

CBS News Poll – September 23 – October 1, 2026

Registered Voters in Maine



Sample 1,144 Registered Voters in Maine

Margin of Error ± 4.7 points

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Approve	38%
Disapprove	62%

2. Do you strongly [approve/disapprove] or somewhat [approve/disapprove]?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	51%

3. Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

Very well	7%
Somewhat well	28%
Somewhat badly	21%
Very badly	44%

4. How would you rate the condition of Maine's economy today?

Very good	5%
Fairly good	26%
Fairly bad	38%
Very bad	27%
Not sure	4%

5. As of now, do you plan to vote in the 2026 elections for U.S. Congress this November?

Definitely will vote	78%
Probably will vote	15%
Maybe will, maybe won't	4%
Probably won't vote	1%
Definitely won't vote	1%

6. The general election for U.S. Senate in Maine is coming up this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

Among likely voters, including those leaning toward Jackson or Collins

Troy Jackson	50%
Susan Collins	50%
Someone else	0%
Not sure	0%

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7. What is the main reason behind your vote for Troy Jackson over Susan Collins for U.S. Senate?

Among likely voters voting for Jackson

Mainly because I like Troy Jackson	22%
Mainly because Troy Jackson is the Democratic nominee	27%
Mainly to oppose Susan Collins	50%

8. What is the main reason behind your vote for Susan Collins over Troy Jackson for U.S. Senate?

Among likely voters voting for Collins

Mainly because I like Susan Collins	50%
Mainly because Susan Collins is the Republican nominee	27%
Mainly to oppose Troy Jackson	23%

9. Is your mind made up about voting for [Troy Jackson / Susan Collins] or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

Among likely voters voting for a candidate for Senate

Mind made up	90%
Might change mind	10%

10. The general election for Governor of Maine is coming up this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

Among likely voters, including those leaning toward Pingree or Charles

Hannah Pingree	56%
Bobby Charles	44%
Someone else	0%
Not sure	0%

11. How important will each of these issues be in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/not important
Economy	86%	14%	0%
Immigration	55%	33%	12%
Inflation	80%	19%	1%
The U.S.-Iran conflict	64%	28%	8%
Tariffs	51%	36%	13%
Taxes	61%	30%	9%
Healthcare	71%	25%	3%

12. In the 2026 election for the Senate, what will be more important to you:

Among likely voters

National issues and the direction of the country	67%
Local issues and what's happening in Maine	33%

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13. Do you think of your vote for U.S. Senate this fall ...?

Among likely voters

To help Democrats gain control of the Senate	44%
To help Republicans keep control of the Senate	35%
Not about party control of the Senate	21%

14. Will your vote for U.S. Senate this year be...

Among likely voters

To support Donald Trump	28%
To oppose Donald Trump	47%
Not about Donald Trump	25%

15. Do you think Donald Trump's policies have...

Helped Maine's economy	20%
Hurt Maine's economy	57%
Not made much difference either way	23%

16. Do you think Donald Trump's policies have made the U.S....

More safe	33%
Less safe	53%
Not made much difference either way	14%

17. Thinking about your family finances, have higher prices for goods and services been...

A financial hardship	36%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	37%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	24%
Finances have not been affected	3%

18. Do you think Susan Collins agrees with Donald Trump:

Too much	53%
Too little	13%
About the right amount	34%

19. In general, would you describe Troy Jackson as:

Very liberal	37%
Somewhat liberal	29%
Moderate	24%
Somewhat conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%

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20. In general, would you describe Susan Collins as:

Very liberal	3%
Somewhat liberal	5%
Moderate	27%
Somewhat conservative	35%
Very conservative	30%

21. If there are differences between the priorities of Maine and the priorities of national Democrats, do you think Troy Jackson would mostly consider...

The priorities of Maine over national Democrats	56%
The priorities of national Democrats over Maine	44%

22. If there are differences between the priorities of Maine and the priorities of national Republicans, do you think Susan Collins would mostly consider...

The priorities of Maine over national Republicans	46%
The priorities of national Republicans over Maine	54%

23. In terms of federal funding for Maine's programs and interests, do you think having Troy Jackson in the U.S. Senate would lead to Maine getting...

More than its fair share	13%
Less than its fair share	36%
About its fair share	37%
Not impacted either way	14%

24. In terms of federal funding for Maine's programs and interests, do you think having Susan Collins in the U.S. Senate would lead to Maine getting...

More than its fair share	24%
Less than its fair share	28%
About its fair share	38%
Not impacted either way	10%

25. Which of these qualities in a candidate are very important in deciding your vote for U.S. Senate in Maine?
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Among likely voters

Will fight for people like you	77%
Is honest and trustworthy	77%
Has the right experience	55%
Will bring needed change	71%

26. Do you think Troy Jackson supports policies that make you and your family's financial situation...

Better	47%
Worse	34%
Not make a difference either way	19%

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27. Do you think Susan Collins supports policies that make you and your family's financial situation...

Better	33%
Worse	45%
Not make a difference either way	22%

28. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. placing new tariffs on goods imported from other countries?

Favor	37%
Oppose	63%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

Approve	51%
Disapprove	49%

30. Do you think that the way Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has conducted its operations when it stops or detains people in Maine is...

Too tough	58%
Not tough enough	20%
About right	21%

31. Do you think the U.S. should end the conflict with Iran now, or should it continue the conflict until Iran gives up more?

Should end now	67%
Continue until Iran gives up more	33%

32. In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court ended the constitutional right to abortion by overturning Roe v. Wade. Do you approve or disapprove of the Court overturning Roe v. Wade?

Approve of overturning Roe v. Wade	39%
Disapprove of overturning Roe v. Wade	61%

33. As best as you can recall, in previous elections, have you ever voted for Susan Collins for U.S. Senate?

Yes, one time	16%
Yes, a few times	25%
Yes, every time Collins has run	19%
No, have never voted for Collins	40%

34. Are you glad Troy Jackson is the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, or do you wish someone else was the Democratic nominee?

Among Democrats and Independents

Glad Jackson is the Democratic nominee	47%
Wish Democratic nominee someone else	53%

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1. Trump Job Approval (2 Categories)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	38%	41%	35%	34%	41%	36%	40%	33%
Disapprove	62%	59%	65%	66%	59%	64%	60%	67%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(539)	(605)	(166)	(578)	(401)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	38%	6%	31%	80%	9%	31%	76%
Disapprove	62%	94%	69%	20%	91%	69%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(358)	(438)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(367)

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2. Trump Job Approval (4 Categories)

Do you strongly [approve/disapprove] or somewhat [approve/disapprove]?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strongly approve	22%	27%	19%	26%	23%	20%	21%	21%
Somewhat approve	16%	14%	17%	8%	18%	16%	18%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	12%	11%	26%	11%	6%	13%	12%
Strongly disapprove	51%	47%	53%	40%	48%	58%	48%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(539)	(605)	(166)	(578)	(401)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	22%	3%	13%	56%	7%	13%	50%
Somewhat approve	16%	3%	18%	24%	2%	18%	26%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	4%	18%	11%	3%	20%	11%
Strongly disapprove	51%	90%	51%	9%	88%	49%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(358)	(438)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(367)

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3. Things in America

Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very well	7%	5%	8%	14%	7%	3%	4%	8%
Somewhat well	28%	31%	26%	40%	27%	25%	27%	31%
Somewhat badly	21%	25%	17%	16%	21%	23%	27%	12%
Very badly	44%	39%	49%	30%	44%	49%	42%	49%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(539)	(605)	(166)	(578)	(401)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very well	7%	2%	2%	18%	4%	4%	12%
Somewhat well	28%	5%	30%	51%	5%	28%	54%
Somewhat badly	21%	16%	23%	23%	9%	29%	25%
Very badly	44%	77%	45%	8%	81%	38%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
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4. Condition of State Economy

How would you rate the condition of Maine's economy today?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very good	5%	6%	4%	12%	5%	1%	3%	5%
Fairly good	26%	27%	26%	31%	22%	31%	22%	34%
Fairly bad	38%	40%	36%	39%	38%	39%	41%	36%
Very bad	27%	24%	29%	16%	31%	25%	31%	20%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%	4%	3%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(539)	(605)	(166)	(578)	(401)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	5%	2%	1%	13%	3%	4%	7%
Fairly good	26%	27%	22%	32%	21%	37%	23%
Fairly bad	38%	35%	45%	34%	41%	38%	37%
Very bad	27%	28%	29%	20%	28%	19%	32%
Not sure	4%	7%	3%	1%	7%	2%	1%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(358)	(438)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(367)

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5. Midterm Likely Voter

As of now, do you plan to vote in the 2026 elections for U.S. Congress this November?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Definitely will vote	78%	79%	77%	59%	74%	93%	78%	84%
Probably will vote	15%	15%	15%	26%	19%	5%	15%	12%
Maybe will, maybe won't	4%	5%	4%	7%	5%	2%	4%	3%
Probably won't vote	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Definitely won't vote	1%	1%	1%	7%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,143)	(538)	(605)	(166)	(578)	(400)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Definitely will vote	78%	80%	77%	77%	84%	69%	85%
Probably will vote	15%	17%	12%	18%	12%	20%	12%
Maybe will, maybe won't	4%	2%	6%	2%	1%	9%	1%
Probably won't vote	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Definitely won't vote	1%	0%	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,143)	(358)	(438)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(366)

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6. Senate Vote with Leaners

The general election for U.S. Senate in Maine is coming up this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

Among likely voters, including those leaning toward Jackson or Collins

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Troy Jackson	50%	46%	55%	57%	49%	51%	45%	60%
Susan Collins	50%	54%	45%	43%	51%	49%	55%	39%
Someone else	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,136)	(540)	(596)	(125)	(628)	(383)	(641)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Troy Jackson	50%	91%	53%	5%	90%	54%	6%
Susan Collins	50%	9%	46%	95%	10%	45%	94%
Someone else	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,136)	(363)	(424)	(339)	(377)	(359)	(381)

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7. Main Reason Behind Vote for Jackson

What is the main reason behind your vote for Troy Jackson over Susan Collins for U.S. Senate?

Among likely voters voting for Jackson

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mainly because I like Troy Jackson	22%	30%	17%	*	24%	18%	26%	17%
Mainly because Troy Jackson is the Democratic nominee	27%	24%	30%	*	20%	29%	24%	29%
Mainly to oppose Susan Collins	50%	46%	53%	*	56%	53%	50%	54%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(230)	(308)	(68)	(283)	(187)	(267)	(234)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mainly because I like Troy Jackson	22%	21%	23%	*	18%	31%	*
Mainly because Troy Jackson is the Democratic nominee	27%	31%	24%	*	25%	33%	*
Mainly to oppose Susan Collins	50%	48%	53%	*	57%	36%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(538)	(318)	(206)	(14)	(325)	(181)	(19)

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8. Main Reason Behind Vote for Collins

What is the main reason behind your vote for Susan Collins over Troy Jackson for U.S. Senate?

Among likely voters voting for Collins

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mainly because I like Susan Collins	50%	46%	54%	*	49%	54%	43%	67%
Mainly because Susan Collins is the Republican nominee	27%	27%	28%	*	29%	20%	32%	16%
Mainly to oppose Troy Jackson	23%	27%	18%	*	22%	26%	25%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(528)	(282)	(246)	(51)	(305)	(172)	(323)	(152)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mainly because I like Susan Collins	50%	*	43%	53%	*	52%	47%
Mainly because Susan Collins is the Republican nominee	27%	*	27%	28%	*	31%	26%
Mainly to oppose Troy Jackson	23%	*	30%	19%	*	17%	27%
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(528)	(26)	(180)	(317)	(32)	(145)	(350)

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9. Mind Made Up about Senate Vote

Is your mind made up about voting for [Troy Jackson / Susan Collins] or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

Among likely voters voting for a candidate for Senate

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mind made up	90%	88%	92%	80%	87%	98%	90%	90%
Might change mind	10%	12%	8%	20%	13%	2%	10%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,069)	(514)	(555)	(120)	(590)	(359)	(590)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mind made up	90%	88%	93%	88%	93%	79%	96%
Might change mind	10%	12%	7%	12%	7%	21%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,069)	(344)	(387)	(332)	(357)	(327)	(369)

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10. Governor Vote with Leaners

The general election for Governor of Maine is coming up this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

Among likely voters, including those leaning toward Pingree or Charles

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Hannah Pingree	56%	50%	61%	66%	53%	58%	52%	66%
Bobby Charles	44%	50%	38%	34%	47%	41%	48%	34%
Someone else	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,133)	(537)	(596)	(123)	(627)	(383)	(641)	(393)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hannah Pingree	56%	97%	59%	11%	94%	61%	12%
Bobby Charles	44%	3%	40%	89%	5%	38%	88%
Someone else	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,133)	(363)	(421)	(339)	(377)	(357)	(381)

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11A. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Economy

How important will each of these issues be in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	86%	86%	85%	84%	87%	84%	88%	82%
Somewhat important	14%	13%	15%	15%	12%	16%	12%	18%
Not too/not important	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,133)	(539)	(594)	(124)	(627)	(382)	(639)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	86%	88%	83%	88%	88%	85%	87%
Somewhat important	14%	12%	17%	12%	12%	14%	13%
Not too/not important	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,133)	(362)	(424)	(337)	(377)	(359)	(379)

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11B. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Immigration

How important will each of these issues be in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	55%	52%	57%	38%	56%	58%	59%	46%
Somewhat important	33%	36%	31%	52%	30%	32%	30%	39%
Not too/not important	12%	12%	12%	10%	14%	10%	11%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,133)	(537)	(596)	(123)	(627)	(382)	(638)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	55%	43%	53%	70%	47%	39%	79%
Somewhat important	33%	43%	33%	23%	34%	46%	19%
Not too/not important	12%	14%	14%	7%	19%	15%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,133)	(360)	(424)	(338)	(377)	(357)	(380)

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11C. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Inflation

How important will each of these issues be in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	80%	81%	79%	77%	82%	77%	82%	73%
Somewhat important	19%	18%	20%	23%	17%	22%	17%	26%
Not too/not important	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(539)	(595)	(125)	(627)	(382)	(640)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	80%	83%	81%	75%	84%	77%	79%
Somewhat important	19%	16%	19%	23%	16%	22%	20%
Not too/not important	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(362)	(424)	(338)	(377)	(359)	(380)

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11D. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — The U.S.-Iran conflict

How important will each of these issues be in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	64%	61%	67%	47%	61%	75%	64%	70%
Somewhat important	28%	30%	27%	41%	30%	22%	27%	26%
Not too/not important	8%	9%	6%	12%	9%	3%	9%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,131)	(536)	(595)	(125)	(624)	(382)	(636)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	64%	81%	68%	42%	84%	64%	44%
Somewhat important	28%	17%	26%	41%	13%	30%	42%
Not too/not important	8%	2%	6%	16%	3%	6%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,131)	(362)	(421)	(338)	(377)	(356)	(380)

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11E. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Tariffs

How important will each of these issues be in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	51%	46%	56%	55%	50%	52%	52%	52%
Somewhat important	36%	38%	34%	40%	37%	33%	36%	36%
Not too/not important	13%	16%	10%	5%	13%	15%	12%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,133)	(538)	(595)	(125)	(626)	(382)	(639)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	51%	72%	50%	31%	71%	55%	29%
Somewhat important	36%	23%	35%	52%	23%	34%	51%
Not too/not important	13%	5%	15%	17%	6%	11%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,133)	(362)	(423)	(338)	(377)	(359)	(379)

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11F. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Taxes

How important will each of these issues be in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	61%	57%	65%	55%	63%	60%	65%	55%
Somewhat important	30%	29%	30%	42%	26%	31%	27%	34%
Not too/not important	9%	13%	5%	3%	11%	9%	8%	11%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,129)	(539)	(590)	(125)	(622)	(382)	(634)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	61%	51%	59%	74%	48%	67%	70%
Somewhat important	30%	40%	27%	23%	40%	24%	26%
Not too/not important	9%	9%	14%	3%	12%	9%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,129)	(363)	(424)	(332)	(377)	(359)	(374)

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11G. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Healthcare

How important will each of these issues be in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	71%	65%	77%	74%	68%	75%	73%	69%
Somewhat important	25%	30%	21%	21%	29%	21%	24%	27%
Not too/not important	3%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,126)	(530)	(596)	(125)	(618)	(382)	(640)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	71%	84%	72%	57%	85%	77%	53%
Somewhat important	25%	16%	26%	34%	15%	21%	39%
Not too/not important	3%	0%	2%	8%	0%	2%	8%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,126)	(353)	(424)	(338)	(368)	(359)	(380)

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12. National vs. Local Issues

In the 2026 election for the Senate, what will be more important to you:

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
National issues and the direction of the country	67%	75%	59%	63%	61%	77%	60%	80%
Local issues and what's happening in Maine	33%	25%	41%	37%	39%	23%	40%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,132)	(539)	(594)	(125)	(626)	(381)	(640)	(394)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
National issues and the direction of the country	67%	71%	73%	56%	81%	67%	52%
Local issues and what's happening in Maine	33%	29%	27%	44%	19%	33%	48%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,132)	(362)	(422)	(337)	(377)	(359)	(378)

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13. Vote about Senate Control?

Do you think of your vote for U.S. Senate this fall ...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
To help Democrats gain control of the Senate	44%	43%	46%	54%	41%	46%	39%	57%
To help Republicans keep control of the Senate	35%	40%	30%	31%	38%	30%	39%	25%
Not about party control of the Senate	21%	17%	24%	15%	20%	24%	22%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(540)	(596)	(125)	(627)	(382)	(640)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
To help Democrats gain control of the Senate	44%	86%	42%	5%	82%	45%	6%
To help Republicans keep control of the Senate	35%	4%	28%	76%	7%	21%	77%
Not about party control of the Senate	21%	10%	30%	19%	11%	34%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(363)	(423)	(339)	(376)	(359)	(381)

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14. Trump Impact on Senate Vote

Will your vote for U.S. Senate this year be...

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
To support Donald Trump	28%	31%	26%	29%	35%	18%	30%	25%
To oppose Donald Trump	47%	45%	49%	59%	43%	50%	42%	57%
Not about Donald Trump	25%	24%	25%	12%	22%	32%	28%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(540)	(595)	(125)	(628)	(382)	(640)	(396)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
To support Donald Trump	28%	5%	20%	64%	7%	26%	52%
To oppose Donald Trump	47%	85%	48%	6%	82%	49%	10%
Not about Donald Trump	25%	10%	32%	30%	11%	25%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(361)	(424)	(339)	(376)	(359)	(381)

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15. Trump Policy Impact on Maine Economy

Do you think Donald Trump's policies have...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Helped Maine's economy	20%	24%	16%	22%	25%	11%	16%	22%
Hurt Maine's economy	57%	54%	59%	56%	52%	63%	55%	61%
Not made much difference either way	23%	22%	25%	22%	23%	25%	28%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(538)	(604)	(166)	(578)	(399)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Helped Maine's economy	20%	5%	9%	49%	8%	14%	39%
Hurt Maine's economy	57%	91%	62%	15%	88%	64%	19%
Not made much difference either way	23%	3%	29%	35%	4%	22%	42%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(357)	(437)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(365)

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16. Trump Made U.S. More or Less Safe

Do you think Donald Trump's policies have made the U.S....

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More safe	33%	38%	28%	29%	37%	29%	34%	31%
Less safe	53%	50%	57%	55%	48%	60%	54%	55%
Not made much difference either way	14%	12%	15%	15%	15%	11%	12%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,137)	(538)	(599)	(161)	(577)	(400)	(648)	(385)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More safe	33%	4%	24%	75%	8%	25%	68%
Less safe	53%	92%	52%	15%	90%	54%	15%
Not made much difference either way	14%	4%	24%	10%	2%	21%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,137)	(357)	(438)	(331)	(373)	(374)	(361)

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17. Family Finances and Prices

Thinking about your family finances, have higher prices for goods and services been...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A financial hardship	36%	32%	39%	34%	37%	34%	38%	27%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	37%	37%	37%	30%	41%	34%	36%	43%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	24%	28%	20%	32%	19%	28%	23%	25%
Finances have not been affected	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(539)	(605)	(166)	(577)	(401)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A financial hardship	36%	50%	31%	26%	54%	32%	19%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	37%	35%	37%	38%	32%	33%	45%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	24%	13%	30%	29%	12%	32%	30%
Finances have not been affected	3%	1%	2%	7%	2%	3%	6%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(358)	(438)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(367)

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18. How Much Does Collins Agree with Trump

Do you think Susan Collins agrees with Donald Trump:

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	53%	49%	57%	45%	52%	58%	51%	57%
Too little	13%	18%	8%	22%	13%	7%	13%	10%
About the right amount	34%	33%	35%	32%	35%	35%	36%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(538)	(604)	(166)	(577)	(400)	(648)	(385)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	53%	91%	50%	18%	91%	49%	16%
Too little	13%	5%	12%	21%	5%	11%	23%
About the right amount	34%	4%	38%	61%	4%	40%	61%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(358)	(437)	(335)	(374)	(375)	(365)

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19. Jackson Ideology

In general, would you describe Troy Jackson as:

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very liberal	37%	42%	32%	14%	36%	47%	41%	32%
Somewhat liberal	29%	26%	32%	36%	31%	25%	25%	40%
Moderate	24%	24%	25%	32%	24%	21%	25%	22%
Somewhat conservative	7%	5%	8%	14%	5%	5%	6%	4%
Very conservative	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,140)	(538)	(601)	(166)	(574)	(400)	(647)	(384)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very liberal	37%	22%	36%	52%	24%	24%	65%
Somewhat liberal	29%	39%	27%	23%	43%	29%	19%
Moderate	24%	29%	31%	11%	27%	38%	4%
Somewhat conservative	7%	9%	3%	8%	5%	6%	8%
Very conservative	3%	1%	2%	6%	1%	3%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,140)	(355)	(437)	(336)	(373)	(375)	(364)

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20. Collins Ideology

In general, would you describe Susan Collins as:

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very liberal	3%	1%	5%	2%	2%	5%	5%	1%
Somewhat liberal	5%	9%	2%	7%	7%	3%	4%	5%
Moderate	27%	30%	24%	17%	25%	33%	28%	27%
Somewhat conservative	35%	30%	39%	52%	33%	30%	35%	37%
Very conservative	30%	30%	29%	22%	33%	28%	28%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(538)	(605)	(166)	(577)	(401)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very liberal	3%	6%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Somewhat liberal	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	3%	11%
Moderate	27%	12%	24%	45%	5%	38%	36%
Somewhat conservative	35%	28%	41%	35%	35%	34%	36%
Very conservative	30%	49%	28%	13%	55%	22%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(358)	(438)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(367)

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21. Prioritize National Party or Maine - Jackson

If there are differences between the priorities of Maine and the priorities of national Democrats, do you think Troy Jackson would mostly consider...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
The priorities of Maine over national Democrats	56%	51%	60%	62%	54%	56%	50%	68%
The priorities of national Democrats over Maine	44%	49%	40%	38%	46%	44%	50%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(537)	(604)	(166)	(576)	(400)	(647)	(385)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The priorities of Maine over national Democrats	56%	83%	55%	29%	83%	60%	22%
The priorities of national Democrats over Maine	44%	17%	45%	71%	17%	40%	78%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(358)	(438)	(334)	(374)	(374)	(366)

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22. Prioritize National Party or Maine - Collins

If there are differences between the priorities of Maine and the priorities of national Republicans, do you think Susan Collins would mostly consider...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
The priorities of Maine over national Republicans	46%	49%	43%	41%	48%	45%	48%	39%
The priorities of national Republicans over Maine	54%	51%	57%	59%	52%	55%	52%	61%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(538)	(603)	(166)	(577)	(400)	(647)	(385)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The priorities of Maine over national Republicans	46%	22%	42%	76%	16%	43%	81%
The priorities of national Republicans over Maine	54%	78%	58%	24%	84%	57%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(357)	(437)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(366)

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23. Getting Federal Funding for Maine - Jackson

In terms of federal funding for Maine's programs and interests, do you think having Troy Jackson in the U.S. Senate would lead to Maine getting...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More than its fair share	13%	15%	12%	21%	15%	8%	14%	10%
Less than its fair share	36%	41%	31%	26%	35%	42%	40%	29%
About its fair share	37%	29%	43%	47%	34%	36%	31%	49%
Not impacted either way	14%	14%	14%	6%	16%	14%	15%	12%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(538)	(604)	(166)	(576)	(401)	(648)	(384)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More than its fair share	13%	21%	7%	15%	20%	13%	8%
Less than its fair share	36%	14%	35%	59%	10%	28%	73%
About its fair share	37%	55%	38%	15%	59%	41%	8%
Not impacted either way	14%	10%	19%	11%	11%	17%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(358)	(437)	(335)	(372)	(375)	(366)

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24. Getting Federal Funding for Maine - Collins

In terms of federal funding for Maine's programs and interests, do you think having Susan Collins in the U.S. Senate would lead to Maine getting...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More than its fair share	24%	27%	21%	18%	23%	27%	21%	24%
Less than its fair share	28%	25%	31%	41%	29%	21%	32%	24%
About its fair share	38%	38%	37%	31%	37%	42%	38%	41%
Not impacted either way	10%	10%	11%	10%	11%	10%	9%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,137)	(538)	(599)	(164)	(573)	(401)	(642)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More than its fair share	24%	11%	23%	40%	11%	24%	34%
Less than its fair share	28%	56%	19%	9%	53%	22%	10%
About its fair share	38%	19%	45%	47%	24%	40%	52%
Not impacted either way	10%	14%	13%	4%	12%	14%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,137)	(358)	(438)	(330)	(372)	(375)	(362)

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25. Candidate Qualities in Vote for Senate

Which of these qualities in a candidate are very important in deciding your vote for U.S. Senate in Maine? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Will fight for people like you	76%	70%	80%	71%	78%	74%	75%	74%
Is honest and trustworthy	77%	72%	82%	84%	73%	80%	78%	75%
Has the right experience	54%	51%	58%	58%	60%	45%	55%	53%
Will bring needed change	70%	66%	74%	75%	70%	69%	72%	69%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(539)	(605)	(166)	(578)	(401)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Will fight for people like you	76%	77%	78%	73%	82%	69%	77%
Is honest and trustworthy	77%	73%	77%	81%	78%	72%	81%
Has the right experience	54%	43%	56%	65%	42%	58%	65%
Will bring needed change	70%	83%	73%	55%	85%	72%	52%
Weighted N	(1,144)	(358)	(438)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(367)

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26. Supports Policies That Affect Family Financial Situation - Jackson

Do you think Troy Jackson supports policies that make you and your family's financial situation...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Better	47%	45%	48%	61%	49%	37%	41%	55%
Worse	34%	38%	30%	19%	33%	41%	41%	22%
Not make a difference either way	19%	17%	22%	20%	18%	21%	18%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(539)	(603)	(166)	(577)	(399)	(648)	(385)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better	47%	74%	42%	24%	75%	50%	15%
Worse	34%	5%	36%	62%	3%	27%	74%
Not make a difference either way	19%	21%	21%	14%	22%	23%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(358)	(436)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(365)

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27. Supports Policies That Affect Family Financial Situation - Collins

Do you think Susan Collins supports policies that make you and your family's financial situation...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Better	33%	37%	29%	33%	35%	30%	33%	32%
Worse	45%	43%	46%	46%	43%	47%	46%	46%
Not make a difference either way	22%	20%	24%	20%	22%	23%	21%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,139)	(535)	(604)	(163)	(577)	(400)	(645)	(385)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better	33%	8%	26%	69%	10%	28%	63%
Worse	45%	81%	44%	9%	80%	46%	8%
Not make a difference either way	22%	11%	30%	21%	9%	26%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,139)	(357)	(437)	(333)	(373)	(372)	(366)

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28. Tariffs on Imported Goods

Do you favor or oppose the U.S. placing new tariffs on goods imported from other countries?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor	37%	43%	31%	33%	41%	32%	38%	30%
Oppose	63%	57%	69%	67%	59%	68%	62%	70%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(538)	(605)	(166)	(577)	(400)	(648)	(385)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	37%	8%	32%	74%	8%	32%	73%
Oppose	63%	92%	68%	26%	92%	68%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,142)	(358)	(438)	(335)	(374)	(374)	(366)

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29. Trump Deportation Program Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	51%	57%	45%	41%	53%	51%	56%	42%
Disapprove	49%	43%	55%	59%	47%	49%	44%	58%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(539)	(596)	(165)	(577)	(392)	(647)	(379)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	51%	15%	47%	92%	13%	50%	90%
Disapprove	49%	85%	53%	8%	87%	50%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(358)	(431)	(335)	(374)	(375)	(366)

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30. Way ICE Conducts Operations in State

Do you think that the way Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has conducted its operations when it stops or detains people in Maine is...

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too tough	58%	52%	65%	71%	55%	59%	54%	64%
Not tough enough	20%	24%	16%	19%	21%	19%	24%	14%
About right	21%	24%	19%	10%	24%	22%	22%	22%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,143)	(539)	(604)	(166)	(577)	(400)	(647)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too tough	58%	91%	62%	21%	92%	62%	19%
Not tough enough	20%	2%	23%	35%	4%	14%	43%
About right	21%	7%	15%	44%	4%	24%	38%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,143)	(358)	(438)	(335)	(374)	(375)	(366)

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31. Should U.S. End Conflict with Iran Now or Continue

Do you think the U.S. should end the conflict with Iran now, or should it continue the conflict until Iran gives up more?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Should end now	67%	62%	71%	67%	66%	68%	65%	71%
Continue until Iran gives up more	33%	38%	29%	33%	34%	32%	35%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(537)	(598)	(166)	(574)	(396)	(641)	(385)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should end now	67%	96%	63%	41%	96%	69%	33%
Continue until Iran gives up more	33%	4%	37%	59%	4%	31%	67%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,135)	(356)	(436)	(331)	(370)	(373)	(364)

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32. Approval of Overturning Roe v. Wade

In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court ended the constitutional right to abortion by overturning Roe v. Wade. Do you approve or disapprove of the Court overturning Roe v. Wade?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve of overturning Roe v. Wade	39%	46%	33%	30%	43%	38%	40%	37%
Disapprove of overturning Roe v. Wade	61%	54%	67%	70%	57%	62%	60%	63%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,137)	(532)	(605)	(165)	(577)	(394)	(648)	(380)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve of overturning Roe v. Wade	39%	10%	37%	72%	12%	28%	80%
Disapprove of overturning Roe v. Wade	61%	90%	63%	28%	88%	72%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,137)	(358)	(431)	(336)	(374)	(368)	(367)

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33. Ever Voted for Collins Before

As best as you can recall, in previous elections, have you ever voted for Susan Collins for U.S. Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes, one time	16%	16%	15%	14%	16%	17%	13%	18%
Yes, a few times	25%	27%	24%	17%	26%	27%	26%	25%
Yes, every time Collins has run	19%	20%	18%	7%	17%	27%	24%	14%
No, have never voted for Collins	40%	37%	42%	62%	41%	28%	37%	43%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,143)	(538)	(605)	(166)	(577)	(400)	(648)	(386)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, one time	16%	17%	14%	16%	17%	13%	19%
Yes, a few times	25%	15%	26%	35%	14%	35%	28%
Yes, every time Collins has run	19%	4%	18%	37%	3%	14%	41%
No, have never voted for Collins	40%	64%	42%	12%	66%	37%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,143)	(358)	(438)	(336)	(374)	(375)	(367)

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34. Satisfaction with Jackson as Democratic Nominee

Are you glad Troy Jackson is the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, or do you wish someone else was the Democratic nominee?

Among Democrats and Independents

	Total	Gender		Age			White by Education	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-64	65+	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Glad Jackson is the Democratic nominee	47%	52%	42%	*	46%	42%	45%	48%
Wish Democratic nominee someone else	53%	48%	58%	*	54%	58%	55%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(798)	(364)	(434)	(115)	(395)	(288)	(433)	(292)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Glad Jackson is the Democratic nominee	47%	57%	38%	*	53%	50%	28%
Wish Democratic nominee someone else	53%	43%	62%	*	47%	50%	72%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(798)	(358)	(431)	(0)	(343)	(299)	(129)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 1,144 registered voters in Maine was conducted between September 23–October 1, 2026.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2024 Presidential vote. “Likely voters” – respondents’ relative probabilities of voting – were determined using a model that incorporates current, self-reported intentions to vote, along with individual-level and aggregate data about voters, such as demographics and vote history. Respondents were selected to be representative of registered voters in Maine. Of the 1,144 respondents, 452 were selected from YouGov’s online panel and 692 were selected from other online panels. The weights range from 0.1 to 7.2, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 1.3.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 4.7 points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.