



MAINE PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

February 2-4, 2012 ■ N=558

Accuracy

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“Uncannily close... Considering the final results, the center receives kudos for its work.” –**Portland Press Herald**

“MPRC is bringing transparency and accountability to a challenging area of public debate... MPRC is elevating the discourse around what Maine people actually think and want.” –**Portland Phoenix**

“While there are conflicting numbers from two pollsters, I tend to believe the Maine People's Resource Center, or MPRC, has the more accurate findings. Over the last two years they have polled eight contests and, without fail, their findings among the published public polls have been closest to the actual results.” –**Former LePage Administration Communications and Policy Director Dan Demerit**

Methodology

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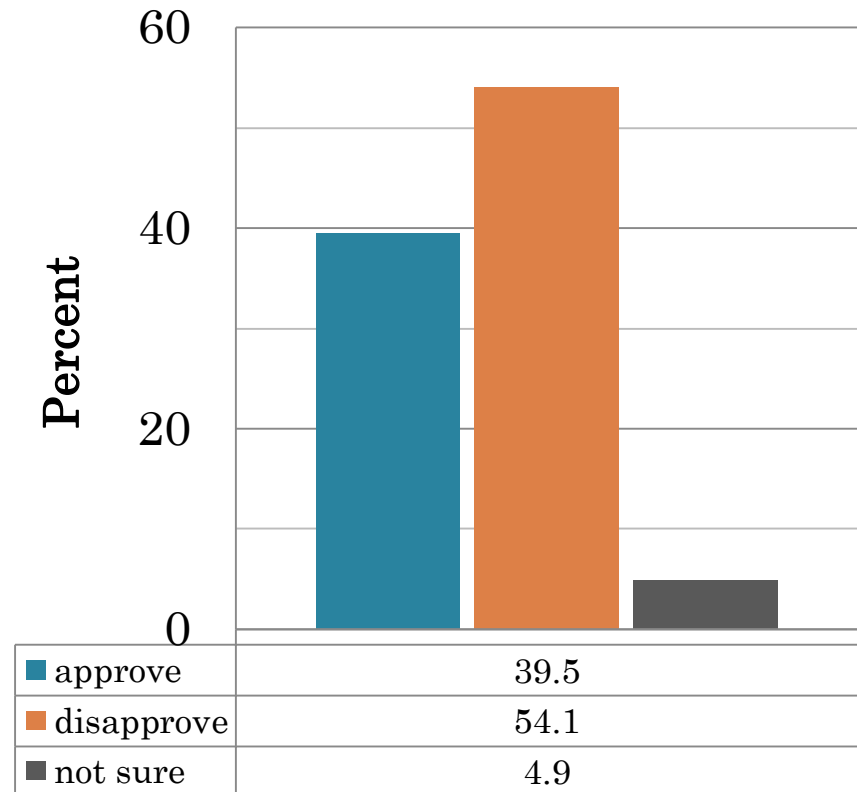
- A survey of 558 registered Maine voters in likely voter households was conducted by interactive voice response from February 2-4, 2013. Calls were made at different times of day to maximize the diversity of possible respondents. Questions were recorded by a female interviewer.
- Survey results were 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 4.15%, 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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LePage Approval

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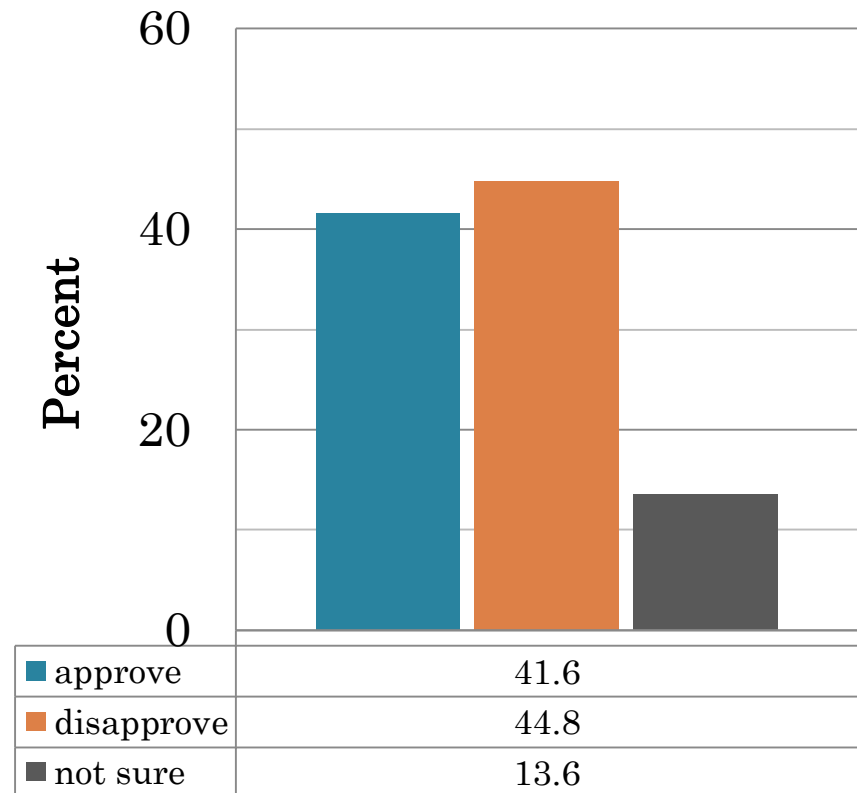
- Do you approve or disapprove of how Paul LePage is handling his job as governor?



Democrats in Legislature Approval

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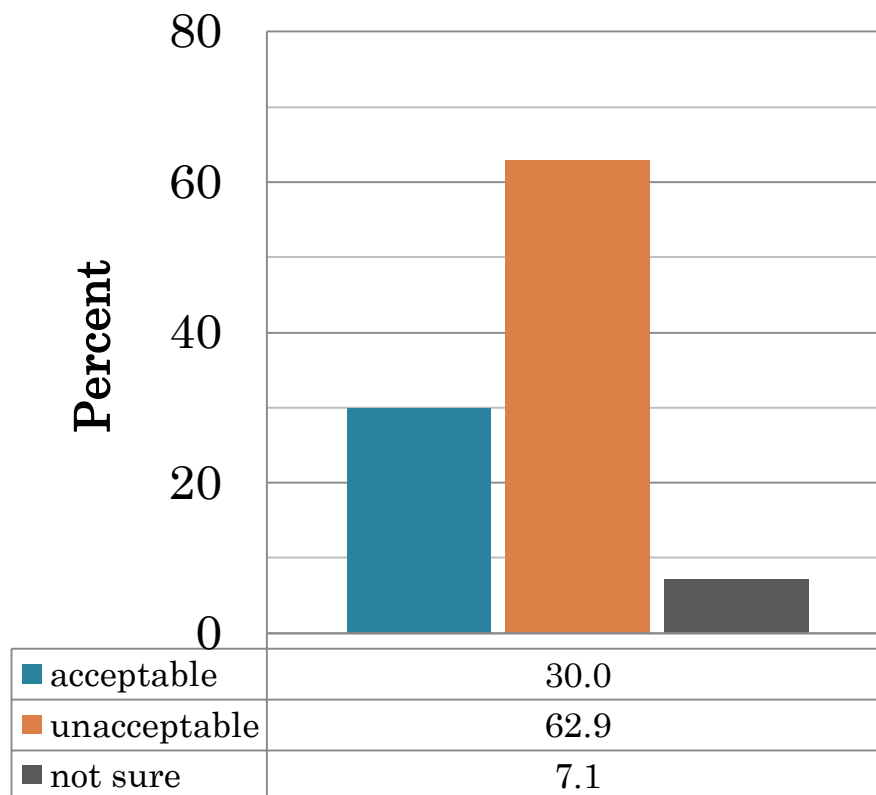
- Do you approve or disapprove of how Democrats in the Legislature are handling their jobs?



Budget – Health Care

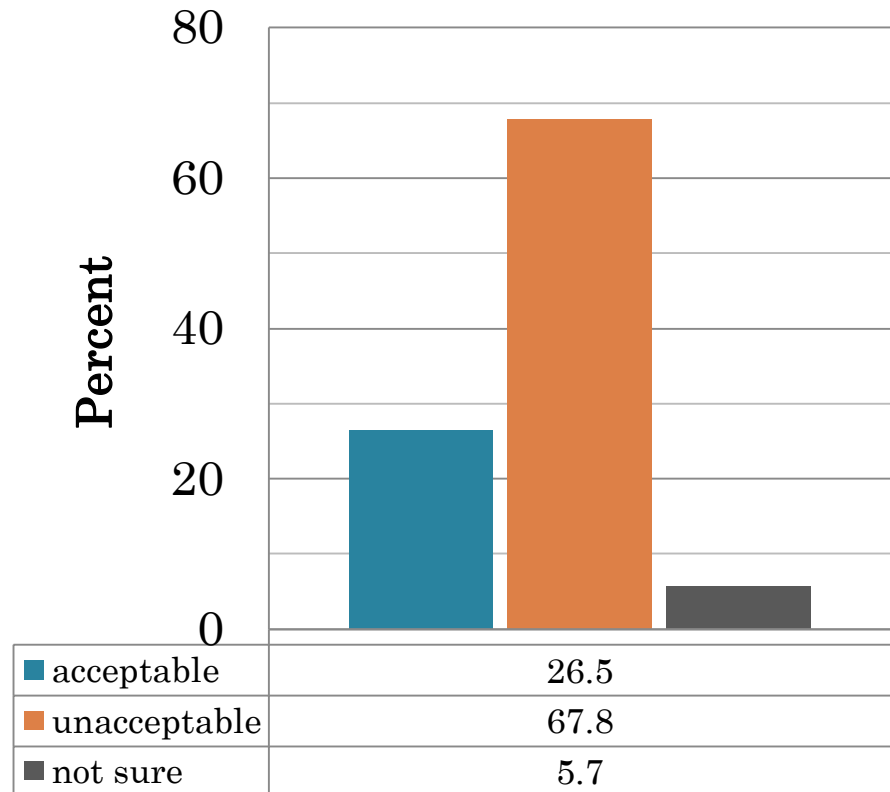
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- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept cutting spending on Medicaid, which is the government health insurance program for the poor, or is this something you would find unacceptable?



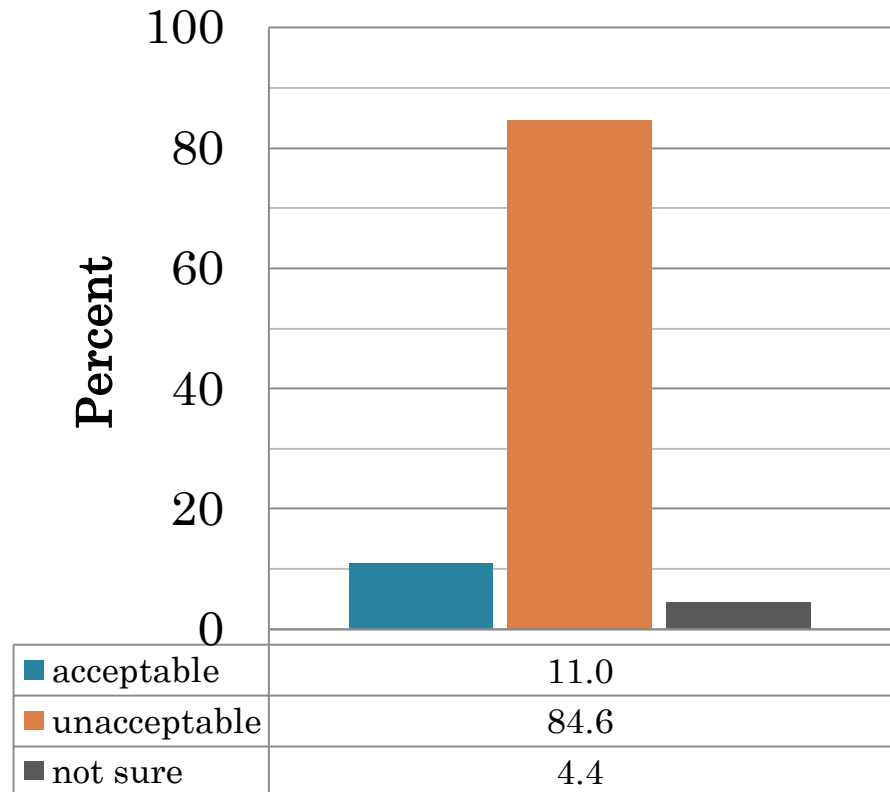
Budget – Education

- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept cutting spending on local schools or is this something you would find unacceptable?



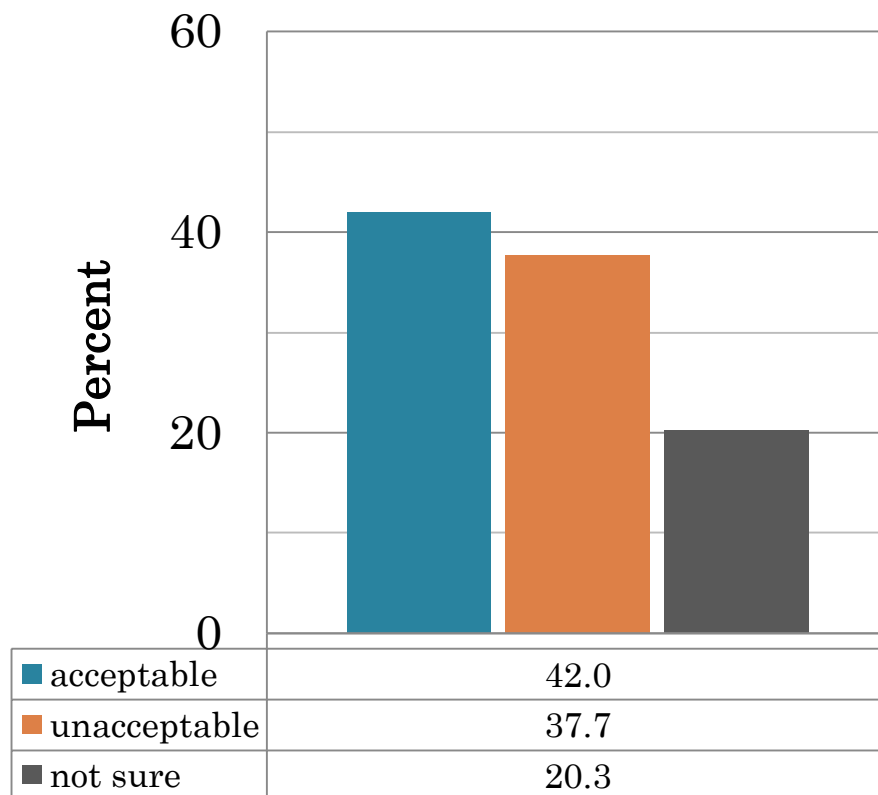
Budget – Property Taxes

- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept increasing local property taxes or is this something you would find unacceptable?



Budget – Cancelling Tax Cuts

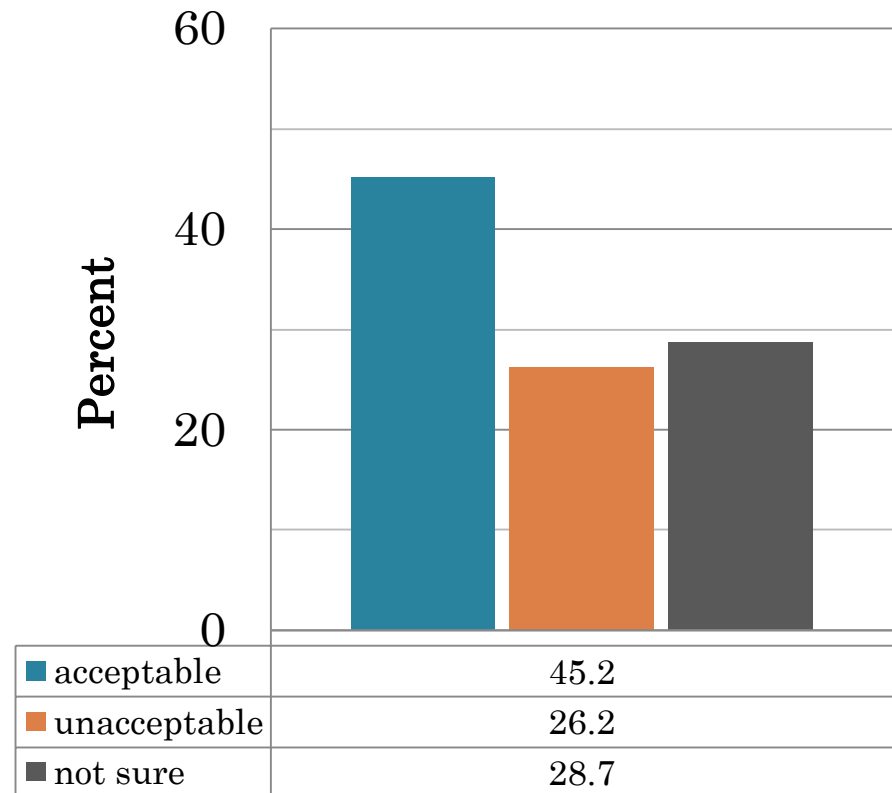
- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept cancelling all the tax cuts passed by Governor LePage scheduled to go into effect this year, or is this something you would find unacceptable?



Budget – Estate Tax

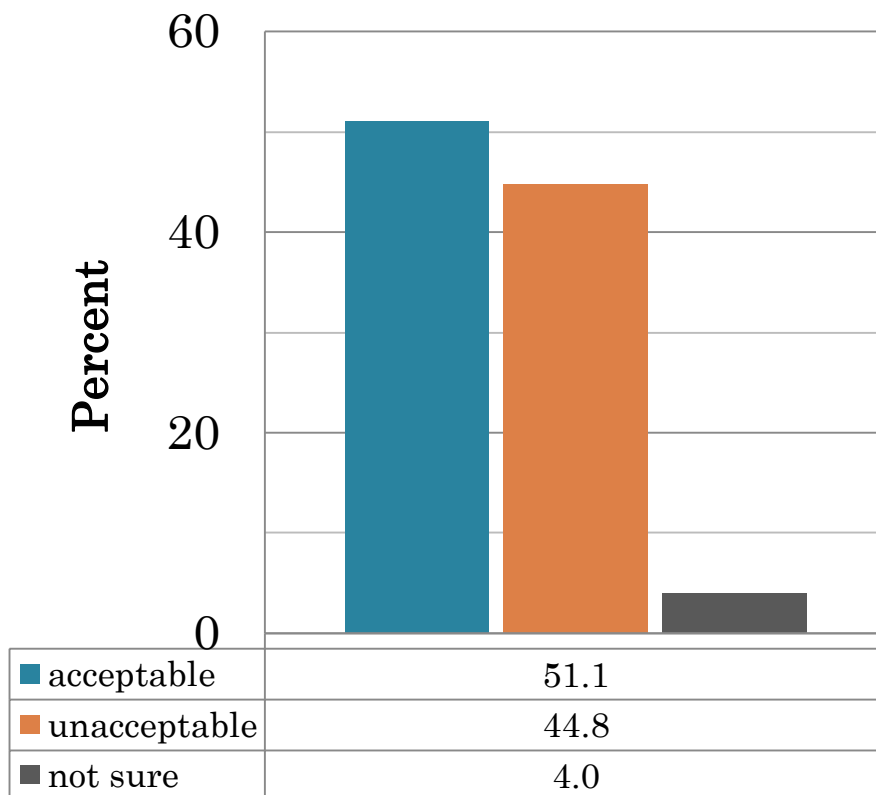
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- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept cancelling the new tax cut for estates worth more than \$1 million or is this something you would find unacceptable?



Budget – Sales Tax

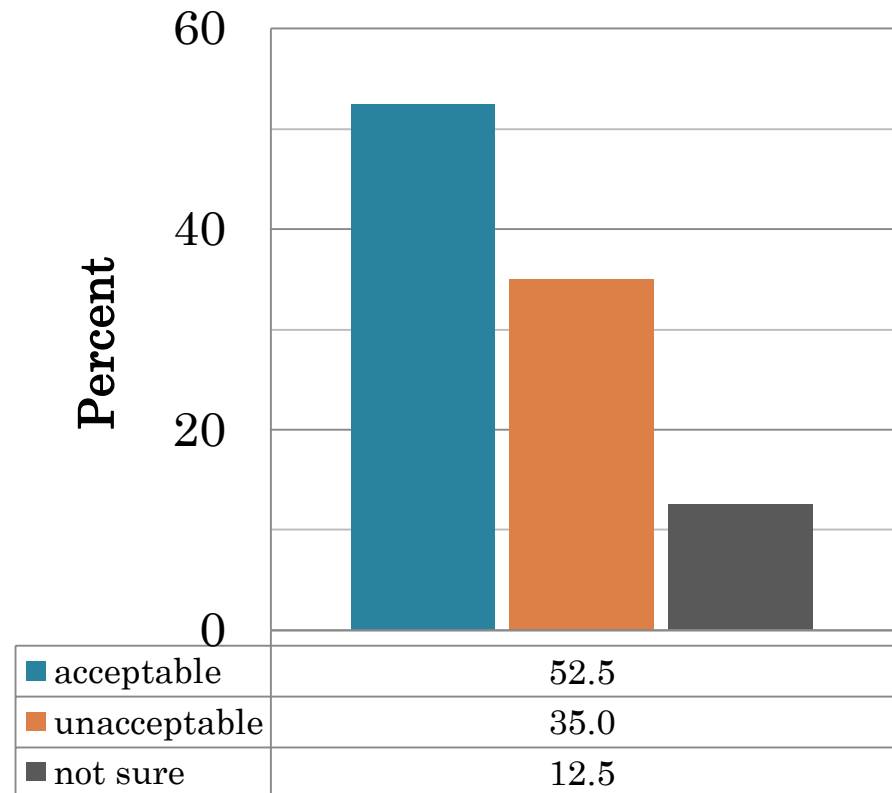
- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept raising the sales tax by one cent or is this something you would find unacceptable?



Budget – Corporate Taxes

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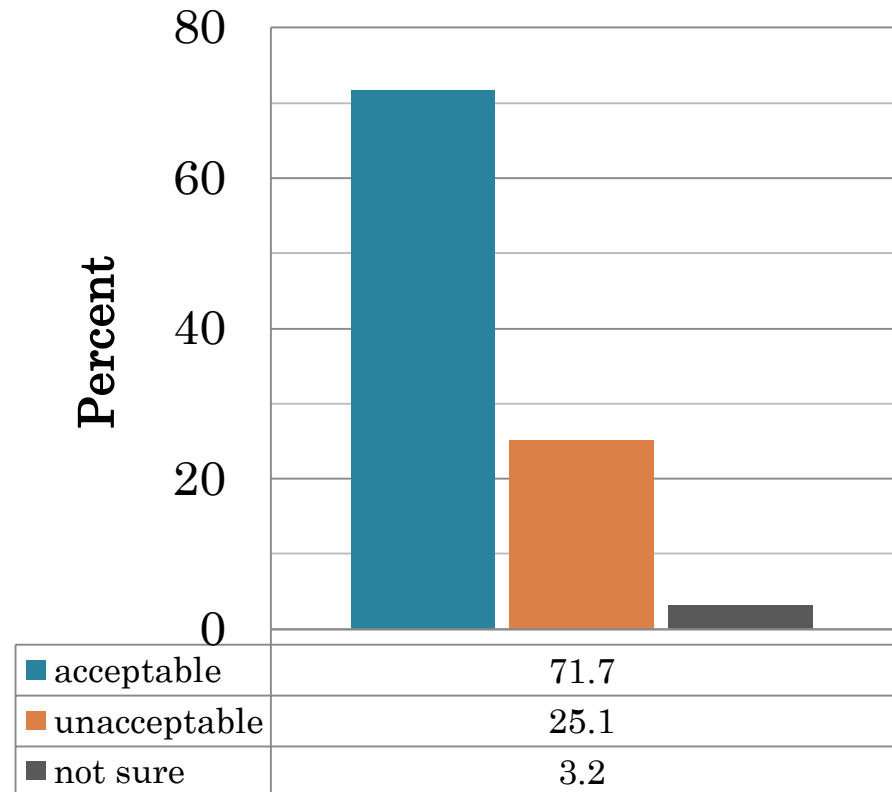
- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept increasing corporate taxes or is this something you would find unacceptable?



Budget – Cigarette Tax

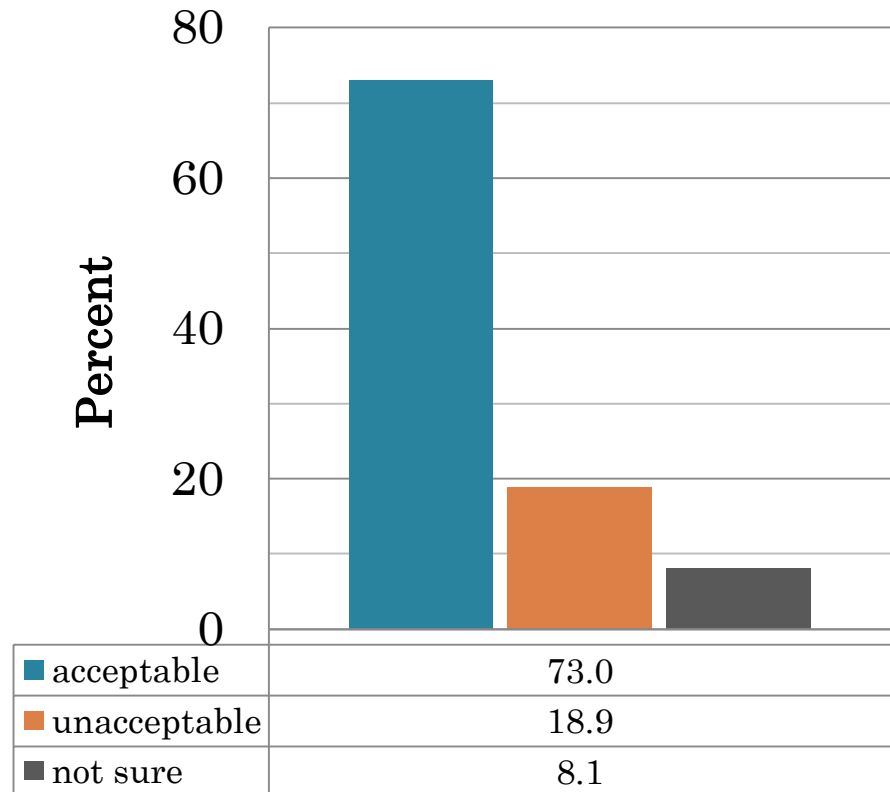
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- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept raising the tax on cigarettes by \$1.50 or is this something you would find unacceptable?



Budget – Lodging Tax

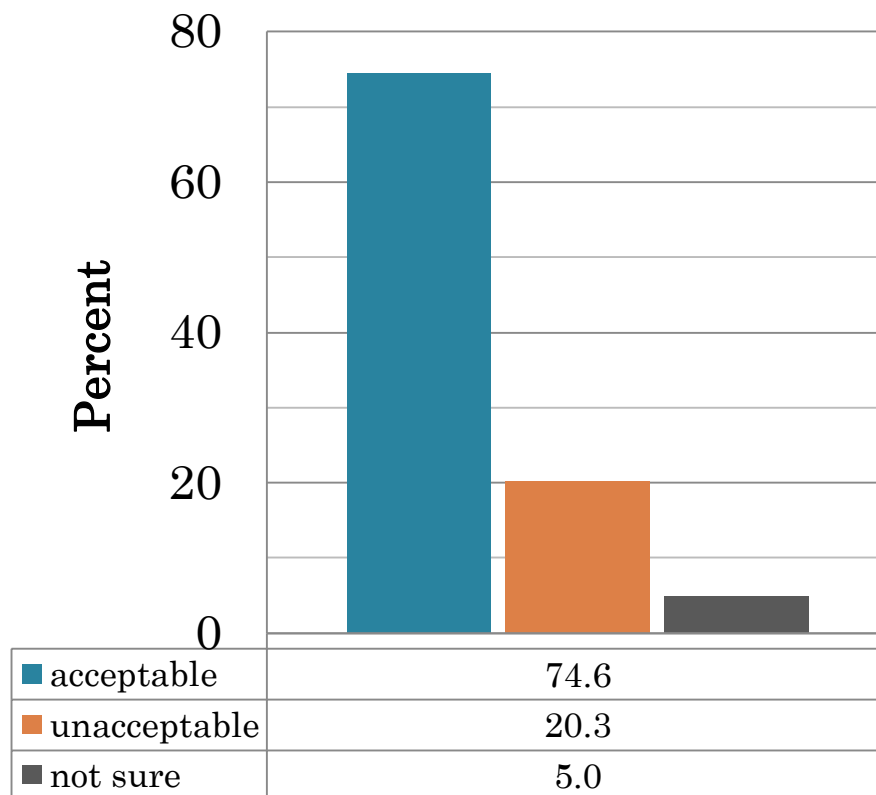
- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept raising the lodging tax on hotel rooms to the New England average or is this something you would find unacceptable?



Budget – Taxes on Wealthy

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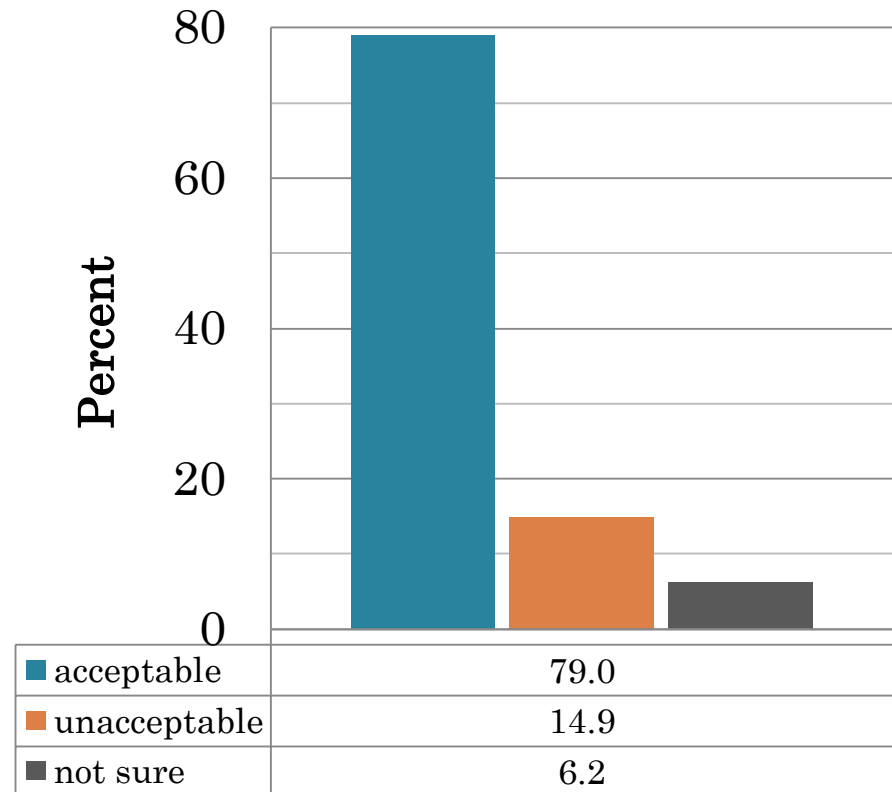
- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept raising income taxes on the wealthy or is this something you would find unacceptable?



Budget – Tax Fairness

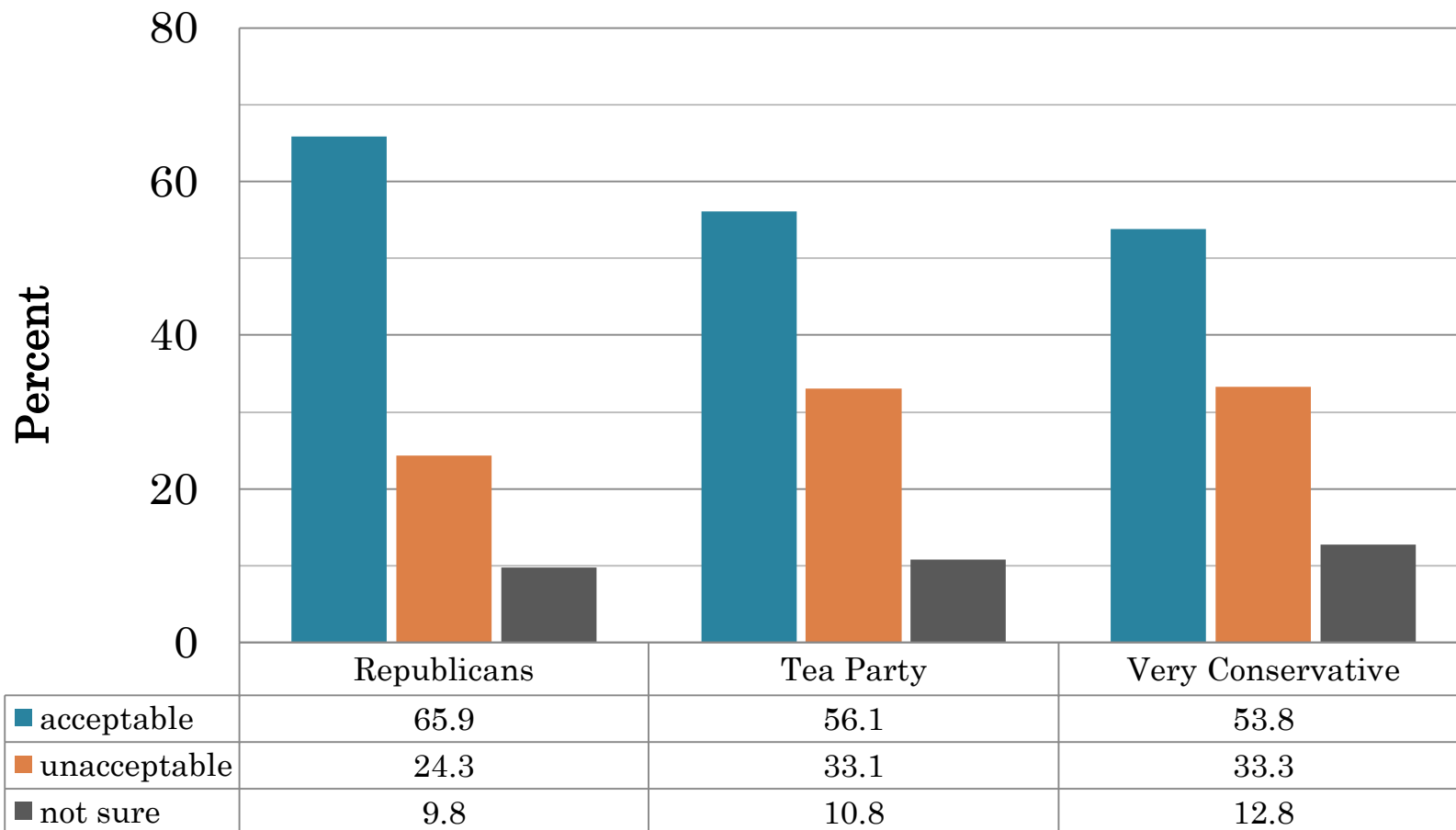
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- In order to strike a deal to solve Maine's budget deficit, would you accept requiring those who make over \$250,000 per year to pay at least as high a combined state and local tax rate as the average Mainer, or is this something you would find unacceptable?

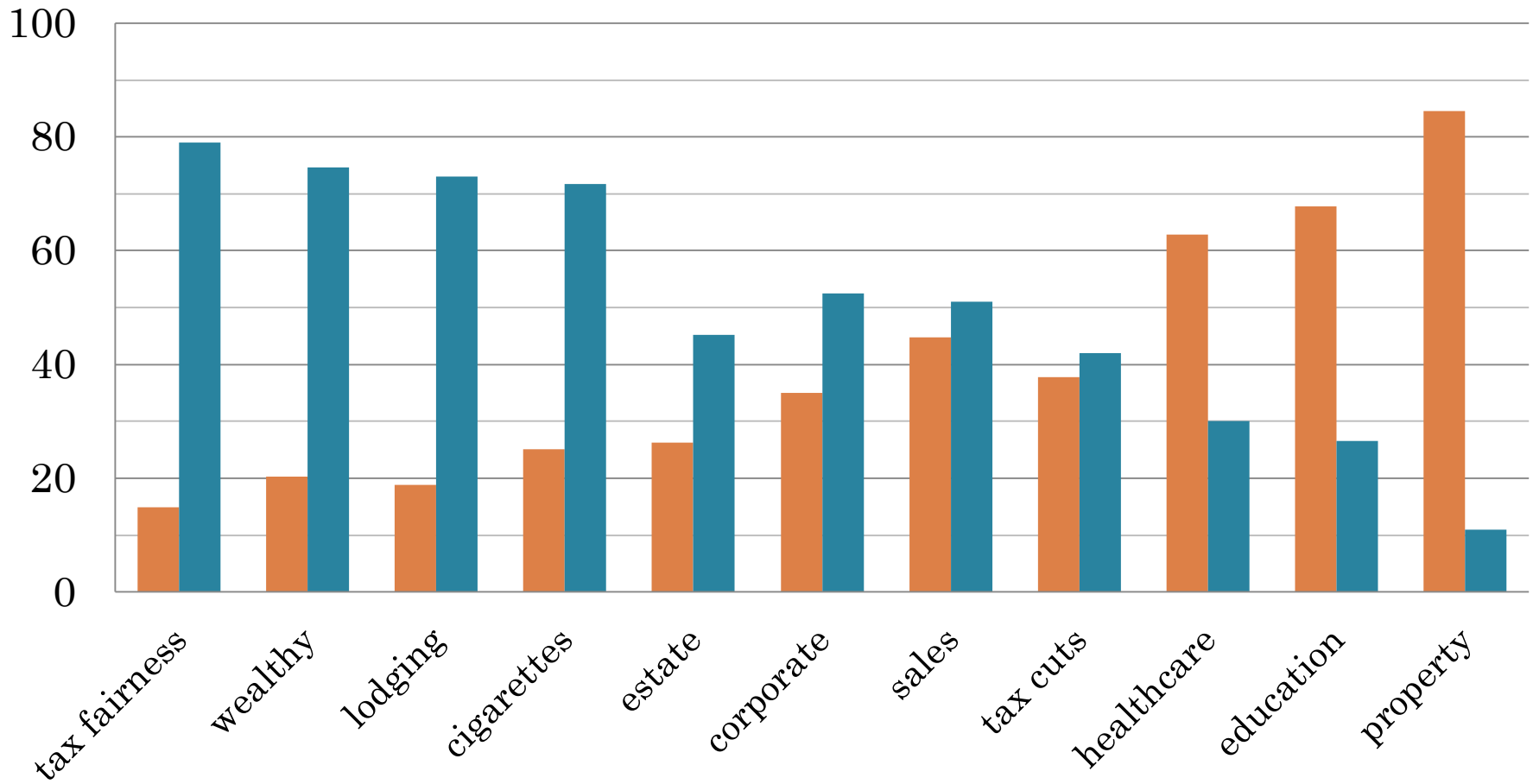


Budget – Tax Fairness Subgroups

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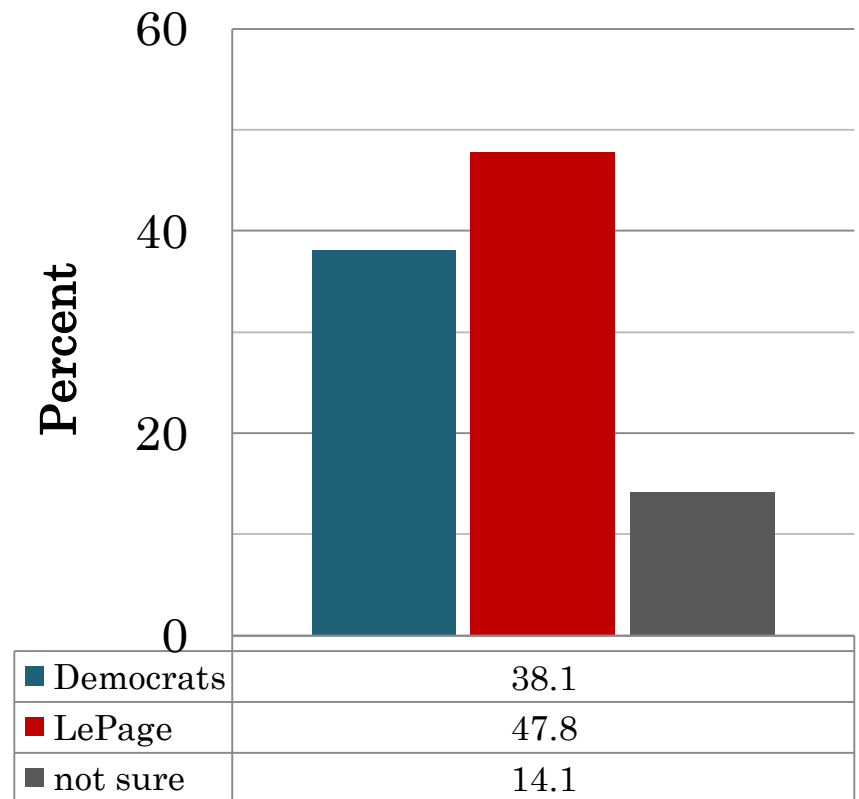
Budget Options



Blame for Budget Delay

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- If a budget agreement is not reached, who do you think will be mainly to blame: Democrats in the Legislature or Governor LePage?



Frequencies

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Gender	%
Female	52.4
Male	47.6

Congressional District	%
1	51.6
2	48.4

Party	%
Democratic	36.5
Republican	31.0
Independent/other	32.5

Ideology	%
Very liberal	11.7
Somewhat liberal	21.7
Moderate	29.7
Somewhat conservative	21.9
Very conservative	13.9
Not sure	1.2

Age	%
18-34	16.0
35-49	23.6
50-64	33.8
65+	26.6