

GEOC

N=			400	100%
Worcester/West	1	(1/ 86)	98	25%
NE	2		139	35%
Suffolk	3		42	11%
SE Mass/Cape	4		121	30%

START

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and the Boston Globe. We would like to include your opinions. Do you have 5 minutes to complete this brief survey?
May I speak with a (male/female) in your household who is 18 years of age or older?

N=			400	100%
Continue	1	(1/ 88)	400	100%

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Gender

N=			400	100%
Male	1	(1/ 89)	191	48%
Female	2		209	52%

AGE

What is your age category?

N=			400	100%
18-24 yrs	1	(1/ 90)	8	2%
25-34 yrs	2		28	7%
35-44 yrs	3		63	16%
45-54 yrs	4		91	23%
55-64 yrs	5		85	21%
65-74 yrs	6		67	17%
75+ yrs	7		53	13%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8		5	1%

RACE

For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?

N=			400	100%
White/Caucasian	1	(1/ 91)	332	83%
Black/African-American	2		22	6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3		3	1%
Asian	4		12	3%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	5		1	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6		15	4%
Other (DO NOT READ)	7		13	3%
Refused/Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8		2	1%

Q1. Does your household have school-aged children?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 92)	119	30%
No	2		281	70%

Q2. Are you a homeowner, renter, or do you live with your parents in their home?

N=			400	100%
Homeowner	1	(1/ 93)	302	76%
Renter	2		81	20%
Live with parents	3		13	3%
Other	4		4	1%

Q3. Are you employed full-time, part-time, retired, unemployed, or a full-time student?

N=			400	100%
Full-time	1	(1/ 94)	155	39%
Part-time	2		47	12%
Retired	3		131	33%
Unemployed	4		50	13%
Student	5		10	3%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		7	2%

Q4. Are you in college or do you have children or a spouse in or entering college?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 95)	75	19%
No	2		325	81%
Undecided	3		0	0%
Refused	4		0	0%

Q5

The following are questions about the economy and issues of the day:

Q5. The state of Massachusetts is facing a massive budget deficit. How should

the state raise more revenues - by raising:

READ LIST <RANDOMIZE>1-3

N=			400	100%
Gas Tax	1	(1/ 96)	69	17%
Income Tax	2		45	11%
Sales Tax	3		70	18%
Other	4		104	26%
None	7		84	21%
Undecided	5		26	7%
Refused	6		2	1%

Q6. If you had to choose, would you rather raise the gas tax or increase tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike?

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N=			400	100%
Raise the gas tax	1	(1/ 97)	108	27%
Increase the tolls on Massachusetts Pike	2		227	57%
Other	3		30	8%
Undecided	4		27	7%
Refused	5		8	2%

Q7. Knowing that maintaining roads and bridges is very expensive, how much would you be willing to raise the gas tax per gallon - 5 cents a gallon, 10 cents a gallon, 19 cents a gallon, or 30 cents a gallon?

N=			400	100%
5 Cents a gallon	1	(1/ 98)	162	41%
10 Cents a gallon	2		84	21%
19 Cents a gallon	3		28	7%
30 Cents a gallon	4		15	4%
NONE/No raise in gas tax	5		111	28%

Q27. Are you concerned that the state budget deficit will mean cuts to local services in your city or town?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 99)	300	75%
No	2		80	20%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		20	5%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		0	0%

Q28. Which cuts to local services are you most worried about?

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N=			300	100%
Cuts to schools	1	(1/100)	128	43%
Cuts to the police department	2		60	20%
Cuts to the fire department	3		36	12%
Cuts to libraries	4		18	6%
Cuts to public works	5		24	8%
Cuts to elderly services	6		20	7%
Other (DO NOT READ)	7		13	4%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	8		1	0%

Q8. What do you believe will be the state of the economy by the end of the year - do you think it will get better, get worse, or stay the same?

N=			400	100%
Get Better	1	(1/101)	172	43%
Get Worse	2		79	20%
Stay the same	3		141	35%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		8	2%

Q9. Are you more optimistic about the economy than you were six months ago - or less optimistic?

N=			400	100%
More Optimistic	1	(1/102)	169	42%
Less Optimistic	2		181	45%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		50	13%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		0	0%

Q10. When do you think the U.S. economy will recover?

DO NOT READ

N=			400	100%
Within 3 months	1	(1/103)	2	1%
3-6 months	2		11	3%
In a year	3		88	22%
In 18 months	4		58	15%
In 2 years	5		99	25%
In 3 years	6		45	11%
Over 3 years	7		70	18%
Other (Never)	8		9	2%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	9		17	4%

Q11. Do you think you'll have to work longer than expected before retiring?			
N=			400 100%
Yes	1 (1/104)	213	53%
No	2	145	36%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	3	42	11%
Q12. Looking at the price of stocks today, do you feel stocks in general will be a good investment or a bad investment over the next year?			
N=			400 100%
Good Investment	1 (1/105)	191	48%
Bad Investment	2	152	38%
Undecided	3	50	13%
Refused	4	7	2%
Q13. Thinking about the past six months, are you spending more money, less money, or the same on goods and services overall?			
N=			400 100%
Spending more	1 (1/106)	124	31%
Spending less	2	148	37%
Spending the same	3	125	31%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4	3	1%
Q14. How concerned are you that you might lose your job - very, somewhat, or not concerned?			
N=			202 100%
Very concerned	1 (1/107)	24	12%
Somewhat concerned	2	58	29%
Not concerned/not at all concerned	3	119	59%
Don't know	4	0	0%
Already lost job	5	1	0%
Q15. Would you be willing to take a pay cut in order to save a co-worker's job at your place of employment?			
N=			202 100%
Yes	1 (1/108)	125	62%
No	2	64	32%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	3	13	6%
Q16. How concerned are you about being able to maintain your standard of living?			
N=			400 100%
Very concerned	1 (1/109)	127	32%
Somewhat concerned	2	187	47%
Not concerned/not at all concerned	3	85	21%
Don't know	4	1	0%
Q17. How concerned are you about being able to keep up with your mortgage payments?			
N=			302 100%
Very concerned	1 (1/110)	42	14%
Somewhat concerned	2	63	21%
Not concerned/not at all concerned	3	185	61%
Don't know	4	12	4%
Q18. Have you changed the amount of money you give to charity - are you giving more, less, or the same?			
N=			400 100%
Giving more	1 (1/111)	25	6%
Giving less	2	162	41%
Giving the same	3	202	51%
Don't know	4	11	3%
Q19. Last month a \$787 billion stimulus measure was signed into law. Do you think the stimulus package will help your household a lot, a little, or won't make a difference?			
N=			400 100%
Will help a lot	1 (1/112)	22	6%
Will help a little	2	120	30%
Won't make a difference/no help	3	234	59%
Other	4	3	1%
Don't Know	5	21	5%
Q20. Do you think Congress should pass another economic stimulus package right away?			
N=			400 100%
Yes	1 (1/113)	68	17%
No	2	298	75%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	3	34	9%

Q21. The federal government has given \$700 billion dollars to banks and other companies to help stabilize the economy and financial system. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan?

N=			400	100%
Approve	1	(1/114)	155	39%
Disapprove	2		202	51%
Don't Know	3		43	11%

Q22. The federal government has said it may need to set aside hundreds of billions of dollars to give to banks and other companies in order to further stabilize the economy and financial system. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan?

N=			400	100%
Approve	1	(1/115)	94	24%
Disapprove	2		246	62%
Don't Know	3		60	15%

Q23. The U.S. auto industry is suffering, hurt by a sharp decline in sales. Do you think the federal government should help U.S. auto companies with a financial package?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/116)	136	34%
No	2		239	60%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	3		25	6%

Q24. When thinking about whether the federal government is doing enough to help the economy and Americans hurt by the downturn, would you say the federal government is doing enough, NOT enough, or too much?

N=			400	100%
Doing enough	1	(1/117)	139	35%
NOT doing enough	2		163	41%
Doing too much	3		63	16%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	4		35	9%

Q25. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the national economy?

N=			400	100%
Approve	1	(1/118)	259	65%
Disapprove	2		86	22%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		55	14%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		0	0%

Q26. Do you approve or disapprove of Deval Patrick's handling of the state economy?

N=			400	100%
Approve	1	(1/119)	113	28%
Disapprove	2		230	58%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		52	13%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		5	1%

Q29. If you would like to be interviewed by a Boston Globe reporter for an upcoming article on the economy, please give me your first name and verify best phone number?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/120)	67	17%
No	2		329	82%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		4	1%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		0	0%