

Mass Statewide

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 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=			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%

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

N=			500	100%
Democrat	1	(1/ 93)	181	36%
Republican	2		61	12%
Unenrolled/Ind	3		254	51%
Other	4		4	1%
Und/Ref/Not reg	5		0	0%

S3. What is your age category?

N=			500	100%
18-24 Yrs	1	(1/ 96)	19	4%
25-34 Yrs	2		51	10%
35-44 Yrs	3		67	13%
45-54 Yrs	4		92	18%
55-64 Yrs	5		106	21%
65-74 Yrs	6		84	17%
75+ Yrs	7		81	16%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8		0	0%

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

N=			500	100%
White/Caucasian	1	(1/ 97)	429	86%
Black/African-American	2		17	3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3		4	1%
Asian	4		6	1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5		3	1%
Hispanic/Latino	6		18	4%
Other (DO NOT READ)	7		23	5%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8		0	0%

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

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 99)	5	1%
Favorable	2		223	45%
Unfavorable	3		232	46%
Heard of/Undecided	4		40	8%

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

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/100)	57	11%
Favorable	2		109	22%
Unfavorable	3		169	34%
Heard of/Undecided	4		165	33%

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

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/101)	156	31%
Favorable	2		100	20%
Unfavorable	3		86	17%
Heard of/Undecided	4		158	32%

Q4. Is your opinion of Jill Stein (STYNE) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/102)	301	60%
Favorable	2		36	7%
Unfavorable	3		36	7%
Heard of/Undecided	4		127	25%

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

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/103)	111	22%
Favorable	2		172	34%
Unfavorable	3		69	14%
Heard of/Undecided	4		148	30%

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

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/104)	14	3%
Favorable	2		285	57%
Unfavorable	3		118	24%
Heard of/Undecided	4		83	17%

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

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/105)	3	1%
Favorable	2		221	44%
Unfavorable	3		244	49%
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)	3	1%
Favorable	2		277	55%
Unfavorable	3		192	38%
Heard of/Undecided	4		28	6%

The following are questions about Massachusetts politicians and issues:

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

N=			500	100%
Right	1	(1/107)	178	36%
Wrong	2		262	52%
Undecided	3		60	12%

Q9A. Do you think the Massachusetts economy is improving?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/108)	225	45%
No	2		244	49%
Undecided	3		31	6%

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	(1/109)	167	33%
Give someone else a chance	2		277	55%
Undecided	3		56	11%

Q11. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Deval Patrick is doing as Governor?
 N= 500 100%
 Approve 1 (1/110) 210 42%
 Disapprove 2 246 49%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 44 9%

Q12. Do you support or oppose casino gambling in Massachusetts?
 N= 500 100%
 Support 1 (1/111) 273 55%
 Oppose 2 172 34%
 Undecided 3 55 11%

Q13. 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) 245 49%
 Oppose cutting to 3% 2 219 44%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 36 7%

Q14. Would you support or oppose the elimination of the added sales tax on alcohol?
 N= 500 100%
 Support elimination 1 (1/113) 241 48%
 Oppose elimination 2 216 43%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 43 9%

Q15. Although you are registered Independent/Unenrolled, are you more likely to vote in a Democratic or Republican Primary election?
 N= 254 100%
 More likely to vote in a Democratic Primary 1 (1/114) 105 41%
 More likely to vote in a Republican Primary 2 85 33%
 Neither (DO NOT READ) 3 21 8%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 41 16%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 2 1%

Q16. There are at least four candidates for Governor. Which candidate has run the best campaign so far (READ 1-4)
 N= 500 100%
 Deval Patrick 1 (1/116) 119 24%
 Charlie Baker 2 79 16%
 Tim Cahill 3 55 11%
 Jill Stein 4 11 2%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 5 227 45%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 6 9 2%

Q17. And which candidate has run the worst campaign - (READ 1-4)
 N= 500 100%
 Deval Patrick 1 (1/117) 63 13%
 Charlie Baker 2 55 11%
 Tim Cahill 3 69 14%
 Jill Stein 4 67 13%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 5 241 48%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 6 5 1%

Q18. Have you seen or heard the attack ads against Tim Cahill?
 N= 500 100%
 Yes 1 (1/118) 335 67%
 No 2 164 33%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 1 0%

Q19. How did they influence your opinion - would you say the ads made you more likely to vote for Deval Patrick, Charlie Baker, Tim Cahill, or Jill Stein?
 N= 335 100%
 Deval Patrick 1 (1/119) 71 21%
 Charlie Baker 2 49 15%
 Tim Cahill 3 34 10%
 Jill Stein 4 15 4%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 5 158 47%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 6 8 2%

Q20. Which of the four candidates do you trust the most - Deval Patrick, Charlie Baker, Tim Cahill, or Jill Stein?

N=			500	100%
Deval Patrick	1	(1/120)	170	34%
Charlie Baker	2		74	15%
Tim Cahill	3		49	10%
Jill Stein	4		31	6%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		169	34%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		7	1%

Q21. Which of the four reminds you most of Scott Brown?

N=			500	100%
Deval Patrick	1	(1/121)	23	5%
Charlie Baker	2		131	26%
Tim Cahill	3		44	9%
Jill Stein	4		11	2%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		280	56%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		11	2%

Q22. 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)	201	40%
Vote/Lean Baker - Republican	2		131	26%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3		63	13%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green	4		36	7%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		69	14%

Q23. If you were standing in the voting booth right now, would you prefer Democrat Patrick, Republican Baker, Independent Cahill, or Green Party Stein {STYNE}?

N=			69	100%
Vote/Lean Patrick - Democrat	1	(1/123)	9	13%
Vote/Lean Baker - Republican	2		16	23%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3		5	7%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green	4		3	4%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		36	52%

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N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Patrick - Democrat	1	(1/122)	210	42%
Vote/Lean Baker - Republican	2		147	29%
Vote/Lean Cahill - Independent	3		68	14%
Vote/Lean Stein - Green	4		39	8%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		36	7%

Q24. If it was apparent that your first choice could not win the election, which candidate would be your second choice?

N=			431	100%
Deval Patrick	1	(1/124)	70	16%
Charlie Baker	2		71	16%
Tim Cahill	3		107	25%
Jill Stein	4		69	16%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		106	25%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		8	2%

Q41. Regardless of who you are personally supporting for Governor - when all the votes are counted this fall, who do you believe will be elected Governor on November 2nd - Deval Patrick, Charlie Baker, Tim Cahill, or Jill Stein {STYNE}?

N=			500	100%
Deval Patrick	1	(1/125)	242	48%
Charlie Baker	2		102	20%
Tim Cahill	3		45	9%
Jill Stein	4		4	1%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5		107	21%

Q25. 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)	183	37%
Vote/Lean Polito - Republican	2		138	28%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		179	36%

Q26. 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)	179	36%
Vote/Lean Polito - Republican	2		145	29%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		176	35%

Q27. As you may know the President's aunt, Zeituni Onyango (zay-TOO'-nee ohn-YAHN'-goh), a Kenyan citizen, was recently granted political asylum in the U.S. after living in South Boston illegally for six years. Some people say she received special treatment and should be deported after living here illegally. Others say, that if she were deported, she would risk being harmed back in Kenya. Which is closer to your view: that she should have been deported or that the granting of asylum was the right decision?

N=			500	100%
Should be deported	1	(1/128)	147	29%
Asylum right decision	2		288	58%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		65	13%

Q28. Are you aware of the recent Arizona law cracking down on illegal immigrants?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/129)	470	94%
No	2		29	6%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		1	0%

Q29. Do you support or oppose it?

N=			470	100%
Support	1	(1/130)	249	53%
Oppose	2		186	40%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		35	7%

Q30. Should Massachusetts pass a law similar to the Arizona law?

N=			470	100%
Yes	1	(1/131)	204	43%
No	2		237	50%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		29	6%

Q31. Should the Massachusetts state legislature force individuals to provide proof of citizenship or legal residency if they seek state benefits such as public housing or public assistance?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/132)	419	84%
No	2		59	12%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		22	4%

Q32. Do you believe that everyone in America should be required to produce documents proving that they are here in the U.S. legally?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/133)	315	63%
No	2		152	30%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		33	7%

Q33. Do you support or oppose the recent ruling by the Supreme Court that says corporations and unions can spend as much money as they want to help political candidates win elections?

N=			500	100%
Support	1	(1/134)	71	14%
Oppose	2		408	82%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		21	4%

Q34. Do you think the United States Supreme Court decision allowing corporations and unions to spend as much as they want to help candidates win political office will have a positive or negative effect on elections in Massachusetts?

N=			500	100%
Positive	1	(1/135)	54	11%
Negative	2		390	78%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		56	11%

Q35. Do you think the Supreme Court decision allowing corporations and unions to spend as much as they want to help candidates win political office will have a significant effect on elections here in Massachusetts, or none at all: - Strongly significant, somewhat significant, somewhat insignificant, or no significance at all?

N=			500	100%
Strongly significant	1	(1/136)	188	38%
Somewhat significant	2		173	35%
Somewhat insignificant	3		17	3%
No significance at all	4		77	15%
Undecided/No opinion	5		45	9%

Q36. Massachusetts is expected to make substantial cuts in local aid in order to balance its next state budget. Given this, your local city or town must take action. Which of the following actions would you most prefer local government to take in response to these cuts?

N=			500	100%
Raise property taxes with a Proposition 2 ½	1	(1/137)	87	17%
override				
Impose a 5% salary cut on all city and town	2		127	25%
employees				
Increase employee contributions to city and town	3		170	34%
health care plans				
Lay off selected teachers, police, fire fighters	4		31	6%
or other municipal personnel				
Undecided/No opinion	5		85	17%

Q37. Last year the state's meals tax increased to six and a quarter percent. Has this increase changed the way you tip waiters and waitresses at restaurants - are you likely to leave a smaller tip or the same tip than before the tax increase?

N=			500	100%
Smaller tip	1	(1/138)	38	8%
Same tip	2		434	87%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		28	6%

Q38. How much do you plan to spend on vacations this summer compared to last year?

N=			500	100%
At least 10% less than last year	1	(1/139)	133	27%
About the same as last year	2		247	49%
At least 10% or more than last year	3		67	13%
Undecided/No opinion	4		53	11%

Q39. 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	(1/140)	226	45%
No	2		273	55%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		1	0%

Q40. 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	(1/141)	72	14%
Recognizing civil unions but prohibiting marriages between same-sex individuals	2		120	24%
Recognition of legal marriage between people of the same sex	3		272	54%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		28	6%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5		8	2%

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

N=			500	100%
Continue	1	(1/142)	500	100%

Q42. Are there any members of your household who are union members

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/143)	131	26%
No	2		363	73%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		6	1%

Q43. Do you currently have children in the school system?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/144)	98	20%
No	2		396	79%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		6	1%