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NEW YORK CD19: HALL v. HAYWORTH

Race basically tied

In the election for New York's 19th Congressional District, incumbent John Hall is in a virtual tie with his challenger Nan Hayworth. The *Monmouth University Poll* finds the incumbent Democrat with 49% of the vote and the Republican with 48% among likely voters in this district.

While Hayworth leads among independent voters in this district by 57% to 39%, she loses some Republicans to Hall. Among her fellow Republicans, Hayworth has 78% of the vote, with 19% going for Hall. Hall does better among his fellow Democrats, holding on to 89% of his party's vote and losing just 10% to Hayworth. Hayworth faced a conservative primary challenger who attacked her position on abortion and other social issues.

"This race couldn't be any closer. Hayworth may be suffering some backlash with conservative social issue voters right now. Without another candidate on the ballot, though, they are likely to return to the Republican fold on Election Day," said Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute.

There is an interesting and stark gender divide in New York's 19th District. Male voters prefer the female challenger by a 57% to 42% margin, while female voters support the male incumbent by a similar 57% to 39% margin.

Congressman John Hall's job performance rating among likely voters in his district is split at 45% approve to 44% disapprove. He garners personal ratings of 46% favorable to 40% unfavorable. By comparison, 42% of voters give Hayworth a favorable rating and 29% an unfavorable one.

There are a number of factors in this race that may work to Hayworth's favor down the stretch. Most (66%) of New York's 19th District voters think the country is on the wrong track, and they tend to give President Barack Obama negative (56%) rather than positive (39%) job performance ratings. Voters here are also somewhat more likely to prefer having the Republicans (46%) rather than the Democrats (41%) in charge of Congress next year.

The Democratic Party is viewed favorably by 38% of voters in New York's 19th District and unfavorably by 55%. The Republican Party fares a little better at 40% favorable to 52% unfavorable. The Tea Party movement does slightly better than both major parties at 43% favorable to 49% unfavorable.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by automated telephone interviewing with 636 likely voters from October 15 to 18, 2010. This sample has a margin of error of ± 3.9 percent.

DATA TABLES

The questions referred to in this release are as follows:

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

1. If the election for United States Congress from New York's 19th Congressional District were today, would you vote for Nan Hayworth the Republican or John Hall the Democrat? [At this moment, do you lean toward Nan Hayworth or lean toward John Hall?] [NAMES WERE ROTATED]

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Nan Hayworth	48%	10%	57%	78%	57%	39%	62%	44%	45%
John Hall	49%	89%	39%	19%	42%	57%	35%	54%	51%
Other - Undecided	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	636	195	239	202	437	199	128	213	295

[QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 WERE ROTATED]

2. Is your general opinion of Nan Hayworth favorable, unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of Nan Hayworth?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Favorable	42%	11%	48%	70%	50%	35%	55%	38%	41%
Unfavorable	29%	50%	24%	11%	27%	30%	16%	33%	29%
No opinion	29%	39%	28%	19%	23%	34%	29%	28%	30%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	636	195	239	202	437	199	128	213	295

3. Is your general opinion of John Hall favorable, unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of John Hall?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Favorable	46%	83%	34%	20%	39%	52%	33%	49%	48%
Unfavorable	40%	9%	48%	65%	50%	31%	53%	38%	37%
No opinion	14%	8%	18%	16%	11%	17%	14%	13%	15%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	636	195	239	202	437	199	128	213	295

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job John Hall is doing as your Congressman?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Approve	45%	82%	34%	20%	37%	53%	26%	50%	49%
Disapprove	44%	10%	53%	71%	55%	34%	58%	42%	40%
Not sure	10%	8%	13%	10%	7%	13%	16%	8%	11%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	636	195	239	202	437	199	128	213	295

5. Are things in the United States going in the right direction or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Right direction	30%	62%	18%	9%	25%	34%	22%	32%	31%
Wrong track	66%	31%	80%	87%	72%	60%	75%	63%	65%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%	4%
Unwtd N	636	195	239	202	437	199	128	213	295

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Approve	39%	77%	27%	12%	32%	45%	27%	40%	42%
Disapprove	56%	15%	67%	85%	65%	47%	71%	51%	53%
Not sure	6%	8%	6%	3%	3%	8%	2%	8%	5%
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7. Who would you rather see in control of Congress next year – the Democrats, the Republicans, or does it make no difference?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Democrats	41%	85%	26%	12%	33%	49%	26%	44%	45%
Republicans	46%	6%	49%	84%	54%	38%	64%	38%	45%
No difference	13%	9%	25%	4%	13%	13%	10%	18%	10%
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[QUESTIONS 8 AND 9 WERE ROTATED]

8. Is your general opinion of the Democratic party favorable or unfavorable?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Favorable	38%	82%	23%	10%	31%	45%	28%	39%	42%
Unfavorable	55%	11%	68%	88%	64%	47%	69%	50%	55%
No opinion	6%	6%	10%	2%	5%	7%	3%	11%	3%
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9. Is your general opinion of the Republican party favorable or unfavorable?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Favorable	40%	8%	41%	73%	46%	34%	51%	36%	39%
Unfavorable	52%	83%	47%	23%	48%	55%	39%	56%	53%
No opinion	9%	9%	12%	5%	7%	11%	10%	8%	8%
Unwtd N	636	195	239	202	437	199	128	213	295

10. Is your general opinion of the Tea Party movement favorable or unfavorable?

	TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-44	45-59	60+
Favorable	43%	11%	53%	65%	53%	33%	49%	39%	44%
Unfavorable	49%	83%	39%	26%	42%	56%	43%	52%	49%
No opinion	8%	6%	8%	9%	5%	11%	8%	9%	7%
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For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points. Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups, such as separate figures reported by gender or party identification, are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. 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>POLL DEMOGRAPHICS</i>				
<i>Likely Voter Sample (weighted)</i>				
<i>Household Registration</i>	<i>Self-Reported Party ID</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Race</i>
<i>34% Democrat</i>	<i>33% Democrat</i>	<i>49% Male</i>	<i>18% 18-44</i>	<i>88% White, non-Hispanic</i>
<i>40% Republican</i>	<i>31% Republican</i>	<i>51% Female</i>	<i>40% 45-59</i>	<i>12% Other</i>
<i>26% Other</i>	<i>36% Independent</i>		<i>42% 60+</i>	

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