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TABOR Going Down, Gay Marriage Still Close

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling’s final survey on the Maine referendum election finds voters 51-47 in favor of rejecting the state’s legalization of same sex marriage, more or less a tie given the poll’s margin of error.

The shift comes after a poll two weeks ago showed Question 1 in a straight up tie at 48-48. There’s been slight movement toward its passage because independents support it (52-46) and because there are more Democrats (27%) in favor of it than there are Republicans opposed to it (22%).

Men support the referendum 56-42, while women oppose it by a 52-46 margin. White voters give it just narrow support at 50-49 but nonwhites say they favor it by a 61-34 spread.

Tuesday’s outcome could end up being determined by the age breakdown of who shows up at the polls. Senior citizens support it 59-40 while voters under 30 oppose it 51-48. We expect there to be almost twice as many voters over 65 as young voters but if that gap narrows so would the vote on Question 1.

“With a race as close as this it all comes down to which side can get its people out to the polls,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It could go either way depending on who actually shows up to vote.”

There will be a lot less suspense on Tuesday night about TABOR 2, as voters oppose it 57-39. 76% of Democrats, 53% of independents, and even 39% of Republicans say they will vote against it.

PPP surveyed 1,133 likely voters on October 31st and November 1st. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Maine Poll

Q1 Question 1 for the upcoming Maine Referendum Election reads 'Do you want to reject the new law that lets same-sex couples marry and allows individuals and religious groups to refuse to perform these marriages?' Do you intend to vote yes or no on Question 1, which would undo the law that lets same sex couples marry? If you will vote yes on Question 1, press 1. If you will vote no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes51% Not Sure..... 2%
No.....47%

Q2 Question 4 reads 'Do you want to change the existing formulas that limit state and local government spending and require voter approval by referendum for spending over those limits and for increases in state taxes?' This measure is known as the TABOR 2. Do you intend to vote yes or no on Question 4? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 39%
No.....57%
Not Sure..... 4%

Q3 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain.....40%
Obama.....54%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 7%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 23%
Moderate..... 41%
Conservative..... 36%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man.....48%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 38%
Republican..... 33%
Other.....29%

Q7 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 91%
Other..... 9%

Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45.....26%
46 to 65.....42%
Older than 65..... 20%





	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Question 1				
Yes	51%	83%	28%	55%
No	47%	17%	71%	37%
Not Sure	2%	1%	1%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Question 4				
Yes	39%	59%	23%	47%
No	57%	39%	73%	37%
Not Sure	4%	3%	4%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Question 1				
Yes	51%	19%	40%	85%
No	47%	81%	59%	13%
Not Sure	2%	1%	2%	2%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Question 4				
Yes	39%	21%	32%	58%
No	57%	74%	64%	38%
Not Sure	4%	5%	4%	4%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Question 1			
Yes	51%	46%	56%
No	47%	52%	42%
Not Sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Question 4			
Yes	39%	31%	47%
No	57%	65%	49%
Not Sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Question 1				
Yes	51%	27%	77%	52%
No	47%	71%	22%	46%
Not Sure	2%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Question 4				
Yes	39%	21%	58%	40%
No	57%	76%	39%	53%
Not Sure	4%	3%	2%	7%





	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Question 1			
Yes	51%	50%	61%
No	47%	49%	34%
Not Sure	2%	1%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Question 4			
Yes	39%	37%	56%
No	57%	59%	38%
Not Sure	4%	4%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Question 1					
Yes	51%	48%	52%	48%	59%
No	47%	51%	47%	50%	40%
Not Sure	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Question 4					
Yes	39%	43%	37%	38%	39%
No	57%	52%	58%	58%	58%
Not Sure	4%	5%	5%	3%	3%

