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### **Collins strong for reelection**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – PPP's newest Maine poll finds that if Susan Collins is the Republican candidate for Senate next year, she'll get reelected. Collins is one of the most popular Senators in the country, with 63% of voters approving of her to 24% who disapprove. She accomplishes the incredibly rare feat in these times of having at least a 60% approval across party lines- she's at 66/24 with Republicans, 64/24 with independents, and 60/25 with Democrats.

Collins would easily dispatch either of her state's members of Congress in a head to head match up. Despite Mike Michaud's own stellar 58/23 favorability rating, Collins would lead him 54/36 in a head to head match up. And Collins' lead over Chellie Pingree would be even more substantial at 58/33.

As Dick Lugar and Lisa Murkowski and Mike Castle have learned in recent years though, being a moderate Republican can give you trouble in a Senate primary. Collins' 66/24 approval spread with GOP voters is well below Murkowski's 77/13 standing at the beginning of 2010- she was defeated in the primary 8 months later. And against a hypothetical 'more conservative' GOP opponent in a primary, Collins leads only 49-46. Voters describing themselves as 'very conservative' would like to replace her by a 75/22 margin. If the Tea Party is looking for a primary target in 2014, Collins probably belongs at the top of the list alongside Georgia's Saxby Chambliss.

The GOP would be shooting itself in the foot if it did depose Collins though. We looked at how 2012 nominee Charlie Summers would do as an alternative to her and he would get crushed- he trails Michaud 57/32 and Pingree 50/39 in hypothetical match ups. The GOP's chances of holding onto one of Maine's Senate seats may die as soon as Collins exits the Senate.

“This seat looks pretty safe for the GOP if Susan Collins is its candidate next year,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But if she’s not- either through retirement or a primary challenge- it could be very hard for the Republicans to hold on.”

PPP surveyed 1,268 Maine voters and 430 Republican primary voters from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the overall sample is +/-2.8% and +/-4.7% for the Republican portion. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



## Maine Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Susan Collins' job performance?

*Approve* ..... 63%  
*Disapprove*..... 24%  
*Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Michaud?

*Favorable*..... 58%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 23%  
*Not sure* ..... 19%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chellie Pingree?

*Favorable*..... 48%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 37%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Charlie Summers?

*Favorable*..... 29%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 39%  
*Not sure* ..... 31%

**Q5** If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican Susan Collins and Democrat Mike Michaud, who would you vote for?

*Susan Collins*..... 54%  
*Mike Michaud*..... 36%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q6** If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican Susan Collins and Democrat Chellie Pingree, who would you vote for?

*Susan Collins*..... 58%  
*Chellie Pingree* ..... 33%  
*Not sure*..... 9%

**Q7** If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican Charlie Summers and Democrat Mike Michaud, who would you vote for?

*Charlie Summers* ..... 32%  
*Mike Michaud*..... 57%  
*Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q8** If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican Charlie Summers and Democrat Chellie Pingree, who would you vote for?

*Charlie Summers* ..... 39%  
*Chellie Pingree* ..... 50%  
*Not sure* ..... 11%

**Q9** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal* ..... 12%  
*Somewhat liberal* ..... 22%  
*Moderate*..... 31%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 21%  
*Very conservative* ..... 14%

**Q10** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%  
*Man*..... 47%

**Q11** 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* ..... 40%  
*Republican*..... 30%  
*Independent/Other*..... 30%

**Q12** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 92%  
*Other*..... 8%





**Q13** If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i> .....	39%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	40%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Collins Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	63%	45%	66%	69%	73%	48%
<b>Disapprove</b>	24%	40%	22%	20%	18%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	15%	13%	11%	10%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Michaud Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	58%	73%	74%	65%	44%	26%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	23%	13%	8%	15%	31%	58%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	14%	18%	19%	25%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Pingree Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	77%	80%	52%	17%	9%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	37%	15%	10%	29%	63%	75%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	8%	10%	19%	20%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Summers Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	29%	19%	6%	22%	51%	56%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	39%	54%	66%	40%	19%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	31%	27%	28%	38%	30%	29%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Collins/Michaud</b>						
Susan Collins	54%	31%	29%	54%	76%	78%
Mike Michaud	36%	64%	60%	36%	14%	11%
Not sure	10%	5%	11%	11%	10%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Collins/Pingree</b>						
Susan Collins	58%	27%	28%	60%	87%	84%
Chellie Pingree	33%	70%	62%	29%	6%	7%
Not sure	9%	3%	10%	11%	7%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Summers/Michaud</b>						
Charlie Summers	32%	11%	7%	17%	61%	75%
Mike Michaud	57%	82%	86%	66%	26%	14%
Not sure	12%	8%	7%	16%	12%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Summers/Pingree</b>						
Charlie Summers	39%	12%	10%	28%	73%	83%
Chellie Pingree	50%	81%	85%	55%	15%	10%
Not sure	11%	7%	5%	17%	12%	6%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Collins Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>63%</b>	68%	57%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>24%</b>	20%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	11%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Michaud Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>58%</b>	59%	57%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>23%</b>	20%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	21%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Pingree Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>48%</b>	55%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>37%</b>	28%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	17%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Summers Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>29%</b>	25%	34%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>39%</b>	40%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>31%</b>	35%	27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Collins/Michaud</b>			
<b>Susan Collins</b>	<b>54%</b>	51%	57%
<b>Mike Michaud</b>	<b>36%</b>	39%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Collins/Pingree</b>			
<b>Susan Collins</b>	<b>58%</b>	53%	65%
<b>Chellie Pingree</b>	<b>33%</b>	37%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Summers/Michaud</b>			
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	<b>32%</b>	27%	38%
<b>Mike Michaud</b>	<b>57%</b>	61%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	12%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Summers/Pingree</b>			
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	<b>39%</b>	32%	48%
<b>Chellie Pingree</b>	<b>50%</b>	57%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	12%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Collins Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	63%	60%	66%	64%
<b>Disapprove</b>	24%	25%	24%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	15%	10%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Michaud Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	58%	75%	36%	57%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	23%	10%	42%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	15%	22%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Pingree Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	75%	14%	45%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	37%	14%	68%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	10%	18%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Summers Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	29%	14%	55%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	39%	56%	19%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	31%	30%	26%	39%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Collins/Michaud</b>				
<b>Susan Collins</b>	54%	34%	80%	54%
<b>Mike Michaud</b>	36%	58%	11%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	8%	9%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Collins/Pingree</b>				
<b>Susan Collins</b>	58%	34%	87%	62%
<b>Chellie Pingree</b>	33%	58%	6%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	8%	7%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Summers/Michaud</b>				
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	32%	8%	68%	28%
<b>Mike Michaud</b>	57%	84%	20%	56%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	8%	12%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Summers/Pingree</b>				
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	39%	10%	81%	37%
<b>Chellie Pingree</b>	50%	80%	10%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	10%	9%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Collins Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>63%</b>	65%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>24%</b>	23%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	13%	9%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Michaud Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>58%</b>	59%	53%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>23%</b>	22%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	19%	21%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Pingree Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>48%</b>	47%	51%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>37%</b>	37%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	16%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Summers Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>29%</b>	30%	20%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>39%</b>	39%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>31%</b>	31%	37%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Collins/Michaud</b>			
<b>Susan Collins</b>	<b>54%</b>	55%	38%
<b>Mike Michaud</b>	<b>36%</b>	36%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Collins/Pingree</b>			
<b>Susan Collins</b>	<b>58%</b>	59%	47%
<b>Chellie Pingree</b>	<b>33%</b>	32%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	8%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Summers/Michaud</b>			
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	<b>32%</b>	32%	28%
<b>Mike Michaud</b>	<b>57%</b>	57%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	11%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Summers/Pingree</b>			
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	<b>39%</b>	39%	40%
<b>Chellie Pingree</b>	<b>50%</b>	50%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	11%	9%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Collins Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>63%</b>	61%	63%	66%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>24%</b>	27%	25%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	12%	11%	15%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Michaud Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>58%</b>	54%	60%	63%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>23%</b>	24%	23%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	22%	17%	18%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Pingree Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>48%</b>	44%	49%	51%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>37%</b>	37%	38%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	19%	12%	15%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Summers Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>29%</b>	28%	29%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>39%</b>	36%	44%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>31%</b>	35%	27%	34%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Collins/Michaud</b>				
<b>Susan Collins</b>	54%	55%	51%	57%
<b>Mike Michaud</b>	36%	34%	40%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	11%	9%	9%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Collins/Pingree</b>				
<b>Susan Collins</b>	58%	61%	55%	59%
<b>Chellie Pingree</b>	33%	30%	36%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	9%	9%	8%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Summers/Michaud</b>				
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	32%	35%	28%	33%
<b>Mike Michaud</b>	57%	54%	61%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	11%	11%	13%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Summers/Pingree</b>				
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	39%	44%	35%	38%
<b>Chellie Pingree</b>	50%	48%	52%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	7%	13%	13%





## Maine Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Susan Collins' job performance?

*Approve* ..... 65%  
*Disapprove*..... 24%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Charlie Summers?

*Favorable*..... 55%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 20%  
*Not sure* ..... 25%

**Q3** If the Republican candidates for Senate next year were Susan Collins and Charlie Summers, who would you vote for?

*Susan Collins*..... 58%  
*Charlie Summers* ..... 31%  
*Not sure* ..... 11%

**Q4** Generally speaking, would you like the Republican candidate for Senate next year to be Susan Collins or someone more conservative than her?

*Susan Collins*..... 49%  
*Someone more conservative* ..... 46%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q5** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal*..... 1%  
*Somewhat liberal* ..... 7%  
*Moderate*..... 20%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 37%  
*Very conservative* ..... 35%

**Q6** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 44%  
*Man*..... 56%

**Q7** If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

*18 to 45*..... 38%  
*46 to 65*..... 41%  
*Older than 65*..... 21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Collins Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	65%	77%	52%	74%	73%	55%
<b>Disapprove</b>	24%	23%	34%	20%	18%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	-	15%	6%	10%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Summers Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	55%	8%	19%	46%	63%	60%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	20%	85%	63%	23%	15%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	8%	17%	31%	22%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Collins/Summers</b>						
<b>Susan Collins</b>	58%	77%	45%	75%	69%	38%
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	31%	8%	42%	17%	24%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	16%	13%	8%	7%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Collins or Someone More Conservative?</b>						
<b>Susan Collins</b>	49%	84%	58%	72%	59%	22%
<b>Someone more conservative</b>	46%	-	29%	24%	36%	75%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	16%	13%	4%	5%	3%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Collins Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	65%	69%	62%
<b>Disapprove</b>	24%	20%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Summers Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	55%	51%	58%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	20%	17%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	32%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Collins/Summers</b>			
<b>Susan Collins</b>	58%	65%	52%
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	31%	24%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Collins or Someone More Conservative?</b>			
<b>Susan Collins</b>	49%	56%	43%
<b>Someone more conservative</b>	46%	37%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	6%	3%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Collins Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	65%	62%	63%	76%
<b>Disapprove</b>	24%	29%	27%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	9%	10%	14%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Summers Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	55%	55%	56%	54%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	20%	21%	22%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	24%	23%	30%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Collins/Summers</b>				
<b>Susan Collins</b>	58%	56%	56%	67%
<b>Charlie Summers</b>	31%	38%	28%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	6%	16%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Collins or Someone More Conservative?</b>				
<b>Susan Collins</b>	49%	44%	49%	58%
<b>Someone more conservative</b>	46%	51%	46%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	4%	5%	5%

