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President Obama’s job approval rating in New Hampshire falls to 36 percent (from 45 percent in 2013), while his favorability rating plummets to 28 percent (from 41 percent in 2013).

NH Senate Race within margin of error between incumbent Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D) and challengers Scott Brown and Bob Smith.

Governor Hassan leads Republican challengers by 20 points in trial heats.

2016 presidential trial heats show stiff competition between Hillary Clinton (D) and various Republican candidates.

HANOVER, NH—The Rockefeller Center’s seventh annual State of the State Poll surveyed a sample of New Hampshire registered voters (N=412) from April 21-25, 2014 to assess their opinions on policy issues, elected officials, and the state of the economy in New Hampshire and in the United States. The sample error rate is +/- 4.8 percent at a 95 percent confidence interval. Sample demographics and polling methodology are summarized at the end of this report.

1. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

1.1 National Economic Conditions

Respondents’ assessments of the U.S. economy have improved since last year. No respondents described the national economy as “excellent.” However, 16 percent indicated that the economy is “good” and 45 percent reported that the economy is “fair”; 37 percent of respondents indicated that the national economy is “poor.” In the 2013 State of the State poll, only 11 percent of respondents reported that the national economy was either “excellent” or “good,” while 88 percent responded that it was “fair” or “poor.”

1.2 New Hampshire Economy and Budgetary Policy

Respondents’ evaluations of the New Hampshire economy are similar to last year’s. One third of respondents (34 percent) reported that the state’s economy is either “excellent” or “good.” Just over half of respondents (54 percent) assessed the state economy as “fair,” and 12 percent reported that it is “poor.” In last year’s poll, 35 percent of respondents assessed the state economy as “excellent” or “good,” 51 percent reported it as “fair,” and 13 percent described it as “poor.” By contrast, in the 2011 poll, 29 percent described the New Hampshire economy as “poor.”

New Hampshire voters remain concerned about the state’s budgetary situation. Similar to last year’s poll results, about 15 percent of respondents view the budgetary situation as “very serious” and 49 percent view it as “somewhat serious.”



1.3 Respondents' Personal Finances

Continuing a trend that began in 2010, respondents' assessments of their personal financial situations have improved. When asked to compare their current personal economic situation to one year ago, 23 percent believe that they are "better off," up from 15 percent in 2013, while 57 percent of respondents say they are "about the same." Twenty percent of respondents believe they are "worse off" economically than they were one year ago, down from 24 percent in 2013, 29 percent in 2012, 34 percent in 2011 and 38 percent in 2010. When respondents were asked whether their financial situation will be better, worse, or about the same one year from now, the majority of respondents (57 percent) believed that it would be about the same and 29 percent believed that it would be better, down from 32 percent in 2013.

2. PRESIDENT OBAMA AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

While respondents' general views on the economy have improved over the past year, their views of President Obama have not.

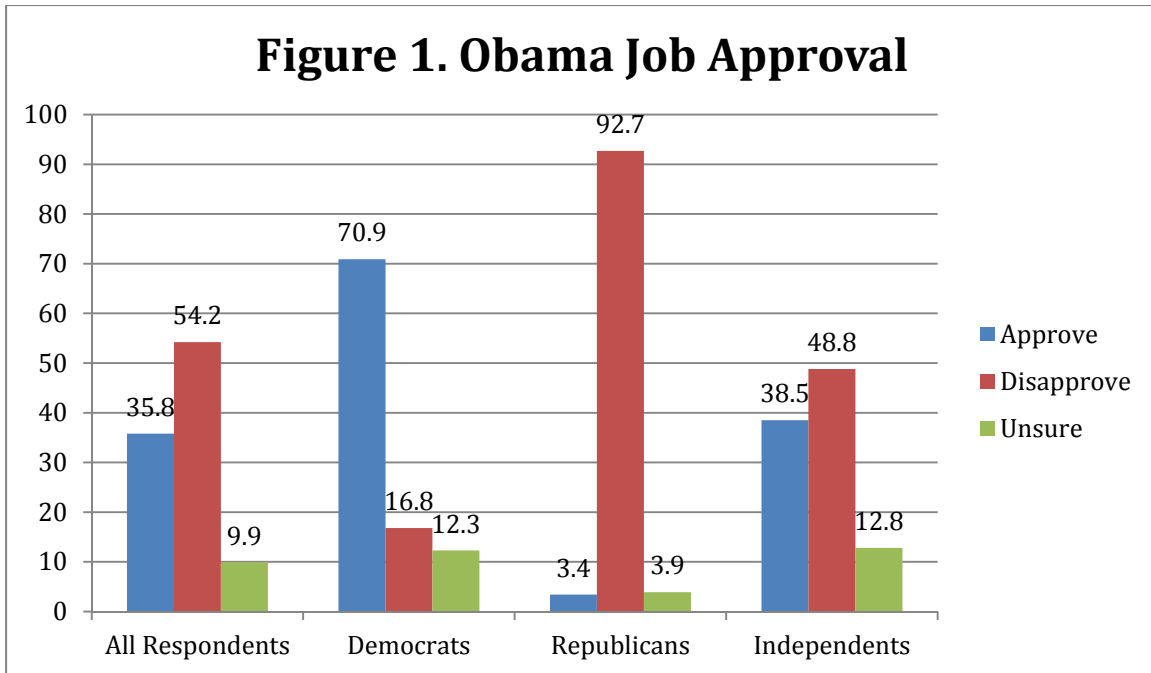
2.1 President Obama Favorability

Compared to last year's State of the State poll results, New Hampshire registered voters have a much less favorable opinion of President Barack Obama. Only 27.8 percent of respondents report a favorable opinion of President Obama this year, down from 41.0 percent of respondents in the 2013 poll. Respondents with an unfavorable opinion of President Obama have climbed to 49.4 percent from last year's unfavorable rating of 39.1 percent.

2.2 President Obama Job Approval

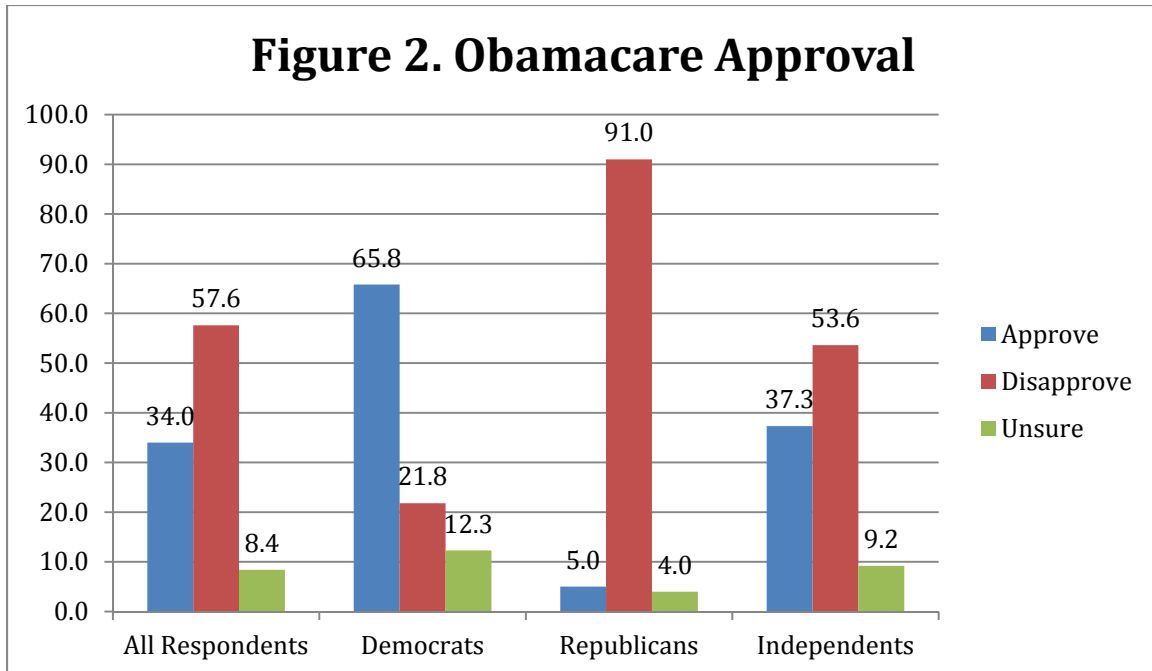
Respondents were also asked to assess how President Obama is handling his job as President. His job approval decreased from 44.8 percent in last year's poll to 35.8 percent of respondents this year. President Obama's disapproval similarly increased, from 42.1 percent in 2013 to 54.3 percent in 2014.

President Obama's favorability and job approval declined among Democrats, Republicans, and independents. Figure 1 presents Obama's job performance approval distribution in 2014 by party. Among Democrats, Obama's job approval declined from 81.0 percent in 2013 to 70.9 percent this year. His job approval among independents and Republicans deteriorated similarly. Only 38.5 percent of independents now approve of his job performance while 48.8 percent disapprove. Last year, 43.0 percent of independents approved and 37.0 percent disapproved. Among Republicans, 3.4 percent now approve of Obama's job performance while 92.7 percent disapprove. Sixteen percent of Republicans approved of his job performance last year while 74 percent disapproved.



2.3 The Affordable Care Act

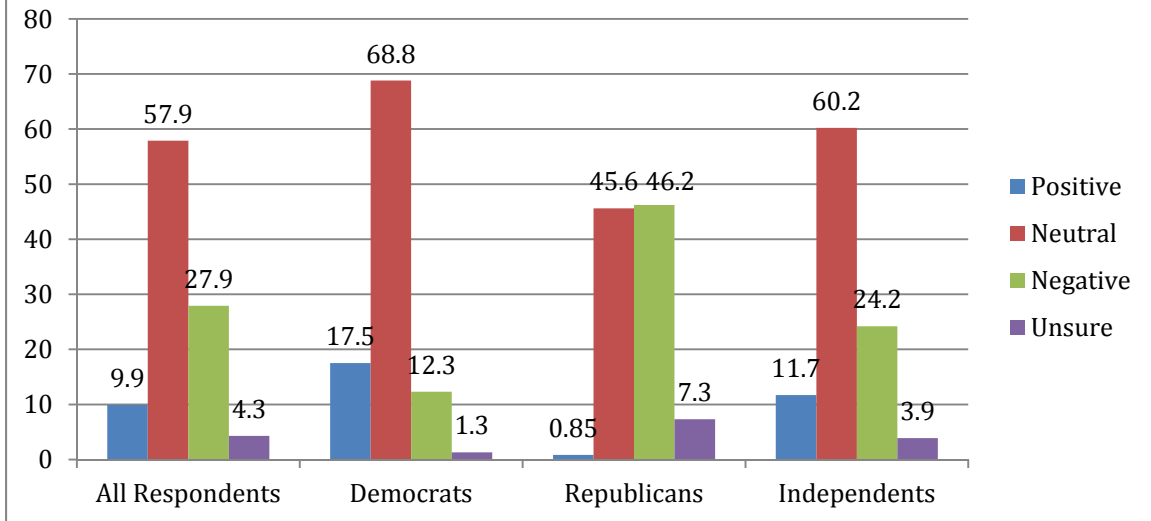
The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, was signed into law in 2010. Respondents were asked whether they generally approved or disapproved of Obamacare. Figure 2 presents the results by party. Overall, 34.1 percent of respondents approved of the Affordable Care Act, 57.5 percent disapproved, and 8.4 percent were unsure. Only five percent of Republicans approve, with 91 percent disapproving. More Democrats approve of Obamacare (66 percent) than disapprove (22 percent). Fewer independents approve of Obamacare (36 percent) than disapprove (54 percent).



When asked if Obamacare has had a positive, neutral, or negative impact on their own personal healthcare situation, 10 percent of respondents replied with “positive,” 58 percent replied with “neutral,” and 28 percent with “negative.” Four percent of respondents volunteered that they were unsure. Among Republicans, only 1 percent reported that Obamacare has had a positive impact on their personal healthcare situation, 46 percent reported a neutral impact, 46 percent reported a negative impact, and seven percent volunteered being unsure. Among Democrats, 18 percent reported that Obamacare has had a positive impact. Twelve percent of independents indicated that the Affordable Care Act has had a positive impact.

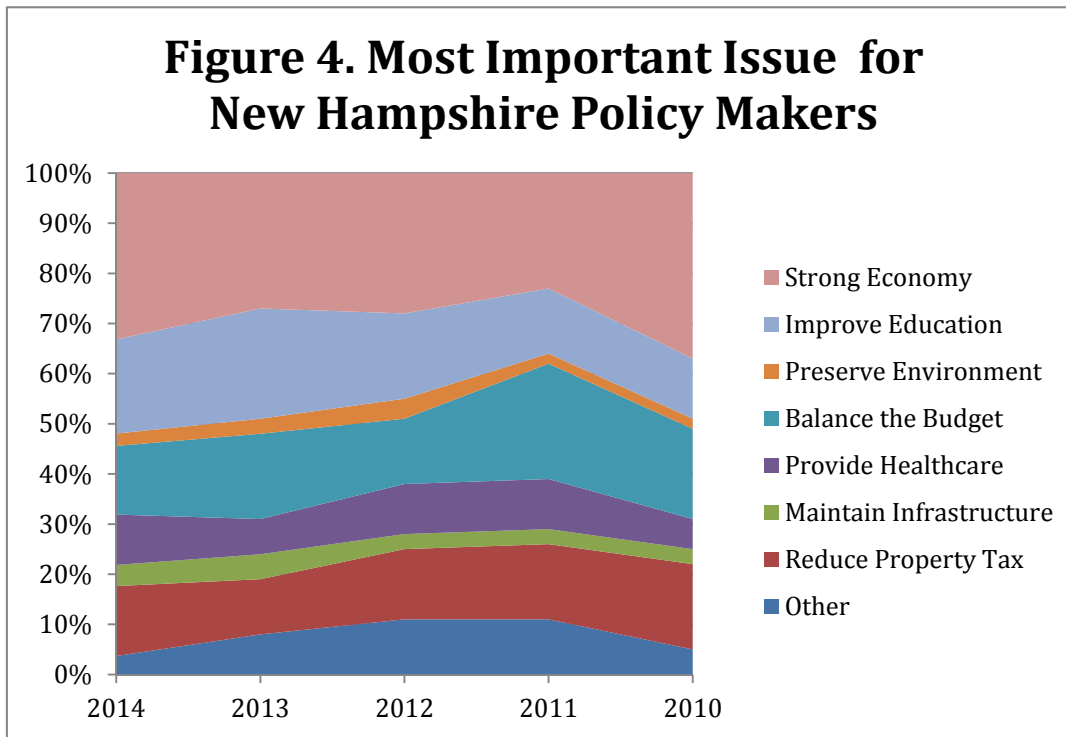


Figure 3. Obamacare Impact on Personal Healthcare



3. STATE POLICY PRIORITIES AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Respondents were asked to identify the most important issue facing the state from a list of seven policy issues. As in last year’s poll, respondents identified “building a strong economy” as the top priority for state policymakers, followed by “improving education.” The following chart presents the percent of respondents identifying each issue as New Hampshire’s top policy priority in the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 State of the State polls conducted by the Rockefeller Center.



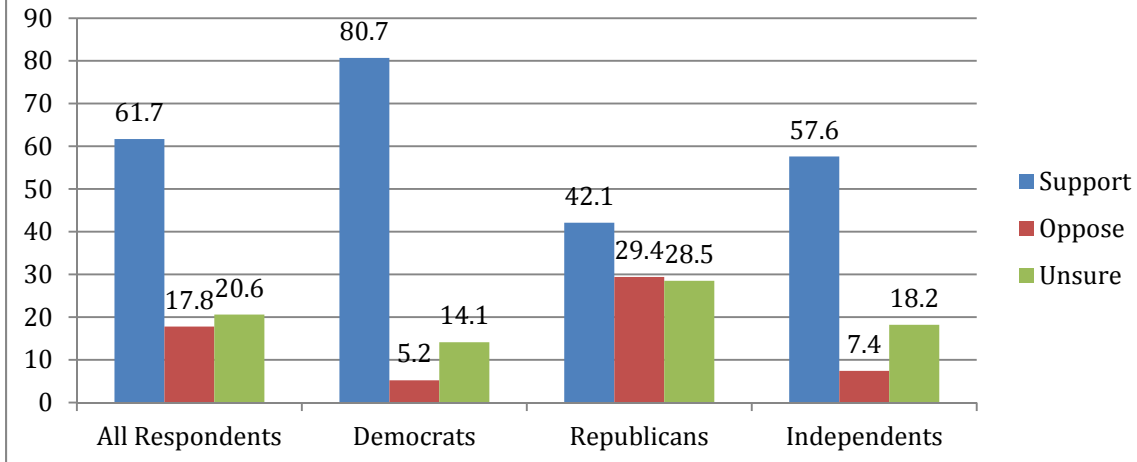
Respondents were also asked about a range of specific issues facing the state, including prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, casino gambling in the state, universal background checks for firearms sales, the Northern Pass project, requiring photo identification for voting, and the decriminalization of marijuana.

3.1 Sexual Orientation Discrimination

When respondents were asked if they supported or opposed a state constitutional amendment to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, 61.7 percent supported the constitutional amendment. The majority of Democrats and independents support a state constitutional amendment to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation (80.7 percent and 64.5 percent, respectively); whereas 42.1 percent of Republican respondents support the amendment.



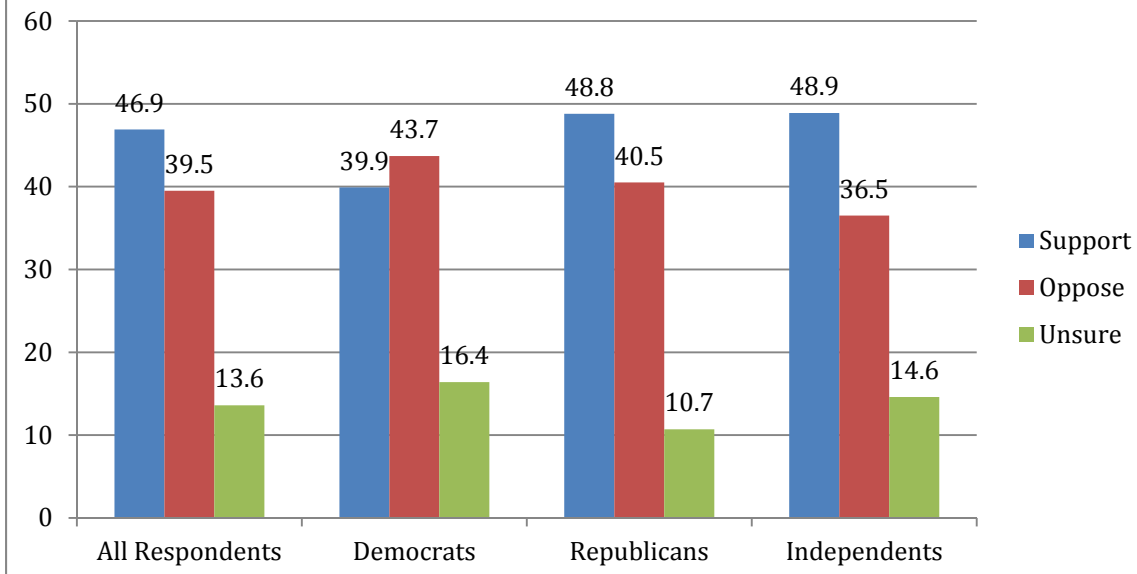
Figure 5. Sexual Orientation Discrimination Amendment



3.2 Casino Gambling

When respondents were asked if they supported or opposed the expansion of gambling in New Hampshire to include casino gambling, 46.6 percent supported expansion, 39.6 percent opposed, and 13.8 percent were unsure. These responses are similar to last year's results—44.1 percent supported, 36.7 percent opposed, and 19.2 percent were unsure in 2013.

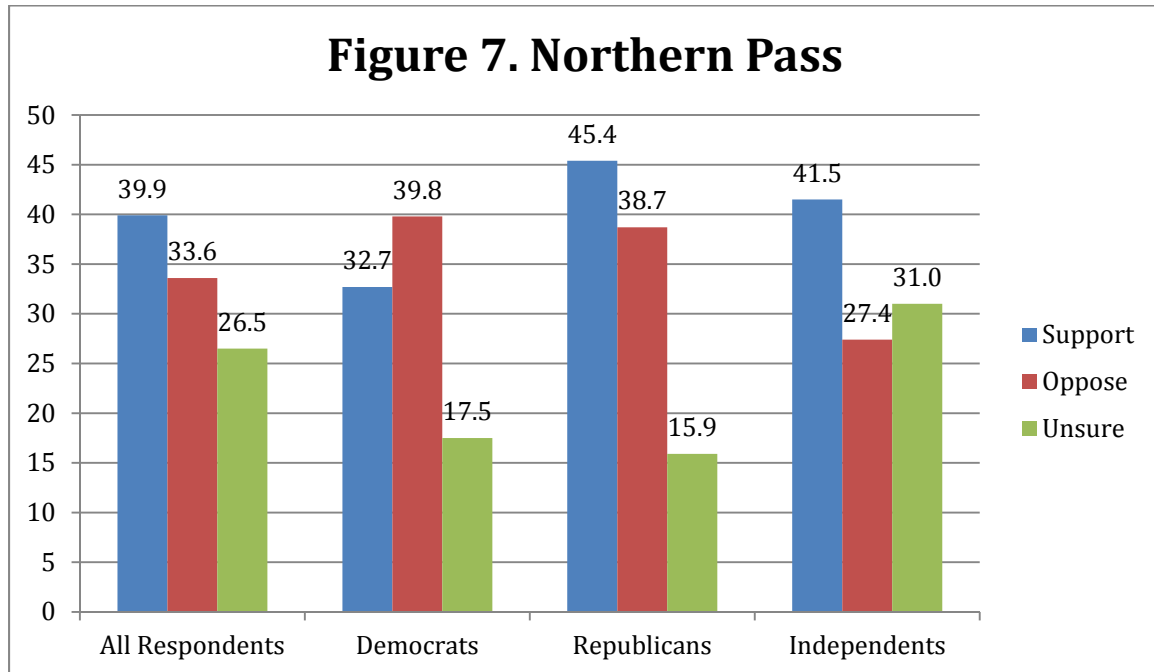
Figure 6. Gambling Expansion





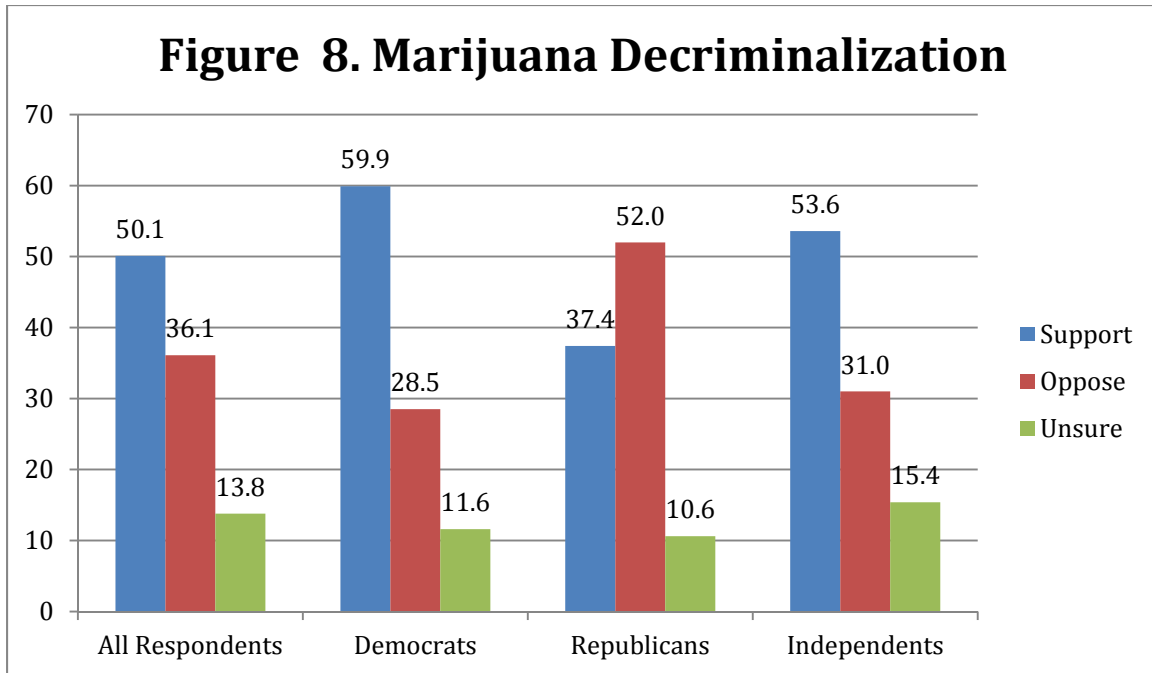
3.3 Northern Pass Project

New Hampshire registered voters are still divided over whether the Northern Pass Project should be built between Canada and New Hampshire. However, support for the project increased somewhat from 30 percent in 2013 to 40 percent this year. Opposition remained relatively stable, increasing from 31 percent in 2013 to 34 percent in 2014. Respondents who are unsure dropped from 39 percent to 26 percent.



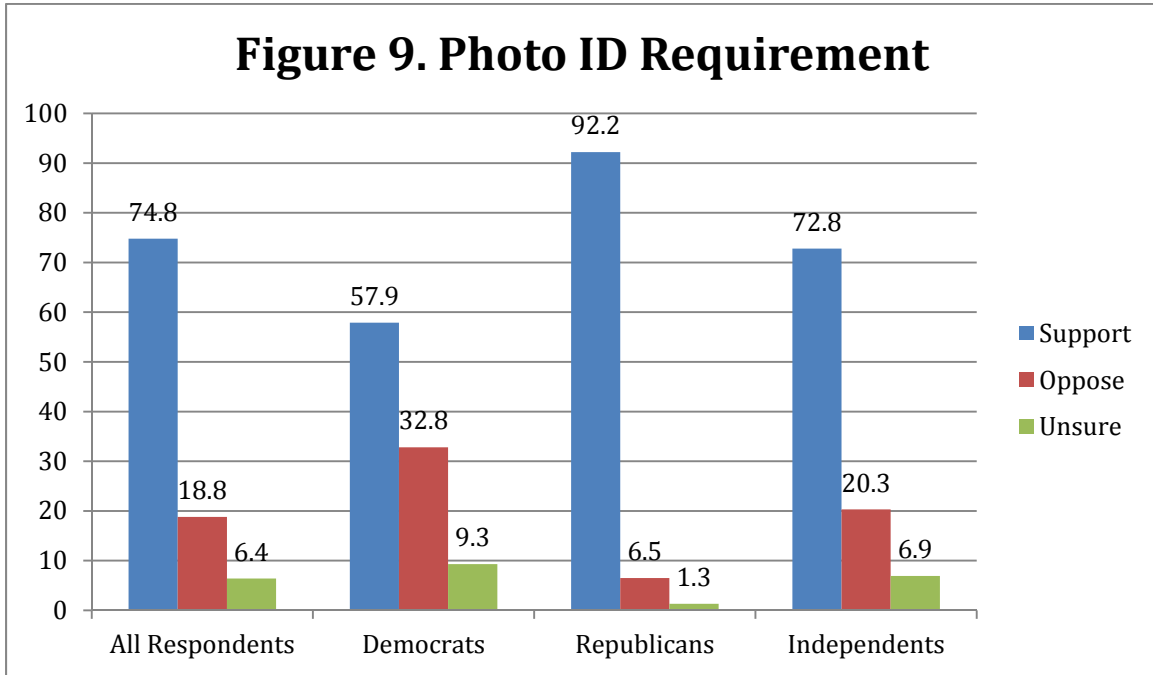
3.4 Decriminalization of Marijuana

Respondents were also asked whether they “support or oppose a bill under consideration in Concord that would decriminalize possession of up to one quarter of an ounce of marijuana.” Support decreased from 55 percent in 2013 to 50 percent this year. Opposition increased from 23 percent in 2013 to 36 percent this year.



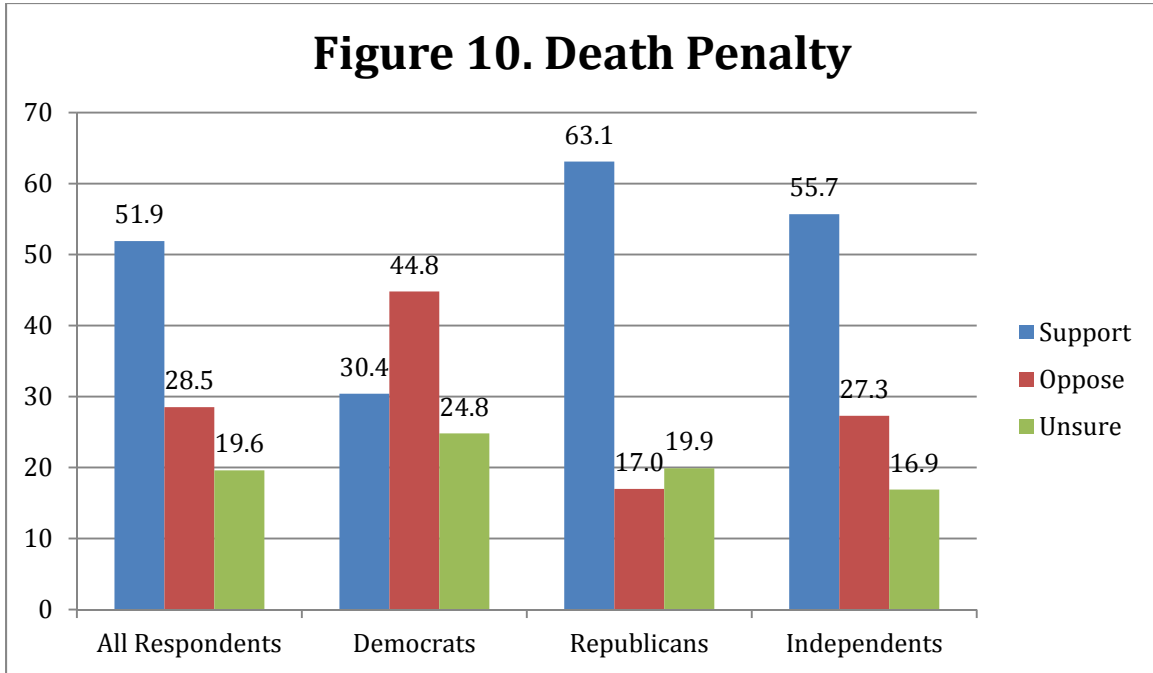
3.5 Photo Identification

Almost three quarters of all respondents support requiring the presentation of photo identification in order to vote in New Hampshire elections. The majority of respondents support the measure (74.8 percent), while 18.8 percent oppose it and 6.4 percent report being unsure as to whether they support or oppose the policy. In 2013, the majority of voters registered as Democrats opposed the measure, but this year 57.9 percent of registered Democrats responded in support of the measure. Additionally, 92.0 percent of Republicans support required photo identification. The chart below outlines responses according to several demographic considerations.



3.6 Death Penalty

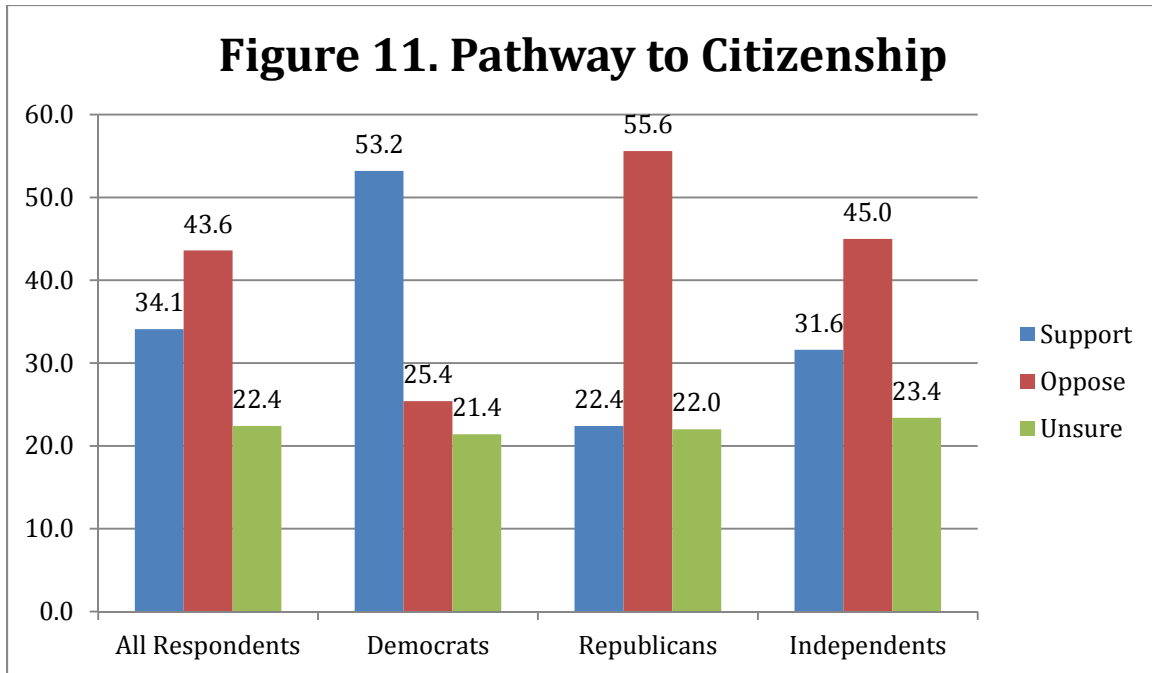
The poll asked respondents if respondents support or oppose the death penalty, or whether they are unsure. Just over half of respondents (52 percent) support the death penalty and 29 percent are opposed. Thirty percent of Democrats support it while 45 percent oppose the death penalty. By contrast, 63 percent of Republicans support the death penalty and only 17 percent oppose it. The chart below presents death penalty opinion broken down by party identification.



4. NATIONAL POLICY PRIORITIES AND ISSUES

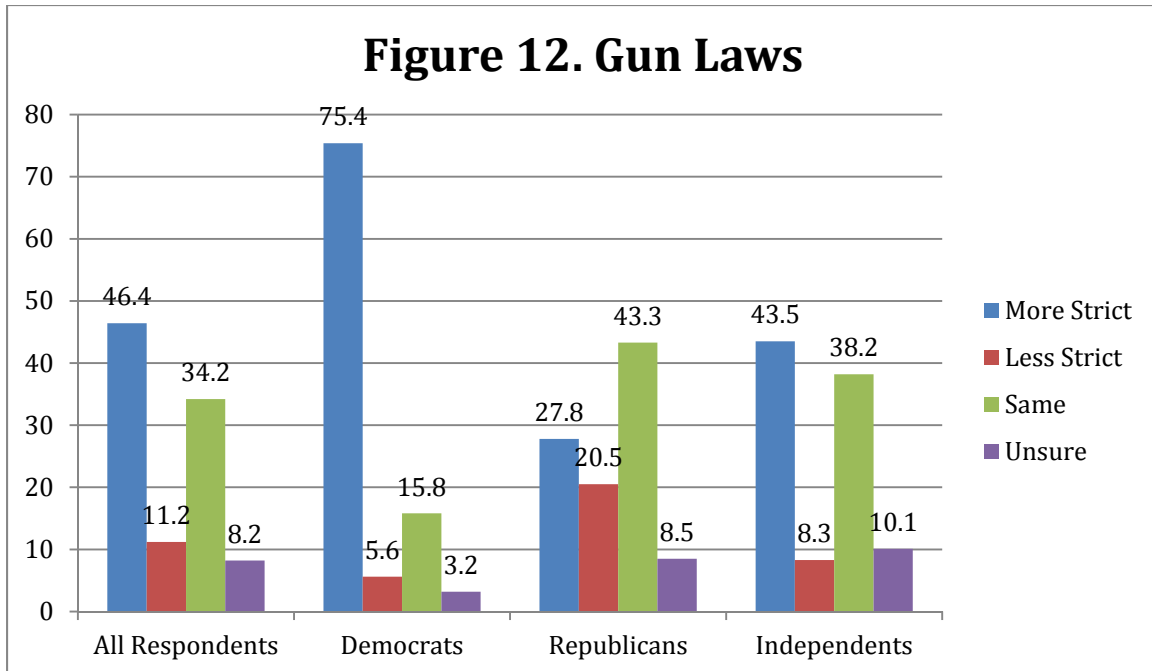
4.1 Immigration—Pathway to Citizenship

Respondents were asked if they support or oppose a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are currently in the United States. This question revealed that Republicans and Democrats have contrasting views on creating a pathway to citizenship. Just over half of Democratic respondents (53.2 percent) support a pathway, while just over half of Republicans (55.6 percent) oppose it. In a similar split, 25.4 percent of Democrats oppose the measure, while a nearly equivalent portion of Republicans (22.4 percent) support a pathway to create citizenship for undocumented immigrants. The chart below displays support and opposition for the pathway to citizenship by party identification.



4.2 Laws Covering the Sale of Guns

Respondents were asked whether laws covering the sale of guns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now. Forty-six percent of respondents favor more strict gun laws while only 11 percent said that gun laws should be made less strict. Over three-quarters of Democrats (75 percent) reported that the laws should be made more strict while just 6 percent said that they should be made less strict. Among Republicans, 28 percent reported that gun sale laws should be more strict and 21 percent said the laws should be less strict. Forty-four percent of independents supported more strict gun laws.



5. 2014 AND 2016 ELECTIONS

5.1 2014 New Hampshire Senate Race

5.1.1 Shaheen Approval and Favorability

Slightly more respondents have an unfavorable opinion of Senator Shaheen than have a favorable opinion with 34.1 percent of respondents reporting a favorable opinion of Shaheen and 37.0 percent an unfavorable opinion. This represents a large decline for Senator Shaheen since last year when 46.0 percent of voters had a favorable opinion of Shaheen and only 22.0 percent had an unfavorable opinion. Additionally, more voters reported that they disapproved of Shaheen’s job performance than those that approved—33.7 percent of respondents approved of Shaheen’s job performance, while 34.8 percent disapproved.

Shaheen’s favorability can be contrasted with the favorability ratings of Senator Kelly Ayotte, who received both a higher favorability rating and a much lower unfavorable rating. Respondents reported a 38.0 percent favorable opinion for Senator Ayotte, compared to Senator Shaheen’s 34.0 percent favorability rating. Furthermore, 20.6 percent of respondents reported an unfavorable opinion of Senator Ayotte compared to the 37.0 percent of respondents that reported an unfavorable opinion of Senator Shaheen.

5.1.2 Senate Election Match-Ups

Respondents were provided with a series of match-ups for the New Hampshire Senate. Respondents were asked to choose between the incumbent U.S. Senator Shaheen and four other potential Republican nominees. These candidates included former Massachusetts



Senator Scott Brown, Republican activist Karen Testerman, former New Hampshire Senator Bob Smith, and former New Hampshire state senator Jim Rubens. The results of each of the trial heats have Senator Shaheen ahead in all four races, but two of the races are very much within the margin of error and are therefore statistically indistinguishable. In a race against Scott Brown, 39.2 percent would vote for Senator Shaheen, 35.7 percent for Scott Brown, and 25.2 percent are unsure. In a race against Karen Testerman, 39.2 percent would vote for Senator Shaheen, 18.2 percent for Karen Testerman, and 42.7 percent are unsure. In a closer race against Bob Smith, 38.2 percent would vote for Senator Shaheen, 32.4 percent for Bob Smith, and 29.3 percent are unsure. And finally, in a race against Jim Rubens, 38.3 percent would vote for Senator Shaheen, 19.0 percent for Jim Rubens, and 43.0 percent are unsure. The following three charts display the overall trail heat responses for each race along with assessments of the Shaheen-Brown and Shaheen-Smith races by political party identification.

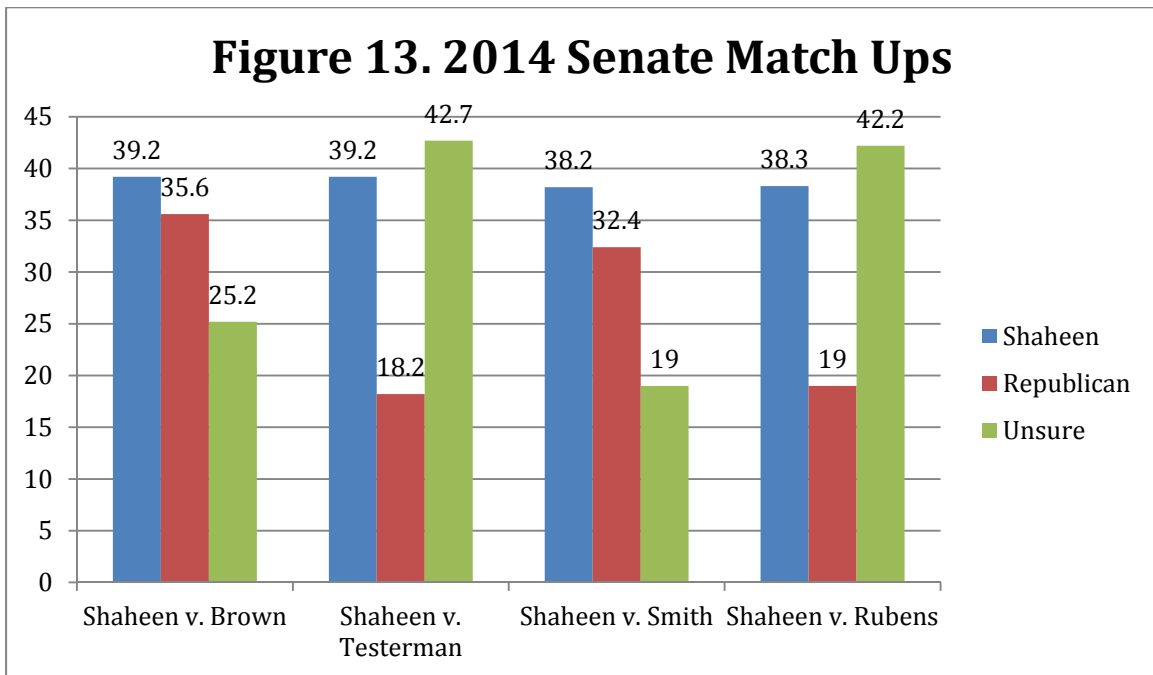




Figure 14. Brown v Shaheen

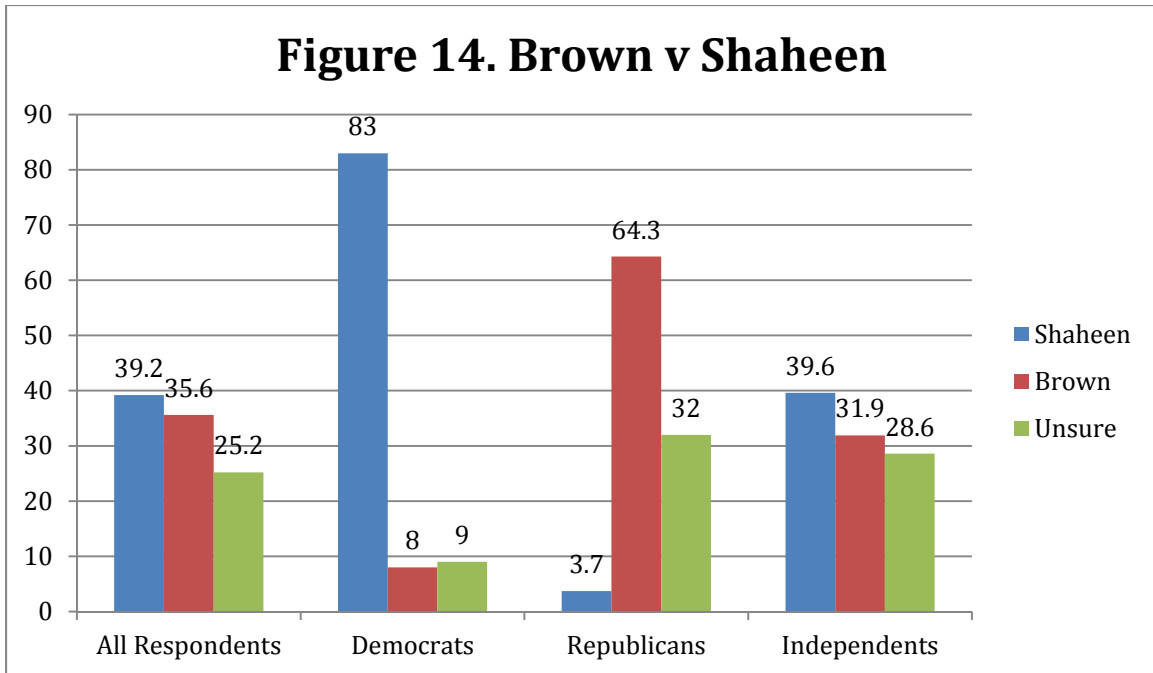
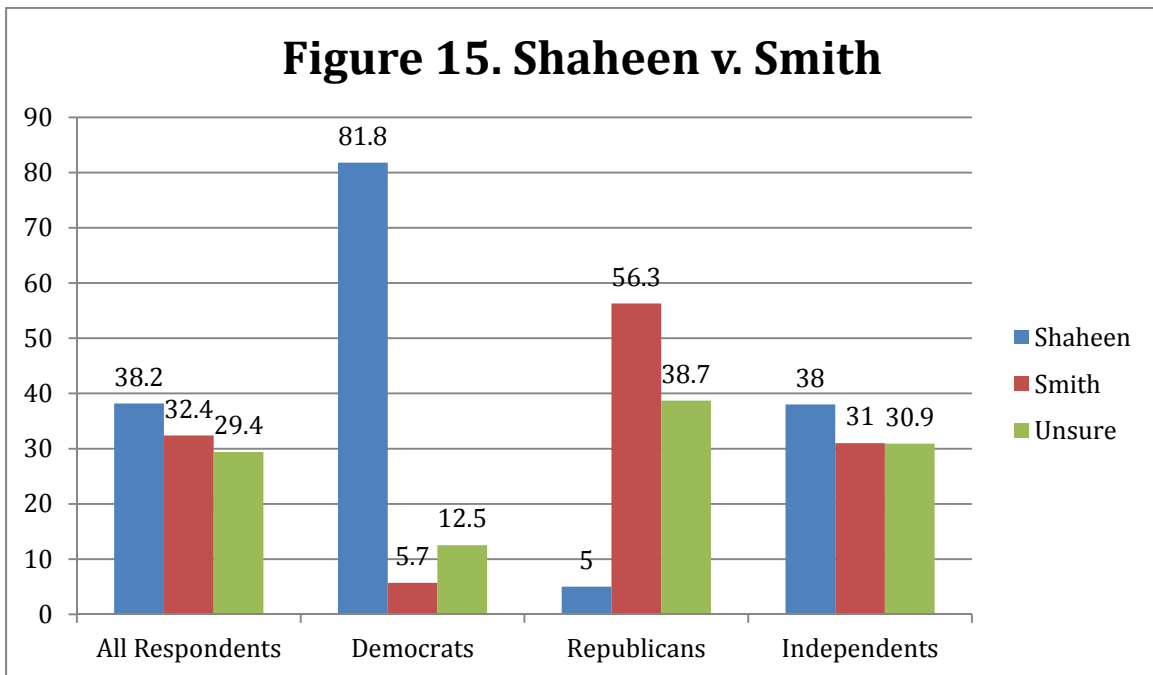


Figure 15. Shaheen v. Smith



5.2 2014 New Hampshire Gubernatorial Election

5.2.1 Hassan Favorability and Approval

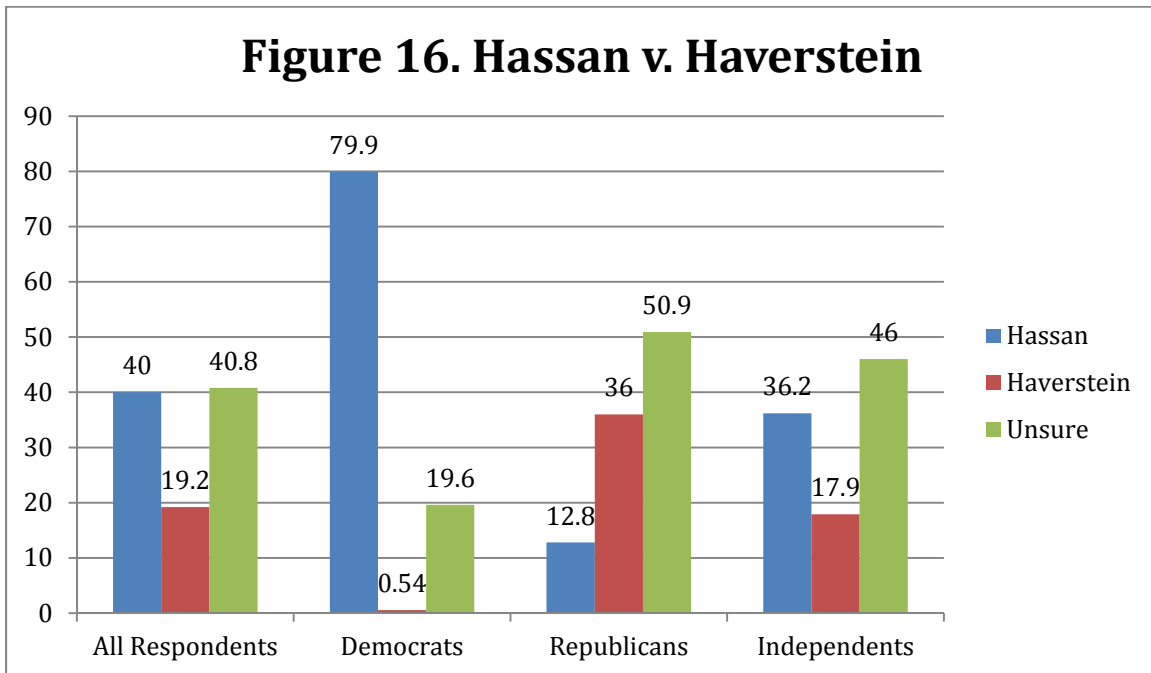
Twenty-eight percent of respondents report having a favorable opinion of Governor Hassan, while 20 percent report an unfavorable opinion. Both of these were exceeded by the 40 percent of respondents reporting a neutral opinion; 12.5 percent are unsure.

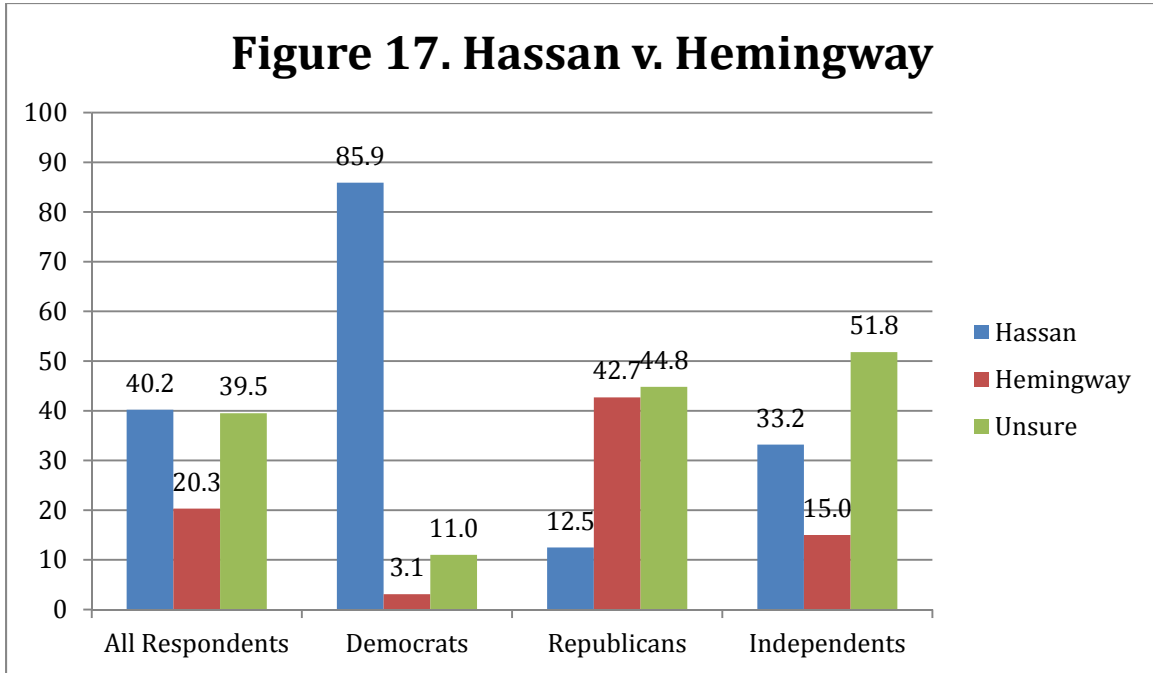


Respondents have somewhat more definitive opinions of Governor Hassan's job performance as 45 percent approve while only 20 percent disapprove; 35 percent of respondents were unsure. These numbers represent less uncertainty relative to last year, when 54 percent reported being unsure of Governor Hassan's job performance. Both Hassan's approval and disapproval rates have increased by about 10 percent from last year.

5.2.2 Election Match Ups

Respondents were asked about potential 2014 gubernatorial election match-ups between Governor Maggie Hassan and Walt Haverstein, and Maggie Hassan and Andrew Hemingway. In both match-ups, Governor Hassan enjoys a significant lead, but with a large share of respondents indicating that they are unsure. When asked to choose between Hassan and Hemingway, 40 percent of respondents chose Hassan and 20 chose Hemingway; 41 percent were unsure. When asked to choose between Hassan and Haverstein, 40 percent chose Hassan and 19 chose Haverstein; 41 percent were unsure.





5.3 2016 Presidential Election

To gauge the current political landscape in New Hampshire regarding the 2016 presidential election, respondents were asked whom they would support in matchups between Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee and Rand Paul, Mike Huckabee, Chris Christie, and Jeb Bush as the Republican nominees. The results are presented in the figures below. The Clinton-Christie match-up was presented in last year's poll. At that time, Clinton received 37.1 percent support while Christie received 32.3 percent support.



Figure 18. 2016 Presidential Match-Ups

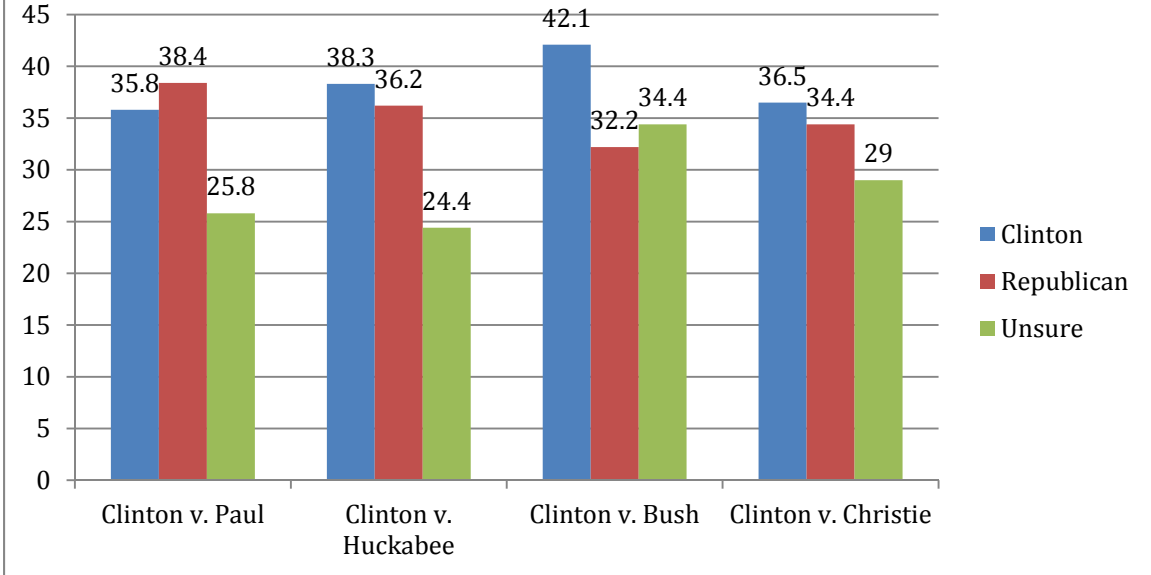


Figure 19. Paul v. Clinton

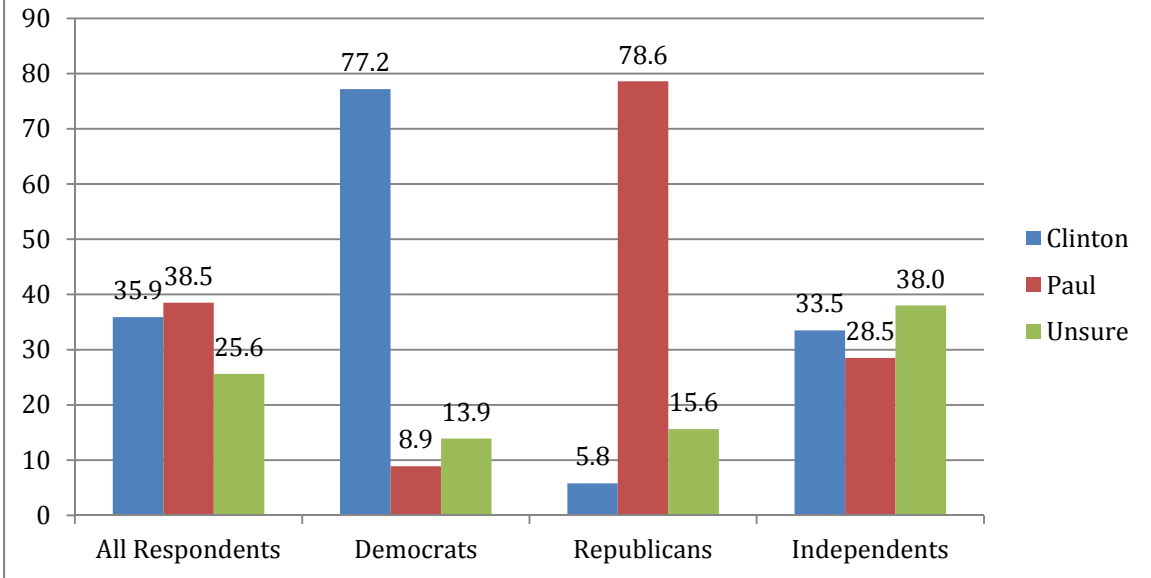




Figure 20. Bush v Clinton

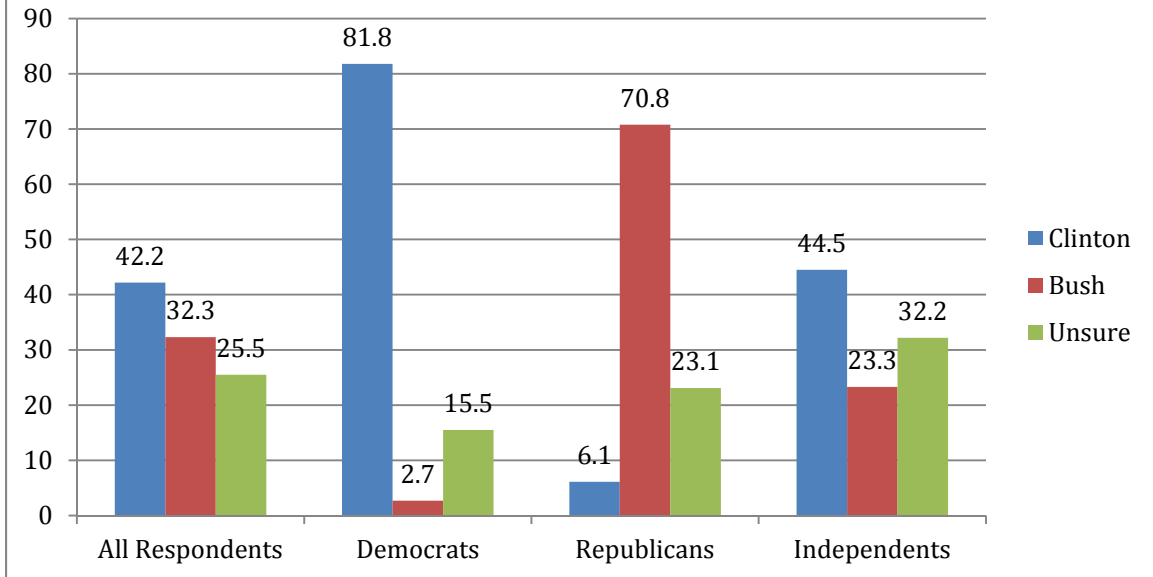
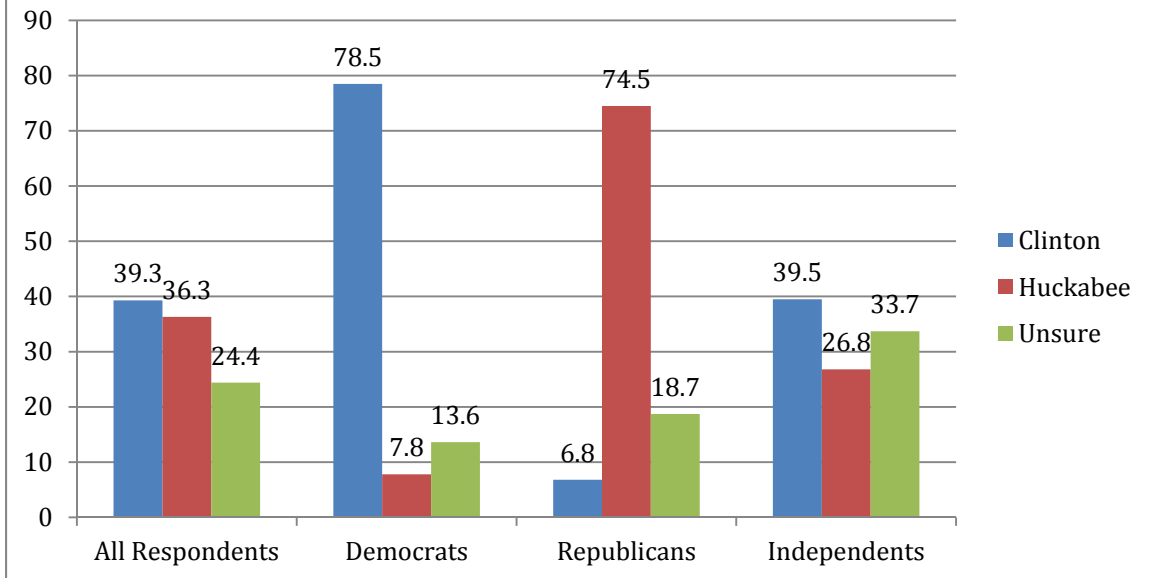
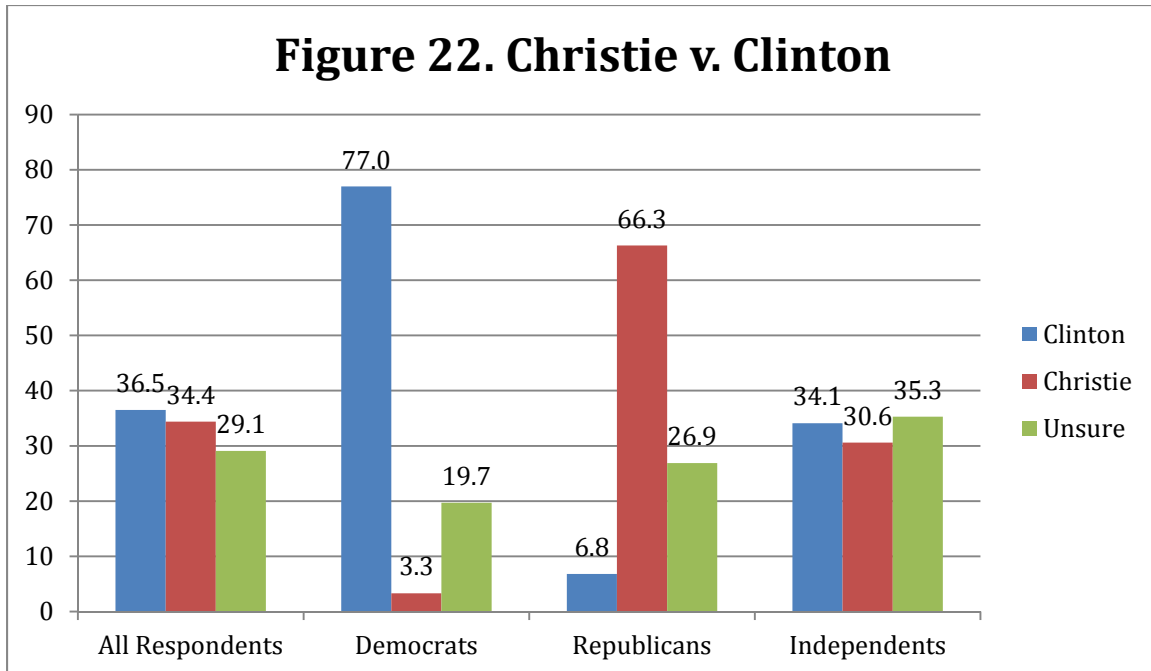


Figure 21. Huckabee v Clinton





When asked if there was another candidate for President that they would support, 80 percent of respondents did not have another candidate in mind at the time. The potential candidates mentioned by five or more respondents include: Ted Cruz, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Marco Rubio, Donald Trump, and Elizabeth Warren.

6. SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHICS

The 2014 New Hampshire State of the State Poll respondents are representative of the registered voter population of the state. Respondents are evenly divided by gender with 49.7 percent male and 50.3 percent female. On the partisan identification measure, the respondents closely reflect the voting population in New Hampshire with the plurality of respondents identifying as "undeclared" or independent (45 percent), 23.6 percent identifying as Democrats, and 29.6 percent identifying as Republicans. Just under three-quarters of the respondents are married (72 percent), while 8.2 percent are divorced, 5.3 percent are widowed, and 14.5 percent are single. Respondents reported their 2012 household income as follows: 13.7 percent earned less than \$40,000, 40.8 percent earned between \$40,000 and \$100,000, and 34.7 percent earned more than \$100,000. When asked how often respondents attend religious services, 21.9 percent attend once a week or more, 12.8 percent attend 1-2 times a month, 22.2 percent attend a couple of times a year, and 43.2 percent rarely or never attend religious services. The sample respondents are more highly educated than the New Hampshire general population with more than 60 percent of the respondents having college degrees (60.1 percent), including 17.7 percent with Masters degrees and 3.3 percent with doctoral degrees (e.g., M.D., J.D., Ph.D.). We have no comparable education level data for registered voters in the state, however.



7. METHODOLOGY

During the week of April 21-25, 2014, students from The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College conducted a telephone survey of a sample of registered voters in New Hampshire. Drawn randomly from a statewide database of New Hampshire registered voters, including registered voters with only cell phones, the respondents were asked a range of questions relating to the political, economic, and social state of affairs in New Hampshire and the country. Additionally, respondents were asked to select candidates for President in trial heats of the 2016 election and for Senate in trial heats of the 2014 election. The 46-question survey took approximately ten minutes to complete. Calls were made between the hours of 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm on Monday through Thursday evenings. Additional call-backs were made during daytime hours on Friday, April 25 when specified by respondents. Over the course of the week, callers made three attempts to contact each of the registered voters drawn in the sample. A total of 412 survey interviews were completed during the five-day calling period, yielding an error rate of +/-4.8 percent at a 95 percent confidence interval.

7.1 Sample Weighting

The poll sample includes a larger share of older individuals than New Hampshire's registered voter population according to Census data. The poll sample is 15.5 percent age 18 to 44, 44.8 percent age 45 to 64, 22.9 percent age 65 to 74, and 16.8 percent age 75 and older. Census estimates of the New Hampshire registered voter population in 2010 are 35.6 percent age 18 to 44, 44.3 percent age 45 to 64, 12.0 percent age 65 to 74, and 8.1 percent age 75 and older. The poll sample is weighted to reflect these differences in age group distribution.

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Hello, is _____ available?

Hello, my name is _____ and I am a student at Dartmouth College calling from our Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy. We are conducting a statewide poll regarding state and federal issues. This survey is confidential and will take only a few minutes to complete.

First, we would like to know your views regarding the state of the economy.

1. In general, how would you assess the current state of the economy in New Hampshire?

Would you say it is excellent, good, fair, or poor?

1 () Excellent 2 () Good 3 () Fair 4 () Poor 5 () Unsure NHECON

2. Regarding your own financial situation, compared to one year ago, do you believe that your financial situation is better, worse, or about the same?

1 () Better 2 () Worse 3 () About the Same PERSECON

3. Looking ahead a year from now, do you think that your own financial situation will be better, worse, or about the same?

1 () Better 2 () Worse 3 () About the same 4 () Unsure FUTFIN

4. How would you rate the current state of the national economy? Excellent, good, fair, or poor?

1 () Excellent 2 () Good 3 () Fair 4 () Poor 5 () Unsure USECON

Next, we would like to discuss New Hampshire government and politics.

5. Which of the following issues do you think is most important for New Hampshire policy makers to focus on in Concord? A strong economy, improving education, maintaining a clean environment, balancing the state budget, providing for healthcare needs, maintaining roads and bridges, relieving property tax burdens, or something else? MOSTIMP

1 () Strong economy 2 () Improving education 3 () Maintaining a clean environment

4 () Balancing the state budget 5 () Providing for healthcare needs

6 () Maintaining roads/bridges 7 () Relieving property tax burden 8 () Other_____

6. In general, how serious do you think New Hampshire's state budgetary situation is? Very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious? Or are you unsure?

1 () Very serious 2 () Somewhat serious 3 () Not very serious

4 () Not at all serious 5 () Unsure

BUDGET

7. Many towns in New Hampshire are facing budget problems. In order to provide the same level of services, they might have to raise taxes. If you had to choose between raising taxes or cutting services, which would you choose?

1 () Increase taxes, maintain services 2 () Maintain taxes, decrease services

3 () Don't know/No opinion

TAXSERVE

8. In general, do you believe that government in New Hampshire should be funded at the state level through taxes and fees or at the local level through property taxes?

1 () State level 2 () Local level 3 () Both 4 () Unsure

STLOCAL

Now, we'd like to get your opinions on specific policy issues currently being debated in Concord.

9. Do you support or oppose a state constitutional amendment to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation?

1 () Support 2 () Oppose 3 () Unsure

SEXDISCRIM

10. Do you support or oppose the expansion of gambling in New Hampshire to include casino gambling? Or, are you unsure?

1 () Support 2 () Oppose 3 () Unsure

CASINO

11. The Northern Pass Project is a proposal to build a set of power lines between Canada and New Hampshire. Do you support or oppose the Northern Pass Project? Or, are you unsure?

1 () Support 2 () Oppose 3 () Unsure

NORPASS

12. Do you support or oppose a bill under consideration in Concord that would decriminalize possession of up to one quarter of an ounce of marijuana? Or, are you unsure?

1 () Support 2 () Oppose 3 () Unsure

POT

13. Do you support or oppose the state requirement that registered voters present photo identification in order to vote?

1 () Support 2 () Oppose 3 () Unsure

PHOTOID

14. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate the state of the public education system in New Hampshire?

1 () 2 () 3 () 4 () 5 () 6 () Unsure

PUBEDUC

Next, we'd like to ask you questions about federal policies in Washington, DC.

15. How do you feel about current levels of defense spending? Do you think we spend too little, too much, or the right amount on defense spending? Or, are you unsure?

1 () Too little 2 () Too much 3 () Right amount 4 () Unsure DEFENSE

16. The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, was signed into law in 2010. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the act? Or are you unsure? HEALTH1

1 () Approve 2 () Disapprove 3 () Unsure

17. In terms of your own personal healthcare situation, has the Affordable Care Act had a positive, neutral, or negative impact on you?

1 () Positive 2 () Neutral 3 () Negative 4 () Unsure HEALTH2

18. Do you support or oppose a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are currently in the United States? Or, are you unsure? IMMIG

1 () Support 2 () Oppose 3 () Unsure

19. In general, do you think laws covering the sale of guns should be made more strict, less strict, kept as they are now, or are you unsure? GUNLAWS

1 () More strict 2 () Less strict 3 () As they are now 4 () Unsure

20. Do you support or oppose the death penalty? Or, are you unsure? DEATHPEN

1 () Support 2 () Oppose 3 () Unsure

Now, we would like to ask you about your views on state politics and elected officials. I am going to begin by asking your opinions about our national and statewide elected officials—

21. First, regarding GOVERNOR MAGGIE HASSAN, do you have a generally favorable, neutral or unfavorable opinion of Governor Hassan or are you not sure?

1 () Favorable 2 () Neutral 3 () Unfavorable 4 () Unsure HASSAN

22. Next, SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN, do you have a generally favorable, neutral, or unfavorable opinion of Senator Shaheen or are you unsure?

1 () Favorable 2 () Neutral 3 () Unfavorable 4 () Unsure SHAHEEN

23. And, SENATOR KELLY AYOTTE, do you have a generally favorable, neutral, or unfavorable opinion of Senator Ayotte or are you unsure?

1 () Favorable 2 () Neutral 3 () Unfavorable 4 () Unsure AYOTTE

24. And now, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, do you have a generally favorable, neutral, or unfavorable opinion of President Obama, or are you unsure?
1 () Favorable 2 () Neutral 3 () Unfavorable 4 () Unsure OBAMA

25. Regarding the job performance of SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN, do you approve or disapprove of the way Senator Shaheen is handling her job as Senator, or are you unsure?
1 () Approve 2 () Disapprove 3 () Unsure SHAJOB

26. And the job performance of GOVERNOR MAGGIE HASSAN, do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Hassan is handling her job as Governor, or are you unsure?
1 () Approve 2 () Disapprove 3 () Unsure HASSANJOB

27. And PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling his job as President, or are you unsure?
1 () Approve 2 () Disapprove 3 () Unsure OBAMAJOB

Now, we would like to shift gears a bit and ask you to think about upcoming elections. In November, there will be an election for United States Senator in New Hampshire.

28. If the New Hampshire Senate election were held today, would you support Jeanne Shaheen, the current U.S. Senator, as the Democratic nominee, or Scott Brown, the former U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, as the Republican nominee? Or, are you unsure?
1 () Shaheen 2 () Brown 3 () Unsure SHABROWN

29. If the New Hampshire Senate election were held today, would you support Jeanne Shaheen, the current U.S. Senator, as the Democratic nominee, or Karen Testerman, a Republican activist, as the Republican nominee? Or, are you unsure?
1 () Shaheen 2 () Testerman 3 () Unsure SHATEST

30. Again, if the Senate election were held today, would you support Jeanne Shaheen, the current U.S. Senator, as the Democratic nominee, or Bob Smith, the former New Hampshire Senator, as the Republican nominee? Or, are you unsure?
1 () Shaheen 2 () Smith 3 () Unsure SHASMITH

31. And finally, if the Senate election were held today, would you support Jeanne Shaheen as the Democratic nominee, or Jim Rubens, former New Hampshire state senator, as the Republican nominee? Or, are you unsure?
1 () Shaheen 2 () Rubens 3 () Unsure SHARUBENS

In November, we will also have an election for Governor of New Hampshire.

32. If the election for governor were held today, would you vote for the current governor, Maggie Hassan, as the Democratic nominee or entrepreneur Andrew Hemingway as the Republican nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 () Maggie Hassan 2 () Andrew Hemingway 3 () Unsure HASSHEM

33. If the election for governor were held today, would you vote for the current governor, Maggie Hassan, as the Democratic nominee or retired corporate executive Walt Haverstein as the Republican nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 () Maggie Hassan 2 () Walt Haverstein 3 () Unsure HASSHAV

In 2016, we will have another presidential election. Looking ahead to 2016,

34. If the election for president were held today, would you support Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky, as the Republican nominee, or former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure? 1 () Paul 2 () Clinton 3 () Unsure

PAULCLIN

35. If the election for president were held today, would you support former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton, as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure? 1 () Huckabee 2 () Clinton 3 () Unsure

HUCKCLIN

36. If the election for president were held today, would you support New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton, as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure? 1 () Christie 2 () Clinton 3 () Unsure

CHRISCLIN

37. If the election for president were held today, would you support former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton, as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure? 1 () Bush 2 () Clinton 3 () Unsure

BUSHCLIN

38. Apart from any of the presidential candidates just mentioned, is there someone else for whom you would vote for president in 2016? _____

OTHERPRES

39. Finally, regarding the Tea Party Movement in America, do you have a generally favorable view of the Tea Party, a generally neutral view, or a generally unfavorable view of the Tea Party? Or, are you unsure?

1 () Favorable 2 () Neutral 3 () Unfavorable 4 () Unsure

TEAPARTY

Finally, we have just a few more demographic questions to ask so that we can compare your confidential responses with those of other New Hampshire residents.

40. First, what is your age? _____ AGE

41. Next, please stop me when I reach the educational level that best reflects your highest level of education:

- 1 () elementary school 2 () some high school 3 () high school graduate
4 () some college or vocational/technical training 5 () college graduate
6 () some graduate training 7 () master's degree 8 () some doctoral training
9 () doctoral degree (prompt only Ph.D./J.D./M.D./D.V.M) EDUC

42. What is your current marital status? Are you married, divorced or separated, widowed, or single and never married? 1 () married 2 () divorced/separated
3 () widowed 4 () single and never married MARITAL

43. Under which party are you registered to vote in New Hampshire: Democrat, Republican or Undeclared? 1 () Democrat 2 () Republican 3 () Undeclared/Indep.
4 () Other _____ 5 () Don't Remember/Claim not to be registered PARTYID2

44. In terms of your own personal views on politics, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?
1 () Liberal 2 () Moderate 3 () Conservative IDEO

45. About how often do you attend religious services? Once a week or more, one or two times a month, a couple of times a year, rarely attend religious services, or never attend religious services? 1 () Once a week or more 2 () 1-2 times a month 3 () Couple of times a year
4 () Rarely attend 5 () Never attend RELIGIOS

46. Finally, please stop me when I reach the income level that best reflects your annual household income for 2013:

- 1 () Under \$20,000 5 () 80,000 up to 100,000 9 () No answer
2 () \$20,000 up to \$40,000 6 () 100,000 up to 150,000
3 () \$40,000 up to \$60,000 7 () 150,000 up to 200,000
4 () 60,000 up to 80,000 8 () Over \$200,000 INCOME

That concludes our survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation. Please look for the results in your local media or at the Rockefeller Center web site at Dartmouth College. Have a good evening.