

## GEOC

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|----------------|---|----------|-----|------|
| 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?

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| 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%  |

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}

|                      |             |     |      |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|------|
| N=                   |             | 400 | 100% |
| Mitt Romney .....    | 01 ( 1/115) | 42  | 11%  |
| Joe Kennedy .....    | 02          | 48  | 12%  |
| Martha Coakley ..... | 03          | 43  | 11%  |
| John Kerry .....     | 04          | 36  | 9%   |
| Any republican ..... | 05          | 18  | 5%   |
| Name .....           | 00          | 23  | 6%   |
| Don't know .....     | 98          | 187 | 47%  |
| Refused .....        | 99          | 3   | 1%   |

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

|                 |            |     |      |
|-----------------|------------|-----|------|
| N=              |            | 400 | 100% |
| Better .....    | 1 ( 1/117) | 116 | 29%  |
| Worse .....     | 2          | 158 | 40%  |
| Undecided ..... | 3          | 126 | 32%  |
| Refused .....   | 4          | 0   | 0%   |

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)?

|                     |            |     |      |
|---------------------|------------|-----|------|
| N=                  |            | 400 | 100% |
| More likely .....   | 1 ( 1/118) | 131 | 33%  |
| Less likely .....   | 2          | 162 | 41%  |
| No difference ..... | 3          | 94  | 24%  |
| Undecided .....     | 4          | 12  | 3%   |
| Refused .....       | 5          | 1   | 0%   |

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

|                 |            |     |      |
|-----------------|------------|-----|------|
| N=              |            | 400 | 100% |
| Close .....     | 1 ( 1/119) | 300 | 75%  |
| Landslide ..... | 2          | 70  | 18%  |
| Undecided ..... | 3          | 27  | 7%   |
| 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?

|                 |            |     |      |
|-----------------|------------|-----|------|
| N=              |            | 400 | 100% |
| Yes .....       | 1 ( 1/128) | 142 | 36%  |
| No .....        | 2          | 199 | 50%  |
| Undecided ..... | 3          | 59  | 15%  |
| Refused .....   | 4          | 0   | 0%   |

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?

|                 |            |     |      |
|-----------------|------------|-----|------|
| N=              |            | 400 | 100% |
| Yes .....       | 1 ( 1/129) | 282 | 71%  |
| No .....        | 2          | 89  | 22%  |
| Undecided ..... | 3          | 28  | 7%   |
| Refused .....   | 4          | 1   | 0%   |

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%   |

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

|                   |   |          |     |      |
|-------------------|---|----------|-----|------|
| N=                |   |          | 400 | 100% |
| Governor .....    | 1 | ( 1/134) | 80  | 20%  |
| Legislature ..... | 2 |          | 159 | 40%  |
| No one .....      | 3 |          | 76  | 19%  |
| Undecided .....   | 4 |          | 84  | 21%  |
| Refused .....     | 5 |          | 1   | 0%   |

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

|                 |   |          |     |      |
|-----------------|---|----------|-----|------|
| N=              |   |          | 400 | 100% |
| A lot .....     | 1 | ( 1/135) | 31  | 8%   |
| A little .....  | 2 |          | 211 | 53%  |
| None .....      | 3 |          | 134 | 34%  |
| Undecided ..... | 4 |          | 22  | 6%   |
| Refused .....   | 5 |          | 2   | 1%   |

Q25. Can Massachusetts afford its new healthcare reform law?

|                 |   |          |     |      |
|-----------------|---|----------|-----|------|
| N=              |   |          | 400 | 100% |
| Yes .....       | 1 | ( 1/136) | 149 | 37%  |
| No .....        | 2 |          | 166 | 42%  |
| Undecided ..... | 3 |          | 84  | 21%  |
| Refused .....   | 4 |          | 1   | 0%   |

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?

|                 |   |          |     |      |
|-----------------|---|----------|-----|------|
| N=              |   |          | 400 | 100% |
| Obama .....     | 1 | ( 1/144) | 214 | 54%  |
| McCain .....    | 2 |          | 118 | 30%  |
| Undecided ..... | 3 |          | 68  | 17%  |
| Refused .....   | 4 |          | 0   | 0%   |

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

|                 |   |          |     |      |
|-----------------|---|----------|-----|------|
| N=              |   |          | 400 | 100% |
| Yes .....       | 1 | ( 1/145) | 116 | 29%  |
| No .....        | 2 |          | 231 | 58%  |
| Undecided ..... | 3 |          | 52  | 13%  |
| Refused .....   | 4 |          | 1   | 0%   |

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%   |