

FINAL MASS VOTER STUDY

Region:

(N=600)	n	%
Worcester / West-----	144	24.00
Northeastern -----	210	35.00
Suffolk -----	53	8.83
SE Mass / Cape-----	193	32.17

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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. Are you a Massachusetts registered voter? {IF YES PROCEED; IF NO, UNDECIDED, GO TO CLOSE}

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	600	100.00

2. Gender.

(N=600)	n	%
Male -----	286	47.67
Female -----	314	52.33

3. What is your age category?

(N=600)	n	%
18-25 Years -----	44	7.33
26-35 Years -----	93	15.50
36-45 Years -----	108	18.00
46-55 Years -----	111	18.50
56-65 Years -----	108	18.00
66-75 Years -----	75	12.50
Over 75 Years -----	55	9.17
Refused -----	6	1.00

4. Earlier you said you were a registered voter in Massachusetts. Are you currently registered as a Democrat, Republican, or Unenrolled/Independent?

(N=600)	n	%
Democrat -----	207	34.50
Republican -----	67	11.17
Unenrolled / Independent -----	306	51.00
Other -----	11	1.83
Undecided / Refused -----	9	1.50

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

(N=600)	n	%
White / Caucasian -----	464	77.33
Black / African-American -----	44	7.33
American Indian / Alaska Native -----	3	0.50
Asian -----	24	4.00
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander -----	5	0.83
Hispanic/Latino -----	37	6.17
Other -----	5	0.83
Refused -----	18	3.00

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

(N=600)	n	%
Urban -----	145	24.17
Suburban -----	378	63.00
Rural -----	70	11.67
Other -----	3	0.50
Refused -----	4	0.67

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 Donald Trump. Would you say your opinion of Donald Trump is generally favorable or generally unfavorable?...{Next name, "How about.."etc} **{RANDOMIZE 8-12}**

(N=600)	<u>NEVER HEARD</u>	<u>FAVORABLE</u>	<u>UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>HOF/UNDECIDED</u>
7. Donald Trump	0 0.00	179 29.83	365 60.83	56 9.33
8. Elizabeth Warren	8 1.33	274 45.67	275 45.83	43 7.17
9. Charlie Baker	14 2.33	415 69.17	92 15.33	79 13.17
10. Ed Markey	83 13.83	233 38.83	151 25.17	133 22.17
11. Maura Healey	92 15.33	257 42.83	115 19.17	136 22.67
12. Marty Walsh	39 6.50	341 56.83	101 16.83	119 19.83

13. Do you think the House of Representatives should seriously consider impeaching President Trump – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	250	41.67
No -----	292	48.67
Undecided -----	55	9.17
Refused -----	3	0.50

14. Do you think Charlie Baker should run for a third term for Governor - yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	399	66.50
No-----	138	23.00
Undecided -----	62	10.33
Refused -----	1	0.17

{FOR 4.1 or 4.3}

15. Earlier you said you were registered as a/an {INSERT}. How likely is it that you will vote in the Democratic Primary next year? Would you say very likely, somewhat likely, 50-50, not very likely, or not at all likely?

(N=513)	n	%
Very Likely-----	314	61.21
Somewhat Likely-----	56	10.92
50-50-----	51	9.94
Not very Likely-----	32	6.24
Not at all likely-----	42	8.19
Undecided-----	15	2.92
Refused-----	3	0.58

{FOR 15.1 or 15.2}

16. Massachusetts will hold its Democratic Presidential Primary in March. If the Democratic Primary for President were held today and the candidates were {ROTATE}, for whom would you vote or lean toward?

(N=370)	n	%
Michael Bennet-----	1	0.27
Joe Biden-----	80	21.62
Cory Booker-----	4	1.08
Steve Bullock-----	1	0.27
Pete Buttigieg-----	31	8.38
Julian Castro-----	0	0.00
Bill de Blasio-----	0	0.00
John Delaney-----	0	0.00
Tulsi Gabbard-----	4	1.08
Kirsten Gillibrand-----	0	0.00
Mike Gravel-----	0	0.00
Kamala Harris-----	17	4.59
John Hickenlooper-----	0	0.00
Jay Inslee-----	0	0.00
Amy Klobuchar-----	1	0.27
Wayne Messam-----	0	0.00
Seth Moulton-----	4	1.08
Beto O'Rourke-----	2	0.54
Tim Ryan-----	0	0.00
Bernie Sanders-----	23	6.22
Eric Swalwell-----	0	0.00
Elizabeth Warren-----	38	10.27
Marianne Williamson-----	0	0.00
Andrew Yang-----	3	0.81
Other-----	4	1.08
Undecided-----	154	41.62
Refused-----	3	0.81

{FOR 15.1 or 15.2}

17. If the Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were Ed Markey, Shannon Liss-Riordan, or Steve Pemberton, who would you vote or lean toward at this time?

(N=370)	n	%
Ed Markey -----	162	43.78
Shannon Liss-Riordan -----	20	5.41
Steve Pemberton -----	18	4.86
Undecided -----	165	44.59
Refused -----	5	1.35

{FOR 15.1 or 15.2}

18. If the Democratic Primary for Governor in 2022 were held today and the candidates were Maura Healey or Marty Walsh, who would you vote or lean toward at this time - Healey or Walsh?

(N=370)	n	%
Maura Healey -----	127	34.32
Marty Walsh -----	133	35.95
Undecided -----	104	28.11
Refused -----	6	1.62

19. On the issue of abortion, the Massachusetts Legislature is considering a bill that would allow women to obtain an abortion after 24 weeks of pregnancy in cases of fatal fetal anomalies. Do you support or oppose this part of the bill?

(N=600)	n	%
Support -----	385	64.17
Oppose -----	140	23.33
Undecided -----	70	11.67
Refused -----	5	0.83

20. The second part of the bill would eliminate the requirement that minors obtain permission from a parent or judge before getting an abortion. At this point, do you support or oppose this part of the bill?

(N=600)	n	%
Support -----	276	46.00
Oppose -----	248	41.33
Undecided -----	69	11.50
Refused -----	7	1.17

The next questions are about education in Massachusetts.

21. Overall, do you believe public K through 12 schools are adequately funded in Massachusetts – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	171	28.50
No -----	360	60.00
Undecided -----	67	11.17
Refused -----	2	0.33

22. Thinking about your school district, do you believe public K through 12 schools in your school district are adequately funded – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	262	43.67
No-----	275	45.83
Undecided -----	61	10.17
Refused -----	2	0.33

23. How would you grade how well the high schools in your district prepare students for college – excellent, good, fair, or poor?

(N=600)	n	%
Excellent -----	129	21.50
Good -----	242	40.33
Fair -----	108	18.00
Poor -----	54	9.00
Undecided -----	64	10.67
Refused -----	3	0.50

24. Some people say there is a great amount of inequality in Massachusetts public schools. Others say there is no problem. How serious a problem do you consider the inequality of public schools on a scale of 1-10 where 10 is the most critical problem we face and 1 is no problem at all?

(N=600)	n	%
10 – Most critical problems -----	61	10.17
9-----	25	4.17
8-----	69	11.50
7-----	80	13.33
6-----	64	10.67
5-----	117	19.50
4-----	30	5.00
3-----	23	3.83
2-----	16	2.67
1 – No problem at all -----	56	9.33
Undecided -----	53	8.83
Refused -----	6	1.00

25. Would you be willing to accept less state education funding for your school district if it meant that low-income districts would receive more funding – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	309	51.50
No-----	222	37.00
Undecided -----	63	10.50
Refused -----	6	1.00

26. Would you be willing to pay more in state taxes to alleviate disparities in public K through 12 education in MA – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	349	58.17
No-----	209	34.83
Undecided -----	39	6.50
Refused -----	3	0.50

27. Some schools are doing well and some schools are failing. In your opinion, who is most responsible for failing schools {RANDOMIZE 28.1 – 28.5}

(N=600)	n	%
Teachers -----	35	5.83
Students -----	16	2.67
Administrators -----	120	20.00
Politicians -----	184	30.67
Parents -----	87	14.50
“All of the above” -----	47	7.83
Other -----	53	8.84
Undecided -----	55	9.17
Refused -----	3	0.50

28. How optimistic are you that state leaders can fix education inequality in Massachusetts – very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, not very optimistic, not at all optimistic?

(N=600)	n	%
Very optimistic -----	61	10.17
Somewhat optimistic -----	255	42.50
Not very optimistic -----	166	27.67
Not at all optimistic -----	88	14.67
Undecided -----	27	4.50
Refused -----	3	0.50

The next questions are about transportation and traffic in Massachusetts.

29. Has your commute to work, school, or general travel improved or gotten worse over the last five years?

(N=600)	n	%
Improved -----	64	10.67
Worse -----	364	60.67
Same -----	132	22.00
Undecided -----	36	6.00
Refused -----	4	0.67

30. Would you favor giving up lanes on highways and local roads for bus-only lanes to help move people faster – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	299	49.83
No -----	244	40.67
Undecided -----	54	9.00
Refused -----	3	0.50

31. Do you commute to work or school - yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	397	66.17
No -----	198	33.00
Undecided -----	4	0.67
Refused -----	1	0.17

{FOR 31.1}

32. How do you get to work or school most often:

(N=397)	n	%
Bus -----	11	2.77
Subway -----	16	4.03
Commuter Rail-----	17	4.28
Walk-----	8	2.02
Drive Alone -----	301	75.82
Carpool -----	18	4.53
Bike-----	5	1.26
Ferry -----	1	0.25
Combination of public transit-----	13	3.27
Taxi, Uber, Lyft -----	3	0.76
Don't commute outside of home regularly -----	3	0.76
Undecided -----	0	0.00
Refused -----	1	0.25

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

33. Do you currently have school-aged children?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	162	27.00
No-----	431	71.83
Undecided -----	7	1.17

34. What is your annual household income?

(N=600)	n	%
Under \$20,000 per year -----	26	4.33
Under \$50,000 per year -----	72	12.00
Under \$75,000 per year -----	82	13.67
Under \$100,000 per year -----	77	12.83
Under \$140,000 per year -----	84	14.00
\$140,000 per year or more -----	131	21.83
Undecided -----	33	5.50
Refused -----	95	15.83

35. What's the highest level of education you have completed?

(N=600)	n	%
Some high school-----	13	2.17
High school graduate -----	86	14.33
Some college -----	103	17.17
Trade/technical/vocational training -----	19	3.17
College graduate-----	204	34.00
Masters or PhD-----	164	27.33
Undecided -----	6	1.00
Refused -----	5	0.83

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