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Today's release also includes data on six hypothetical trial heats for the general Presidential election in the Fall of 2016 pitting both Sanders and Clinton against the three top polling GOP candidates among registered voters in the Granite State. New Hampshire, which is a battleground state, supports the Democratic candidate in five of the six hypothetical matchups. Bernie Sanders leads Donald Trump by 19 points (54%-35%), Ted Cruz by 21 points (54-33%) and Marco Rubio by 14 points (51%-37%). Hillary Clinton leads Trump by four points (44%-40%), Ted Cruz by three points (44%-41%), but she trails Marco Rubio by three points (41% to Rubio's 44%). As has been argued by his campaign, Rubio runs the best in hypothetical matchups against both Clinton and Sanders. However, on the Democratic side, Sanders appears to have a broader initial appeal to voters in New Hampshire than Clinton.