



MAINE PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

March 5-8, 2016 ■ N=557

Accuracy

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“Uncannily close... Considering the final results, the center receives kudos for its work.” –**Portland Press Herald**

“MPRC is bringing transparency and accountability to a challenging area of public debate... MPRC is elevating the discourse around what Maine people actually think and want.” –**Portland Phoenix**

“While there are conflicting numbers from two pollsters, I tend to believe the Maine People's Resource Center, or MPRC, has the more accurate findings. Over the last two years they have polled eight contests and, without fail, their findings among the published public polls have been closest to the actual results.” –**Dan Demeritt, Former LePage Administration Communications and Policy Director**

Methodology

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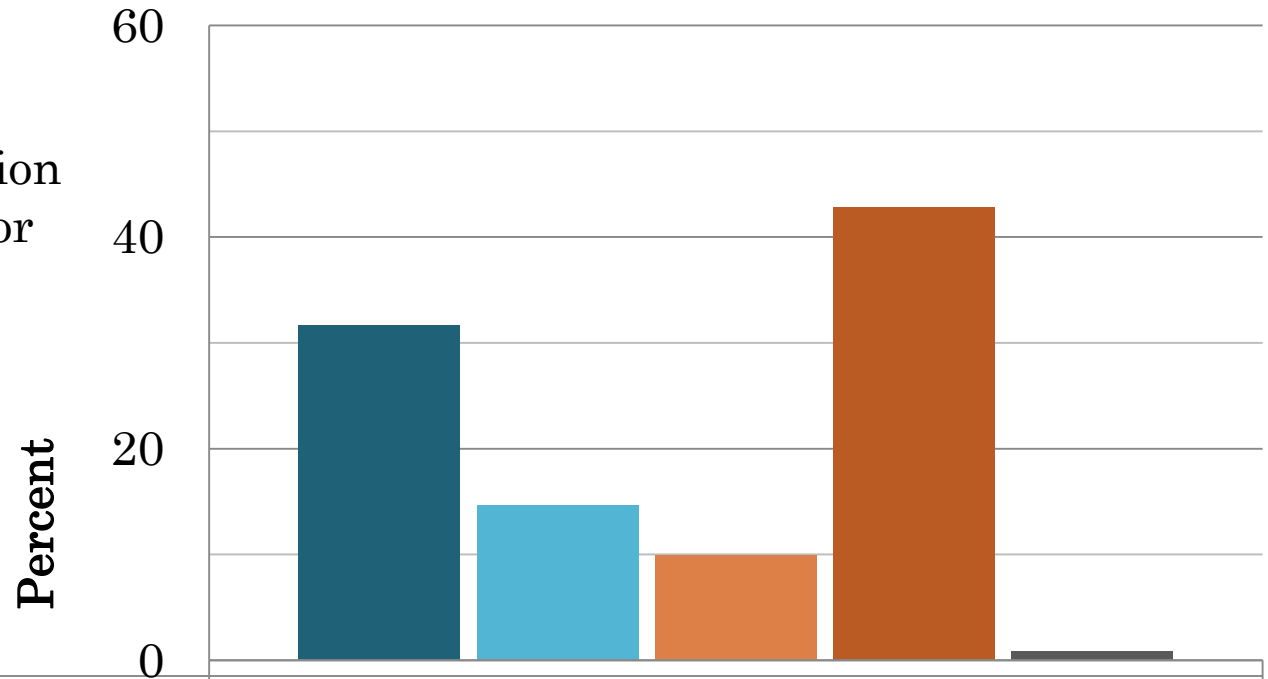
- A survey of 557 likely Maine voters was conducted by interactive voice response from March 5th-8th, 2016. Calls were made at different times of day to maximize the diversity of possible respondents. Questions were recorded by a female interviewer.
- Survey results were mathematically weighted by gender, age and geographic area to ensure an accurate representation of the population being surveyed. The sample was not weighted by party or ideology.
- The sample margin of error of this survey is 4.15%, 95 times out of 100. Sub-samples may have a larger margin of error.
- Frequencies and percentages may not always add up to the total number of responses or to 100%, due to weighting and rounding.

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Gov. LePage Favorability

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- Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Maine Governor Paul LePage?

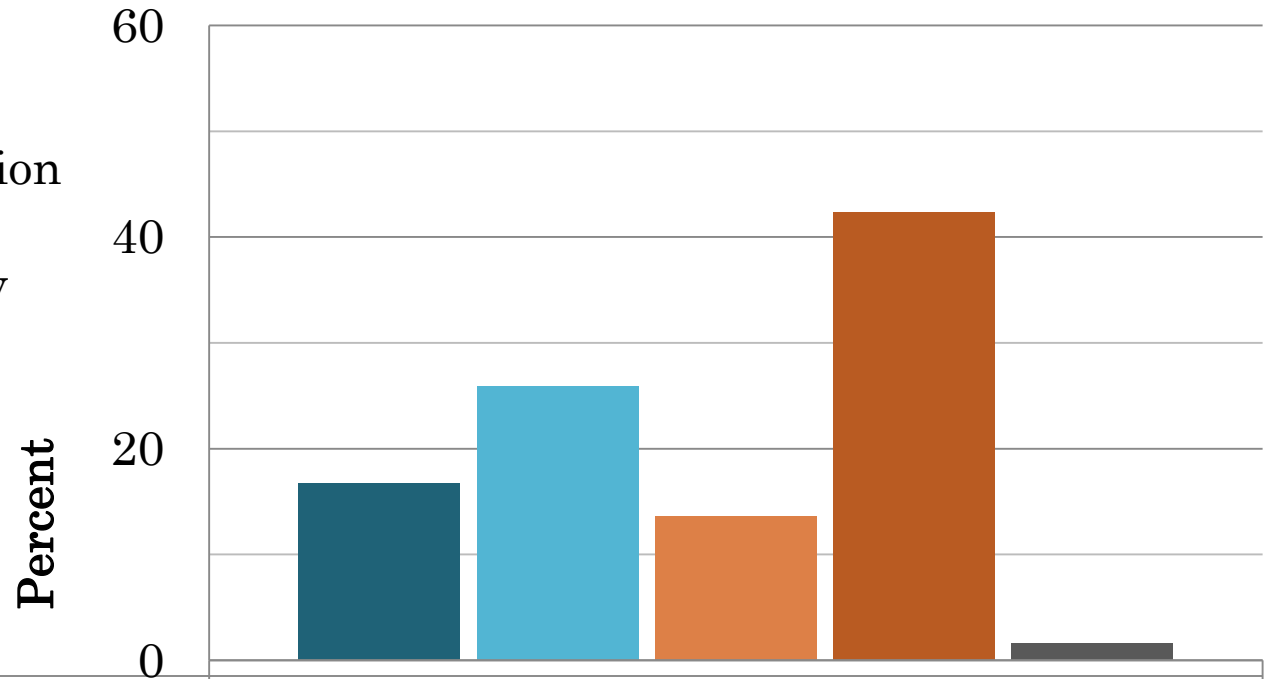


■ very favorable	31.7
■ somewhat favorable	14.7
■ somewhat unfavorable	9.9
■ very unfavorable	42.8
■ not sure	0.9

Sec. Clinton Favorability

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- Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton?

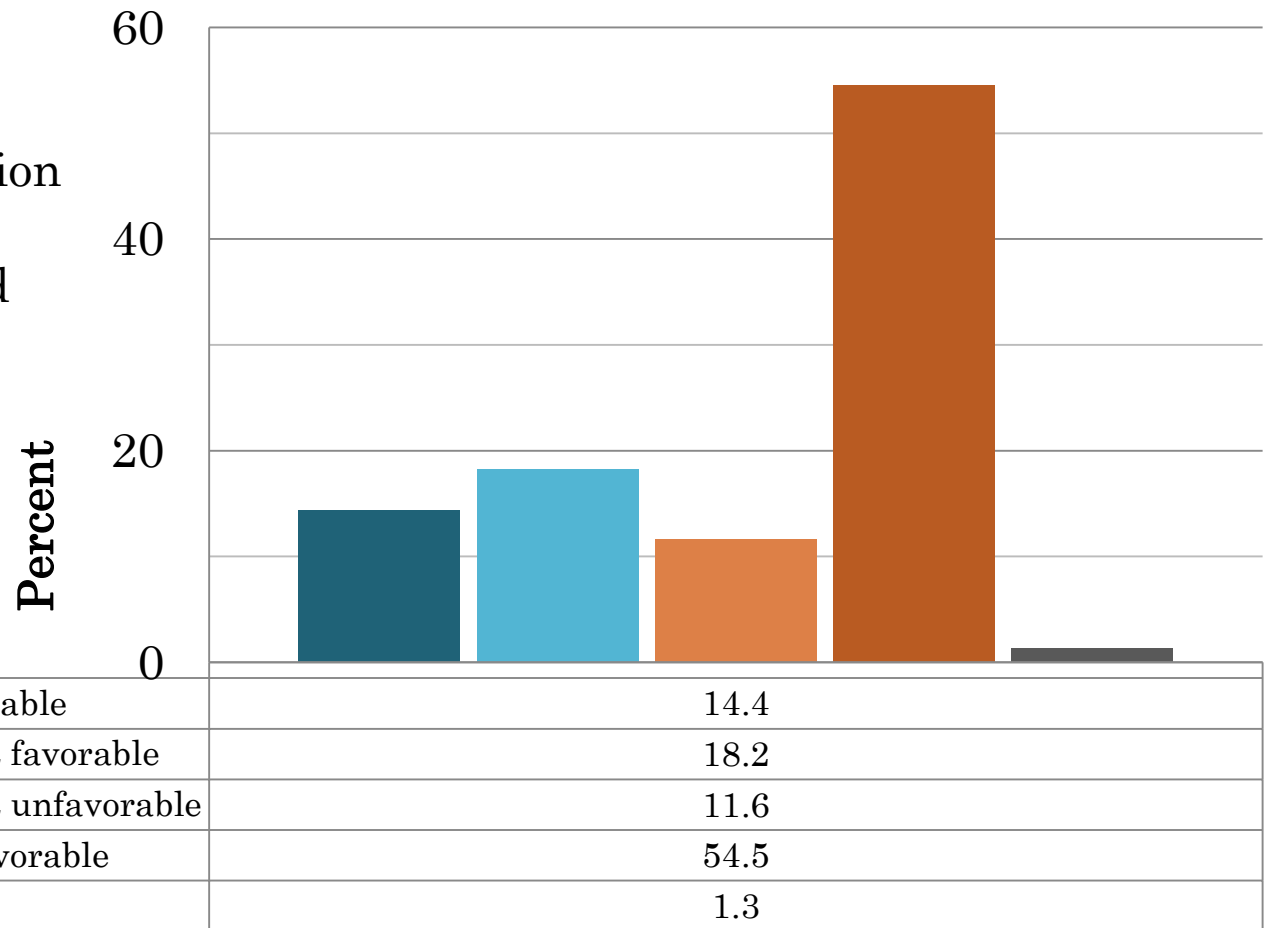


■ very favorable	16.7
■ somewhat favorable	25.9
■ somewhat unfavorable	13.6
■ very unfavorable	42.3
■ not sure	1.6

Donald Trump Favorability

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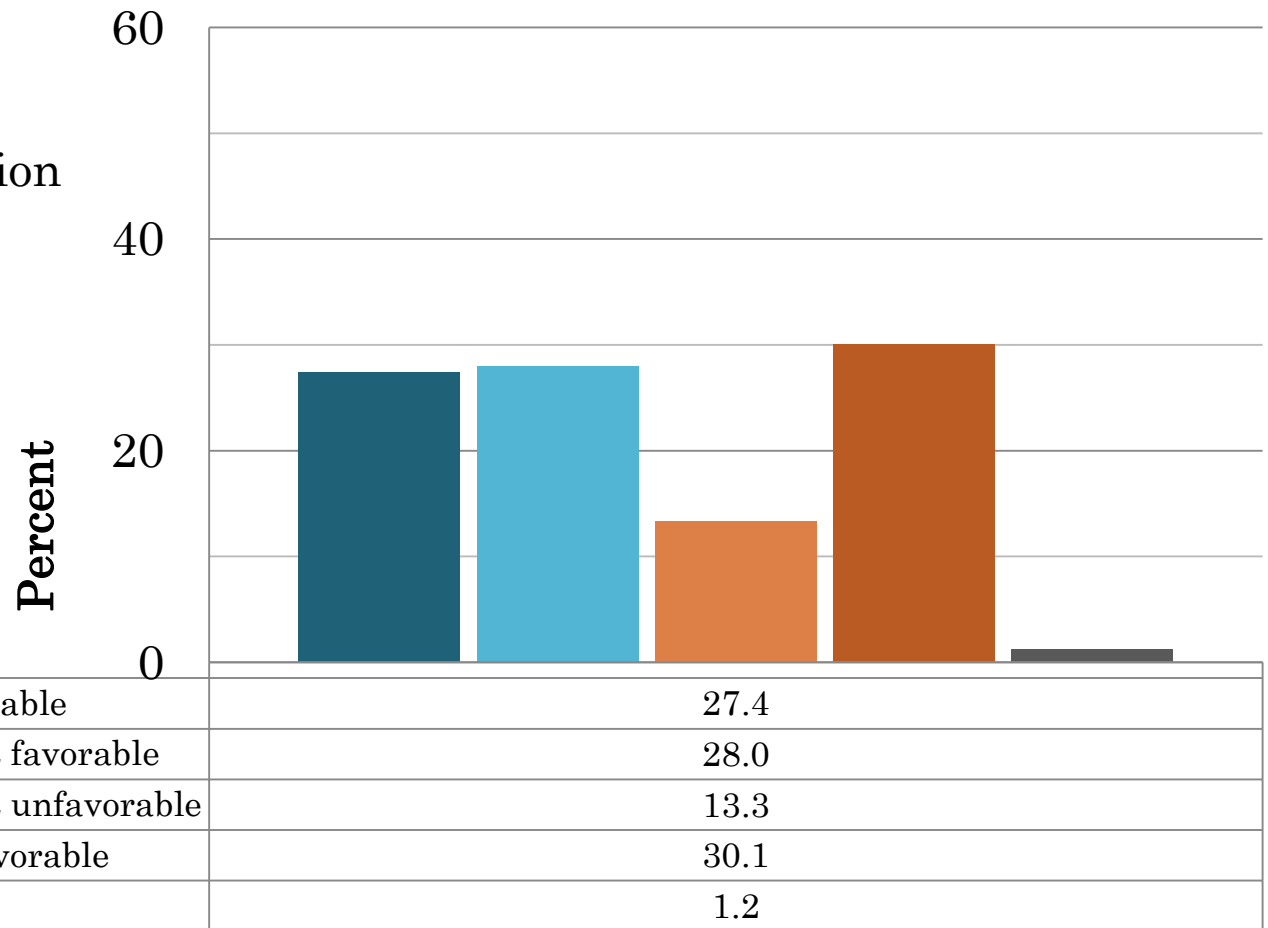
- Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of presidential candidate Donald Trump?



Sen. Sanders Favorability

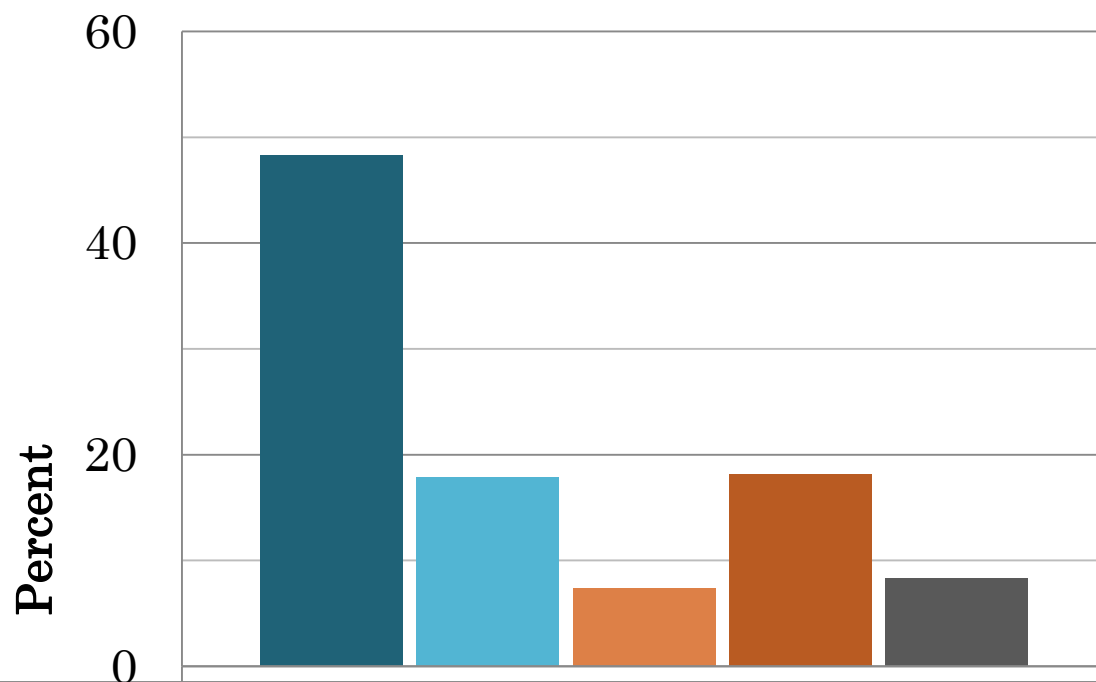
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- Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of presidential candidate Bernie Sanders?



Background Checks

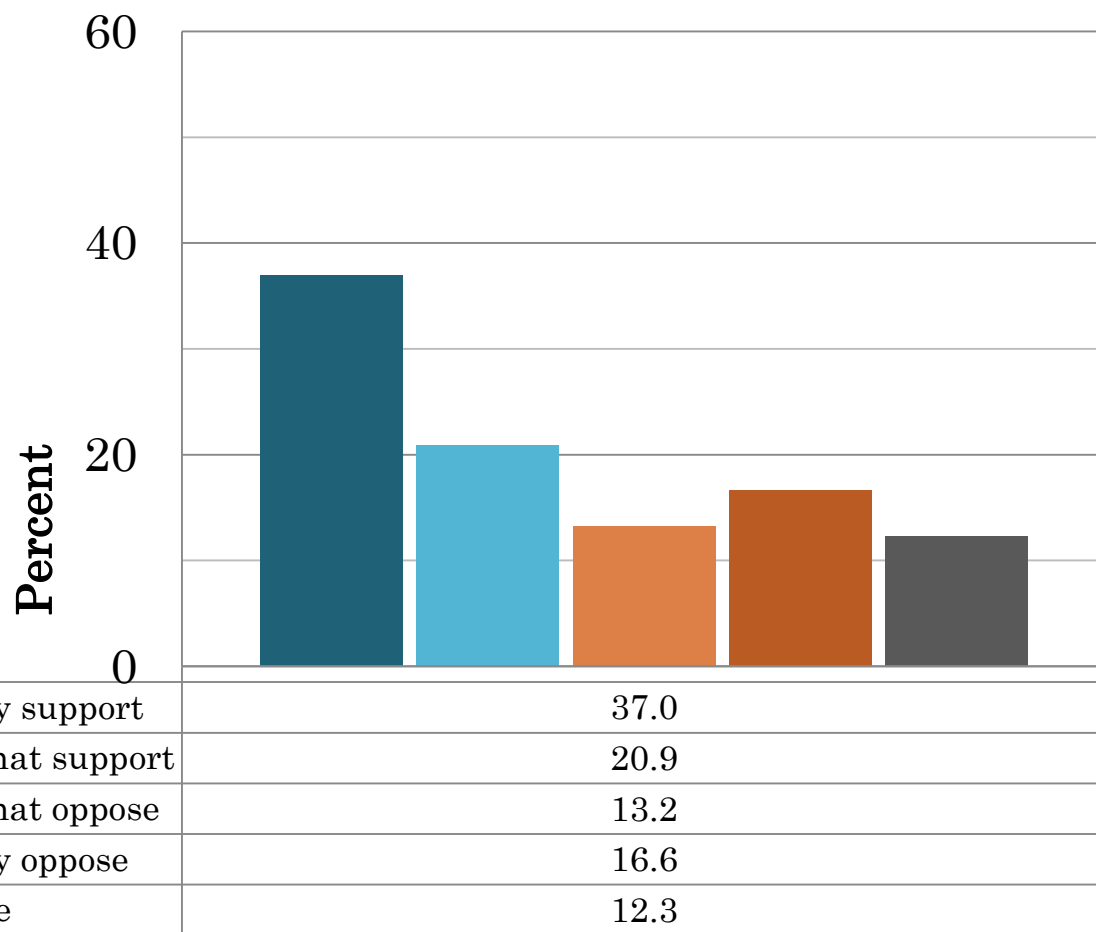
- This November, there will be a referendum on the ballot to require criminal background checks for the sale or transfer of all firearms in Maine, with certain exceptions for family members.
- If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this referendum?



■ strongly support	48.3
■ somewhat support	17.9
■ somewhat oppose	7.4
■ strongly oppose	18.1
■ not sure	8.3

Ranked-Choice Voting

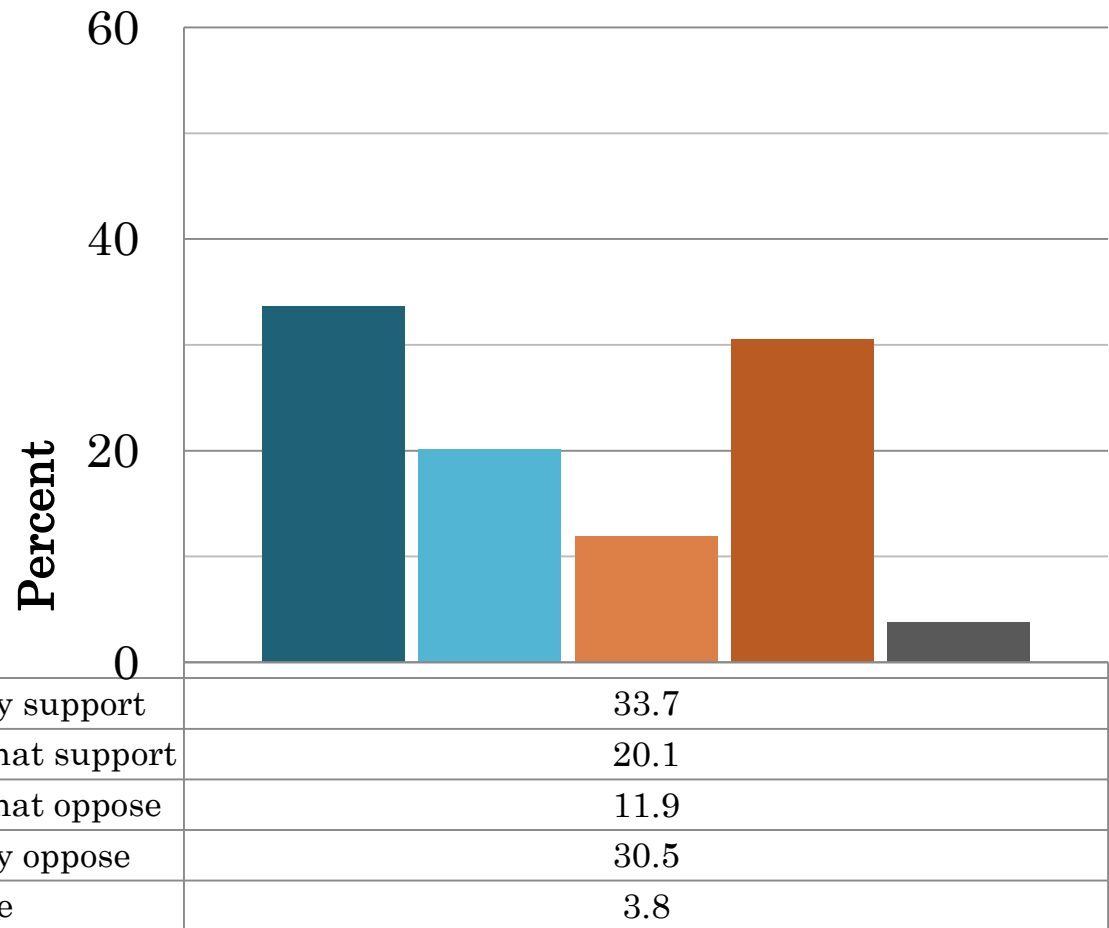
- In November there will be a referendum on the ballot to institute ranked-choice voting in Maine for state and federal offices. Ranked-choice voting is a method of voting where voters rank candidates in order of preference, last-place candidates are defeated, and the candidate with the most votes in the final round is elected.
- If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this referendum?



Marijuana Legalization

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- In November there may be a referendum on the ballot to legalize and regulate marijuana for recreational use for adults over the age of 21. The initiative would legalize private possession and use of a limited amount of marijuana, put in place regulations for stores and growers and institute a 10 percent tax on all marijuana sales.
- If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this referendum?



Frequencies

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Age	%
18-34	15.9
35-49	21.6
50-64	33.1
65+	29.4

CD	%
1	52.5
2	47.5

Gender	%
Female	53.2
Male	46.8

Party	%
Democratic	37.3
Republican	35.3
Independent/other	27.4