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Maine Voters Unfazed by Gay Marriage, Support Assault Weapons Ban

Raleigh, N.C. – Over the past three weeks, Mainers have had the right to same-sex marriage if they so choose. Over the past two months, the whole nation has been in an uproar over gun control. Maine voters are siding with President Obama on both of these issues.

When asked if they approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance, a majority of Maine voters approve with a rating of (54-42). An advocate of same-sex marriage and stricter gun control, President Obama seems to have the support of Maine voters on these issues as well.

53% of Maine voters think same-sex marriage should be allowed in the state while 43% think it should not. When asked whether the legalization of same-sex marriage in Maine had a positive or negative impact on their life, or it has not had an impact at all, 61% said it has had no impact at all while 17% said it has had a positive impact and 22% said it has had a negative impact.

"78% of Maine voters- including a majority of people who voted against it in November- say that gay marriage being legal in the state is not having an adverse impact on their lives," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "For all the debate over the years it's turning out not to be a big deal for the vast majority of voters in the state."

The recent events in Newtown, Connecticut have sparked much discussion over gun control in this country. 49% of Maine voters support President Obama's executive orders on guns this week while 39% oppose them. When asked whether they support a ban on assault weapons, 55% support a ban while 38% oppose.

More Maine voters have an unfavorable opinion of the National Rifle Association with 47% unfavorable and 42% favorable. They also said they trust Barack Obama over the NRA concerning the issue of gun (49-43).

PPP surveyed 1,268 Maine voters from January 18th to 20th. The margin of error 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 President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 54%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you think same-sex marriage should be allowed in Maine, or not?

It should 53%
It should not 43%
Not sure 4%

Q3 Has the legalization of same-sex marriage in Maine had a positive or negative impact on your life, or has it not had any impact at all?

Positive impact..... 17%
Negative impact..... 22%
No impact at all..... 61%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Angus King's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 25%
Not sure 31%

Q5 Would you support or oppose the Maine Black Bears moving to the Big East for football?

Support 21%
Oppose 15%
Not sure 64%

Q6 Would you support or oppose banning assault weapons?

Support 55%
Oppose 38%
Not sure 7%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the National Rifle Association?

Favorable..... 42%
Unfavorable 47%
Not sure 11%

Q8 Do you support or oppose the executive orders President Obama issued on guns this week?

Support 49%
Oppose 39%
Not sure 12%

Q9 Who do you trust more on the issue of guns: Barack Obama or the NRA?

Barack Obama..... 49%
The NRA..... 43%
Not sure 8%

Q10 Would you support or opposing impeaching President Obama?

Support 26%
Oppose 62%
Not sure 12%

Q11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Lance Armstrong?

Favorable..... 9%
Unfavorable 66%
Not sure 24%





Q12 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	12%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	22%
<i>Moderate</i>	31%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	21%
<i>Very conservative</i>	14%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	53%
<i>Man</i>	47%

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.

<i>Democrat</i>	40%
<i>Republican</i>	30%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	30%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	92%
<i>Other</i>	8%

Q16 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
Obama Approval						
Approve	54%	84%	86%	65%	16%	12%
Disapprove	42%	16%	10%	28%	79%	87%
Not sure	4%	-	4%	6%	5%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Same-sex Marriage Be Allowed in ME?						
It should	53%	85%	81%	60%	27%	7%
It should not	43%	14%	15%	33%	68%	93%
Not sure	4%	1%	4%	7%	5%	0%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Legal SSM: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life						
Positive impact	17%	46%	31%	12%	5%	2%
Negative impact	22%	11%	8%	17%	31%	54%
No impact at all	61%	43%	61%	71%	64%	44%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
King Approval						
Approve	44%	65%	62%	53%	20%	10%
Disapprove	25%	13%	9%	17%	35%	67%
Not sure	31%	22%	29%	30%	45%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose UM Moving to Big East for FB?						
Support	21%	15%	23%	20%	22%	19%
Oppose	15%	16%	11%	18%	17%	13%
Not sure	64%	69%	67%	62%	61%	68%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban						
Support	55%	82%	81%	63%	25%	15%
Oppose	38%	18%	16%	28%	64%	76%
Not sure	7%	-	3%	9%	11%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
NRA Favorability						
Favorable	42%	18%	19%	32%	68%	85%
Unfavorable	47%	76%	74%	55%	17%	10%
Not sure	11%	6%	7%	14%	15%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Obama Guns EOs						
Support	49%	83%	78%	56%	17%	11%
Oppose	39%	13%	13%	27%	66%	85%
Not sure	12%	4%	10%	17%	17%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust Obama or NRA More on Guns?						
Barack Obama	49%	82%	78%	57%	15%	8%
The NRA	43%	16%	17%	32%	70%	90%
Not sure	8%	2%	5%	11%	15%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama						
Support	26%	11%	8%	20%	34%	70%
Oppose	62%	85%	89%	71%	37%	16%
Not sure	12%	4%	3%	10%	29%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Armstrong Favorability						
Favorable	9%	12%	11%	8%	10%	7%
Unfavorable	66%	70%	69%	69%	59%	64%
Not sure	24%	18%	21%	23%	31%	29%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	54%	61%	46%
Disapprove	42%	35%	50%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Same-sex Marriage Be Allowed in ME?			
It should	53%	59%	47%
It should not	43%	36%	50%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Legal SSM: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life			
Positive impact	17%	20%	14%
Negative impact	22%	18%	28%
No impact at all	61%	62%	58%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
King Approval			
Approve	44%	49%	37%
Disapprove	25%	20%	32%
Not sure	31%	31%	31%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose UM Moving to Big East for FB?			
Support	21%	16%	25%
Oppose	15%	12%	18%
Not sure	64%	72%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban			
Support	55%	65%	43%
Oppose	38%	26%	52%
Not sure	7%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
NRA Favorability			
Favorable	42%	36%	49%
Unfavorable	47%	53%	41%
Not sure	11%	11%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Obama Guns EOs			
Support	49%	58%	39%
Oppose	39%	28%	50%
Not sure	12%	13%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust Obama or NRA More on Guns?			
Barack Obama	49%	57%	40%
The NRA	43%	34%	52%
Not sure	8%	9%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama			
Support	26%	21%	32%
Oppose	62%	68%	55%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Armstrong Favorability			
Favorable	9%	8%	11%
Unfavorable	66%	67%	66%
Not sure	24%	25%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	54%	85%	15%	52%
Disapprove	42%	10%	83%	43%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Same-sex Marriage Be Allowed in ME?				
It should	53%	76%	22%	54%
It should not	43%	20%	75%	40%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Legal SSM: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life				
Positive impact	17%	28%	3%	16%
Negative impact	22%	9%	40%	22%
No impact at all	61%	63%	57%	61%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
King Approval				
Approve	44%	63%	20%	40%
Disapprove	25%	11%	45%	26%
Not sure	31%	26%	35%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose UM Moving to Big East for FB?				
Support	21%	19%	25%	18%
Oppose	15%	14%	17%	14%
Not sure	64%	67%	58%	68%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban				
Support	55%	79%	26%	50%
Oppose	38%	16%	64%	43%
Not sure	7%	5%	10%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
NRA Favorability				
Favorable	42%	18%	72%	45%
Unfavorable	47%	72%	17%	43%
Not sure	11%	9%	11%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Obama Guns EOs				
Support	49%	77%	16%	44%
Oppose	39%	14%	71%	40%
Not sure	12%	9%	13%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust Obama or NRA More on Guns?				
Barack Obama	49%	78%	14%	43%
The NRA	43%	16%	77%	47%
Not sure	8%	6%	10%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama				
Support	26%	7%	50%	29%
Oppose	62%	87%	30%	58%
Not sure	12%	5%	20%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Armstrong Favorability				
Favorable	9%	10%	12%	5%
Unfavorable	66%	69%	60%	69%
Not sure	24%	20%	28%	26%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	54%	54%	59%
Disapprove	42%	42%	39%
Not sure	4%	4%	2%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Should Same-sex Marriage Be Allowed in ME?			
It should	53%	53%	52%
It should not	43%	42%	46%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Legal SSM: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life			
Positive impact	17%	17%	18%
Negative impact	22%	22%	23%
No impact at all	61%	61%	59%





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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
King Approval			
Approve	44%	44%	31%
Disapprove	25%	25%	33%
Not sure	31%	31%	36%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Support/Oppose UM Moving to Big East for FB?			
Support	21%	21%	12%
Oppose	15%	15%	13%
Not sure	64%	64%	75%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban			
Support	55%	56%	42%
Oppose	38%	38%	48%
Not sure	7%	7%	10%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
NRA Favorability			
Favorable	42%	42%	43%
Unfavorable	47%	48%	41%
Not sure	11%	10%	16%





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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Support/Oppose Obama Guns EOs			
Support	49%	49%	53%
Oppose	39%	39%	34%
Not sure	12%	12%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Trust Obama or NRA More on Guns?			
Barack Obama	49%	49%	51%
The NRA	43%	43%	41%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama			
Support	26%	26%	26%
Oppose	62%	62%	60%
Not sure	12%	12%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Armstrong Favorability			
Favorable	9%	9%	15%
Unfavorable	66%	67%	53%
Not sure	24%	24%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval				
Approve	54%	52%	55%	55%
Disapprove	42%	43%	41%	40%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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It should	53%	56%	54%	46%
It should not	43%	41%	42%	47%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	8%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Legal SSM: Pos/Neg/No Impact on Your Life				
Positive impact	17%	20%	17%	12%
Negative impact	22%	26%	22%	17%
No impact at all	61%	54%	61%	71%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
King Approval				
Approve	44%	44%	42%	45%
Disapprove	25%	27%	25%	24%
Not sure	31%	29%	32%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose UM Moving to Big East for FB?				
Support	21%	25%	20%	15%
Oppose	15%	15%	15%	17%
Not sure	64%	61%	66%	69%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban				
Support	55%	44%	59%	66%
Oppose	38%	52%	32%	25%
Not sure	7%	5%	8%	8%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
NRA Favorability				
Favorable	42%	51%	39%	32%
Unfavorable	47%	44%	47%	54%
Not sure	11%	5%	14%	14%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Obama Guns EOs				
Support	49%	43%	52%	55%
Oppose	39%	45%	36%	31%
Not sure	12%	12%	11%	14%





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	Base	Age		
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Trust Obama or NRA More on Guns?				
Barack Obama	49%	43%	51%	56%
The NRA	43%	52%	40%	33%
Not sure	8%	5%	10%	11%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama				
Support	26%	33%	22%	23%
Oppose	62%	57%	66%	63%
Not sure	12%	10%	12%	14%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Armstrong Favorability				
Favorable	9%	15%	6%	6%
Unfavorable	66%	61%	72%	65%
Not sure	24%	25%	21%	29%

