



# MAINE PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

September 8-10, 2013 ■ N=652

# 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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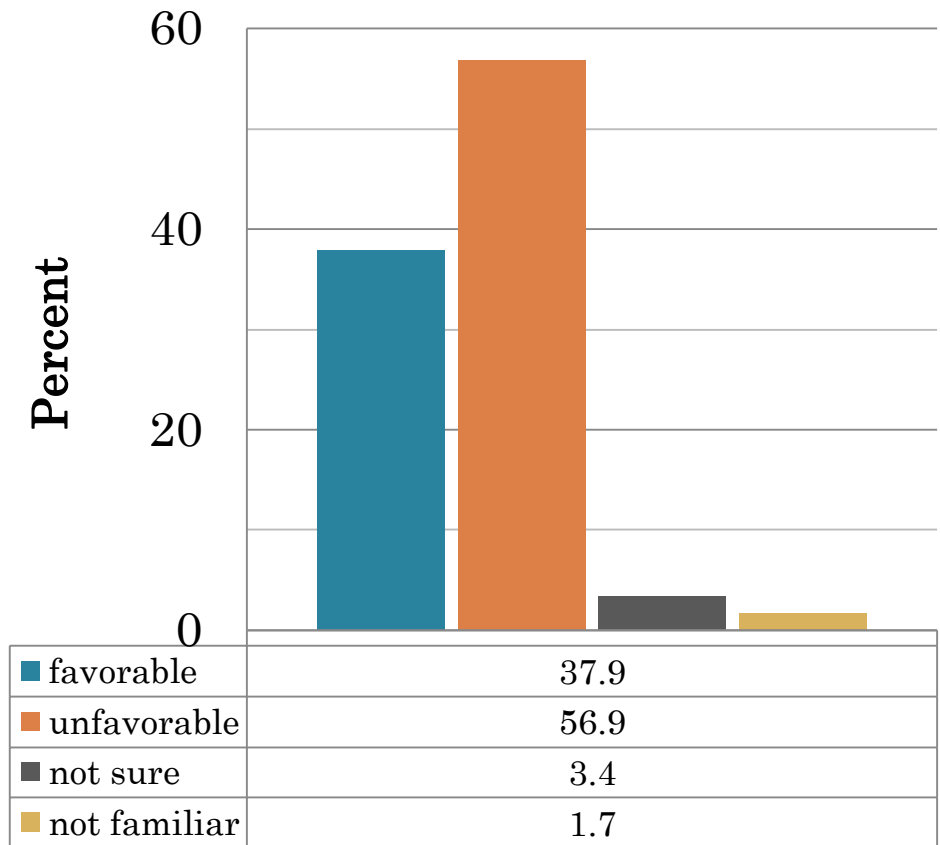
- A survey of 652 likely Maine voters was conducted by interactive voice response from September 8-10, 2013. Calls were made at different times of day to maximize the diversity of possible respondents. Questions were recorded by a female interviewer.
- Survey results were mathematically weighted by gender, 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 3.84%, 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 Favorability

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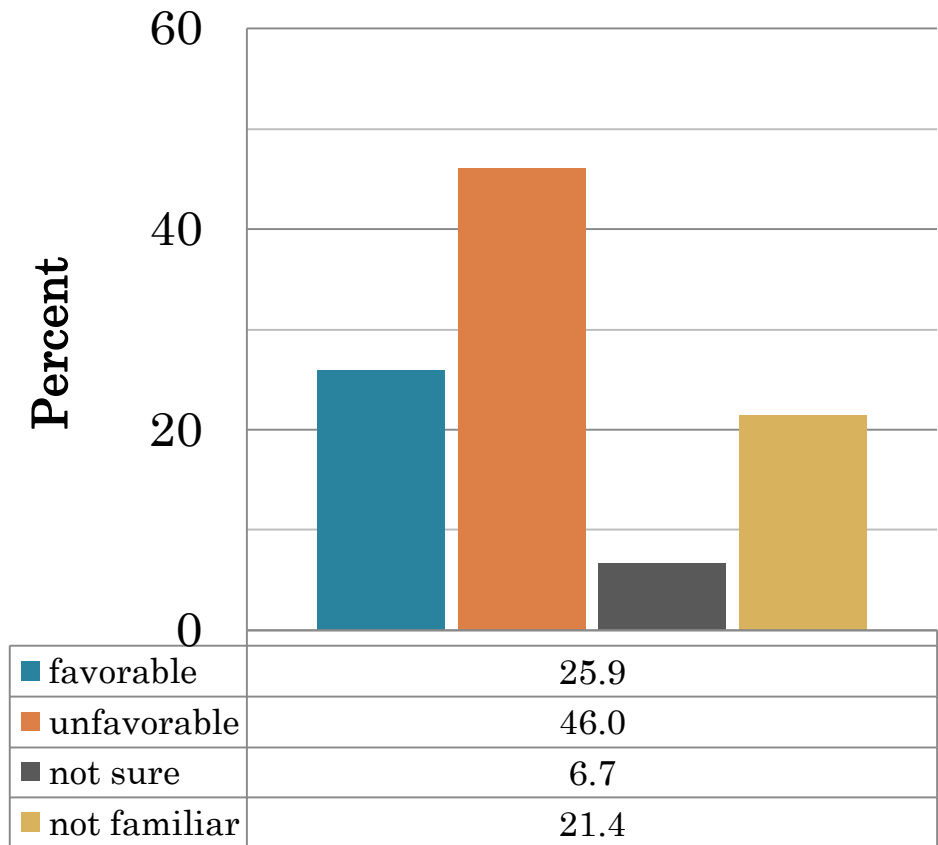
- Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Governor Paul LePage?



# Cutler Favorability

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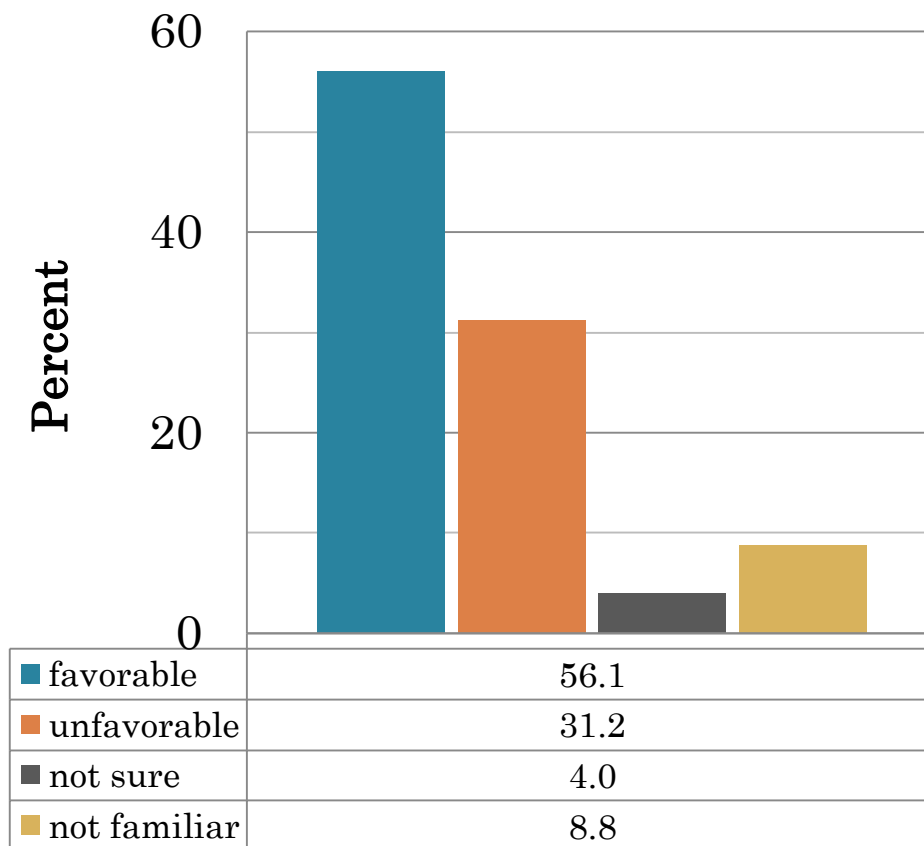
- Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Eliot Cutler?



# Michaud Favorability

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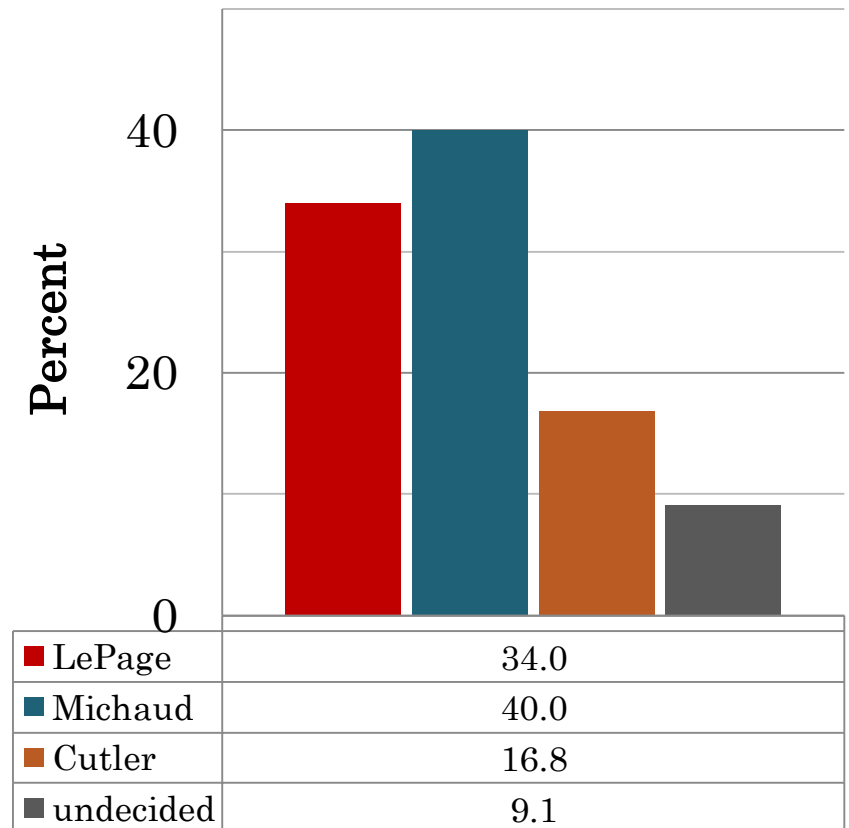
- Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Congressman Mike Michaud?



# Governor – Three-Way Contest

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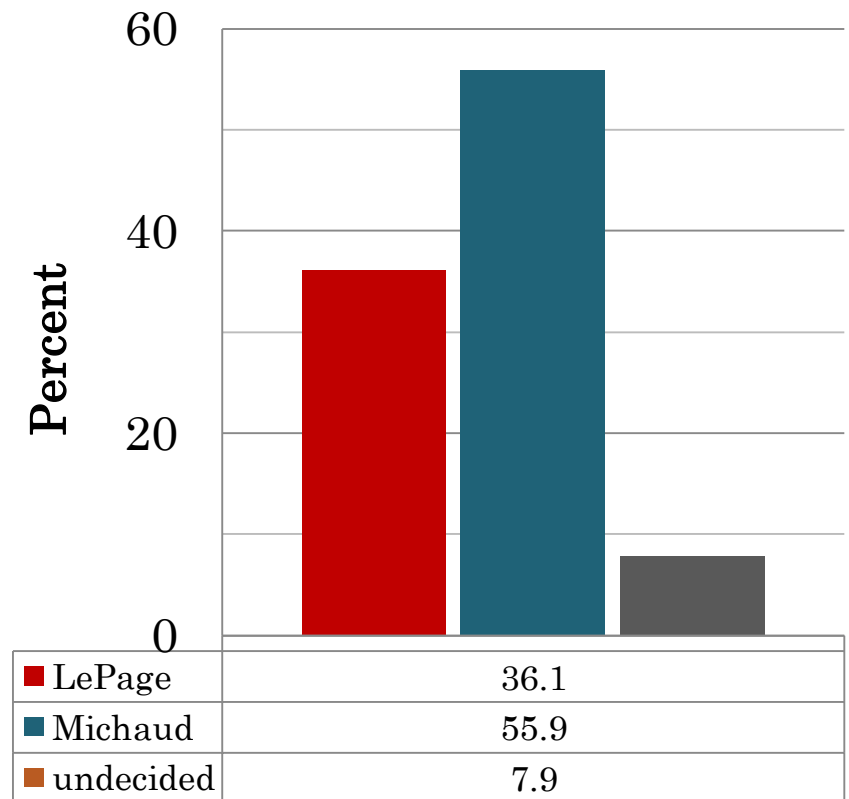
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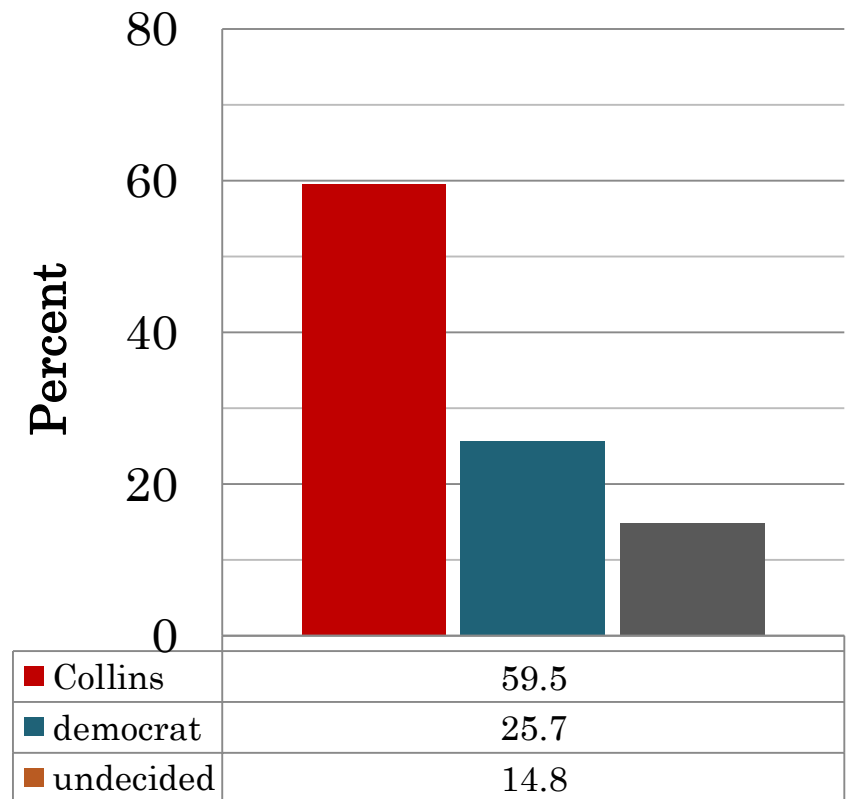




# U.S. Senate – Generic Democrat

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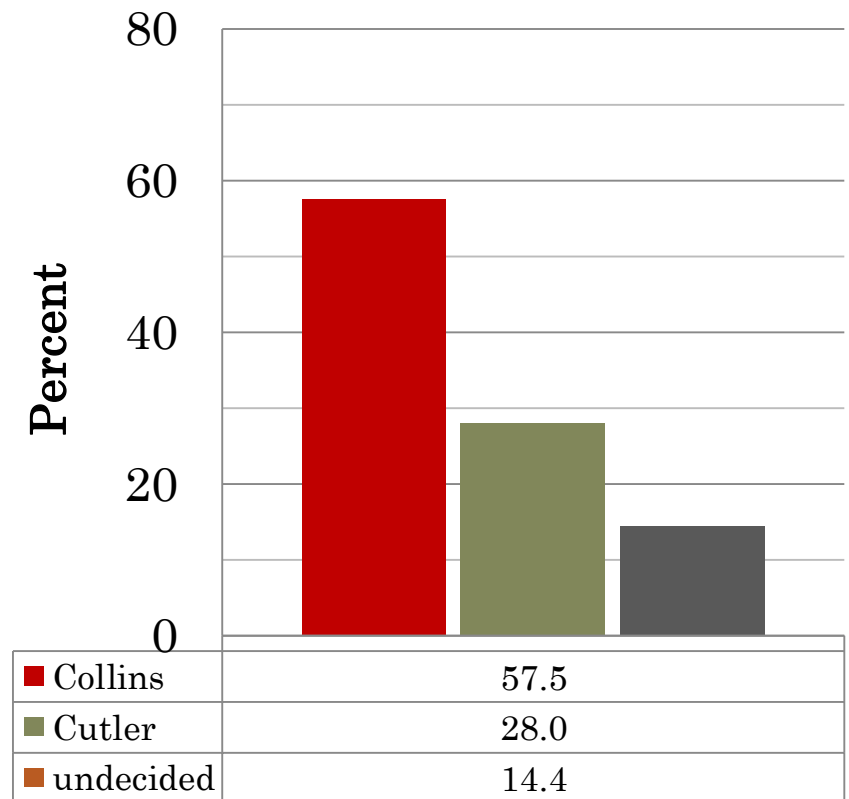
- If the election for United States Senate were held today, would you vote for Republican Susan Collins or for a Democratic candidate?



# U.S. Senate - Cutler

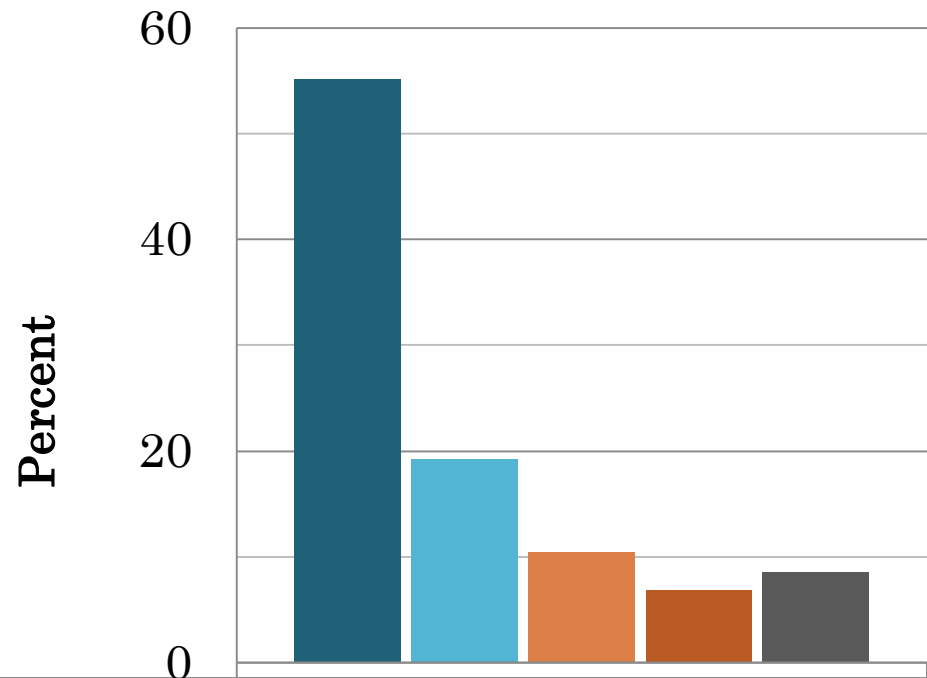
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- If the election for United States Senate were held today, and the candidates were Republican Susan Collins and independent Eliot Cutler, who would you vote for?



# Anti-Discrimination Law

- Maine's non-discrimination law makes it illegal for businesses and organizations to deny services to people based on characteristics like their race, religion or whether or not they are gay or lesbian. Do you support or oppose this law?

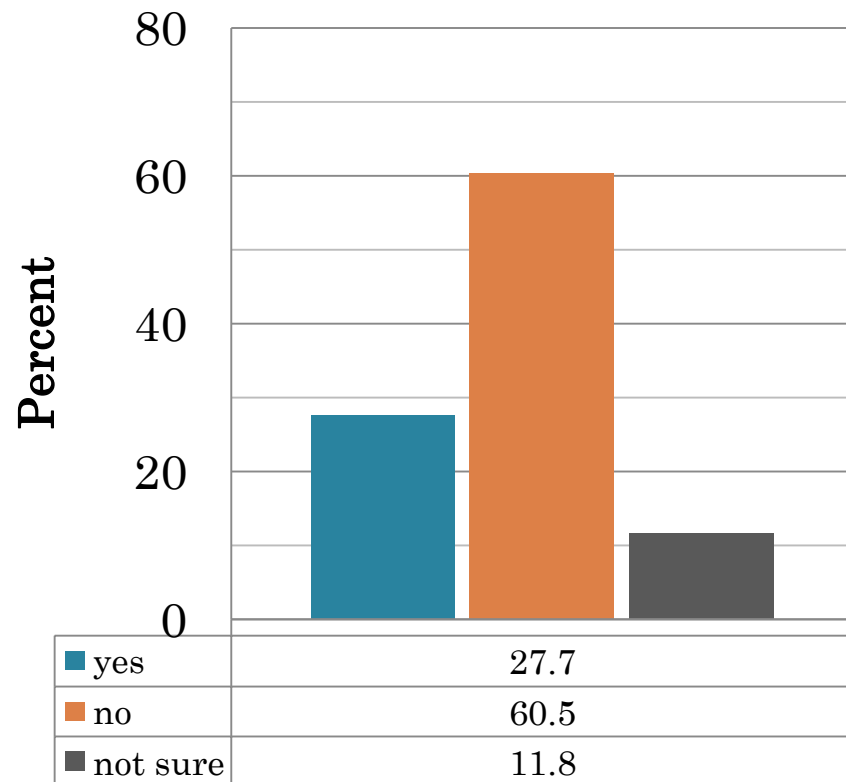


strongly support	55.2
somewhat support	19.2
somewhat oppose	10.4
strongly oppose	6.9
not sure	8.5

# Anti-Discrimination Change

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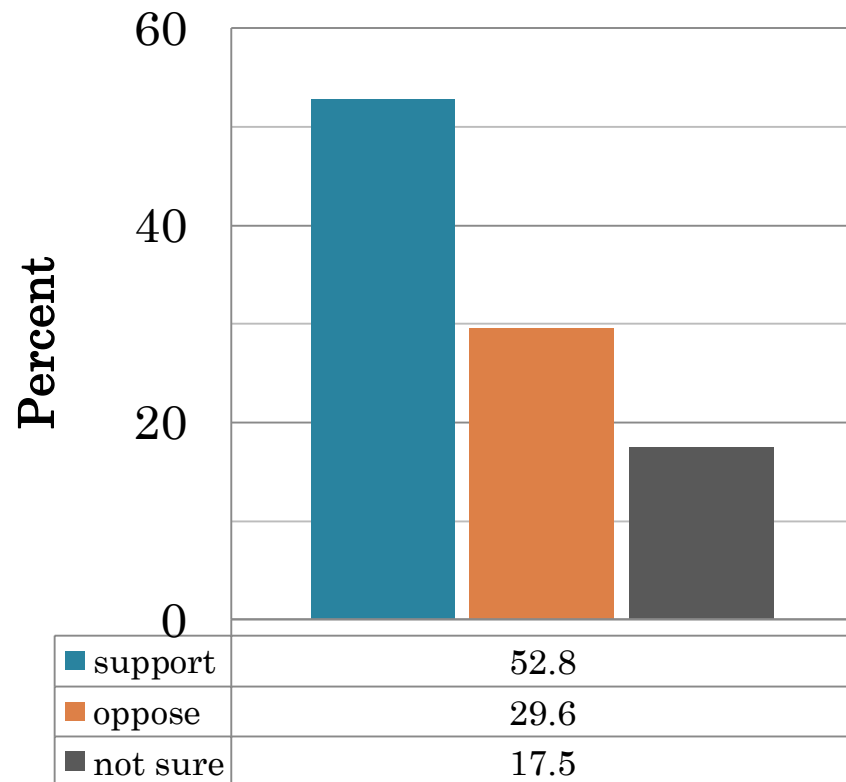
- Some people have proposed creating new laws in Maine that would allow businesses and organizations to deny services to gays and lesbians if it violates their religious beliefs. Would you support such a law?



# Immigration Bill

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- As you may know, the U.S. Senate recently voted to pass legislation reforming the immigration system. The bill would allow illegal immigrants already in the country to become citizens after 13 years if they pay a fine and learn English. The bill would also double the number of border patrol agents, and double the amount of fencing along the Mexican border. In general, do you support or oppose this bill?



# Frequencies

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Gender	%
Female	52.9
Male	47.1

Congressional District	%
1	52.0
2	48.0

Party	%
Democratic	36.4
Republican	29.6
Independent/other	34.0

Ideology	%
Very liberal	11.5
Somewhat liberal	21.7
Moderate	32.6
Somewhat conservative	18.6
Very conservative	13.4
Not sure	2.3

Age	%
18-34	18.6
35-49	23.3
50-64	32.9
65+	25.2