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 N=  
 Worcester/West ..... 1 ( 1/ 31) 98 25%  
 NE ..... 2 138 35%  
 Suffolk ..... 3 43 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? <ROTATE>  
 May I speak with a (male/female) in your household who is 18 years of age or older?

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

GENDR  
 Gender

N=  
 Male ..... 1 ( 1/ 94) 190 48%  
 Female ..... 2 210 52%

AGE

What is your age category?

N=  
 18-24 yrs ..... 1 ( 1/ 95) 6 2%  
 25-34 yrs ..... 2 33 8%  
 35-44 yrs ..... 3 70 18%  
 45-54 yrs ..... 4 88 22%  
 55-64 yrs ..... 5 93 23%  
 65-74 yrs ..... 6 50 13%  
 75+ yrs ..... 7 53 13%  
 Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 8 7 2%

RACE

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

N=  
 White/Caucasian ..... 1 ( 1/ 96) 334 83%  
 Black/African-American ..... 2 27 7%  
 American Indian and Alaska Native ..... 3 1 0%  
 Asian ..... 4 12 3%  
 Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander ..... 5 0 0%  
 Hispanic/Latino ..... 6 18 5%  
 Refused/Don't know (DO NOT READ) ..... 7 8 2%

Q1

Q1. Does your household have school-aged children?

N=  
 Yes ..... 1 ( 1/ 97) 112 28%  
 No ..... 2 288 72%

Q2

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

N=  
 Homeowner ..... 1 ( 1/ 98) 320 80%  
 Renter ..... 2 67 17%  
 Live with parents ..... 3 10 3%  
 Other ..... 4 3 1%

Q3

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

N=  
 Full-time ..... 1 ( 1/ 99) 212 53%  
 Part-time ..... 2 37 9%  
 Retired ..... 3 117 29%  
 Unemployed ..... 4 28 7%  
 Student ..... 5 0 0%  
 Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 6 6 2%

Q4

Q4. Do you own or lease a car?

N=			400	100%
Yes-own .....	1	( 1/100)	360	90%
Yes-lease .....	2		9	2%
No don't own or lease .....	3		31	8%

Q5

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

Q5. Which one of the following issues matters most in deciding your vote for president?

N=			400	100%
Taxes .....	01	( 1/101)	28	7%
Education .....	02		13	3%
Iraq War .....	03		48	12%
Terrorism .....	04		26	7%
Economy/Jobs .....	05		201	50%
Moral values .....	06		21	5%
Healthcare .....	07		38	10%
Environment .....	08		7	2%
Other .....	09		6	2%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	10		11	3%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	11		1	0%

Q6

Q6. 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	( 1/103)	82	21%
Get worse .....	2		163	41%
Stay the same .....	3		138	35%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		17	4%

Q7

Q7. Thinking about the past year, are you spending more money, less money, or the same on goods and services overall?

N=			400	100%
Spending more .....	1	( 1/104)	223	56%
Spending less .....	2		87	22%
Spending about the same .....	3		89	22%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		1	0%

Q8

Q8. Are you traveling more than or less than you did a year ago?

N=			400	100%
Traveling more .....	1	( 1/105)	26	7%
Traveling less .....	2		243	61%
Traveling about the same .....	3		128	32%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		3	1%

Q9

Q9. And are you eating out at restaurants more or less than you did a year ago?

N=			400	100%
Eating out more .....	1	( 1/106)	25	6%
Eating out less .....	2		231	58%
Eating out about the same .....	3		143	36%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		1	0%

Q10

Q10. Are you driving more or less than you were a year ago?

N=			369	100%
More .....	1	( 1/107)	26	7%
Less .....	2		180	49%
Same .....	3		160	43%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		3	1%

Q11

Q11. Why?

N=			167	100%
High gas prices .....	01	( 1/108)	152	91%
Other .....	00	( 1/110)	15	9%
Don't know/Refused .....	99	( 1/112)	2	1%

Q12

Q12. How concerned are you about being able to pay your heating bill this winter?

N=			387	100%
Very concerned .....	1	( 1/114)	118	30%
Somewhat concerned .....	2		113	29%
Not concerned/not at all concerned .....	3		154	40%
Don't know .....	4		2	1%

Q13

Q13. How concerned are you that you might lose your job - very, somewhat, or not concerned?

N=			249	100%
Very concerned .....	1	( 1/115)	17	7%
Somewhat concerned .....	2		41	16%
Not concerned/not at all concerned .....	3		186	75%
Don't know .....	4		5	2%

Q14

Q14. How concerned are you about the safety of your investments- very, somewhat, or not concerned?

N=			400	100%
Very concerned .....	1	( 1/116)	178	45%
Somewhat concerned .....	2		128	32%
Not concerned/not at all concerned .....	3		84	21%
Don't know .....	4		10	3%

Q15

Q15. How concerned are you about being able to keep up with your mortgage payments?

N=			320	100%
Very concerned .....	1	( 1/117)	34	11%
Somewhat concerned .....	2		64	20%
Not concerned/not at all concerned .....	3		213	67%
Don't know .....	4		9	3%

Q16

Q16. Are you thinking about moving out of state?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/118)	47	12%
No .....	2		353	88%
Don't know .....	3		0	0%

Q17

Q17. Why?

N=			47	100%
Expensive/High cost of living here .....	01	( 1/119)	21	45%
Too liberal .....	02	( 1/121)	10	21%
High taxes .....	03	( 1/123)	7	15%
Other .....	00		12	26%
Don't know/Refused .....	99		3	6%

Q18

Q18. How did last Spring's economic stimulus/ tax rebate check help your household?

N=			400	100%
Helped a lot .....	1	( 1/125)	25	6%
Helped a little .....	2		131	33%
Made no difference/no help .....	3		230	58%
Don't know .....	4		14	4%

Q19

Q19. Do you think Congress should pass another economic stimulus package right away?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/126)	117	29%
No .....	2		223	56%
Don't know .....	3		60	15%

Q20

Q20. Last week, the federal government announced a plan to stabilize the economy and resolve the financial crisis. Under the plan the government would spend up to 700 billion dollars to take bad mortgages off the books of financial institutions. Do you agree or disagree with this plan?

N=			400	100%
Agree .....	1	( 1/127)	117	29%
Disagree .....	2		197	49%
Don't know .....	3		86	22%

Q21

Q21. &lt;Q21\_W &gt;?

N=			314	100%
Homeowners need help .....	01	( 1/129)	11	4%
Help economy .....	02	( 1/131)	39	12%
No choice .....	03	( 1/133)	26	8%
Short term fix .....	51		16	5%
Shouldn't bail them out .....	52		50	16%
Why .....	00		125	40%
Don't know/Refused .....	99		52	17%

Q22

Q22. Should the federal government provide immediate assistance for homeowners facing foreclosure?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/135)	184	46%
No .....	2		151	38%
Don't know .....	3		65	16%

Q25

The following question will appear on your November ballot:

Q25. 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	( 1/138)	158	40%
No .....	2		196	49%
Don't know .....	3		45	11%
Refused .....	4		1	0%