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NY1-Marist Poll

Weiner Still Alive:

Majority in Congressional District Don't Want Resignation

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This NY1-Marist Poll Reports:

As more salacious details about Congressman Anthony Weiner's sex scandal are revealed, politicians from both parties are calling for his resignation, but his constituents don't agree.

According to this NY1-Marist Poll, a majority of registered voters in New York's 9th Congressional District --- 56% -- do not think Anthony Weiner should resign from Congress. However, one-third -- 33% -- believe he should, and 12% are unsure.

"Congressman Weiner's constituents are drawing a line between his ethical conduct and professional judgment. The bottom line: they're still in his corner on the question of resignation," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "As for his re-election prospects, that's still very much up in the air."

Judgment is at the heart of the question. Voters are weighing in on the line between his private life and his public responsibilities. 46% of adults in Congressman Weiner's district view the scandal as solely a lapse in personal judgment. 10% think it brings into question primarily his professional judgment. 29% are not confident in either his personal or professional judgment. 15% do not see this as an issue of judgment.

When it comes to the legality of the congressman's online actions, nearly three in four adults in the 9th district -- 73% -- believe the congressman acted unethically but not illegally. 11% say he behaved illegally while 9% report he did nothing wrong. Seven percent are unsure.

Voters in the congressman's district, however, are torn about how effective he will be in carrying out his duties in Congress if he doesn't step down. While nearly half of voters -- 48% -- say Congressman Weiner will be effective, 43% report he will not be. Included in those who believe the congressman will carry out his duties well are 11% who say he will be very effective and 37% who believe he will be effective. In contrast, 28% say the

congressman will not be very effective, and 15% have no confidence in his ability to effectively serve his constituents in light of this scandal. Nine percent are unsure.

Anthony Weiner's Electoral Future Hangs in the Balance

If Anthony Weiner runs for re-election in 2012, voters are taking a wait and see approach. While 31% of the congressman's constituents say they would definitely vote against Anthony Weiner, 30% report they will definitely vote for him, and a notable 38% are undecided.

Anthony Weiner Approval Rating at 44%... Favorability Low

When it comes to the job Anthony Weiner is doing in Congress, 44% approve. This includes 12% who think he is doing an excellent job in office and 32% who report his is doing a good one. More than one in five -- 22% -- give the congressman fair marks while 16% rate him poorly. 17% are unsure how to rate Anthony Weiner, and 2% have never heard of him.

When it comes to Anthony Weiner's favorability, 42% have an unfavorable impression of him while 38% view him favorably. One in five -- 20% -- are unsure.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: New York's 9th Congressional District Poll of 512 Adults

This survey of 512 adults residing in New York's 9th Congressional District was conducted on June 8th, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the congressional district and adjusted based on population parameters. To increase coverage, attempts were made to reach respondents through random dialing of cell phone numbers. Results are statistically significant within ±4.5 percentage points. There are 411 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±5.0 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample - New York's 9th Congressional District Adults					
		New York's 9th Congressional District Adults			
		Col %			
New York's 9th District Adults	100%				
New York's 9th District Registe	80%				
NYC Borough	Brooklyn	27%			
	Queens	73%			
Income	Less than \$50,000	57%			
	\$50,000 or more	43%			
Race	White	65%			
	Non White	35%			
Age	Under 45	49%			
	45 or older	51%			
Gender	Men	47%			
	Women	53%			

Nature of the Sample -New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters Col % New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters 100% **Party Registration Democrat** 59% Republican 17% Non-enrolled 22% Other 3% **NYC Borough** Brooklyn 26% Queens 74% Less than \$50,000 Income 51% \$50,000 or more 49% Race White 68% Non White 32% Under 45 Age 44% 45 or older 56% Gender Men 45% Women 55%

Congressman Anthony Weiner Resignation?

Asked of New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you think Anthony Weiner should resign from Congress, or not?

		New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters				
		Do you think Anthony Weiner should resign from Congress, or not?				
		Yes	No	Unsure		
		Row %	Row %	Row %		
New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters		33%	56%	12%		
Party Registration	Democrat	28%	63%	9%		
	Republican	45%	47%	8%		
	Non-enrolled	37%	44%	19%		
NYC Borough	Brooklyn	41%	52%	7%		
	Queens	29%	57%	14%		
Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	56%	12%		
	\$50,000 or more	31%	61%	9%		
Race	White	37%	50%	13%		
	Non White	22%	69%	10%		
Age	Under 45	22%	67%	11%		
	45 or older	36%	53%	11%		
Gender	Men	35%	60%	5%		
	Women	31%	52%	17%		

Congressman Anthony Weiner's Judgment

Asked of New York's 9th Congressional District Adults:

Question Wording: Based on what you've read or heard about the scandal involving Anthony Weiner, do you now question Congressman Anthony Weiner's professional judgment, personal judgment, both or neither?

		New Y	ork's 9th Congre	ssional District	Adults	
		Based on what you've read or heard about the scandal involving Anthony Weiner, do you now question Congressman Anthony Weiner's:				
		Professional judgment	Personal judgment	Both	Neither	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	
New York's 9th Con Adults	gressional District	10%	46%	29%	15%	
NYC Borough	Brooklyn	18%	38%	29%	15%	
	Queens	6%	49%	29%	15%	
Income	Less than \$50,000	12%	43%	31%	14%	
	\$50,000 or more	6%	52%	29%	13%	
Race	White	7%	46%	33%	14%	
	Non White	15%	44%	23%	18%	
Age	Under 45	12%	47%	25%	17%	
	45 or older	8%	49%	30%	14%	
Gender	Men	11%	45%	26%	18%	
	Women	8%	47%	33%	12%	
New York's 9th Con Registered Voters	gressional District	8%	46%	29%	16%	
Party Registration	Democrat	12%	49%	25%	14%	
	Republican	5%	32%	45%	18%	
	Non-enrolled	3%	54%	29%	14%	

Views on Congressman Anthony Weiner's Actions

Asked of New York's 9th Congressional District Adults:

Question Wording: Congressman Anthony Weiner admitted he sent lewd photos over the Internet to women other than his wife. Do you think he did nothing wrong, did something unethical, but not illegal, or did something illegal?

		New Y	ork's 9th Congre	essional District	Adults
		photos over t you think he	he Internet to w did nothing wro	iner admitted he omen other thar ng, did somethi d something ille	n his wife. Do ng unethical,
		Did nothing wrong	Did something unethical but not illegal	Did something illegal	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
New York's 9th Con Adults	gressional District	9%	73%	11%	7%
NYC Borough	Brooklyn	8%	68%	14%	11%
	Queens	10%	74%	10%	6%
Income	Less than \$50,000	8%	66%	16%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	10%	82%	7%	1%
Race	White	8%	76%	8%	7%
	Non White	11%	66%	17%	6%
Age	Under 45	10%	76%	10%	4%
	45 or older	9%	70%	12%	10%
Gender	Men	10%	70%	11%	9%
	Women	9%	75%	11%	5%
New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters		8%	74%	10%	7%
Party Registration	Democrat	8%	76%	9%	6%
	Republican	4%	81%	8%	6%
	Non-enrolled	12%	74%	9%	5%

Congressman Anthony Weiner's Effectiveness in Congress

Asked of New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If Congressman Anthony Weiner does not resign, how effective do you think he will be in carrying out his responsibilities as a congressman: very effective, effective, not very effective, not effective at all?

		New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters							
		If Congressman Anthony Weiner does not resign, how effective do you thin he will be in carrying out his responsibilities as a congressman: very effective, effective, not very effective, not effective at all?							
		Very effective							
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %			
New York's 9th Con Registered Voters	gressional District	11%							
Party Registration	Democrat	10%	42%	28%	11%	8%			
	Republican	7%	41%	23%	23%	6%			
	Non-enrolled	11%	26%	37%	17%	9%			
NYC Borough	Brooklyn	15%	33%	20%	20%	12%			
	Queens	9%	38%	31%	14%	8%			
Income	Less than \$50,000	11%	33%	30%	15%	10%			
	\$50,000 or more	13%	38%	29%	14%	6%			
Race	White	12%	36%	29%	16%	7%			
	Non White	10%	40%	23%	16%	12%			
Age	Under 45	9%	41%	28%	14%	7%			
	45 or older	14%	35%	28%	16%	6%			
Gender	Men	11%	35%	29%	19%	6%			
	Women	10%	39%	27%	13%	11%			

Congressman Anthony Weiner's Electability

Asked of New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you definitely plan to vote for Congressman Anthony Weiner in 2012 for re-election for Congress or do you definitely plan to vote against him?

		New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters			
		Do you definitely plan to vote for Congressman Anthony Weiner in 2012 for re-election for Congress or do you definitely plan to vote against him?			
		Definitely vote for Congressman Anthony Weiner	Definitely vote against Congressman Anthony Weiner	Undecided	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	
New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters		30%	31%	38%	
Party Registration	Democrat	38%	26%	36%	
	Republican	8%	52%	39%	
	Non-enrolled	20%	34%	46%	
NYC Borough	Brooklyn	36%	32%	33%	
	Queens	28%	31%	40%	
Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	28%	36%	
	\$50,000 or more	29%	33%	38%	
Race	White	26%	37%	37%	
	Non White	43%	16%	41%	
Age	Under 45	34%	28%	39%	
	45 or older	31%	32%	36%	
Gender	Men	26%	36%	38%	
	Women	34%	27%	39%	

Congressman Anthony Weiner's Job Approval Rating

Asked of New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Would you rate the job Congressman Anthony Weiner is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

		New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters							
		Would you rate	Would you rate the job Congressman Anthony Weiner is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?						
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Heard of Congressman Anthony Weiner - Unsure How to Rate	Never Heard of Congressman Anthony Weiner		
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %		
New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters		12%	32%	22%	16%	17%	2%		
Party Registration	Democrat	17%	37%	18%	10%	15%	2%		
	Republican	5%	19%	29%	26%	19%	2%		
	Non-enrolled	5%	25%	28%	25%	16%	1%		
NYC Borough	Brooklyn	11%	32%	16%	18%	20%	2%		
	Queens	12%	31%	24%	15%	16%	2%		
Income	Less than \$50,000	10%	25%	24%	15%	23%	3%		
	\$50,000 or more	15%	36%	20%	16%	12%	1%		
Race	White	13%	31%	22%	19%	13%	1%		
	Non White	9%	32%	22%	9%	23%	4%		
Age	Under 45	8%	27%	31%	12%	20%	3%		
	45 or older	16%	37%	14%	18%	14%	1%		
Gender	Men	13%	27%	21%	22%	16%	1%		
	Women	11%	35%	22%	11%	18%	3%		

Congressman Anthony Weiner's Favorability

Asked of New York's 9th Congressional District Registered Voters:

Question Wording: In general, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Congressman Anthony Weiner?

		New York's	s 9th Congressio	nal District		
		Registered Voters				
		In general, do you have a favorable o unfavorable impression of Congressma Anthony Weiner?				
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure		
		Row %	Row %	Row %		
New York's 9th Con Registered Voters	gressional District	38%	42%	20%		
Party Registration	Democrat	41%	41%	18%		
	Republican	25%	57%	18%		
	Non-enrolled	41%	39%	20%		
NYC Borough	Brooklyn	45%	39%	16%		
	Queens	36%	43%	21%		
Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	36%	29%		
	\$50,000 or more	45%	42%	13%		
Race	White	37%	50%	13%		
	Non White	43%	24%	33%		
Age	Under 45	38%	34%	28%		
	45 or older	42%	47%	11%		
Gender	Men	46%	45%	9%		
	Women	32%	40%	28%		