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N=		500	100%
Worcester/West	1	120	24%
NE	2	175	35%
Suffolk	3	37	7%
SE Mass/Cape	4	168	34%

LIST

N=		500	100%
Non-Cell	1	413	83%
Cell	2	87	17%

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	500	100%

Gender

N=		500	100%
Male	1	234	47%
Female	2	266	53%

Thank You.

S1. Are you currently registered to vote?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	500	100%
NO/DK/RF	2	0	0%

A. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming Special Election for U.S. Senator - would you say you are very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or not at all likely?

N=		500	100%
Very likely	1	441	88%
Somewhat likely	2	59	12%
Somewhat unlikely	3	0	0%
No at all likely	4	0	0%
DK/RF	5	0	0%

B. Can you tell me when the Special Election for U.S. Senate will be held?

N=		500	100%
"June 25th"	1	169	34%
"End of June"	2	69	14%
"June"	3	185	37%
"Next month"	4	77	15%
All other responses	5	0	0%

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

N=		500	100%
Democrat	1	178	36%
Republican	2	54	11%
Unenrolled/Ind	3	266	53%
Other	4	2	0%
Und/Ref/Not reg	5	0	0%

S3. What is your age category?

N=		500	100%
18-24 YRS	1	28	6%
25-34 YRS	2	49	10%
35-44 YRS	3	99	20%
45-54 YRS	4	99	20%
55-64 YRS	5	108	22%
65-74 YRS	6	67	13%
75+ YRS	7	45	9%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8	5	1%

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

N=		500	100%
White/Caucasian	1	425	85%
Black/African-American	2	22	4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3	1	0%
Asian	4	2	0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5	0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6	25	5%
Other (DO NOT READ)	7	15	3%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8	10	2%

PRE1

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=		500	100%
Continue	1	500	100%

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

N=		500	100%
Never heard	1	1	0%
Favorable	2	326	65%
Unfavorable	3	153	31%
Heard of/Undecided	4	20	4%

Q2. Is your opinion of Richard Heos (HEE-ohs) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		500	100%
Never heard	1	344	69%
Favorable	2	17	3%
Unfavorable	3	52	10%
Heard of/Undecided	4	87	17%

Q3. Is your opinion of Edward Markey generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		500	100%
Never heard	1	6	1%
Favorable	2	267	53%
Unfavorable	3	148	30%
Heard of/Undecided	4	79	16%

Q4. Is your opinion of Gabriel Gomez generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		500	100%
Never heard	1	41	8%
Favorable	2	188	38%
Unfavorable	3	113	23%
Heard of/Undecided	4	158	32%

Q5. Is your opinion of Barack Obama generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		500	100%
Never heard	1	0	0%
Favorable	2	336	67%
Unfavorable	3	144	29%
Heard of/Undecided	4	20	4%

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

N=		500	100%
Never heard	1	2	0%
Favorable	2	260	52%
Unfavorable	3	198	40%
Heard of/Undecided	4	40	8%

Q7. Is your opinion of Elizabeth Warren generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		500	100%
Never heard	1	3	1%
Favorable	2	294	59%
Unfavorable	3	163	33%
Heard of/Undecided	4	40	8%

Q8. Is your opinion of Tom Menino (meh-NEENO) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		500	100%
Never heard	1	9	2%
Favorable	2	375	75%
Unfavorable	3	64	13%
Heard of/Undecided	4	52	10%

The following are questions about politicians and issues:

Q9. On June 25th the General election for U.S. Senate will be held. The three candidates listed on your ballot are Gabriel Gomez - REPUBLICAN, Edward Markey - DEMOCRAT, and Richard Heos - TWELVE VISIONS PARTY. For whom will you vote or toward whom do you lean at this time - Gomez, Markey, or Heos (HEE-ohs)?

N=		500	100%
Gabriel Gomez - REPUBLICAN	1	175	35%
Edward Markey - DEMOCRAT	2	261	52%
Richard Heos (HEE-ohs)- TWELVE VISIONS PARTY ...	3	4	1%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4	55	11%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5	5	1%

Q10. If you were standing in the voting booth right now would you vote for Gomez, Markey, or Heos (HEE-ohs)?

N=		60	100%
Gabriel Gomez - REPUBLICAN	1	13	22%
Edward Markey - DEMOCRAT	2	16	27%
Richard Heos (HEE-ohs)- TWELVE VISIONS PARTY ...	3	0	0%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4	27	45%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5	4	7%

Q11. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

N=		500	100%
Approve	1	313	63%
Disapprove	2	158	32%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	29	6%

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

N=		500	100%
Approve	1	319	64%
Disapprove	2	157	31%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	24	5%

Q13. Do you think Massachusetts is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

N=		500	100%
Right direction	1	294	59%
Wrong track	2	158	32%
Undecided	3	48	10%

Q14. Is the recession over in Massachusetts?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	147	29%
No	2	305	61%
Undecided	3	48	10%

Q15. Both party candidates have begun to make statements about the other. Do you believe Ed Markey is a poster boy for term limits?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	140	28%
No	2	216	43%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	137	27%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	7	1%

Q16. Is Gabriel Gomez experienced enough to be U.S. Senator?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	194	39%
No	2	196	39%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	109	22%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	1	0%

Q17. Is Ed Markey too liberal to represent Massachusetts?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	139	28%
No	2	302	60%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	57	11%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	2	0%

Q18. Is Gabriel Gomez too conservative to represent Massachusetts?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	146	29%
No	2	234	47%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	120	24%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	0	0%

Q19. How important is the people's pledge to limit campaign spending from outside groups - very important, somewhat important, not very important, not at all important, or you don't know what the People's Pledge is about?

N=		500	100%
Very important	1	238	48%
Somewhat important	2	113	23%
Not very important	3	29	6%
Not at all important	4	48	10%
Don't know What People's Pledge is all about ...	5	58	12%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	6	12	2%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	7	2	0%

Q20. Which candidate - Gabriel Gomez or Ed Markey: Is more in touch with people like you?

N=		500	100%
Gomez	1	170	34%
Markey	2	221	44%
Undecided	3	109	22%

Q21. Which candidate - Gabriel Gomez or Ed Markey: Is a good listener?

N=		500	100%
Gomez	1	97	19%
Markey	2	162	32%
Undecided	3	241	48%

Q22. Which candidate - Gabriel Gomez or Ed Markey: Is a fighter for the environment?

N=		500	100%
Gomez	1	52	10%
Markey	2	264	53%
Undecided	3	184	37%

Q23. Which candidate - Gabriel Gomez or Ed Markey: Will help turn the economy around?

N=		500	100%
Gomez	1	150	30%
Markey	2	181	36%
Undecided	3	169	34%

Q24. Which candidate - Gabriel Gomez or Ed Markey: Will change the way Congress works?

N=		500	100%
Gomez	1	155	31%
Markey	2	126	25%
Undecided	3	219	44%

Q25. As a U.S. Senator, do you think Ed Markey will be an independent voice or toe the Democratic party line?

N=		500	100%
Independent Voice	1	143	29%
Toe the party line	2	288	58%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	69	14%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	0	0%

Q26. Do you think Massachusetts is out of the political mainstream?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	172	34%
No	2	283	57%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	45	9%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	0	0%

Q27. What is the most important issue facing our next U.S. Senator?

N=		500	100%
"Healthcare".....	01	18	4%
"Economy/Jobs".....	02	223	45%
"Taxes".....	03	0	0%
"War".....	04	7	1%
"Education".....	05	4	1%
"Spending/Budget".....	06	18	4%
"National Security/Terrorism".....	07	10	2%
"Gun Control".....	08	22	4%
"Immigration".....	09	25	5%
"Social Security".....	10	9	2%
"Environment/Climate Control".....	11	31	6%

"Foreign Policy".....	12	3	1%
"Represent/Help the people/Doing the right thing"	13	6	1%
"Fixing Congress/Government Issues/Work Together"	14	21	4%
"Stability of country/Back on track".....	15	12	2%
"Protecting the middle class".....	16	3	1%
Verbatim	97	43	9%
Don't know	98	41	8%
Refused	99	4	1%

Q28. Would you approve or disapprove of raising the minimum wage from eight dollars to ten dollars per hour?

N=		500	100%
Approve	1	384	77%
Disapprove	2	80	16%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	36	7%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	0	0%

Q29. Were you disappointed when Scott Brown declined to run for U.S. Senate in the special election?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	174	35%
No	2	316	63%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	10	2%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	0	0%

Q30. Did you go to the Boston Marathon last month?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	46	9%
No	2	450	90%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	2	0%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	2	0%

Q31. How likely are you to go next year?

N=		500	100%
Very likely	1	104	21%
Somewhat likely	2	64	13%
Not very likely	3	102	20%
Not at all likely	4	210	42%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	20	4%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6	0	0%

Q32. Thinking about the Marathon bombing last month, does that attack make you more or less likely to attend similar sporting or public events in the future, or will it make no difference?

N=		500	100%
More likely	1	32	6%
Less likely	2	53	11%
No difference	3	405	81%
Undecided/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	10	2%

Q33. Because he is being charged with federal crimes, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (JOE-car Sar-nev), the bombing suspect in custody, could potentially face the death penalty for his alleged involvement with the Boston Marathon attacks. Do you support or oppose him potentially facing the death penalty?

N=		500	100%
Support him facing the federal death penalty ...	1	280	56%
Oppose him facing the federal death penalty	2	171	34%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	45	9%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	4	1%

Q34. Should the public know what public benefits Boston bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev received before his death, or does he have a right to privacy?

N=		500	100%
Public should know his benefits	1	323	65%
He has a right to privacy	2	129	26%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	44	9%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	4	1%

Q35. Currently Massachusetts has two Democratic Senators: Elizabeth Warren and William Cowan {COW-en} who was appointed by Governor Patrick to temporarily fill the seat formerly held by John Kerry. Do you think that there is a benefit to electing one Democratic and one Republican U.S. Senator in Washington rather than two Democrats?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	229	46%
No	2	229	46%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	38	8%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	4	1%

Q36. Regardless of who you personally support for U.S. Senate, who do you think will be our next U.S. Senator?

N=		500	100%
Gabriel Gomez - REPUBLICAN	1	86	17%
Edward Markey - DEMOCRAT	2	378	76%
Richard Heos (HEE-ohs)- TWELVE VISIONS PARTY ...	3	3	1%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4	33	7%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5	0	0%

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

N=		500	100%
Continue	1	500	100%

Q37. Do you currently have children in the school system?

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	122	24%
No	2	378	76%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	0	0%

Q38. Are there any members of your household who are union members

N=		500	100%
Yes	1	123	25%
No	2	375	75%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	2	0%