

**GRANITE STATE POLL  
FOR  
NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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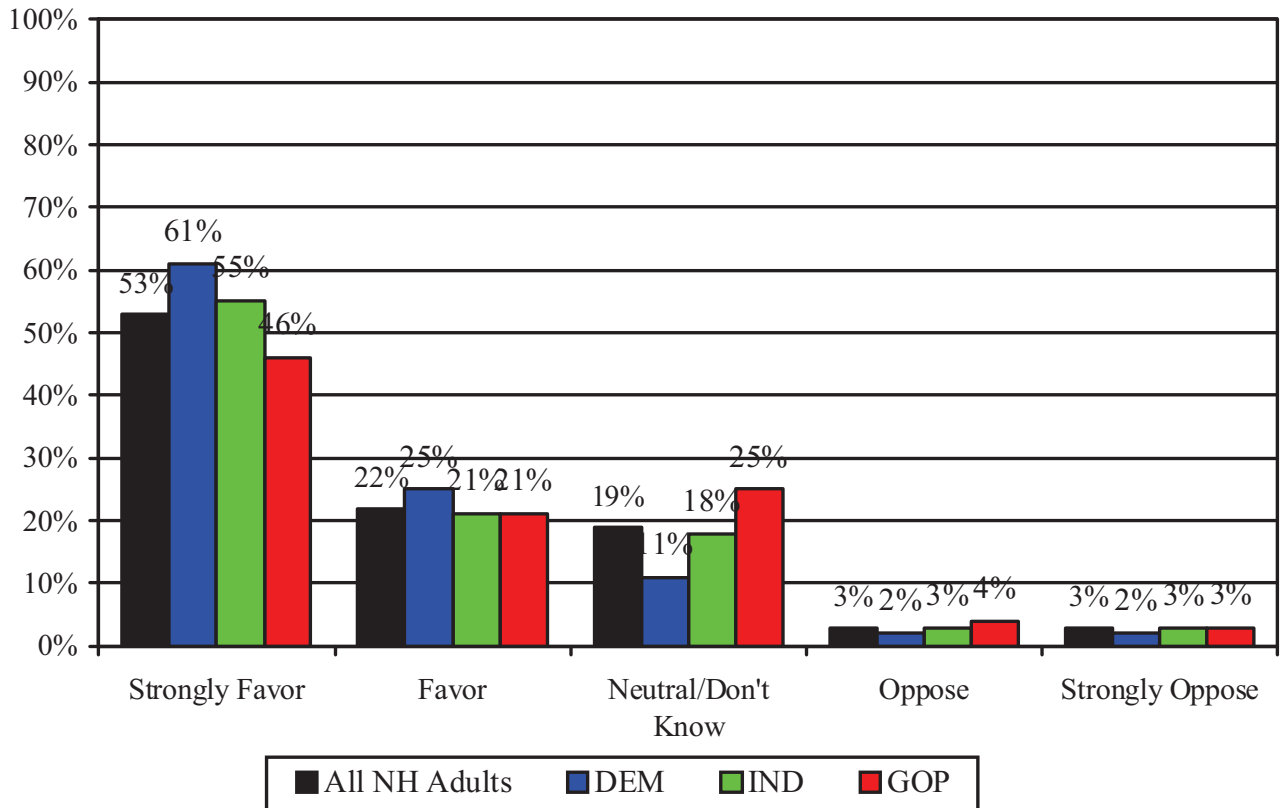
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## Executive Summary

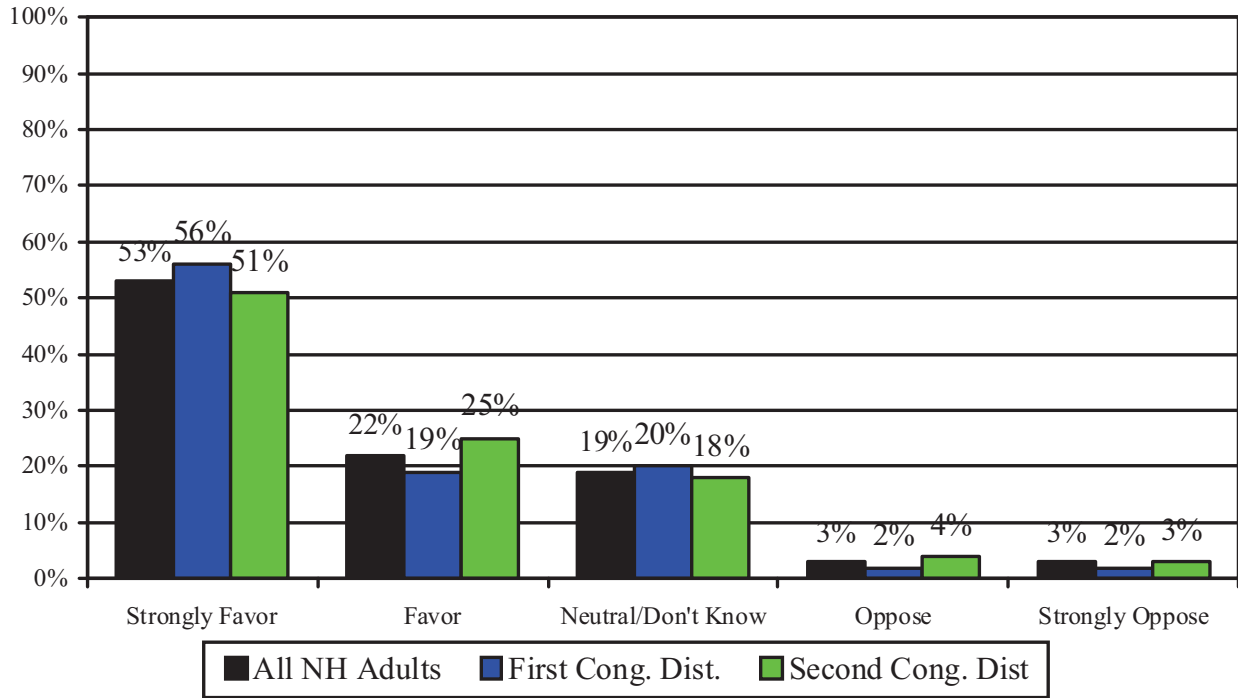
The University of New Hampshire Survey Center included a series of questions on its February, 2011 Granite State Poll for the New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority. The major purpose of these questions was to assess attitudes about the extension of commuter rail service through the New Hampshire Capital Corridor. A Granite State Poll survey of five hundred four (520) New Hampshire adults was conducted by telephone between January 27 and February 6, 2011. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 4.3%. (See Technical Report below for a more detailed description of survey methods.) The following figures display survey results, detailed tabular results can be found in Appendix A and Appendix B contains the survey instrument.

- A majority of New Hampshire residents (53%) strongly favor extending commuter rail service from Boston and Lowell into New Hampshire through Nashua, Manchester (including Manchester Airport), and Concord, 22 percent favor the extension, 3 percent oppose it, 3 percent strongly oppose it, and 19 percent are neutral or don't know enough to say. **(Figure 1)**
  - Democrats, those who received most of their news from the radio or from newspapers, and residents of the 4<sup>th</sup> Executive District are most likely to strongly favor the extension.
- A plurality of New Hampshire adults (45%) strongly favor accepting an award of \$2.2 million of federal funds for the completion of planning and environmental studies to determine the viability of the commuter rail extension, 25 percent favor accepting the award, 4 percent oppose it, 7 percent strongly oppose it, and 20 percent are neutral or don't know enough to say. **(Figure 2)**
  - Democrats and those who receive most of their news from the radio are most likely to strongly favor accepting the federal funds.

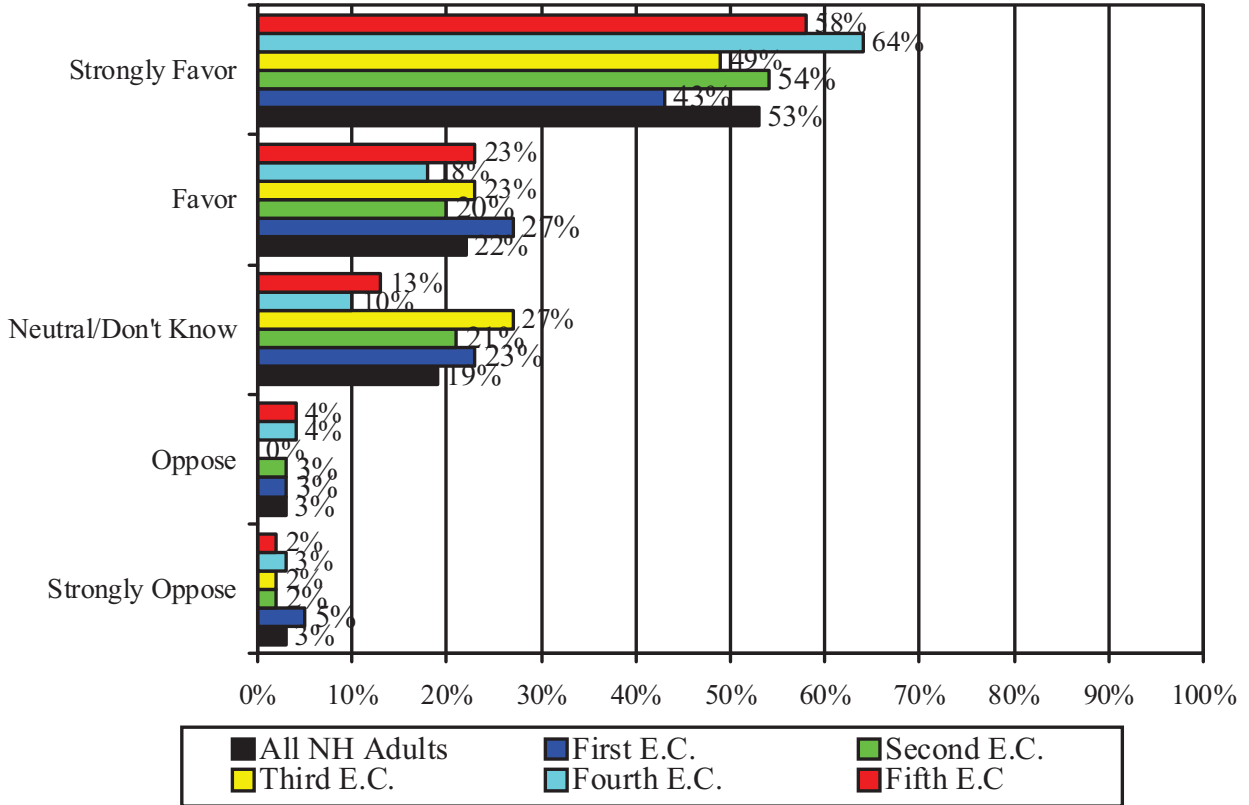
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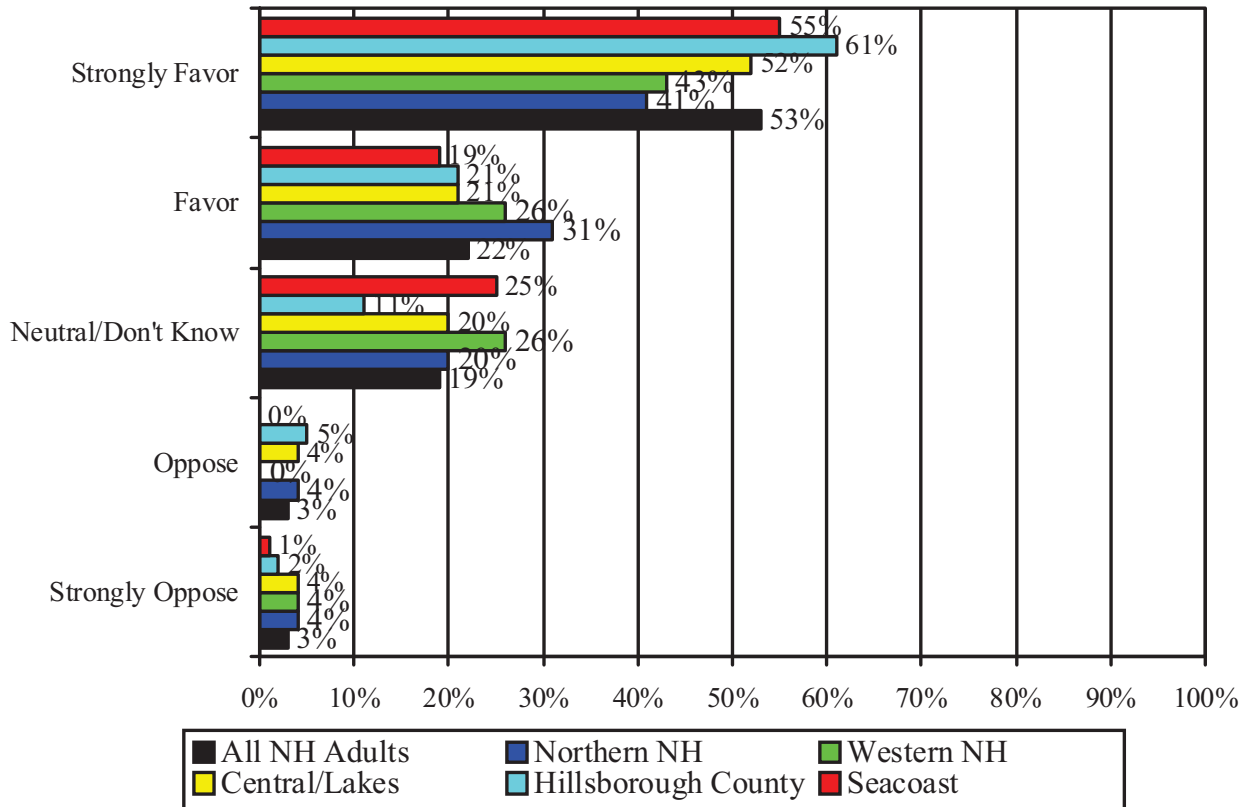
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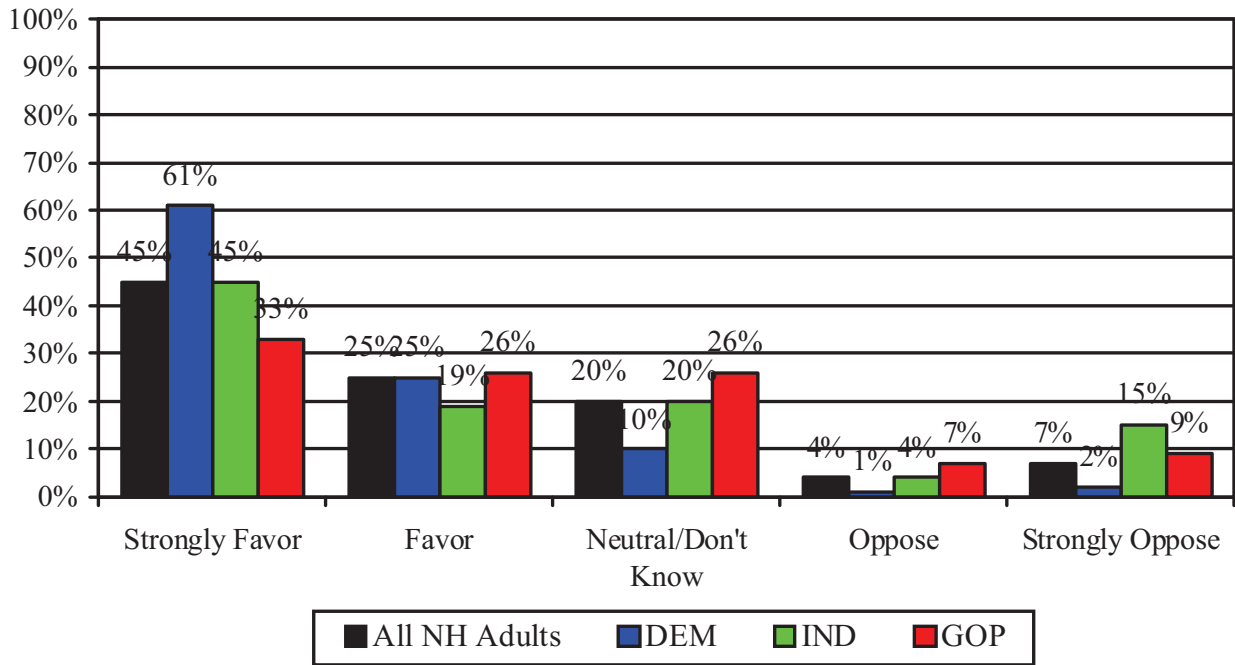
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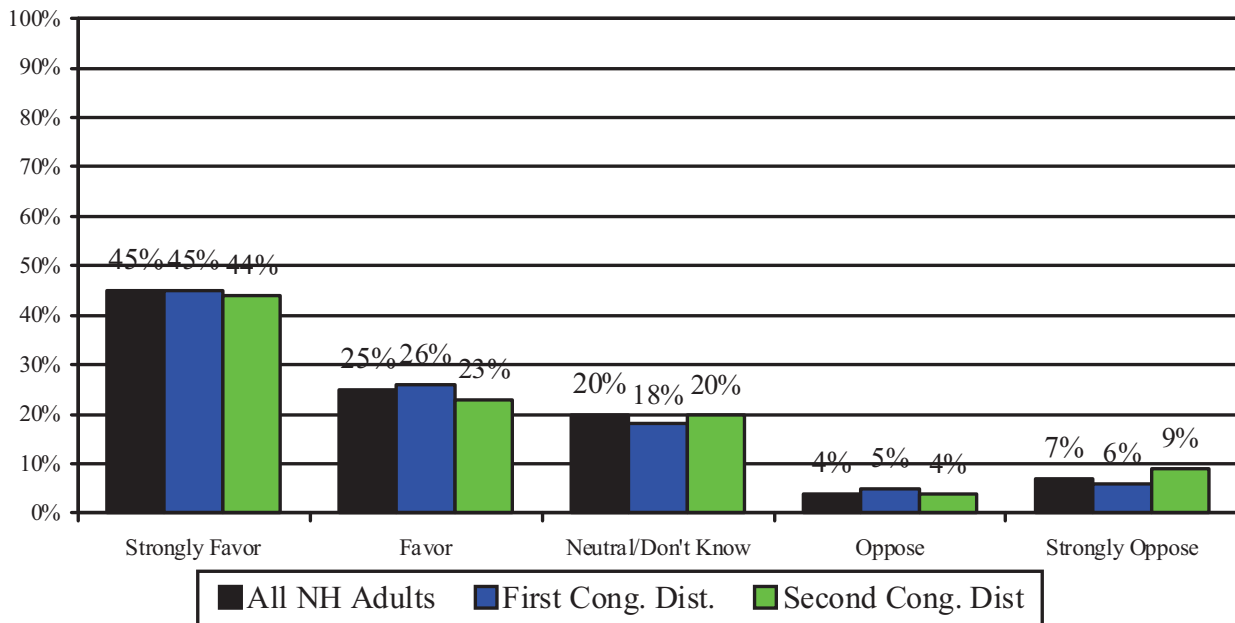
**Figure 1C: Support by Region**



**Figure 2:** “In 2010, the State Rail Transit Authority was awarded \$2.2 million of federal funds for completion of planning and environmental studies to determine the viability of commuter rail in that NH Capital Corridor. The service would provide direct rail connection between Boston and these NH communities. Do you favor or oppose New Hampshire accepting the federal funding and moving forward to determine the long-term costs and feasibility of this commuter rail service or do you not have an opinion on this?”

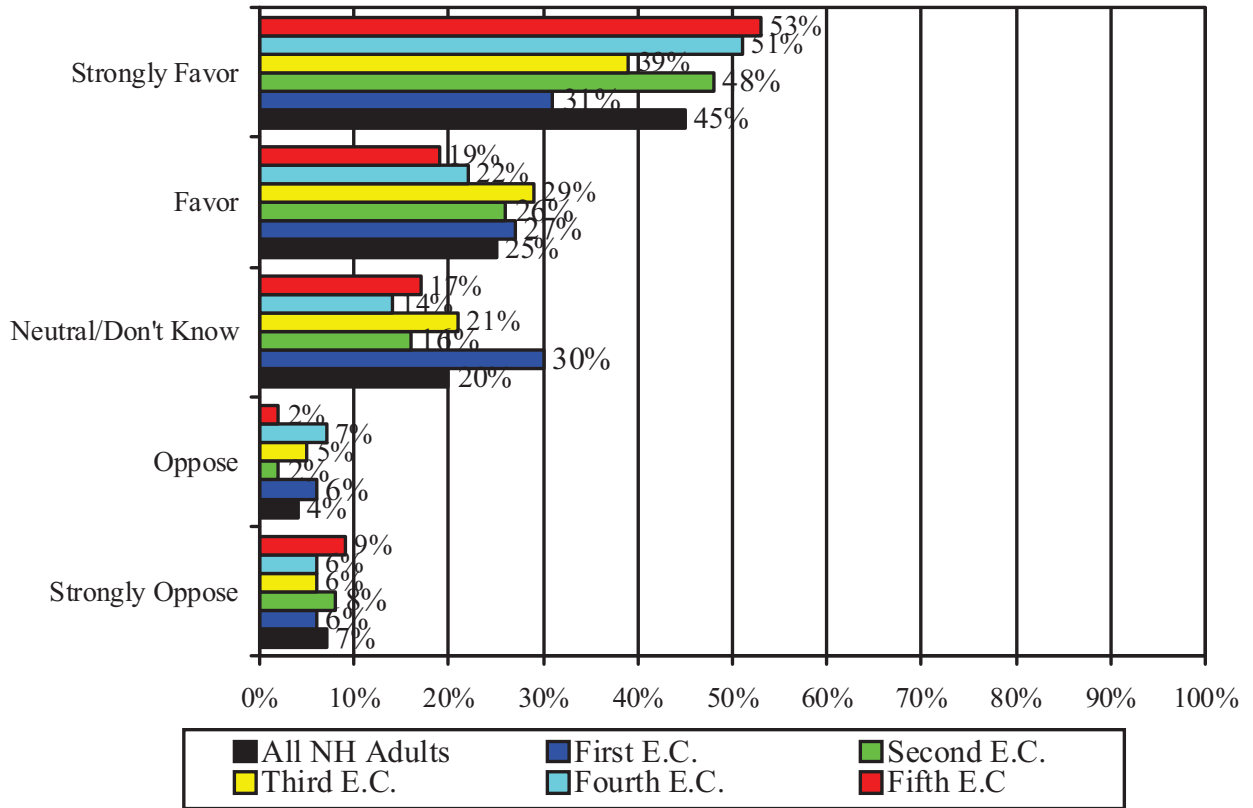


**Figure 2A:** Support for Accepting Funds by Congressional District

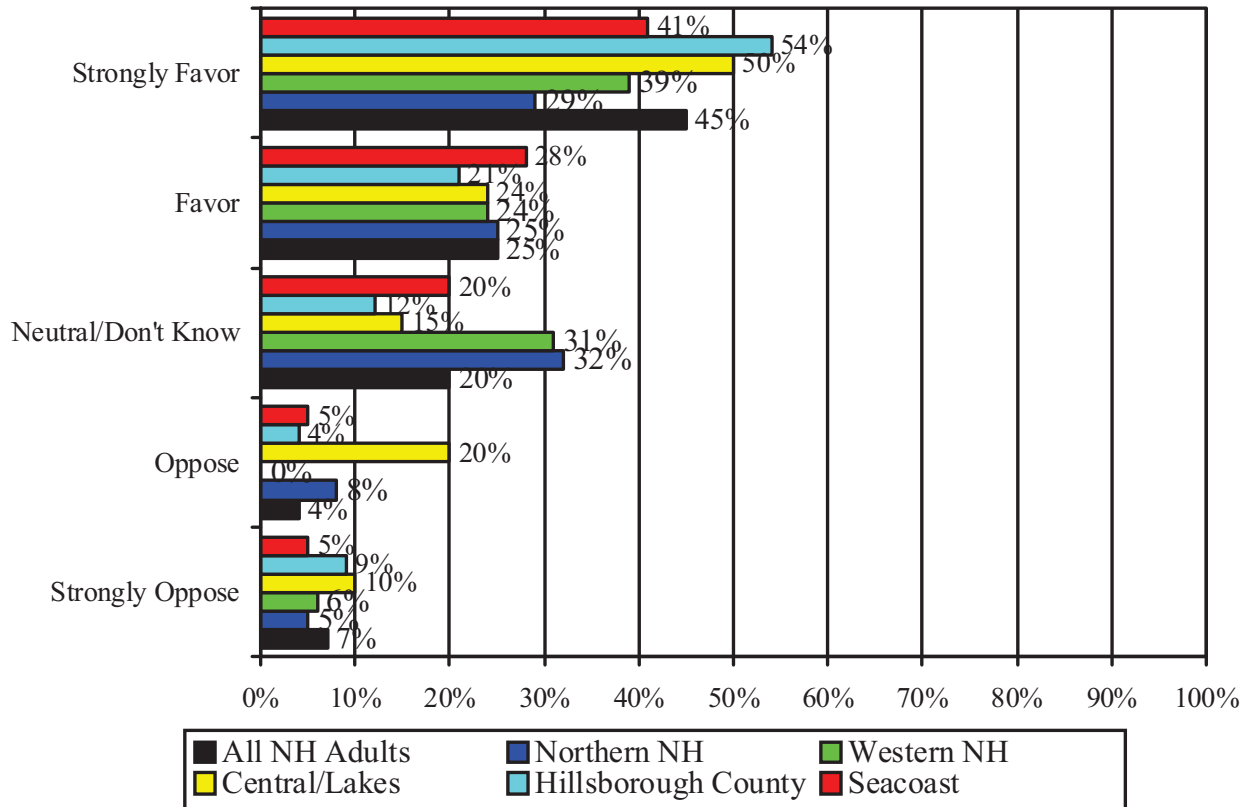




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**Figure 2C: Support for Accepting Funds by Region**



## TECHNICAL REPORT

### How the Sample Was Selected

The Winter, 2011 Granite State Poll was a survey of randomly selected adults in the state of New Hampshire. This survey was conducted using a procedure called Random Digit Dialing (RDD) which is described below.

A sample of households in the area was selected by a procedure known as random digit dialing. The way this works is as follows. First, with the aid of the computer, one of the three-digit telephone exchanges that are currently used in the area (e.g., 772) is randomly selected. The computer then randomly selects one of the "working blocks"--the first two of the last four numbers in a telephone number (e.g., 64)--and attaches it to the randomly selected exchange. Finally, the computer program then generates a two-digit random number between 00 and 99 (e.g., 57) which is attached to the previously selected prefix (772), and the previously selected working block (64) resulting in a complete telephone number -- i.e., 772-6457. This procedure is then repeated numerous times by the computer to generate more random numbers, so that we have a sufficient quantity to conduct the survey. The end result is that each household in the area in which there is a telephone has an equally likely chance of being selected into the sample.

The random sample used in the Granite State Poll was purchased from Scientific Telephones Samples (STS), Foothill Ranch, California. STS screens each selected telephone number to eliminate non-working numbers, disconnected numbers, and business numbers to improve the efficiency of the sample, reducing the amount of time interviewers spend calling non-usable numbers.

Each of these randomly generated telephone numbers is called by one of our interviewers from a centrally supervised facility at the UNH Survey Center. If the number called is found not to be a residential one, it is discarded and another random number is called. (Approximately forty-five percent of the numbers were discarded because they are found to be businesses, institutions, or not assigned.) If it is a residential number, the interviewer then randomly selects a member of the household by asking to speak with the adult currently living in the household who has had the most recent birthday. This selection process ensures that every adult (18 years of age or older) in the household has an equally likely chance of being included in the survey. No substitutions are allowed. If, for example, the randomly selected adult is not at home when the household is first contacted, the interviewer cannot substitute by selecting someone else who just happens to be there at the time. Instead, he or she must make an appointment to call back when the randomly selected adult is at home. In this way, respondent selection bias is minimized.

### When the Interviewing Was Done

New Hampshire adults in the Granite State Poll were interviewed between January 27 and February 6, 2011. Each selected respondent was called by a professional UNH Survey Center interviewer from a centrally supervised facility at the UNH Survey Center. Telephone calls during the field period were made between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

### Response Rates

Interviews were completed with 520 randomly selected adults in New Hampshire from a sample of 6,203 randomly selected telephone numbers. Using American Association for Public Opinion (AAPOR) Response Rate 4, the response rate for the Winter, 2011 Granite State Poll was 29 percent. The formula to calculate standard AAPOR response rate is:

$$\frac{I}{((I+P) + (R+NC+O) + e(UH+UO))}$$

**I**=Complete Interviews, **P**=Partial Interviews, **R**=Refusal and break off, **NC**=Non Contact, **O**=Other, **e**=estimated portion of cases of unknown eligibility that are eligible, **UH**=Unknown household, **UO**=Unknown other.

### Weighting of Data

The data have been weighted to account for known biases of telephone surveys. The data in the Granite State Poll are weighted by the number of adults and telephone lines within households to equalize the chances that any one adult would be selected for inclusion. The data are also weighted by respondent sex, and region of the state.

Sampling Error

The Granite State Poll, like all surveys, is subject to sampling error due to the fact that all residents in the area were not interviewed. For those questions asked of five hundred (500) or so respondents, the error is +/-4.4%. For those questions where fewer than 500 persons responded, the sampling error can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Sampling error} = \pm (1.96) \frac{\sqrt{P(1-P)}}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Where **P** is the percentage of responses in the answer category being evaluated and **N** is the total number of persons answering the particular question.

For example, suppose you had the following distribution of answers to the question, "Should the state spend more money on road repair even if that means higher taxes?" Assume 1,000 respondents answered the question as follows:

YES	- 47%
NO	- 48%
DON'T KNOW	- 5%

The sampling error for the "YES" percentage of 47% would be

$$\pm(1.96) \frac{\sqrt{(47)(53)}}{\sqrt{1,000}} = \pm 3.1\%;$$

for the "NO" percentage of 48% it would be

$$\pm(1.96) \frac{\sqrt{(48)(52)}}{\sqrt{1,000}} = \pm 3.1\%;$$

and for the "DON'T KNOW" percentage of 5% it would be

$$\pm(1.96) \frac{\sqrt{(5)(95)}}{\sqrt{1,000}} = \pm 1.4\%;$$

In this case we would expect the true population figures to be within the following ranges:

YES	43.9% - 50.1% (i.e., 47% +/-3.1%)
NO	44.9% - 51.1% (i.e., 48% +/-3.1%)
DON'T KNOW	3.6% - 6.4% (i.e., 5% +/-1.4)

**APPENDIX A**  
**TABULAR RESULTS**

NHRTA: "In 2009, the State established a Rail Authority, enabling extension of commuter rail service from Boston and Lowell into New Hampshire through Nashua to Concord including Manchester and the Manchester airport, known as the NH Capital Corridor. Do you favor or oppose extending commuter rail service into this corridor in New Hampshire or do you not have an opinion on this?"

	Strongly Favor	Favor	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know	Number Responded
All NH Adults	53%	22%	5%	3%	3%	14%	520
<b>Capitol Corridor</b>							
On Capitol Corridor	59%	25%	4%	3%	2%	7%	118
Off Capitol Corridor	52%	21%	5%	3%	3%	17%	402
<b>Congressional District</b>							
First Cong. District	56%	19%	6%	2%	2%	14%	236
Second Cong. District	51%	25%	3%	4%	3%	15%	284
<b>Executive Council Districts</b>							
1st District	43%	27%	7%	3%	5%	16%	95
2nd District	54%	20%	3%	3%	2%	18%	120
3rd District	49%	23%	5%	0%	2%	22%	108
4th District	64%	18%	4%	4%	3%	6%	75
5th District	58%	23%	5%	4%	2%	8%	121
<b>Region</b>							
Northern NH	41%	31%	4%	4%	4%	16%	69
Western NH	43%	26%	5%	0%	4%	21%	49
Central/Lakes	21%	48%	8%	4%	4%	12%	82
Hillsborough County	61%	21%	4%	5%	2%	7%	158
Seacoast	55%	19%	4%	0%	1%	21%	163
<b>Registered to Vote</b>							
Registered Democrat	63%	27%	1%	0%	1%	8%	118
Undeclared/Other	50%	20%	5%	5%	3%	17%	214
Registered Republican	49%	20%	8%	2%	4%	17%	153
<b>Party Identification</b>							
Democrat	61%	25%	2%	2%	2%	9%	191
Independent	55%	21%	5%	3%	3%	13%	83
Republican	46%	21%	7%	4%	3%	18%	238
<b>Political Ideology</b>							
Liberal	61%	27%	3%	2%	0%	7%	105
Moderate	60%	25%	4%	2%	2%	7%	213
Conservative	41%	17%	7%	4%	5%	26%	183
<b>Sex of Respondent</b>							
Male	51%	20%	5%	4%	4%	16%	252
Female	55%	24%	4%	2%	2%	13%	268
<b>Primary News Source</b>							
Local TV news	47%	23%	5%	3%	2%	20%	153
National TV news	53%	17%	9%	2%	4%	15%	131
Radio	65%	21%	0%	3%	3%	8%	49
Newspapers	65%	22%	5%	2%	0%	6%	62
Internet	48%	26%	2%	2%	6%	16%	85
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18 to 34	51%	26%	0%	0%	0%	23%	49
35 to 49	41%	23%	7%	7%	5%	18%	126
50 to 64	61%	19%	4%	1%	1%	12%	204
65 and older	54%	23%	6%	2%	3%	12%	132
<b>Education</b>							
High school or less	52%	14%	7%	2%	2%	23%	81
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College graduate	52%	25%	5%	2%	2%	13%	203
Postgraduate work	56%	22%	5%	5%	2%	10%	127
<b>Income</b>							
Less than \$30,000	68%	12%	3%	2%	0%	14%	41
\$30,000 to \$44,999	49%	26%	8%	0%	3%	14%	35
\$45,000 to \$59,999	50%	25%	2%	3%	0%	20%	51
\$60,000 to \$74,999	53%	22%	7%	1%	6%	11%	50
\$75,000 to \$99,999	57%	25%	2%	0%	4%	11%	56
\$100,000 or more	54%	24%	6%	5%	4%	7%	142
<b>Marital Status</b>							
Married	54%	20%	5%	3%	3%	14%	364
Divorced/Separated	55%	29%	3%	1%	1%	12%	100
Never married	44%	25%	6%	4%	1%	20%	53
<b>Adults in Household</b>							
One	57%	25%	5%	0%	1%	12%	73
Two	52%	21%	5%	3%	4%	14%	314
Three or more	53%	24%	4%	3%	0%	16%	131
<b>Children in Household</b>							
No children	56%	23%	4%	3%	2%	12%	344
One	55%	31%	2%	0%	0%	12%	70
Two or more	44%	14%	8%	3%	7%	24%	105
<b>Religion</b>							
Protestant	54%	19%	4%	5%	2%	16%	197
Catholic	53%	19%	8%	3%	5%	12%	170
Other	53%	28%	2%	0%	1%	16%	138
<b>Years Lived in NH</b>							
5 years or less	52%	26%	0%	4%	6%	11%	37
6 to 10 years	62%	25%	0%	3%	2%	8%	54
11 to 20 years	56%	23%	1%	0%	1%	18%	87
20 or more years	51%	21%	7%	3%	3%	15%	341



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**APPENDIX B**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Granite State Poll #40**  
**The University of New Hampshire**  
**Winter, 2011**

INTRO:

“Good evening / afternoon. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I’m calling for the Granite State Poll from the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. This month, the University is conducting a confidential study of politics and public opinion in New Hampshire, and we’d really appreciate your help and cooperation.”

SEAS

“Do you live at this residence all year round or are you on vacation in New Hampshire?”

- 1 LIVE IN NH YEAR ROUND
- 2 SEASONAL, JUST VACATIONING → “Thank you very much, we are only interviewing year round residents.”

\* 99 REFUSED

BIR1

“In order to determine who to interview, could you tell me, of the adults aged 18 or older who currently live in your household -- including yourself -- who had the most recent birthday? I don’t mean who is the youngest, but rather, who had the most recent birthday?”

- 1 INFORMANT →SKIP TO SEX
- 2 SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_ → SKIP TO INT2
- 3 DON’T KNOW ALL BIRTHDAYS, ONLY SOME → CONTINUE WITH BIR2 BELOW
- 4 DON’T KNOW ANY BIRTHDAYS OTHER THAN OWN → SKIP TO SEX

\* 99 REFUSED -- ENTER NON-RESPONSE INFORMATION

BIR2

“Of the ones that you do know, who had the most recent birthday?”

- 1 INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_ → SKIP TO SEX
- 2 SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_ → GO TO INT2
- 3 PERSON NOT AVAILABLE

\* 99 REFUSED

INT2

ASK TO SPEAK TO THAT PERSON

“Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ calling for the Granite State Poll from the University of New Hampshire. This month the University is conducting a confidential study of public opinion in New Hampshire, and we'd really appreciate your help and cooperation. You have been identified as the adult in your household who had the most recent birthday. Is this correct?”

- 1 YES
- 2 APPOINTMENT

\* 99 REFUSAL

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SEX

“Thank you very much for helping us with this important study. We really appreciate your help. Before we begin I want to assure you that all of your answers are strictly confidential. They will be combined with answers from other people from across the state. Your telephone number was randomly selected from all families in New Hampshire. This call may be monitored for quality assurance.”

“Participation is voluntary. If you decide to participate, you may decline to answer any question or end the interview at any time.”

IF ASKED: “This survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.”

RECORD SEX OF RESPONDENT

- 1 MALE
- 2 FEMALE

\* 99 NA

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TOWN

“First, in what town do you live?” ENTER NUMBER OF TOWN FROM SHEET.

997 OTHER – TYPE IN \_\_\_\_\_

998 DK - DO NOT PROBE

\* 999 NA / REFUSED

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PRESAPP

“Let's turn to some questions about the President.”

“GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?”

(IF APPROVE): “Would you say that you STRONGLY approve of the way he is handling his job as president, or that you approve only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF DISAPPROVE): “Would you say that you STRONGLY disapprove of the way he is handling his job as president, or that you disapprove only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK): “Would you say that you lean a little more toward APPROVING or DISAPPROVING of the way he is handling his job as president?”

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TOWARD APPROVING

4 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK

5 LEAN TOWARD DISAPPROVING

6 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT

7 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

\* 99 NA

ROTATE FORAPP AND ECONAPP

UNHSC  
FORAPP

“GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling FOREIGN AFFAIRS?”

(IF APPROVE): “Would you say you STRONGLY approve of the way he is handling foreign affairs, or that you approve only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF DISAPPROVE): “Would you say you STRONGLY disapprove of the way he is handling foreign affairs, or that you disapprove only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK): “Would you say you lean a little more toward APPROVING or DISAPPROVING of the way he is handling foreign affairs?”

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TOWARD APPROVING
- 4 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK
- 5 LEAN TOWARD DISAPPROVING
- 6 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 7 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC  
ECONAPP

“GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling THE ECONOMY?”

(IF APPROVE): “Would you say you STRONGLY approve of the way he is handling the economy, or that you approve only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF DISAPPROVE): “Would you say you STRONGLY disapprove of the way he is handling the economy, or that you disapprove only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK): “Would you say you lean a little more toward APPROVING or DISAPPROVING of the way he is handling the economy?”

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TOWARD APPROVING
- 4 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK
- 5 LEAN TOWARD DISAPPROVING
- 6 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 7 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC

HCAPP

“Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care policy?”

(IF APPROVE): “Would you say you STRONGLY approve of the way he is handling health care policy, or that you approve only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF DISAPPROVE): “Would you say you STRONGLY disapprove of the way he is handling health care policy, or that you disapprove only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK): “Would you say you lean a little more toward APPROVING or DISAPPROVING of the way he is handling health care policy?”

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TOWARD APPROVING
- 4 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK
- 5 LEAN TOWARD DISAPPROVING
- 6 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 7 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

\* 99 NA

SPLIT BALLOT HCAPP2\_1 HCAPP2\_2

HCAPP2\_1

“Let me ask you a question about healthcare. In March of last year, the U.S. House and Senate passed legislation that will overhaul the nation’s health care system. Based on what you have seen or heard, do you favor or oppose the health care legislation that was passed in Congress, or don’t you have an opinion?”

IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: “Do you feel that strongly or not strongly?”

IF /DK/NO OPINION: “Would you say you lean toward favoring or opposing?”

- 1 FAVOR – STRONGLY
- 2 FAVOR - SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TO FAVORING
- 4 DEPENDS - VOLUNTEERED
- 5 LEAN TO OPPOSING
- 6 OPPOSE - SOMEWHAT
- 7 OPPOSE - STRONGLY

98 DON’T KNOW / NO OPINION

99 NA / REFUSED

HCAPP2\_2

"Let me ask you a question about healthcare. In March of last year, the U.S. House and Senate passed legislation that will overhaul the nation's health care system. Based on what you have seen or heard, do you favor or oppose the health care legislation that was passed in Congress?"

IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: "Do you feel that strongly or not strongly?"

IF /DK/NO OPINION: "Would you say you lean toward favoring or opposing?"

- 1 FAVOR – STRONGLY
- 2 FAVOR - SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TO FAVORING
- 4 DEPENDS - VOLUNTEERED
- 5 LEAN TO OPPOSING
- 6 OPPOSE - SOMEWHAT
- 7 OPPOSE - STRONGLY
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

HCREAP

"Do you think Congress should try to repeal the health care law that was passed last year, or should they let it stand?"

- 1 REPEAL
- 2 LET STAND
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED



UNHSC

IRAQ1

“Let’s turn to Iraq. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the situation with Iraq?”

(IF APPROVE): “Would you say you STRONGLY approve of the way he is handling the situation with Iraq, or that you approve only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF DISAPPROVE): “Would you say you STRONGLY disapprove of the way he is handling the situation with Iraq, or that you disapprove only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK): “Would you say you lean a little more toward APPROVING or DISAPPROVING of the way he is handling the situation with Iraq?”

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TOWARD APPROVING
- 4 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK
- 5 LEAN TOWARD DISAPPROVING
- 6 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 7 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC

IRAQ2

“Do you support or oppose the United States having gone to war with Iraq?”

(IF SUPPORT): “Do you strongly support this or just somewhat?”

(IF OPPOSE): “Do you strongly oppose this or just somewhat

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SUPPORT SOMEWHAT
- 3 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK
- 4 OPPOSE SOMEWHAT
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- \* 99 NA

IRAQ4

“Do you think the United States can win or cannot win the war in Iraq?”

- 1 CAN WIN
- 2 CANNOT WIN
  
- 98 DON’T KNOW / NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
AFGHAN1

"Now, let's talk about the war in Afghanistan. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the situation with Afghanistan?"

(IF APPROVE): "Would you say you STRONGLY approve of the way he is handling the situation with Afghanistan, or that you approve only SOMEWHAT?"

(IF DISAPPROVE): "Would you say you STRONGLY disapprove of the way he is handling the situation with Afghanistan, or that you disapprove only SOMEWHAT?"

(IF NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK): "Would you say you lean a little more toward APPROVING or DISAPPROVING of the way he is handling the situation with Afghanistan?"

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TOWARD APPROVING
- 4 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK
- 5 LEAN TOWARD DISAPPROVING
- 6 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 7 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC  
AFGHAN2

"What is your impression of how the war in Afghanistan is going for the United States right now? Would you say it is going very well ... somewhat well ... somewhat badly ... or very badly?"

- 1 VERY WELL
- 2 SOMEWHAT WELL
- 3 SOMEWHAT BADLY
- 4 VERY BADLY
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

CCON1

“On another topic, we are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you and your family living there are BETTER OFF or WORSE OFF financially than you were a year ago?”

- 1 BETTER OFF
- 2 ABOUT THE SAME (VOLUNTEERED)
- 3 WORSE OFF
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW / NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

CCON2

“Now, looking ahead -- do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially ... or worse off ... or just about the same?”

- 1 BETTER OFF FINANCIALLY
- 2 WORSE OFF
- 3 JUST ABOUT THE SAME
  
- 98 DK (PROBE: REPEAT QUESTION)
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC

CCON3NH

“What about business conditions in New Hampshire as a whole --do you think that during the next twelve months we'll have good times financially, or bad times, or what?”

- 1 GOOD TIMES
- 2 GOOD, WITH QUALIFICATIONS
- 3 PRO-CON, SOME GOOD - SOME BAD
  
- 4 BAD, WITH QUALIFICATIONS
- 5 BAD TIMES
  
- 98 DK, UNCERTAIN (PROBE: REPEAT QUESTION)
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC  
CCON3US

“Now turning to business conditions in the country as a whole --do you think that during the next twelve months we'll have good times financially, or bad times, or what?”

- 1 GOOD TIMES
- 2 GOOD, WITH QUALIFICATIONS
- 3 PRO-CON, SOME GOOD - SOME BAD
  
- 4 BAD, WITH QUALIFICATIONS
- 5 BAD TIMES
  
- 98 DK, UNCERTAIN (PROBE: REPEAT QUESTION)
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC  
CCON4

“Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely – that in the country as a whole we will have continuous GOOD TIMES during the next FIVE YEARS or so, or that we will have periods of WIDESPREAD UNEMPLOYMENT or DEPRESSION, or what?”

- 1 CONTINUOUS GOOD TIMES
- 2 MIXED
- 3 WIDESPREAD UNEMPLOYMENT/DEPRESSION
  
- 98 DK, UNCERTAIN
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
CCON5

“Now thinking about the big things people buy for their home -- such as furniture, a refrigerator, a stove, televisions and things like that. Generally speaking, do you think now is a GOOD or BAD time for people to buy MAJOR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS?”

- 1 GOOD TIME
- 2 PRO-CON
- 3 BAD TIME
  
- 98 DK (PROBE: REPEAT QUESTION)
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC  
TRACKUS

“Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?”

- 1 RIGHT DIRECTION
- 2 WRONG TRACK
  
- 98 DK (PROBE: REPEAT QUESTION)
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC

MIP

“Let's turn to the State of New Hampshire ... There are many problems facing the STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE today. In general, what do you think is the most IMPORTANT problem facing the STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE today?” (PROBE: “Could you be more SPECIFIC or give me an example?”)

RECORD VERBATIM PROBE FOR SPECIFIC ANSWER

UNHSC

GOVAPP

“GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way John Lynch is handling his job as governor?”

(IF APPROVE): “Would you say that you STRONGLY approve of the way he is handling his job as governor, or that you approve only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF DISAPPROVE): “Would you say that you STRONGLY disapprove of the way he is handling his job as governor, or that you disapprove only SOMEWHAT?”

(IF NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK): “Would you say that you lean a little more toward APPROVING or DISAPPROVING of the way he is handling his job as governor?”

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 3 LEAN TOWARD APPROVING
  
- 4 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK
  
- 5 LEAN TOWARD DISAPPROVING
- 6 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 7 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

\* 99 NA

UNHSC

TRACKNH

“Do you think things in New Hampshire are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?”

- 1 RIGHT DIRECTION
- 2 WRONG TRACK
  
- 98 DK (PROBE: REPEAT QUESTION)

\* 99 NA

UNHSC

BUDG1

“Of all the things the State Legislature faces this year, what issue or problem do you think it is MOST important for the State Legislature to address?”

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR SPECIFIC ISSUE, PROBLEM

UNHSC  
BUDG2

“Next, let’s turn to the state budget.”

“Which approach would you choose for dealing with the state’s budget shortfall ... rely entirely on spending cuts with no tax increases ... rely mainly on spending cuts, with some tax increases ... have an even balance of spending cuts and tax increases ... rely mainly on tax increases, with some spending cuts ... or rely entirely on tax increases, with no spending cuts?” [ROTATE RESPONSES]

- 1 ENTIRELY ON SPENDING CUTS
- 2 MAINLY SPENDING CUTS, SOME TAX INCREASES
- 3 EVEN BALANCE
- 4 MAINLY TAX INCREASES, SOME SPENDING CUTS
- 5 ENTIRELY ON TAX INCREASES
  
- 98 DON’T KNOW / NOT SURE
- 99 NA/REFUSED

PARNOT

“Now on a different topic. Do you favor or oppose a law which would require that women under the age of 18 notify their parents before they could have an abortion?”

IF FAVOR: “Do you strongly favor this or only somewhat?”

IF OPPOSE: “Do you strongly oppose this or just somewhat?”

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 3 NEITHER, FAVOR NOR OPPOSE-VOLUNTEERED
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA/REFUSED

GM1

“On another topic ... As you may know, New Hampshire legalized marriage between gay and lesbian couples in 2009. Recently, there has been an effort in the State Legislature to repeal this law. Would you say you support or oppose the effort to repeal legalized gay marriage in New Hampshire?”

IF SUPPORT: “Do you strongly support this or just somewhat?”

IF OPPOSE: “Do you strongly oppose this or just somewhat?”

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEUTRAL/DON’T KNOW
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
  
- \* 99 NA/REFUSED

GM2A

FOR PEOPLE WHO SAY "SUPPORT", ASK:

"Suppose the current gay marriage legislation does not get repealed. Would you be very upset, somewhat upset, not too upset, or not upset at all?"

- 1 VERY UPSET
- 2 SOMEWHAT UPSET
- 3 NOT TOO UPSET
- 4 NOT UPSET AT ALL
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

SKIPTO WARMUND

GM2B

FOR PEOPLE WHO SAY "OPPOSE", ASK"

"Suppose the current gay marriage legislation gets repealed. Would you be very upset, somewhat upset, not too upset, or not upset at all?"

- 1 VERY UPSET
- 2 SOMEWHAT UPSET
- 3 NOT TOO UPSET
- 4 NOT UPSET AT ALL
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:WARMUND

"Next, I would like to ask you some questions about the issue of global warming or climate change. How much do you feel you understand about this issue ... would you say a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or nothing at all?"

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 A MODERATE AMOUNT
- 3 ONLY A LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:WARMCK

T:

IF (SPLIT4 = 1) SKIPTO WARMSCIA

IF (SPLIT4 = 2) SKIPTO WARMSCIB

IF (SPLIT4 = 3) SKIPTO WARMOPC

IF (SPLIT4 = 4) SKIPTO WARMOPD

PAUSE 0

Q:WARMSCIA

“Which of the following two statements do you think is more accurate ... (READ NUMBERS 1 AND 2)

- 1 Most scientists agree that climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 2 There is little agreement among scientists whether climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA /REFUSED

Q:WARMOPA

“Which of the following three statements do you personally believe ... (READ NUMBERS 1 TO 3)

- 1 Climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 2 Climate change is happening now, but caused mainly by natural forces.
- 3 Climate change is NOT happening now.
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA /REFUSED

SKIPTO NHRTA1

Q:WARMSCIB

“Which of the following two statements do you think is more accurate ... (READ NUMBERS 1 AND 2)

- 1 There is little agreement among scientists whether climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 2 Most scientists agree that climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA /REFUSED

Q:WARMOPB

“Which of the following three statements do you personally believe ... (READ NUMBERS 1 TO 3)

- 1 Climate change is NOT happening now.
- 2 Climate change is happening now, but caused mainly by natural forces.
- 3 Climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA /REFUSED

SKIPTO NHRTA1

Q:WARMOPC

“Which of the following three statements do you personally believe ... (READ NUMBERS 1 TO 3)

- 1 Climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 2 Climate change is happening now, but caused mainly by natural forces.
- 3 Climate change is NOT happening now.
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA /REFUSED



Q:WARMSCIC

“Which of the following two statements do you think is more accurate ... (READ NUMBERS 1 AND 2)

- 1 Most scientists agree that climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 2 There is little agreement among scientists whether climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA /REFUSED

SKIPTO NHRTA1

Q:WARMOPD

“Which of the following three statements do you personally believe ... (READ NUMBERS 1 TO 3)

- 1 Climate change is NOT happening now.
- 2 Climate change is happening now, but caused mainly by natural forces.
- 3 Climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA /REFUSED

Q:WARMSCID

“Which of the following two statements do you think is more accurate ... (READ NUMBERS 1 AND 2)

- 1 There is little agreement among scientists whether climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 2 Most scientists agree that climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA /REFUSED

NHRTA1

“Let’s change the subject for a moment...”

“In 2009, the State established a Rail Authority, enabling extension of commuter rail service from Boston and Lowell into New Hampshire through Nashua to Concord including Manchester and the Manchester airport, known as the NH Capital Corridor. Do you favor or oppose extending commuter rail service into this corridor in New Hampshire or do you not have an opinion on this?”

“Is that strongly or just somewhat?”

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 FAVOR
- 3 NEUTRAL
- 4 OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 98 DON’T KNOW / NO OPINION
- \* 99 NA/REFUSED

NHTRA2

“In 2010, the State Rail Transit Authority was awarded \$2.2 million of federal funds for completion of planning and environmental studies to determine the viability of commuter rail in that NH Capital Corridor. The service would provide direct rail connection between Boston and these NH communities.”

“Do you favor or oppose New Hampshire accepting the federal funding and moving forward to determine the long-term costs and feasibility of this commuter rail service or do you not have an opinion on this?”

“Is that strongly or just somewhat?”

IF NEEDED: “The NH Capital Corridor runs from Lowell, Massachusetts and runs through Nashua, Manchester and the Manchester airport, and Concord.”

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 FAVOR
- 3 NEUTRAL
- 4 OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
  
- 98 DON’T KNOW / NO OPINION
- \* 99 NA/REFUSED

UNHSC

FAV

"Next, I'd like to get your overall opinion of some people who have been in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of this person - or if you don't know enough about them to say."

"First, how about ... ROTATE FAV1 TO FAV6

UNHSC

FAV1

“President Barack Obama?”

(READ IF NECESSARY) "Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him or don't you know enough about him to say?"

- 1 FAVORABLE
- 2 NEITHER FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE - VOLUNTEERED
- 3 UNFAVORABLE
  
- 98 DK / NEVER HEARD OF / KNOW TOO LITTLE TO SAY
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

FAV2

“Governor John Lynch?”

(READ IF NECESSARY) "Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him or don't you know enough about him to say?"

FAV3

“Senator Jeanne Shaheen?”

(READ IF NECESSARY) "Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of her or don't you know enough about her to say?"

FAV4

“Senator Kelly Ayotte?” (AY-ott)

(READ IF NECESSARY) “Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of her or don't you know enough about her to say?”

FAV5

"Congressman Frank Guinta?" (GIN-tah)

(READ IF NECESSARY) "Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him or don't you know enough about him to say?"

FAV6

"Congressman Charlie Bass"

(READ IF NECESSARY) "Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him or don't you know enough about him to say?"

UNHSC

TPARTY

"Overall would you say you support the political movement known as the Tea Party, you oppose the Tea Party, or that you neither support nor oppose it?"

IF NEITHER / DK: "Would you say you lean towards supporting or opposing the Tea Party movement?"

- 1 SUPPORT TEA PARTY
- 2 LEAN - SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT OR OPPOSE
- 4 LEAN - OPPOSE
- 5 OPPOSE TEA PARTY
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

REGVOTE

"Let's turn to politics for a minute. Are you registered to vote at your current address?"

IF YES: "Are you registered as a Democrat, Independent, Republican or something else?"

- 1 REGISTERED DEMOCRAT
- 2 REGISTERED INDEPENDENT / UNAFFILIATED / UNDECLARED
- 3 REGISTERED REPUBLICAN
- 4 REGISTERED - OTHER
  
- 98 NOT REGISTERED / DK (DO NOT PROBE)
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

PRIMINT

"I know that it is a long way away, but as you know, the New Hampshire Presidential Primary is being held in 2012. How interested would you say you are in the 2012 New Hampshire Presidential Primary election ... extremely interested ...very interested ... somewhat interested ... or not very interested?"

- 1 EXTREMELY INTERESTED
- 2 VERY INTERESTED
- 3 SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
- 4 NOT VERY INTERESTED
  
- 98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)
- 99 NA

P3

"Which of the following statements best describes you ... (READ NUMBERS 1 TO 5)

- 1 I will probably NOT vote in the 2012 Presidential Primary election, → SKIPTO GENINT
- 2 I MAY vote in the 2102 Primary election,
- 3 Unless some emergency comes up, I WILL vote in the 2012 Primary election,
- 4 I will DEFINITELY vote in the 2012 Primary election, or
- 5 I just don't know at this time." → SKIPTO GENINT
  
- 99 NA/REFUSED → SKIPTO GENINT

ASK IF REGVOTE = 2, 4, 98, 99

DKPRIM

"Which Presidential primary election do you think you will vote in, in 2012 ... the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary?"

- 1 VOTE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY – SKIPTO GOPFAV
- 2 VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY – SKIPTO DEMPRIM
- 3 DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE IN 2008 PRIMARY – SKIPTO GENINT
  
- 99 NA / REFUSED – SKIPTO GENINT

DKPRIMP

"As of RIGHT NOW, which primary do you think you will vote in?"

- 1 VOTE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY – SKIPTO GOPFAV
- 2 VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY – SKIPTO DEMPRIM
- 3 DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS – SKIPTO GENINT
  
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE IN 2012 PRIMARY – SKIPTO GENINT
  
- 99 NA / REFUSED – SKIPTO GENINT

DEMPRIM

"Do you plan on voting for Barack Obama in the 2012 New Hampshire Democratic primary or do you plan to vote for another Democratic candidate?"

- 1 WOULD VOTE FOR OBAMA
- 2 WOULD VOTE FOR OTHER CANDIDATE → SPECIFY
  
- 97 WILL NOT VOTE
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

SKIPTO GENINT

GOPFAV

"Next, I'd like to get your overall opinion of some REPUBLICANS who are running or may run for President in 2012. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of this person - or if you have never heard of him." "First, how about ... ROTATE GOPFAV1 TO GOPFAV8

GOPFAV1

"Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney"

(READ IF NECESSARY) "Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him?"

- 1 FAVORABLE
- 2 NEITHER FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE - VOLUNTEERED
- 3 UNFAVORABLE
  
- 98 DK / NEVER HEARD OF / KNOW TOO LITTLE TO SAY
- 99 NA / REFUSED

GOPFAV2

"Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee"

GOPFAV3

"Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin"

GOPFAV4

"Texas Congressman Ron Paul"

GOPFAV5

"Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson"

GOPFAV6

"Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich"

GOPFAV7

"Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani"

GOPFAV8

"Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty"

GOPFAV9

"South Dakota Senator John Thune?"

GOPFAV10

"Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum?"

GOPFAV11

"Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour?"

GOPFAV12

"Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels?"

GOPFAV13

"Indiana Congressman Mike Pence?"

GOPFAV14

"Businessman Donald Trump?"

GOP1

"Have you definitely decided who you will vote for in the New Hampshire primary ... are you leaning toward someone ... or have

you considered some candidates but are still trying to decide?"

- 1 DEFINITELY DECIDED WHO WILL VOTE FOR
- 2 LEANING TOWARD SOMEONE
- 3 STILL TRYING TO DECIDE
  
- 99 NA / REFUSED

GOP2

"I'm going to read you the names of the candidates who are either running or considering running for the Republican nomination. If the Republican primary for president were held today, which of the following would you support for the Republican nomination Haley Barbour ... Mitch Daniels ... Newt Gingrich ... Rudy Giuliani ... Mike Huckabee ... Gary Johnson ... Sarah Palin ... Ron Paul ... Tim Pawlenty ... Mike Pence ... Mitt Romney ... Rick Santorum ... John Thune ... Donald Trump ... or someone else?"  
ROTATE CANDIDATES

- 1 HALEY BARBOUR
- 2 MITCH DANIELS
- 3 NEWT GINGRICH
- 4 RUDY GIULIANI
- 5 MIKE HUCKABEE
- 6 GARY JOHNSON
- 7 SARAH PALIN
- 8 RON PAUL
- 9 TIM PAWLENTY
- 10 MIKE PENCE
- 11 MITT ROMNEY
- 12 RICK SANTORUM
- 13 JOHN THUNE
- 14 DONALD TRUMP
- 15 SOMEONE ELSE -- SPECIFY
  
- 97 WILL NOT VOTE
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

GENINT

"I know that it is a long way away, but as you know, the next Presidential General Election is being held in 2012. How interested would you say you are in the 2012 Presidential General Election ... extremely interested ...very interested ... somewhat interested ... or not very interested?"

- 1 EXTREMELY INTERESTED
- 2 VERY INTERESTED
- 3 SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
- 4 NOT VERY INTERESTED
  
- 98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)
- 99 NA

GENLV

"Which of the following statements best describes you ... (READ NUMBERS 1 TO 5)

- 1 I will probably NOT vote in the November 2012 presidential Election, → SKIPTO REFORM
- 2 I MAY vote in the November 2012 presidential election,
- 3 Unless some emergency comes up, I WILL vote in the November 2012 presidential election,
- 4 I will DEFINITELY vote in the November 2012 presidential election, or
- 5 I just don't know at this time." → SKIPTO REFORM
  
- 99 NA/REFUSED → SKIPTO REFORM

PRESDC

"I know that it is early, but have you definitely decided who you will vote for in the election for Presidential 2012 ... are you leaning toward someone ... or have you considered some candidates but are still trying to decide?"

- 1 DEFINITELY DECIDED WHO WILL VOTE FOR
- 2 LEANING TOWARD SOMEONE
- 3 STILL TRYING TO DECIDE
  
- 99 NA / REFUSED

ROATE PRES1 TO PRES3

PRES1

"Suppose the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the candidates were Mitt Romney, the Republican, and Barack Obama, the Democrat, who would you vote for?"

ROTATE CANDIDATES

- 1 ROMNEY
- 2 OBAMA
- 3 OTHER – VOLUNTEERED
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE
  
- 98 DK / UNSURE / UNDECIDED
- \* 99 NA/REFUSED

PRES2

“Suppose the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the candidates were Sarah Palin, the Republican, and Barack Obama, the Democrat, who would you vote for?”

ROTATE CANDIDATES

- 1 PALIN
- 2 OBAMA
- 3 OTHER – VOLUNTEERED
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE
  
- 98 DK / UNSURE / UNDECIDED
- \* 99 NA/REFUSED

PRES3

“Suppose the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the candidates were Tim Pawlenty, the Republican, and Barack Obama, the Democrat, who would you vote for?”

ROTATE CANDIDATES

- 1 PAWLENTY
- 2 OBAMA
- 3 OTHER – VOLUNTEERED
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE
  
- 98 DK / UNSURE / UNDECIDED
- \* 99 NA/REFUSED



REFORM

“Let’s change the subject to some proposed election reforms.”

“Please tell me how much you support or oppose the following using a scale from 1 to 10, where a 10 means you strongly support and a 1 means you strongly oppose.”

ROTATE REFORMA TO REFORMC

REFORMA

“Politicians should not be allowed to draw their own electoral districts after a Census.”

IF NEEDED: “Please tell me how much you support or oppose the this using a scale from 1 to 10, where a 10 means you strongly support and a 1 means you strongly oppose.”

ENTER NUMBER 1 TO 10

- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

REFORMB

“Term limits should be enacted for members of Congress.”

IF NEEDED: “Please tell me how much you support or oppose the this using a scale from 1 to 10, where a 10 means you strongly support and a 1 means you strongly oppose.”

ENTER NUMBER 1 TO 10

- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

REFORMC

"We need a new campaign finance system, that includes public funding."

IF NEEDED: “Please tell me how much you support or oppose the this using a scale from 1 to 10, where a 10 means you strongly support and a 1 means you strongly oppose.”

ENTER NUMBER 1 TO 10

- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

REFORMD

“These three proposed reforms should be enacted at the same time as a package.”

IF NEEDED: “Please tell me how much you support or oppose the this using a scale from 1 to 10, where a 10 means you strongly support and a 1 means you strongly oppose.”

ENTER NUMBER 1 TO 10

- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D1

“Now, a few final questions ...”

“Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?”

- 1 MARRIED (INCLUDE COMMON LAW MARRIAGE & SPOUSE AWAY IN MILITARY)
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 NEVER MARRIED (INCLUDING ANNULMENTS)
- 6 LIVING TOGETHER NOT MARRIED (VOLUNTEERED)

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D2

“Are you or any other person in your household a member of a labor union?”

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D3

“What is the highest grade in school, or level of education that you’ve completed and got credit for ...” [READ RESPONSES]

- 1 “Eighth grade or less,
- 2 Some high school,
- 3 High school graduate, (INCLUDES G.E.D.)
- 4 Technical school,
- 5 Some college,
- 6 College graduate,
- 7 Or postgraduate work?”

98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:NEWS1

“What is your primary source of regular news?” (READ CHOICES; CHECK ONE)

IF COMBINATION – PROBE: “What would you say is your MAIN source of news?”

- 1 Local TV news,
- 2 National TV news,
- 3 Radio,
- 4 Newspapers,
- 5 Internet websites,
- 6 Local cable access, or
- 7 some other source?” – SPECIFY

98 DON'T KNOW

99 NA/REFUSED

UNHSC

D4

"GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?"

(IF REPUBLICAN): "Would you call yourself a STRONG Republican or a NOT VERY STRONG Republican?"

(IF DEMOCRAT): "Would you call yourself a STRONG Democrat or a NOT VERY STRONG Democrat?"

(IF INDEPENDENT, NO PREFERENCE, OR OTHER): "Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party?"

- 1 STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 2 NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 3 INDEPENDENT, BUT CLOSER TO DEMOCRATS
- 4 INDEPENDENT--CLOSER TO NEITHER
- 5 INDEPENDENT, BUT CLOSER TO REPUBLICANS
- 6 NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 7 STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 8 OTHER PARTY

\* 99 DK / NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

VOTEHIST

"Now, please think about elections you have voted in over the last five years . . . including local, state, and national elections. Would you say you have voted for more Democrats . . . more Republicans . . . or that you have voted for almost exactly the same number of each?"

IF DEMOCRATS--"Have you voted only for Democrats, mostly for Democrats, or for slightly more Democrats than Republicans?"

IF REPUBLICANS--"Have you voted only for Republicans, mostly for Republicans, or for slightly more Republicans than Democrats?"

- 1 ONLY DEMOCRATS
- 2 MOSTLY DEMOCRATS
- 3 SLIGHTLY MORE DEMOCRATS
- 4 ALMOST SAME DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS
- 5 SLIGHTLY MORE REPUBLICANS
- 6 MOSTLY REPUBLICANS
- 7 ONLY REPUBLICANS

98 DK

99 NA

UNHSC

VOTE08

"Think back to the election for President in 2008. Did you vote John McCain, Barack Obama, someone else, or did you skip that election?"

- 1 JOHN MCCAIN - REPUBLICAN
- 2 BARACK OBAMA - DEMOCRAT
- 3 OTHER

97 DID NOT VOTE

98 DK / NOT SURE

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D5

"We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. What about yourself--that is, in politics, do you generally think of yourself as a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?" (PROBE: "In general . . .")

(IF LIBERAL): "Would you say you are EXTREMELY liberal, FAIRLY liberal, or just SOMEWHAT liberal?"

(IF CONSERVATIVE): "Would you say you are EXTREMELY conservative, FAIRLY conservative, or just SOMEWHAT conservative?"

(IF MODERATE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD): "Would you say that you LEAN a little more toward the LIBERAL side or the CONSERVATIVE side?"

- 1 EXTREMELY LIBERAL
- 2 FAIRLY LIBERAL
- 3 SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
- 4 MODERATE--LEANS LIBERAL
- 5 MODERATE--LEANS NEITHER
- 6 MODERATE--LEANS CONSERVATIVE
- 7 SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
- 8 FAIRLY CONSERVATIVE
- 9 EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE

97 REFUSED

98 DK (PROBE: "In general . . .")

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D6

"On another topic ... What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?"

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 NONE, NO RELIGION
- 5 OTHER (SPECIFY)

97 REFUSED

98 DON'T KNOW / NOT SURE

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D7

"How often do you attend religious services apart from occasional weddings, baptisms, or funerals ... more than once a week ... once a week ... once or twice a month ... a few times a year ... or never?"

- 1 MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK
- 2 ONCE A WEEK
- 3 ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH
- 4 A FEW TIMES A YEAR
- 5 NEVER

98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)

\* 99 NA

UNHSC  
ABORT

“Which of the following statements BEST represents your position on abortion ... abortions should be legal in ALL circumstances ... abortion should be legal in limited circumstances, such as in cases of rape or incest or when the mother’s life is in danger ... or, abortion should not be legal in ANY circumstance?” (ROTATE ANSWER OPTIONS)

- 1 LEGAL IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
- 2 LEGAL IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES
- 3 NOT LEGAL IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE
  
- 98 DK/NOT SURE (DO NOT PROBE)
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
D8

“What is your current age?”

\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : (RECORD EXACT NUMBER OF YEARS OLD -- E.G., 45)  
: \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ :

- 96 NINETY-SIX YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC  
D9

“How many years have you lived in the State of New Hampshire?”

IF “ALL MY LIFE” ASK – “About how many years is that?”

RECORD EXACT NUMBER OF YEARS OF RESIDENCE

- 1 ONE YEAR OR LESS
  
- 96 96 YEARS OF MORE
- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA

UNHSC  
MVFROM

"Have you always lived in New Hampshire or did you move here from another state?"

IF MOVED HERE ASK: "What state did you move here from?"

ENTER STATE NUMBER

- 95 ALWAYS LIVED IN NH → SKIPTO D10
- 96 CANADA
- 97 OTHER COUNTRY
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- \* 99 REFUSED

UNHSC  
MVTONH1

"What year did you move to New Hampshire?"

ENTER LAST TWO DIGITS OF YEAR RESPONDENT SAYS.

EXAMPLE: 1965 ENTER "65"

EXAMPLE 2004 ENTER "04"

998 DON'T KNOW  
\* 999 NA/REFUSED

IF MVTONH1 < 1999 → SKIPTO STAYNH1A

CARSEY  
MVTONH2A

"People move from one state to another for a variety of reasons. Could you please tell me the MOST important reason why you moved to New Hampshire?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE

CARSEY  
MVTONH2B

"What would you say is the NEXT most important reason why you moved to New Hampshire?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE

CARSEY  
MVTONH2C

"What would you say is the THIRD most important reason why you moved to New Hampshire?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE

CARSEY  
STAYNH1A

"People decide to stay in one state rather than moving to another for a variety of reasons. Could you please tell me the MOST important reason why you live in New Hampshire rather than moving to another state?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE

CARSEY  
STAYNH1B

"What would you say is the NEXT most important reason why you live in New Hampshire?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE

CARSEY  
STAYNH1C

"What would you say is the THIRD most important reason why you live in New Hampshire?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE

CARSEY  
STAYNH2

“How likely is it that you will still be living in New Hampshire two years from now? Would you say it is ... very likely ... somewhat likely ... not very likely ... or not likely at all?”

- 1 VERY LIKELY
- 2 SOMEWHAT LIKELY
- 3 NOT VERY LIKELY
- 4 NOT LIKELY AT ALL
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- \* 99 NA/REFUSED

UNHSC  
D10

“How many of the persons who CURRENTLY live in your household are under 18 years of age, including babies and small children?”

- 0 NONE
- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE
- 4 FOUR
- 5 FIVE
- 6 SIX
- 7 SEVEN OR MORE
  
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
D11

“Including yourself, how many adults CURRENTLY live in your household?”

- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE
- 4 FOUR
- 5 FIVE
- 6 SIX
- 7 SEVEN OR MORE
  
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
EMPLOY

"Which of the following best describes your current employment status ... Are you currently ...

READ RESPONSES. IF R GIVES 2 RESPONSES, ENTER LOWER NUMBER

- 1 Employed full-time,
- 2 Employed part-time,
- 3 Self-employed,
- 4 Retired and not working,
- 5 Unemployed and looking for work,
- 6 Homemaker,
- 7 Disabled, or a
- 8 Student?"
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE (DO NOT PROBE)
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
D12

"Do you own or rent your home?"

- 1 OWN → SKIPTO HMVALUE
- 2 RENT → SKIPTO RENT
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW -- DO NOT PROBE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
HMVALUE

"What is the approximate value of your home?"

READ LIST IF NECESSARY: "Is it less than \$100,000 ... \$100,000 to \$150,000 ... \$150,000 to \$200,000 ... \$200,000 to \$250,000 ... \$250,000 to \$300,000 ... \$300,000 to \$350,000 ... \$350,000 to \$400,000 ... \$400,000 to \$450,000 ... \$450,000 to \$500,000 or more than \$500,000?"

- 1 LESS THAN \$100,000
  - 2 \$100,000 TO \$150,000
  - 3 \$150,001 TO \$200,000
  - 4 \$200,001 TO \$250,000
  - 5 \$250,001 TO \$300,000
  - 6 \$350,001 TO \$400,000
  - 7 \$400,001 TO \$500,000
  - 8 MORE THAN \$500,000
  
  - 98 DK -- DO NOT PROBE
  - \* 99 NA / REFUSED
- SKIPTO D13



UNHSC

RENT

“How much do you pay per month in rent?”

RECORD MONTHLY RENTAL AMOUNT

- 9997 \$9997 OR MORE
- 9998 DK / NOT SURE
- \* 9999 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D13

“How much TOTAL income did you and your family receive in 2009, not just from wages or salaries but from ALL sources -- that is, before taxes and other deductions were made? Was it ... (READ CATEGORIES)

ANNUALMONTHLY EQUIVALENT

- |      |                         |                   |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1    | Less than \$15,000,     | LESS THAN \$1,250 |
| 2    | \$15,000 - \$29,999,    | \$1,250 - \$2,499 |
| 3    | \$30,000 - \$44,999,    | \$2,500 - \$3,749 |
| 4    | \$45,000 - \$59,999,    | \$3,750 - \$4,999 |
| 5    | \$60,000 - \$74,999,    | \$5,000 - \$6,249 |
| 6    | \$75,000 - \$99,999, or | \$6,250 - \$8,333 |
| 7    | \$100,000 and over?”    | \$8,334 AND OVER  |
| 97   | REFUSED                 |                   |
| 98   | DK                      |                   |
| * 99 | NA                      |                   |

UNHSC

D14

“Not counting business lines, extension phones, or cellular phones -- on how many different telephone NUMBERS can your household be reached?”

- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE
- 4 FOUR
- 5 FIVE
- 6 SIX
- 7 SEVEN OR MORE
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D15

“Finally, would you be willing to be interviewed by a reporter to discuss your reactions to some of the topics we’ve been talking about?”

- 1 YES--”Could I have just your first name in case a reporter wants to call you?” \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 NO / DK (DO NOT PROBE)
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

“Thank you for your time and participation. Your input has been very valuable. Goodbye.”