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Subject: Maine Governor's Race Remains Close, Cutler Losing Support

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Public Policy Polling's newest survey of the Maine Governor's race continues to find a tight contest with Mike Michaud at 43% to 42% for Paul LePage. Eliot Cutler trails in a distant third at 11%. We attribute the closeness of the race to a continued split among progressive-leaning voters. Without Cutler's presence in the race, his supporters would overwhelmingly choose Michaud over LePage; in a two way matchup between Michaud and LePage, Michaud's lead would be 50/46.

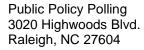
Key findings from the survey include:

-Michaud's support has been steady at 43-44% in all of PPP's Maine polling so far in 2014. He is winning independent voters with 43% to 35% for LePage and 16% for Cutler. He is also benefiting from a dominant lead with women, getting 49% to 38% for LePage, and 10% for Cutler. Michaud is showing broad appeal by leading with both seniors and young voters.

-Cutler is becoming a less viable candidate as we get closer to Election Day. When PPP started polling in this contest in January of 2013, Cutler was at 26%. By August of last year, he had dropped down to 18%, then to 14% this April, and now he's at his lowest level of support yet at 11%. Cutler is in a distant third place even with independents, despite being an independent.

-53% of Cutler's supporters say they would pick Michaud in a head to head contest, compared to only 32% who say they would vote for LePage. The support he's pulling from Michaud could be enough to reelect LePage in this razor thin contest.

Paul LePage is one of the most unpopular governors in the country, and most voters in Maine want to replace him. Given the closeness of the race right now, they will need to unify around one of the two candidates challenging LePage. This poll is further confirmation that Michaud is the only candidate with the support necessary to defeat LePage in November.



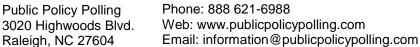
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PPP interviewed 1,059 likely voters on September 8th and 9th. The margin of error for the poll is +/-3.0%. This survey was conducted on behalf of Maine Conservation Voters Action Fund, paid for by Maine Conservation Voters Action Fund, 295 Water Street, Suite 9, Augusta, Maine and NOT PAID FOR OR AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE.







Maine Survey Results

Q1	If the candidates for Governor this fall independent Eliot Cutler, Republican F	Paul	Q4	In the last presidential election, did yo Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?	ou vote for
	LePage, and Democrat Mike Michaud would you vote for?	, who		Barack Obama	
	Eliot Cutler	11%		Mitt Romney	40%
	Paul LePage	42%	Q5	Someone else / Don't remember If you are a woman, press 1. If a ma	
	Mike Michaud	43%	QJ	Woman	•
	Undecided	3%			
Q2	If you had to choose between just Rep Paul LePage and Democrat Mike Mich Governor, who would you vote for?	naud for	Q6	Man If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a R press 2. If you are an independent or with another party, press 3.	epublican,
	Paul LePage Mike Michaud			Democrat	35%
				Republican	34%
Q3	Not sure If a candidate for Governor opposed e			Independent / Other	30%
ŲЗ	keep our waters in Maine safe and cle		Q7	If you are white, press 1. If other, pre	
	including rivers, lakes, and drinking wa	ater,		White	92%
	would that make you more or less likel for him, or would it not make a different	,		Other	
	More likely	19%	Q8	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you	. If 30 to
	Less likely	47%		older than 65, press 4.	
	Wouldn't make a difference	28%		18 to 29	10%
	Not sure	6%		30 to 45	18%
				46 to 65	48%

Older than 65......24%



		2012 Vote				
	Base	Barack Obama		Someone else / Don't remember		
Gov			= 	-		
Eliot Cutler	11%	13%	9%	14%		
Paul LePage	42%	11%	83%	45%		
Mike Michaud	43%	73%	6%	25%		
Undecided	3%	2%	3%	15%		

		2012 Vote				
	Base	Barack Mitt Someone els Obama Romney Don't remem				
LePage/Michaud Head to Head						
Paul LePage	46%	14%	88%	53%		
Mike Michaud	50%	83%	8%	30%		
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	17%		

		2012 Vo	2012 Vote		
	Base	Barack Obama		Someone else / Don't remember	
Anti-Enviro Candidate		-	•		
More likely	19%	22%	16%	15%	
Less likely	47%	61%	28%	45%	
Wouldn't make a difference	28%	11%	51%	31%	
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	9%	





			Gender	
		Base	Woman	Man
Gov			-	
	Eliot Cutler	11%	10%	12%
	Paul LePage	42%	38%	47%
	Mike Michaud	43%	49%	36%
	Undecided	3%	2%	4%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
LePage/Michaud Head to Head		-	
Paul LePage	46%	41%	52%
Mike Michaud	50%	56%	43%
Not sure	4%	3%	6%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Anti-Enviro Candidate		=	
More likely	19%	19%	19%
Less likely	47%	46%	48%
Wouldn't make a difference	28%	28%	28%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other		
Gov			-			
Eliot Cutler	11%	10%	9%	16%		
Paul LePage	42%	13%	78%	35%		
Mike Michaud	43%	75%	10%	43%		
Undecided	3%	1%	3%	6%		

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LePage/Michaud Head to Head		-				
Paul LePage	46%	17%	83%	39%		
Mike Michaud	50%	81%	14%	54%		
Not sure	4%	2%	3%	7%		

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Anti-Enviro Candidate		-	•				
More likely	19%	23%	15%	19%			
Less likely	47%	60%	32%	49%			
Wouldn't make a difference	28%	12%	47%	25%			
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	7%			





		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Gov		<u>-</u>	
Eliot Cutler	11%	11%	11%
Paul LePage	42%	43%	33%
Mike Michaud	43%	42%	51%
Undecided	3%	3%	4%

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	Base	White	Other
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Paul LePage	46%	47%	42%
Mike Michaud	50%	49%	54%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%

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Mike Michaud	43%	45%	44%	42%	44%
Undecided	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%

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LePage/Michaud Head to Head						
Paul LePage	46%	45%	51%	46%	43%	
Mike Michaud	50%	51%	46%	50%	53%	
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	

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Anti-Enviro Candidate		<u>-</u>	•	-	
More likely	19%	35%	17%	16%	22%
Less likely	47%	31%	51%	50%	43%
Wouldn't make a difference	28%	22%	30%	30%	26%
Not sure	6%	12%	1%	4%	9%

