

GEOC

N=			500	100%
Worcester/West	1	(1/ 86)	120	24%
NE	2		175	35%
Suffolk	3		40	8%
SE Mass/Cape	4		165	33%

START

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University/7NEWS and I would like to get your opinions on some political questions.

Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions?

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

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Gender

N=			500	100%
Male	1	(1/ 89)	240	48%
Female	2		260	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

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

N=			500	100%
Democrat	1	(1/ 93)	185	37%
Republican	2		60	12%
Unenrolled/Ind	3		253	51%
Other	4		2	0%
Und/Ref/Not reg	5		0	0%

S3

S3. What is your age category?

N=			500	100%
18-24 YRS	1	(1/ 96)	14	3%
25-34 YRS	2		41	8%
35-44 YRS	3		97	19%
45-54 YRS	4		120	24%
55-64 YRS	5		110	22%
65-74 YRS	6		64	13%
75+ YRS	7		51	10%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8		3	1%

S4

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

N=			500	100%
White/Caucasian	1	(1/ 97)	455	91%
Black/African-American	2		18	4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3		5	1%
Asian	4		6	1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5		0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6		16	3%
Other (DO NOT READ)	7		0	0%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8		0	0%

PRE1

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/ 98) 500 100%

Q1. Is your opinion of Deval Patrick generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N= 500 100%
 Never heard 1 (1/ 99) 11 2%
 Favorable 2 188 38%
 Unfavorable 3 251 50%
 Heard of/Undecided 4 50 10%

Q2. Is your opinion of Tim Cahill (KAY-Hill) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N= 500 100%
 Never heard 1 (1/100) 70 14%
 Favorable 2 155 31%
 Unfavorable 3 81 16%
 Heard of/Undecided 4 194 39%

Q3. Is your opinion of Charlie Baker generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N= 500 100%
 Never heard 1 (1/101) 177 35%
 Favorable 2 90 18%
 Unfavorable 3 58 12%
 Heard of/Undecided 4 175 35%

Q4. Is your opinion of Christy Mihos (MY-Hose) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N= 500 100%
 Never heard 1 (1/102) 107 21%
 Favorable 2 102 20%
 Unfavorable 3 139 28%
 Heard of/Undecided 4 152 30%

Q5. Is your opinion of Bill Galvin generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N= 500 100%
 Never heard 1 (1/103) 93 19%
 Favorable 2 193 39%
 Unfavorable 3 56 11%
 Heard of/Undecided 4 158 32%

Q6. Is your opinion of Scott Brown generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N= 500 100%
 Never heard 1 (1/104) 7 1%
 Favorable 2 304 61%
 Unfavorable 3 119 24%
 Heard of/Undecided 4 70 14%

Q7. Is your opinion of Martha Coakley generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N= 500 100%
 Never heard 1 (1/105) 7 1%
 Favorable 2 199 40%
 Unfavorable 3 262 52%
 Heard of/Undecided 4 32 6%

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

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/106)	7	1%
Favorable	2		270	54%
Unfavorable	3		186	37%
Heard of/Undecided	4		37	7%

Q9

The following are questions about Massachusetts politicians and issues:

Q9. Do you think Massachusetts is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

N=			500	100%
Right	1	(1/107)	178	36%
Wrong	2		267	53%
Undecided	3		55	11%

Q10. 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	(1/108)	143	29%
Give someone else a chance	2		302	60%
Undecided	3		55	11%

Q11. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Deval Patrick is doing as Governor?

N=			500	100%
Approve	1	(1/109)	177	35%
Disapprove	2		271	54%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		52	10%

Q12. Do you think the Governor is a weak leader or is he a victim of the bad economy?

N=			271	100%
Weak leader	1	(1/110)	183	68%
Bad economy	2		59	22%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		29	11%

Q13. Do you think the state would be better off with a Republican Governor?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/111)	150	30%
No	2		240	48%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		110	22%

Q14. 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 this proposal?

N=			500	100%
Support cutting to 3%	1	(1/112)	243	49%
Oppose cutting to 3%	2		221	44%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		36	7%

Q15. Would you support or oppose the elimination of the added sales tax on alcohol?

N=			500	100%
Support elimination	1	(1/113)	268	54%
Oppose elimination	2		196	39%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		36	7%

Q16. Do you support or oppose casino gambling in Massachusetts?
 N= 500 100%
 Support 1 (1/114) 286 57%
 Oppose 2 169 34%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 45 9%

Q17. Although you are registered Independent/Unenrolled, are you more likely to vote in a Democratic or Republican Primary election?
 N= 253 100%
 More likely to vote in a Democratic Primary 1 (1/115) 88 35%
 More likely to vote in a Republican Primary 2 95 38%
 Neither (DO NOT READ) 3 18 7%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 51 20%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 1 0%

Q18. If the Democratic Primary for Governor was held today and the candidates were Deval Patrick or Grace Ross, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?
 N= 273 100%
 Vote/Lean Patrick 1 (1/117) 162 59%
 Vote/Lean Ross 2 41 15%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 70 26%

Q19. If the Democratic Primary for State Treasurer was held today and the candidates were Steve Grossman {GROSS-Mun} or Stephen Murphy, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?
 N= 273 100%
 Vote/Lean Grossman 1 (1/118) 36 13%
 Vote/Lean Murphy 2 41 15%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 196 72%

Q20. If the Democratic Primary for State Auditor was held today and the candidates were Suzanne Bump, Guy Glodis {GLO-Dis}, or Michael Lake, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?
 N= 273 100%
 Vote/Lean Bump 1 (1/119) 18 7%
 Vote/Lean Glodis 2 21 8%
 Vote/Lean Lake 3 16 6%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 218 80%

Q21. If the Republican Primary for Governor was held today and the candidates were Charlie Baker or Christy Mihos, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?
 N= 155 100%
 Vote/Lean Baker 1 (1/120) 73 47%
 Vote/Lean Mihos 2 26 17%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 56 36%

Q22. If the Republican Primary for State Auditor was held today and the candidates were Mary Z. Connaughton {CONN-Ah-Tin}, Kamal Jain, or Earle Stroll, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?
 N= 155 100%
 Vote/Lean Connaughton 1 (1/121) 7 5%
 Vote/Lean Jain 2 2 1%
 Vote/Lean Stroll 3 6 4%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 140 90%

Q23. If the General Election for Governor was held today and the candidates were Democrat Deval Patrick, Republican Charlie Baker, Independent Tim Cahill, or Green 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	(1/122)	165	33%
Vote/Lean Baker - Republican	2		126	25%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3		114	23%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green	4		14	3%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		81	16%

Q24. Substituting Christy Mihos for Charlie Baker, if the General Election for Governor was held today and the candidates were Democrat Deval Patrick, Republican Christy Mihos, Independent Tim Cahill, or Green 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	(1/123)	172	34%
Vote/Lean Mihos - Republican	2		94	19%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3		130	26%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green	4		16	3%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		88	18%

Q25. If it was apparent that your first choice could not win the election, which candidate (or party) would be your second choice?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Patrick - Democrat	1	(1/124)	67	13%
Vote/Lean Mihos/Baker - Republican	2		118	24%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3		146	29%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green	4		32	6%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		137	27%

Q26. Do you view Independent Tim Cahill {K-Hill} as an Independent candidate for Governor or do you view him as still a Democrat who left his party to run for Governor?

N=			500	100%
Cahill a true Independent	1	(1/125)	129	26%
Cahill a true Democrat	2		234	47%
Undecided	3		131	26%
Refused	4		6	1%

Q27. If the General Election for State Treasurer was held today and the candidates were Democrat Steve Grossman {GROSS-Mun} or Republican Karyn Polito {Pol-LEE-Toe}, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Grossman - Democrat	1	(1/126)	161	32%
Vote/Lean Polito - Republican	2		138	28%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		201	40%

Q28. If the General Election for State Treasurer was held today and the candidates were Democrat Stephen Murphy or Republican Karyn Polito {Pol-LEE-Toe}, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Murphy - Democrat	1	(1/127)	154	31%
Vote/Lean Polito - Republican	2		139	28%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		207	41%

Q29. In January there was a special election for U.S. Senate. Did you vote for Scott Brown - REPUBLICAN, Martha Coakley - DEMOCRAT, or Joseph L. Kennedy - LIBERTY - or did you not vote in that election?

N=			500	100%
Scott Brown	1	(1/128)	246	49%
Martha Coakley	2		181	36%
Joesph L. Kennedy	3		4	1%
Did not vote	4		61	12%

Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		1	0%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		7	1%

Q30. If you had you voted, would you have preferred Brown, Coakley, or Kennedy?

N=			61	100%
Scott Brown	1	(1/129)	15	25%
Martha Coakley	2		27	44%
Joesph L. Kennedy	3		11	18%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		8	13%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		0	0%

Q31. Which of the following reasons comes closest to explain why you voted for Scott Brown:

N=			246	100%
He was the best candidate for the job	1	(1/130)	116	47%
It was more of a vote against Martha Coakley ...	2		24	10%
It was more of a vote against Barack Obama	3		16	7%
It was a vote against the proposed national healthcare plan	4		60	24%
It was a vote against Democrats, in general	5		24	10%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	6		4	2%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	7		2	1%

Q32. Do you think the country would be better off if the Republicans controlled Congress, or if the Democrats controlled Congress?

N=			500	100%
Republicans	1	(1/131)	164	33%
Democrats	2		208	42%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		128	26%

Q33. If the Tea Party movement organized itself into a political party and the election for U.S. Congress in your district were held today, would you be more likely to vote for<Q33W >?

N=			500	100%
Republican	1	(1/133)	105	21%
Democrat	2		223	45%
Tea Party	3		65	13%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		107	21%

Q34. Overall, what is your opinion of unions in America, these days? Would you say your overall opinion is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Very favorable	1	(1/134)	74	15%
Somewhat favorable	2		187	37%
Somewhat unfavorable	3		127	25%
Very unfavorable	4		100	20%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		12	2%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		0	0%

Q35

Next, I want to ask you a couple of questions about labor unions.

Q35. My first question has to do the number of construction workers who belong to unions. Of all Massachusetts construction workers, which of the following, in your judgment, comes closest to the percentage of all Mass. Construction workers that belong to unions.

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH AT 11AM}

Q36. (The correct answer is around 20%). Now my next question has to do with how private contractors hire workers on public construction projects. In your opinion, should private contractors performing public construction projects be compelled to hire all of their workers through union hiring halls?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH AT 11AM}

My next two questions are about public employee unions.

Q37. Do you think members of public employee unions like <RANDOMIZE> police, fire, teachers, and government workers are overpaid, underpaid, or paid about right for the work they do?

N=			500	100%
Overpaid	1	(1/138)	95	19%
Underpaid	2		165	33%
Just about right	3		189	38%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		47	9%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5		4	1%

Q38. Do you believe that police officers who use their own time and money to earn associates, bachelors, and master's degrees should be granted salary increases of between ten and twenty-five percent of their base salary?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/139)	248	50%
No	2		217	43%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		34	7%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		1	0%

Q39. The next three questions are about bullying in schools. Has your child ever been bullied in school? {IF THEY SAY THEY ARE OLDER} Thinking back, was your child/children bullied in school?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 1ST AT 11PM}

Q40. Would you support legislation that would make bullying a crime?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 1ST AT 11PM}

Q41. Do you think the parents of students who bully other students should be punished as well?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 1ST AT 11PM}

Q42. 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	(1/143)	242	48%
No	2		256	51%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		2	0%

Q43. 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	(1/144)	89	18%
Recognizing civil unions but prohibiting marriages between same-sex individuals	2		143	29%
Recognition of legal marriage between people of the same sex	3		247	49%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		17	3%

Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 4 1%

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THE FINAL TWO QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SUVEY.

N= 500 100%
Continue 1 (1/145) 500 100%

Q44. Are there any members of your household who are union members?

N= 500 100%
Yes 1 (1/146) 120 24%
No 2 376 75%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 4 1%

Q45. Do you currently have children in the school system?

N= 500 100%
Yes 1 (1/147) 144 29%
No 2 355 71%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 1 0%