

FINAL MA LIKELY VOTER 2016 STUDY

Region:

(N=500)	n	%
Worcester/West -----	118	23.60
Northeastern -----	177	35.40
Suffolk -----	46	9.20
SE Mass/Cape-----	159	31.80

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and I would like to get your opinions on some issues of the day in Massachusetts. Would you be willing to spend seven minutes answering some questions so that we can include your opinions? {IF YES PROCEED; IF NO, UNDECIDED, GO TO CLOSE}

1. SCREEN. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming election for president this November – very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, not at all likely?

(N=500)	n	%
Very likely -----	476	95.20
Somewhat likely -----	24	4.80

2. Gender

(N=500)	n	%
Male -----	234	46.80
Female -----	266	53.20

3. What is your age category?

(N=500)	n	%
18-25 Years -----	37	7.40
26-35 Years -----	93	18.60
36-45 Years -----	96	19.20
46-55 Years -----	100	20.00
56-65 Years -----	66	13.20
66-75 Years -----	52	10.40
Over 75 Years -----	41	8.20
Refused -----	15	3.00

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

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat -----	173	34.60
Republican -----	54	10.80
Independent/Unenrolled-----	265	53.00
Other -----	4	0.80
Refused -----	4	0.80

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

(N=500)	n	%
White/Caucasian -----	401	80.20
Black/African-American -----	35	7.00
American Indian / Alaska Native -----	1	0.20
Asian -----	13	2.60
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander -----	4	0.80
Hispanic/Latino -----	30	6.00
Other -----	6	1.20
Refused -----	10	2.00

6. Would you say you live in an urban, suburban, or rural area?

(N=500)	n	%
Urban -----	124	24.80
Suburban -----	269	53.80
Rural -----	97	19.40
Other -----	2	0.40
Undecided -----	5	1.00
Refused -----	3	0.60

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

(N=500)	n	%
Right Direction -----	303	60.60
Wrong Track -----	115	23.00
Undecided -----	82	16.40

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

(N=500)	n	%
Approve -----	317	63.40
Disapprove -----	145	29.00
Undecided -----	38	7.60

Great, I'm going to read you a list of individuals in state and national 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 Barack Obama. Would you say your opinion of Barack Obama is generally favorable or generally unfavorable? {Next name, "How about..."etc.}

{RANDOMIZE 10-15}

(N=500)	<u>NEVER HEARD</u>	<u>FAVORABLE</u>	<u>UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>HOF/UNDECIDED</u>
9. Barack Obama	1 0.20	337 67.40	133 26.60	29 5.80
10. Hillary Clinton	1 0.20	274 54.80	182 36.40	43 8.60
11. Donald Trump	1 0.20	113 22.60	349 69.80	37 7.40
12. Elizabeth Warren	17 3.40	281 56.20	153 30.60	49 9.80
13. Charlie Baker	30 6.00	321 64.20	60 12.00	89 17.80
14. Ed Markey	65 13.00	195 39.00	94 18.80	146 29.20
15. Curt Schilling	68 13.60	88 17.60	206 41.20	138 27.60

16. On Tuesday, November 8th, the election for president will take place. The Massachusetts ballot lists four candidates for president in the following order: Democrat Hillary Clinton, Libertarian Gary Johnson, Green-Rainbow nominee Jill Stein, and Republican Donald Trump. At this point, who will you vote for or lean toward?

(N=500)	n	%
Hillary Clinton, Democrat -----	285	57.00
Gary Johnson, Libertarian -----	21	4.20
Jill Stein, Green-Rainbow -----	13	2.60
Donald Trump, Republican -----	123	24.60
Undecided -----	48	9.60
Refused -----	10	2.00

There are four statewide questions on your ballot.

17. Question 1 would add one more slot machine establishment in Massachusetts. A YES vote would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law. A NO vote would make no change in current laws regarding gaming. At this point, will you vote for YES or NO?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	148	29.60
No -----	283	56.60
Undecided -----	66	13.20
Refused -----	3	0.60

18. Question 2 would expand the number of charter schools in the state. A YES vote would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment. A NO vote would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools. At this point, will you vote for YES or NO?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	227	45.40
No -----	227	45.40
Undecided -----	43	8.60
Refused -----	3	0.60

19. Question 3 is the farm animals question. A YES vote would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely. A NO vote would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals. At this point, will you vote for YES or NO?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	312	62.40
No -----	123	24.60
Undecided -----	59	11.80
Refused -----	6	1.20

20. Question 4 is the marijuana question. A YES vote would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products. A NO vote would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana. At this point, will you vote for YES or NO?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	244	48.80
No -----	212	42.40
Undecided -----	39	7.80
Refused -----	5	1.00

21. If recreational marijuana passes, do you think it would make you more or less likely to buy marijuana products? Or would it make no difference?

(N=500)	n	%
More likely to buy -----	74	14.80
Less likely to buy-----	79	15.80
No difference-----	332	66.40
Undecided -----	11	2.20
Refused -----	4	0.80

22. On balance, would you say {ROTATE} marijuana is safer than alcohol, about as dangerous as alcohol, or more dangerous than alcohol?

(N=500)	n	%
Marijuana SAFER than alcohol-----	202	40.40
About as dangerous-----	175	35.00
Marijuana MORE DANGEROUS than alcohol-----	64	12.80
Undecided -----	55	11.00
Refused -----	4	0.80

23. Do you think marijuana is a gateway drug to opioids?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	160	32.00
No-----	267	53.40
Undecided -----	68	13.60
Refused -----	5	1.00

24. Do you believe charter schools drain money from traditional public schools or have no significant impact on the budgets of traditional public schools?

(N=500)	n	%
Charter schools drain money -----	185	37.00
No significant impact-----	207	41.40
Undecided -----	101	20.20
Refused -----	7	1.40

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25. Do you believe allowing more charter schools will have a financial impact on your local school district?

(N=185)	n	%
Yes -----	149	80.54
No-----	23	12.43
Undecided -----	13	7.03
Refused -----	0	0.00

26. In two years, Senator Elizabeth Warren will be up for reelection. If the election for Senator were held today and the candidates were Democrat Elizabeth Warren and Republican Curt Schilling, who would you vote for or lean toward?

(N=500)	n	%
Elizabeth Warren, Democrat -----	289	57.80
Curt Schilling, Republican -----	122	24.40
Undecided -----	81	16.20
Refused -----	8	1.60

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Charlie Baker is doing as Governor?

(N=500)	n	%
Approve -----	347	69.40
Disapprove -----	51	10.20
Undecided -----	96	19.20
Refused -----	6	1.20

28. Some have said that the upcoming presidential election will be a rigged election. Do you agree?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	116	23.20
No-----	350	70.00
Undecided -----	29	5.80
Refused -----	5	1.00

29. Massachusetts has just begun early voting which means that you can vote at your local city or town hall right now to avoid the long lines on election day. Unlike absentee voting, you don't need a reason to vote early. However, if you vote early, you cannot change your mind and vote differently once you've cast your ballot. How likely are you to take advantage of this new opportunity to vote early – very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

(N=500)	n	%
Very likely-----	158	31.60
Somewhat likely-----	89	17.80
Not very likely-----	72	14.40
Not at all likely-----	150	30.00
Undecided -----	25	5.00
Refused -----	6	1.20

30. How confident are you that the new early voting in Massachusetts will be implemented in a fair and unbiased way by your local city or town clerk – very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

(N=500)	n	%
Very confident -----	314	62.80
Somewhat confident -----	106	21.20
Not very confident -----	21	4.20
Not at all confident-----	22	4.40
Undecided -----	33	6.60
Refused -----	4	0.80

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

31. Do you currently have school-aged children?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	118	23.60
No-----	376	75.20
Undecided -----	6	1.20

32. Are there any members of your household who are union members?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	94	18.80
No-----	398	79.60
Undecided -----	8	1.60

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING.]