

GEOC

N=			400	100%
Worcester/West	1	(1/ 31)	97	24%
NE	2		139	35%
Suffolk	3		32	8%
SE Mass/Cape	4		132	33%

START

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for 7NEWS/Suffolk University and I would like to get your opinions on some political questions. Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions? <ROTATE>

N=			400	100%
Continue	1	(1/ 93)	400	100%

GENDR

Record Gender

N=			400	100%
Male	1	(1/ 97)	191	48%
Female	2		209	52%

Q1

Q1. Are you currently registered as a Democrat, Republican, or Unenrolled/Independent?

N=			400	100%
Democrat	1	(1/ 98)	144	36%
Republican	2		59	15%
Unenrolled/Ind	3		196	49%
Other	4		1	0%
Und/Ref/Not Reg	5		0	0%

Q2

Q2. What is your age category?

N=			400	100%
18-25	1	(1/101)	7	2%
26-35	2		26	7%
36-45	3		52	13%
46-55	4		94	24%
56-65	5		79	20%
66-75	6		82	21%
Over 75	7		45	11%
Refused	8		15	4%

Q3

Q3. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

N=			400	100%
White/Caucasian	1	(1/102)	317	79%
African-American	2		31	8%
Asian	3		13	3%
American Indian	4		0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	5		17	4%
Undecided	6		6	2%
Refused	7		16	4%

Q4

The following are questions about political issues:

Q4. Do you think Massachusetts is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

N=			400	100%
Right direction	1	(1/103)	129	32%
Wrong track	2		189	47%
Undecided	3		82	21%

PRE5

Great, I am going to read you a list of individuals in state and local politics. For each, please tell me if your opinion of them is generally favorable or generally unfavorable. If you are undecided or if you have never heard of someone, just tell me that. First take Deval Patrick.

N=			400	100%
Continue	1	(1/104)	400	100%

Q5

Q5. Is your opinion of Deval Patrick is generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		400	100%
Never heard of	1 (1/105)	15	4%
Favorable	2	229	57%
Unfavorable	3	93	23%
Heard of/Undecided	4	63	16%

Q6

Q6. How about ... Tim Cahill (K-hill)?

N=		400	100%
Never heard of	1 (1/106)	82	21%
Favorable	2	144	36%
Unfavorable	3	43	11%
Heard of/Undecided	4	131	33%

Q7

Q7. How about ... Martha Coakley?

N=		400	100%
Never heard of	1 (1/107)	72	18%
Favorable	2	173	43%
Unfavorable	3	56	14%
Heard of/Undecided	4	99	25%

Q8

Q8. How about ... Tim Murray?

N=		400	100%
Never heard of	1 (1/108)	142	36%
Favorable	2	106	27%
Unfavorable	3	38	10%
Heard of/Undecided	4	114	29%

Q9

Q9. How about ... Bill Galvin?

N=		400	100%
Never heard of	1 (1/109)	143	36%
Favorable	2	121	30%
Unfavorable	3	31	8%
Heard of/Undecided	4	105	26%

Q10

Q10. For U.S. Senate, there are three candidates listed on your ballot: John Kerry-DEMOCRAT, Jeffrey Beatty {BAY-Tee}-REPUBLICAN, or Robert Underwood - Libertarian. For whom will you vote or toward whom do you lean at this time

N=		400	100%
Kerry	1 (1/110)	222	56%
Beatty	2	76	19%
Underwood	3	22	6%
Undecided	4	72	18%
Refused	5	8	2%

Q11

Q11. There are six candidates for president on your ballot: Chuck Baldwin - Constitution Party, Bob Barr - Libertarian, John McCain - Republican, Cynthia McKinney - Green/Rainbow, Ralph Nader - Independent, or Barack Obama - Democrat. For whom will you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?

N=		400	100%
Baldwin	1 (1/111)	2	1%
Barr	2	3	1%
McCain	3	122	31%
McKinney	4	4	1%
Nader	5	11	3%
Obama	6	187	47%
Undecided	7	68	17%
Refused	8	3	1%

Q12

Q12. If you were standing in the voting booth right now, who would you lean toward?

N=		71	100%
Baldwin	1 (1/112)	0	0%
Barr	2	0	0%
McCain	3	15	21%
McKinney	4	0	0%

Nader	5	0	0%
Obama	6	24	34%
Undecided	7	29	41%
Refused	8	3	4%

Q11 & Q12 CONSOLIDATED <including leaners>

N=		400	100%
Baldwin	1 (1/112)	2	1%
Barr	2	3	1%
McCain	3	137	34%
McKinney	4	4	1%
Nader	5	11	3%
Obama	6	211	53%
Undecided	7	29	7%
Refused	8	3	1%

Q13

Q13. Which of the following reasons explains your vote for John McCain: is your vote more of a vote FOR McCain, more of a vote FOR Sarah Palin, or more of a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

N=		137	100%
More of a vote for McCain	1 (1/113)	75	55%
More of a vote for Palin	2	13	9%
More of a vote against Obama	3	31	23%
Other	4	3	2%
Undecided	5	15	11%
Refused	6	0	0%

Q14

Q14. Which of the following reasons explains your vote for Barack Obama: is your vote more of a vote FOR Obama, more of a vote FOR Joe Biden, a vote AGAINST McCain, a vote against Palin, or a vote AGAINST George Bush?

N=		211	100%
More of a vote for Obama	1 (1/114)	150	71%
More of a vote for Biden	2	5	2%
More of a vote against McCain	3	13	6%
More of a vote against Palin	4	7	3%
More of a vote against Bush	5	10	5%
Other	6	5	2%
Undecided	7	17	8%
Refused	8	4	2%

There are three questions on your November ballot:

Q15. Question #1 is a proposed law that would cut the state income tax by 50% in 2009, and would eliminate the state income tax entirely in 2010.

At this point, would you vote yes or no on question #1?

N=		400	100%
Yes	1 (1/115)	103	26%
No	2	236	59%
Undecided	3	56	14%
Refused	4	5	1%

Q16

Q16. If voters approve Question #1, do you believe Beacon Hill will ignore the voter's will?

N=		400	100%
Yes	1 (1/116)	174	44%
No	2	107	27%
Undecided	3	108	27%
Refused	4	11	3%

Q17

Q17. Question #2 is a proposed law that would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of lighter civil penalties. Offenders would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a fine of one hundred dollars. The money received from the fines would go to the city or town where the offense occurred. At this point, would you vote yes or no on question #2?

N=		400	100%
Yes	1 (1/117)	203	51%
No	2	127	32%
Undecided	3	63	16%
Refused	4	7	2%

Q18

Q18. Question #3 is a proposed law that would prohibit any type of dog racing in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of the dog occurs. These changes would take effect in the year 2010.

Would you vote yes to PROHIBIT dog racing or no to CONTINUE dog racing?

N=			400	100%
Yes - Prohibit dog racing in Massachusetts	1	(1/118)	174	44%
No - Continue to allow dog racing	2		171	43%
Undecided	3		52	13%
Refused	4		3	1%

Q19

Q19. How would you grade Deval Patrick's performance during this budget crisis?

N=			400	100%
Above average	1	(1/119)	64	16%
Average	2		212	53%
Below average	3		70	18%
Undecided/Refused	4		54	14%

Q20

Q20. Who on Beacon Hill will spend your tax dollars more wisely during the budget crisis - the Governor or the Legislature?

N=			400	100%
Governor	1	(1/120)	136	34%
Legislature	2		85	21%
No one	3		75	19%
Undecided	4		102	26%
Refused	5		2	1%

Q21

Q21. Do you think the state will have to raise taxes to help solve the budget crisis?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/121)	237	59%
No	2		113	28%
Undecided	3		46	12%
Refused	4		4	1%

Q22

Q22. Do you think anyone will die because of the state budget cut backs?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/122)	89	22%
No	2		209	52%
Undecided	3		78	20%
Refused	4		24	6%

Q23

Q23. Marriage. As you may know, Massachusetts law now permits marriages between two individuals of the same sex. Do you personally know anyone who has entered into a same-sex marriage?"

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/123)	147	37%
No	2		234	59%
Undecided	3		13	3%
Refused	4		6	2%

Q24

Q24. A number of proposals have been made for existing laws or constitutional amendments regarding same-sex marriage. Which of the following do you personally favor?

N=			400	100%
Absolute prohibition of legally-recognized unions between people of the same sex	1	(1/124)	66	17%
Recognizing civil unions but prohibiting marriages between same-sex individuals	2		107	27%
Recognition of legal marriage between people of the same sex	3		162	41%
Undecided	4		55	14%
Refused	5		10	2%