

Region:

(N=500)	n	%
Worcester/West -----	125	25.00
Northeast-----	178	35.60
Suffolk-----	41	8.20
Southeast/Cape -----	156	31.20

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. Would you like to spend less than seven minutes to help us out? {ASK FOR YOUNGEST IN HOUSEHOLD} Great, let me get you screened in.

1. Are you currently a registered voter in Massachusetts?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	500	100.00

2. With which gender do you most closely identify as – male, female, or non-binary (gender variant, non-conforming, etc.)?

(N=500)	n	%
Male -----	241	48.20
Female-----	256	51.20
Non-binary (gender variant, non-conforming) -----	3	0.60

3. Are you currently registered as a...?

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat-----	144	28.80
Republican-----	58	11.60
Unenrolled/Independent -----	273	54.60
Libertarian-----	1	0.20
Something else -----	10	2.00
Undecided -----	14	2.80

4. What is your age category?

(N=500)	n	%
18-24 Years -----	43	8.60
25-34 Years -----	68	13.60
35-49 Years -----	106	21.20
50-64 Years -----	130	26.00
65-74 Years -----	91	18.20
75 + Years -----	57	11.40
Refused-----	5	1.00

5. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me your ethnic background/ancestry? (READ)

(N=500)	n	%
White/Caucasian -----	362	72.40
Black/African American -----	39	7.80
Native American/Alaska Native -----	3	0.60
Asian -----	20	4.00
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander -----	2	0.40
Hispanic/Latino -----	52	10.40
2 or more races -----	6	1.20
Other -----	4	0.80
Don't know -----	12	2.40

6. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (READ)

(N=500)	n	%
Some high school -----	27	5.40
High school graduate-----	86	17.20
Some college-----	115	23.00
Trade/technical/vocational training -----	22	4.40
College graduate -----	158	31.60
Master's or PhD -----	87	17.40
Undecided -----	2	0.40
Refused-----	3	0.60

(ROTATE Q7 & Q8)

7. Do you feel the country is headed in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

(N=500)	n	%
Right Direction -----	116	23.20
Wrong Track -----	342	68.40
Undecided -----	42	8.40

8. Do you feel Massachusetts is headed in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

(N=500)	n	%
Right Direction -----	253	50.60
Wrong Track -----	183	36.60
Undecided -----	64	12.80

(ROTATE Q9 & Q10)

9. Does Senator Ed Markey deserve to be reelected – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	211	42.20
No -----	190	38.00
Undecided -----	99	19.80

10. Does Governor Maura Healey deserve to be reelected – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	231	46.20
No -----	190	38.00
Undecided -----	79	15.80

{FOR 3.1}

11. Earlier you indicated that you are registered as a Democrat. How likely is it that you will vote in the State Democratic Primary which will be held next September?

(N=144)	n	%
Very likely -----	118	81.94
Somewhat likely -----	20	13.89
Not very likely -----	1	0.69
Not at all likely -----	3	2.08
Undecided -----	2	1.39

{FOR 3.2}

12. Earlier you indicated that you are registered as a Republican. How likely is it that you will vote in the State Republican Primary which will be held next September?

(N=58)	n	%
Very likely -----	47	81.03
Somewhat likely -----	6	10.34
Not very likely -----	5	8.62
Not at all likely -----	0	0.00
Undecided -----	0	0.00

{FOR 3.3}

13. Earlier you indicated that you are registered as an Unenrolled/Independent. Do you think you will vote in the State Democratic Primary or Republican Primary which will be held next September? Or will you skip the primaries and just vote next November?

(N=273)	n	%
Democratic Primary-----	88	32.23
Republican Primary-----	40	14.65
Skip Primaries -----	74	27.11
Undecided -----	71	26.01

{FOR 11.1, 11.2, or 13.1}

14. Congressman Seth Moulton recently announced he was challenging incumbent Senator Ed Markey in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. If the election were held today, which candidate would you vote for – Markey or Moulton?

(N=226)	n	%
Ed Markey -----	102	45.13
Seth Moulton -----	49	21.68
Another Democrat-----	5	2.21
Undecided -----	70	30.97

{FOR 11.1, 11.2, or 13.1}

15. What if the candidates were...?

(N=226)	n	%
Ed Markey -----	77	34.07
Ayanna Pressley -----	78	34.51
Seth Moulton -----	37	16.37
Undecided -----	34	15.04

{FOR 12.1, 12.2, or 13.2}

16. I'm going to read you the three candidates seeking the Republican nomination for governor. At this point, who would you vote for or lean toward?

(N=93)	n	%
Mike Kennealy -----	12	12.90
Michael Minogue -----	6	6.45
Brian Shortsleeve -----	20	21.51
Undecided -----	55	59.14

17. If the general election for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were Democrat Ed Markey and Republican John Deaton, who would you vote for or lean toward? (ROTATE .1&.2)

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat Ed Markey-----	272	54.40
Republican John Deaton -----	156	31.20
Undecided -----	72	14.40

18. If the general election for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were Democrat Seth Moulton and Republican John Deaton, who would you vote for or lean toward? (ROTATE .1 & .2)

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat Seth Moulton -----	259	51.80
Republican John Deaton -----	143	28.60
Undecided -----	98	19.60

19. Donald Trump is 79 years old. Joe Biden was 82 during his reelection campaign. Ed Markey will be 80 next year as he runs for reelection. In your opinion, should political candidates be prohibited from running for office once they reach a particular age or do you think it depends on the individual candidate?

(N=500)	n	%
Prohibited from running for office once they reach a certain age -----	190	38.00
It depends on the individual candidate-----	292	58.40
Undecided -----	18	3.60

20. Overall, do you {ROTATE ASCENDING, DESCENDING} strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	67	13.40
Approve-----	71	14.20
Disapprove-----	63	12.60
Strongly disapprove -----	267	53.40
Undecided -----	22	4.40
Refused-----	10	2.00

Now, I am going to read you some of these same individuals that I tested head to head, just to gauge name recognition and favorability. 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 (RANDOMIZE 21-27). Is your opinion of (RANDOMIZE) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

(N=500)	<u>Never Heard</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>HOF/Undecided</u>
21. Michelle Wu	28 5.60	261 52.20	157 31.40	54 10.80
22. Maura Healey	12 2.40	247 49.40	188 37.60	53 10.60
23. Ed Markey	22 4.40	248 49.60	144 28.80	86 17.20
24. Seth Moulton	104 20.80	185 37.00	74 14.80	137 27.40
25. John Deaton	170 34.00	73 14.60	92 18.40	165 33.00
26. Ayanna Pressley	113 22.60	175 35.00	116 23.20	96 19.20
27. Elizabeth Warren	7 1.40	268 53.60	183 36.60	42 8.40

Here are some questions about the economy.

28. Of the following four options, how would you describe the U.S. economy? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Excellent-----	10	2.00
Good -----	94	18.80
Fair -----	189	37.80
Poor -----	197	39.40
Undecided -----	10	2.00
Refused-----	0	0.00

29. Within the topic of the economy, which is your greatest concern at the moment? Would you say...? {RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	n	%
Unemployment/job security-----	31	6.20
Inflation and the cost of living -----	183	36.60
Healthcare costs -----	123	24.60
Taxes-----	54	10.80
Housing affordability-----	87	17.40
Undecided -----	19	3.80
Refused-----	3	0.60

30. In the last 12 months have you considered leaving Massachusetts because of the cost of living here – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	162	32.40
No-----	338	67.60
Undecided -----	0	0.00

31. What is the single biggest strain on your household budget at the moment? Would you say...? {RANDOMIZE .1-.5}

(N=500)	n	%
Childcare -----	8	1.60
Housing-----	83	16.60
Groceries-----	74	14.80
Healthcare -----	86	17.20
Utilities -----	105	21.00
No real strain on my budget -----	94	18.80
Other -----	43	8.60
Undecided -----	5	1.00
Refused-----	2	0.40

32. How do you expect your household financial situation to change over the next year? Would you say it will...? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Significantly improve -----	26	5.20
Somewhat improve -----	79	15.80
Remain the same -----	246	49.20
Somewhat worsen -----	92	18.40
Significantly worsen -----	37	7.40
Undecided -----	18	3.60
Refused-----	2	0.40

Here are a few questions about ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

33. When it comes to ICE activity and arrests seen both in Massachusetts and around the country, what is one word you would use to describe your feelings about it?

(N=500)	n	%
"Angry" -----	15	3.00
"Horrible/Disgusting/Wrong/Reprehensible" -----	149	29.80
"Chaotic" -----	7	1.40
"Concerned" -----	8	1.60
"Cruel" -----	39	7.80
"Disbelief/Horrified/Terrifying" -----	34	6.80
"Excessive" -----	16	3.20
"Fascist" -----	12	2.40
"Good/Great" -----	78	15.60
"Illegal/Un-American" -----	16	3.20
"Lawful" -----	10	2.00
"Against/Disapprove" -----	17	3.40
"Necessary/Warranted" -----	25	5.00
"Sad" -----	8	1.60
"Unfair/Discriminatory/Racist" -----	8	1.60
"Mixed" -----	8	1.60
Other -----	24	4.80
Don't know/Refused -----	26	5.20

34. Do you support or oppose Donald Trump's push to deport immigrants living in the U.S. without legal status?

(N=500)	n	%
Support -----	181	36.20
Oppose -----	273	54.60
Undecided -----	46	9.20

35. How would you describe your opinion about how ICE has handled arrests and deportations? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	62	12.40
Approve -----	71	14.20
Disapprove -----	77	15.40
Strongly disapprove -----	271	54.20
Undecided -----	16	3.20
Refused -----	3	0.60

I have a few questions about healthcare and then some potential ballot questions and we'll be done – you've been great.

36. How much do you approve or disapprove of the job Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is doing as Secretary of Health and Human Services? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	43	8.60
Approve -----	115	23.00
Disapprove -----	50	10.00
Strongly disapprove -----	259	51.80
Undecided -----	29	5.80
Refused -----	4	0.80

(ROTATE Q37-38)

37. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
 "The benefits of routine childhood vaccines such as the polio vaccine and the MMR vaccines outweigh the risks."

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	300	60.00
Agree-----	119	23.80
Disagree-----	32	6.40
Strongly disagree -----	26	5.20
Undecided -----	21	4.20
Refused-----	2	0.40

38. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
 "The benefits of the COVID vaccine outweigh the risks."

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	194	38.80
Agree-----	111	22.20
Disagree-----	65	13.00
Strongly disagree -----	99	19.80
Undecided -----	28	5.60
Refused-----	3	0.60

39. How much do you approve or disapprove of the job the Massachusetts Legislature is doing?
 ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	30	6.00
Approve-----	215	43.00
Disapprove-----	100	20.00
Strongly disapprove -----	82	16.40
Undecided -----	68	13.60
Refused-----	5	1.00

40. A proposed ballot question would subject the Massachusetts Legislature and the governor's office to state public records law, meaning they would have to provide records such as schedules, contracts, and internal emails when the public asks for them. Currently, both the governor's office and the Massachusetts Legislature are exempt. Do you support or oppose a proposal to require the governor's office and Massachusetts Legislature to be subject to the state public records law?

(N=500)	n	%
Support -----	418	83.60
Oppose -----	35	7.00
Undecided -----	47	9.40

41. Currently, 3 in 4 Massachusetts Legislators receive extra stipends known as "leadership pay." This includes stipends for roles like committee vice chairs, which are at the lower end, and for positions like the House Speaker and Senate President, who receive the highest additional compensation. This additional pay can add between \$7,000 to more than \$100,000 to a lawmaker's salary. Proposed ballot questions would reform the stipend system or end it entirely. Would you support ending or changing the current stipend system for legislative pay? Here are three options: (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Support ending extra stipends -----	150	30.00
Support changing extra stipends-----	238	47.60
Oppose all changes -----	58	11.60
Undecided -----	49	9.80
Refused-----	5	1.00

42.	A proposed ballot question would cap annual rent increases in most rental units to no more than 5 percent statewide. Do you support or oppose such a proposal?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Support -----	313	62.60
	Oppose -----	153	30.60
	Undecided -----	34	6.80
43.	A proposed ballot question would cut the state income tax rate from 5 percent to 4 percent by 2029. Do you support or oppose such a proposal?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Support -----	334	66.80
	Oppose -----	116	23.20
	Undecided -----	50	10.00
44.	A proposed ballot question would allow residents to register to vote on Election Day. Would you support or oppose such a proposal?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Support -----	317	63.40
	Oppose -----	159	31.80
	Undecided -----	24	4.80
45.	How would you describe your own political viewpoint – very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative? {ROTATE .1-.5 ASCENDING TO DESCENDING}		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Very liberal -----	59	11.80
	Liberal -----	140	28.00
	Moderate -----	159	31.80
	Conservative -----	88	17.60
	Very conservative -----	25	5.00
	Other -----	7	1.40
	Don't know -----	22	4.40
46.	Finally, what is your annual household income range? I have... (READ)		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Under \$20,000 per year -----	42	8.40
	Under \$50,000 per year -----	62	12.40
	Under \$75,000 per year -----	52	10.40
	Under \$100,000 per year -----	82	16.40
	Under \$140,000 per year -----	82	16.40
	\$140,000 per year or more -----	133	26.60
	Undecided -----	47	9.40

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