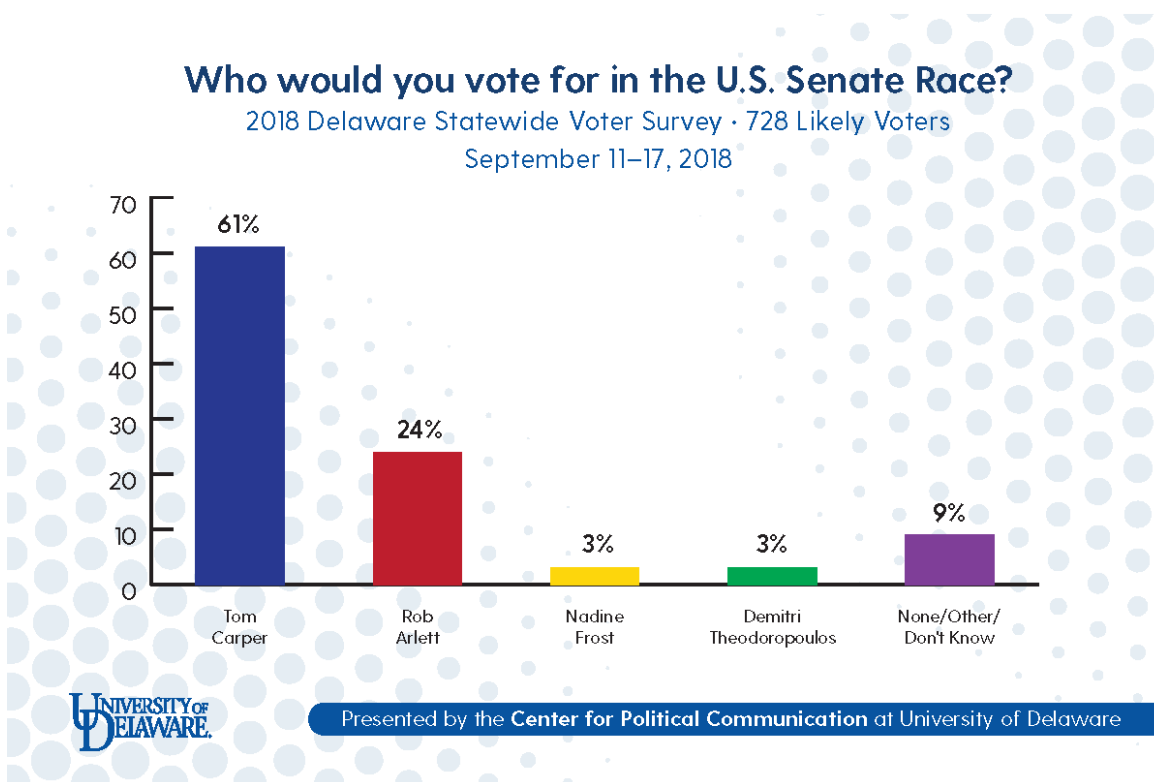


## Poll shows Carper, Blunt Rochester way out in front

*Big leads by Democrats consistent with forecasted 'Blue Wave'*

The two Delaware Democrats running for national office are dominating their opponents by large margins that fall in line with the predicted “Blue Wave” in races around the country.

U.S. Sen. Tom Carper has a commanding lead of 61%-24% over Republican Rob Arlett, while U.S. Rep. Blunt Rochester is far ahead of Republican candidate Scott Walker by a margin of 58%-28%, according to a University of Delaware Center for Political Communication poll released today. The poll was completed before the recent turmoil in the Delaware GOP, which saw the New Castle County chair resigning and criticizing Arlett, and the state GOP disavowing Walker.



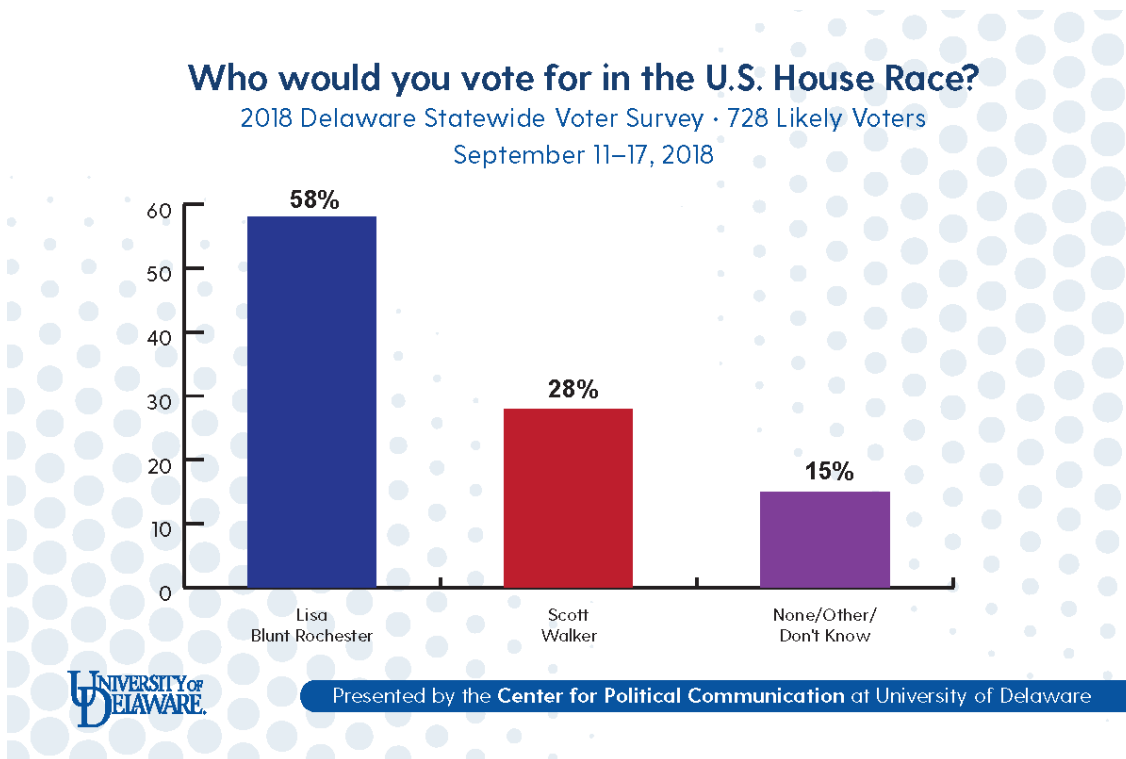
“It’s no surprise that Carper, a Delaware institution, and Blunt Rochester – a Democrat in a blue state running against a politically damaged opponent – are enjoying comfortable leads in their respective election races,” Professor Paul Brewer said. “What is surprising is how much they’re winning by, where they are winning and the support they are receiving from voters who typically cast their ballots for candidates on the other side of the aisle.”

While it’s not unusual for Republicans to choose a mainstay like Carper over Arlett, the Democrat

currently has the support of 25% of likely Republican voters. Even more interesting, 11% of those Republican voters said they would vote for Blunt Rochester, a first-term representative.

The two Democrats were also leading in all three counties, including heavily Republican-leaning Sussex County, which voted overwhelmingly for Donald Trump in the 2016 election. In Delaware’s southern-most county, Carper leads Arlett 52%-33%, while Blunt Rochester is up 45%-34% over Walker.

“Carper and Blunt Rochester are winning everywhere,” Brewer said. “While Delaware typically supports candidates on the left, the margin of the leads in Sussex County and overall in the state reinforces the idea that a ‘Blue Wave’ is coming in November.”



### ABOUT THE STUDY

The National Agenda Opinion Project research was funded by the University of Delaware’s Center for Political Communication (CPC) with support from the College of Arts and Sciences. The study was supervised by the CPC’s Research Director, Paul Brewer, a professor in the Departments of Communication and Political Science & International Relations.

The study was fielded by Abt Associates and obtained telephone interviews with a representative sample of 995 adults living in Delaware, including 908 registered voters. A total of 348 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone and 647 were interviewed on a cell phone. Interviewing was conducted from September 11-17, 2018 in English. Samples were drawn from both landline and cell phone random digit dialed (RDD) frames and a list of Delaware registered voters. Both the landline and cell phone RDD samples were provided by Survey Sampling International.

Statistical results are weighted to match the population parameters of the adult population in Delaware. The margin of sampling error for the sample of registered voters is  $\pm 3.7$  percentage points. Overall, the response rate (AAPOR RR3) was 14.4% for the landline RDD sample, 3.6% for the cell RDD sample, 5.8% for landline numbers from the RV sample and 6.7% for cell numbers from the RV sample.

Please contact Paul Brewer at (302) 831-7771 for more details about the survey's methodology.

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**FINAL TOPLINE**

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N = 908 Delaware Registered Voters

If the election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Tom Carper, the Democrat), (Rob Arlett, the Republican), (Nadine Frost, the Libertarian), and (Demitri Theodoropoulos of the Green Party)], who would you vote for?

	Tom Carper	Rob Arlett	Nadine Frost	Demitri Theodoropoulos	None/Other /Don't Know
Registered voters (N = 908)	60%	22%	5%	2%	12%
Likely voters (N = 728)	61%	24%	3%	3%	9%

Note: Not all rows sum to 100% due to rounding

If the election for United States Representative were being held today and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Lisa Blunt Rochester, the Democrat) and (Scott Walker, the Republican)] who would you vote for?

	Lisa Blunt Rochester	Scott Walker	None/Other/Don't Know
Registered voters (N = 908)	54%	26%	20%
Likely voters (N = 728)	58%	28%	15%

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	Tom Carper	Rob Arlett	Nadine Frost	Demitri Theodoropoulos	None/Other /Don't Know
ALL RESPONDENTS	60%	22%	5%	2%	12%
Women (53%)	64%	18%	3%	1%	14%
Men (47%)	54%	27%	7%	4%	9%
Republicans (25%)	25%	63%	4%	1%	8%
Democrats (40%)	89%	1%	3%	1%	6%
Independents (30%)	49%	22%	7%	5%	18%
New Castle Co. (58%)	66%	16%	4%	3%	11%
Kent Co (18%)	50%	28%	8%	2%	13%
Sussex Co (24%)	52%	33%	5%	0%	11%

Note: Not all rows sum to 100% due to rounding. Results by party do not report respondents who volunteered another response or did not respond for that question.

If the election for United States Representative were being held today and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Lisa Blunt Rochester, the Democrat) and (Scott Walker, the Republican)] who would you vote for?

	Lisa Blunt Rochester	Scott Walker	None/Other/Don't Know
ALL RESPONDENTS	54%	26%	20%
Women (53%)	59%	21%	20%
Men (47%)	46%	34%	20%
Republicans (25%)	11%	72%	17%
Democrats (40%)	88%	5%	7%
Independents (30%)	40%	24%	37%
New Castle Co. (58%)	59%	23%	19%
Kent Co (18%)	50%	27%	23%
Sussex Co (24%)	45%	34%	21%

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