

2020 *SENATE PROJECT* Maine

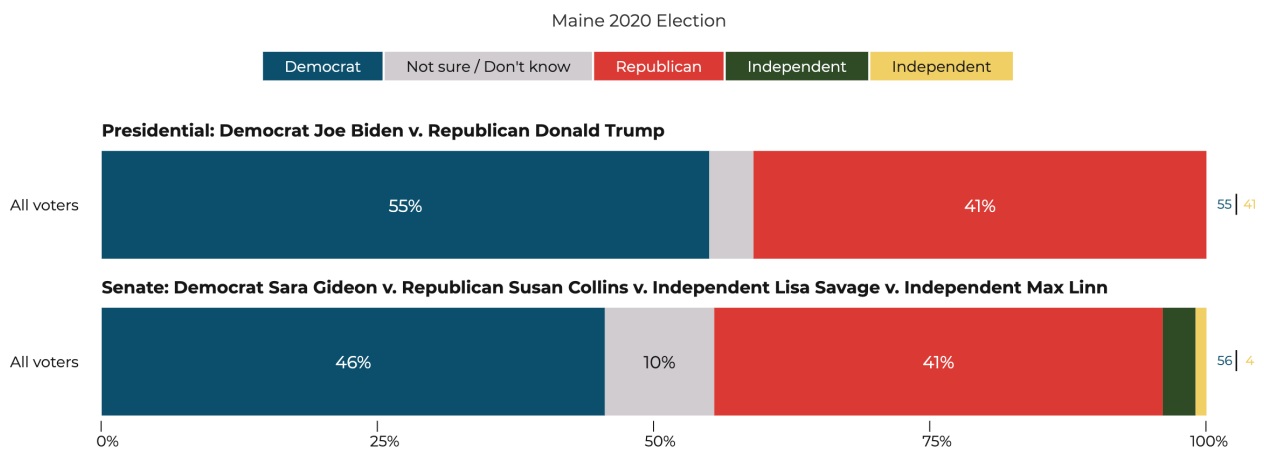
Democrat Sara Gideon holds a 4 point lead on Republican Susan Collins

Joe Biden leads Donald Trump by 14 points

MAINE SENATE

In Maine, Democrat Sara Gideon, Maine’s Speaker of the House, is going up against Republican U.S Senator Susan Collins. We find that Gideon leads Collins by a four-percentage-points (46 percent Gideon, 41 Collins). Independent Lisa Savage and Independent Max Linn sit at three- and one-points, respectively. When the Senate results were “pushed,” that is, those who supported a minor party candidate or reported that they “don’t know” who they’re supporting were asked to pick between the two major party candidates, Gideon expanded her lead to an eight-point margin over Collins (50 percent Gideon, 42 percent Collins). This suggests that Gideon has far more to gain from, and indeed is advantaged by, Maine’s use of ranked choice voting, which places a slight majoritarian bias on the electoral process in the state.

Biden Leads Trump By 14 Points And Gideon Leads Collins By Five Points



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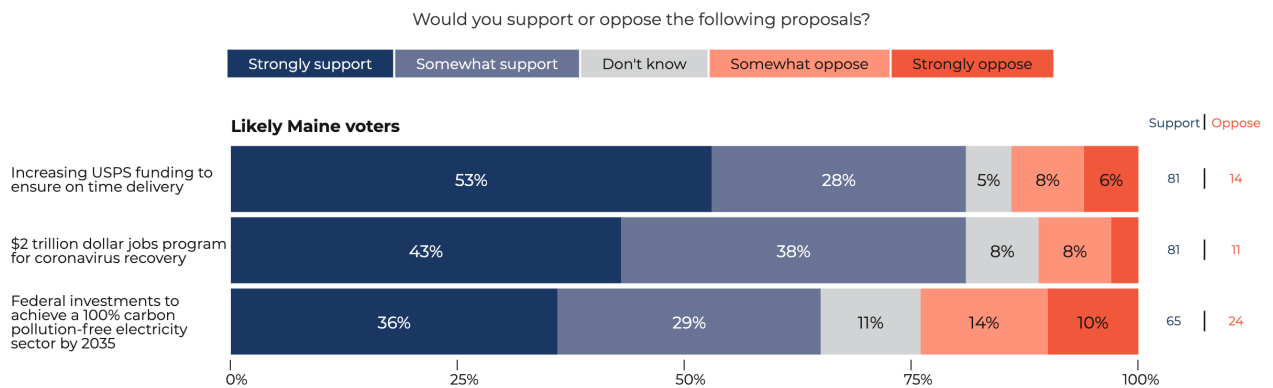
MAINE PRESIDENTIAL

In Maine, former vice president and Democratic nominee for president Joe Biden leads President Trump by 14-points (55 percent Biden, 41 percent Trump). In 2016, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton beat Trump by three-points in Maine (48 percent Clinton, 45 percent Trump). Trump, however, defeated Clinton in Maine’s Second congressional district. As Maine apportions its electoral votes based on congressional district, this means that Trump won one electoral vote from the state.

POLICIES

Voters in this state broadly support Democratic policy priorities. By a 38-point margin they favor extending coronavirus relief until the unemployment rate falls back to where it was before the crisis. By a 70-point margin, Maine voters support a jobs program to help build infrastructure and public health to recover from the coronavirus emergency (81 percent support, 11 percent oppose). Providing additional funding to the United States Postal Service (USPS) to deliver essential needs is also popular, favored by voters by a 67-point margin (81 percent support, 14 percent oppose). We find that by a 41-point margin, voters support federal investments to achieve a 100% carbon free electricity sector (65 percent support, 24 percent oppose).

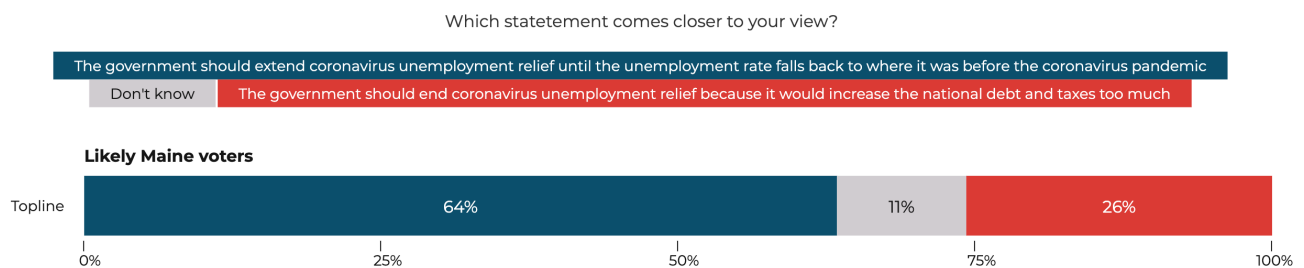
Voters In Maine Support Progressive Priorities



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Voters In Maine Support Extending Expanded Unemployment Insurance



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METHODOLOGY

From 9/23/2020 to 9/28/2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 718 likely voters in Maine using web panel and SMS respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is +/- 3.7 percentage points.