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Interviews: 400 registered voters
Dates: November 18-20, 2017

FINAL

Study #12269--Maine
State Tax Survey
November 2017

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

S1. Are you currently registered to vote in Maine?

Yes, registered.....	100	CONTINUE	[139]
No, not registered	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	-		

S22. In the election for president last year, did you vote for Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, Donald Trump, the Republican, Gary Johnson, the Libertarian, or Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate, or did you not get a chance to vote in that election?

Hillary Clinton	41		[140]
Donald Trump.....	38		
Gary Johnson	4		
Jill Stein	2		
Did not vote	7		
Not sure/Refuse to say	8		

VOTERS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE

Hillary Clinton	48
Donald Trump.....	45
Gary Johnson	5
Jill Stein	2

S3ab. How would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democratic	19		[143]
Leaning Democratic	12		
Completely independent	33		
Leaning Republican	12		
Mostly Republican	20		
Not sure	4		
Total Democratic		31	
Total Republican		32	

S4. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	4	[144-145]
25-29	10	
30-34	7	
35-39	8	
40-44	6	
45-49	10	
50-54	7	
55-59	12	
60-64	8	
65-69	10	
70-74	7	
75 and over	11	
Refused	-	

S5. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	1	[146-147]
Some high school	2	
High school graduate	25	
Some college, no degree	17	
Vocational training/2-year college	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	26	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree ...	12	
Doctoral/law degree	3	
Not sure/refused	-	

1a. For each of the following groups, please tell me whether you think that group should pay more in federal taxes, less in federal taxes, or about the same in federal taxes as they are now.

	<u>Pay More</u>	<u>Pay Less</u>	<u>Pay Same</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Average families.....	2	57	37	4	[149]
Wealthy families	59	7	30	4	[150]
Corporations.....	52	16	27	5	[151]
Senior citizens.....	1	73	23	3	[152]

1b. Which do you think should be a higher priority today?

Reducing taxes across the board for people at all income levels	38	[153]
Reducing the budget deficit and the national debt	52	
Not sure	10	

1c. Which do you think should be a higher priority today?

Reducing taxes across the board for people at all income levels	32	[154]
Making sure the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share in taxes	65	
Not sure	3	

2a. How much have you heard or read about the tax plan recently introduced by Republicans in Congress? Have you heard a lot, some, just a little, or not much at all about the Republican tax plan?

A lot	23	[155]
Some	28	
Just a little	20	
Not much at all	28	
Not sure	1	
Total A Lot/Some	51	
Total A Little/Not Much	48	

2b. Based on what you have heard or read so far, do you approve or disapprove of the Republican tax plan? **(IF RESPONDENT MAKES A CHOICE, ASK:)** Is that somewhat or strongly approve/disapprove?

Strongly approve	10	[158]
Somewhat approve	12	
Somewhat disapprove	17	
Strongly disapprove	36	
Not sure	25	
Total Approve	22	
Total Disapprove	53	

3a. Who do you think will benefit the most from this Republican tax plan--low-income Americans, middle-class Americans, or wealthy Americans?

Low-income	4	[159]
Middle class	18	
Wealthy	62	
Not sure	16	

3b. Do you think the Republican tax plan will increase your taxes, reduce your taxes, or will it not have much impact either way?

Increase	31	[160]
Reduce	15	
Not much impact	40	
Not sure	14	

4. As you may know, most corporations will receive a tax cut from this plan. Do you think corporations will use that tax cut to significantly raise wages for their employees, or not?

Yes	12	[161]
No	80	
Not sure	8	

5. Following are some specific facts about the tax plan proposed by Republicans in Congress. For each one, please indicate whether this fact makes you feel more favorable or less favorable about the tax plan.

(READ ITEM) Does this make you feel much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, or much less favorable about the Republican tax plan?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SOMEWHAT OR MUCH MORE FAVORABLE

	Much More Favorable	Somewhat More Favorable	Somewhat Less Favorable	Much Less Favorable	Some Of Both/ Neither (VOL)	Not Sure	
It increases the child tax credit from one thousand dollars to two thousand dollars.	27	36	13	12	6	6	[224/239]
It reduces personal income tax rates in most tax brackets.	19	34	18	19	3	7	[229/244]
It doubles the size of the standard deduction for both individuals and married couples, while eliminating the four-thousand-dollar personal exemption for each member of a taxpayer's family.	10	24	22	27	9	8	[223/238]
It cuts the top tax rate for corporations to twenty percent.	13	12	19	47	3	6	[219/234]
To pay for tax cuts it repeals part of the Affordable Care Act, leaving thirteen million more people without health insurance.	12	9	14	56	4	5	[228/243]
The tax cuts for individuals and families are temporary, but the corporate tax cuts are permanent.	6	13	19	55	3	4	[227/242]
It cuts in half the tax rate that corporations pay on foreign profits *	5	12	24	50	2	7	[232]
It eliminates the deduction for state and local taxes, which raises taxes on three in ten Maine taxpayers.	4	12	24	49	5	6	[230/245]
The loss of revenue from these tax cuts will likely require funding cuts for the military and national security.	6	8	29	46	5	6	[225/240]
It will result in cuts to Medicare of twenty-five billion dollars a year for the next decade **	6	7	16	64	3	4	[247]
About one quarter of the total tax cut goes to the wealthiest one percent of taxpayers.	5	7	17	61	5	5	[220/235]
The loss of revenue from tax cuts will likely require funding cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and education.	4	7	19	61	5	4	[226/241]
It will raise health insurance premiums by ten percent for millions of Americans **	4	6	21	63	4	2	[248]
It increases the federal debt by one-point-five trillion dollars.	5	4	23	59	4	5	[222/238]
It increases the budget deficit by an average of more than one hundred billion dollars per year *	4	4	21	62	4	5	[233]
It raises taxes on tens of millions of middle-class households.	3	5	19	65	4	4	[221/237]
The healthcare changes in the plan will raise health insurance premiums by two thousand three hundred fifty dollars for thousands of Maine families with individual insurance.	3	5	20	64	5	3	[231/246]

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Q.5 SUMMARY

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	Total More Favorable	Total Less Favorable	
It increases the child tax credit from one thousand dollars to two thousand dollars.	63	25	[224/239]
It reduces personal income tax rates in most tax brackets.	53	37	[229/244]
It doubles the size of the standard deduction for both individuals and married couples, while eliminating the four-thousand-dollar personal exemption for each member of a taxpayer's family.	34	49	[223/238]
It cuts the top tax rate for corporations to twenty percent.	25	66	[219/234]
To pay for tax cuts it repeals part of the Affordable Care Act, leaving thirteen million more people without health insurance.	21	70	[228/ 243]
The tax cuts for individuals and families are temporary, but the corporate tax cuts are permanent.	19	74	[227/ 242]
It cuts in half the tax rate that corporations pay on foreign profits *	17	74	[232]
It eliminates the deduction for state and local taxes, which raises taxes on three in ten Maine taxpayers.	16	73	[230/245]
The loss of revenue from these tax cuts will likely require funding cuts for the military and national security.	14	75	[225/ 240]
It will result in cuts to Medicare of twenty-five billion dollars a year for the next decade **	13	80	[247]
About one quarter of the total tax cut goes to the wealthiest one percent of taxpayers.	12	78	[220/235]
The loss of revenue from tax cuts will likely require funding cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and education.	11	80	[226/ 241]
It will raise health insurance premiums by ten percent for millions of Americans **	10	84	[248]
It increases the federal debt by one-point-five trillion dollars.	9	82	[222/238]
It increases the budget deficit by an average of more than one hundred billion dollars per year *	8	83	[233]
It raises taxes on tens of millions of middle-class households.	8	84	[221/237]
The healthcare changes in the plan will raise health insurance premiums by two thousand three hundred fifty dollars for thousands of Maine families with individual insurance.	8	84	[231/ 246]

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Getting to the end of the survey...

6ab. And thinking about everything we have discussed, do you approve or disapprove of the Republican tax plan? Is that somewhat or strongly (approve/disapprove)?

	<u>Q.6ab</u>	<i>Initial Response (Q.2b)</i>	
Strongly approve	9	10	[308]
Somewhat approve	12	12	
Somewhat disapprove	15	17	
Strongly disapprove	53	36	
Not sure	11	25	
Total Approve	21	22	
Total Disapprove	68	53	

7. In your opinion, should Senator Collins vote in favor of the Republican tax plan or oppose the Republican tax plan?

Vote in favor	25	[1839]
Oppose	66	
Not sure	9	