Maine General Election Poll
N=1,008 Telephone (Landline and Cell) and Online
10-13 February 2020
+/- 3.21% at the 95% Credibility Interval

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1. We understand that plenty of people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

    Yes 100%

2. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, independent or something else?

    Net: Democratic 30%
    Strong Democrat.. 19%
    Not so-strong Democrat.. 11%

    Net: Republican.. 28%
    Strong Republican 14%
    Not so-strong Republican 14%

    Net: Independent/Other... 42%
    Lean Democrat 15%
    Independent/Other... 14%
    Lean Republican 12%

[IF INDEPENDENT, ASK Q3]

3. Primaries in Maine are closed, meaning that in order to participate, you have to be a registered member of a party. Do you plan to register as a member of a party in order to participate in this year's primaries? (n=333)

    Yes, I plan to re-register as a
    member of the Democratic party 27%
    Yes, I plan to re-register as a
    member of the Republican party............................... 12%
    No, I do not plan to re-register 61%

4. We know that people are very busy and voting can take some time. Thinking ahead to this November, how likely are you to vote in the 2020 general election for president?

    Definitely will vote 91%
    Probably will vote 9%
    50-50 .... -
    Probably won't be voting.. -
    Definitely won't be voting .... -

[IF DEMOCRAT, OR INDEPENDENT WHO PLANS TO RE-REGISTER, ASK Q5]

5.   How likely are you to vote in the upcoming Democratic primary in Maine on March 3rd? (n=394)

         Definitely will vote 66%
         Probably will vote 23%
         Probably will not vote 4%
         Definitely will not vote 2%
         Unsure about voting 5%

6.   In general, would you say that Maine is headed in the right direction or is Maine off on the wrong track?

         Right direction 51%
         Wrong track 36%
         Not sure (Vol.) 13%

7.   Some people say they are pleased with government, while others say they are they are angry. Using a scale where 0 means "very angry" and 10 means "very pleased," how would you rate your view of the **<u>federal</u>** government in Washington?

         Net: Pleased (8-10) 13%
         Net: Neutral (3-7) 50%
         Net: Angry (0-2) 36%

         0 - Very Angry 16%
         1 .... 8%
         2 .... 12%
         3 .... 14%
         4 .... 8%
         5 .... 16%
         6 .... 7%
         7 .... 5%
         8 .... 8%
         9 .... 2%
         10 - Very Pleased 3%
         Not Sure (Vol.) 1%

8.   Using the same scale where 0 means "very angry" and 10 means "very pleased," how would you rate your view of the **Maine** state government?

Net: Pleased (8-10).. **18%**
Net: Neutral (3-7)... **66%**
Net: Angry (0-2)... **15%**

0 - Very Angry 6%
1 .... 4%
2 .... 5%
3 .... 7%
4 .... 9%
5 .... 21%
6 .... 14%
7 .... 16%
8 .... 10%
9 .... 4%
10 - Very Pleased 4%
Not Sure (Vol.) 1%

9.   In your own words, what do you think is the most important issue facing Maine today?

Open-ended question. Verbatim results pending.

10.   How optimistic are you about the direction that Maine is headed?

Net: Optimistic **66%**
Net: Pessimistic **33%**

Very optimistic... 10%
Somewhat optimistic 55%
Somewhat pessimistic 23%
Very pessimistic 9%
Not Sure (Vol.) 2%

Now I would like to list the names of a few people in public life, both at the national level and in Maine. For each, would you please tell us your opinion of that person.

11.   Donald Trump. Is your opinion of him…

Net: Favorable **39%**
Net: Unfavorable **60%**

Extremely favorable 17%
Favorable 22%
Unfavorable... 13%
Extremely unfavorable 46%
Not sure (Vol.).. 1%

12.   Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky? Is your opinion of him…

Net: Favorable **31%**
Net: Unfavorable **50%**

Extremely favorable 6%
Favorable 25%
Unfavorable... 22%
Extremely unfavorable 29%
Not sure (Vol.)... 18%

Let's switch to the state of Maine.

13.   What is your opinion of Governor Janet Mills?

Net: Favorable **59%**
Net: Unfavorable **37%**

Extremely favorable 11%
Favorable 48%
Unfavorable... 18%
Extremely unfavorable 19%
Not sure (Vol.).. 4%

14.   What is your opinion of Senator Susan Collins?

Net: Favorable **42%**
Net: Unfavorable **54%**

Extremely favorable 10%
Favorable 33%
Unfavorable... 33%
Extremely unfavorable 20%
Not sure (Vol.).. 4%

[IF DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, ASK Q15]

15.   If the Maine Democratic primary for president was held today, would you vote for: (n=350)

        Bernie Sanders 25%
        Pete Buttigieg... 16%
        Mike Bloomberg 14%
        Joe Biden 12%
        Elizabeth Warren 9%
        Amy Klobuchar.. 4%
        Tulsi Gabbard 3%
        Andrew Yang 2%
        Tom Steyer 2%
        Michael Benet 1%
        Deval Patrick... -
        Someone Else... -
        Have not made up my mind...................................... 12%

[IF DEMOCRAT, OR INDEPENDENT WHO PLANS TO RE-REGISTER, ASK Q16]

16.   The Maine Democratic primary for U.S. Senate will be held in June. If the Maine Democratic
        primary for U.S. Senate was held today, would you vote for: (n=383)

        Sara Gideon.. 60%
        Betsy Sweet 8%
        Ross LaJeunesse .... -
        Another candidate.. 2%
        Unsure at this time.. 31%

17.   If the election for president were held today, would you vote for:

        Whoever the Democratic candidate is........................ 37%
        Donald Trump, the Republican 34%
        It depends on who the Democrat is 15%
        Undecided at this time 15%

18.   If the election for the United States Senate was held today and the candidates were Republican
        Susan Collins and Democratic Sara Gideon, who would you vote for?

        Sara Gideon.. 43%
        Susan Collins 42%
        Unsure at this time.. 14%

19.   If the election for the United States Senate was held today and the candidates were Republican
        Senator Susan Collins and a Democrat other than Sara Gideon, who would you vote for?

        Susan Collins 40%
        Whoever the Democratic candidate is........................ 34%
        Unsure at this time.. 26%

[IF RESIDENT OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2, ASK Q20]

20.   If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives was held today, would you vote for: (n=493)

Jared Golden, the Democrat...................................... 43%
The Republican candidate – whoever that is............. 29%
Or are you unsure at this time 28%

21.   How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?

Just about always 2%
Most of the time 13%
Only some of the time... 63%
Never.. 22%
Unsure (Vol.).. 2%

22.   How much of the time do you think you can trust the Maine government to do what is right?

Just about always 3%
Most of the time 37%
Only some of the time... 50%
Never.. 8%
Unsure (Vol.).. 1%

23.   And how much of the time do you think you can trust your local government to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, only some of the time or never?

Just about always 5%
Most of the time 41%
Only some of the time... 45%
Never.. 6%
Unsure (Vol.)... 2%

As you may know, the Senate recently completed the impeachment trial of Donald Trump. The President was acquitted, he was not required to leave office.

24.   First, how closely did you follow the impeachment process?

Net: Closely 79%
Net: Not closely/Did not pay attention................... 21%

Very closely... 32%
Somewhat closely 47%
Not at all closely... 16%
I did not pay attention 4%

25.   Next, do you think the Senate made the right decision? That is, in your view, was it right that the Senate did not remove President Trump from office?

     Yes, it was the right decision 48%
     No, it was the wrong decision 49%
     Unsure (Vol.) 3%

26.   Senator Susan Collins voted to acquit Donald Trump. It was a vote against removing him from office. Do you think she made the right decision?

     Yes, she made the right decision
     to keep President Trump in office 49%
     No, she made the wrong decision
     to keep President Trump in office 50%
     Unsure (Vol.) 1%

27.   Did Susan Collins' vote to acquit the President make you more or less likely to vote for her in the November general election – or did it not change your opinion either way?

     More likely 17%
     Less likely 36%
     About the same – it did not change
     my opinion either way 46%
     Unsure (Vol.) 1%

28.   When it comes to the role that Susan Collins played during the entire impeachment process, which of the following best reflects your view?

     Mainers should be proud of the job
     that Senator Collins did 30%
     Mainers should be disappointed by the job
     that Senator Collins did 37%
     Mainers should have mixed feelings about the job
     that Senator Collins did 31%
     Unsure (Vol.) 1%

29.   Which of the following best describes the type of community you live in?

     City 21%
     Rural area 47%
     Somewhere in between a city and rural area 32%
     Refused (Vol.) 1%

30.   What is your age?*

     18 to 34 .... 8%
     35 to 49 .... 22%
     50 to 64 .... 40%
     Over 65 .... 29%

31.   Gender*

        Male 49%
        Female 51%

32.   Which of the following best describes your race and ethnicity?*

        White, Non-Hispanic 94%
        Black, Non-Hispanic.. 0%
        Hispanic 1%
        Asian 0%
        Other, Non-Hispanic 1%
        Two or more races, Non-Hispanic 1%
        Two or more races, Hispanic 1%
        Refused.. 2%

33.   What is the highest level of education you've completed?

        Some high school or less.. 2%
        High school or equivalent 21%
        Some college, but no degree.................................... 23%
        Associate's degree / Trade school degree 19%
        Bachelor's degree 23%
        Graduate degree... 11%
        Doctorate degree 1%

34.   Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

        Employed full-time 40%
        Employed part-time.. 7%
        Self-employed 10%
        Not employed... 28%
        Not employed / Homemaker 7%
        Student... 7%
        Refused.. 0%

35.   Were you born in Maine?

        Yes.. 62%
        No.. 38%
        Unsure (Vol.)... 1%

[IF NOT BORN IN MAINE, ASK Q36]

36.   How many years have you lived in Maine? (n=343)

        Average..22 Years

Methodology Statement

From February 10-13, 2020 Colby College contacted N=1,184 registered voters in Maine. Respondents were further screened, and those who indicated they were definitely or probably be voting in the 2020 general election were included as completed responses (N=1,008). The results of this survey include interviews conducted over the telephone and online. Sampling design and fielding were managed by SocialSphere, Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

A probability-based telephone survey of n=301 likely voters was conducted using a voter file that was obtained from Scientific Telephone Samples (STS). Interviewers from Quantel Research randomly selected numbers to call from the voter file and interviewers asked to speak with the person named in the database. Gender and age verification were performed to ensure the correct respondent was contacted. Both cell phones and landlines were included. All interviews were conducted in English. The sample was divided by Congressional district, with approximately half of the responses coming from each of Maine's two Congressional districts. Weighting was used to account for non-response error and weighted to match the geodemographic composition of the voter file on the key variables of age, gender, Congressional district, and partisanship. Additionally, data from the April 2019 Current Population Survey were used to weight the data on the basis of educational attainment using a raking methodology.

These interviews were supplemented with a non-probability-based sample of likely voters in Maine (n=707). The sample for this aspect of the survey was obtained from the Lucid marketplace, and only top-tier providers as determined by their QScore metric were used. Additionally, data were vetted on a case-by-base basis to ensure response quality. For the online sample, stratified matching to the voter file was employed to facilitate age, gender, and party identification sampling quotas. Age and gender quotas were interlocked during the fielding process. A raking methodology was used to both weight the data to geodemographic targets (age, race, gender, county, zip code density, party registration, and education attainment), and calibrated to account for online propensity and other known attitudinal biases present in an online sample. Additionally, calibration included matching to the previous turnout in 2014, 2016, and 2018 general elections. The data was then trimmed to remove any cases with outlier weights. For weighting targets, the voter file was used when data were available, and the April 2019 Current Population Survey was used for data not included in the voter file, namely educational attainment.

The telephone and online samples were combined using their established weights. An unequal design effect was computed for both the telephone and online samples. To compute design effects, a variety of factors were used. For the telephone study, non-response bias was the primary weighting factor. Within the non-weighted telephone sample, age and infrequent voting history were the primary factors accounted for in assessing non-response bias. Specifically, the telephone sample lacked coverage of voters who voted in 2016 but did not vote in 2018. For the online sample, non-coverage by age was a primary concern. The two sets of weights were combined in proportion to their design effects. A final weight between the two samples was calculated, and the online sample was weighted to account for 53% of respondents and the telephone sample accounted for the remaining 47% of respondents. Lastly, the weights were re-raked using both demographic targets for weighting and behavioral targets for calibration.

Voluntary responses indicated by "(Vol.)" were available only to telephone respondents. The exceptions were: Q6 (Direction of the Country) and Q12-15 (Favorability of national and state elected officials). In these cases, "Not sure" was voluntary for telephone respondets, and it was offered as a choice online.

Demographic questions noted with an asterisk (*) were recorded from the voter file for telephone interviews and asked online. Gender, age, race and ethnicity, and educational attainment were asked at the start of the survey online. Additionally, vote history is self-reported online and drawn from the voter file in telephone interviews.