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## Collins favored for reelection, opposition to gay marriage declines

Raleigh, N.C. - Susan Collins has a 14 point lead over Democratic challenger Shenna Bellows...with Democrats. Overall Collins leads 59-20, including a 38 point advantage with independents. Collins continues to be among the 5 most popular Senators in the country with a $61 \%$ approval rating to only $27 \%$ of voters who disapprove of her. She's well liked across party lines with her strongest numbers actually coming among Democrats (63/25), followed by Republicans (61/27), and independents (58/28).

If Collins has any potential vulnerability next year it continues to come with the Republican primary electorate. 44\% of GOP voters say they'd support a more conservative alternative to her next year, compared to $48 \%$ who say they'd support Collins in a primary. Only $38 \%$ of Republican voters think she actually belongs in their party compared to $26 \%$ who think she should be an independent and $22 \%$ who believe she should be a Democrat. Still Collins' vulnerability in a primary remains theoretical given her lack of serious opposition at this point.

A year after gay marriage became legal in Maine most voters think it's no big deal. 72\% say gay marriage has had no impact on their lives, with $15 \%$ saying it's had a positive impact on them and just $13 \%$ claiming it's had a negative effect on them. Even among voters opposed to gay marriage in the state $70 \%$ acknowledge that it hasn't actually had any ill effect on their lives.

Last year voters approved gay marriage by 6 points at the polls. Now voters say they support it by a 17 point margin, 54/37. It's 57/31 among independents, and voters under 30 favor it 65/26.
"These numbers are consistent with what we find in most states after they legalize gay marriage," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Most voters find that it has little or no effect on their lives, and we tend to find a decline in opposition to it compared to before it became legal."

PPP surveyed 964 Maine voters, including 331 Republican primary voters, from November $8^{\text {th }}$ to $11^{\text {th }}$. The margin of error for the overall survey is $+/-3.2 \%$ and for the Republican portion it's $+/-$ $5.4 \%$. PPP's surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.

## Maine Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of SenatorSusan Collins' job performance?
Approve ..... 61\%
Disapprove ..... 27\%
Not sure ..... 13\%
Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Shenna Bellows?
Favorable ..... 10\%
Unfavorable ..... 20\%
Not sure ..... 71\%
Q3 If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican Susan Collins and Democrat Shenna Bellows, who would you vote for?
Susan Collins ..... 59\%
Shenna Bellows ..... 20\%
Not sure ..... 22\%
Q4 If the candidates for President next time were Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Jeb Bush, who would you vote for?
Hillary Clinton ..... 55\%
Jeb Bush ..... 32\%
Not sure ..... 13\%
Q5 If the candidates for President next time were Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Chris Christie, who would you vote for?Hillary Clinton47\%
Chris Christie ..... 39\%
Not sure ..... 15\%
Q6 If the candidates for President next time were Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Ted Cruz, who would you vote for?
Hillary Clinton ..... 57\%
Ted Cruz ..... 30\%
Not sure ..... 13\%
Q7 If the candidates for President next time were Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Rand Paul, who would you vote for?
Hillary Clinton. ..... 57\%
Rand Paul. ..... 32\%
Not sure ..... 11\%
Q8 Do you think same-sex marriage should beallowed in Maine, or not?
It should ..... 54\%
It should not ..... 37\%
Not sure ..... 9\%
Q9 Has the legalization of same-sex marriage inMaine had a positive or negative impact onyour life, or has it not had any impact at all?
Positive impact. ..... 15\%
Negative impact ..... 13\%
No impact at all ..... 72\%
Q10 Do you approve or disapprove of SenatorAngus King's job performance?
Approve ..... 54\%
Disapprove. ..... 25\%
Not sure ..... 21\%
Q11 In the last presidential election, did you vote forBarack Obama or Mitt Romney?
Barack Obama ..... 54\%
Mitt Romney ..... 37\%
Someone else/Don't remember ..... 8\%

Q12 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
Very liberal ..... 11\%
Somewhat liberal ..... 22\%
Moderate ..... 28\%
Somewhat conservative ..... 25\%
Very conservative ..... 14\%
Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.Woman54\%
Man ..... 46\%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat .........................................................37\%
Republican......................................................31\%
Independent/Other...........................................32\%
Q15 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.
White .............................................................. 91\%
Other............................................................... 9\%
Q16 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45 , press 2. If 46 to 65 , press 3 . If you are older than 65 , press 4.

18 to 29........................................................... 12\%
30 to 45.......................................................... 20\%
46 to 65.......................................................... 43\%
Older than 65
26\%

Crosstabs

|  | Base | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Barack Obama | Mitt Romney | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Collins Approval | 61\% | 63\% | 60\% | 45\% |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 27\% | 24\% | 31\% | 29\% |
| Not sure | 13\% | 13\% | 9\% | 25\% |


|  |  | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Base | Barack <br> Obama | Mitt <br> Romney | Someone else/Don't <br> remember |
| Bellows Favorability |  |  |  |  |
| Favorable | $10 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $11 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Not sure | $71 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $73 \%$ |


|  | Base | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Barack Obama | Mitt <br> Romney | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Collins/Bellows | 59\% | 46\% | 80\% | 43\% |
| Susan Collins |  |  |  |  |
| Shenna Bellows | 20\% | 30\% | 6\% | 10\% |
| Not sure | 22\% | 23\% | 14\% | 46\% |


|  | Base | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Barack Obama | Mitt Romney | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Hillary/Jeb | 55\% | 88\% | 11\% | 38\% |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |
| Jeb Bush | 32\% | 5\% | 74\% | 21\% |
| Not sure | 13\% | 7\% | 15\% | 41\% |

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## Crosstabs

|  |  | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Base | Barack <br> Obama | Mitt <br> Romney | Someone else/Don't <br> remember |
| Hillary/Christie |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $47 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Chris Christie | $39 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Not sure | $15 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $51 \%$ |


|  |  | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Barack <br> Obama | Mitt <br> Romney | Someone else/Don't <br> remember |
| Hillary/Cruz |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $90 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Ted Cruz | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $4 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $7 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $39 \%$ |


|  |  | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Base | Barack <br> Obama | Mitt <br> Romney | Someone else/Don't <br> remember |
| Hillary/Paul |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $89 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Rand Paul | $\mathbf{3 2 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $6 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $39 \%$ |


|  |  | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Base | Barack <br> Obama a | Mitt <br> Romney | Someone else/Don't <br> remember |
| Should Same-sex <br> Marriage Be Allowed <br> in ME? |  |  |  |  |
| It should | $54 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| It should not | $37 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $27 \%$ |

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## Crosstabs

|  | Base | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Barack Obama | Mitt Romney | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Legal SSM: <br> Pos/Neg/No Im pact on Your Life |  |  |  |  |
| Positive impact | 15\% | 23\% | 4\% | 13\% |
| Negative impact | 13\% | 5\% | 25\% | 15\% |
| No impact at all | 72\% | 72\% | 71\% | 73\% |


|  |  | 2012 Vote |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Base | Barack <br> Obama | Mitt <br> Romney | Someone else/Don't <br> remember |
| A. King Approval |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | $54 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Disapprove | $25 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Not sure | $21 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $25 \%$ |


|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very liberal | Somewhat liberal | Moderate | Somewhat conservative | conservative |
| Collins Approval | 61\% | 47\% | 68\% | 67\% | 62\% | 45\% |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 27\% | 40\% | 19\% | 21\% | 27\% | 40\% |
| Not sure | 13\% | 13\% | 13\% | 12\% | 11\% | 16\% |


|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very liberal | Somewhat liberal | Moderate | Somewhat conservative | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Very } \\ \text { conservative } \end{array}$ |
| Bellows Favorability | 10\% | 28\% | 10\% | 10\% | 5\% | 2\% |
| Favorable |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfavorable | 20\% | 18\% | 11\% | 15\% | 24\% | 35\% |
| Not sure | 71\% | 54\% | 78\% | 75\% | 72\% | 63\% |

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Ideology |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Very <br> liberal | Somewhat <br> liberal | Moderate | Somewhat <br> conservative | Very <br> conservative |  |
| Collins/Bellows |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Susan Collins | $59 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $77 \%$ | $69 \%$ |  |
| Shenna Bellows | $20 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ |  |
| Not sure | $22 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $23 \%$ |  |


|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very liberal | Somewhat liberal | Moderate | Somewhat conservative | Very conservative |
| HillarylJeb | 55\% | 88\% | 93\% | 66\% | 21\% | 7\% |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jeb Bush | 32\% | 5\% | 5\% | 17\% | 62\% | 73\% |
| Not sure | 13\% | 6\% | 2\% | 17\% | 17\% | 20\% |


|  |  | Ideology |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Very <br> liberal | Somewhat <br> liberal | Moderate | Somewhat <br> conservative | Very <br> conservative |  |
| Hillary/Christie |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $47 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $83 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $6 \%$ |  |
| Chris Christie | $39 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $71 \%$ |  |
| Not sure | $15 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $23 \%$ |  |



## Crosstabs

|  |  | Ideology |  |  |  |  |  | Very <br> liberal | Somew hat <br> liberal | Moderate | Somewhat <br> conservative | Very <br> conservative |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hillary/Paul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $90 \%$ | $93 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $7 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rand Paul | $\mathbf{3 2 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $82 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $12 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very liberal | Somewhat liberal | Moderate | Somewhat conservative | Very conservative |
| Should Same-sex Marriage Be Allowed in ME? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It should | 54\% | 86\% | 83\% | 65\% | 25\% | 10\% |
| It should not | 37\% | 13\% | 11\% | 23\% | 64\% | 78\% |
| Not sure | 9\% | 1\% | 6\% | 12\% | 11\% | 12\% |


|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very liberal | Somewhat liberal | Moderate | Somewhat conservative | Very conservative |
| Legal SSM: <br> Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life | 15\% | 42\% | 27\% | 10\% | 2\% | 5\% |
| Positive impact |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Negative impact | 13\% | 4\% | 4\% | 11\% | 17\% | 33\% |
| No impact at all | 72\% | 54\% | 69\% | 79\% | 80\% | 62\% |


|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very liberal | Somewhat liberal | Moderate | Somewhat conservative | Very conservative |
| A. King Approval |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | 54\% | 72\% | 79\% | 66\% | 28\% | 13\% |
| Disapprove | 25\% | 13\% | 5\% | 11\% | 43\% | 69\% |
| Not sure | 21\% | 14\% | 16\% | 23\% | 29\% | 18\% |

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Gender |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Collins Approval |  |  |  |
| Approve | $61 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| Disapprove | $27 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Not sure | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Wom an | Man |
| Bellows Favorability |  |  |  |
| Favorable | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $14 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Not sure | $71 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $63 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Collins/Bellows |  |  |  |
| Susan Collins | $59 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Shenna Bellows | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $24 \%$ | $19 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Woman |  |  |
| HillarylJeb |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $55 \%$ | $62 \%$ |  |  |
| Jeb Bush | $32 \%$ | $25 \%$ |  |  |
| Not sure | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ |  |  |

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|  |  | Gender |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Hillary/Christie |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $47 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Chris Christie | $39 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| Not sure | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $13 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Hillary/Cruz |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Ted Cruz | $30 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $15 \%$ | $10 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| ---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Hillary/Paul |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| Rand Paul | $32 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Not sure | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Should Same-sex <br> Marriage Be Allowed <br> in ME? |  |  |  |
| It should | $54 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| It should not | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ | $29 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Gender |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Legal SSM: <br> Pos/Neg/No Im pact <br> on Your Life |  |  |  |
| Positive impact | $15 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Negative impact | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| No impact at all | $\mathbf{7 2 \%}$ | $70 \%$ | $75 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| A. King Approval |  |  |  |
| Approve | $54 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| Disapprove | $25 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{2 1 \%}$ | $24 \%$ | $18 \%$ |


|  |  | Party |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |
| Collins Approval |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | $61 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $58 \%$ |  |
| Disapprove | $27 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $28 \%$ |  |
| Not sure | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ |  |


|  |  | Party |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Dem ocrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |
| Bellow s Favorability |  |  |  | $7 \%$ |  |
| Favorable | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $18 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $18 \%$ |  |
| Unfavorable | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $76 \%$ |  |
| Not sure | $71 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $67 \%$ |  |  |

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Party |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  |  | Dem ocrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |
| Collins/Bellows |  |  | $55 \%$ |  |  |
| Susan Collins |  | $46 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $17 \%$ |  |
| Shenna Bellows | $20 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $28 \%$ |  |
| Not sure | $22 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $15 \%$ |  |  |


|  | Base | Party |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| HillarylJeb | 55\% | 86\% | 18\% | 56\% |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |
| Jeb Bush | 32\% | 6\% | 68\% | 27\% |
| Not sure | 13\% | 8\% | 14\% | 18\% |


|  |  | Party |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |
| Hillary/Christie |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $47 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $44 \%$ |  |
| Chris Christie | $39 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $36 \%$ |  |
| Not sure | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $20 \%$ |  |


|  |  | Party |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Base | Dem ocrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |
| Hillary/Cruz |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $58 \%$ |  |
| Ted Cruz | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $6 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $26 \%$ |  |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $6 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $16 \%$ |  |

## Crosstabs

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Party |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary/Paul |  |  | $58 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $89 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $26 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rand Paul | $\mathbf{3 2 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $16 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $2 \%$ | $17 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  |  | Party |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Should Same-sex <br> Marriage Be Allowed <br> in ME? |  |  |  |  |
| It should | $54 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| It should not | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ | $20 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $4 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |


|  | Base | Party |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Legal SSM: <br> Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life |  |  |  |  |
| Positive impact | 15\% | 26\% | 5\% | 11\% |
| Negative impact | 13\% | 7\% | 24\% | 10\% |
| No impact at all | 72\% | 67\% | 71\% | 79\% |


|  |  | Party |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Base | Dem ocrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |
| A. King Approval |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | $54 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $53 \%$ |  |
| Disapprove | $25 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $24 \%$ |  |
| Not sure | $21 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $24 \%$ |  |

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Race |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| Collins Approval |  |  |  |
| Approve | $61 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Disapprove | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Not sure | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $19 \%$ |


|  |  | Race |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| Bellows Favorability |  |  |  |
| Favorable | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $20 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Not sure | $71 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $68 \%$ |


|  |  | Race |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| Collins/Bellows |  |  |  |
| Susan Collins | $59 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Shenna Bellows | $20 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $21 \%$ | $33 \%$ |


|  |  | Race |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| HillarylJeb |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $55 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Jeb Bush | $32 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Not sure | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $27 \%$ |

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|  |  | Race |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| HillarylChristie |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $47 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Chris Christie | $39 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Not sure | $15 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $33 \%$ |


|  |  | Race |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| Hillary/Cruz |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Ted Cruz | $30 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Not sure | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $18 \%$ |


|  |  | Race |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| Hillary/Paul |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $57 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Rand Paul | $32 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Not sure | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $18 \%$ |


|  |  | Race |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| Should Same-sex <br> Marriage Be Allowed <br> in ME? |  |  |  |
| It should | $54 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| It should not | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ | $37 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Race |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base |  |  |
|  | White | Other |  |
| Legal SSM: <br> Pos/Neg/No Impact <br> on Your Life |  |  |  |
| Positive impact | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Negative impact | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| No impact at all | $72 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $65 \%$ |


|  |  | Race |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | White | Other |
| A. King Approval |  |  |  |
| Approve | $54 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Disapprove | $25 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Not sure | $21 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $18 \%$ |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Collins Approval | 61\% | 53\% | 65\% | 60\% | 61\% |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 27\% | 26\% | 26\% | 26\% | 28\% |
| Not sure | 13\% | 21\% | 8\% | 13\% | 12\% |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Bellows Favorability | 10\% | 15\% | 6\% | 10\% | 11\% |
| Favorable |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfavorable | 20\% | 18\% | 24\% | 18\% | 19\% |
| Not sure | 71\% | 68\% | 70\% | 72\% | 70\% |

Crosstabs

|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Collins/Bellows |  |  |  |  |  |
| Susan Collins | 59\% | 47\% | 58\% | 59\% | 63\% |
| Shenna Bellows | 20\% | 29\% | 11\% | 20\% | 21\% |
| Not sure | 22\% | 24\% | 31\% | 20\% | 16\% |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r\|} \hline 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Hillary/Jeb | 55\% | 65\% | 54\% | 56\% | 51\% |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jeb Bush | 32\% | 18\% | 27\% | 33\% | 40\% |
| Not sure | 13\% | 18\% | 19\% | 11\% | 9\% |


|  |  | Age |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Base | $\mathbf{1 8}$ to <br> $\mathbf{2 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ to <br> $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 6}$ to <br> $\mathbf{6 5}$ | Older <br> than $\mathbf{6 5}$ |
| HillarylChristie |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton | $\mathbf{4 7 \%}$ | $62 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Chris Christie | $\mathbf{3 9 \%}$ | $18 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 5 \%}$ | $21 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Hillary/Cruz | 57\% | 68\% | 55\% | 56\% | 55\% |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ted Cruz | 30\% | 18\% | 27\% | 33\% | 34\% |
| Not sure | 13\% | 15\% | 18\% | 11\% | 11\% |

Crosstabs

|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Hillary/Paul | 57\% | 68\% | 52\% | 57\% | 55\% |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rand Paul | 32\% | 21\% | 30\% | 34\% | 35\% |
| Not sure | 11\% | 12\% | 18\% | 9\% | 10\% |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Should Same-sex Marriage Be Allowed in ME? |  |  |  |  |  |
| It should | 54\% | 65\% | 57\% | 55\% | 43\% |
| It should not | 37\% | 26\% | 31\% | 37\% | 46\% |
| Not sure | 9\% | 9\% | 12\% | 7\% | 10\% |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Legal SSM: <br> Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life | 15\% | 26\% | 15\% | 15\% | 10\% |
| Positive impact |  |  |  |  |  |
| Negative impact | 13\% | 12\% | 11\% | 13\% | 16\% |
| No impact at all | 72\% | 62\% | 74\% | 72\% | 75\% |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| A. King Approval | 54\% | 56\% | 58\% | 54\% | 51\% |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 25\% | 26\% | 22\% | 25\% | 26\% |
| Not sure | 21\% | 19\% | 19\% | 21\% | 23\% |

## Maine Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Susan Collins' job performance?
Approve ...........................................................59\%
Disapprove..................................................... 30\%
Not sure .......................................................... 11\%
Q2 Generally speaking, would you like the Republican candidate for Senate next year to be Susan Collins or someone more conservative than her?

Susan Collins...................................................48\%
Someone more conservative ........................... 44\%
Not sure .......................................................... 7\%
Q3 Given the choices of Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Bobby Jindal, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Paul Ryan, Rick Santorum, and Scott Walker, who would you most like to see as the GOP candidate for President in 2016?

Jeb Bush......................................................... 12\%
Chris Christie ................................................. 27\%
Ted Cruz ......................................................... 14\%
Bobby Jindal ................................................... 2\%
Rand Paul ................................................................ 10\%
Marco Rubio .................................................. 4\%
Paul Ryan ....................................................... 9\%
Rick Santorum ................................................ 1\%
Scott Walker ........................................................... 1\%
Someone else/Not sure .................................. 20\%

Q4 Do you think Susan Collins belongs more in the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or as an independent?
Democratic Party ..... 22\%
Republican Party ..... 38\%
Independent ..... 26\%
Not sure ..... 14\%
Q5 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
Very liberal ..... 3\%
Somewhat liberal ..... 4\%
Moderate ..... 17\%
Somewhat conservative ..... 45\%
Very conservative ..... 31\%
Q6 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
Woman ..... 51\%
Man. ..... 49\%
Q7 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to65 , press 2 . If you are older than 65 , press 3.
18 to 45 ..... 24\%
46 to 65 ..... 45\%
Older than 65 ..... 31\%

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Ideology |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Very <br> liberal | Somewhat <br> liberal | Moderate | Somewhat <br> conservative | Very <br> conservative |  |  |
| Collins Approval |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | $59 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $85 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $41 \%$ |  |  |
| Disapprove | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $31 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $48 \%$ |  |  |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | - | - | $15 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |  |  |


|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very liberal | Somewhat liberal | Moderate | Somewhat conservative | Very conservative |
| Collins or Someone More Conservative? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Susan Collins | 48\% | 69\% | 86\% | 74\% | 54\% | 20\% |
| Someone more conservative | 44\% | 23\% | 5\% | 16\% | 42\% | 69\% |
| Not sure | 7\% | 8\% | 9\% | 10\% | 4\% | 10\% |


|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very liberal | Somewhat liberal | Moderate | Somewhat conservative | Very conservative |
| Does Collins Belong as Dem, GOP, or Indie? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Democratic Party | 22\% | - | 26\% | 14\% | 20\% | 29\% |
| Republican Party | 38\% | 34\% | 43\% | 48\% | 43\% | 28\% |
| Independent | 26\% | 44\% | - | 27\% | 22\% | 32\% |
| Not sure | 14\% | 21\% | 32\% | 11\% | 14\% | 10\% |

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Gender |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Collins Approval |  |  |  |
| Approve | $59 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| Disapprove | $30 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Not sure | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Collins or Someone <br> More Conservative? |  |  |  |
| Susan Collins | $48 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Someone more <br> conservative | $44 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| Not sure | $7 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $3 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| 2016 GOP Pres <br> Preference |  |  |  |
| Jeb Bush | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Chris Christie | $27 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Ted Cruz | $14 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Bobby Jindal | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Rand Paul | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Marco Rubio | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Paul Ryan | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Rick Santorum | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Scott Walker | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Someone else/Not | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $29 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| sure |  |  |  |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Does Collins Belong <br> as Dem, GOP, or <br> Indie? |  |  |  |
| Democratic Party | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $19 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Republican Party | $\mathbf{3 8 \%}$ | $39 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Independent | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $16 \%$ | $11 \%$ |



## Crosstabs

|  | Base | Age |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Collins or Someone More Conservative? |  |  |  |  |
| Susan Collins | 48\% | 46\% | 45\% | 54\% |
| Someone more conservative | 44\% | 37\% | 50\% | 43\% |
| Not sure | 7\% | 17\% | 5\% | 3\% |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| 2016 GOP Pres Preference | 12\% | 12\% | 8\% | 16\% |
| Jeb Bush |  |  |  |  |
| Chris Christie | 27\% | 27\% | 30\% | 23\% |
| Ted Cruz | 14\% | 12\% | 12\% | 20\% |
| Bobby Jindal | 2\% | - | 3\% | 2\% |
| Rand Paul | 10\% | 10\% | 12\% | 8\% |
| Marco Rubio | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% | 5\% |
| Paul Ryan | 9\% | 10\% | 10\% | 6\% |
| Rick Santorum | 1\% | - | 1\% | 2\% |
| Scott Walker | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% |
| Someone else/Not sure | 20\% | 24\% | 19\% | 17\% |


|  | Base | Age |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \text { to } \\ 45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46 \text { to } \\ 65 \end{array}$ | Older than 65 |
| Does Collins Belong as Dem, GOP, or Indie? |  |  |  |  |
| Democratic Party | 22\% | 26\% | 21\% | 21\% |
| Republican Party | 38\% | 41\% | 36\% | 40\% |
| Independent | 26\% | 26\% | 29\% | 22\% |
| Not sure | 14\% | 6\% | 14\% | 18\% |

