



To: Interested Parties

From: Global Strategy Group

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Re: NEW POLL RESULTS: A majority of voters in Maine support switching to a winner-takes-all system for allocating their electoral college votes, with nearly a third strongly supporting the change.

This new poll finds that a majority of likely voters (52%) in Maine support changing from a congressional district system to a winner-takes-all system for allocating electoral votes and almost a third (29%) strongly support the change. Additionally, it finds that, when told that Nebraska is considering switching their system to benefit Donald Trump, an even larger majority of Mainers (57%) are opposed to Nebraska's proposed switch, with 38% strongly opposed.

Key Findings

A near majority of voters in Maine do not know that Maine currently uses a congressional district system to allocate electoral college votes. A quarter of voters believe that Maine uses the winner-takes-all system and just under another quarter (22%) volunteer that they do not know what system is used to allocate Maine's electoral college votes. Notably, voters in ME-02 are less likely to correctly identify Maine's Electoral College model than voters statewide (only 49% of ME-02 voters picked the correct answer compared to 56% of ME-01 voters).

A majority of Maine voters support switching to a winner-takes-all system. 52% of voters support switching, with 29% strongly supporting the switch. This support is driven by voters in Maine's second congressional district (55% support switching to a winner-takes-all system).

Although more than half of Mainers support switching to a winner-takes-all system, close to 60% oppose Nebraska switching for the purposes of helping Donald Trump. Voters are both more likely to oppose (57%) and less likely to support (38%) Nebraska switching than Maine switching when they learn about Nebraska's proposal to switch and are told it would benefit Donald Trump. There is no substantive difference by congressional district in opposition to Nebraska's proposal to switch.

Voters say that both support and opposition to the proposed Electoral College change is unlikely to affect their support for a candidate. A majority (56%) of voters say that it would make no difference in their support of a candidate to know that they supported a proposal to switch to a winner-takes-all system only if Nebraska switched; an identical 56% say that it would make no difference in their support to know that the candidate opposed the proposal. Even as more information is presented to voters on the proposal, the share saying it would make no difference never dips below 50%, and the difference between more and less likely to support never exceeds 9 points.

ABOUT THIS POLL

Global Strategy Group conducted a telephone survey of 600 likely voters in Maine between July 17-21, 2024. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.0%. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic, political, and demographic divisions of the population of likely voters are properly represented.