



# Likely New Hampshire Primary Voters' Attitudes Toward Social Security

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This survey of likely New Hampshire primary voters ages 18+ examines voters' views on the 2016 presidential election, including the importance of candidates laying out their plans for the future of Social Security and how important it is for the next president and congress to take action to make Social Security financially sound. It also asks respondents which candidate they expect to vote for and how certain they are of their choice.

### Key Findings

- Nine in ten or more New Hampshire primary voters across party lines and age groups think it is important for presidential candidates to lay out a plan to make Social Security financially sound for future generations. This includes 93% of Democratic primary voters and 92% of Republican primary voters. In fact, regardless of age, nearly half or more of likely primary voters in each party think this is “very important.”
- More than three in four New Hampshire primary voters, across party lines and across age groups, agree that having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership. This includes 89% of likely Democratic primary voters and 80% of likely Republican primary voters.
- Nearly nine in ten or more voters across both parties and age groups believe it is important that the next president and congress take action to make Social Security financially sound. This includes 96% of Democratic primary voters as well as 92% of Republican primary voters.
- Among likely Democratic primary voters, Bernie Sanders is the leading choice for president (preferred by 59%), with Hillary Clinton coming in second (preferred by 33%). Of likely Democratic primary voters, 63% say they will definitely vote for their preferred candidate and another 16% will probably vote for their preferred candidate; however, more than one in five (21%) are less certain about who will get their vote.
- Among likely Republican primary voters, Donald Trump is the leading choice for president (preferred by 32%) with Marco Rubio (preferred by 14%) and John Kasich (preferred by 13%) nearly tied for second place. Of likely Republican primary voters, 49% say that they will definitely vote for their preferred candidate and another 25% will probably vote for their preferred candidate; however, more than one in four (26%) are less certain about who will get their vote.
- When asked for their thoughts about the candidates' plans for the future of Social Security, many Democratic and Republican primary voters said they want to hear more information from candidates in their party. For example, among Democratic primary voters, 44% would like to know more about Hillary Clinton's plans, and 41% would like to know more about Bernie Sanders' plans. Among Republican primary voters, 49% would like to know more about Donald Trump's plans, 41% would like to know more about Ted Cruz's plans, and 40% would like to know more about Marco Rubio's plans.

## **METHODOLOGY**

This survey of 1,004 likely New Hampshire primary voters was conducted by telephone from January 12, 2016 through January 16, 2016. By design, half of the respondents consist of likely Democratic primary voters (501) and half consist of likely Republican primary voters (503).

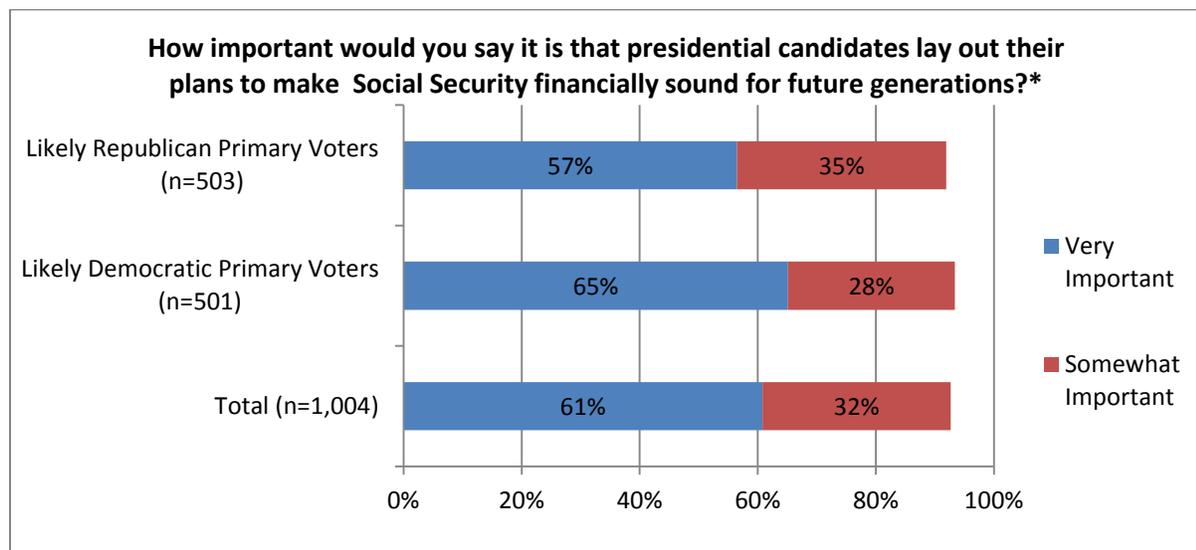
The margin of error for the full sample of 1,004 is +/- 3.2%, while the margin of error for each subgroup by party (Republican primary voters or Democratic primary voters) is +/- 4.5%. More detail on the methodology may be found in Appendix A.

## DETAILED FINDINGS

### Importance of Having a Plan for Social Security

The vast majority of likely primary voters believe that it is "very" or "somewhat" important for presidential candidates to lay out their plans to make Social Security financially sound for future generations, including 93% of likely Democratic primary voters and 92% of likely Republican primary voters.

Regardless of party, a large majority of both younger and older primary voters state that this is important. Among Democratic primary voters, 93% of those under age 50 and 94% of those ages 50+ say this is important. Among Republican primary voters, 91% of those under age 50 and 93% of those ages 50+ say this is important.

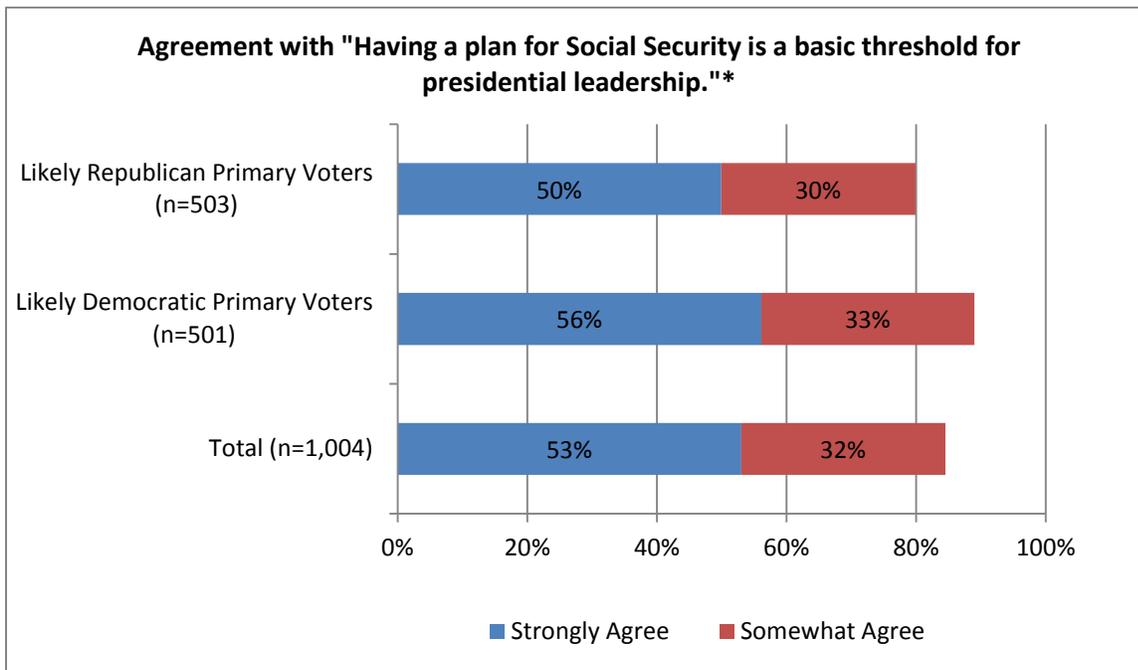


\*Full question: "According to the Social Security trustees, Social Security benefits are projected to be cut by nearly 25% beginning in 2034 if no action is taken. Knowing this, how important would you say it is that presidential candidates lay out their plans to make Social Security financially sound for future generations?" (Question 12 and 22 in Appendix B.) Percentages in chart may not add up to percentages in text due to rounding.

## Social Security as a Threshold for Leadership

The majority of likely primary voters across parties strongly or somewhat agree that “having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership,” including 89% of likely Democratic primary voters and 80% of likely Republican primary voters.

Regardless of party, both younger and older primary voters express agreement with this sentiment. Among Democratic primary voters, 85% of those under age 50 and 94% of those ages 50+ agree. For Republican primary voters, 78% of those under age 50 and 82% of those ages 50+ agree.

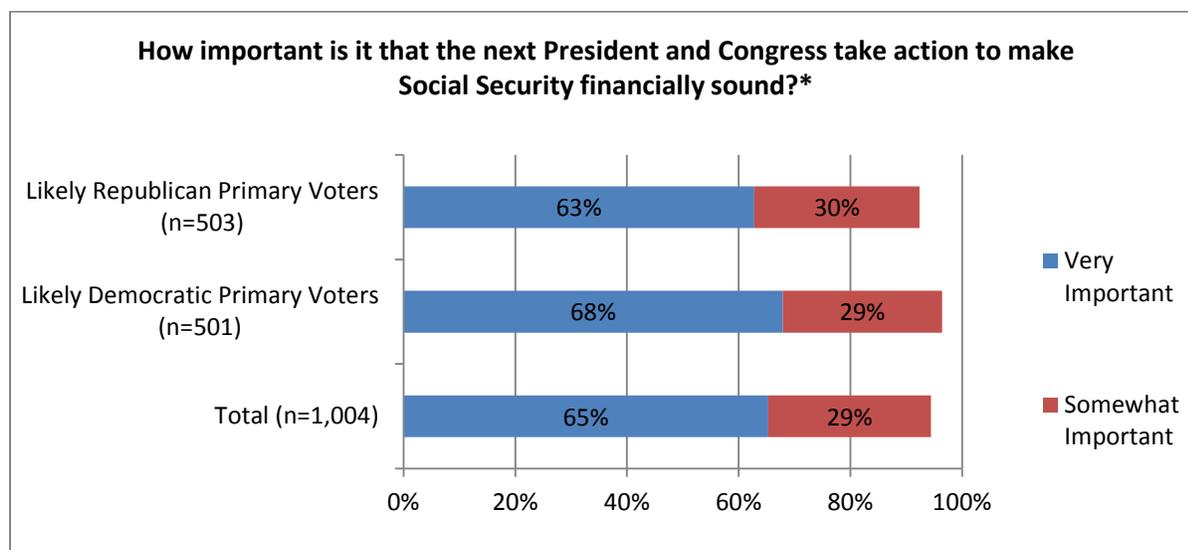


\* Response options were: “strongly agree,” “somewhat agree,” “somewhat disagree,” or “strongly disagree.” (Question 11 and 21 in Appendix B.)

## Importance of Taking Action to Make Social Security Financially Sound

When asked how important it is that the next President and Congress take action to make Social Security financially sound, 96% of likely Democratic primary voters as well as 92% of likely Republican primary voters state that this is very or somewhat important. This issue resonates strongly across party lines, with more than six in 10 of each party's likely primary voters stating that this is "very important" (68% of likely Democratic primary voters and 63% of likely Republican primary voters).

Younger and older primary voters, regardless of party, agree that this is important. Among Democratic primary voters, 96% of those under age 50 view this as important as do 97% of those ages 50+. Among Republican primary voters, 91% of those under age 50 state this is important as do 94% of those ages 50+.



\*Response options were "very important," "somewhat important," "not too important," or "not at all important." (Questions 13 and 23 in Appendix B.) Percentages in chart may not add up to percentages in text due to rounding.

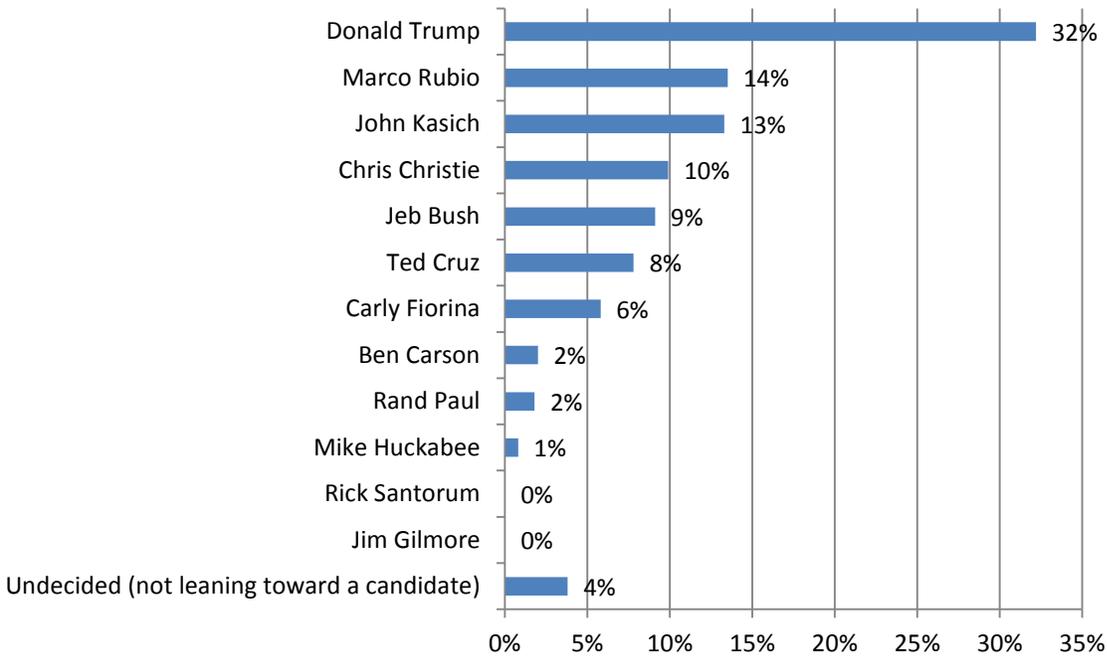
## Preferred Candidates

Among likely Republican primary voters, Donald Trump is the leading choice for president (preferred by 32%) with Marco Rubio (preferred by 14%) and John Kasich (preferred by 13%) essentially tied for second place.

Among likely Democratic primary voters, Bernie Sanders is the top choice (preferred by 59%) with Hillary Clinton coming in second (33%).

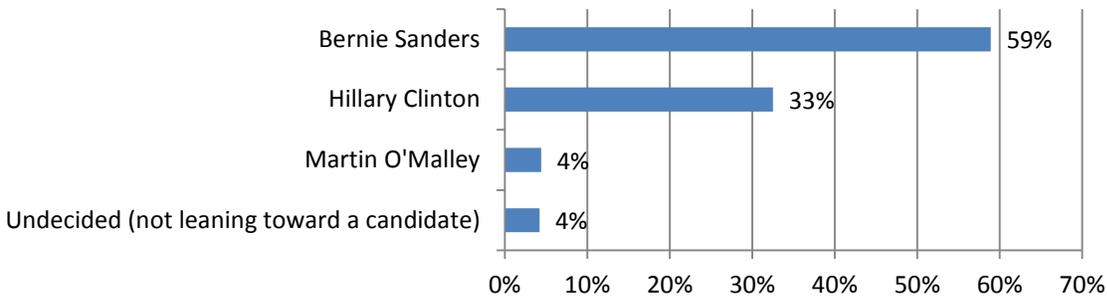
For the complete distribution of results, see the charts below.

**If the 2016 New Hampshire Republican primary were held today,  
which one of the following candidates would get your vote?\***  
(n=503 likely Republican primary voters)



\*Chart reflects responses to question displayed in the title of the chart as well as “Are you currently leaning toward any candidate? Which candidate is that?,” which was asked of respondents who did not respond to the first question. (Questions 18 and 20 in Appendix B.)

**If the 2016 New Hampshire Democratic primary were held today,  
which one of the following candidates would get your vote?\***  
(n=501 likely Democratic primary voters)

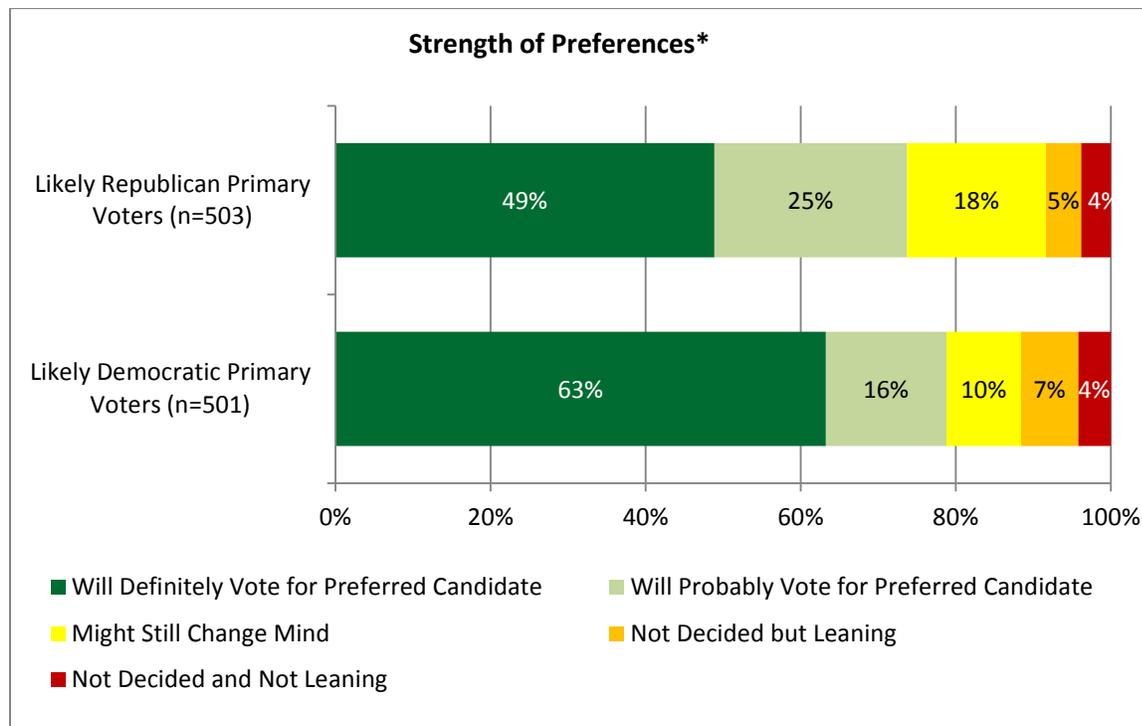


\*Chart reflects responses to question displayed in the title of the chart as well as “Are you currently leaning toward any candidate? Which candidate is that?,” which was asked of respondents who did not respond to the first question. (Questions 8 and 10 in Appendix B.)

## Uncertainty Among Some

Despite the preferences illustrated in the charts above, a noteworthy share of likely primary voters have not yet finalized their decisions. For example, only 63% of likely Democratic primary voters and 49% of likely Republican primary voters say that they have “definitely” decided who will get their vote. Another 16% of Democratic primary voters and 25% of Republican primary voters say that they have “probably” decided.

This leaves 26% of Republican primary voters and 21% of Democratic primary voters who express uncertainty about their vote, including those who have a preferred candidate but say they may change their mind, those who are leaning toward a candidate but are not yet sure who they will vote for, and those who are not yet leaning toward a particular candidate.



\*For Democratic primary voters, chart reflects responses to Questions 9 and 10. For Republican primary voters, chart reflects responses to Questions 19 and 20. (See Appendix B for the complete wording of each question.) Percentages in chart may not add up to percentages in text due to rounding.

## **Reactions to Candidates' Plans for Social Security**

When likely primary voters were asked whether they had heard enough from each candidate about their plans for keeping Social Security strong for future generations or whether they would like more information, a noteworthy share of voters indicated that they would like more information from the candidates.

Likely Republican primary voters are most likely to want to know more about the following candidates' plans for Social Security: Donald Trump (49%), Ted Cruz (41%), and Marco Rubio (40%).

Among Democratic primary voters, 44% would like to know more about Hillary Clinton's plans, and 41% would like to know more about Bernie Sanders' plans.

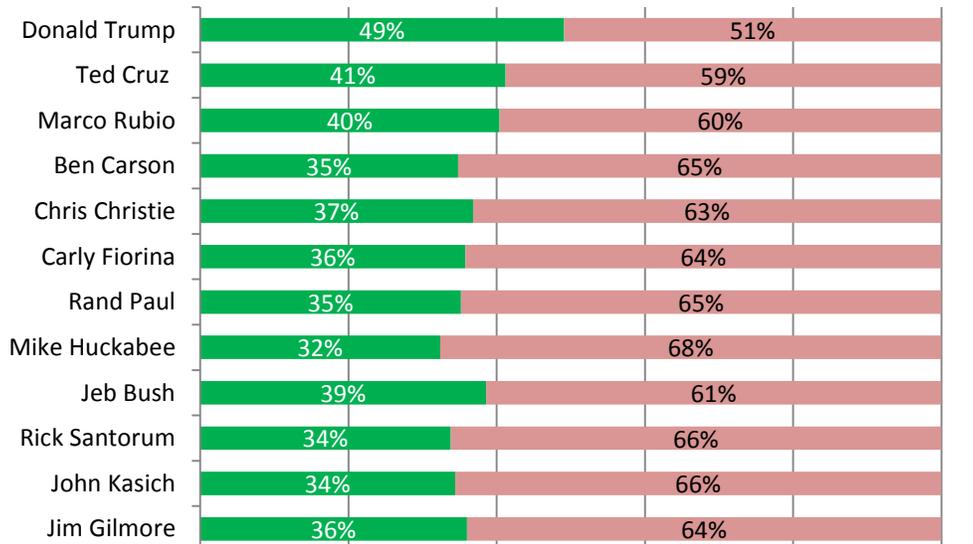
Both younger and older voters express interest in knowing more about the candidates' plans for Social Security.

For example, 52% of Republican primary voters under age 50 as well as 46% of those ages 50+ say that they would like to hear more about Donald Trump's plans for Social Security. When asked about Ted Cruz's plans for Social Security, 40% of likely Republican primary voters under age 50 say they would like to know more as do 42% of those ages 50+. With regard to Marco Rubio's plans, 35% of Republican primary voters under age 50 would like to know more as would 46% of those ages 50+.

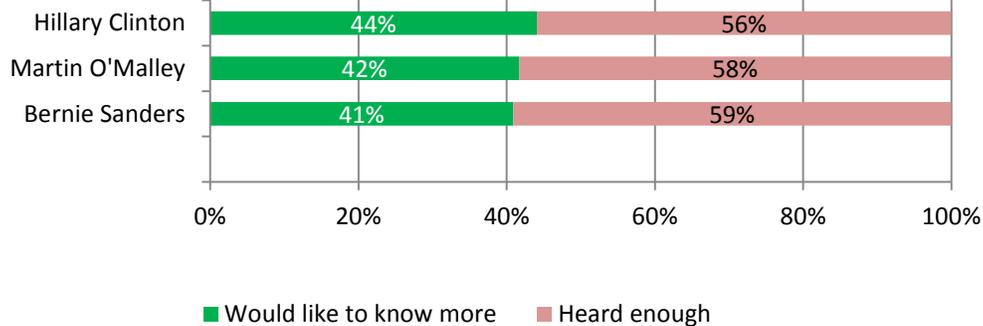
Among Democratic primary voters, 51% of those under age 50 would like to know more about Hillary Clinton's plans for Social Security, as would 36% of those ages 50+. With regard to Bernie Sanders' plans, 46% of Democratic primary voters under age 50 and 35% of those ages 50+ say they would like to know more.

I am going to read the names of each candidate again, and would like you to tell me if you have heard enough about their plans for keeping Social Security financially sound for future generations, or if you would like to know more about their plans.\*

**Republican contenders**



**Democratic contenders**



\*Voters planning to attend the Democratic primaries were asked about only Democratic candidates, while voters planning to attend the Republican primaries were asked about only Republican candidates. Therefore, for each bar representing a Republican candidate, n=503. For each bar representing a Democratic candidate, n=501. Responses may not add up to 100% due to rounding. (See Questions 14-16 and Questions 24-35 in Appendix B.)

## Appendix A: Detailed Description of Methodology

This survey was conducted by telephone from January 12, 2016 through January 16, 2016 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research of Jacksonville, Florida. A total of 1,004 likely New Hampshire primary voters were interviewed statewide. By design, half of the sample consisted of likely Democratic primary voters (501) and half consisted of likely Republican primary voters (503).

Respondents were screened to include only those who identified themselves as registered voters in the state of New Hampshire and planned to vote in the primary.

Results were not weighted. However, the demographic profile of both the Democratic and Republican samples aligns closely with that of participants in previous New Hampshire primary elections. The sample's equal shares of likely Republican primary voters and likely Democratic primary voters aligns with the approximately equal number of registered Democrats and registered Republicans in New Hampshire as of December 2015.<sup>1</sup>

The sampling was dual-frame, with 50% of the completed interviews conducted through random-digit-dialing of landline numbers and the remaining 50% of completed interviews conducted by randomly calling cell phone numbers that had been matched to lists of registered voters in the state of New Hampshire. Each number, excluding disconnected numbers, was tried up to five times.

The overall response rate was 12%, meaning that 12% of the individuals who were reached on the phone ultimately completed the survey. The response rate was driven in part by the screening questions, which required respondents to be registered to vote in the state of New Hampshire and plan to attend a primary on February 9. Of those individuals who were reached on the phone, 26% agreed to take the survey. Of the 26% who agreed to take the survey, 45% passed the screener questions.

The margin of error for the full sample of 1,004 voters is  $\pm 3.2\%$ , while the margin of error for each party sample, both Republican and Democratic, is  $\pm 4.5\%$ .

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<sup>1</sup> According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office, as of December 28, 2015, registered Republicans in New Hampshire numbered 260,896 and registered Democrats numbered 229,202. Therefore, of total voters registered in New Hampshire as either a Republican or Democrat, 53% were Republicans and 47% were Democrats. [Sos.nh.gov](http://Sos.nh.gov) (It is not yet known whether each party will experience similar levels of participation in the 2016 primaries.)

## Appendix B: Annotated Questionnaire

This annotated questionnaire shows the distribution of responses to each question.

<b>1) NOTE GENDER:</b>	<b><u>DEM PRIMARY</u></b>	<b><u>GOP PRIMARY</u></b>	<b><u>ALL VOTERS</u></b>
Male	44.7% (224)	55.9% (281)	50.3% (505)
Female	55.3% (277)	44.1% (222)	49.7% (499)

<b>2) What is your age?</b>	<b><u>DEM PRIMARY</u></b>	<b><u>GOP PRIMARY</u></b>	<b><u>ALL VOTERS</u></b>
18-34	21.2% (106)	21.1% (106)	21.1% (212)
35-49	34.5% (173)	30.2% (152)	32.4% (325)
50-64	27.7% (139)	33.4% (168)	30.6% (307)
65+	16.6% (83)	15.3% (77)	15.9% (160)

**3) Are you a registered voter in the state of New Hampshire?**

	<b><u>DEM PRIMARY</u></b>	<b><u>GOP PRIMARY</u></b>	<b><u>ALL VOTERS</u></b>
Yes	100.0% (501)	100.0% (503)	100.0% (1,004)

**4) What is your current official party voter registration? (NOT READ)**

	<b><u>DEM PRIMARY</u></b>	<b><u>GOP PRIMARY</u></b>	<b><u>ALL VOTERS</u></b>
Democrat	57.3% (287)	-	28.6% (287)
Republican	-	58.1% (292)	29.1% (292)
No Party/Independent	42.7% (214)	41.9% (211)	42.3% (425)

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**\*\*\* 425 REGISTERED INDEPENDENTS \*\*\***

**5) On February 9, there will be a primary election in New Hampshire to help select the presidential nominee nominees for each party. Which of the following best describes your plans for voting in that primary?**

Definitely will vote	87.1% (370)
Probably will vote	12.9% (55)

**6) Which primary will you be voting in?**

Democratic Primary	50.4% (214)
Republican Primary	49.6% (211)

**\*\*\* 287 REGISTERED DEMOCRATS \*\*\***

7) On February 9, there will be a primary election in New Hampshire to help select the Democratic Party presidential nominee. Which of the following best describes your plans for voting in the primary election?

Definitely will vote	90.2% (259)
Probably will vote	9.8% (28)

**501 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS**

8) If the 2016 New Hampshire Democratic primary were held today, which one of the following candidates would get your vote: (ORDER ROTATED)

Hillary Clinton	31.5% (158)
Bernie Sanders	52.7% (264)
Martin O'Malley	4.2% (21)
Undecided (NOT READ)	11.6% (58)

Likely Democratic primary voters who expressed a preference in Q8:

9) Which of the following describes your support for that candidate? (n=443)

- I will definitely vote for him/her	71.6% (317)
- I will probably vote for him/her	17.6% (78)
- I still might change my mind	10.8% (48)

Likely Democratic primary voters who did NOT express a preference in Q8:

10) Are you currently leaning toward any candidate? (IF YES) Which candidate is that? (n=58)

**Question 8 and 10 Combined Results:**

**Preferences Among ALL Likely Democratic Primary Voters, Including "Leaners" (n=501):**

Hillary Clinton	32.5% (163)
Bernie Sanders	58.9% (295)
Martin O'Malley	4.4% (22)
Undecided	4.2% (21)

**Question 9 and 10 Combined Results:**

**Strength of Preferences Among ALL Likely Democratic Primary Voters, Including “Leaners” (n=501):**

Will definitely vote for preferred candidate	63.3% (317)
Will probably vote for preferred candidate	15.6% (78)
Might still change mind	9.6% (48)
Not decided but leaning toward a candidate	7.4% (37)
Not decided and not leaning toward a candidate	4.2% (21)

11) Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership”. (Is that strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)

Strongly Agree	56.1% (281)
Somewhat Agree	32.9% (165)
Somewhat Disagree	7.6% (38)
Strongly Disagree	2.0% (10)
Not Sure (NOT READ)	1.4% (7)

12) According to the Social Security Trustees, Social Security benefits are projected to be cut by nearly 25% beginning in 2034 if no action is taken. Knowing this, how important would you say it is that presidential candidates lay out their plans to make Social Security financially sound for future generations? Is it:

Very Important	65.1% (326)
Somewhat Important	28.3% (142)
Not Too Important	3.8% (19)
Not At All Important	1.4% (7)
Not Sure (NOT READ)	1.4% (7)

13) How important is it that the next president and congress take action to make Social Security financially sound? Is it:

Very Important	67.9% (340)
Somewhat Important	28.5% (143)
Not Too Important	1.8% (9)
Not At All Important	1.2% (6)
Not Sure (NOT READ)	0.6% (3)

I am going to read the names of each candidate again, and would like you to tell me if: (ORDER ROTATED)

- You have heard enough about their plans for keeping Social Security financially sound for future generations, or
- You would like to know more about their plans for keeping Social Security financially sound for future generations.

<b>(14-16 ORDER ROTATED)</b>	<b><u>HEARD ENOUGH</u></b>	<b><u>WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE</u></b>
<b>14) Hillary Clinton</b>	<b>55.9% (280)</b>	<b>44.1% (221)</b>
<b>15) Bernie Sanders</b>	<b>59.1% (296)</b>	<b>40.9% (205)</b>
<b>16) Martin O'Malley</b>	<b>58.3% (292)</b>	<b>41.7% (209)</b>

**\*\*\* 292 REGISTERED REPUBLICANS \*\*\***

17) On February 9, there will be a primary election in New Hampshire to help select the Republican Party presidential nominee. Which of the following best describes your plans for voting in the primary election?

Definitely will vote	92.1% (269)
Probably will vote	7.9% (23)

**503 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS**

18) If the 2016 New Hampshire Republican primary were held today, which one of the following candidates would get your vote?(ORDER ROTATED)

Donald Trump	30.8% (155)
Ted Cruz	7.8% (39)
Marco Rubio	12.1% (61)
Ben Carson	2.0% (10)
Jeb Bush	8.9% (45)
Chris Christie	9.1% (46)
Carly Fiorina	5.8% (29)
John Kasich	12.7% (64)
Rand Paul	1.6% (8)
Mike Huckabee	0.8% (4)
Rick Santorum	- (0)
Jim Gilmore	- (0)
Undecided (NOT READ)	8.3% (42)

Likely Republican primary voters who identified a preference in Q18:

**19) Which of the following describes your support for that candidate? (n=461)**

- I will definitely vote for him/her 53.4% (246)
- I will probably vote for him/her 27.1% (125)
- I still might change my mind 19.5% (90)

Likely Republican primary voters who did NOT identify a preference in Q18: (n=42)

**20) Are you currently leaning toward any candidate? (IF YES) Which candidate is that?**

**Question 18 and 20 Combined Results:**

**Preferences Among ALL Likely Republican Primary Voters, Including "Leaners" (n=503):**

Donald Trump	32.2% (162)
Ted Cruz	7.8% (39)
Marco Rubio	13.5% (68)
Ben Carson	2.0% (10)
Jeb Bush	9.1% (46)
Chris Christie	9.9% (50)
Carly Fiorina	5.8% (29)
John Kasich	13.3% (67)
Rand Paul	1.8% (9)
Mike Huckabee	0.8% (4)
Rick Santorum	- (0)
Jim Gilmore	- (0)
Undecided (NOT READ)	3.8% (19)

**Question 19 and 20 Combined Results:**

**Strength of Preferences Among ALL Likely Republican Primary Voters, Including "Leaners" (n=503):**

Will definitely vote for preferred candidate	48.9% (246)
Will probably vote for preferred candidate	24.9% (125)
Might still change mind	17.9% (90)
Not decided but leaning toward a candidate	4.6% (23)
Not decided and not leaning toward a candidate	3.8% (19)

21) Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership”. (Is that strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>49.9% (251)</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>30.0% (151)</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>15.5% (78)</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>2.8% (14)</b>
<b>Not Sure (NOT READ)</b>	<b>1.8% (9)</b>

22) According to the Social Security Trustees, Social Security benefits are projected to be cut by nearly 25% beginning in 2034 if no action is taken. Knowing this, how important would you say it is that presidential candidates lay out their plans to make Social Security financially sound for future generations? Is it:

<b>Very Important</b>	<b>56.5% (284)</b>
<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>35.4% (178)</b>
<b>Not Too Important</b>	<b>4.0% (20)</b>
<b>Not At All Important</b>	<b>4.0% (20)</b>
<b>Not Sure (NOT READ)</b>	<b>0.2% (1)</b>

23) How important is it that the next president and congress take action to make Social Security financially sound? Is it:

<b>Very Important</b>	<b>62.8% (316)</b>
<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>29.6% (149)</b>
<b>Not Too Important</b>	<b>4.2% (21)</b>
<b>Not At All Important</b>	<b>2.8% (14)</b>
<b>Not Sure (NOT READ)</b>	<b>0.6% (3)</b>

I am going to read the names of each candidate again, and would like you to tell me if: (ORDER ROTATED)

- You have heard enough about their plans for keeping Social Security financially sound for future generations, or
- You would like to know more about their plans for keeping Social Security financially sound for future generations.

<b>(ORDER ROTATED 24-35)</b>	<b><u>HEARD ENOUGH</u></b>	<b><u>WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE</u></b>
<b>24) Donald Trump</b>	<b>50.9% (256)</b>	<b>49.1% (247)</b>
<b>25) Ted Cruz</b>	<b>58.8% (296)</b>	<b>41.2% (207)</b>
<b>26) Marco Rubio</b>	<b>59.6% (300)</b>	<b>40.4% (203)</b>
<b>27) Ben Carson</b>	<b>65.2% (328)</b>	<b>34.8% (175)</b>
<b>28) Jeb Bush</b>	<b>61.4% (309)</b>	<b>38.6% (194)</b>
<b>29) Chris Christie</b>	<b>63.2% (318)</b>	<b>36.8% (185)</b>
<b>30) Carly Fiorina</b>	<b>64.2% (323)</b>	<b>35.8% (180)</b>
<b>31) John Kasich</b>	<b>65.6% (330)</b>	<b>34.4% (173)</b>
<b>32) Rand Paul</b>	<b>64.8% (326)</b>	<b>35.2% (177)</b>
<b>33) Mike Huckabee</b>	<b>67.6% (340)</b>	<b>32.4% (163)</b>
<b>34) Rick Santorum</b>	<b>66.2% (333)</b>	<b>33.8% (170)</b>
<b>35) Jim Gilmore</b>	<b>64.0% (322)</b>	<b>36.0% (181)</b>

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36) Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
White/Caucasian	96.4% (483)	96.6% (486)	96.5% (969)
Black/African-American	0.6% (3)	0.4% (2)	0.5% (5)
Hispanic/Latino	0.6% (3)	0.6% (3)	0.6% (6)
Asian	0.4% (2)	0.6% (3)	0.5% (5)
Other	0.6% (3)	0.4% (2)	0.5% (5)
Refused (NOT READ)	1.4% (7)	1.4% (7)	1.4% (14)

37) In terms of your marital status, are you:

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
Married	63.7% (319)	67.8% (341)	65.7% (660)
Living with a partner	6.2% (31)	5.0% (25)	5.6% (56)
Widowed	4.0% (20)	2.8% (14)	3.4% (34)
Divorced or Separated	8.4% (42)	11.5% (58)	10.0% (100)
Never married	16.6% (83)	10.7% (54)	13.6% (137)
Refused (NOT READ)	1.2% (6)	2.2% (11)	1.7% (17)

38) Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you have completed?

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
High School or less	19.0% (95)	14.5% (73)	16.7% (168)
Some College or technical training	26.1% (131)	28.6% (144)	27.4% (275)
College graduate with a four year degree	31.3% (157)	34.4% (173)	32.9% (330)
Graduate or professional degree	22.6% (113)	21.1% (106)	21.8% (219)
Refused (NOT READ)	1.0% (5)	1.4% (7)	1.2% (12)

39) Which of the following best describes your employment status?

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
Employed full-time	63.7% (319)	62.6% (315)	63.1% (634)
Employed part-time	10.0% (50)	9.3% (47)	9.7% (97)
Retired	15.4% (77)	16.7% (84)	16.0% (161)
Currently not employed for pay, but looking for work	5.0% (25)	2.8% (14)	3.9% (39)
Not employed & not looking for work	5.6% (28)	8.0% (40)	6.8% (68)
Refused (NOT READ)	0.4% (2)	0.6% (3)	0.5% (5)

If employed full-time or part-time:

40) Are you self-employed? (n=731)

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
Yes	17.6% (65)	21.0% (76)	19.3% (141)
No	82.4% (304)	79.0% (286)	80.7% (590)

If did not indicate "retired" in Q39:

41) Are you retired from a previous career? (n=843)

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
Yes	4.2% (18)	14.1% (59)	9.1% (77)
No	95.8% (406)	85.9% (360)	90.9% (766)

**43) Is your annual household income before taxes:**

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
<\$25,000	11.4% (57)	8.2% (41)	9.8% (98)
\$25,000-\$49,999	13.8% (69)	15.1% (76)	14.4% (145)
\$50,000-\$74,999	19.6% (98)	20.3% (102)	19.9% (200)
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.8% (74)	17.1% (86)	15.9% (160)
\$100,000+	27.7% (139)	22.5% (113)	25.1% (252)
Refused (NOT READ)	12.8% (64)	16.9% (85)	14.8% (149)

**44) NOTE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
1ST Cong District	46.3% (232)	54.7% (275)	50.5% (507)
2ND Cong District	53.7% (269)	45.3% (228)	49.5% (497)

**47) NOTE CALL:**

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
Landline	49.7% (249)	50.9% (256)	50.3% (505)
Cell Phone	50.3% (252)	49.1% (247)	49.7% (499)

### COLLAPSED RESULTS

**QUESTION: Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership”. (Is that strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)**

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
Strongly Agree	56.1% (281)	49.9% (251)	53.0% (532)
Somewhat Agree	32.9% (165)	30.0% (151)	31.5% (316)
Somewhat Disagree	7.6% (38)	15.5% (78)	11.6% (116)
Strongly Disagree	2.0% (10)	2.8% (14)	2.4% (24)
Not Sure (NOT READ)	1.4% (7)	1.8% (9)	1.6% (16)

**QUESTION: According to the Social Security Trustees, Social Security benefits are projected to be cut by nearly 25% beginning in 2034 if no action is taken. Knowing this, how important would you say it is that presidential candidates lay out their plans to make Social Security financially sound for future generations? Is it:**

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
Very Important	65.1% (326)	56.5% (284)	60.8% (610)
Somewhat Important	28.3% (142)	35.4% (178)	31.9% (320)
Not Too Important	3.8% (19)	4.0% (20)	3.9% (39)
Not At All Important	1.4% (7)	4.0% (20)	2.7% (27)
Not Sure (NOT READ)	1.4% (7)	0.2% (1)	0.8% (8)

**QUESTION: How important is it that the next president and congress take action to make Social Security financially sound? Is it:**

	<u>DEM PRIMARY</u>	<u>GOP PRIMARY</u>	<u>ALL VOTERS</u>
Very Important	67.9% (340)	62.8% (316)	65.3% (656)
Somewhat Important	28.5% (143)	29.6% (149)	29.1% (292)
Not Too Important	1.8% (9)	4.2% (21)	3.0% (30)
Not At All Important	1.2% (6)	2.8% (14)	2.0% (20)
Not Sure (NOT READ)	0.6% (3)	0.6% (3)	0.6% (6)