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Guinta, Bass edge Shea-Porter, Kuster in rematches

Raleigh, N.C. – Last November, Democrats lost both of New Hampshire’s congressional seats after gaining both in 2006, and it looks like it will be easier for them to retake one next fall than the other. But right now, their presumptive nominees trail the Republican incumbents at least narrowly in both. In the 1st, a repeat of 2010 would result in another win for Frank Guinta over Carol Shea-Porter, but by only seven points (48-41), rather than the 12 by which he prevailed then. In the 2nd, Charlie Bass retook by about one point the seat he lost to Paul Hodes in 2006, and were he to face off in a rematch with Ann McLane Kuster today, he would once again win by a single point, 43-42.

It is remarkable Kuster is not at least slightly ahead of Bass. Unlike Shea-Porter, she is considerably better liked than the incumbent in that district. Kuster’s 36-30 favorability rating is not overly impressive, but it puts her leagues above Bass’ 29-48 approval rating. By comparison, Shea-Porter is not very well-liked, at 40-48 to Guinta’s 39-38.

The explanation is that while independents like Kuster (32-33) more than Bass (29-41), they favor Bass for re-election by a 44-33 margin. In her district, independents do not like Shea-Porter (36-53), but do like the work Guinta is doing (43-35), and they support Guinta over the Democrat, 51-32. The two-party vote is polarized, with each candidate in both districts picking up 10-12% of the other party’s voters and earning 78-83% of their own party’s support. Slightly more Democrats than Republicans are undecided in both districts, but even more independents are, and their strong GOP lean means that if the undecideds are allocated proportionately, the Republicans’ leads will grow slightly, not shrink. Roughly a third of voters in each district claim to be independents.

“Democrats have a very good chance of knocking off Charlie Bass next year,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Frank Guinta is beatable too but finds himself in a stronger position than his colleague.”

PPP surveyed 299 New Hampshire 1st Congressional District voters, with a +/- 5.7% margin of error, and 363 2nd District voters, with a +/- 5.1% margin of error, from June 30th to July 5th. No interviews were conducted on July 3rd or 4th. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.

New Hampshire Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Congressman Frank Guinta's job performance?

Approve 39%
Disapprove..... 38%
Not sure 24%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Carol Shea-Porter?

Favorable..... 40%
Unfavorable 48%
Not sure 11%

Q3 If the candidates for Congress next year were Republican Frank Guinta and Democrat Carol Shea-Porter, who would you vote for?

Frank Guinta..... 48%
Carol Shea-Porter..... 41%
Undecided..... 10%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 14%
Somewhat liberal 17%
Moderate..... 24%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 21%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 34%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 32%

Q7 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 93%
Other..... 7%

Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 10%
30 to 45..... 17%
46 to 65..... 48%
Older than 65..... 25%



Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Guinta Approval						
Approve	39%	15%	5%	25%	62%	74%
Disapprove	38%	60%	70%	47%	18%	6%
Not sure	24%	25%	25%	29%	19%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shea-Porter Favorability						
Favorable	40%	69%	80%	52%	13%	4%
Unfavorable	48%	13%	5%	37%	78%	90%
Not sure	11%	18%	15%	11%	9%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Guinta/Shea-Porter						
Frank Guinta	48%	11%	4%	36%	78%	93%
Carol Shea-Porter	41%	76%	91%	46%	9%	6%
Undecided	10%	13%	6%	18%	13%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Guinta Approval			
Approve	39%	34%	43%
Disapprove	38%	42%	33%
Not sure	24%	24%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shea-Porter Favorability			
Favorable	40%	46%	33%
Unfavorable	48%	40%	57%
Not sure	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Guinta/Shea-Porter			
Frank Guinta	48%	40%	58%
Carol Shea-Porter	41%	50%	31%
Undecided	10%	10%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Guinta Approval				
Approve	39%	11%	63%	43%
Disapprove	38%	62%	16%	35%
Not sure	24%	27%	21%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shea-Porter Favorability				
Favorable	40%	71%	13%	36%
Unfavorable	48%	11%	82%	53%
Not sure	11%	18%	5%	11%





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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Guinta/Shea-Porter				
Frank Guinta	48%	11%	83%	51%
Carol Shea-Porter	41%	79%	12%	32%
Undecided	10%	10%	5%	17%

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		White	Other
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Favorable	40%	41%	33%
Unfavorable	48%	49%	44%
Not sure	11%	11%	23%

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Guinta/Shea-Porter			
Frank Guinta	48%	49%	39%
Carol Shea-Porter	41%	41%	51%
Undecided	10%	10%	10%





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Not sure	24%	29%	36%	22%	17%

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Shea-Porter Favorability					
Favorable	40%	57%	24%	40%	44%
Unfavorable	48%	14%	64%	50%	49%
Not sure	11%	29%	12%	10%	7%

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Carol Shea-Porter	41%	64%	28%	40%	43%
Undecided	10%	21%	20%	6%	8%





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Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 30%
Not sure 34%

Q3 If the candidates for Congress next year were Republican Charlie Bass and Democrat Ann McLane Kuster, who would you vote for?

Charlie Bass 43%
Ann McLane Kuster 42%
Undecided..... 15%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 13%
Somewhat liberal 23%
Moderate..... 27%
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Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

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Disapprove	48%	71%	61%	52%	33%	23%
Not sure	23%	15%	23%	24%	19%	30%

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Kuster Favorability						
Favorable	36%	66%	55%	44%	9%	7%
Unfavorable	30%	4%	10%	20%	48%	72%
Not sure	34%	30%	34%	36%	44%	21%

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Bass/Kuster						
Charlie Bass	43%	10%	18%	34%	75%	81%
Ann McLane Kuster	42%	80%	61%	51%	15%	4%
Undecided	15%	10%	21%	15%	10%	15%

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Disapprove	48%	75%	26%	41%
Not sure	23%	13%	26%	30%

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Kuster Favorability				
Favorable	36%	60%	13%	32%
Unfavorable	30%	8%	52%	33%
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