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## **GOP in good position to win back House seats**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – New Hampshire Republicans look favored to win back the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional district seat open due to Democrat Paul Hodes' decision to seek a seat in the US Senate, and they appear to have a good chance of knocking off incumbent Carol Shea-Porter in the 1<sup>st</sup> district as well.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> District former Representative Charlie Bass, looking to regain his old seat, leads 47-32 against Katrina Swett, the best known Democratic candidate. He wins independent voters 49-26 against Swett and also earns 18% of the vote from Democrats while Swett earns just 5% from Republicans.

Although she is at this point the best known candidate Democrats may be better off in the long run if they nominate someone other than Swett. 29% of voters in the district have an unfavorable opinion of her compared to just 19% who view her positively.

Carol Shea-Porter is plagued by poor approval numbers, with 50% of her constituents saying they disapprove of her job performance to only 41% who give her good marks. Matched up against Frank Guinta she trails 46-45. Guinta is largely unknown with 52% of voters saying they have no opinion of him. He leads thanks to a small advantage with independents.

“In the Democratic wave year of 2006 New Hampshire’s Republican house delegation was wiped out,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “2010 looks like it may be a GOP wave year, and the Democrats could face the same fate.”

PPP surveyed 647 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional district voters and 827 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional district voters from April 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the 1<sup>st</sup> district survey is +/-3.9% and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> district survey it's +/-3.4%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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## New Hampshire Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 45%  
*Disapprove*..... 49%  
*Not Sure*..... 6%

**Q2** Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

*Support* ..... 42%  
*Oppose* ..... 52%  
*No Opinion*..... 6%

**Q3** Do you approve or disapprove of Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 41%  
*Disapprove*..... 50%  
*Not Sure*..... 9%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Frank Guinta? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 23%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 25%  
*Not Sure*..... 52%

**Q5** If the candidates for Congress this fall were Democrat Carol Shea-Porter and Republican Frank Guinta, who would you vote for? If Carol Shea-Porter, press 1. If Frank Guinta, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

*Shea-Porter* ..... 45%  
*Guinta* ..... 46%  
*Undecided*..... 10%

**Q6** Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

*McCain*..... 45%  
*Obama* ..... 48%  
*Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 7%

**Q7** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 20%  
*Moderate*..... 43%  
*Conservative*..... 37%

**Q8** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%  
*Man*..... 47%

**Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 32%  
*Republican*..... 30%  
*Independent/Other*..... 38%

**Q10** If you are white, press one now. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 95%  
*Other*..... 5%





**Q11** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 10%  
30 to 45..... 20%  
46 to 65..... 52%  
Older than 65..... 18%

**Q12**

1st.....100%  
2nd..... 0%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
Approve	45%	8%	85%	21%
Disapprove	49%	87%	10%	70%
Not Sure	6%	6%	5%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Health Care</b>				
Support	42%	6%	80%	19%
Oppose	51%	90%	12%	70%
No Opinion	6%	4%	8%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Shea-Porter Approval</b>				
Approve	41%	7%	75%	21%
Disapprove	50%	86%	14%	65%
Not Sure	9%	7%	11%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Guinta Favorability</b>				
Favorable	22%	40%	7%	14%
Unfavorable	25%	14%	36%	24%
Not Sure	52%	46%	57%	62%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Shea-Porter/Guinta</b>				
<b>Shea-Porter</b>	45%	9%	81%	26%
<b>Guinta</b>	46%	82%	11%	50%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	9%	9%	24%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	45%	90%	54%	10%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	3%	40%	85%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	7%	6%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	42%	91%	49%	8%
<b>Oppose</b>	52%	4%	43%	88%
<b>No Opinion</b>	6%	5%	8%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Shea-Porter Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	81%	48%	10%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	11%	42%	81%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	8%	10%	9%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Guinta Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	23%	2%	24%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	25%	39%	25%	18%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	59%	51%	50%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Shea-Porter/Guinta</b>				
<b>Shea-Porter</b>	45%	89%	52%	11%
<b>Guinta</b>	46%	5%	36%	79%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	6%	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	45%	48%	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	44%	55%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	8%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Health Care</b>			
<b>Support</b>	42%	45%	39%
<b>Oppose</b>	52%	46%	57%
<b>No Opinion</b>	6%	8%	4%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Shea-Porter Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	41%	43%	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	45%	56%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Guinta Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	23%	18%	28%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	25%	22%	29%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	60%	43%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Shea-Porter/Guinta</b>			
<b>Shea-Porter</b>	45%	48%	41%
<b>Guinta</b>	46%	42%	50%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	10%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	45%	86%	9%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	10%	88%	51%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	4%	3%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	42%	81%	6%	39%
<b>Oppose</b>	52%	11%	91%	54%
<b>No Opinion</b>	6%	8%	3%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Shea-Porter Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	78%	6%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	13%	85%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Guinta Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	23%	6%	41%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	25%	41%	10%	24%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	53%	49%	54%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Shea-Porter/Guinta</b>				
<b>Shea-Porter</b>	45%	84%	7%	42%
<b>Guinta</b>	46%	9%	85%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	7%	8%	13%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	45%	44%	67%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	50%	33%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	6%	-

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Health Care</b>			
<b>Support</b>	42%	41%	66%
<b>Oppose</b>	52%	52%	34%
<b>No Opinion</b>	6%	7%	-

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Shea-Porter Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	41%	40%	62%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	51%	33%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	9%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Guinta Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	23%	23%	15%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	25%	25%	31%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	52%	53%





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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Shea-Porter/Guinta</b>			
<b>Shea-Porter</b>	45%	44%	59%
<b>Guinta</b>	46%	47%	33%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	10%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	45%	57%	40%	47%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	29%	55%	48%	58%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	14%	5%	5%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Health Care</b>					
<b>Support</b>	42%	71%	33%	43%	35%
<b>Oppose</b>	52%	29%	55%	51%	62%
<b>No Opinion</b>	6%	-	12%	6%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Shea-Porter Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	41%	57%	39%	40%	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	43%	45%	51%	57%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	-	16%	9%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Guinta Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	23%	14%	27%	22%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	25%	43%	27%	23%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	43%	46%	55%	58%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Shea-Porter/Guinta</b>					
<b>Shea-Porter</b>	45%	64%	42%	44%	37%
<b>Guinta</b>	46%	36%	48%	44%	54%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	-	9%	12%	8%





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*Disapprove*..... 48%  
*Not Sure*..... 4%

**Q2** Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

*Support* ..... 43%  
*Oppose* ..... 49%  
*No Opinion*..... 9%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Charlie Bass? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 35%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 34%  
*Not Sure*..... 31%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Katrina Swett? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 19%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 29%  
*Not Sure*..... 52%

**Q5** If the candidates for Congress this fall were Republican Charlie Bass and Democrat Katrina Swett, who would you vote for? If Charlie Bass, press 1. If Katrina Swett, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

*Bass*..... 47%  
*Swett*..... 32%  
*Undecided*..... 21%

**Q6** Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

*McCain*..... 46%  
*Obama* ..... 52%  
*Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 2%

**Q7** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 17%  
*Moderate*..... 50%  
*Conservative*..... 33%

**Q8** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 54%  
*Man*..... 46%

**Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 34%  
*Republican*..... 30%  
*Independent/Other*..... 36%

**Q10** If you are white, press one now. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 95%  
*Other*..... 5%





**Q11** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 10%  
30 to 45..... 20%  
46 to 65..... 49%  
Older than 65..... 22%

**Q12**

1st..... 0%  
2nd.....100%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	50%	8%	87%	4%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	88%	9%	80%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	3%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	44%	6%	78%	4%
<b>Oppose</b>	48%	90%	9%	80%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	4%	12%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Bass Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	52%	21%	19%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	33%	17%	48%	16%
<b>Not Sure</b>	32%	31%	31%	65%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Swett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	7%	32%	-
<b>Unfavorable</b>	27%	39%	18%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	53%	55%	50%	78%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Bass/Swett</b>				
<b>Bass</b>	47%	77%	21%	35%
<b>Swett</b>	33%	5%	58%	20%
<b>Undecided</b>	20%	18%	21%	46%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	48%	93%	58%	12%
<b>Disapprove</b>	48%	7%	37%	85%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	-	6%	3%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	43%	84%	52%	7%
<b>Oppose</b>	49%	11%	37%	86%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	5%	11%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Bass Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	11%	36%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	52%	37%	19%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	37%	27%	35%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Swett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	19%	35%	24%	4%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	16%	28%	37%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	49%	49%	59%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Bass/Swett</b>				
<b>Bass</b>	47%	15%	40%	73%
<b>Swett</b>	32%	69%	37%	6%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	17%	23%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	48%	54%	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	48%	41%	56%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Health Care</b>			
<b>Support</b>	43%	47%	37%
<b>Oppose</b>	49%	44%	55%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	9%	8%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bass Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	31%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	33%	34%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	36%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Swett Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	19%	20%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	24%	34%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	56%	47%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bass/Swett</b>			
<b>Bass</b>	47%	42%	52%
<b>Swett</b>	32%	35%	29%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	23%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	48%	85%	11%	45%
<b>Disapprove</b>	48%	10%	87%	51%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	5%	2%	4%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	43%	79%	7%	38%
<b>Oppose</b>	49%	11%	89%	50%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	10%	3%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bass Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	17%	51%	39%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	49%	17%	33%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	33%	33%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Swett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	19%	35%	6%	15%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	18%	37%	33%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	48%	57%	52%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bass/Swett</b>				
<b>Bass</b>	47%	18%	76%	49%
<b>Swett</b>	32%	63%	5%	26%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	19%	19%	25%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	48%	48%	66%
<b>Disapprove</b>	48%	49%	34%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	-

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Health Care</b>			
<b>Support</b>	43%	42%	60%
<b>Oppose</b>	49%	50%	30%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	8%	10%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Bass Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	35%	29%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	33%	51%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	32%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Swett Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	19%	18%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	29%	34%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	53%	31%





**Crosstabs**

		Race		
		Base	White	Other
<b>Bass/Swett</b>				
	<b>Bass</b>	47%	47%	40%
	<b>Swett</b>	32%	31%	49%
	<b>Undecided</b>	21%	22%	11%

		Age				
		Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>						
	<b>Approve</b>	48%	59%	38%	52%	46%
	<b>Disapprove</b>	48%	35%	60%	44%	50%
	<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	6%	2%	4%	3%

		Age				
		Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Health Care</b>						
	<b>Support</b>	43%	41%	35%	47%	40%
	<b>Oppose</b>	49%	41%	60%	45%	51%
	<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	18%	5%	8%	9%

		Age				
		Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bass Favorability</b>						
	<b>Favorable</b>	35%	24%	43%	34%	37%
	<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	29%	26%	37%	36%
	<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	47%	31%	30%	27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Swett Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	19%	12%	17%	22%	19%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	29%	18%	27%	31%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	52%	71%	56%	47%	52%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bass/Swett</b>					
<b>Bass</b>	47%	19%	59%	45%	51%
<b>Swett</b>	32%	38%	24%	35%	31%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	44%	17%	20%	18%

