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MODERATE SUPPORT FOR LEGALIZING POT IN NH, MOST OPPOSE GAS TAX INCREASE

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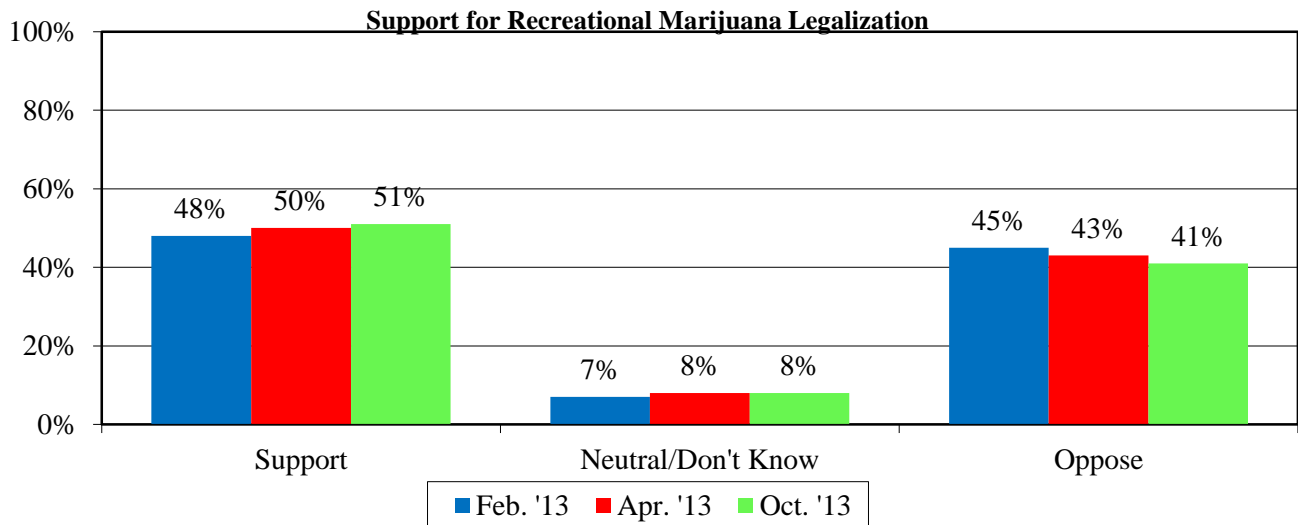
DURHAM, NH – Half of Granite Staters support legalizing marijuana for recreational use. When provided with details about a bill in the House that would legalize marijuana, support for legislation increases. New Hampshire residents remain opposed to an increase in the state gas tax but are somewhat more willing to support it if the funds only went to roads and bridges.

These findings are based on the latest **WMUR Granite State Poll**,* conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Six hundred and three (603) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between October 1 and October 7, 2013. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 4.0 percent.

Recreational Marijuana Legalization

Earlier this year, New Hampshire became the 19th state to legalize marijuana for medical purposes. Now that Colorado and Washington have legalized marijuana for recreational use, there is talk of legalization in the Granite State. There is modest support for legalizing recreational marijuana in New Hampshire -- 51% support legalization marijuana for recreational use (36% strongly and 15% somewhat), 41% oppose (36% strongly and 7% somewhat), and 8% are neutral or don't know. Support for recreational marijuana has remained steady since February.

Support for recreational marijuana legalization is strongest among liberals (73%), young adults (60%), Democrats (69%), and listeners of NH Public Radio (62%). Opposition is strongest among Tea Party supporters (55% oppose) and Republicans (55%).



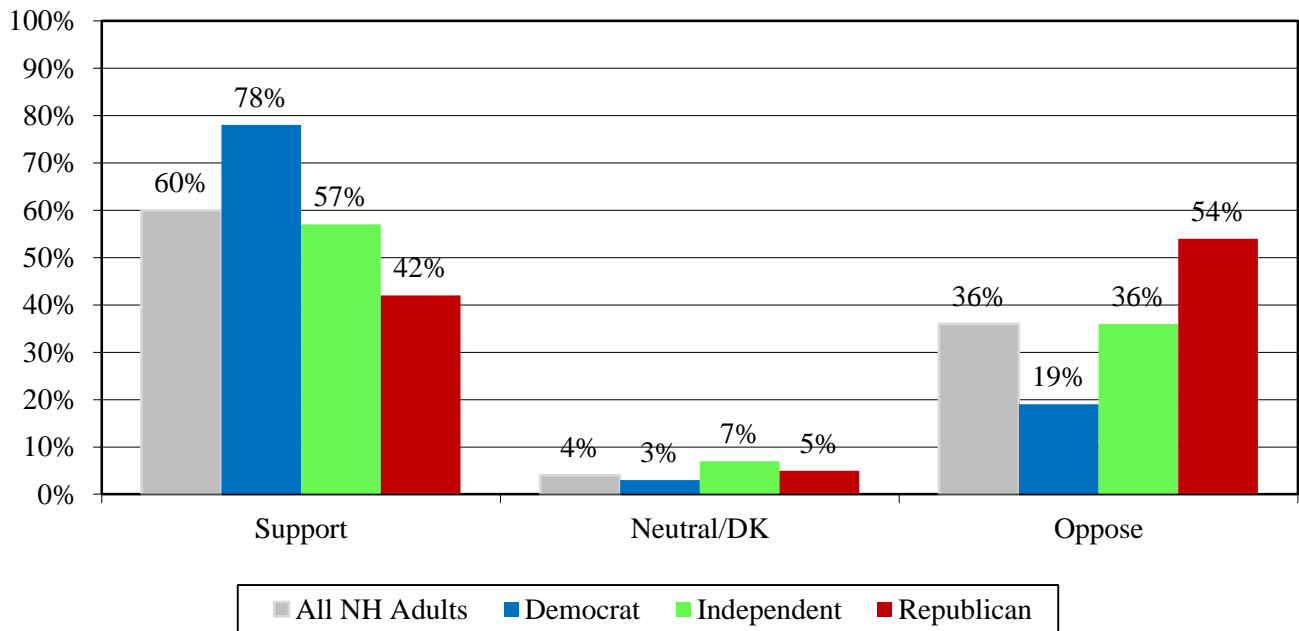
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House Bill 492 – Legalizing Recreational Marijuana in NH

The New Hampshire House of Representatives is considering HB492, which would legalize small amounts of marijuana for recreational use. The bill stipulates that any retailer would need to go through a yearly licensing process and that the state would collect a 15 percent tax on all marijuana sales. When respondents are provided with this information, support for legalizing marijuana for recreational use rises to 60% (44% strongly and 16% somewhat) the bill, 36% oppose still oppose legislation (28% strongly and 8% somewhat) and 4% are neutral or don't know.

Liberals (78%), Democrats (78%), young adults (75%), men (68%) and those with a high school education or less (70%) are most likely to support this concept while regular church goers (60% oppose), Republicans (54%), older adults (49%), and conservatives (47%) are most likely to oppose.

Support For Marijuana Legalization Bill In NH House

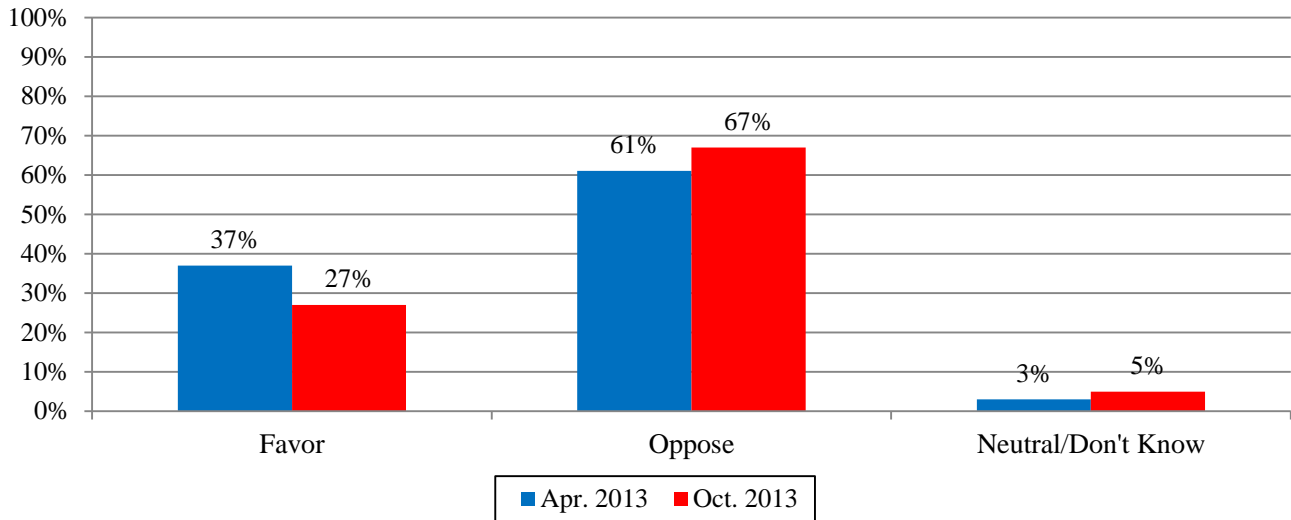


Gasoline Tax

Earlier this year, the New Hampshire House passed a bill to increase the state gasoline tax by 12 cents per gallon, but this was later voted down by the Senate. An increase in the range of 10-15 cents will likely be considered in the legislature next year. The public remains skeptical about the proposed tax – 27% favor increasing the gasoline tax (13% strongly favor and 14% favor somewhat), 67% oppose the increase (51% strongly oppose and 16% oppose somewhat), 3% are neutral and 2% are unsure. The percentage who favor increasing the gas tax has dropped since April.

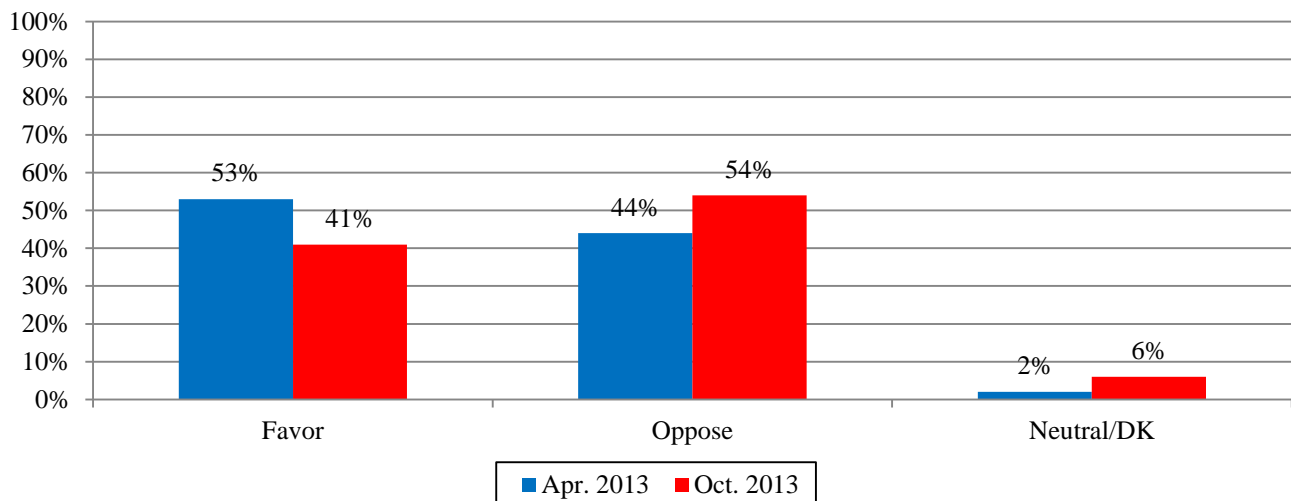
Support is low across partisan groups – Only 38% of Democrats, 27% of Independents and 16% of Republicans would favor an increase.

Favor / Oppose 10-15 cent per Gallon Gasoline Tax Increase



When asked if they favor or oppose an increase in the gasoline tax if the money could only be used for improvements to state roads and bridges and not be used to fund other parts of the government, support for a gas tax increase rises to 41% (21% strongly favor and 20% favor somewhat), 54% oppose (41% strongly oppose and 13% somewhat oppose), 4% are neutral and 2% are unsure. Support is highest among Democrats (50%), liberals (56%) and people with post-graduate educations (47%). Opposition is strongest from Republicans (69% oppose), conservatives (73%), and Tea Party supporters (61%). The percentage of Granite Staters who favor an increase in the gas tax for use for state roads and bridges has decreased significantly since April.

Favor / Oppose 10-15 cent per Gallon Gasoline Tax Increase For Roads ONLY



Granite State Poll Methodology

These findings are based on the latest WMUR Granite State Poll, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Five hundred and seven (603) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between October 1 and October 7, 2013. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 4.0 percent.

The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, respondent sex, age, and region of the state. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response.

Marijuana Legalization

"Do you support or oppose legalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal recreational use in New Hampshire?"

	<u>Feb. '13</u>	<u>Apr. '13</u>	<u>Oct. '13</u>
Strongly Support	31%	32%	36%
Somewhat Support	17%	18%	15%
Neutral	6%	6%	7%
Somewhat Oppose	8%	7%	11%
Strongly Oppose	37%	36%	30%
Don't Know	1%	1%	1%
(N=)	(578)	(506)	(602)

"The New Hampshire House is currently considering a bill that would make possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal recreational use legal. Retailers would be required to get a yearly license from the state in order to sell marijuana. The state would collect a 15 percent tax on all marijuana sales. Based on what you have heard would you support or oppose this bill?"

	<u>Oct. '13</u>
Strongly Support	44%
Somewhat Support	16%
Neutral	2%
Somewhat Oppose	8%
Strongly Oppose	28%
Don't Know	2%
(N=)	(602)

Favor / Oppose 10-15 cent per Gallon Gas Tax

“The New Hampshire legislature may consider increasing the state gasoline tax to pay for improvements and maintenance on the state’s roads and bridges. The estimated increase would be between 10 and 15 cents per gallon. Based on what you have seen or heard, do you favor or oppose raising the gasoline tax by 10 to 15 cents per gallon to pay for improvements and maintenance on the state’s roads and bridges?”

(Previously: “The House recently passed a bill that would raise the state gasoline tax by 12 cents a gallon to pay for improvements and maintenance on the state’s roads and bridges. Based on what you have seen or heard, do you favor or oppose raising the gasoline tax by 12 cents per gallon?”)

“Is that strongly or just somewhat?”

“Part of the money raised by the current gas tax goes to fund other parts of the state government. If the increase in the gas tax were used ONLY for improvements and maintenance to the state’s roads and bridges, would you favor or oppose raising the gasoline tax by 10 to 15 cents a gallon?”

(Previously: “Part of the money raised by the current gas tax goes to fund other parts of the state government. If the increase in the gas tax were used ONLY for improvements and maintenance to the state’s roads and bridges, would you favor or oppose raising the gasoline tax by 12 cents a gallon?”)

“Is that strongly or just somewhat?”

	Favor Gas Tax		Favor if Only For Roads	
	<u>Apr. '13</u>	<u>Oct. '13</u>	<u>Apr. '13</u>	<u>Oct. '13</u>
Strongly Favor	20%	13%	34%	21%
Favor Somewhat	17%	14%	19%	20%
Neutral	2%	3%	1%	4%
Oppose Somewhat	13%	16%	8%	13%
Strongly Oppose	48%	51%	36%	41%
Don't Know / Not Sure	1%	2%	1%	2%
(N=)	(505)	(601)	(504)	(599)

Support/Oppose Legalizing Marijuana in New Hampshire?

	Strongly Support 36%	Somewhat Support 15%	Neutral 7%	Somewhat Oppose 11%	Strongly Oppose 30%	Don't Know 1%	(N) 602
STATEWIDE							
Registered Democrat	45%	22%	2%	7%	23%	2%	123
Registered Undeclared	39%	15%	9%	13%	23%	1%	256
Registered Republican	20%	15%	8%	8%	47%	2%	138
Democrat	50%	19%	2%	8%	19%	1%	237
Independent	36%	11%	14%	11%	28%	1%	149
Republican	21%	13%	8%	11%	44%	3%	198
Liberal	60%	13%	1%	3%	20%	3%	117
Moderate	33%	20%	7%	13%	27%	0%	256
Conservative	27%	11%	9%	10%	42%	1%	181
Support Tea Party	26%	8%	10%	13%	42%	1%	127
Neutral	33%	12%	9%	12%	34%	1%	187
Oppose Tea Party	44%	19%	4%	9%	23%	2%	236
Gun Owner in HH	35%	18%	6%	11%	29%	1%	240
No Gun Owner in HH	35%	14%	7%	11%	31%	1%	336
Romney/Ryan Voter	20%	13%	6%	13%	46%	2%	233
Obama/Biden Voter	51%	20%	4%	7%	16%	1%	240
Other	53%	5%	15%	11%	10%	6%	31
Did Not Vote in 2012	35%	7%	9%	18%	31%	0%	70
Union household	31%	19%	6%	12%	31%	1%	80
Non-union	37%	14%	6%	11%	30%	1%	516
Read Union Leader	38%	14%	6%	11%	31%	1%	148
Read Boston Globe	39%	20%	2%	12%	27%	2%	75
Watch WMUR	35%	13%	5%	12%	34%	2%	325
Listen to NHPR	45%	17%	5%	13%	19%	2%	204
10 yrs or less in NH	31%	22%	12%	9%	24%	2%	91
11 to 20 years	36%	13%	6%	16%	27%	1%	135
More than 20 years	37%	14%	6%	9%	32%	1%	365
18 to 34	50%	10%	7%	10%	22%	1%	139
35 to 49	31%	16%	7%	12%	34%	1%	178
50 to 64	38%	17%	7%	8%	28%	2%	161
65 and over	25%	20%	5%	11%	37%	2%	102
Male	39%	19%	8%	11%	23%	0%	297
Female	33%	11%	5%	11%	37%	3%	304
High school or less	49%	15%	5%	11%	19%	2%	127
Some college	35%	14%	10%	6%	34%	1%	156
College graduate	30%	16%	7%	15%	32%	0%	199
Post-graduate	34%	15%	4%	9%	33%	4%	118
Attend services 1 or more/week	24%	6%	4%	13%	51%	2%	129
1-2 times a month	30%	20%	13%	4%	33%	0%	58
Less often	28%	25%	9%	13%	23%	0%	170
Never	51%	11%	6%	8%	23%	1%	219
North Country	37%	14%	16%	9%	21%	3%	43
Central / Lakes	35%	14%	12%	12%	26%	1%	90
Connecticut Valley	37%	24%	5%	8%	25%	1%	97
Mass Border	32%	17%	3%	10%	37%	2%	173
Seacoast	42%	8%	9%	16%	22%	2%	93
Manchester Area	37%	12%	4%	10%	38%	0%	104
First Cong. Dist	40%	10%	6%	12%	31%	1%	293
Second Cong. Dist	33%	20%	7%	9%	29%	1%	301

Support/Oppose Current Bill in NH House Legalizing Marijuana?

	<u>Strongly Support</u> 44%	<u>Somewhat Support</u> 16%	<u>Neutral</u> 2%	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u> 8%	<u>Strongly Oppose</u> 28%	<u>Don't Know</u> 2%	<u>(N)</u> 602
STATEWIDE							
Registered Democrat	56%	19%	2%	4%	17%	2%	124
Registered Undeclared	47%	14%	4%	10%	24%	2%	256
Registered Republican	24%	20%	2%	9%	44%	1%	138
Democrat	58%	20%	1%	5%	14%	2%	238
Independent	45%	12%	6%	5%	31%	1%	149
Republican	26%	16%	2%	12%	42%	3%	198
Liberal	64%	14%	1%	1%	18%	2%	117
Moderate	44%	19%	3%	8%	26%	1%	256
Conservative	33%	15%	3%	11%	36%	2%	181
Support Tea Party	30%	13%	3%	13%	39%	2%	127
Neutral	43%	12%	3%	10%	32%	1%	187
Oppose Tea Party	51%	20%	3%	4%	20%	2%	237
Gun Owner in HH	47%	15%	1%	8%	27%	1%	240
No Gun Owner in HH	40%	17%	3%	9%	29%	3%	336
Romney/Ryan Voter	25%	15%	2%	13%	42%	3%	233
Obama/Biden Voter	58%	19%	3%	3%	15%	1%	241
Other	55%	10%	0%	11%	24%	0%	31
Did Not Vote in 2012	51%	9%	2%	9%	28%	1%	70
Union household	32%	25%	3%	7%	27%	5%	80
Non-union	46%	14%	2%	9%	28%	1%	517
Read Union Leader	50%	13%	3%	7%	27%	1%	148
Read Boston Globe	44%	22%	1%	2%	28%	2%	75
Watch WMUR	40%	14%	2%	10%	30%	3%	326
Listen to NHPR	47%	22%	4%	9%	16%	3%	204
10 yrs or less in NH	44%	21%	4%	8%	21%	2%	91
11 to 20 years	38%	17%	1%	14%	28%	2%	135
More than 20 years	46%	15%	2%	7%	29%	1%	366
18 to 34	60%	15%	0%	5%	17%	2%	139
35 to 49	40%	17%	2%	11%	29%	1%	178
50 to 64	45%	15%	5%	7%	27%	2%	161
65 and over	29%	18%	2%	9%	40%	3%	102
Male	51%	17%	2%	8%	20%	2%	297
Female	36%	15%	3%	9%	36%	2%	305
High school or less	54%	16%	0%	8%	20%	1%	127
Some college	43%	15%	4%	7%	29%	2%	156
College graduate	40%	16%	2%	10%	30%	2%	200
Post-graduate	39%	17%	4%	7%	31%	1%	118
Attend services 1 or more/week	26%	9%	1%	11%	49%	4%	129
1-2 times a month	30%	19%	9%	5%	37%	0%	58
Less often	47%	21%	3%	9%	18%	3%	171
Never	57%	14%	2%	6%	21%	1%	219
North Country	39%	29%	1%	7%	23%	2%	43
Central / Lakes	49%	11%	3%	9%	25%	2%	90
Connecticut Valley	40%	21%	3%	8%	25%	2%	97
Mass Border	40%	14%	2%	11%	31%	2%	173
Seacoast	49%	20%	2%	6%	21%	2%	93
Manchester Area	45%	10%	3%	6%	36%	0%	105
First Cong. Dist	47%	14%	2%	7%	27%	2%	294
Second Cong. Dist	41%	18%	2%	10%	28%	1%	301

Favor/Oppose Raising Gas Tax By 10-15 Cents

	Strongly Favor 13%	Somewhat Favor 14%	Neutral 3%	Somewhat Oppose 16%	Strongly Oppose 51%	Don't Know 2%	(N) 601
STATEWIDE							
Registered Democrat	18%	22%	8%	18%	33%	2%	124
Registered Undeclared	14%	12%	3%	18%	50%	3%	254
Registered Republican	9%	10%	1%	13%	65%	2%	138
Democrat	19%	19%	5%	19%	37%	2%	238
Independent	13%	14%	3%	12%	54%	3%	148
Republican	7%	9%	1%	16%	65%	2%	198
Liberal	31%	26%	5%	7%	29%	3%	116
Moderate	12%	15%	4%	22%	46%	1%	255
Conservative	5%	7%	2%	16%	69%	1%	181
Support Tea Party	10%	11%	2%	13%	59%	4%	127
Neutral	8%	12%	3%	18%	58%	1%	186
Oppose Tea Party	21%	18%	5%	16%	39%	1%	237
Gun Owner in HH	11%	12%	2%	15%	58%	2%	240
No Gun Owner in HH	16%	16%	4%	18%	43%	2%	335
Romney/Ryan Voter	7%	7%	1%	20%	62%	3%	232
Obama/Biden Voter	21%	20%	6%	15%	37%	1%	241
Other	21%	3%	5%	1%	67%	2%	31
Did Not Vote in 2012	6%	16%	0%	14%	60%	3%	70
Union household	15%	11%	7%	16%	47%	4%	80
Non-union	13%	14%	3%	16%	51%	2%	515
Read Union Leader	14%	15%	3%	18%	47%	3%	148
Read Boston Globe	27%	21%	0%	15%	35%	3%	75
Watch WMUR	12%	14%	3%	15%	53%	3%	326
Listen to NHPR	22%	21%	3%	12%	39%	3%	203
10 yrs or less in NH	20%	16%	9%	11%	40%	3%	91
11 to 20 years	12%	6%	4%	23%	53%	2%	134
More than 20 years	11%	17%	2%	15%	53%	2%	365
18 to 34	9%	11%	7%	19%	53%	0%	139
35 to 49	11%	12%	1%	18%	56%	1%	178
50 to 64	13%	16%	3%	14%	53%	1%	160
65 and over	19%	20%	1%	14%	39%	6%	101
Male	17%	14%	3%	14%	50%	2%	296
Female	10%	15%	3%	18%	52%	2%	305
High school or less	12%	4%	2%	12%	66%	4%	127
Some college	10%	15%	5%	12%	56%	2%	155
College graduate	11%	17%	3%	20%	48%	0%	199
Post-graduate	23%	19%	2%	21%	33%	3%	117
Attend services 1 or more/week	13%	17%	1%	18%	50%	1%	128
1-2 times a month	5%	16%	8%	11%	57%	3%	58
Less often	8%	10%	3%	22%	54%	3%	170
Never	19%	14%	2%	13%	50%	2%	218
North Country	10%	17%	1%	9%	61%	3%	43
Central / Lakes	17%	11%	3%	9%	58%	2%	90
Connecticut Valley	19%	13%	1%	13%	51%	3%	96
Mass Border	11%	14%	3%	15%	52%	3%	174
Seacoast	13%	18%	4%	25%	37%	2%	93
Manchester Area	9%	13%	5%	22%	51%	0%	105
First Cong. Dist	13%	15%	4%	21%	45%	2%	293
Second Cong. Dist	13%	14%	3%	11%	57%	2%	300

Favor/Oppose Raising Gas Tax By 10-15 Cents IF Money Went Just to Roads

	Strongly Favor 21%	Somewhat Favor 20%	Neutral 4%	Somewhat Oppose 13%	Strongly Oppose 41%	Don't Know 2%	(N) 599
STATEWIDE							
Registered Democrat	27%	27%	8%	11%	24%	4%	123
Registered Undeclared	21%	18%	3%	15%	42%	1%	254
Registered Republican	19%	13%	1%	8%	59%	1%	138
Democrat	27%	23%	4%	17%	26%	2%	237
Independent	21%	21%	5%	9%	42%	1%	147
Republican	16%	14%	1%	11%	58%	1%	198
Liberal	35%	21%	5%	11%	24%	4%	115
Moderate	22%	24%	4%	13%	36%	1%	255
Conservative	14%	10%	3%	12%	61%	0%	181
Support Tea Party	23%	14%	1%	9%	52%	1%	127
Neutral	13%	26%	2%	20%	39%	0%	186
Oppose Tea Party	29%	19%	6%	10%	33%	2%	235
Gun Owner in HH	20%	15%	3%	13%	48%	1%	240
No Gun Owner in HH	22%	24%	4%	13%	35%	2%	334
Romney/Ryan Voter	14%	15%	1%	14%	55%	1%	233
Obama/Biden Voter	29%	21%	6%	12%	29%	2%	239
Other	40%	9%	10%	4%	34%	2%	31
Did Not Vote in 2012	13%	28%	1%	15%	42%	1%	70
Union household	21%	14%	8%	13%	44%	1%	79
Non-union	21%	20%	3%	13%	41%	2%	514
Read Union Leader	29%	20%	0%	13%	37%	0%	147
Read Boston Globe	28%	18%	2%	23%	26%	3%	75
Watch WMUR	20%	20%	4%	14%	41%	1%	327
Listen to NHPR	30%	20%	5%	10%	32%	2%	201
10 yrs or less in NH	19%	25%	10%	10%	35%	1%	91
11 to 20 years	16%	18%	5%	17%	43%	1%	134
More than 20 years	23%	19%	2%	12%	43%	2%	364
18 to 34	16%	22%	7%	18%	36%	1%	139
35 to 49	17%	18%	2%	12%	50%	0%	178
50 to 64	23%	16%	3%	13%	44%	2%	160
65 and over	30%	27%	1%	9%	31%	2%	99
Male	27%	17%	3%	12%	41%	0%	297
Female	16%	22%	5%	13%	42%	3%	302
High school or less	21%	15%	5%	13%	44%	1%	127
Some college	19%	16%	6%	10%	48%	1%	156
College graduate	20%	25%	2%	11%	41%	2%	199
Post-graduate	26%	21%	2%	19%	29%	3%	115
Attend services 1 or more/week	18%	19%	4%	16%	43%	1%	127
1-2 times a month	22%	22%	8%	13%	35%	0%	58
Less often	19%	20%	3%	14%	43%	0%	170
Never	25%	19%	2%	10%	41%	3%	217
North Country	30%	18%	0%	12%	37%	4%	43
Central / Lakes	21%	13%	3%	6%	53%	3%	90
Connecticut Valley	23%	13%	1%	13%	49%	1%	96
Mass Border	16%	23%	5%	12%	44%	1%	173
Seacoast	24%	32%	7%	6%	28%	3%	93
Manchester Area	22%	16%	3%	24%	34%	0%	105
First Cong. Dist	23%	25%	3%	12%	36%	1%	293
Second Cong. Dist	19%	15%	4%	14%	47%	1%	299