

Region:

(N=500)	n	%
North Regions -----	82	16.40
South Coast -----	225	45.00
Mid Coast -----	108	21.60
East -----	85	17.00

Hello, my name is _____, and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University. I would like to get your opinions on some political questions. Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions?

Thank You. Are you currently registered to vote? {IF YES, PROCEED. IF NO/ UNDECIDED, TERMINATE}

1. Gender

(N=500)	n	%
Male -----	246	49.20
Female -----	254	50.80

2. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming elections for Governor and U.S. Senate – will you almost certainly vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote in the general?

(N=500)	n	%
Almost certain -----	445	89.00
Probably vote -----	55	11.00

3. Are you currently registered to vote as a Democrat, Republican, Unenrolled/Independent, Green Party, or Libertarian?

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat -----	169	33.80
Republican -----	143	28.60
Unenrolled/Independent -----	165	33.00
Green Party -----	6	1.20
Libertarian -----	3	0.60
Undecided -----	14	2.80

4. What is your age category?

(N=500)	n	%
18-24 Years -----	22	4.40
25-34 Years -----	51	10.20
35-44 Years -----	73	14.60
45-54 Years -----	110	22.00
55-64 Years -----	114	22.80
65-74 Years -----	78	15.60
75 + Years -----	50	10.00
Refused -----	2	0.40

5. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me your ethnic background/ancestry? {READ}

(N=500)	n	%
White/Caucasian-----	464	92.80
Black/African-American-----	7	1.40
American Indian / Alaska Native-----	7	1.40
Asian-----	1	0.20
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander-----	0	0.00
Hispanic/Latino-----	4	0.80
Other-----	5	1.00
Don't know-----	12	2.40

This November, the General Election in Maine will use ranked-choice voting for the federal offices of U.S. Senate and U.S. Representative to Congress. Voters will rank their first choice, second choice, etc. as opposed to voting for just one candidate.

6. If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were: Republican Eric Brakey, Independent Angus King, or Democrat Zak Ringelstein, who would you rank as your first choice at this time?

(N=500)	n	%
Brakey – Republican-----	125	25.00
King – Independent-----	258	51.60
Ringelstein – Democrat-----	44	8.80
Undecided-----	73	14.60

{U.S. Senate Voters Who Had a First Choice}

7. Who would you rank as your second choice: Republican Eric Brakey, Independent Angus King, or Democrat Zak Ringelstein?

(N=427)	n	%
Brakey – Republican-----	39	9.13
King – Independent-----	69	16.16
Ringelstein – Democrat-----	126	29.51
Undecided-----	193	45.20

Ranked choice voting composite despite King receiving a majority in Q6.

(N=493)	n	%
Brakey – Republican-----	132	26.77
King – Independent-----	288	58.42
Ringelstein – Democrat-----	0	0.00
Undecided-----	73	14.81

8. How interested are you in the U.S. Senate Race – extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

(N=500)	n	%
Extremely interested-----	163	32.60
Very interested-----	169	33.80
Somewhat interested-----	124	24.80
Not very interested-----	32	6.40
Not at all interested-----	12	2.40

9. What is the most important issue when voting for U.S. Senate – {RANDOMIZE} the economy, immigration, Donald Trump, foreign affairs, trade, healthcare, corruption, or gun control?

(N=500)	n	%
The economy -----	95	19.00
Immigration -----	78	15.60
Donald Trump -----	118	23.60
Foreign affairs -----	16	3.20
Trade -----	10	2.00
Healthcare -----	82	16.40
Corruption -----	34	6.80
Gun control -----	37	7.40
Undecided -----	30	6.00

This November, the election for GOVERNOR will NOT include ranked choice voting.

10. If the General Election for Governor were held today, and the candidates were: Independent Alan Caron, Independent Teresa Hayes, Democrat Janet Mills, or Republican Shawn Moody, for whom would you vote, or toward whom would you LEAN, at this time?

(N=500)	n	%
Vote/Lean Caron – Independent -----	13	2.60
Vote/Lean Hayes – Independent -----	20	4.00
Vote Lean Mills – Democrat -----	194	38.80
Vote/Lean Moody – Republican -----	195	39.00
Undecided -----	78	15.60

11. How interested are you in the Governor’s Race – extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

(N=500)	n	%
Extremely interested -----	198	39.60
Very interested -----	180	36.00
Somewhat interested -----	92	18.40
Not very interested -----	15	3.00
Not at all interested -----	12	2.40
Undecided -----	3	0.60

12. What is the most important issue when voting for Governor – {RANDOMIZE} the economy, education, taxes, abortion, opioids, healthcare, corruption, or gun control?

(N=500)	n	%
Economy -----	128	25.60
Education -----	56	11.20
Taxes -----	58	11.60
Abortion -----	12	2.40
Opioids -----	22	4.40
Healthcare -----	141	28.20
Corruption -----	26	5.20
Gun control -----	34	6.80
Undecided -----	23	4.60

13. There is one statewide ballot question which would establish a Universal Home Care Program to provide home-based assistance to people with disabilities and senior citizens, regardless of income, and would be funded by a new tax of 3.8% on individuals and families with Maine wage and adjusted gross income above the amount subject to Social Security taxes, which is \$128,400 in the year 2018. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	257	51.40
No-----	172	34.40
Undecided -----	71	14.20

14. Which of the following three statements comes closest to your view:

(N=500)	n	%
1> "I want my vote in November to support the direction President Trump is leading the nation." ----	148	29.60
2> "I want my vote in November to change the direction President Trump is leading the nation." ----	230	46.00
3> "My vote this November doesn't have much to do with President Trump and his policies." -----	103	20.60
Undecided -----	16	3.20
Refused -----	3	0.60

I am now going to read you a list of individuals in state and national politics. For each, please tell me if your opinion of them is generally favorable or unfavorable. If you are undecided, or if you have never heard of someone, just tell me that. First, take Donald Trump. Is your opinion of Donald Trump generally favorable, or generally unfavorable? (RANDOMIZE 16-22)

(N=500)	<u>Never Heard</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
15. Donald Trump	0 0.00	204 40.80	270 54.00	26 5.20
16. Angus King	12 2.40	316 63.20	134 26.80	38 7.60
17. Susan Collins	22 4.40	246 49.20	156 31.20	76 15.20
18. Paul LePage	20 4.00	186 37.20	258 51.60	36 7.20
19. Eric Brakey	185 37.00	72 14.40	64 12.80	179 35.80
20. Zak Ringelstein	206 41.20	61 12.20	46 9.20	187 37.40
21. Janet Mills	33 6.60	219 43.80	161 32.20	87 17.40
22. Shawn Moody	39 7.80	232 46.40	140 28.00	89 17.80

23.	Do you think Maine is heading in the right direction, or is on the wrong track?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Right direction -----	255	51.00
	Wrong track -----	173	34.60
	Undecided -----	72	14.40
24.	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Approve -----	205	41.00
	Disapprove -----	274	54.80
	Undecided -----	21	4.20
25.	Do you believe Donald Trump has kept his campaign promises in Maine?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Yes -----	201	40.20
	No -----	220	44.00
	Undecided -----	79	15.80
26.	Is your standard of living better now than it was 4 years ago, worse, or about the same?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Better now -----	154	30.80
	Worse now -----	85	17.00
	About the same -----	253	50.60
	Undecided -----	6	1.20
	Refused -----	2	0.40
27.	Looking ahead a year, do you think you and your family will be better off financially, worse off, or about the same?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Will be better off -----	157	31.40
	Will be worse off -----	90	18.00
	About the same -----	213	42.60
	Undecided -----	39	7.80
	Refused -----	1	0.20
28.	How would you rate economic conditions in Maine today – excellent, good, fair, or poor?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Excellent -----	28	5.60
	Good -----	164	32.80
	Fair -----	218	43.60
	Poor -----	83	16.60
	Undecided -----	7	1.40
	Refused -----	0	0.00

29. Thinking about Maine, how corrupt would you say the state government is (ROTATE ASCENDING/DESCENDING) – extremely corrupt, very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, not very corrupt, not at all corrupt?

(N=500)	n	%
Extremely corrupt -----	28	5.60
Very corrupt -----	47	9.40
Somewhat corrupt -----	190	38.00
Not very corrupt -----	126	25.20
Not at all corrupt-----	67	13.40
Undecided -----	42	8.40

30. As of June, Maine will use ranked choice voting (RCV) in all primary elections, as well as general elections for U.S. Senate and U.S. Representative. Do you approve or disapprove of Maine’s use of ranked-choice voting (RCV)?

(N=500)	n	%
Approve -----	236	47.20
Disapprove -----	213	42.60
Undecided -----	51	10.20

31. Currently, 264,000 Maine residents receive benefits from Medicaid. Last fall, Maine voters approved an expansion of the state’s Medicaid program, which would make an additional 70,000 low-income adults eligible for benefits. Governor Paul LePage has refused to expand the program because he believes it will cost too much. Do you agree or disagree with Governor’s LePage’s decision?

(N=500)	n	%
Agree -----	199	39.80
Disagree -----	282	56.40
Undecided -----	19	3.80

32. In the 2016 Presidential election, did you vote for (ROTATE) Democrat Hillary Clinton, Republican Donald Trump, Libertarian Gary Johnson, Green Party Jill Stein, or did you not vote in the presidential election?

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat Hillary Clinton -----	223	44.60
Republican Donald Trump-----	205	41.00
Libertarian Party Gary Johnson -----	17	3.40
Green Party Jill Stein -----	8	1.60
Did not vote -----	27	5.40
Undecided -----	7	1.40
Refused -----	13	2.60

{FOR 32.1 – 32.4 ONLY}

33. Do you regret your vote in 2016?

(N=453)	n	%
Yes -----	18	3.97
No-----	416	91.83
Undecided -----	19	4.19
Refused -----	0	0.00

{FOR 32.5 ONLY}

34.	Do you regret not voting in the 2016 election?		
	(N=27)	n	%
	Yes -----	9	33.33
	No-----	13	48.15
	Undecided -----	2	7.41
	Refused -----	3	11.11

THESE FINAL QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY

35.	Are there any members of your household who are union members?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Yes -----	72	14.40
	No-----	425	85.00
	Undecided -----	3	0.60

36.	Do you currently have children in the school system?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Yes -----	134	26.80
	No-----	363	72.60
	Undecided -----	3	0.60

37.	Are there any members of your household, including yourself, who are gun owners?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Yes -----	227	45.40
	No-----	259	51.80
	Undecided -----	14	2.80

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING.]