



## SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE SURVEY CENTER APRIL 2018 POLL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

These results are from the Saint Anselm College Survey Center poll based on interviews with 630 randomly-selected registered voters in the state of New Hampshire. Interviews were conducted by landline and cellular phone between April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. The overall survey has a margin of sampling error of 3.9% with a confidence interval of 95%; the margin of sampling error on questions specific to the congressional districts is 5.7%.

New Hampshire Institute of Politics Executive Director Neil Levesque summarized the results, saying, “The New Hampshire political environment has improved somewhat for Republicans since our last survey in February. President Donald Trump has seen modest gains in popularity among Republicans, Democrats and Independents, although he still suffers from an 18-point net negative favorability at 40%-58%. Governor Chris Sununu is consolidating his support, with a 62%-28% favorability that includes a 10-point gain in voters who have a strongly favorable view of him. 51% of voters believe that Sununu deserves a second term versus 36% who would like to give someone else a chance, and neither of his current potential fall opponents are as of yet well known to voters. Senators Shaheen and Hassan continue to enjoy solid support.”

Levesque continued, “The Democratic lead in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District generic ballot has narrowed significantly to 41%-38% from an 11-point gap in February. The race for this open seat will be one to watch throughout the summer and fall, as no candidate other than Executive Councilor Chris Pappas starts with any significant voter recognition. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster has increased to nearly a 13-point net positive favorability from 3 points in February, and now stands at 45%-32%. Although voters would prefer to give a new person a chance by a 45%-32% margin, Kuster’s current potential fall opponents as of today are not well known to voters.”

Levesque concluded, “Turning to current events, voters have very different impressions of two former FBI directors who have attracted President Trump’s ire. 54% of voters believe that Special Counsel Robert Mueller has been fair in his investigation of links between the Trump campaign and the Russian government versus 31% who believe he has been unfair. By contrast, 50% of voters believe that James Comey published his recent book to further a personal agenda versus 29% that believe that he did so to shed light on important matters concerning the Trump administration.”

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SURVEY:

### Impression of Public Officials:

Respondents were asked their impression of President Donald Trump, Governor Chris Sununu, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, and Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster.

	<u>Apr 2018</u>	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><u>Trump</u></b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	39.8	35.8	4.0
<b>Unfavorable</b>	58.1	61.5	(3.4)
<b>No Opinion</b>	2.0	2.7	(0.7)
<b><u>Sununu</u></b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	62.3	58.6	3.7
<b>Unfavorable</b>	27.9	32.1	(4.2)
<b>No Opinion</b>	9.8	9.3	0.5
<b><u>Shaheen</u></b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	57.0	60.4	(3.4)
<b>Unfavorable</b>	38.3	34.6	3.7
<b>No Opinion</b>	4.7	5.0	(0.3)
<b><u>Hassan</u></b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	54.9	55.0	(0.1)
<b>Unfavorable</b>	38.4	37.4	1.0
<b>No Opinion</b>	6.7	7.7	(1.0)
<b><u>Shea-Porter</u></b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	45.3	46.3	(1.0)
<b>Unfavorable</b>	41.2	33.3	7.9
<b>No Opinion</b>	13.5	20.4	(6.9)
<b><u>Kuster</u></b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	44.7	41.0	3.7
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32.3	37.7	(5.4)
<b>No Opinion</b>	23.0	21.2	1.8

Job Performance of Public Officials:

Respondents were asked if they approve of the job performance of President Trump, Governor Sununu, Senators Shaheen and Hassan, and Congresswomen Shea-Porter and Kuster.

	<u>Apr 2018</u>	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Trump</u>			
Approve	40.9	36.3	4.6
Disapprove	57.5	60.9	(3.4)
No Opinion	1.6	2.8	(1.2)
<u>Sununu</u>			
Approve	65.0	57.0	8.0
Disapprove	26.5	31.3	(4.8)
No Opinion	8.4	11.7	(3.3)
<u>Shaheen</u>			
Approve	58.4	56.7	1.7
Disapprove	34.7	34.4	0.3
No Opinion	7.0	9.0	(2.0)
<u>Hassan</u>			
Approve	56.5	53.3	3.2
Disapprove	35.8	36.8	(1.0)
No Opinion	7.7	9.9	(2.2)
<u>Shea-Porter</u>			
Approve	43.4	46.8	(3.4)
Disapprove	39.8	36.6	3.2
No Opinion	16.8	16.7	0.1
<u>Kuster</u>			
Approve	43.7	45.3	(1.6)
Disapprove	32.5	33.5	(1.0)
No Opinion	23.8	21.2	2.6

## Candidate Name Recognition

Respondents were asked if they have a favorable or unfavorable impression, no opinion, or do not recognize the names of candidates for Governor and Congress.

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Name Recognition</u>
<b><u>Governor</u></b>				
Kelly	10.1	4.7	17.1	31.9
Marchand	11.4	5.6	23.0	40.0
<b><u>Congress 1st CD</u></b>				
Edwards	7.1	5.9	16.2	29.2
MacKenzie	5.0	3.7	16.7	25.4
McEachern	4.7	1.5	13.2	19.4
Messmer	4.9	3.6	13.7	22.2
O'Rourke	2.8	2.0	12.4	17.2
Pappas	27.0	10.0	29.9	66.9
Sanborn	9.5	7.1	20.0	36.6
Sanders	7.3	11.9	17.6	36.8
Soldati	5.5	4.5	20.8	30.8
Sullivan	6.7	5.3	19.8	31.8
<b><u>Congress 2nd CD</u></b>				
Blankenbeker	2.0	3.0	12.0	17.0
Flanagan	4.7	3.4	20.6	28.7
Levenson	1.6	1.7	14.5	17.8
Negron	2.8	3.2	15.7	21.7

## Re-Elect/Give New Person a Chance

Respondents were asked if Governor Sununu and Congresswomen Kuster have done a good enough job to deserve re-election, or if it is time to give someone new a chance.

	<u>Sununu</u>	<u>Kuster</u>
Deserves Re-Election	50.5	31.9
Give New Person a Chance	35.9	45.1
No Opinion	13.6	23.1

Direction of the Country:

Respondents were asked if they believe that things in our country are heading in the right direction, or gotten off on the wrong track:

	<u>Apr 2018</u>	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>All Voters</u>			
Right Track	33.7	31.2	2.5
Wrong Track	57.7	59.2	(1.5)
No Opinion	8.6	9.6	(1.0)
<u>Democratic</u>			
Right Track	4.3	1.5	2.8
Wrong Track	93.5	94.7	(1.2)
No Opinion	2.2	3.8	(1.6)
<u>Republican</u>			
Right Track	63.0	66.1	(3.1)
Wrong Track	24.9	21.0	3.9
No Opinion	12.2	12.9	(0.7)
<u>Independent</u>			
Right Track	33.2	28.8	4.4
Wrong Track	56.3	59.4	(3.1)
No Opinion	10.5	11.8	(1.3)

Generic Congressional Ballot:

Respondents were asked if they would vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate if the election for Congress were held today:

	<u>Apr 2018</u>	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>All Voters</u>			
DEM Candidate	43.0	47.0	(4.0)
GOP Candidate	34.7	35.0	(0.3)
Other	18.5	13.9	4.6
No Opinion	3.8	4.0	(0.2)
<u>Democratic</u>			
DEM Candidate	90.8	93.3	(2.5)
GOP Candidate	1.6	0.7	0.9
Other	7.1	3.7	3.4
No Opinion	0.5	2.2	(1.7)
<u>Republican</u>			
DEM Candidate	6.3	7.2	(0.9)
GOP Candidate	78.3	82.4	(4.1)
Other	12.2	7.2	5.0
No Opinion	3.2	3.2	0.0

**Independent**

<b>DEM Candidate</b>	36.1	39.8	(3.7)
<b>GOP Candidate</b>	26.3	27.5	(1.2)
<b>Other</b>	31.4	26.9	4.5
<b>No Opinion</b>	6.3	5.8	0.5

**Likelihood of Voting in Fall Elections:**

Respondents were asked how likely it is that they will vote in the November elections.

**All Voters**

<b>Extremely Likely</b>	71.9
<b>Very Likely</b>	21.5
<b>Somewhat Likely</b>	5.0
<b>Not at All Likely</b>	1.6

**Democratic**

<b>Extremely Likely</b>	76.8
<b>Very Likely</b>	18.4
<b>Somewhat Likely</b>	3.8
<b>Not at All Likely</b>	1.1

**Republican**

<b>Extremely Likely</b>	74.2
<b>Very Likely</b>	22.1
<b>Somewhat Likely</b>	3.2
<b>Not at All Likely</b>	0.5

**Independent**

<b>Extremely Likely</b>	66.1
<b>Very Likely</b>	23.7
<b>Somewhat Likely</b>	7.4
<b>Not at All Likely</b>	2.7

**Mueller Investigation:**

Respondents were asked whether they thought Special Counsel Robert Mueller has been fair and impartial in his investigation:

	<b><u>Dem</u></b>	<b><u>GOP</u></b>	<b><u>IND</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Fair</b>	86.6	21.6	55.1	54.3
<b>Not Fair</b>	8.6	56.3	28.5	31.0
<b>Unsure/No Opinion</b>	4.8	22.1	16.4	14.7

Comey Book:

Respondents were asked if they thought whether former FBI Director James Comey published his recent book to shed light on important matters concerning the Trump Administration or to further his own personal agenda.

	<u>Dem</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>Total</u>
Shed Light	53.0	7.9	27.7	29.2
Personal Agenda	20.0	83.6	46.5	49.8
Both/Other	11.9	2.6	12.9	9.5
Unsure/No Opinion	15.1	5.8	12.9	11.4

Key Demographic Attributes:

	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	325	51.6
Male	305	48.4
18-34	46	7.3
35-54	189	29.9
55-64	169	26.9
65+	226	35.9
High School or Less	74	11.7
Some College/Associates Degree	148	23.6
College Graduate	235	37.2
Graduate/Professional School	168	26.6
Congressional District 1	314	49.8
Congressional District 2	316	50.2
Registered Dem	185	29.4
Registered GOP	189	30.0
Independent	256	40.6