**Emerson College Polls: Clinton Leads in Virginia (+4), Maine (+4) and Illinois (+12) and Is Holding Her Own with Independents and Whites.
Following Kirk's Debate Gaffe, Duckworth Surges in Illinois Senate Race.**

BOSTON, MA -- New Emerson College polls released today show Hillary Clinton running well ahead of Donald Trump in Illinois (53% to 41%) and 4 points ahead of him in both Virginia (49% to 45%) and Maine (46% to 42%). Clinton has doubled her Illinois lead to 12 points since a September 22 poll, while Trump has closed the gap in Maine, where she previously led him by 9 points.

The Virginia and Maine polls were conducted after news broke that the FBI is investigating emails found on a laptop owned by top Clinton aide, Human Abedin, and her husband Anthony Weiner. The Illinois poll was completed before that news became public.

Presidential Race

	Virginia		Illinois		Maine	
Published	*Nov 1*	*Oct 13*	*Nov 1*	*Sept 22*	*Oct 31*	*Sept 7*
Hillary Clinton	49%	46%	53%	45%	46%	44%
Donald Trump	45%	43%	41%	39%	42%	35%
Gary Johnson	3%	6%	2%	6%	5%	12%
Jill Stein	1%			3%	1%	2%
Unsure	2%	4%	2%	7%	5%	7%
Sample size	N=800	n=600	n=500	n=700	n=750	n=800
MOE	3.4%	3.9%	4.3%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%

In the U.S. Senate race in Illinois, Democrat Tammy Baldwin has surged ahead of the GOP incumbent, Mark Kirk, and now leads by 18 points, 54% to 36%. This is a major jump from the 2-point edge Duckworth held in late September. Kirk came under fire for a sarcastic comment he made—about Duckworth's Thai heritage and her military service—during a debate last week. He quickly walked back those remarks. Duckworth is seen more favorably than her opponent, with 50%

of voters having a positive view of her compared to 36% who hold a negative opinion, a net of +14. Kirk's favorable/unfavorable ratio is 36% to 48%, net -12.

Voters are splitting the ticket in Illinois, with 14% of Clinton voters opting for Kirk, the Republican, in the Senate race while 23% of Trump voters are going for Duckworth.

Presidential Favorable/Unfavorable

	Virginia	**Illinois**	**Maine**
Clinton	-11 Fav: 44% Unfav: 55%	+7 Fav: 53% Unfav: 46%	-5 Fav: 46% Unfav: 51%
Trump	-23 Fav: 37% Unfav: 60%	-32 Fav: 32% Unfav: 64%	-24 Fav: 36% Unfav: 60%

In the three states polled, Clinton has been aided by favorability ratings that are substantially better than Trump's. Her net ratings are -11 (Virginia), -5 (Maine) and +7 (Illinois) compared to his -23, -24 and -32 in those states, respectively. There is a pattern in recent Emerson polls where she can only carve out a comfortable lead if her favorability numbers are much higher than his.

Clinton is holding her own with Independents, white voters, and those ages 35-54, groups that tend to strongly favor Trump. Independents are breaking for her 47% to 41% in Virginia. They are evenly divided in Maine (where Trump leads 41% to 40%), and they favor him 45% to 37% in Illinois. In Virginia, she is getting 45% of the white vote, compared to his 50%. In Illinois he leads among whites 49% to 47%. With voters ages 35-54, the race is tight in all three states, with no more than 3 points separating the candidates. Clinton is also doing well with young people, ages 18 to 34, leading Trump by 11 points in Virginia, 44 in Illinois and 18 in Maine.

The Emerson College New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Utah polls were conducted October 17-19, under the Supervision of Professor Spencer Kimball.

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The Emerson College Virginia and Maine polls were conducted October 28-30, under the Supervision of Professor Spencer Kimball. The Illinois poll was conducted October 27-30. All samples consisted of only likely general election voters, per the following: Virginia n=800, with a margin of error (MOE) of +/- 3.4 percentage points; Illinois n=500 with an MOE of +/- 4.3 percentage points; and Maine n=750 with an MOE of +/- 3.5 percentage points.

The Illinois and Virginia data was weighted by 2012 election results, age, gender, race and party affiliation. The Maine data was weighted by 2012 election results, age, gender, party affiliation and district. It is important to remember that subsets based on gender, age and party breakdowns carry with them higher margins of error, as the sample size is reduced. Data was collected using an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system of landlines only. The full methodology and results can be found at www.theecps.com.

Frequency Tables Begin on the Following Page

Virginia Frequency Table

Voting Intention

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Already voted	116	14.4	14.4	14.4
	plan to vote early	210	26.3	26.3	40.7
	election day	474	59.3	59.3	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

party

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	312	39.0	39.0	39.0
	Republican	264	33.0	33.0	72.0
	Independent	224	28.0	28.0	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	376	47.0	47.0	47.0
	female	424	53.0	53.0	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

2012 Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Barack Obama	406	50.8	50.8	50.8
	Mitt Romney	382	47.8	47.8	98.6
	Someone else	11	1.4	1.4	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

2016 primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Sanders	92	11.5	11.5	11.5
	Clinton	296	37.0	37.0	48.5
	Cruz	45	5.6	5.6	54.1
	Trump	204	25.5	25.5	79.5
	Kasich	38	4.8	4.8	84.3
	Rubio	65	8.1	8.1	92.4
	Other	55	6.9	6.9	99.3
	No vote	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Favorability

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	354	44.2	44.2	44.2
	unfavorable	436	54.6	54.6	98.8
	undecided	9	1.1	1.1	99.9
	never heard of	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

Trump Favorability

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	300	37.4	37.4	37.4
	unfavorable	480	60.0	60.0	97.5
	undecided	19	2.4	2.4	99.9
	never heard of	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Clinton	393	49.1	49.1	49.1
	Trump	358	44.8	44.8	93.9
	Gary Johnson	25	3.1	3.1	97.0
	Jill Stein	6	.7	.7	97.7
	Unsure	18	2.3	2.3	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

PrezExpect

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	343	42.8	42.8	42.8
	Donald Trump	402	50.3	50.3	93.1
	Gary Johnson	6	.8	.8	93.9
	Jill Stein	3	.3	.3	94.2
	Unsure	46	5.8	5.8	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	196	24.5	24.5	24.5
	35-54	248	31.0	31.0	55.5
	55-74	288	36.0	36.0	91.5
	75+	68	8.5	8.5	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	>HS	42	5.2	5.2	5.2
	HS	93	11.7	11.7	16.9
	Some College	146	18.3	18.3	35.2
	Associate	59	7.3	7.3	42.5
	Bachelor	216	27.0	27.0	69.5
	Post Grad	242	30.3	30.3	99.8
	Other		.0	.0	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	white	558	69.7	69.7	69.7
	black	154	19.2	19.2	88.9
	American Indian	4	.5	.5	89.4
	Asian	16	2.0	2.0	91.4
	Hawaiian	4	.5	.5	91.9
	Hispanic	40	5.1	5.1	97.0
	2+/Other	24	3.0	3.0	100.0
	Total	800	100.0	100.0	

Illinois Frequency Table

Voting Intention

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Already Voted	113	22.6	22.6	22.6
	Plan to vote early	207	41.3	41.3	63.9
	Election day	180	36.1	36.1	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Party

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	251	50.2	50.2	50.2
	Republican	168	33.7	33.7	83.9
	Independent	78	15.6	15.6	99.5
	Other	3	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	240	48.0	48.0	48.0
	female	260	52.0	52.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

2012 Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Barack Obama	290	58.0	58.0	58.0
	Mitt Romney	205	41.0	41.0	99.0
	Someone else	5	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

2016 primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Sanders	93	18.5	18.5	18.5
	Clinton	178	35.7	35.7	54.2
	Cruz	54	10.7	10.7	64.9
	Trump	90	18.0	18.0	82.9
	Kasich	40	8.0	8.0	90.9
	Rubio	27	5.4	5.4	96.3
	Other	18	3.7	3.7	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Name Rec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	266	53.1	53.1	53.1
	unfavorable	231	46.1	46.1	99.2
	undecided	4	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Trump Name Rec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	159	31.8	31.8	31.8
	unfavorable	319	63.8	63.8	95.6
	undecided	22	4.4	4.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Duckworth

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	250	50.0	50.0	50.0
	unfavorable	180	36.0	36.0	86.0
	undecided	48	9.5	9.5	95.5
	never heard of	22	4.5	4.5	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Kirk

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	179	35.8	35.8	35.8
	unfavorable	238	47.7	47.7	83.5
	undecided	69	13.9	13.9	97.4
	never heard of	13	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	267	53.4	53.4	53.4
	Donald Trump	207	41.3	41.3	94.8
	Gary Johnson	10	1.9	1.9	96.7
	Jill Stein	5	1.0	1.0	97.7
	Unsure	11	2.3	2.3	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Expectation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Trump	191	38.2	38.2	38.2
	Clinton	276	55.2	55.2	93.3
	Johnson	1	.2	.2	93.5
	Stein	3	.5	.5	94.1
	Unsure	30	5.9	5.9	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Senate

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Kirk	181	36.2	36.2	36.2
	Duckworth	269	53.7	53.7	89.9
	Other	27	5.3	5.3	95.3
	Undecided	24	4.7	4.7	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	120	24.0	24.0	24.0
	35-54	175	35.0	35.0	59.0
	55-74	150	30.0	30.0	89.0
	75+	55	11.0	11.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	white	338	67.7	67.7	67.7
	black	102	20.5	20.5	88.1
	American Indian	8	1.7	1.7	89.8
	Asian	8	1.6	1.6	91.4
	Hawaiian	3	.7	.7	92.1
	Hispanic	21	4.3	4.3	96.3
	2+/Other	8	1.6	1.6	97.9
	refused	11	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	>HS	16	3.3	3.3	3.3
	HS	79	15.8	15.9	19.2
	Some College	114	22.7	22.9	42.2
	Associate	30	6.1	6.1	48.3
	Bachelor	133	26.7	26.9	75.2
	Post Grad	123	24.5	24.8	100.0
	Total	496	99.1	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.9		
Total		500	100.0		

Maine Frequency Table

Voting Intention

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Already voted	220	29.4	29.4	29.4
	plan to vote early	239	31.9	31.9	61.2
	election day	291	38.8	38.8	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

party

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	240	32.0	32.0	32.0
	Republican	203	27.0	27.0	59.0
	Independent	307	41.0	41.0	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	352	47.0	47.0	47.0
	female	398	53.0	53.0	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

2012 Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Barack Obama	420	56.0	56.0	56.0
	Mitt Romney	307	40.9	40.9	96.9
	Someone else	23	3.1	3.1	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

2016 primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Sanders	188	25.0	25.0	25.0
	Clinton	191	25.5	25.5	50.5
	Cruz	56	7.5	7.5	57.9
	Trump	193	25.8	25.8	83.7
	Kasich	28	3.8	3.8	87.5
	Rubio	18	2.4	2.4	89.9
	Other	56	7.5	7.5	97.4
	No vote	19	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Favorability

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	342	45.6	45.6	45.6
	unfavorable	385	51.3	51.3	96.9
	undecided	21	2.8	2.8	99.7
	never heard of	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

Trump Favorability

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	270	36.0	36.0	36.0
	unfavorable	446	59.5	59.5	95.4
	undecided	29	3.9	3.9	99.4
	never heard of	5	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Clinton	347	46.2	46.2	46.2
	Trump	317	42.3	42.3	88.5
	Gary Johnson	39	5.2	5.2	93.8
	Jill Stein	11	1.4	1.4	95.2
	Unsure	36	4.8	4.8	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

PrezExpect

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	330	44.0	44.0	44.0
	Donald Trump	354	47.2	47.2	91.2
	Gary Johnson	6	.8	.8	92.0
	Jill Stein	1	.1	.1	92.1
	Unsure	59	7.9	7.9	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	85	11.3	11.3	11.3
	35-54	245	32.7	32.7	44.0
	55-74	323	43.0	43.0	87.0
	75+	98	13.0	13.0	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	>HS	25	3.3	3.4	3.4
	HS	137	18.3	18.7	22.1
	Some College	161	21.4	21.9	43.9
	Associate	86	11.5	11.7	55.7
	Bachelor	154	20.5	20.9	76.6
	Post Grad	170	22.6	23.1	99.7
	Other	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	735	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	15	2.1		
Total		750	100.0		

Phone Status

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Cell Phone Only	66	8.7	9.1	9.1
	Land Line only	115	15.3	15.9	25.0
	both	542	72.3	75.0	100.0
	Total	723	96.4	100.0	
Missing	System	27	3.6		
Total		750	100.0		

USC District

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00	375	50.0	50.0	50.0
	2.00	375	50.0	50.0	100.0
	Total	750	100.0	100.0	

Region

		Frequency	Percent
Missing	System	750	100.0

race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	white	654	87.2	88.4	88.4
	black	28	3.7	3.7	92.2
	American Indian	14	1.8	1.8	94.0
	Asian	8	1.0	1.0	95.1
	Hawaiian	1	.2	.2	95.3
	Hispanic	7	.9	.9	96.2
	2+/Other	20	2.7	2.7	98.9
	refused	8	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	739	98.6	100.0	
Missing	System	11	1.4		
Total		750	100.0		