

Will History Repeat Itself?

In the 2006 election cycle, then-Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) trailed his Democratic challenger, Bob Casey, in almost every public poll released on the race. This cycle, Sen. John Sununu (R-N.H.) finds himself in the same predicament in his matchup with Democrat Jeanne Shaheen. Is there any way for Sununu to escape Santorum's fate?

Date	Firm	Casey	Santorum	Sununu	Shaheen	Firm	Date
February 2005	Quinnipiac University	46	41	34	44	American Research Group	March 2007
May-June 2005	Franklin & Marshall College	44	37	29	57	American Research Group	June 2007
July 2005	Quinnipiac University	50	39	34	56	Research 2000 for Concord Monitor	July 2007
September 2005	Franklin & Marshall College	50	37	38	54	University of New Hampshire for WMUR	July 2007
October 2005	Strategic Vision (R)	52	36	41	46	American Research Group	September 2007
December 2005	Strategic Vision (R)	50	39	42	53	SurveyUSA for Roll Call	October 2007
January 2006	Strategic Vision (R)	50	40	52	41	American Research Group	December 2007
January-February 2006	Franklin & Marshall College	50	39	37	55	University of New Hampshire for WMUR	January 2008
April 2006	Strategic Vision (R)	50	40	33	47	American Research Group	March 2008
April-May 2006	Franklin & Marshall College	47	41	40	52	University of New Hampshire for WMUR	April 2008
May 2006	Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research for America Votes	54	36	36	46	Dartmouth College	April 2008
August 2006	Benenson Strategy Group for DSCC	51	37				
September 2006	Mason-Dixon for MSNBC	49	40				
October-November 2006	Muhlenberg College-Allentown Morning Call	51	43				
November 2006	Election results	59	41				

Source: Roll Call research