

COUNTY CODE

N=			400	100%
Berkshire .....	03	( 1/176)	8	2%
Hampden .....	13		24	6%
Hampshire .....	15		8	2%
Franklin .....	11		5	1%
Worcester .....	27		47	12%
Middlesex .....	17		100	25%
Essex .....	09		47	12%
Suffolk .....	25		32	8%
Norfolk .....	21		48	12%
Plymouth .....	23		32	8%
Bristol .....	05		29	7%
Barnstable .....	01		20	5%

START

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm conducting a survey for 7 NEWS/Suffolk University and I'd like to get your opinions on some political questions. Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions?

N=			400	100%
Continue .....	1	( 1/235)	400	100%

S1

Thank You.

S1. Are you currently registered to vote?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/236)	400	100%
NO/DK/RF .....	2		0	0%

S2

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

N=			400	100%
Democrat .....	1	( 1/239)	144	36%
Republican .....	2		58	15%
Unenrolled/Ind .....	3		186	47%
Other .....	4		12	3%
Und/Ref/Not reg .....	5		0	0%

GENDR

Gender

N=			400	100%
Male .....	1	( 1/242)	199	50%
Female .....	2		201	50%

S3

S3. Although you are registered Unenrolled or Independent, which party primary - Democrat or Republican - do you think you might select when casting your vote for President?

N=			186	100%
Democrat .....	1	( 1/243)	76	41%
Republican .....	2		42	23%
Neither/Stay Independent .....	3		68	37%

PREQ1

Great, I'm 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.

N=			400	100%
Continue .....	1	( 1/245)	400	100%

Q1

First take Deval Patrick.

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

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/246)	9	2%
Favorable .....	2		213	53%
Unfavorable .....	3		101	25%
Heard of undecided .....	4		77	19%

Q2

Q2. Is your opinion of Bill Galvin generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/247)	79	20%
Favorable .....	2		181	45%
Unfavorable .....	3		35	9%
Heard of undecided .....	4		105	26%

Q3

Q3. Is your opinion of Kerry Healey generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/248)	21	5%
Favorable .....	2		161	40%
Unfavorable .....	3		160	40%
Heard of undecided .....	4		58	15%

Q4

Q4. Is your opinion of Tom Menino (Meh-NINO) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/249)	31	8%
Favorable .....	2		233	58%
Unfavorable .....	3		75	19%
Heard of undecided .....	4		61	15%

Q5

Q5. Is your opinion of Tim Cahill generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/250)	101	25%
Favorable .....	2		146	37%
Unfavorable .....	3		36	9%
Heard of undecided .....	4		117	29%

Q6

Q6. Is your opinion of Martha Coakley generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/251)	42	11%
Favorable .....	2		231	58%
Unfavorable .....	3		42	11%
Heard of undecided .....	4		85	21%

Q7

Q7. Is your opinion of Chris Cabrieli (Gab-bree-ELLIE) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/252)	55	14%
Favorable .....	2		170	43%
Unfavorable .....	3		70	18%
Heard of undecided .....	4		105	26%

Q8

Q8. Is your opinion of Joe DeNucci (Deh-NEW-Chee) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/253)	89	22%
Favorable .....	2		125	31%
Unfavorable .....	3		53	13%
Heard of undecided .....	4		133	33%

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=			400	100%
Right direction .....	1	( 1/254)	147	37%
Wrong track .....	2		175	44%
Undecided .....	3		78	20%

Q10

Q10. Who is the most powerful person on Beacon Hill?

N=			400	100%
Governor/Deval Patrick	01	( 1/255)	161	40%
Speaker of the House/Sal DiMasi	02		71	18%
Ted Kennedy	03		12	3%
Tom Menino	05		3	1%
Bob Travaglini	06		2	1%
Joe DeNucci	07		3	1%
Mitt Romney	08		2	1%
Person	97		13	3%
Don't know/Refused	98		133	33%

Q11

Q11. What is the most important issue facing Governor Patrick?

N=			400	100%
Budget	01	( 1/257)	75	19%
Taxes	02		61	15%
Health care	03		52	13%
Illegal immigration	04		18	5%
Economy/Jobs	05		44	11%
Education	06		31	8%
Crime	07		24	6%
Gay marriage	08		7	2%
His credibility	09		7	2%
Housing/Homelessness	10		3	1%
MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE	97		29	7%
Don't know/Refused	98		49	12%

Q12

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

N=			400	100%
Approve	1	( 1/259)	167	42%
Disapprove	2		109	27%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		124	31%

Q13

Q13. Overall, how would you grade Deval Patrick's performance over his first 100 days?

N=			400	100%
Above average	1	( 1/260)	49	12%
Average	2		192	48%
Below average	3		132	33%
Undecided/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		27	7%

Q14

Q14. Do you believe Deval Patrick has kept his campaign promises?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	( 1/261)	148	37%
No	2		145	36%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		107	27%

Q15

Q15. Has he made more mistakes than you expected?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	( 1/262)	190	48%
No	2		193	48%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		17	4%

Q16

Q16. Is Deval Patrick a better Governor than Mitt Romney?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	( 1/263)	179	45%
No	2		134	34%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		87	22%

Q17

Q17. Why hasn't Governor Patrick replaced the people on the Governor's staff

who were appointed by Mitt Romney and his Republican predecessors?

N=			400	100%
Doing a good job .....	01	( 1/264)	39	10%
Experience .....	02	( 1/266)	40	10%
He's taking his time making decisions .....	03		48	12%
He has changed them .....	04		11	3%
Answer .....	97		18	5%
Don't know/Refused .....	98		244	61%

Q18

Q18. If the election for Governor were held today and the candidates were Kerry Healey-Republican, Deval Patrick-Democrat, Christy Mihos-Independent, OR Grace Ross- Green Rainbow Party, for whom would you vote or toward whom would you lean?

N=			400	100%
Kerry Healey .....	1	( 1/268)	120	30%
Deval Patrick .....	2		194	49%
Christy Mihos .....	3		33	8%
Grace Ross .....	4		13	3%
Undecided .....	5		40	10%

Q19

Q19. John Kerry's Senate 6 year term will expire at the end of next year. Do you think John Kerry should run for another term or is it time to give someone else a chance?

N=			400	100%
Run again .....	1	( 1/269)	149	37%
Someone else .....	2		223	56%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		28	7%

Q20

Q20. If the Democratic Primary for President were held today and the candidates were (READ LIST) who would you vote for?

N=			220	100%
Joe Biden (BY-Den) .....	01	( 1/270)	3	1%
Hillary Clinton .....	02		70	32%
Christopher Dodd .....	03		1	0%
John Edwards .....	04		41	19%
Al Gore .....	05		28	13%
Mike Gravel .....	06		1	0%
Dennis Kucinich (Coo-SIN-Itch) .....	07		2	1%
Barack Obama (Bah-RACK, Oh-BAH-Mah) .....	08		39	18%
Bill Richardson .....	09		8	4%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	10		26	12%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	11		1	0%

Q21

Q21. If the Democratic Primary for Governor was held today and the candidates were Deval Patrick and Bill Galvin, for whom would you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?

N=			220	100%
Deval Patrick .....	1	( 1/272)	156	71%
Bill Galvin .....	2		39	18%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		25	11%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	4		0	0%

Q22

Q22. If the Democratic Primary for Governor was held today and the candidates were Deval Patrick and Chris Gabrieli, for whom would you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?

N=			220	100%
Deval Patrick .....	1	( 1/273)	153	70%
Chris Gabrieli .....	2		49	22%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		18	8%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	4		0	0%

Q23

Q23. If the Democratic Primary for US Senate was held today and the candidates

were John Kerry or Bill Galvin, for whom would you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?

N=			220	100%
John Kerry .....	1	( 1/274)	113	51%
Bill Galvin .....	2		60	27%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		46	21%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	4		1	0%

Q24

Q24. If the Democratic Primary for US Senate was held today and the candidates were John Kerry or Chris Gabrieli, for whom would you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?

N=			220	100%
John Kerry .....	1	( 1/275)	123	56%
Chris Gabrieli .....	2		62	28%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		34	15%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	4		1	0%

Q25

Q25. If the Republican Primary for President were held today and the candidates were (READ LIST) who would you vote for?

N=			100	100%
Sam Brownback .....	01	( 1/276)	0	0%
Jim Gilmore .....	02		1	1%
Newt Gingrich .....	03		3	3%
Rudy Giuliani (Julie-AH-Knee) .....	04		33	33%
Chuck Hagel .....	05		1	1%
Mike Huckabee .....	06		1	1%
Duncan Hunter .....	07		0	0%
John McCain .....	08		18	18%
George Pataki .....	09		0	0%
Ron Paul .....	10		0	0%
Mitt Romney .....	11		21	21%
Tom Tancredo (Tan-KREE-Doe) .....	12		4	4%
Fred Thompson .....	13		4	4%
Tommy Thompson .....	14		1	1%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	15		12	12%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	16		1	1%

Q26

Q26. Do you think you live better than your parents did?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/278)	304	76%
No .....	2		76	19%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		20	5%

Q27

Q27. Do you believe your children (or the next generation) will live better than you?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/279)	174	44%
No .....	2		154	39%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		72	18%

Q28

Q28. 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	( 1/280)	167	42%
No .....	2		229	57%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		4	1%

Q29

Q29. 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 ( 1/281)	60	15%
Recognizing civil unions but prohibiting marriages between same-sex individuals	2	129	32%
Recognition of legal marriage between people of the same sex	3	175	44%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4	25	6%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5	11	3%

Q30

Q30. Should Massachusetts residents have the right to vote on the definition of Marriage?

N=		400	100%
Yes	1 ( 1/282)	251	63%
No	2	127	32%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	22	6%

Q31

Q31. When all the votes are counted in November of 2008, who do you think will be our next President? (Not necessarily who you are voting for but who do you think will be the next President?)

DO NOT READ NAMES

N=		400	100%
Obama-Democrat	01 ( 1/283)	63	16%
Edwards-Democrat	02	27	7%
Clinton-Democrat	03	96	24%
McCain-Republican	04	20	5%
Giuliani-Republican	05	33	8%
Romney-Republican	06	19	5%
Other	97	10	3%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	98	119	30%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	99	13	3%

Q32

THE FINAL QUESTION WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR RESPONSES WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY

Q32. What is your age category?

N=		400	100%
18-25 YRS	1 ( 1/285)	12	3%
26-35 YRS	2	33	8%
36-45 YRS	3	68	17%
46-55 YRS	4	100	25%
56-65 YRS	5	75	19%
OVER 65 YRS	6	104	26%
REFUSED	7	8	2%