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**For Crosstabs:**

[https://scri.siena.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/IL12P1-Crosstabs\\_127.pdf](https://scri.siena.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/IL12P1-Crosstabs_127.pdf)

**The New York Times Upshot / Siena College Illinois 12 Poll:**

**Republican Incumbent Bost 44%; Democrat Kelly 43%**

Voters Prefer Republicans to Control House 46-43%; Give President Trump 48-46% Job Approval Rating

**Favorability Ratings: Kelly, 31-14 Percent; Bost, 40-30 Percent**

Loudonville, NY. Incumbent Republican Representative Mike Bost and Democratic challenger, St. Clair State Attorney Brendan Kelly, are nearly tied with Bost up 44-43 percent, according to a new New York Times Upshot/Siena College poll of likely Illinois 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District voters. Kelly has a 31-14 percent favorability rating, compared to a 40-30 percent favorability rating for Bost.

If election was today, who would you vote for?			
	Mike Bost	Brendan Kelly	DK/ Other
<b>IL12</b>			
Likely Voters	44%	43%	13%
<i>Democrats</i>	8%	83%	9%
<i>Republicans</i>	81%	11%	7%
<i>Independents</i>	46%	31%	23%
<i>Men</i>	44%	44%	12%
<i>Women</i>	43%	42%	15%
<i>Madison</i>	42%	45%	12%
<i>St. Clair</i>	33%	51%	16%
<i>Rest</i>	53%	36%	11%
<b>The New York Times Upshot/Siena College Poll – 9/13/18</b>			

Likely voters in this southern Illinois district prefer Republicans rather than Democrats control the House of Representatives next year by 46-43 percent. Voters lean towards giving President Trump a positive job approval rating with 48 percent approving the job he is doing and 46 percent disapproving.

This New York Times Upshot/Siena College Poll is part of an ongoing project polling pivotal Congressional races across the country. The data is published live on <https://www.nytimes.com/section/upshot>. This press release highlights the key findings and provides access in the [cross-tabulations](#) to the entire survey as well as how demographic groups answered each question.

**This New York Times Upshot/Siena College IL 12 survey was conducted September 4-6, 2018 by telephone calls in English to 533 IL 12 voters. This poll has a margin of error of  $\pm 4.6$  percentage points. Calls were made to a stratified weighted sample of voters from the L-2 Voter list via both land and cell phones. A likely-to-vote probability was computed for each respondent based on their stated likelihood to vote as well as by virtue of the imputation of a turnout probability score based on past voting behavior. This combined probability to vote score was applied as a weight along with a weight that considered party, age, race/ethnicity, education, region within the district and gender. Polling support for this project provided by Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College, Reconnaissance Market Research, M. Davis & Company, and The Public Opinion Research Lab at the University of North Florida. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in NYS. SCRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858 or Don Levy at 518-783-2901. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: [www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY](http://www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY).**