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MAINE SENATE AND GOVERNOR

Methodology

Conducted August 6-10, 2026 under the joint direction of Beacon Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R), this Fox News Poll includes interviews with a sample of 1,000 Maine registered voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file. Respondents spoke with live interviewers on landlines (128) and cellphones (626) or completed the survey online by following a link received via text message (246).

Telephone numbers were randomly selected from a statewide voter file of registered Maine voters using a probability proportionate to size method, which means phone numbers are proportionally representative to the number of voters in all regions across the state. Telephone fieldwork conducted by Braun Research, Inc. of Princeton, NJ.

Results based on the full sample have a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points. Sampling error associated with subgroup results is higher. In addition to sampling error, question wording and order can influence results. Results among subgroups are only shown when the sample size is at least N=100.

When necessary, weights are generally applied to age, race, education, and area variables to ensure the demographics of survey respondents are representative of the registered voter population. Sources for developing weight targets include the most recent American Community Survey, Fox News Voter Analysis, and voter file data.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

Web-based survey wording may differ slightly from telephone wording for improved clarity.

An asterisk () is used for percentages of less than one-half percent. A dash (-) represents a value of zero.*

Some percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. In the same way, percentages in "total" columns may be one point more or less than the sum of their parts due to rounding.

1.	How interested are you in the 2026 midterm elections? Are you:	-----Interested----- -----Not interested----- (Don't know)					
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
6-10 Aug 26		82%	51	32	17	12	5
							1

2. There are a range of reasons why people do or do not vote. Thinking about November's election for senate, governor, and other offices, please tell me how likely it is that you will vote on a scale from zero to 10, where 10 means you're certain you will vote and zero means there is no chance you will vote.

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>
10 – Certain to vote	76%
9	5
8	5
7	3
6	2
5	3
4	1
3	1
2	1
1	1
0 – No chance will vote	2
(Don't know / Refused)	*

3. How motivated are you to vote in the November election? Are you:

	-----Motivated----- -----Not motivated----- (Don't know)					
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
6-10 Aug 26	88%	61	26	12	9	3
23-27 June 26	90%	66	24	10	8	2
						1

4. If the Maine election for U.S. Senator were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]** **[RANDOMIZE NAMES]**

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>
Democrat Troy Jackson	48%
Republican Susan Collins	46
(Other)	1
(Wouldn't vote)	*
(Don't know)	4

For reference:

	<u>23-27 June 26</u>
Democrat Graham Platner	47%
Republican Susan Collins	50
(Other)	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*
(Don't know)	2

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q4 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q4 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [JACKSON SUPPORTERS ±4.5%, COLLINS SUPPORTERS ±4.5%]

5. Are you certain to support **[Q4 ANSWER: Jackson / Collins]**, or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]**

	<u>Certain to support</u>	<u>May change mind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	76%	17	6
Jackson supporters	77%	21	2
Collins supporters	85%	15	*

For reference: Are you certain to support [Platner / Collins], or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? [IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]

	<u>Certain to support</u>	<u>May change mind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
23-27 June 26	77%	19	4
Platner supporters	81%	19	*
Collins supporters	79%	20	1

6. **[IF JACKSON IN Q4]** Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Troy Jackson or AGAINST Susan Collins?

	<u>For Jackson</u>	<u>Against Collins</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	36%	61	3

For reference: [IF PLATNER] Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Graham Platner or AGAINST Susan Collins?

	<u>For Platner</u>	<u>Against Collins</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
23-27 June 26	50%	48	2

7. **[IF COLLINS IN Q4]** Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Susan Collins or AGAINST Troy Jackson?

	<u>For Collins</u>	<u>Against Jackson</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	71%	27	3

For reference: [IF COLLINS] Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Susan Collins or AGAINST Graham Platner?

	<u>For Collins</u>	<u>Against Platner</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
23-27 June 26	53%	45	2

[ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

8. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Troy Jackson is too close to the Democratic Socialist movement?

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not concerned-----			(Don't
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know</u>)
6-10 Aug 26	43%	25	18	53	24	29	4

For reference: Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Graham Platner lacks the judgment to serve as a U.S. Senator?

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not concerned-----			(Don't
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know</u>)
23-27 June 26	54%	38	16	44	24	20	2

9. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Susan Collins votes with Donald Trump too often?

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not concerned-----			(Don't
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know</u>)
6-10 Aug 26	55%	40	15	43	16	27	2

For reference: Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Susan Collins has been in office too long?

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not concerned-----			(Don't
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know</u>)
23-27 June 26	53%	31	22	46	21	24	1

10. Which one of the following issues will be the MOST important to your vote for Senate?
[IF DON'T KNOW / ALL / OTHER: Well, if you HAD to pick one...]
[RANDOMIZE LIST]

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>	<u>23-27 June 26</u>
Inflation and high prices	32%	30%
Immigration and border security	18	14
Healthcare	15	17
Political divisions within the country	13	19
The conflict in Iran	6	4
Jobs and unemployment	5	6
Abortion	5	4
Crime	2	2
(Other)	*	1
(All/Mix)	2	3
(Don't know)	1	1

Moving on...

11. If the Maine election for governor were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]** **[ROTATE NAMES]**

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>	<u>23-27 June 26</u>
Democrat Hannah Pingree	49%	53%
Republican Robert "Bobby" Charles	38	42
Third-party candidate Rick Bennett	9	N/A
(Other)	*	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*	1
(Don't know)	3	4

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q11 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [PINGREE SUPPORTERS ±4%, CHARLES SUPPORTERS ±5%]

12. Are you certain to support **[Q11 ANSWER: Pingree / Charles / Bennett]**, or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]**

	<u>Certain to support</u>	<u>May change mind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	67%	28	5
Pingree supporters	75%	24	1
Charles supporters	73%	27	*
Bennett supporters	N/A	N/A	N/A
23-27 June 26	72%	23	5
Pingree supporters	75%	24	1
Charles supporters	77%	23	*

13. Thinking about your personal financial situation, do you feel like you are getting ahead financially, holding steady, or falling behind?

	<u>Getting ahead</u>	<u>Holding steady</u>	<u>Falling behind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	11%	48	41	1
23-27 June 26	9%	48	43	*

14.-23. Please tell me if you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following. If you've never heard of one, please just say so. **[IF FAVORABLE/ UNFAVORABLE: Is that strongly (favorable / unfavorable) or only somewhat?]**
[RANDOMIZE]

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(Can't	Never
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	say)	heard of
Hannah Pingree								
6-10 Aug 26	52%	25	26	37	11	25	3	8
23-27 June 26	53%	23	29	36	13	23	4	7
Troy Jackson								
6-10 Aug 26	47%	20	27	46	16	30	3	4
Susan Collins								
6-10 Aug 26	44%	24	20	54	15	38	2	-
23-27 June 26	47%	27	20	50	16	34	3	*
The Democratic Party								
6-10 Aug 26	44%	17	27	54	21	33	2	-
The Republican Party								
6-10 Aug 26	42%	22	20	56	15	41	2	-
Donald Trump								
6-10 Aug 26	39%	24	15	59	7	53	1	-
23-27 June 26	40%	26	14	59	7	52	2	-
The Make America Great Again, or MAGA, movement								
6-10 Aug 26	38%	23	15	57	8	50	4	-
Robert "Bobby" Charles								
6-10 Aug 26	36%	17	18	42	15	27	6	17
23-27 June 26	39%	19	20	40	14	26	7	14
The Democratic Socialists of America, or DSA								
6-10 Aug 26	31%	11	19	52	15	38	4	13
Rick Bennett								
6-10 Aug 26	19%	4	15	30	18	12	10	42

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

	-----Democrat-----			-----Republican-----			Independent /
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Solid</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Solid</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>Other</u>
6-10 Aug 26	44%	34	10	41	31	10	15
23-27 June 26	43%	31	12	41	32	9	16