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Maine Rep's Pingree, Michaud Favored for Re-election

Raleigh, N.C. – Both Chellie Pingree and Mike Michaud have high single-digit leads against their Republican opponents for another term representing Maine in the U.S. House, but both are also under 50%. And while Pingree is nearly matching her 2008 showing for her first and current term, Michaud is vastly underperforming in the more Republican of the two districts.

Since his first race to serve the 2nd Congressional District, which he won by 4 points in 2002, Michaud has been re-elected by margins of 18, 41, and 33 points in stronger Democratic years. But he now leads Jason Levesque only 45-38, despite 68% of voters still having no opinion of the Republican. Michaud does have his base locked up, 81-9, and only 65% of Republicans support Levesque, with Michaud at 14%. But 21% of the 41%-plurality GOP is undecided, so that unity gap will likely close in the next two months. Michaud will also have to hold his current 43-34 lead with independents.

Pingree is not doing much better judging solely by the toplines. She won 55-45 two years ago, and now tops Dean Scontras, 47-38. But considering that a Congressperson's first re-election race is usually the toughest of her career, and that she has a shorter vote record and less claim on the establishment mantle that is hampering so many incumbent Democrats, and that the demographics of her district are more favorable than Michaud's, this seat is in considerably stronger shape for retention. Democrats have a 39-37 turnout advantage in the 1st Congressional District, versus the 5-point Republican edge in the 2nd. And President Obama almost breaks even, with a 46-48 approval rating in Pingree's district, to a 41-54 in Michaud's. Like Levesque, two-thirds have no opinion of Scontras, but the latter almost matches Pingree in terms of party unity. His deficit comes from Pingree's 49-27 lead with unaffiliated voters.

PPP surveyed 790 likely Maine 1st Congressional District voters, for a margin of error of +/-3.5%, and 678 likely Maine 2nd Congressional District voters, for a margin of error of +/-3.8%, from September 2nd to 6th. 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.



Maine 1st CD Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 46%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 6%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support 45%
Oppose 47%
No opinion..... 8%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Congresswoman Chellie Pingree's job performance?

Approve 40%
Disapprove..... 39%
Not sure 21%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dean Scontras?

Favorable..... 15%
Unfavorable 20%
Not sure 66%

Q5 The candidates for Congress are Democrat Chellie Pingree and Republican Dean Scontras. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Chellie Pingree 47%
Dean Scontras..... 38%
Undecided..... 15%

Q6 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 54%
Someone else/Don't remember 4%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 21%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 34%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q9 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 39%
Republican..... 37%
Independent/Other..... 25%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 97%
Other..... 3%

Q11 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..... 7%
30 to 45..... 23%
46 to 65..... 41%
Older than 65..... 29%

Q12

1st..... 100%
2nd..... 0%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	3%	80%	42%
Disapprove	48%	95%	13%	48%
Not sure	6%	2%	8%	10%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Health Care				
Support	45%	4%	77%	40%
Oppose	47%	91%	13%	45%
No opinion	8%	5%	10%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Pingree Approval				
Approve	40%	7%	65%	27%
Disapprove	39%	75%	12%	43%
Not sure	21%	18%	23%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Scontras Favorability				
Favorable	15%	29%	4%	7%
Unfavorable	20%	12%	25%	19%
Not sure	66%	58%	70%	73%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Pingree/Scontras				
Chellie Pingree	47%	7%	78%	38%
Dean Scontras	38%	79%	8%	28%
Undecided	15%	13%	14%	34%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	88%	56%	8%
Disapprove	48%	7%	35%	90%
Not sure	6%	5%	9%	2%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care				
Support	45%	87%	53%	9%
Oppose	47%	7%	35%	87%
No opinion	8%	6%	12%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pingree Approval				
Approve	40%	79%	45%	9%
Disapprove	39%	8%	27%	74%
Not sure	21%	13%	28%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Scontras Favorability				
Favorable	15%	2%	9%	31%
Unfavorable	20%	37%	18%	11%
Not sure	66%	61%	74%	58%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pingree/Scontras				
Chellie Pingree	47%	89%	57%	8%
Dean Scontras	38%	6%	24%	76%
Undecided	15%	5%	18%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	46%	51%	41%
Disapprove	48%	43%	53%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care			
Support	45%	49%	41%
Oppose	47%	41%	52%
No opinion	8%	10%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pingree Approval			
Approve	40%	43%	36%
Disapprove	39%	30%	50%
Not sure	21%	27%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scontras Favorability			
Favorable	15%	12%	18%
Unfavorable	20%	14%	25%
Not sure	66%	74%	57%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pingree/Scontras			
Chellie Pingree	47%	51%	42%
Dean Scontras	38%	33%	44%
Undecided	15%	16%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	82%	10%	45%
Disapprove	48%	13%	88%	44%
Not sure	6%	5%	3%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care				
Support	45%	79%	11%	44%
Oppose	47%	14%	84%	43%
No opinion	8%	7%	5%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pingree Approval				
Approve	40%	68%	11%	38%
Disapprove	39%	11%	70%	38%
Not sure	21%	21%	19%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Scontras Favorability				
Favorable	15%	4%	30%	9%
Unfavorable	20%	29%	11%	18%
Not sure	66%	66%	59%	73%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pingree/Scontras				
Chellie Pingree	47%	81%	9%	49%
Dean Scontras	38%	7%	78%	27%
Undecided	15%	11%	12%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	46%	46%	60%
Disapprove	48%	49%	28%
Not sure	6%	5%	12%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Health Care			
Support	45%	45%	63%
Oppose	47%	48%	19%
No opinion	8%	8%	18%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Pingree Approval			
Approve	40%	39%	58%
Disapprove	39%	39%	35%
Not sure	21%	22%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Scontras Favorability			
Favorable	15%	15%	18%
Unfavorable	20%	20%	21%
Not sure	66%	66%	61%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Pingree/Scontras			
Chellie Pingree	47%	47%	55%
Dean Scontras	38%	39%	29%
Undecided	15%	15%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	46%	67%	41%	44%	49%
Disapprove	48%	33%	51%	51%	45%
Not sure	6%	-	7%	5%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Health Care					
Support	45%	50%	44%	45%	45%
Oppose	47%	42%	49%	48%	44%
No opinion	8%	8%	7%	7%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pingree Approval					
Approve	40%	42%	33%	38%	48%
Disapprove	39%	25%	40%	44%	35%
Not sure	21%	33%	27%	18%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scontras Favorability					
Favorable	15%	-	18%	16%	15%
Unfavorable	20%	33%	15%	21%	18%
Not sure	66%	67%	68%	63%	67%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pingree/Scontras					
Chellie Pingree	47%	67%	42%	45%	49%
Dean Scontras	38%	17%	42%	42%	35%
Undecided	15%	17%	16%	13%	15%





Maine 2nd CD Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 54%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support 37%
Oppose 53%
No opinion..... 11%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Congresswoman Mike Michaud's job performance?

Approve 39%
Disapprove..... 41%
Not sure 20%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jason Levesque?

Favorable..... 15%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 68%

Q5 The candidates for Congress are Democrat Mike Michaud and Republican Jason Levesque. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Mike Michaud..... 45%
Jason Levesque..... 38%
Undecided..... 17%

Q6 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 49%
Barack Obama..... 47%
Someone else/Don't remember 4%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 17%
Moderate..... 41%
Conservative..... 42%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q9 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..... 36%
Republican..... 41%
Independent/Other..... 23%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 97%
Other..... 3%

Q11 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..... 3%
30 to 45..... 12%
46 to 65..... 49%
Older than 65..... 36%

Q12

1st..... 0%
2nd..... 100%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	5%	83%	3%
Disapprove	54%	93%	11%	76%
Not sure	5%	2%	6%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Health Care				
Support	37%	3%	75%	-
Oppose	53%	90%	11%	76%
No opinion	11%	7%	14%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Michaud Approval				
Approve	39%	16%	65%	24%
Disapprove	41%	66%	14%	41%
Not sure	20%	18%	20%	34%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Levesque Favorability				
Favorable	15%	23%	7%	14%
Unfavorable	17%	12%	22%	17%
Not sure	68%	65%	71%	69%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Michaud/Levesque				
Mike Michaud	45%	15%	77%	31%
Jason Levesque	38%	65%	9%	34%
Undecided	17%	20%	14%	34%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	88%	54%	11%
Disapprove	54%	9%	41%	85%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care				
Support	37%	86%	49%	6%
Oppose	53%	6%	38%	85%
No opinion	11%	8%	14%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Michaud Approval				
Approve	39%	71%	49%	17%
Disapprove	41%	10%	29%	63%
Not sure	20%	19%	21%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Levesque Favorability				
Favorable	15%	5%	9%	25%
Unfavorable	17%	28%	15%	15%
Not sure	68%	67%	76%	60%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Michaud/Levesque				
Mike Michaud	45%	84%	58%	17%
Jason Levesque	38%	6%	24%	63%
Undecided	17%	9%	18%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	41%	46%	37%
Disapprove	54%	49%	59%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care			
Support	37%	39%	34%
Oppose	53%	48%	58%
No opinion	11%	13%	8%





Crosstabs

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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Levesque Favorability			
Favorable	15%	11%	20%
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Not sure	68%	78%	57%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Michaud/Levesque			
Mike Michaud	45%	49%	41%
Jason Levesque	38%	31%	45%
Undecided	17%	20%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	80%	8%	40%
Disapprove	54%	15%	87%	56%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care				
Support	37%	71%	7%	36%
Oppose	53%	15%	86%	52%
No opinion	11%	14%	7%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Michaud Approval				
Approve	39%	68%	17%	34%
Disapprove	41%	14%	61%	46%
Not sure	20%	18%	22%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Levesque Favorability				
Favorable	15%	7%	23%	12%
Unfavorable	17%	24%	12%	16%
Not sure	68%	69%	65%	72%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Michaud/Levesque				
Mike Michaud	45%	81%	14%	43%
Jason Levesque	38%	9%	65%	34%
Undecided	17%	10%	21%	23%





Crosstabs

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Obama Approval			
Approve	41%	41%	43%
Disapprove	54%	54%	52%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%

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		White	Other
Obama Health Care			
Support	37%	37%	43%
Oppose	53%	53%	48%
No opinion	11%	11%	10%

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		White	Other
Michaud Approval			
Approve	39%	40%	24%
Disapprove	41%	40%	71%
Not sure	20%	21%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Levesque Favorability			
Favorable	15%	15%	14%
Unfavorable	17%	16%	43%
Not sure	68%	69%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Michaud/Levesque			
Mike Michaud	45%	45%	38%
Jason Levesque	38%	38%	33%
Undecided	17%	17%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	41%	50%	26%	41%	47%
Disapprove	54%	44%	65%	55%	50%
Not sure	5%	6%	9%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Health Care					
Support	37%	50%	27%	37%	39%
Oppose	53%	44%	64%	53%	49%
No opinion	11%	6%	9%	10%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Michaud Approval					
Approve	39%	33%	19%	41%	45%
Disapprove	41%	33%	48%	42%	36%
Not sure	20%	33%	33%	17%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Levesque Favorability					
Favorable	15%	6%	19%	17%	12%
Unfavorable	17%	39%	11%	17%	17%
Not sure	68%	56%	70%	65%	72%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Michaud/Levesque					
Mike Michaud	45%	44%	28%	45%	50%
Jason Levesque	38%	28%	44%	41%	32%
Undecided	17%	28%	27%	14%	18%

