

MA Statewide

GEOC

N=			500	100%
Worcester/West	1	(1/ 86)	120	24%
NE	2		175	35%
Suffolk	3		39	8%
SE Mass/Cape	4		166	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.
 {INTRO} Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions?

N=			500	100%
Continue	1	(1/ 88)	500	100%

GENDR

Gender

N=			500	100%
Male	1	(1/ 89)	239	48%
Female	2		261	52%

S1

Thank You.

S1. Are you currently registered to vote?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 90)	500	100%
NO/DK/RF	2		0	0%

S2. Are you currently registered as a Democrat, Republican, or Unenrolled/Independent?

N=			500	100%
Democrat	1	(1/ 93)	184	37%
Republican	2		60	12%
Unenrolled/Ind	3		243	49%
Other	4		13	3%
Und/Ref/Not reg	5		0	0%

S3. What is your age category?

N=			500	100%
18-24 Yrs	1	(1/ 96)	9	2%
25-34 Yrs	2		43	9%
35-44 Yrs	3		95	19%
45-54 Yrs	4		120	24%
55-64 Yrs	5		109	22%
65-74 Yrs	6		65	13%
75+ Yrs	7		52	10%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8		7	1%

S4. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background/ancestry is?

N=			500	100%
White/Caucasian	1	(1/ 97)	435	87%
Black/African-American	2		26	5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3		2	0%
Asian	4		2	0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5		0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6		35	7%

Q1. Are there any members of your household who are union members

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 98)	120	24%
No	2		378	76%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		2	0%

Q2. Do you currently have children in the school system?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 99)	146	29%
No	2		353	71%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		1	0%

PRE3

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=			500	100%
Continue	1	(1/100)	500	100%

Q3. Is your opinion of Deval Patrick generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/101)	3	1%
Favorable	2		241	48%
Unfavorable	3		215	43%
Heard of/Undecided	4		41	8%

Q4. Is your opinion of Tim Cahill (KAY-Hill) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/102)	27	5%
Favorable	2		136	27%
Unfavorable	3		163	33%
Heard of/Undecided	4		174	35%

Q5. Is your opinion of Charlie Baker generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/103)	78	16%
Favorable	2		161	32%
Unfavorable	3		129	26%
Heard of/Undecided	4		132	26%

Q6. Is your opinion of Jill Stein (STYNE) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/104)	193	39%
Favorable	2		65	13%
Unfavorable	3		89	18%
Heard of/Undecided	4		153	31%

Q7. Is your opinion of Scott Brown generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/105)	13	3%
Favorable	2		291	58%
Unfavorable	3		135	27%
Heard of/Undecided	4		61	12%

Q8. Is your opinion of John Kerry generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/106)	12	2%
Favorable	2		252	50%
Unfavorable	3		190	38%
Heard of/Undecided	4		46	9%

Q9. Is your opinion of Barack Obama generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/107)	1	0%
Favorable	2		274	55%
Unfavorable	3		191	38%
Heard of/Undecided	4		34	7%

Q10

The following are questions about Massachusetts politicians and issues:

Q10. Do you think Massachusetts is heading in the right direction or is it on the wrong track?

N=			500	100%
Right	1	(1/108)	183	37%
Wrong	2		258	52%
Undecided	3		59	12%

Q11. Does Deval Patrick deserve to be re-elected or is it time to give someone else a chance?

N=		500	100%
Deserves re-election	1 (1/109)	193	39%
Give someone else a chance	2	258	52%
Undecided	3	49	10%

Q12. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Deval Patrick is doing as Governor?

N=		500	100%
Approve	1 (1/110)	221	44%
Disapprove	2	228	46%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	51	10%

Q13. There are four candidates for Governor. Which candidate will do the best job improving the state's economy (READ 1-4)

N=		500	100%
Deval Patrick	1 (1/111)	177	35%
Charlie Baker	2	149	30%
Tim Cahill	3	51	10%
Jill Stein	4	9	2%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	113	23%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6	1	0%

Q14. And which candidate is most likely to raise taxes - (READ 1-4)

N=		500	100%
Deval Patrick	1 (1/112)	241	48%
Charlie Baker	2	36	7%
Tim Cahill	3	24	5%
Jill Stein	4	19	4%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	169	34%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6	11	2%

Q15. Which of the four candidates is most likely to create jobs - (READ 1-4)

N=		500	100%
Deval Patrick	1 (1/113)	139	28%
Charlie Baker	2	136	27%
Tim Cahill	3	52	10%
Jill Stein	4	6	1%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	160	32%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6	7	1%

Q16. Which of the four do you trust the most - (READ 1-4)

N=		500	100%
Deval Patrick	1 (1/114)	171	34%
Charlie Baker	2	104	21%
Tim Cahill	3	58	12%
Jill Stein	4	19	4%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	142	28%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6	6	1%

Q17. If the General Election for Governor was held today and the candidates were Democrat Deval Patrick, Republican Charlie Baker, Independent Tim Cahill, or Green - Rainbow Party Jill Stein {STYNE}, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?

N=		500	100%
Vote/Lean Patrick - Democrat	1 (1/115)	201	40%
Vote/Lean Baker - Republican	2	164	33%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3	68	14%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green - Rainbow	4	18	4%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	49	10%

Q18. If you were standing in the voting booth right now, would you prefer Democrat Patrick, Republican Baker, Independent Cahill, or Green - Rainbow Party Stein {STYNE}?

N=		49	100%
Vote/Lean Patrick - Democrat	1 (1/116)	6	12%
Vote/Lean Baker - Republican	2	8	16%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3	3	6%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green - Rainbow	4	3	6%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	29	59%

Q17 & 18 Combined

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Patrick - Democrat	1	(1/115)	207	41%
Vote/Lean Baker - Republican	2		172	34%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3		71	14%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green - Rainbow	4		21	4%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		29	6%

Q19. If it was apparent that your first choice could not win the election, which candidate would be your second choice?

N=			471	100%
Deval Patrick - Democrat	1	(1/117)	76	16%
Charlie Baker - Republican	2		73	15%
Tim Cahill - Independent	3		176	37%
Jill Stein - Green - Rainbow	4		31	7%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		115	24%

Q20. Are you planning to watch the Governor's debate next Tuesday, September 21st?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/118)	324	65%
No	2		148	30%
Undecided	3		28	6%

Q21. Who do you think will win the debate - Deval Patrick, Charlie Baker, Tim Cahill, or Jill Stein {STYNE}?

N=			500	100%
Deval Patrick	1	(1/119)	126	25%
Charlie Baker	2		110	22%
Tim Cahill	3		32	6%
Jill Stein	4		7	1%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		220	44%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		5	1%

Q22. Some people say Tim Cahill is a Democrat because he was elected the Democratic Treasurer four years ago. Others say he is more of a Republican because he has a Republican running mate. But Cahill says he is an Independent. Do you think Tim Cahill is an Independent, Democrat or Republican?

N=			500	100%
Independent	1	(1/120)	206	41%
Democrat	2		141	28%
Republican	3		50	10%
Undecided	4		103	21%

Q23. If the General Election for State Treasurer was held today and the candidates were W23 >, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Grossman (D)	1	(1/122)	196	39%
Vote/Lean Polito (R)	2		141	28%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		163	33%

Q24. If the General Election for State Auditor was held today and the candidates were W24 >, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Bump (D)	1	(1/124)	144	29%
Vote/Lean Connaughton (R)	2		137	27%
Vote/Lean Fortune (G-R)	4		13	3%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		206	41%

Q25. How alike are President Barack Obama and Governor Deval Patrick in their political values?

N=			500	100%
Very alike	1	(1/125)	140	28%
A lot alike	2		180	36%
A little alike	3		120	24%
Not at all alike	4		30	6%
Undecided	5		30	6%

Q26. Does that make you like Governor Patrick more or less?
 N= 500 100%
 More 1 (1/126) 128 26%
 Less 2 175 35%
 Same/No difference 3 164 33%
 Undecided 4 33 7%

Q27. There are a number of statewide ballot questions this fall. One such question would reduce the state sales tax from six and one quarter percent to three percent. At this point, do you support or oppose the proposal to cut the tax?
 N= 500 100%
 Support cutting to 3% 1 (1/127) 254 51%
 Oppose cutting to 3% 2 211 42%
 Undecided 3 35 7%

Q28. Another ballot question concerns the elimination of the added sales tax on alcohol. Would you support or oppose the elimination of the added sales tax on alcohol?
 N= 500 100%
 Support elimination 1 (1/128) 220 44%
 Oppose elimination 2 245 49%
 Undecided 3 35 7%

Q29. Would you be more likely or less likely to support the current sales tax on alcoholic beverages if the revenues were strictly earmarked for alcohol and substance abuse programs rather than the general fund?
 N= 500 100%
 More likely 1 (1/129) 204 41%
 Less likely 2 140 28%
 About the same 3 106 21%
 Undecided 4 50 10%

Q30. Who do you blame for the failed casino gambling bill in Massachusetts - The Senate President, the Governor or the House Speaker?
 N= 500 100%
 Senate President 1 (1/130) 61 12%
 Governor 2 108 22%
 House Speaker 3 76 15%
 All of the above (DO NOT READ) 4 83 17%
 Undecided 5 172 34%

Q31. How much more in percentage are you willing to pay for renewable energy on your current electric bill for sources such as wind power, solar power or biofuels?
 N= 500 100%
 Zero 1 (1/133) 88 18%
 1 to 10% more 2 130 26%
 10 to 20% more 3 66 13%
 20 to 50% more 4 53 11%
 50 to 100% more 5 43 9%
 More than 100% 6 86 17%
 Undecided 7 34 7%

Q32. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The 2009 auto rescue and financial package for Chrysler and General Motors has been a success." Would you say you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree with that statement?
 N= 500 100%
 Strongly agree 1 (1/134) 68 14%
 Agree 2 174 35%
 Disagree 3 134 27%
 Strongly disagree 4 73 15%
 Undecided 5 51 10%

Q33. Thinking back to 2006 the candidates for Governor were Deval Patrick - Democrat, Kerry Healey - Republican, Christy Mihos (MY-hose) - Independent and Grace Ross - Green Rainbow Party. Did you vote for Patrick, Healey, Mihos or Grace Ross?

N=			500	100%
Deval Patrick	1	(1/135)	252	50%
Kerry Healey	2		117	23%
Christy Mihos	3		45	9%
Grace Ross	4		3	1%
Did not vote	5		44	9%
Undecided	6		26	5%
Refused	7		13	3%

Q34. Last year congress passed the American Recovery Act also known as the stimulus bill to jumpstart the economy. Has the American Recovery Act been good for the country?

N=			500	100%
Good	1	(1/136)	224	45%
Bad	2		211	42%
Undecided	3		65	13%

Q35. Has the American Recovery Act been good for Massachusetts?

N=			500	100%
Good	1	(1/137)	221	44%
Bad	2		176	35%
Undecided	3		103	21%

Q36. 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=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/138)	243	49%
No	2		247	49%
Don't know/Refused	3		10	2%

Q37. 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=			500	100%
Absolute prohibition of legally-recognized unions between people of the same sex	1	(1/139)	68	14%
Recognizing civil unions but prohibiting marriages between same-sex individuals	2		114	23%
Recognition of legal marriage between people of the same sex	3		270	54%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		36	7%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5		12	2%

Q38. Regardless of who you are personally supporting for Governor - when all the votes are counted this fall, who do you believe will be elected Governor on November 2nd - Deval Patrick, Charlie Baker, Tim Cahill, or Jill Stein (STYNE)?

N=			500	100%
Deval Patrick	1	(1/140)	259	52%
Charlie Baker	2		142	28%
Tim Cahill	3		30	6%
Jill Stein	4		1	0%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		66	13%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		2	0%