



• LIVE Exit Polls

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PRESIDENT **SENATE** SENATE SPECIAL HOUSE GOVERNOR

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Region

2,195 total respondents

	Seacoast 23%	Manchester/Concord Corr. 24%	SW/Conn. Valley 22%	Southeast 18%	North 12%
● Shaheen	58%	62%	56%	48%	55%
● Messner	41%	37%	43%	51%	44%

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Age

2,195 total respondents

	18-29 18%	30-44 20%	45-64 39%	65 or older 22%
● Shaheen	66%	56%	52%	56%
● Messner	31%	41%	47%	44%

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Age

2,195 total respondents

	18-24 10%	25-29 8%	30-39 14%	40-49 15%	50-64 30%	65 or older 22%
● Shaheen	62%	70%	56%	55%	52%	56%
● Messner	36%	27%	41%	44%	47%	44%





### Family's financial situation today:

2,195 total respondents

	Better than four years ago 44%	Worse than four years ago 19%	About the same 36%
● Shaheen	25%	<b>85%</b>	<b>84%</b>
● Messner	<b>74%</b>	10%	15%

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### Marital status

2,195 total respondents

	Married 59%	Not married 41%
● Shaheen	<b>52%</b>	<b>62%</b>
● Messner	47%	37%

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### Condition of the nation's economy:

2,195 total respondents

	Excellent 10%	Good 39%	Not so good 34%	Poor 16%
● Shaheen	n/a	25%	<b>84%</b>	<b>93%</b>
● Messner	n/a	<b>74%</b>	15%	6%

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### Party ID

2,195 total respondents

	Democrat 26%	Republican 30%	Independent 44%
● Shaheen	<b>95%</b>	12%	<b>64%</b>
● Messner	5%	<b>88%</b>	33%

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### Ideology





● Shaheen	<b>94%</b>	<b>66%</b>	12%
● Messner	5%	32%	<b>88%</b>

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**Race**

2,195 total respondents

	<b>White</b> 92%	<b>Black</b> 2%	<b>Latino</b> 4%	<b>Asian</b> 1%	<b>Something else</b> 1%
● Shaheen	<b>56%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
● Messner	43%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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**Gender**

2,195 total respondents

	<b>Male</b> 49%	<b>Female</b> 51%
● Shaheen	49%	<b>63%</b>
● Messner	<b>50%</b>	36%

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**Area type**

2,195 total respondents

	<b>Urban</b> 9%	<b>Suburban</b> 66%	<b>Rural</b> 24%
● Shaheen	<b>72%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>58%</b>
● Messner	27%	45%	41%

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**Work full time?**

2,195 total respondents

	<b>YES</b> 60%	<b>NO</b> 40%
● Shaheen	<b>59%</b>	<b>57%</b>





### Condition of the nation's economy:

2,195 total respondents

	Excellent/Good 48%	Not good/Poor 50%
● Shaheen	22%	<b>87%</b>
● Messner	<b>77%</b>	12%

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### Income

2,195 total respondents

	Less than \$50,000 30%	\$50,000 or more 70%
● Shaheen	<b>63%</b>	<b>56%</b>
● Messner	35%	43%

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### Income

2,195 total respondents

	Less than \$100,000 60%	\$100,000 or more 40%
● Shaheen	<b>61%</b>	<b>54%</b>
● Messner	38%	44%

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### How confident that votes will be counted accurately?

2,195 total respondents

	Very confident 57%	Somewhat confident 36%	Not very confident 5%	Not at all confident 2%
● Shaheen	<b>65%</b>	45%	n/a	n/a
● Messner	33%	<b>54%</b>	n/a	n/a

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	Confident 92%	Not confident 7%
● Shaheen	<b>57%</b>	n/a
● Messner	41%	n/a

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### Gender by marital status

2,195 total respondents

	Married men 28%	Married women 30%	Unmarried men 18%	Unmarried women 23%
● Shaheen	42%	<b>61%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>71%</b>
● Messner	<b>57%</b>	37%	48%	29%

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### Parents

2,195 total respondents

	Men with children 15%	Women with children 17%	Men no children 32%	Women no children 36%
● Shaheen	37%	<b>58%</b>	49%	<b>67%</b>
● Messner	<b>62%</b>	38%	<b>50%</b>	33%

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### Sex by race

2,195 total respondents

	White men 45%	White women 48%	Black men 1%	Black women 1%	Latino men 2%	Latino women 2%	All other races 3%
● Shaheen	48%	<b>62%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
● Messner	<b>50%</b>	37%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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### Income

2,195 total respondents




 Messner

35%

41%

44%

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## Age

2,195 total respondents

### 18-44

38%

### 45 or older

62%

 Shaheen

61%

53%

 Messner

36%

46%

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## Education

2,195 total respondents

### College graduate

42%

### No college degree

58%

 Shaheen

65%

50%

 Messner

33%

49%

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## Education by race

2,195 total respondents

### White voters, college degree

40%

### White voters, no degree

53%

### Voters of color, college degree

2%

### Voters of color, no degree

5%

 Shaheen

64%

49%

n/a

60%

 Messner

34%

50%

n/a

39%

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## Is this the first year you voted?

2,195 total respondents

### Yes

7%

### No

93%

 Shaheen

n/a

54%

 Messner




### View of Joe Biden:

2,195 total respondents

	Favorable 53%	Unfavorable 45%
● Shaheen	93%	15%
● Messner	5%	84%

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### Have any children under 18?

2,195 total respondents

	YES 32%	NO 68%
● Shaheen	49%	59%
● Messner	49%	41%

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### Race

2,195 total respondents

	White voters 92%	Voters of color 8%
● Shaheen	56%	63%
● Messner	43%	34%

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### Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

2,195 total respondents

	YES 7%	NO 93%
● Shaheen	n/a	53%
● Messner	n/a	46%

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**Trump:**

2,195 total respondents

	<b>Favorable</b> 41%	<b>Unfavorable</b> 57%
● Shaheen	8%	<b>93%</b>
● Messner	<b>91%</b>	5%

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**Education by Gender  
Among White Voters**

2,195 total respondents

	<b>White college graduate women</b> 21%	<b>White women no degree</b> 27%	<b>White college graduate men</b> 19%	<b>White men no degree</b> 26%	<b>Voters of color</b> 8%
● Shaheen	<b>71%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>56%</b>	43%	<b>64%</b>
● Messner	27%	44%	42%	<b>56%</b>	33%

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**Opinion of Trump as  
president**

2,195 total respondents

	<b>Strongly approve</b> 31%	<b>Somewhat approve</b> 16%	<b>Somewhat disapprove</b> 6%	<b>Strongly disapprove</b> 47%
● Shaheen	4%	25%	n/a	<b>97%</b>
● Messner	<b>95%</b>	<b>74%</b>	n/a	2%

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**Opinion of Trump as  
president**

2,195 total respondents

	<b>Approve</b> 47%	<b>Disapprove</b> 53%
● Shaheen	11%	<b>95%</b>
● Messner	<b>88%</b>	3%

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● Shaheen	<b>51%</b>	<b>51%</b>	46%	<b>64%</b>	<b>66%</b>
● Messner	48%	48%	<b>54%</b>	34%	32%

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## 2016 presidential vote?

2,195 total respondents

	Clinton 44%	Trump 40%	Someone else 7%	Did not vote 8%
● Shaheen	<b>95%</b>	11%	n/a	n/a
● Messner	5%	<b>89%</b>	n/a	n/a

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## Income

2,195 total respondents

	Less than \$30,000 12%	\$30,000-\$49,999 18%	\$50,000-\$99,999 30%	\$100,000-\$199,999 31%	\$200,000 or more 9%
● Shaheen	<b>77%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>55%</b>	n/a
● Messner	22%	43%	41%	43%	n/a

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## Most important issue to your vote?

2,195 total respondents

	Racial inequality 15%	Coronavirus 21%	The economy 31%	Crime and safety 11%	Health care policy 14%
● Shaheen	<b>87%</b>	<b>93%</b>	20%	n/a	<b>91%</b>
● Messner	10%	5%	<b>79%</b>	n/a	8%

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## Which candidate quality mattered





● Shaheen	<b>85%</b>	19%	<b>61%</b>	<b>77%</b>
● Messner	13%	<b>80%</b>	36%	22%

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### U.S. efforts to contain coronavirus are going:

2,195 total respondents

	Very well 14%	Somewhat well 31%	Somewhat badly 18%	Very badly 37%
● Shaheen	3%	16%	<b>81%</b>	<b>96%</b>
● Messner	<b>97%</b>	<b>83%</b>	16%	3%

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### Which is more important to do now?

2,195 total respondents

	Contain coronavirus 56%	Rebuild the economy 40%
● Shaheen	<b>89%</b>	16%
● Messner	10%	<b>82%</b>

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### Racism in the U.S. is:

2,195 total respondents

	The most important problem 9%	An important problem 67%	A minor problem 19%	Not a problem at all 5%
● Shaheen	n/a	<b>68%</b>	10%	n/a
● Messner	n/a	31%	<b>90%</b>	n/a

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### Favorable opinion of:

2,195 total respondents





● Messner

n/a

2%

**92%**

n/a

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### Racism in the U.S. is:

2,195 total respondents

#### An important problem

75%

#### Not an important problem

24%

● Shaheen

**70%**

9%

● Messner

28%

**91%**

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### U.S. efforts to contain the coronavirus are going:

2,195 total respondents

#### Well

45%

#### Badly

55%

● Shaheen

12%

**91%**

● Messner

**88%**

7%

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## Notes

- All times ET.
- Not all candidates are listed.
- CNN will broadcast a projected winner only after an extensive review of data from a number of sources.
- "Flipped seat" denotes a race where the 2020 projected winner is from a different party than the previous winner or incumbent.
- Both Maine and Nebraska allow electoral votes to be split. In Maine, two of four electoral votes go to the statewide winner and one electoral vote goes to the winner in each of the two congressional districts. In Nebraska, two of five electoral votes go to the winner of the statewide vote. One electoral vote goes to the winner in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts.





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