



Public Opinion Survey Results

The Maine People's Resource Center conducted a public opinion survey of 971 registered Maine voters between May 1st and May 8th, 2011.

The results show Governor Paul LePage with a job approval rating of 41.1%, with 52.7% of respondents disapproving of his performance as governor.

LePage did better among men than women and had a higher rating among respondents age 30-44 than any other age group. LePage's greatest level of support from any demographic or ideological group measured came from self-declared supporters of the tea party, 78.9% of whom approved of his job performance. Only 24.3% of those who do not support the tea party and 16.4% of Democrats approved of LePage's handling of the governorship.

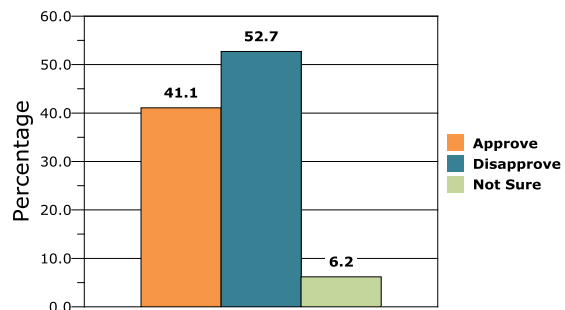
Senator Olympia Snowe had the approval of 64% of those surveyed, with 31.2% disapproving of her performance as senator. This rate of approval was relatively steady across party lines and across almost all other demographic measures. Only among respondents age 18-29 and among tea party supporters did Snowe have much lower levels of approval, at 57.1% and 47.8%, respectively.

Snowe's high level of general approval, including among Republicans, does not seem to inoculate her from the threat of a primary challenge. When asked if they would support Snowe or an unnamed conservative challenger in 2012, a 47.7% plurality of Republicans chose the challenger, with 46.7% supporting Snowe.

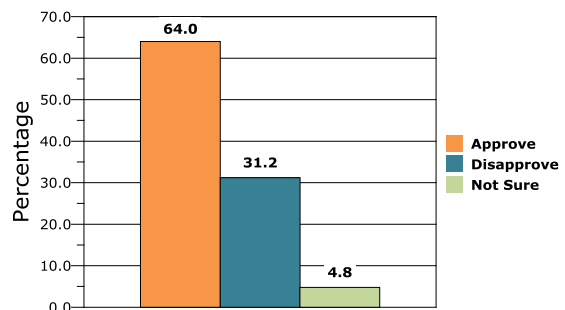
Snowe did much better against named opponents. When Snowe was then listed along with her announced challengers, Scott D'amboise and Andrew Ian Dodge, only 8% of Republicans chose D'Amboise and 4.2% supported Dodge. Snowe received the support of 49.5%, with 38.3% undecided.

A large majority of those surveyed expresses support for the creation of a state bank, an issue now being discussed in the Maine legislature. 70.9% approved of the idea, with 7.6% opposed. Support for a state bank was relatively steady across demographic groups, with slightly higher support among men than women and among supporters of the tea party than among non-supporters.

Question 1 - Do you approve or disapprove of how Paul LePage is handling his job as Governor?

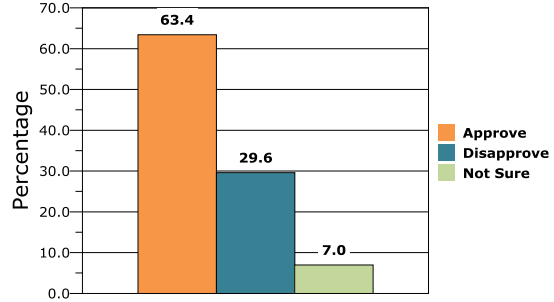


Question 2 - Do you approve or disapprove of how Olympia Snowe is handling her job as senator? (all registered voters)

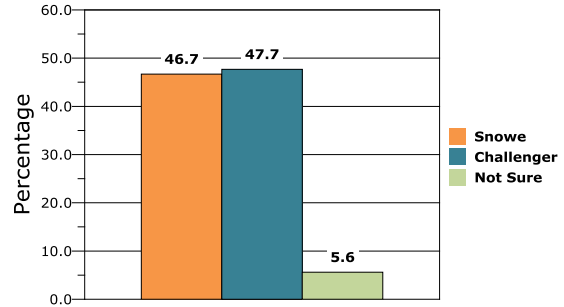




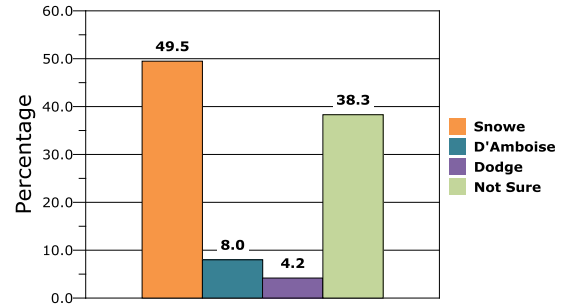
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(Republicans only)



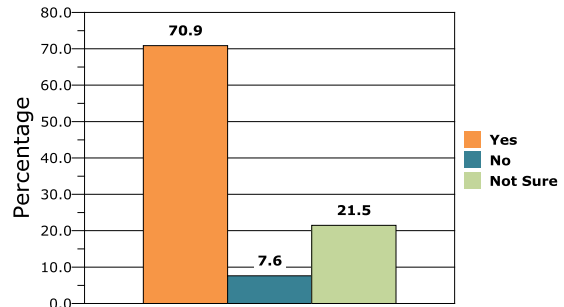
Question 3 - Generally speaking, if you were to vote in the Republican primary for Senate next year and your choice was between Olympia Snowe and a more conservative candidate, who would you vote for? (Republicans only)



Question 4 - If the candidates for Senate next year were Olympia Snowe, Scott D'Amboise, and Andrew Ian Dodge who would you vote for? (Republicans only)



Question 5 - Would you support the creation of a Maine state economic development bank that would bring the money state government currently puts into out-of-state banks back into Maine to invest locally?





Crosstabs

lepageapprove * gender Crosstabulation

% within gender

		gender		Total
		female	male	
lepageapprove	approve	35.2%	47.6%	41.1%
	disapprove	57.5%	47.4%	52.7%
	not sure	7.3%	5.0%	6.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

lepageapprove * age Crosstabulation

% within age

		age				Total
		18-29	30-44	45-65	65+	
lepageapprove	approve	37.4%	56.1%	35.3%	37.9%	41.1%
	disapprove	51.1%	38.6%	60.9%	53.6%	52.7%
	not sure	11.5%	5.3%	3.8%	8.5%	6.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

lepageapprove * CD Crosstabulation

% within CD

		CD		Total
		1	2	
lepageapprove	approve	41.1%	41.1%	41.1%
	disapprove	52.0%	53.5%	52.7%
	not sure	6.9%	5.5%	6.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



lepageapprove * party Crosstabulation

% within party

		party			Total
		D	R	I	
lepageapprove	approve	16.4%	72.5%	38.7%	41.1%
	disapprove	79.3%	23.0%	52.0%	52.7%
	not sure	4.3%	4.5%	9.3%	6.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

lepageapprove * teaparty Crosstabulation

% within teaparty

		teaparty		Total
		support	non	
lepageapprove	approve	78.9%	24.3%	41.1%
	disapprove	17.1%	68.7%	52.7%
	not sure	4.0%	7.0%	6.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

snoweapprove * gender Crosstabulation

% within gender

		gender		Total
		female	male	
snoweapprove	approve	63.1%	64.9%	64.0%
	disapprove	30.4%	32.1%	31.2%
	not sure	6.5%	3.0%	4.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



snoweapprove * age Crosstabulation

% within age

		age				Total
		18-29	30-44	45-65	65+	
snoweapprove	approve	57.1%	64.0%	64.4%	67.3%	64.0%
	disapprove	38.3%	32.9%	29.8%	27.0%	31.1%
	not sure	4.5%	3.1%	5.8%	5.7%	4.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

snoweapprove * CD Crosstabulation

% within CD

		CD		Total
		1	2	
snoweapprove	approve	64.3%	63.7%	64.0%
	disapprove	29.4%	33.0%	31.2%
	not sure	6.3%	3.4%	4.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

snoweapprove * party Crosstabulation

% within party

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		D	R	I	
snoweapprove	approve	64.0%	63.4%	64.6%	64.1%
	disapprove	31.7%	29.6%	32.0%	31.2%
	not sure	4.2%	7.0%	3.4%	4.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



snoweapprove * teaparty Crosstabulation

% within teaparty

		teaparty		Total
		support	non	
snoweapprove	approve	47.8%	71.1%	64.0%
	disapprove	47.5%	24.0%	31.2%
	not sure	4.7%	4.9%	4.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

statebank * gender Crosstabulation

% within gender

		gender		Total
		female	male	
statebank	yes	68.2%	73.8%	70.9%
	no	6.3%	9.0%	7.6%
	not sure	25.4%	17.2%	21.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

statebank * age Crosstabulation

% within age

		age				Total
		18-29	30-44	45-65	65+	
statebank	yes	68.2%	73.2%	70.4%	70.6%	70.8%
	no	7.6%	5.3%	8.8%	8.1%	7.6%
	not sure	24.2%	21.5%	20.8%	21.3%	21.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



statebank * CD Crosstabulation

% within CD

		CD		Total
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statebank	yes	70.0%	72.0%	71.0%
	no	6.5%	8.6%	7.5%
	not sure	23.6%	19.4%	21.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

statebank * party Crosstabulation

% within party

		party			Total
		D	R	I	
statebank	yes	71.2%	67.0%	73.7%	70.9%
	no	6.1%	8.0%	8.5%	7.5%
	not sure	22.7%	25.0%	17.8%	21.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

statebank * teaparty Crosstabulation

% within teaparty

		teaparty		Total
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statebank	yes	77.0%	68.1%	70.9%
	no	7.0%	7.8%	7.5%
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Methodology

A survey of 971 Maine registered voters was conducted by interactive voice response from May 1st through May 8th, 2011. Calls were made at different times of day to maximize the diversity of possible respondents. Questions were recorded by a female interviewer.

Survey results were mathematically weighted by gender, age and geographic area to ensure an accurate representation of the population being surveyed. The sample was not weighted by party or ideology.

The margin of error of this survey is 3.14%, 95 times out of 100. Sub-samples may have a larger margin of error.

Frequencies and percentages may not always add up to the total number of responses or to 100%, due to weighting and rounding.

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Demographic Frequencies

Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	506	52.2
Female	464	47.8
Total	971	100.0

Age

	Frequency	Percent
18-29	132	13.6
30-44	228	23.5
45-65	400	41.2
65+	211	21.7
Total	971	100.0

Congressional District

	Frequency	Percent
CD 1	496	51.1
CD 2	475	48.9
Total	971	100.0

Party

	Frequency	Percent
Democratic	330	34.0
Republican	288	29.6
Independent /other	353	36.4
Total	971	100.0

Tea Party

	Frequency	Percent
Tea Party	299	30.8
Non-Tea Party	667	68.7
Not Sure	4	.4
Total	971	100.0