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Maine Has Voters Remorse on Governor LePage

Raleigh, N.C. – Maine voters regret electing Republican Paul LePage Governor and would choose Independent Eliot Cutler if they could do the 2010 election over again, a new poll from Public Policy Polling finds. When asked who they would vote for if they could do the election over, 43% of Maine voters chose Eliot Cutler, 35% chose Paul LePage, and 19% chose Democrat Libby Mitchell. LePage suffers from a negative job approval rating, with just 41% of voters approving of his job performance and 52% disapproving.

Democrats are in strong position to make gains in the State Legislature, with 51% of voters saying they'd generally vote for Democratic candidates if the election were held today and just 37% of voters saying they'd vote for a Republican candidate. Among independent voters, 42% say they would vote for Democrats and 28% say they'd vote for a Republican.

A majority of Maine voters say same-sex marriage should be legal, by a 54-41 margin. A plurality of voters (47-32) favor a law that would allow "marriage licenses for same-sex couples that protects religious freedom by ensuring that no religion or clergy be required to perform such a marriage in violation of their religious beliefs."

"It looks like Maine will reverse its 2009 vote on gay marriage this fall," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "That's symbolic of the shift in public opinion that's occurred on this issue over the last few years."

Senator Susan Collins sees a high job approval rating, with 60% of voters approving and just 31% disapproving, including a 64-28 rating among independents and a 57-35 rating among Democrats. Perhaps reflecting her own independent reputation, Collins only commands the approval of 61% of Republicans while 29% disapprove. Mike Michaud also gets strong favorable views from Maine voters – 53% of voters hold a favorable opinion of him and just 27% hold an unfavorable view.

Legendary horror author Stephen King enjoys the favorable opinion of his fellow Maine citizens, with 60% saying they view him favorably and 16% unfavorably.

PPP surveyed 1,256 Maine voters from March 2nd to 4th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.8%. 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 Governor Paul LePage's job performance?

Approve..... 41% Not sure 7%
Disapprove..... 52%

Q2 If you could do last fall's election for Governor over again, would you vote for independent Eliot Cutler, Republican Paul LePage, or Democrat Libby Mitchell?

Eliot Cutler 43% Libby Mitchell 19%
Paul LePage..... 35% Not sure 3%

Q3 If there was an election for the State Legislature today, would you generally vote for Democratic candidates or Republicans?

Democrats..... 51% Not sure 13%
Republicans 37%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Susan Collins' job performance?

Approve 60% Not sure 9%
Disapprove..... 31%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Olympia Snowe's job performance?

Approve 69% Not sure 5%
Disapprove..... 26%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Michaud?

Favorable..... 53%
Unfavorable 27%
Not sure 20%

Q7 Do you favor a law allowing marriage licenses for same-sex couples that protects religious freedom by ensuring no religion or clergy be required to perform such a marriage in violation of their religious beliefs?

Yes..... 47%
No..... 32%
Not sure 21%

Q8 In general, do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 54%
Illegal 41%
Not sure 5%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Stephen King?

Favorable..... 60%
Unfavorable 16%
Not sure 24%

Q10 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 37%
Barack Obama..... 57%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal 14%
Somewhat liberal 21%
Moderate..... 31%
Somewhat conservative..... 21%
Very conservative 14%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%





Q13 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 43%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 23%

Q14 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 95%
Other..... 5%

Q15 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..... 24%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
LePage Approval				
Approve	41%	81%	14%	56%
Disapprove	52%	13%	79%	32%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cutler/LePage/Mitchell Re-do				
Eliot Cutler	43%	16%	61%	31%
Paul LePage	35%	75%	8%	48%
Libby Mitchell	19%	5%	28%	18%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	3%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democrats	51%	8%	81%	27%
Republicans	37%	83%	6%	37%
Not sure	13%	8%	13%	35%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Collins Approval				
Approve	60%	59%	59%	66%
Disapprove	31%	30%	33%	28%
Not sure	9%	11%	8%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Snowe Approval				
Approve	69%	55%	77%	76%
Disapprove	26%	38%	19%	20%
Not sure	5%	8%	3%	4%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Michaud Favorability				
Favorable	53%	25%	72%	44%
Unfavorable	27%	54%	10%	31%
Not sure	20%	21%	19%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Favor Gay Marriage Law ?				
Yes	47%	32%	58%	44%
No	32%	48%	20%	44%
Not sure	21%	20%	22%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal				
Legal	54%	17%	79%	47%
Illegal	41%	77%	17%	50%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
S. King Favorability				
Favorable	60%	41%	72%	58%
Unfavorable	16%	31%	5%	24%
Not sure	24%	28%	23%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
LePage Approval						
Approve	41%	11%	11%	33%	74%	86%
Disapprove	52%	86%	85%	57%	16%	8%
Not sure	7%	3%	4%	9%	10%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cutler/LePage/Mitchell Re-do						
Eliot Cutler	43%	49%	62%	55%	26%	4%
Paul LePage	35%	8%	6%	22%	66%	91%
Libby Mitchell	19%	39%	29%	19%	5%	3%
Not sure	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Leg. Ballot						
Democrats	51%	91%	84%	55%	14%	4%
Republicans	37%	8%	6%	23%	73%	91%
Not sure	13%	1%	10%	23%	13%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Collins Approval						
Approve	60%	46%	60%	68%	66%	47%
Disapprove	31%	47%	32%	24%	24%	43%
Not sure	9%	7%	8%	8%	10%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Snowe Approval						
Approve	69%	66%	78%	80%	64%	41%
Disapprove	26%	30%	17%	16%	31%	52%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Michaud Favorability						
Favorable	53%	72%	74%	61%	31%	16%
Unfavorable	27%	12%	8%	20%	43%	64%
Not sure	20%	16%	18%	19%	26%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Favor Gay Marriage Law?						
Yes	47%	62%	54%	53%	33%	30%
No	32%	20%	20%	23%	49%	56%
Not sure	21%	17%	26%	24%	18%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal						
Legal	54%	86%	81%	62%	24%	7%
Illegal	41%	12%	16%	31%	69%	90%
Not sure	5%	2%	4%	7%	7%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
S. King Favorability						
Favorable	60%	67%	74%	71%	44%	32%
Unfavorable	16%	14%	3%	8%	27%	39%
Not sure	24%	19%	23%	22%	29%	29%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
LePage Approval			
Approve	41%	35%	47%
Disapprove	52%	57%	47%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cutler/LePage/Mitchell Re-do			
Eliot Cutler	43%	47%	38%
Paul LePage	35%	27%	43%
Libby Mitchell	19%	20%	17%
Not sure	3%	5%	1%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Leg. Ballot			
Democrats	51%	56%	45%
Republicans	37%	30%	43%
Not sure	13%	13%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Collins Approval			
Approve	60%	66%	53%
Disapprove	31%	25%	38%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Snowe Approval			
Approve	69%	77%	61%
Disapprove	26%	18%	34%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Michaud Favorability			
Favorable	53%	57%	49%
Unfavorable	27%	20%	34%
Not sure	20%	23%	17%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Favor Gay Marriage Law?			
Yes	47%	49%	46%
No	32%	26%	37%
Not sure	21%	25%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	54%	61%	47%
Illegal	41%	34%	49%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
S. King Favorability			
Favorable	60%	62%	58%
Unfavorable	16%	12%	20%
Not sure	24%	26%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
LePage Approval				
Approve	41%	14%	75%	43%
Disapprove	52%	78%	18%	50%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cutler/LePage/Mitchell Re-do				
Eliot Cutler	43%	56%	18%	53%
Paul LePage	35%	8%	74%	29%
Libby Mitchell	19%	33%	5%	12%
Not sure	3%	2%	3%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democrats	51%	89%	7%	42%
Republicans	37%	4%	85%	28%
Not sure	13%	7%	8%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Collins Approval				
Approve	60%	57%	61%	64%
Disapprove	31%	35%	29%	28%
Not sure	9%	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Snowe Approval				
Approve	69%	76%	57%	72%
Disapprove	26%	20%	36%	23%
Not sure	5%	3%	7%	5%





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Michaud Favorability				
Favorable	53%	74%	26%	53%
Unfavorable	27%	11%	51%	25%
Not sure	20%	15%	24%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Favor Gay Marriage Law ?				
Yes	47%	55%	33%	54%
No	32%	21%	48%	28%
Not sure	21%	24%	19%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal				
Legal	54%	78%	20%	57%
Illegal	41%	18%	75%	36%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
S. King Favorability				
Favorable	60%	71%	42%	65%
Unfavorable	16%	8%	29%	10%
Not sure	24%	21%	28%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
LePage Approval			
Approve	41%	41%	38%
Disapprove	52%	52%	55%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Cutler/LePage/Mitchell Re-do			
Eliot Cutler	43%	43%	32%
Paul LePage	35%	35%	39%
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Not sure	3%	3%	2%

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		White	Other
Generic Leg. Ballot			
Democrats	51%	50%	61%
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Collins Approval			
Approve	60%	61%	38%
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Favorable	53%	53%	50%
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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Favor Gay Marriage Law?			
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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	54%	54%	59%
Illegal	41%	42%	32%
Not sure	5%	5%	9%





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		White	Other
S. King Favorability			
Favorable	60%	60%	51%
Unfavorable	16%	16%	21%
Not sure	24%	24%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
LePage Approval					
Approve	41%	41%	49%	38%	40%
Disapprove	52%	50%	44%	57%	51%
Not sure	7%	9%	7%	5%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cutler/LePage/Mitchell Re-do					
Eliot Cutler	43%	50%	31%	48%	41%
Paul LePage	35%	28%	47%	31%	36%
Libby Mitchell	19%	22%	17%	18%	20%
Not sure	3%	-	5%	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Leg. Ballot					
Democrats	51%	61%	42%	52%	51%
Republicans	37%	30%	47%	33%	37%
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Approve	60%	61%	58%	60%	60%
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Not sure	9%	9%	6%	9%	12%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Approve	69%	65%	65%	72%	70%
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Not sure	5%	2%	4%	5%	7%

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Favorable	53%	50%	41%	58%	59%
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Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal					
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Illegal	41%	41%	47%	36%	46%
Not sure	5%	4%	3%	4%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
S. King Favorability					
Favorable	60%	63%	63%	61%	52%
Unfavorable	16%	22%	17%	14%	14%
Not sure	24%	15%	20%	25%	34%

