

**THE CONNECTICUT DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**

August 8, 2006

Ned Lamont eked out a victory over Sen. Joseph Lieberman in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, and as expected, the war in Iraq played a significant role in the race. A significant majority of Connecticut Democratic primary voters - 78% - said they disapproved of the U.S. decision to go to war with Iraq, and most of them cast their ballots for Ned Lamont.

**U.S. DECISION TO GO TO WAR WITH IRAQ**

(Democratic Primary Voters)

Approve	22%
Disapprove	78

Among the war's opponents, 60% cast their vote for Lamont, while 78% of the smaller group who supported the U.S. decision to go to war voted for Lieberman.

**VOTE CHOICE AND VIEWS ON THE WAR**

(Democratic Primary Voters)

	Lamont	Lieberman
Approve of Iraq War	21%	78
Disapprove of Iraq War	60%	39

Lieberman's relationship with President Bush was also a factor in the race. 59% of Democratic primary voters said Lieberman was too close to the President, while 41% didn't think so. Those who said Lieberman was too close to Bush voted overwhelmingly for Lamont.

**DO YOU THINK JOE LIEBERMAN IS TOO CLOSE TO PRESIDENT BUSH?**

(Democratic Primary Voters)

Yes	59%
No	41

61% of voters rejected the notion of Lieberman running as an Independent candidate in the fall, something he has promised to do. 39% supported it. Moreover, one in five Lieberman voters does not think he should seek an Independent run in November.

**SHOULD LIEBERMAN RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT IN NOVEMBER?**

(Democratic Primary Voters)

Yes	39%
No	61

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The CBS News/New York Times exit poll was conducted among a random sample of Democratic primary voters in 25 polling places throughout Connecticut as they were leaving the polls. The poll includes 2654 voters, and has a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.