

To: Interested Parties
From: Global Strategy Group
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Re: New Polling in NY-17

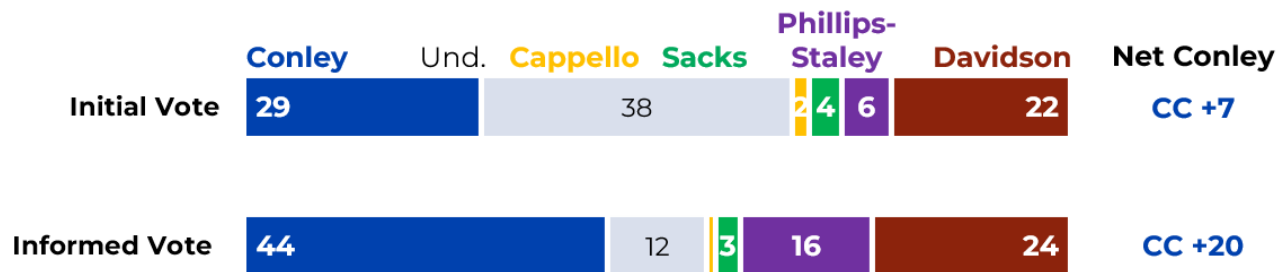
New polling from Global Strategy Group shows that decorated combat veteran Cait Conley leads the field in the primary for New York's 17th Congressional District. Despite being a first-time candidate, the Hudson Valley native Conley already matches or exceeds Rockland legislator Beth Davidson's ratings in-district and has the highest ceiling for growth as voters learn more.

Key Findings

Conley holds a 7-point lead over Davidson, with the rest of the field far behind. Conley (29%) leads Beth Davidson (22%), Effie Phillips-Staley (6%), Mike Sacks (4%), John Cappello (2%), with 38% of voters still undecided. Conley's coalition is ideologically and demographically broad: she leads among liberal and non-liberal Democrats; she also leads among white voters and voters of color, and among voters under 55 and voters 55 and older.

Conley is already known to nearly half the electorate and is well-liked. Cait Conley is viewed favorably by those who know her (48% familiar, 42% favorable/6% unfavorable), edging out Beth Davidson in favorability (47% familiar, 40% favorable/7% unfavorable).

Conley is positioned to grow as voters learn more. The data suggests Conley has the greatest room to grow as voters learn more about her. She leads Davidson by 7 points (44% to 37%) among voters familiar with both candidates. And once voters hear balanced, positive introductions to Conley and Davidson, Conley expands her lead to 20 points (44% to 24%). Phillips-Staley and Sacks receive shorter introductions to reflect their expected ability to communicate, and they move to 16% and 3% respectively. When voters hear more about Conley's impressive military record and working-class roots in the Hudson Valley, her support grows with liberal and non-liberal voters alike, illustrating a clear path to victory on June 23rd.



About the research: Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 500 likely Democratic primary voters in New York's 17th Congressional District from May 7 to 12, 2026 via live phone interviews. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.4%. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic, political, and demographic divisions of the likely Democratic primary electorate are properly represented.