

= Ned Lamont =

Edward Miner " Ned " Lamont , Jr . ( born January 3 , 1954 ) is an American businessman and politician . In 2006 he defeated the prominent incumbent Senator , Joe Lieberman , for Connecticut 's Senatorial Democratic nomination ( 52 percent vs. 48 percent ) , who instead opted to run as a candidate under his Connecticut for Lieberman Party . Lamont finished second with 39 percent , compared to Lieberman 's 49 percent and Republican Alan Schlesinger 's 9 percent . In 2010 he ran for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Connecticut , but lost to Dan Malloy , the eventual winner of the election .

Lamont founded and chaired Campus Televideo ( formerly Lamont Digital Systems ) , which provides video and data services to U.S. college campuses . He is currently a faculty member and Chair of the Arts and Sciences Public Policy Committee at Central Connecticut State University , where he was named by the Board of Trustees as Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Philosophy .

= = Early life = =

Lamont was born on January 3 , 1954 , in Washington , D.C. to Camille Helene ( née Buzby ) and Edward Miner Lamont , and is the great @-@ grandson of former J. P. Morgan & Co. chairman Thomas W. Lamont . His mother was born in San Juan , Puerto Rico , to American parents . His father , an economist , worked on the Marshall Plan and later served in Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Nixon administration . Lamont attended Phillips Exeter Academy , where he served as president of the student newspaper , The Exonian . After graduating Phillips Exeter in 1972 , Lamont earned a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard College in 1976 and an M.B.A. from the Yale School of Management in 1980 .

= = Business career = =

In 1977 Lamont began working for The Black River Tribune , a small newspaper in Ludlow , Vermont . After receiving his M.B.A. from Yale , Lamont entered the cable television industry , managing the start @-@ up of Cablevision 's operation in Fairfield County , Connecticut . In 1984 he founded his own cable television company , Lamont Digital Systems ( now known as Campus Televideo ) , which provides satellite and telecommunication services to colleges and universities .

= = Political career = =

Before running for the United States Senate , Lamont was elected and served as a selectman in the town of Greenwich , Connecticut for one term . Lamont also served for three terms on the town finance board and chaired the state investment advisory council , which oversees the investment of the state pension funds .

= = = 2006 U.S. Senate election = = =

On March 13 , 2006 , Lamont officially announced his campaign for the United States Senate against incumbent Joe Lieberman .

On July 6 , Lamont faced off against Lieberman in a 51 @-@ minute televised debate which covered issues such as the Iraq War , energy policy , and immigration . Lieberman argued that he was being subjected to a " litmus test " on the war , insisted that he was a " bread and butter Democrat " , and on a number of occasions asked , " who is Ned Lamont ? " During the debate Lieberman asked Lamont if he would disclose his income tax returns , which he afterwards did .

Lamont focused on Lieberman 's supportive relationship with Republicans , telling him " if you won 't challenge President Bush and his failed agenda , I will . " He criticized Lieberman 's vote for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 , which Lamont dubbed the " Bush / Cheney / Lieberman energy bill . " In

response to Lamont 's assertion that he supported Republican policies , Lieberman stated that he had voted with the Democratic caucus in the Senate 90 percent of the time . Lamont argued that the then three @-@ term incumbent lacked the courage to challenge the Bush administration 's handling of the Iraq War .

On July 30 , The Sunday Times reported that former President Bill Clinton was believed to have warned Lieberman not to run as an independent if he lost the primary to Lamont . Throughout the election , Lamont significantly funded his own campaign , with donations exceeding \$ 12 @.@ 7 million , as he had pledged not to accept money from lobbyists .

Lamont won the primary with 51 @.@ 79 percent of the vote as opposed to Lieberman 's 48 @.@ 21 percent ; it was the only Senate race in 2006 where an incumbent lost re @-@ nomination . In his concession speech , Lieberman announced that he would stand by his prior statements that he 'd run as an independent if he lost the Democratic primary . Lieberman won the general election with approximately 50 percent of the vote ; exit polls showed that Lieberman won the vote of 33 percent of Democrats , 54 percent of independents , and 70 percent of Republicans .

= = = Post @-@ election = = =

Lamont was one of the key supporters in Connecticut for the Chris Dodd presidential campaign . After Dodd dropped out of the race , Lamont became the Connecticut campaign co @-@ chair for Barack Obama 's presidential campaign . Lamont was credited with attracting the types of voters he brought to Obama 's successful campaign in the Connecticut Democratic primary . In March 2008 , Lamont was elected as a Congressional district @-@ level delegate from Connecticut to the 2008 Democratic National Convention , pledged to Barack Obama .

Research 2000 polls commissioned by the blog Daily Kos in 2007 and 2008 found that Lamont would win a Senate rematch with Joe Lieberman by growing margins . In February 2009 Lamont stated that he was not considering another campaign for Senate .

On November 4 , 2009 , Lamont reported that he would create an exploratory committee for the race for Governor of Connecticut in 2010 , and on February 17 , 2010 , he officially announced his candidacy . On May 22 , 2010 , he was defeated for the Democratic nomination by former Stamford mayor Dan Malloy . Lamont received 582 votes ( 32 percent ) to Malloy 's 1 @,@ 232 votes ( 68 percent ) . Since Lamont won more than fifteen percent of the vote , he appeared on the primary ballot on August 10 , 2010 . He lost the primary election to Malloy , who received 57 @.@ 6 percent of the vote to Lamont 's 42 @.@ 4 percent .

= = Academia = =

After the election , Lamont entered academia . He served as a teaching fellow at the Harvard Institute of Politics , and is currently an adjunct faculty member and Chair of the Arts and Sciences Public Policy Committee at Central Connecticut State University , where he was named by the Board of Trustees as Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Philosophy .

= = Memberships = =

Lamont serves on the Board of Directors of Conservation Services Group , Mercy Corps , the Norman Rockwell Museum , and the Connecticut Council for Education Reform .

= = Personal life = =

In 1983 Ned Lamont married Ann Huntress . They have three children . Ann is a venture capitalist , serving as a managing partner at Oak Investment Partners ; in 2007 she was named number 50 in Forbes ' Midas List .