

WMUR / UNH New Hampshire Tracking Poll

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LYNCH HOLDS WIDE LEAD IN NH GOVERNOR'S RACE

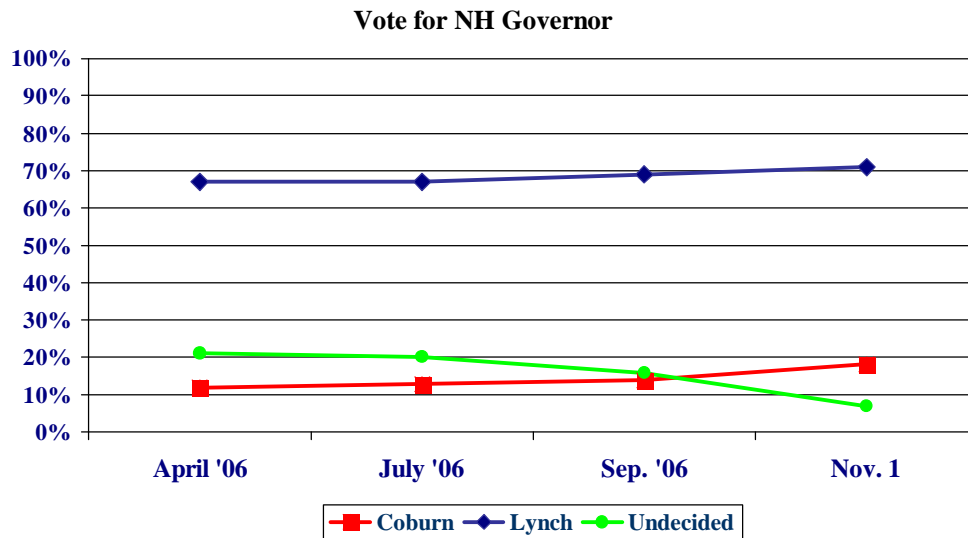
Durham, NH – Incumbent governor John Lynch holds a wide lead over his Republican challenger, Jim Coburn, in the race for Governor of New Hampshire

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 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Oct. 29 - Oct. 31 | | | | |
| Democrat | 7% | 81% | 12% | 242 |
| Independent | 30% | 35% | 35% | 72 |
| Republican | 79% | 5% | 15% | 167 |
| Registered Democrat | 6% | 86% | 8% | 158 |
| Undeclared | 29% | 45% | 26% | 186 |
| Registered Republican | 78% | 9% | 12% | 141 |
| Core GOP | 92% | 1% | 8% | 144 |
| Swing Voter | 31% | 30% | 39% | 108 |
| Core Dem. | 2% | 89% | 9% | 219 |
| Definitely vote | 36% | 53% | 11% | 334 |
| Probably vote | 35% | 37% | 28% | 150 |
| Extremely interested in election | 29% | 60% | 10% | 117 |
| Very interested | 36% | 51% | 13% | 199 |
| Somewhat/Not very interested | 39% | 37% | 25% | 166 |
| Male | 43% | 42% | 15% | 232 |
| Female | 29% | 53% | 18% | 252 |
| 18 to 34 | 34% | 52% | 14% | 50 |
| 35 to 49 | 33% | 51% | 16% | 143 |
| 50 to 64 | 38% | 44% | 18% | 187 |
| 65 and over | 35% | 49% | 15% | 96 |
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| 2nd E.C. District | 31% | 58% | 12% | 120 |
| 3rd E.C. District | 38% | 47% | 15% | 97 |
| 4th E.C. District | 33% | 43% | 24% | 86 |
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