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VOTERS DIVIDED ON INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

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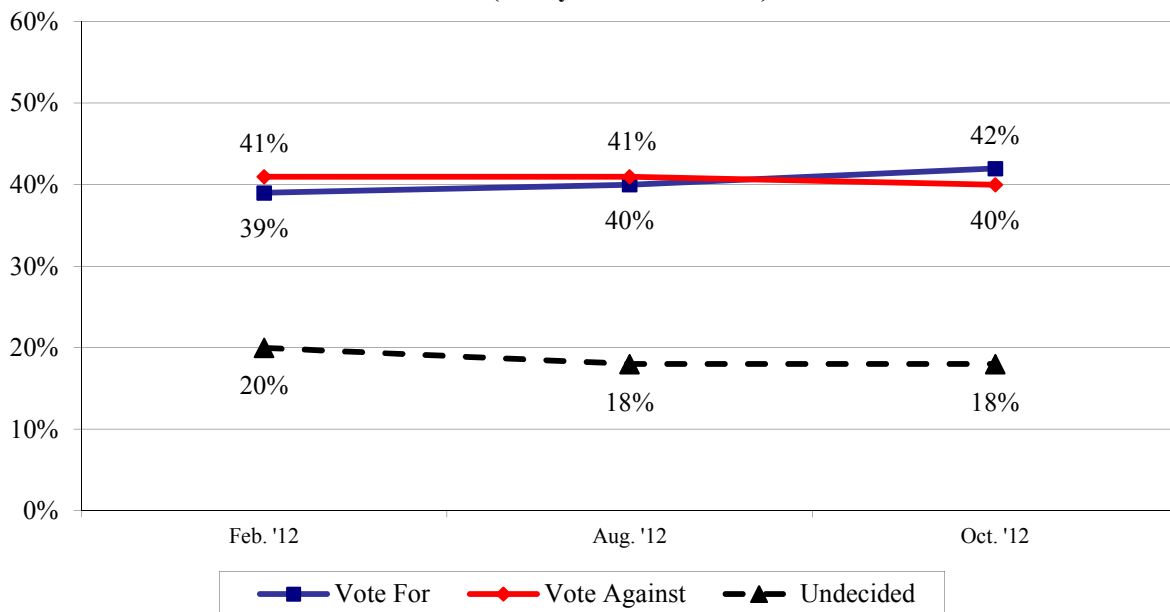
DURHAM, NH –A constitutional amendment to prohibit an income tax in New Hampshire has only modest support. For it to pass it would require support from two-thirds of voters and it is likely to be defeated this fall.

These findings are based on the latest **WMUR Granite State Poll**,* conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Six hundred and thirty-eight (638) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between September 27 and September 30, 2012. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 3.9 percent. Included is a subsample of 600 likely general election voters (margin of sampling error +/- 4.0%).

Income Tax Amendment

An amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution will be on the ballot this November that will prohibit a state income tax. When asked whether or not they would vote for this amendment, Granite State voters remain divided. In the most recent Granite State Poll, 42% said they would vote for the amendment, 40% would vote against it, and 18% are unsure. But since this amendment requires a two-thirds majority, passage is doubtful. The proposed amendment gets support from only a slim majority of Republicans (53%), while most Democrats (50%) oppose it. Independents are more divided, with 48% supporting the amendment and 35% planning to vote against it. Support for the amendment has remained unchanged since February.

Vote For/Against Income Tax Amendment
(Likely 2012 NH Voters)



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Granite State Poll Methodology

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The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, respondent sex, 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.

State Income Tax Amendment

“This November, there will be a proposed amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution on the ballot which would prohibit the state from having an income tax. As of now, would you say you would vote for or against the proposed amendment to prohibit an income tax, or don’t you know enough about this to say?”

(ASKED IN FEB. 2012) “Recently, the New Hampshire House of Representatives proposed an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution which would prohibit the state from having an income tax. If this amendment were to pass the New Hampshire Senate, it would be on the ballot in November. As of now, would you say you would vote for or against the proposed amendment to prohibit an income tax, or don’t you know enough about this to say?”

	<u>Feb. '12</u>	<u>Aug. '12</u>	<u>Oct. '12</u>
Vote For	39%	40%	42%
Vote Against	41%	41%	40%
Don't Know	20%	18%	18%
(N=)	(520)	(553)	(596)

Vote For/Against Amendment To Prohibit State Income Tax

STATEWIDE	<u>Vote For</u> 42%	<u>Vote Against</u> 40%	<u>Don't Know</u> 18%	<u>(N=)</u> 596
Registered Democrat	29%	53%	18%	161
Registered Undeclared	43%	38%	19%	233
Registered Republican	56%	31%	13%	161
Democrat	29%	50%	21%	277
Independent	48%	35%	17%	77
Republican	53%	32%	15%	232
Liberal	26%	58%	16%	128
Moderate	41%	42%	18%	248
Conservative	55%	28%	17%	182
Support Tea Party	58%	32%	10%	151
Neutral	46%	32%	23%	135
Oppose Tea Party	33%	49%	18%	280
Union household	39%	47%	15%	85
Non union	42%	40%	18%	505
Read Union Leader	50%	34%	15%	191
Read Boston Globe	35%	40%	25%	95
Watch WMUR	46%	38%	16%	357
Listen to NHPR	27%	58%	16%	207
18 to 34	36%	31%	33%	64
35 to 49	52%	31%	17%	104
50 to 64	42%	44%	14%	212
65 and over	37%	46%	17%	198
Male	41%	46%	13%	294
Female	42%	35%	23%	301
High school or less	38%	33%	29%	125
Some college	47%	34%	19%	124
College graduate	43%	43%	14%	203
Post graduate	39%	48%	13%	139
Attend services 1 or more/week	51%	32%	17%	157
1 2 times a month	47%	35%	17%	55
Less often	37%	43%	21%	174
Never	37%	48%	15%	178
North Country	25%	51%	24%	48
Central / Lakes	27%	54%	18%	110
Connecticut Valley	36%	43%	21%	84
Mass Border	47%	34%	20%	169
Seacoast	50%	39%	11%	101
Manchester Area	55%	29%	16%	84
First Cong. Dist	49%	35%	15%	271
Second Cong. Dist	35%	45%	20%	322