7%	5%	7%	10%
	Strongly disapprove	45%	4%	46%	91%	2%	52%	89%	43%	48%	44%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	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	35%	35%	46%	23%	32%	45%	31%	38%
	Somewhat approve	12%	11%	11%	13%	13%	14%	17%	12%
	Somewhat disapprove	3%	5%	4%	6%	8%	4%	9%	5%
	Strongly disapprove	47%	47%	35%	56%	43%	36%	38%	45%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%	1%	6%	0%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
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	24%	71%	0%	23%
	Somewhat approve	7%	20%	4%	18%
	Somewhat disapprove	5%	4%	6%	13%
	Strongly disapprove	61%	3%	89%	34%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	2%	1%	12%

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		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?	Support	45%	92%	41%	1%	93%	38%	3%	48%	43%	43%
	Oppose	48%	4%	51%	95%	4%	54%	95%	45%	51%	47%
	[VOL] Both	4%	2%	6%	2%	1%	6%	1%	4%	4%	7%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren
Q8. On most issues would you say you support or oppose what President Trump is doing?	Support	44%	49%	57%	37%	43%	59%	47%	49%
	Oppose	50%	48%	37%	58%	46%	37%	42%	50%
	[VOL] Both	2%	2%	3%	3%	7%	3%	6%	1%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	6%	0%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q8. On most issues would you say you support or oppose what President Trump is doing?	Support	31%	91%	4%	40%
	Oppose	63%	6%	92%	38%
	[VOL] Both	4%	2%	3%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	1%	1%	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 [support of opposition to] President Trump – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	76%	77%	64%	89%	82%	67%	90%	72%	79%	69%
	Somewhat important	13%	15%	16%	6%	11%	17%	4%	15%	10%	13%
	Not too important	4%	4%	6%	2%	2%	7%	2%	4%	4%	6%
	Not at all important	2%	1%	4%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	5%	9%	3%	3%	8%	2%	7%	5%	10%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren
Q9. 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?	Very important	77%	82%	84%	72%	76%	78%	65%	80%
	Somewhat important	12%	11%	6%	17%	10%	11%	16%	15%
	Not too important	5%	1%	5%	5%	1%	4%	5%	1%
	Not at all important	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	4%	6%	5%	11%	4%	12%	1%

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		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q9. 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?	Very important	83%	76%	84%	48%
	Somewhat important	7%	16%	8%	18%
	Not too important	5%	3%	3%	10%
	Not at all important	0%	2%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	3%	4%	22%

		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	42%	92%	32%	0%	90%	30%	3%	45%	40%	40%
	Democrats	45%	2%	44%	95%	5%	52%	85%	43%	47%	45%
	Does not matter	11%	5%	22%	5%	5%	15%	11%	12%	10%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren
Q10. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you?	Republicans	40%	45%	54%	33%	38%	55%	42%	46%
	Democrats	48%	42%	32%	55%	51%	36%	39%	44%
	Does not matter	9%	11%	13%	10%	8%	7%	14%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	5%	1%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q10. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you?	Republicans	30%	89%	1%	32%
	Democrats	58%	2%	90%	28%
	Does not matter	11%	9%	8%	28%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	1%	11%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q11. Are Leonard Lances political views generally in line or out of step with most residents in this district, or are you not sure?	In line	33%	59%	21%	18%	56%	31%	10%	35%	31%	29%
	Out of step	19%	4%	21%	34%	8%	21%	31%	20%	18%	13%
	Not sure	48%	37%	58%	49%	36%	48%	59%	46%	50%	58%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY			
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren	Union Essex
Q11. Are Leonard Lances political views generally in line or out of step with most residents in this district, or are you not sure?	In line	32%	37%	31%	38%	24%	50%	30%	30%	26%
	Out of step	25%	17%	23%	18%	18%	21%	18%	13%	24%
	Not sure	42%	46%	46%	44%	58%	29%	52%	58%	50%

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		Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q11. Are Leonard Lances political views generally in line or out of step with most residents in this district, or are you not sure?	In line	57%	16%	11%
	Out of step	6%	30%	22%
	Not sure	37%	53%	67%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q12. Are Tom Malinowskis political views generally in line or out of step with most residents in this district, or are you not sure?	In line	19%	3%	17%	40%	4%	20%	38%	17%	20%	21%
	Out of step	23%	40%	20%	10%	44%	19%	8%	28%	19%	19%
	Not sure	58%	57%	64%	51%	53%	61%	54%	55%	61%	61%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY			
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren	Union Essex
Q12. Are Tom Malinowskis political views generally in line or out of step with most residents in this district, or are you not sure?	In line	19%	17%	13%	24%	21%	19%	13%	22%	23%
	Out of step	25%	26%	22%	25%	22%	34%	21%	26%	16%
	Not sure	55%	57%	65%	52%	57%	46%	66%	52%	62%

		NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q12. Are Tom Malinowskis political views generally in line or out of step with most residents in this district, or are you not sure?	In line	3%	38%	4%
	Out of step	43%	8%	11%
	Not sure	54%	53%	85%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q13. Please tell me which one of the following policy issues is most important to you in your vote choice for Congress - [READ LIST]?	Immigration policy	19%	39%	13%	5%	42%	9%	9%	16%	22%	17%
	Health care policy	30%	7%	32%	53%	8%	34%	47%	31%	29%	30%
	Gun control policy	10%	7%	7%	17%	7%	10%	16%	8%	12%	14%
	Abortion policy	7%	3%	7%	9%	4%	6%	12%	4%	9%	8%
	Tax policy	18%	24%	22%	7%	17%	24%	9%	20%	16%	16%
	Job creation policy	13%	16%	17%	7%	18%	13%	6%	18%	9%	13%
	[VOL] Other	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%

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		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren
Q13. Please tell me which one of the following policy issues is most important to you in your vote choice for Congress - [READ LIST]?	Immigration policy	16%	26%	23%	19%	15%	23%	16%	23%
	Health care policy	31%	29%	26%	34%	31%	31%	23%	34%
	Gun control policy	6%	13%	11%	7%	22%	7%	12%	9%
	Abortion policy	8%	2%	5%	7%	8%	5%	9%	5%
	Tax policy	21%	16%	18%	18%	11%	14%	24%	14%
	Job creation policy	15%	10%	14%	13%	10%	17%	15%	12%
	[VOL] Other	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS			
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec	
Q13. Please tell me which one of the following policy issues is most important to you in your vote choice for Congress - [READ LIST]?	Immigration policy	18%	34%	9%	7%	
	Health care policy	33%	6%	53%	25%	
	Gun control policy	12%	7%	12%	17%	
	Abortion policy	7%	3%	10%	8%	
	Tax policy	17%	25%	10%	24%	
	Job creation policy	9%	21%	4%	17%	
	[VOL] Other	2%	1%	1%	0%	
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	3%	1%	2%	

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q14. 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	29%	63%	23%	0%	67%	19%	1%	30%	28%	26%
	Tom Malinowski	40%	4%	36%	85%	3%	45%	82%	39%	41%	41%
	Both equally	14%	15%	20%	6%	11%	19%	8%	15%	13%	15%
	(VOL) Neither one	8%	9%	14%	2%	9%	10%	3%	11%	6%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	10%	7%	6%	9%	8%	7%	5%	11%	7%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren
Q14. 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	26%	35%	40%	23%	25%	34%	25%	39%
	Tom Malinowski	41%	40%	28%	52%	40%	41%	33%	40%
	Both equally	13%	12%	11%	12%	23%	16%	15%	11%
	(VOL) Neither one	8%	7%	7%	9%	4%	4%	16%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	12%	6%	14%	5%	8%	5%	11%	7%

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		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q14. 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	22%	67%	0%	8%
	Tom Malinowski	48%	3%	85%	7%
	Both equally	14%	15%	9%	30%
	(VOL) Neither one	6%	7%	3%	30%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	8%	3%	26%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q15. Who do you trust more to handle tax policy – Leonard Lance or Tom Malinowski, or do you trust both equally?	Leonard Lance	35%	72%	31%	0%	72%	29%	1%	35%	35%	36%
	Tom Malinowski	36%	5%	30%	77%	4%	41%	72%	37%	35%	38%
	Both equally	13%	10%	17%	11%	3%	18%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	(VOL) Neither one	7%	4%	12%	3%	10%	4%	5%	9%	4%	6%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	9%	10%	9%	11%	8%	10%	7%	13%	8%

		AGE 3-WAY		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY		
		50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset	Morris Warren
Q15. Who do you trust more to handle tax policy – Leonard Lance or Tom Malinowski, or do you trust both equally?	Leonard Lance	35%	34%	41%	32%	33%	49%	36%	32%
	Tom Malinowski	35%	35%	26%	45%	37%	32%	28%	39%
	Both equally	12%	13%	11%	12%	12%	11%	14%	13%
	(VOL) Neither one	6%	8%	7%	7%	4%	4%	10%	5%
	[VOL] Dont Know	12%	9%	16%	5%	14%	4%	13%	11%

		COUNTY	NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q15. Who do you trust more to handle tax policy – Leonard Lance or Tom Malinowski, or do you trust both equally?	Leonard Lance	27%	78%	2%	9%
	Tom Malinowski	45%	1%	76%	12%
	Both equally	13%	10%	11%	25%
	(VOL) Neither one	6%	3%	4%	28%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	8%	7%	27%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female
Q16. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly approve	21%	44%	16%	1%	51%	12%	3%	27%	15%
	Somewhat approve	17%	27%	17%	6%	25%	18%	6%	16%	18%
	Somewhat disapprove	18%	11%	24%	19%	9%	22%	20%	12%	23%
	Strongly disapprove	36%	6%	35%	72%	7%	41%	66%	39%	34%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	12%	8%	2%	9%	7%	5%	6%	10%

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		AGE 3-WAY			WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE			COUNTY	
		18-49	50-64	65+	White no degree	White college	Non-white	Hunterdon	Somerset
Q16. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year? [PROBE: Do you (approve\disapprove) strongly or somewhat?] [VOL] Dont Know	Strongly approve	21%	23%	19%	22%	18%	27%	28%	24%
	Somewhat approve	18%	21%	9%	24%	13%	12%	28%	12%
	Somewhat disapprove	24%	12%	19%	13%	19%	26%	9%	24%
	Strongly disapprove	31%	39%	40%	29%	44%	28%	26%	30%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	5%	13%	12%	5%	7%	9%	10%

		COUNTY		NJ07 HOUSE VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Morris Warren	Union Essex	Lance	Malinowski	Other- Undec
Q16. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year? [PROBE: Do you (approve\disapprove) strongly or somewhat?] [VOL] Dont Know	Strongly approve	22%	12%	43%	1%	17%
	Somewhat approve	15%	16%	26%	8%	20%
	Somewhat disapprove	15%	20%	15%	19%	23%
	Strongly disapprove	39%	48%	3%	70%	27%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	4%	13%	2%	13%