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A majority favor legal same-sex marriage in New Hampshire

Raleigh, N.C. – While neighboring Maine narrowly rejected legalized same-sex marriage in 2009, a majority are prepared to support it in New Hampshire. 51% feel same sex marriage should be legal, compared to only 38% who feel it should be illegal. New Hampshire's libertarian tendencies show in that, unlike most states, Democrats are more united for legal same-sex marriage, 77-16, than Republicans are against it, 24-63. Voters also prefer same-sex marriage when civil unions are included, with 45% favoring marriage, 35% favoring civil unions, and 19% opposing all recognition.

Both of New Hampshire's senators are well known, but only moderately popular. 47% approve of Jeanne Shaheen's performance, compared to 42% who disapprove. This is a considerable slide from her 50-36 rating in April. Similarly, 44% approve of Kelly Ayotte, while 38% disapprove (46-34 in April).

After voting out small Democratic majorities in the New Hampshire House and Senate in favor of enormous Republican ones in 2010, New Hampshire voters are having second thoughts. The Democrats now lead the legislative ballot 48-45. This represents a tightening from their 49-41 lead in April. This is due to a drop in Democratic support among independents who favor the Democrats 42-41 now compared to 46-34 in April.

2016 is a long way away, but New Hampshire Democrats already have a successor to Obama in mind. 52% choose Hillary Clinton for president in 2016, while 16% choose Joe Biden, 9% choose Andrew Cuomo, 3% choose Russ Feingold, 2% choose Deval Patrick, 1% choose Cory Booker, and 0% choose Mark Warner and Brian Schweitzer. If Clinton decides not to make another run for the White House, the race would be more open. Riding on the heels of New York's legalizing same-sex marriage, Cuomo leads with 30% to 18% for Feingold, 13% for Patrick, 2% for Booker and Warner, and 1% for Schweitzer.

PPP surveyed 662 New Hampshire voters, including 312 Democratic primary voters, from June 30th to July 5th. No interviews were conducted on July 3rd or 4th. The margin of error for the overall survey is +/-3.8% and for the Democrats it's +/-5.6%. 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.

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New Hampshire Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Jeanne Shaheen's job performance?

Approve 47%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not sure 11%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Kelly Ayotte's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 38%
Not sure 17%

Q3 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 51%
Illegal 38%
Not sure 11%

Q4 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry 45%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry 35%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship 19%
Not sure 1%

Q5 If there was an election today for the state legislature would you be more likely to vote for Democratic or Republican candidates?

Democrats 48%
Republicans 45%
Not sure 7%

Q6 If the Democratic candidates for President in 2016 were Joe Biden, Cory Booker, Hillary Clinton, Andrew Cuomo, Russ Feingold, Deval Patrick, Brian Schweitzer, and Mark Warner, who would you vote for?

Joe Biden..... 16%
Cory Booker..... 1%
Hillary Clinton..... 52%
Andrew Cuomo..... 9%
Russ Feingold..... 3%
Deval Patrick..... 2%
Brian Schweitzer..... 0%
Mark Warner..... 0%
Someone else/Undecided..... 16%

Q7 If the Democratic candidates for President in 2016 were just Cory Booker, Andrew Cuomo, Russ Feingold, Deval Patrick, Brian Schweitzer, and Mark Warner, who would you vote for?

Cory Booker..... 2%
Andrew Cuomo..... 30%
Russ Feingold..... 18%
Deval Patrick..... 13%
Brian Schweitzer..... 1%
Mark Warner..... 2%
Someone else/Undecided..... 35%





Q8 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	14%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	20%
<i>Moderate</i>	26%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	21%
<i>Very conservative</i>	19%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q10 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	34%
<i>Republican</i>	32%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	33%

Q11 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	93%
<i>Other</i>	7%

Q12 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	10%
<i>30 to 45</i>	20%
<i>46 to 65</i>	45%
<i>Older than 65</i>	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shaheen Approval						
Approve	47%	86%	76%	59%	16%	7%
Disapprove	42%	6%	13%	25%	71%	89%
Not sure	11%	8%	12%	16%	13%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Ayotte Approval						
Approve	44%	18%	19%	34%	69%	77%
Disapprove	38%	69%	62%	44%	14%	10%
Not sure	17%	13%	19%	22%	17%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-Sex Marriage						
Legal	51%	85%	75%	67%	27%	5%
Illegal	38%	12%	14%	23%	54%	84%
Not sure	11%	4%	11%	10%	19%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	45%	85%	69%	57%	18%	4%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	9%	18%	33%	56%	49%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	19%	6%	11%	8%	25%	47%
Not sure	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-



Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Leg. Ballot						
Democrats	48%	90%	84%	58%	16%	1%
Republicans	45%	8%	8%	28%	76%	98%
Not sure	7%	2%	8%	14%	8%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2016 Dem Pres Primary						
Joe Biden	16%	18%	15%	12%	17%	37%
Cory Booker	1%	-	2%	2%	-	-
Hillary Clinton	52%	57%	52%	49%	54%	46%
Andrew Cuomo	9%	6%	9%	13%	6%	-
Russ Feingold	3%	6%	4%	1%	-	-
Deval Patrick	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	-
Someone else/Undecided	16%	11%	16%	21%	19%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2016 Dem Pres Primary w/o Biden/Clinton						
Cory Booker	2%	3%	-	3%	-	-
Andrew Cuomo	30%	24%	38%	30%	9%	34%
Russ Feingold	18%	19%	20%	13%	29%	-
Deval Patrick	13%	17%	11%	12%	14%	-
Brian Schweitzer	1%	-	2%	-	-	-
Mark Warner	2%	4%	-	2%	-	25%
Someone else/Undecided	35%	32%	29%	39%	48%	42%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shaheen Approval			
Approve	47%	54%	39%
Disapprove	42%	33%	51%
Not sure	11%	13%	10%



Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Ayotte Approval			
Approve	44%	38%	51%
Disapprove	38%	42%	34%
Not sure	17%	20%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-Sex Marriage			
Legal	51%	59%	42%
Illegal	38%	32%	45%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	45%	51%	39%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	33%	37%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	19%	16%	23%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Leg. Ballot			
Democrats	48%	57%	39%
Republicans	45%	38%	52%
Not sure	7%	6%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2016 Dem Pres Primary			
Joe Biden	16%	13%	20%
Cory Booker	1%	0%	2%
Hillary Clinton	52%	58%	44%
Andrew Cuomo	9%	7%	11%
Russ Feingold	3%	2%	5%
Deval Patrick	2%	2%	2%
Someone else/Undecided	16%	17%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2016 Dem Pres Primary w/o Biden/Clinton			
Cory Booker	2%	3%	-
Andrew Cuomo	30%	30%	29%
Russ Feingold	18%	18%	18%
Deval Patrick	13%	12%	15%
Brian Schweitzer	1%	1%	-
Mark Warner	2%	0%	5%
Someone else/Undecided	35%	35%	33%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shaheen Approval				
Approve	47%	83%	15%	41%
Disapprove	42%	10%	73%	44%
Not sure	11%	7%	13%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Ayotte Approval				
Approve	44%	20%	74%	41%
Disapprove	38%	64%	13%	37%
Not sure	17%	17%	13%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-Sex Marriage				
Legal	51%	77%	24%	51%
Illegal	38%	16%	63%	36%
Not sure	11%	7%	14%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	45%	73%	17%	44%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	18%	50%	38%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	19%	8%	32%	18%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	0%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democrats	48%	91%	9%	42%
Republicans	45%	7%	89%	41%
Not sure	7%	2%	2%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
2016 Dem Pres Primary				
Joe Biden	16%	16%	33%	13%
Cory Booker	1%	0%	19%	1%
Hillary Clinton	52%	58%	9%	45%
Andrew Cuomo	9%	9%	-	11%
Russ Feingold	3%	2%	-	5%
Deval Patrick	2%	2%	-	3%
Someone else/Undecided	16%	13%	38%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
2016 Dem Pres Primary w/o Biden/Clinton				
Cory Booker	2%	2%	-	1%
Andrew Cuomo	30%	33%	29%	22%
Russ Feingold	18%	20%	-	16%
Deval Patrick	13%	12%	-	16%
Brian Schweitzer	1%	-	-	2%
Mark Warner	2%	2%	-	4%
Someone else/Undecided	35%	31%	71%	39%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Shaheen Approval			
Approve	47%	47%	52%
Disapprove	42%	43%	28%
Not sure	11%	11%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Ayotte Approval			
Approve	44%	45%	30%
Disapprove	38%	38%	46%
Not sure	17%	17%	23%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Same-Sex Marriage			
Legal	51%	50%	61%
Illegal	38%	39%	23%
Not sure	11%	11%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	45%	45%	50%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	35%	36%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	19%	20%	14%
Not sure	1%	1%	-

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Generic Leg. Ballot			
Democrats	48%	48%	50%
Republicans	45%	46%	33%
Not sure	7%	6%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
2016 Dem Pres Primary			
Joe Biden	16%	16%	12%
Cory Booker	1%	1%	10%
Hillary Clinton	52%	54%	35%
Andrew Cuomo	9%	9%	13%
Russ Feingold	3%	3%	-
Deval Patrick	2%	2%	8%
Someone else/Undecided	16%	16%	22%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
2016 Dem Pres Primary w/o Biden/Clinton			
Cory Booker	2%	2%	-
Andrew Cuomo	30%	30%	27%
Russ Feingold	18%	18%	16%
Deval Patrick	13%	12%	23%
Brian Schweitzer	1%	1%	-
Mark Warner	2%	2%	-
Someone else/Undecided	35%	35%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Shaheen Approval					
Approve	47%	55%	33%	48%	53%
Disapprove	42%	27%	49%	44%	38%
Not sure	11%	18%	18%	8%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Ayotte Approval					
Approve	44%	30%	45%	48%	43%
Disapprove	38%	39%	33%	40%	40%
Not sure	17%	30%	22%	12%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Same-Sex Marriage					
Legal	51%	67%	55%	49%	45%
Illegal	38%	24%	33%	39%	44%
Not sure	11%	9%	12%	12%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	45%	61%	49%	42%	41%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	15%	31%	38%	40%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	19%	24%	19%	18%	19%
Not sure	1%	-	-	1%	1%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Leg. Ballot					
Democrats	48%	67%	45%	45%	49%
Republicans	45%	24%	46%	49%	44%
Not sure	7%	9%	9%	6%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2016 Dem Pres Primary					
Joe Biden	16%	19%	12%	12%	23%
Cory Booker	1%	-	4%	1%	1%
Hillary Clinton	52%	52%	50%	51%	57%
Andrew Cuomo	9%	10%	4%	13%	5%
Russ Feingold	3%	5%	8%	2%	1%
Deval Patrick	2%	5%	-	2%	3%
Someone else/Undecided	16%	10%	23%	19%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2016 Dem Pres Primary w/o Biden/Clinton					
Cory Booker	2%	5%	-	1%	2%
Andrew Cuomo	30%	29%	21%	36%	25%
Russ Feingold	18%	24%	21%	12%	25%
Deval Patrick	13%	10%	21%	11%	14%
Brian Schweitzer	1%	-	4%	-	-
Mark Warner	2%	-	-	3%	3%
Someone else/Undecided	35%	33%	33%	37%	31%

