

GEOC

N=			400	100%
Worcester/West	1	( 1/ 31)	96	24%
NE	2		140	35%
Suffolk	3		32	8%
SE Mass/Cape	4		132	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. Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions?

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

S1

S1. Thank You. Are you currently registered to vote?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	( 1/ 94)	400	100%
No	2		0	0%

GENDR

Record Gender

N=			400	100%
Male	1	( 1/ 97)	191	48%
Female	2		209	52%

S2

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

N=			400	100%
Democrat	1	( 1/ 98)	142	36%
Republican	2		62	16%
Unenrolled/Ind	3		191	48%
Other	4		5	1%
DK/RF/Not reg	5		0	0%

S3

S3. Although you are unenrolled or independent, which party do you feel closest to - Democrat or Republican?

N=			191	100%
Democrat	1	( 1/101)	66	35%
Republican	2		65	34%
Unenrolled/Ind	3		60	31%

S4

S4. What is your age category?

N=			400	100%
18-25	1	( 1/103)	11	3%
26-35	2		36	9%
36-45	3		74	19%
46-55	4		105	26%
56-65	5		95	24%
Over 65	6		76	19%
Refused	7		3	1%

Q1

The following are questions about political issues:  
Q1. Do you think Massachusetts is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

N=			400	100%
Right direction	1	( 1/104)	139	35%
Wrong track	2		195	49%
Undecided	3		66	17%

PRE2

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=			400	100%
Continue	1	( 1/105)	400	100%

Q2

Q2. Is your opinion of Deval Patrick is generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/106)	0	0%
Favorable .....	2		205	51%
Unfavorable .....	3		143	36%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		52	13%

Q3

Q3. How about ... Bill Galvin?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/107)	101	25%
Favorable .....	2		125	31%
Unfavorable .....	3		37	9%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		137	34%

Q4

Q4. How about ... Ted Kennedy?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/108)	2	1%
Favorable .....	2		249	62%
Unfavorable .....	3		117	29%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		32	8%

Q5

Q5. How about ... Tom Menino (Meh-NINO)?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/109)	42	11%
Favorable .....	2		197	49%
Unfavorable .....	3		72	18%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		89	22%

Q6

Q6. How about ... Tim Cahill?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/110)	103	26%
Favorable .....	2		138	35%
Unfavorable .....	3		16	4%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		143	36%

Q7

Q7. How about ... Martha Coakley?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/111)	54	14%
Favorable .....	2		190	48%
Unfavorable .....	3		57	14%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		99	25%

Q8

Q8. How about ... John Kerry?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/112)	5	1%
Favorable .....	2		182	46%
Unfavorable .....	3		167	42%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		46	12%

Q9

Q9. How about ... Mitt Romney?

N=			400	100%
Never heard of .....	1	( 1/113)	0	0%
Favorable .....	2		169	42%
Unfavorable .....	3		199	50%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		32	8%

Q10

Q10. If the Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were John Kerry or Ed O'Reilly, for whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?

N=			208	100%
Kerry .....	1	( 1/114)	134	64%
O'Reilly .....	2		41	20%
Undecided .....	3		33	16%
Refused .....	4		0	0%

Q11

Q11. When Ted Kennedy completes his career, who would you like to see replace him in the United States Senate? {Try to get a name}

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Q12

Q12. Is Deval Patrick a better or worse Governor than you expected?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8/13 7NEWS BROADCAST}

Q13

Q13. If John McCain picks Mitt Romney as his Vice Presidential candidate, will you be more or less likely to vote for John McCain (Republican ticket)?

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Q14

Q14. Nationally, do you think the Presidential race will be close - or a landslide?

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Q15

Q15. Some people say that Barack Obama showed arrogance recently by taking a trip to Afghanistan and the Middle East acting as if he was already President. Other people say that Barack Obama took a necessary trip to learn about the problems in other countries and to familiarize himself with foreign leaders. Which is closer to your view?

N=		400	100%
Trip was too premature - arrogant .....	1	( 1/122)	127 32%
Trip was necessary to learn and meet other .....	2		248 62%
leaders			
Undecided .....	3		25 6%
Refused .....	4		0 0%

Q16

Q16. Some people say that President Bush should boycott the Olympic games in China because the extreme air pollution in Beijing poses a threat to the athletes, as well as continued human rights abuses by the Chinese government, and violations of basic privacy rights to Americans visiting China. Other people say that Bush should attend the Olympic Games regardless of the politics of the host country because the Olympic Games are about athletic competition.

Which is closer to your view?

N=		400	100%
Bush should boycott Olympic games .....	1	( 1/124)	75 19%
Bush should attend Olympic games .....	2		284 71%
Undecided .....	3		40 10%
Refused .....	4		1 0%

Q17

Q17. If the General Election for President were held today and the candidates were<Q17W > for whom would you vote or toward who would you lean at this time?

N=		400	100%
Obama-Democrat .....	1	( 1/126)	187 47%
McCain-Republican .....	2		151 38%
McKinney-Green .....	3		5 1%
Barr-Libertarian .....	4		5 1%
Undecided .....	5		51 13%
Refused .....	6		1 0%

Q18

Q18. If the General Election for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were John Kerry-DEMOCRAT or Jeffrey Beatty {BAY-Tee}-REPUBLICAN, for whom would you vote or toward whom would you lean at this time?

N=		400	100%
Kerry-Democrat .....	1	( 1/127)	204 51%
Beatty-Republican .....	2		115 29%

Undecided .....	3	78	20%
Refused .....	4	3	1%

Q19

There will be three questions on your November ballot:  
 Q19. 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?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8/13 7NEWS BROADCAST}

Q20

Q20. Question #2 is a proposed law that would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of lighter civil penalties. Offenders would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a fine of one hundred dollars. The money received from the fines would go to the city or town where the offense occurred. At this point, would you vote yes or no on question #2?

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Q21

Q21. Question #3 is a proposed law that would prohibit any type of dog racing in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of the dog occurs. These changes would take effect in the year 2010. At this point, would you vote yes or no on question #3?

N=		400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/130)	200 50%
No .....	2		147 37%
Undecided .....	3		51 13%
Refused .....	4		2 1%

Q22

Q22. Currently, only uniformed police officers are used for the purpose of directing traffic around work sites on Massachusetts public roads. Other states use civilian flaggers. Would you favor a change in Massachusetts laws that would allow civilian flaggers to direct traffic around work sites on public roads?

N=		400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/131)	345 86%
No .....	2		42 11%
Undecided .....	3		12 3%
Refused .....	4		1 0%

Q22A

Q22A. Do you support or oppose casino gambling in Massachusetts?

N=		400	100%
Support .....	1	( 1/132)	234 59%
Oppose .....	2		117 29%
Undecided .....	3		48 12%
Refused .....	4		1 0%

Q23

Q23. Who represents you better on Beacon Hill - the Governor or the Legislature?

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Q24

Q24. How much confidence do you have in Beacon Hill to spend your tax dollars wisely?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8/13 7NEWS BROADCAST}

Q25

Q25. Can Massachusetts afford its new healthcare reform law?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8/13 7NEWS BROADCAST}

Q26

Q26. In general, do you believe Logan Airport is a safe and secure airport?

N=		400	100%
Yes .....	1 ( 1/137)	299	75%
No .....	2	59	15%
Undecided .....	3	42	11%
Refused .....	4	0	0%

Q27

Q27. Do you believe there will be a terrorist attack executed on US soil in the next year?

N=		400	100%
Yes .....	1 ( 1/138)	87	22%
No .....	2	249	62%
Undecided .....	3	64	16%
Refused .....	4	0	0%

Q28

Q28. The price of gas. Have you driven less miles per week over the summer to adjust for the increase in the price of gas?

N=		400	100%
Yes .....	1 ( 1/139)	246	62%
No .....	2	143	36%
Other .....	3	9	2%
Undecided .....	4	2	1%

Q29

Q29. At what price point would you either cut back on your own driving or take other actions?

N=		154	100%
\$4.50/gallon .....	1 ( 1/140)	14	9%
\$4.50-\$5.00/gallon .....	2	16	10%
\$5.00-\$5.50/gallon .....	3	25	16%
\$5.50-\$6.00/gallon .....	4	14	9%
Over \$6.00/gallon .....	5	25	16%
Would not cut back .....	6	39	25%
Undecided .....	7	20	13%
Refused .....	8	1	1%

Q30

Q30. Do you believe the economy will get better or worse in the next year?

N=		400	100%
Better .....	1 ( 1/141)	153	38%
Worse .....	2	183	46%
Same .....	3	47	12%
Undecided .....	4	17	4%
Refused .....	5	0	0%

Q31

Q31. Massachusetts is expected to expand gay marriage to allow same-sex couples from other states to come here and be legally married, even if that couple's home state does not sanction gay marriage. Do you support or oppose this action?

N=		400	100%
Yes - same-sex couples from any state should be allowed to legally marry in Massachusetts	1 ( 1/142)	235	59%
No - same-sex couples should not be allowed to marry if their home state does not allow it	2	147	37%
Undecided .....	3	18	5%
Refused .....	4	0	0%

Q32

Q32. A recent tax credit for movie companies has resulted in fourteen movies made in Massachusetts in the past twelve months. Proponents say the tax credit is good because it brings added jobs and new money into the state. Opponents say that a tax credit for movie companies is bad policy because it costs the state more than it is worth, given other state programs that need revenue.

Which is closer to your view?

N=			400	100%
Tax credit good - added jobs and new money .....	1	( 1/143)	251	63%
Tax credit for movie companies is bad policy ... because cost is too high	2		86	22%
Undecided .....	3		63	16%
Refused .....	4		0	0%

Q33

Q33. 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?) - Barack Obama or John McCain?

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Q34

Q34. Will the Red Sox win the World Series this year?

{RESULTS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8/13 7NEWS BROADCAST}

Q35

Q35. Did the Red Sox do the right thing by trading Manny Ramirez?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/146)	287	72%
No .....	2		58	15%
Undecided .....	3		55	14%
Refused .....	4		0	0%