

Maine Survey of 500 Likely Voters
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1* The Maine legislature recently discontinued the practice of same-day voter registration, in order to give municipal clerks time to verify that registrants meet residence and legal requirements to vote. Opponents claim that this change will make it more difficult to vote, while supporters say the trade-off is necessary to protect against election fraud. Do you favor or oppose the elimination of same-day registration?

53% Favor
47% Oppose
0% Not sure

2* Maine law does not currently require voters to present photo ID in order to vote. Supporters of a photo ID requirement say this increases the chance of voter fraud, while opponents say photo ID requirements unfairly target poor or minority voters. Do you favor or oppose requiring voters to show photo ID at the polls?

56% Favor
41% Oppose
3% Not sure

3* Which is more important to you --protecting against voter fraud or increasing voter turnout?

55% Protecting against voter fraud
36% Increasing voter turnout
9% Not sure

4* Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: Election fraud -- defined as double-voting, non-citizen voters, or voter impersonation -- is a problem in Maine?

18% You strongly agree
23% You somewhat agree
21% You somewhat disagree
31% You strongly disagree
6% Not sure

5* Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: Eliminating same-day registration disenfranchises Maine voters?

32% You strongly agree
10% You somewhat agree
17% You somewhat disagree
35% You strongly disagree
6% Not sure

NOTE: Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 4.5 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence