

WMUR / UNH New Hampshire Tracking Poll

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LYNCH HOLDS WIDE LEAD IN NH GOVERNOR'S RACE

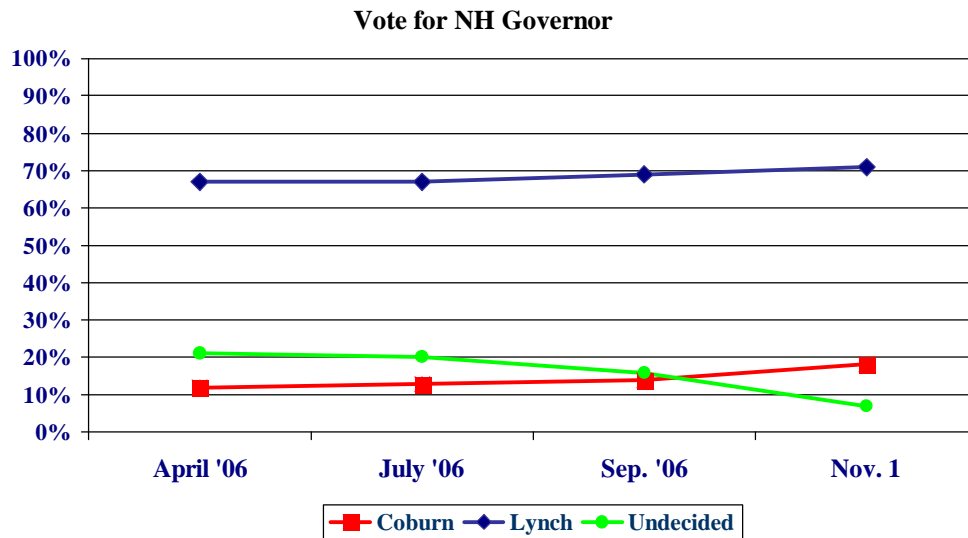
Durham, NH – Incumbent governor John Lynch holds a wide lead over his Republican challenger, Jim Coburn, in the race for Governor of New Hampshire

These findings are based on the 2006 WMUR / UNH New Hampshire Tracking Poll, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. This survey is sponsored by WMUR-TV Manchester and the University of New Hampshire.* Five hundred eight (508) likely New Hampshire voters were interviewed between October 29 and October 31, 2006. The potential sampling error for the survey is $\pm 4.4\%$. (For more information about the NH Election Tracking Poll, go to www.unh.edu/survey-center/track06meth.pdf)

Gubernatorial Election

In the race for New Hampshire Governor, incumbent Democrat John Lynch continues to hold a commanding lead over Jim Coburn. Currently 71% of New Hampshire voters say they plan to vote for Lynch, only 18% prefer Coburn, 3% percent favor some other candidate, and 7% are undecided. Lynch has held a wide lead over Coburn in UNH polls since April as Coburn has failed to connect with New Hampshire voters.

Lynch leads Coburn among almost every political and demographic group except self identified Republicans. But even Republicans favor Coburn by only a 47% to 40% margin while Lynch is favored by 94% of Democrats and 70% of Independents.



NH Senate

The impact of Lynch's commanding lead over Coburn is being felt in races for the New Hampshire House and the New Hampshire Senate. When voters are asked if they plan to vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate for the New Hampshire Senate, 48% of likely voters say they plan to vote for the Democrat, 36% plan to vote for the Republicans, and 16% are undecided.

NH House

Turning to the New Hampshire House of Representatives, 45% of likely voters say they plan to vote for the Democrat in their district, 36% will vote for the Republican, and 18% are undecided. Democrats look to make significant gains in both the House and Senate this year.

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NH Governor: Lynch vs. Coburn

"Suppose the election for New Hampshire governor was being held Today. Would you vote for Jim Coburn, the Republican ... or John Lynch, the Democrat ... or do you plan to skip that election?" (ROTATE CANDIDATES) IF UNDECIDED: "As of today, do you lean more to Lynch, the Democrat or Coburn, the Republican?"

Oct. 29 - Oct. 31	<u>Coburn</u> 18%	<u>Lynch</u> 71%	<u>Other</u> 3%	<u>Undecided</u> 7%	<u>(N=)</u> 496
Democrat	2%	94%	0%	3%	242
Independent	6%	70%	8%	16%	80
Republican	47%	40%	4%	9%	170
Registered Democrat	3%	95%	0%	2%	158
Undeclared	11%	73%	6%	11%	191
Registered Republican	44%	44%	3%	8%	147
Core GOP	54%	34%	4%	9%	146
Swing Voter	8%	74%	7%	11%	114
Core Dem.	1%	96%	0%	3%	219
Definitely vote	18%	75%	3%	5%	342
Probably vote	20%	64%	4%	12%	154
Extremely interested in election	13%	82%	1%	4%	119
Very interested	21%	73%	2%	4%	203
Somewhat/Not very interested	18%	63%	6%	13%	172
Male	24%	66%	3%	7%	238
Female	13%	77%	3%	8%	258
18 to 34	15%	71%	1%	12%	53
35 to 49	22%	64%	7%	7%	149
50 to 64	18%	73%	1%	8%	189
65 and over	16%	77%	4%	3%	95
HS or less	22%	66%	1%	11%	89
Some college	24%	63%	6%	8%	118
College graduate	17%	75%	3%	5%	168
Postgrad education	12%	78%	3%	8%	116
North Country	27%	60%	1%	11%	45
Central / Lakes	12%	78%	4%	6%	85
Connecticut Valley	12%	76%	3%	9%	74
Mass Border	30%	59%	4%	7%	125
Seacoast	10%	83%	3%	3%	92
Manchester Area	18%	74%	0%	8%	73
1st Cong. District	19%	72%	3%	6%	255
2nd Cong. District	17%	71%	4%	8%	241
1st E.C. District	22%	65%	2%	11%	95
2nd E.C. District	10%	79%	5%	6%	121
3rd E.C. District	21%	69%	4%	6%	102
4th E.C. District	24%	70%	1%	6%	90
5th E.C. District	17%	73%	3%	7%	88

NH House of Representatives: Democrat vs. Republican

"Please think about the upcoming election for your representative to the New Hampshire House of Representatives. As of today ... do you plan to vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate for the New Hampshire House of Representatives ... or do you plan to skip the election for New Hampshire House of Representatives this time?" ROTATE PARTIES

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>(N=)</u>
Oct. 29 - Oct. 31	36%	45%	18%	482
Democrat	9%	78%	14%	238
Independent	31%	28%	41%	72
Republican	78%	7%	15%	168
Registered Democrat	10%	82%	8%	154
Undeclared	27%	44%	29%	183
Registered Republican	76%	8%	15%	144
Core GOP	92%	0%	8%	147
Swing Voter	27%	27%	46%	106
Core Dem.	4%	86%	10%	216
Definitely vote	36%	49%	15%	331
Probably vote	38%	37%	25%	151
Extremely interested in election	29%	58%	12%	116
Very interested	38%	47%	15%	199
Somewhat/Not very interested	39%	34%	27%	166
Male	45%	37%	18%	236
Female	28%	53%	19%	245
18 to 34	33%	46%	22%	50
35 to 49	36%	46%	18%	144
50 to 64	39%	43%	18%	184
65 and over	33%	48%	19%	95
HS or less	40%	44%	17%	85
Some college	46%	30%	24%	117
College graduate	33%	51%	16%	161
Postgrad education	30%	53%	17%	115
North Country	41%	44%	15%	43
Central / Lakes	26%	58%	16%	85
Connecticut Valley	25%	53%	22%	72
Mass Border	52%	32%	16%	121
Seacoast	33%	51%	16%	89
Manchester Area	36%	38%	26%	72
1st Cong. District	39%	43%	18%	245
2nd Cong. District	34%	47%	19%	236
1st E.C. District	32%	50%	18%	92
2nd E.C. District	29%	55%	16%	119
3rd E.C. District	40%	43%	16%	97
4th E.C. District	37%	36%	27%	88
5th E.C. District	46%	39%	15%	85

NH Senate: Democrat vs. Republican

"Please think about the upcoming election for your representative to the New Hampshire Senate. As of today ... do you plan to vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate for the New Hampshire Senate ... or do you plan to skip the election for New Hampshire Senate this time?" ROTATE PARTIES

	<u>Republican</u> 36%	<u>Democrat</u> 48%	<u>Undecided</u> 16%	<u>(N=)</u> 484
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Registered Democrat	6%	86%	8%	158
Undeclared	29%	45%	26%	186
Registered Republican	78%	9%	12%	141
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Swing Voter	31%	30%	39%	108
Core Dem.	2%	89%	9%	219
Definitely vote	36%	53%	11%	334
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