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PACs key source of Markey funds

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US Representative Edward J. Markey, who has repeatedly called on Republican Gabriel E. Gomez to sign a pledge curbing third-party spending in their Senate race, knows from personal experience how difficult it is to renounce outside contributions.

Markey himself pledged in 1984 not to accept contributions from political action committees, but put that promise aside in 2003 after Congress tightened campaign finance laws and as the congressman contemplated the possibility of replacing Senator John F. Kerry, who was then running for president.

Between 2003 and 2012, the Malden Democrat received $2.7 million from political action committees, about a third of his total haul during that time.

Between Jan. 1 of this year and April 10 — 20 days before the Democratic primary that Markey won last week — PACs gave him more than $500,000, according to a Globe analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Markey's pledge three decades ago and the current proposed pledge apply to different types of contributions, but both represent well-funded outside forces trying to influence elections and policy.

The PAC donations that Markey once shunned go directly into his campaign account and require FEC disclosure.

The People's Pledge, which Scott Brown and Elizabeth Warren famously endorsed in their Senate campaign last year, discouraged advertising on behalf of either candidate by super PACs, a newer fundraising vehicle that can raise unlimited money, and nonprofit groups, which do not have to reveal donors.

Markey has devoted much of his energy since winning last week's primary to publicly urging Gomez to sign the pledge and has made campaign finance policy a calling card of his congressional portfolio.

"Everything and every contribution I have ever taken is completely disclosed, and it is limited, so the public can decide who, in fact, has given money and whether or not they want to vote for me," Markey said at a Monday press conference.

"Here, Gabriel Gomez is now saying he's willing to accept unlimited and undisclosed money, so it's impossible for the voters of the state of Massachusetts to, in fact, know who is supporting him."

For decades, Markey has hauled in large amounts from the communications and electronics industries, which he helped oversee during 20 years as either chairman or ranking Democrat of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications.

Between 1989 and 2012, most of which time Markey spent highly ranked on the committee, $2.5 million of the $12 million Markey raised came from those two industries, nearly $1 million of it from PACs after he dropped the pledge, according to the nonpartisan watchdog Center for Responsive Politics.

Over the same period, lawyers and lobbyists kicked in $2.2 million, about $322,000 of it through PACs.

That stretch of time was marked by groundbreaking advances in technology that demanded decisions in Washington about how to regulate the burgeoning new media industry.

Markey aides point to analyses by groups such as SOPATrack, which tracks the correlation between donations based on legislation and Congress members' votes, finding that Markey voted with a majority of his donors only 51 percent of the time.

"No one has fought harder for competition and for consumers within those industries than Ed Markey," said his spokesman, Mark Horan, referring to the industries that had donated most heavily.

Horan said Markey opted out of the hard line against PAC money after the 2002 enactment of the McCain-Feingold Act, which banned "soft money" — unregulated donations to political parties that could then be redistributed to candidates.
last year, it was widely hailed as a landmark defense against the type of negative, shadowy funded advertising common in recent years after courts ruled in favor of unshackling campaign finance.

About 80 percent of ads in a similar race in Ohio that did not have a pact were negative, the study found.

A study released last week by Common Cause found that just 9 percent of total spending in the Brown-Warren race flowed from outside groups, and none of it for TV ads after the two rivals signed the pledge.

Less than 40 percent of the ads in last year's campaign were negative, the study concluded.

Markey's decision to highlight Gomez's refusal has solid strategic footing.

At a press conference on Monday, Markey suggested a list of likely antagonists who would air ads against him, including Karl Rove, the National Rifle Association, and the oil lobby.

That strategy, of tying Gomez to national conservatives, echoes previously successful campaigns against Massachusetts Republicans.

With Gomez trailing Markey in the most recent fundraising report, with roughly $500,000 on hand to Markey's $4.6 million, the congressman also knows that he can afford to project a good-government image.

If outside groups sympathetic to him decide to capitalize on a pledge-free race later on, Markey can claim he tried to prevent such interference.

Markey has refused to say whether he would take the pledge unilaterally, but advisers call it unlikely.

A Suffolk University/7NEWS poll released on Wednesday reflected heavy support for the People's Pledge, with roughly 71 percent of likely voters calling it a very or somewhat important matter in the campaign.

Markey himself has benefited from heavy outside spending during the campaign. Over $2.1 million in outside spending came into Massachusetts before the primary, the vast majority of it designed to help Markey's campaign.

Markey and his primary opponent, Representative Stephen F. Lynch, signed on to the People's Pledge, but that did not prevent nonadvertising spending by outside groups.

The League of Conservation Voters spent over $468,000 in support of Markey between Feb. 20 and April 25, paying for polling, fliers, T-shirts, and computers, according to the Sunlight Foundation. Its super PAC, the LCV Victory Fund, spent over $360,000, most of it for field canvassing and consulting.

The NextGen Committee, a super PAC formed by California billionaire Tom Steyer, spent nearly $360,000 in its effort to blast Lynch for his support of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline. Of that spending, more than $100,000 was on aerial banners, which was not covered under their pledge.

Markey denounced Steyer's interference, saying "these kinds of tactics have no place in our political discourse and should be repudiated."

The Markey campaign made a $2,000 charitable contribution to Lynch's charity of choice after reports that Steyer also paid for online ads bashing Lynch.

Markey also benefited from nearly $320,000 in spending...
by the Service Employees International Union PAC.

Gomez picked up $93,000 in support from the Committee for a Better Massachusetts, a super PAC advised by Eric Fehrnstrom, a longtime aide to former Massachusetts governor and 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

Of the more than $500,000 Markey raked in from PACs between Jan. 1 and April 10, the most recent data available, the communications and electronics sector was the most generous, chipping in $142,500, according to a Globe analysis.

PACs identified as ideological or devoted to a single issue gave $120,356.

Lawyers and lobbyists sent in $59,000.

The health sector donated $52,100.

Markey has called his vote in favor of the 2010 health care expansion law “the proudest vote of my career.”

Within the communications and electronics sector, Hollywood has been particularly generous to Markey, donating over $1 million between 1989 and last year.

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**PAC GIVING TO MARKEY**

Top five sectors, Jan.-April

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Edward Markey, in Congress since 1976, has a big head start on fund-raising, argues his rival, Gabriel Gomez.
The Massachusetts Senate Polls Are Sending Mixed Signals

Two new polls ... two different snapshots of the race.

By Eric Randall | Boston Daily | May 9, 2013 11:51 am

The two newest polls in the special Senate race are sending us some serious mixed messages about the state of Democrat Ed Markey’s lead over Republican Gabriel Gomez. A WBUR/MassINC poll has Markey ahead by just six percentage points -- with support from 41 percent respondents to Gomez’s 35 percent. That’s pretty much in line with the first poll to come out after the primaries from PPP, which showed a four point race. But wait! A Suffolk University/7News poll also out today shows Markey ahead by a whopping 17 points—52 to 35. Huh?

The messages from polls might be mixed, but the messages from Markey’s fundraising team are decidedly one-note. Markey sent out a fundraising email Thursday that makes no mention of the poll that puts them way ahead (though it came out last night) focusing only on the one that shows a close race:

I’m sure you saw Sarah’s email last week about the poll that had us up just 4 points. There’s more — a brand new survey shows us barely outside the margin of error. The special election is in 48 days.

And just in case you weren’t shaking in your boots as you did a windsprint for your checkbook already, Markey’s email does some boogie-man name-checking:

My right-wing opponent has steadfastly refused to take the People’s Pledge to keep Super PACs out of this race. Karl Rove and the Koch brothers could be preparing to dump millions in unlimited, undisclosed dark money into attack ads against me.

They could be preparing to dump millions! Sweetie, get the checkbook!

At any rate, the trend in political-poll watching these days suggests that rather than look at any one poll, we get a clearer picture by aggregating all the polls on a single race. That’s the magic behind poll trackers like Talking Points Memo and Real Clear Politics, and some of the magic behind Nate Silver’s own well-guarded algorithm. The other trend is to note that polls this early in the race, particularly when neither candidate is particularly well known or well-defined among voters, doesn’t say a whole lot. Better to focus on other race fundamentals. When you do that, race-watchers like Nate Silver and the political scientists over at Mass Politics Profs suggest you’ll see that Markey’s actually far ahead. Shh, just don’t tell Markey’s donors.

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New poll puts Markey up 17 points over Gomez in US Senate race

By Jim O’Sullivan, Globe Staff

US Representative Edward J. Markey heads into the general election with a significant advantage over Republican nominee Gabriel E. Gomez in their Senate race, according to a poll released Wednesday that shows the Malden Democrat with a 17-point lead.

Markey pulled 52 percent support to Gomez’s 35 percent in the Suffolk University/7News survey of 500 likely voters who showed some knowledge that the election is scheduled for June 25. The poll, which Suffolk said had an error margin of plus-or-minus 4.4 percent, was conducted May 4-7.

Republicans are hoping that Gomez can resurrect the fleeting phenomenon that facilitated former Senator Scott Brown’s 2010 surprising victory over Attorney General Martha Coakley, a fresh GOP face toppling a heavily favored Democrat. Brown also trailed significantly in public polling immediately after the December 2009 primary.

Democrats, though, are committed to not repeating past mistakes and fumble away the seat held by current Secretary of State John F. Kerry, as they did with the late Edward M. Kennedy’s Senate office.

“I’m not saying the race won’t be close or it won’t get closer, or that Markey or somebody won’t gaffe,” said David Paleologos, the Suffolk pollster who conducted the survey. “But in terms of the starting point, this isn’t a handful-of-points race.”

The poll shows Markey buoyed by President Obama’s enduring popularity and popular support for a campaign finance pledge that he has urged Gomez to sign. Obama carries a 67 percent favorability rating in the survey, and 63 percent of respondents approve of his job performance.

“The coattail effect will be beneficial to Markey, and that’s a problem for Gomez,” Paleologos said.

Asked about the so-called People’s Pledge, designed to discourage outside groups from attempting to influence the election through advertising, 71 percent of respondents called it somewhat or very important, 16 percent considered it of little or no importance, and 12 percent were unfamiliar with the proposal.
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Markey himself enjoys a 53 percent favorability rating, with 30 percent viewing him unfavorably. Gomez carried a 38 percent favorability tally and 23 percent unfavorability. Fully 32 percent said they had heard of him but had not made up their minds.

The poll also asked voters about Brown, who remains popular in the state, with a 52 percent/40 percent split.

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A new poll released this morning by WBUR found Democratic US Representative Edward J. Markey leading Republican Gabriel E. Gomez by 8 points among likely voters in their race for the US Senate.

Among those voters who lean one way or the other — that is, those who initially do not have a preference, but pick a candidate when pressed by the interviewer — Markey led 46 percent to Gomez's 38 percent.

Without leaners, the poll found a 6-point race, with Markey leading 41 percent to 35 percent.

In the WBUR survey, conducted by the MassINC Polling Group, 43 percent of those polled had a favorable opinion of Markey, while 25 percent had an unfavorable view of him. Thirty-seven percent had a favorable view of Gomez, while 16 percent had an unfavorable view of him. Six percent of those polled had never heard of Markey, while 15 percent had never heard of Gomez, a political newcomer.

Those numbers leave room for each candidate to better define himself to voters. They also leave room for his opponent to do the same thing.

The WBUR poll provided a different picture of the race than a Suffolk University/7News poll released Wednesday night, which found Markey leading by 17 points.

The WBUR survey of 497 likely special election voters was conducted May 5-6 and had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percent.

Gomez, a private equity investor and former Navy SEAL, will face off with Markey on June 25. The Senate seat became open when John F. Kerry resigned to become secretary of state.

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Markey bounces back in latest voter survey

By JOE BATTENFELD

U.S. Rep. Edward J. Markey holds a substantial double-digit lead over GOP opponent Gabriel Gomez in the special election battle for a U.S. Senate seat, a new Suffolk University poll found, after early polling showing a close race.

The Democratic congressman from Malden is beating Gomez, a Cohasset businessman making his first run for office, by a 52-35 point margin with less than seven weeks left before the June 25 election, the poll found.

Several polls taken right after the April 30 primary showed Markey holding a much smaller lead, worrying some Democrats and buoying the hopes of beleaguered Massachusetts Republicans.

But the Suffolk/7News poll showed Markey was in good shape for the election. The Malden Democrat, who has been criticized for being out of touch with his district, was viewed favorably by 53 percent of likely Massachusetts voters, with 30 percent having a negative view, according to the poll.

Nearly one third of voters said they had no opinion of Gomez, while 38 percent had a favorable view and 23 percent an unfavorable view.

Just 11 percent of voters said they were undecided in the Suffolk poll, a sign that Gomez faces major obstacles in scoring an upset win.
Why US Senate race in Massachusetts is Ed Markey’s to lose

Ed Markey is a Democrat with high name recognition running in a blue state, and polls show him leading the GOP’s Gabriel Gomez. But another US Senate race, in 2010, showed that Massachusetts voters can mete out some surprises.

By Ryan Lenora Brown, Correspondent / May 17, 2013

It’s Ed Markey’s race to lose.

The veteran Democratic congressman has a seven-point lead over Republican Gabriel Gomez in the special election for US Senate in Massachusetts, according to a new poll by the League of Conservation Voters and Public Policy Polling.

The poll is the third in recent days to show Mr. Markey, a four-decade veteran of the House of Representatives, with a healthy margin over Mr. Gomez, a Navy SEAL and businessman who is making his first major foray into politics.

A poll last week by Boston public radio station WBUR put Markey’s lead at six percentage points, while a Suffolk University/WHDH-TV poll gave him a towering 17-point advantage.

With less than six weeks until Election Day, Markey remains the comfortable favorite, although to understand why you have to read between the polling numbers, says Marc Landy, a political scientist at Boston College.

“Polls vary, and they should be taken with a salt-shaker of salt,” he says, “but what Markey’s got that’s more substantive is a lot of money, a lot of name recognition, and a very Democratic state.”
To overcome that, Gomez will need both elbow grease and a Markey misstep. He can run a brilliant campaign, Mr. Landy says, but unless Markey makes a major fumble, the Democrat’s advantages may be too significant to overcome.

But the Massachusetts Democratic establishment isn’t resting just yet. That skittish attitude comes courtesy of one man: Scott Brown.
Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) is working on legislation that would pressure cable and satellite providers to allow their customers to pick and choose the channels they pay for, his office confirmed on Wednesday. Consumers have long complained about the rising costs of cable TV packages and having to pay for dozens or even hundreds of channels just to gain access to the few that they watch. But McCain's legislation, which he is expected to introduce in the coming days, will likely face fierce opposition from both the TV broadcasters and cable providers.

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**CNN:** New poll puts Democrat on top in Mass. Senate race

A new poll suggests the Democrats have the lead in the battle for an open U.S. Senate seat in Massachusetts up for grabs next month. According to a 7 News/Suffolk University survey released Wednesday night, Rep. Ed Markey, the Democratic nominee, holds a 52%-35% advantage over GOP nominee Gabriel Gomez among likely voters in the June 25th special election. Just over one-in-ten questioned were undecided. Markey has represented the state's 5th Congressional District for nearly four decades.

**Politico:** Joe Biden: Immigration fix this summer

Vice President Joe Biden on Wednesday called for passage of immigration reform legislation by the end of the summer. "As my grandpop would say, with the grace of God and the good will of neighbors, Congress will show the wisdom to pass the bipartisan immigration bill by the end of the summer," Biden said, speaking at a gala dinner at the Washington Hilton. "They must." Those remarks came as part of Biden's address at the event sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, a nonprofit organization focused on advancing Asian- and Pacific Americans in the political sphere.

**CNN:** Author of critical immigration report previously wrote of lower IQ in immigrants

A report released by the conservative Heritage Foundation that was highly critical of proposed immigration legislation is coming under new scrutiny after it was discovered its co-author previously wrote a dissertation citing lower IQs among immigrants. The Heritage Foundation immediately distanced itself from the 2009 paper written by Jason Richwine, who is described on Heritage's website as a quantitative analyst. He penned a dissertation at Harvard titled "IQ and Immigration Policy" that asserted in its summary the "average IQ of immigrants in the United States is substantially lower than that of the white native population, and the difference is likely to persist over several generations."

**BuzzFeed:** Keystone Pipeline Opponents Hope For A Hero In Joe Biden

Environmental activists opposed to a controversial oil pipeline project have pinned their hopes on the same man they say forced the White House's hand on marriage equality: Vice President Joe Biden. After Elaine Cooper, a South Carolina Democrat and member of the state's Sierra Club chapter, said Biden told her he opposed the Keystone XL pipeline, national climate change organizations seized on the account, reported Tuesday evening by BuzzFeed, as a sign Biden could help push the Obama administration to reject the project over potential environmental impacts.

**CNN:** GOP donors to George P. Bush: Welcome to Washington

Some of Washington's most powerful Republican donors are playing host at a Wednesday evening fundraiser for George P. Bush, a candidate for Texas Land Commissioner and the son of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. Attendees are paying $500 for the event taking place at the National Association of Wholesale-Distributors Office, according to a copy of the invitation. Among those expected to attend are Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Rep. Aaron Shock, R-Illinois. "I think he is part of the new generation of Republican leadership...it is very important" to support him, Republican donor Bobbie Kilberg, one of the event's hosts, told CNN. Other hosts include Republican stalwarts Charlie Black, Dirk Van Dongen and Vin Weber.

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**CNN:** Kerry to return to Mideast later this month on peace process push

Secretary of State John Kerry said Wednesday he will return to the Middle East later this month to try to push forward on the peace process. In Rome Wednesday, Kerry met with Israeli Justice Minister Tsipi Livni and Itzhak Molcho, Israel's negotiator with the Palestinians. Conferring at the residence of the U.S. ambassador to Italy, Kerry said he and his partners face a short time span. "We understand the imperative to try to have some sense of direction as rapidly as we can," he said.

**CNN:** Congressman's trip to Libya, call by top Clinton aide raised at Benghazi hearing

The most politically charged testimony of Wednesday's House hearing on the deadly terror attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, energized Republican claims that there is more to the story. An expectation ahead of the GOP-led hearing on the attack last September 11 centered on Republican efforts to more closely scrutinize actions of State Department officials serving under Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Clinton, a witness at previous Benghazi proceedings on Capitol Hill, did not factor much in Wednesday's questioning. But Republicans brought her into focus through testimony about her top deputy.

**ALSO SEE: CNN:** Doomed Libya ambassador: 'We're under attack'

**NYT:** Ex-Lawyer in State Department Criticizes Drone Secrecy

A former legal adviser to the State Department has sharply criticized the secrecy surrounding the Obama administration's use of drones for the targeted killing of terrorism suspects, saying it is unnecessary and has backfired. In a speech Tuesday at Oxford University, Harold H. Koh, a Yale law professor who as the State Department's top lawyer in 2010 gave the first public speech explaining the targeted killing program, said the administration "has not been sufficiently transparent to the media, to the Congress and to our allies."

**CNN:** South Korean president to Congress: "No North Korea provocations can succeed"

The future of the Korean peninsula relies on U.S. involvement in the peace process, South Korean President Park Geun-hye told a joint meeting of Congress Wednesday. Park said that despite recent tensions with communist North Korea, reunification of the Koreas is possible, even if it "feels distant today." "North Korea continues to issue threats and provocations, firing long range missiles, staging nuclear tests and undermining peace on the peninsula and far beyond it," Park said. "The Korean government is reacting resolutely but calmly. We maintain the highest level of readiness."

**WSJ:** U.S. Is Warned Russia Plans Syria Arms Sale

Israel has warned the U.S. that a Russian deal is imminent to sell advanced ground-to-air missile systems to Syria, weapons that would significantly boost the regime's ability to stave off intervention in its civil war. U.S. officials said on Wednesday that they are analyzing the information Israel provided about the suspected sale of S-300 missile batteries to Syria, but wouldn't comment on whether they believed such a transfer was near. Russian officials didn't immediately return requests to comment.

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New polls puts Democrat on top in Mass. Senate race

Posted by CNN Political Unit

(CNN) - Two new polls suggest the Democrats have the lead in the battle for an open U.S. Senate seat in Massachusetts up for grabs next month.

According to a 7 News/Suffolk University survey released Wednesday night, Rep. Ed Markey, the Democratic nominee, holds a 52%-35% advantage over GOP nominee Gabriel Gomez among likely voters in the June 25th special election. Just over one-in-ten questioned were undecided.

And a new WBUR survey indicates Markey topping Gomez 46%-38% among likely voters, with 13% unsure.

Markey has represented the state's 5th Congressional District for nearly four decades. Gomez is a private equity investor and former Navy SEAL. The winner will serve the final year and a half of the term of longtime Democratic Sen. John Kerry, who stepped down earlier this year to become U.S. secretary of state.

Two surveys out last week suggested a closer contest, with Markey holding single digit advantages over Gomez.

Six in ten questioned in the new poll say Markey is not too liberal to represent Massachusetts, and a plurality say Gomez is not too conservative. When asked if Ed Markey will be an independent voice or toe the Democratic Party line, 58% said he'd toe the party line, with just one-in-ten saying he would be an independent voice.

"Sending a Democrat to the U.S. Senate who will toe the party line is seen as a positive contribution to the conversation in the D.C. legislative agenda. President Obama continues to have coattails in Massachusetts and that is helping Markey," said David Paleologos, director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center in Boston.

The winner of the June special election will succeed William "Mo" Cowan. Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick appointed his former chief of staff to serve as interim senator after Kerry stepped down.

The 7 News/Suffolk University poll was conducted May 4-7, with 500 likely voters in Massachusetts questioned by telephone. The survey's sampling error is plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

The WBUR survey was conducted May 5-6 by the MassInc Polling Group, with 497 likely voters in the Bay State questioned by telephone. The survey's sampling error is plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

CNN Political Editor Paul Steinhauser contributed to this report

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Ed Markey Leads Gabriel Gomez In Massachusetts Senate Polls

By Scott Malone

BOSTON, May 9 (Reuters) - Democratic Congressman Ed Markey holds a lead over Republican political newcomer Gabriel Gomez in the Massachusetts U.S. Senate race, though a newly released pair of polls differ on how wide his margin is.

A MassInc Polling Group/WBUR poll released on Thursday found that Markey, who has spent more than three decades in the House of Representatives, had the firm support of 41 percent of likely voters, with private equity executive Gabriel Gomez having 35 percent. When undecided voters were pushed to say which candidate they were leaning towards, Markey's lead broadened to 46 percent to 38 percent.

Another poll, by Suffolk University/7 News released late on Wednesday found a wider gap, with Markey holding the support of 52 percent of likely voters, with 35 percent backing Gomez.

The pair, who won their parties' nominations in April 30 primaries, will face off in a June 25 special election to fill the Senate seat that became available when President Barack Obama named John Kerry secretary of state.

The gap between the two poll results likely reflects the fact that not many voters are paying attention to the race, which comes at an unusual time, observers said.

"It's still rather low profile. Lots of folks probably have not made up their minds or really don't intend on voting," said Peter Ubertaccio, a professor of political science at Stonehill College, in Easton, Massachusetts.

Given the low voter engagement, a major part of each candidate's strategy will have to be focusing on getting voters out the door on election day, he said.

"In a special election, off year, during an odd time of the year, your ground game is crucial," Ubertaccio said.

A Gomez victory could help the Republicans retake a majority in the Senate, where they currently have 45 seats. There are 53 Democrats and two independents.

The race is Massachusetts' second off-cycle Senate election in three years; in 2010 voters opted for Republican Scott Brown, who had been a state senator, over Democratic state attorney general Martha Coakley to fill the seat that came open when Democrat Edward Kennedy died. In November, Brown was unseated by Democrat Elizabeth Warren.

Brown's win was unexpected in a liberal-leaning state and left the state's Democratic party to take a more aggressive approach in backing Markey, who declared his interest in the seat in December, even before Kerry stepped down.

"The early perception immediately after the party primaries was that Markey was vulnerable," said David Paleologos, director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center. "These finds suggest the opposite of a close race."

Both polls found that a significant number of voters had not made up their minds about Gomez, the son of Colombian immigrants, with 47 percent in the MassInc poll undecided or unaware of him and 32 percent in the Suffolk poll undecided or unaware.

The MassInc/WBUR poll included 497 likely voters who were questioned on May 5 and 6. The Suffolk/7 News poll counted 500 likely voters from May 4 through May 7. Each has a margin of error of 4.4 percent. (Reporting by Scott Malone; editing by Jackie Frank)
Gabriel Gomez's internal polling shows tight U.S. Senate race with Ed Markey in Massachusetts

By Robert Rizzuto, The Republican
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An internal poll paid for by Republican U.S. Senate candidate Gabriel Gomez's campaign and the National Republican Senatorial Committee is showing that the race against Democrat Edward Markey may be closer than the latest nonpartisan poll suggests.

"The results of our statewide survey are in and the race is razor thin," said pollster Wes Anderson in a message to the Gomez campaign. "The data is clear; Gabriel Gomez stands a very good chance of defeating Congressman Ed Markey this June."

The poll was conducted May 5-7 by OnMessage Inc., a Republican campaign research and strategy firm previously employed by former Republican U.S. Sen. Scott Brown.

The poll shows Markey leading over Gomez by three points, 46-43 percent, with 11 percent of those surveyed remaining undecided in the race. In this internal poll, the lead is close to the 3.4 percent margin of error.

The Gomez campaign will release a memo outlining the poll results on Monday, but gave an advance copy to MassLive.com.

A previous internal poll for the campaign indicated Gomez was a serious contender for the Republican Party's nomination at a time when other polls concluded that former U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan was the clear frontrunner.

Recent polls have shown Markey leading over Gomez although by varying margins. A Suffolk University/7 News poll released this week concluded Markey was leading over Gomez among likely voters by a hefty 17 point margin, 52-35 percent.

But two other recent polls concluded that Markey's lead wasn't as significant. He led by only four points, 44-40 percent, in a Public Policy Polling survey and by six points, 42-36 percent, in a student organized Emerson College Polling Society poll.
The Gomez campaign's poll surveyed 800 likely special election voters stratified by county based upon previous election results in telephone interviews.

The internal poll concluded that while Markey leads overall, Gomez has opened up a lead among independent, unenrolled voters who constitute 52 percent of the registered voters in the commonwealth.

According to the Gomez campaign's numbers, the former Navy SEAL is significantly more popular than Markey among the coveted group of voters, besting the longtime congressman 50-36 percent with 14 percent of independents saying they are still undecided.

And while the "horse race" numbers are often the most talked about, campaigns typically focus to a greater degree on a candidate's favorability numbers as a window into the perceptions of the voters.

According to the internal poll, Gomez holds a 28-point positive image among likely voters with 43 percent of voters viewing him in a favorable light and 15 percent in an unfavorable light. The poll also concluded that Markey holds a 10-point positive image with 45 percent of likely voters seeing him favorably and 35 percent, more than double the amount for Gomez, viewing him in a negative light.

Among independents, Gomez was more popular with 43 percent of those surveyed seeing him in a positive light and ten percent holding a negative view. For Markey, the poll concluded that while 40 percent of unenrolled voters see the congressman positively, 44 percent say the opposite.

According to Anderson, this finding leads the Gomez campaign to believe that "Markey and his surrogates will quickly turn to decidedly negative attacks in an attempt to redefine Gomez."

The general election between Markey and Gomez is scheduled for June 25.

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Songstress Carole King says Ed Markey's environmental credentials among reasons she supports his Senate bid

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SPRINGFIELD - In a stump speech that married music with politics and activism, award-winning singer/songwriter Carole King told a room full of Ed Markey supporters in Springfield Sunday that the longtime Massachusetts congressman's stance on environmental issues is, in her eyes, another reason to support his bid to become the state's next U.S. senator.

"I've known Ed for a very long time. I first started coming to Capitol Hill to work on a bill to protect the northern Rockies, where I live, and there were very few people who knew what an ecosystem was. Ed was one of them," King said, while also giving kudos to the environmental prowess of for U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Springfield. "I've watched Ed's work and tireless successes to help the people of Massachusetts and protect the environment by accepting science. What a concept."

Markey talked about his support for environmental protections while referencing a report released on Friday which concluded the level of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is now higher than any time in the past three million years on Earth.

"We have crossed another dubious threshold in terms of dangerous global warming. We've gone from 280 parts per million at the beginning of the industrial age to 400 parts per million now meaning we've put up a blanket up there to hold in these greenhouse gases," Markey said. "They warm the planet, melt the Arctic ice, warm up the ocean which creates a concoction that results in storms like Superstorm Sandy. Had that hit Massachusetts from Provincetown up to Plum Island, we'd be digging out for a generation in terms of the harm that would have been done. It's a warning."

Markey said the way forward should center on supporting renewable energy on a legislative level to create a new job sector that can also lower the level of carbon dioxide and pollution in the air.

"We have to create a new industrial revolution. A new job-creating, Massachusetts-centric revolution. Wind technologies, solar technologies, geothermal, biomass- these are the jobs that we should be creating for the next generation," Markey said. "This is how we say to the next generation, the green generation, 'We know you want to save the planet and we know you want a job as well.'"
In an interview following his speech to supporters, Markey said that he thinks the report issued at the end of last week has the potential to change the conversation in Washington as he thinks it may make things more difficult for people to "deny science."

Markey is facing political newcomer, Republican Gabriel Gomez, in the second U.S. Senate race Massachusetts voters have endured in as many years. King said that when John Kerry was confirmed as secretary of state, vacating the U.S. Senate seat he held since 1985, she called Markey and told him "I'm in."

And that allegiance took the musician on a Western Massachusetts swing Sunday that brought her and Markey to Greenfield, Northampton, Amherst and Springfield to not only boost Markey's campaign, but to thank the volunteers working to get him elected.

Some of the 660 active volunteers in Western Massachusetts knocked on more than 500 doors in Springfield this past Saturday to get Markey's message out to the streets. The same strong ground that helped land Democrat Elizabeth Warren the title of U.S. senator in November's election with record voter turnout is now being employed to do the same for Markey.

And in Western Massachusetts, some of the same people are working for Markey as they did for Warren just months ago. Among them is Springfield resident Margaret Boyle, the local field organizer for Markey's Senate bid.

According to Boyle, the enthusiasm for the race is growing every passing day with a growing number of volunteers brought into the fold.

"We've got phone-banking going on every day and canvassing every weekend. We're kind of riding the high off of Elizabeth Warren and Congressman Neal's campaigns," Boyle said from the Island Pond Road office that serves as the hub of operations in the region. "These people we have are some of the best campaigners out there. They are die-hard Democrats who want to make sure we get the right people into power."

Recent polls have shown Markey leading over Gomez although by varying margins. A Suffolk University/7 News poll released this week concluded Markey was leading over Gomez among likely voters by a hefty 17 point margin, 52-35 percent.

But two other recent polls concluded that Markey's lead wasn't as significant. He led by only four points, 44-40 percent, in a Public Policy Polling survey and by six points, 42-36 percent, in a student organized Emerson College Polling Society poll.

Additionally, an internal poll paid for by the Gomez campaign and obtained by MassLive.com Sunday evening concluded that Markey is leading over Gomez by three points, 46-43 percent, with 11 percent of those...
surveyed remaining undecided in the race. Markey's advantage in this poll is within its 3.4 percent margin of error.

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Poll Shows Strong Lead for Democrat in Massachusetts Senate Race

By KATHARINE Q. SEELYE

In the special Senate election in Massachusetts, Representative Edward J. Markey, the Democratic nominee, is starting with a strong lead over Gabriel Gomez, the Republican, according to a new poll from Suffolk University.

Taken Saturday through Tuesday, the poll of people likely to vote in the June 25 special election showed Mr. Markey with 52 percent and Mr. Gomez with 35 percent, with 11 percent undecided. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus four percentage points.

“The numbers are pretty ominous” for Mr. Gomez, said David Paleologos, the director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center. “There aren’t a lot of weak spots for Markey.”

One of the most positive signs for Mr. Markey is that Massachusetts voters hold an overwhelmingly favorable view of President Obama, both personally and in how he is doing his job. And most voters there say they believe that Mr. Markey will support the president, although he recently opposed a proposal by Mr. Obama that would lower Social Security benefits by changing the formula used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments.

Mr. Markey, who was first elected to Congress in 1976, is better known than Mr. Gomez, a private equity investor and former member of the Navy SEALs who is a newcomer on the political scene. Fully one-third of the voters said they did not know enough about Mr. Gomez to express an opinion on him.

Mr. Paleologos said that Mr. Gomez had yet to win over independents, especially men, who voted for other candidates in last week’s Republican primary. “They probably will come to Gomez eventually, but we’re not picking up an instant warming of those voters to him now,” he said.

And yet, in a state where Scott P. Brown, a Republican, pulled off an upset victory for the Senate in 2010, no one is counting Mr. Gomez out. From the minute he was declared the winner of the primary, he has cast Mr. Markey as a relic and raised questions about campaign donations Mr. Markey accepted from industry groups that he regulates.

On the question of which candidate is more likely to change the way Congress works, Mr. Gomez beat Mr. Markey in the Suffolk poll by six percentage points. And on the question of which candidate can better help turn around the economy, far and away the most important issue to voters, Mr. Gomez trailed Mr. Markey by six percentage points.

But it remains to be seen whether Mr. Gomez can attract the kind of financial donations that Mr. Brown received; Mr. Markey is doing his best to try to limit that money by calling on Mr. Gomez to sign a pledge that would penalize a candidate if outside special interests ran
television ads on his behalf. So far, Mr. Gomez has refused to sign it.

The special election is to fill the Senate seat vacated by John Kerry, the Democrat who stepped down to become secretary of state. The poll found that the third-party candidate, Richard Heos, of the Twelve Visions Party, drew one percent of the vote.

This post has been revised to reflect the following correction:

**Correction: May 9, 2013**

An earlier version of this post misstated the last name of the third-party candidate in the special Senate election in Massachusetts. He is Richard Heos, not Hoes.
Scramble for Female Votes in Mass. Senate Race

By KATHARINE Q. SEELYE

BOSTON — With less than four weeks before the special Senate election in Massachusetts, Representative Edward Markey’s campaign is turning its attention to one of the most important constituencies in the state — women.

Women tend to vote in greater numbers than men and are among the most stalwart supporters of Democrats. In their Senate race last year, Elizabeth Warren beat Scott Brown by 8 percentage points overall but by 20 percentage points among women; Mr. Markey’s campaign is relying on women for the same kind of advantage.

And like Ms. Warren, Mr. Markey needs to appeal especially to women who are independents. Independents who are men tend to favor Republican candidates, regardless of who the Democratic candidate is — Ms. Warren lost them, and Mr. Markey will likely lose them too, said David Paleologos, a pollster at Suffolk University. But Mr. Markey needs to win at least 35 percent of independents in order to prevail, and he can do that by appealing to independent women.

“Independent men won’t vote for Markey,” Mr. Paleologos said. “His best shot is to focus on women, not only Democratic women but independent women.”

And so it was that Carole King, the singer, who had been in Boston Thursday for a concert to raise money for victims of the Marathon bombings, took to the campaign trail Friday for Mr. Markey. She has planned a full weekend of “Women for Markey” events throughout the Boston area to stir enthusiasm among women voters and fire up campaign volunteers.

The Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts has joined the fight on behalf of Mr. Markey by highlighting his support for abortion rights as one of the most significant differences between him and his Republican opponent, Gabriel Gomez.

And an outside group over which the Markey campaign has no control is also stepping in with a series of online advertisements aimed specifically at encouraging Democratic and independent women to vote against Mr. Gomez.

Mr. Gomez, a newcomer to politics, says he personally opposes abortion but would not seek to outlaw it. His opposition runs counter to the majority view in deep blue Massachusetts, where a poll conducted in March by WBUR, the NPR affiliate in Boston, showed that 73 percent of voters said abortion should be legal in all or almost all cases.

Ms. King, appearing Friday at Zaftigs Delicatessen in Brookline, said she was supporting Mr. Markey, whom she first worked with on environmental issues, for many reasons, including his support for women.
“Ed is a strong believer in women’s health issues and making sure that women have their own right to decide for themselves,” she said as she was greeted enthusiastically by baby boomer women carrying her “Tapestry” record album as well as younger men and women volunteering for the Markey campaign.

A few weeks ago, Mr. Gomez was unable to answer questions from the Boston Globe about how he would have voted on the Blunt Amendment, which would have allowed employers to opt out of paying for birth control coverage for employees if the employers deemed it objectionable. Mr. Gomez said he had not read the amendment.

Since then, the Markey campaign and the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund have sought to portray Mr. Gomez as uninformed and unreliable on women’s issues. Various reproductive rights advocates appeared at the Gomez campaign headquarters the other day with a copy of the Blunt Amendment to underscore the point.

And on another front aimed at women, an outside group backed by a wealthy California environmental activist is aiming a slew of new media ads at college-educated women and women over 55. The group, called the NextGen Committee, is financed by Tom Steyer, a hedge-fund founder and environmental activist, who opposes many of Mr. Gomez’s positions, including his support for the Keystone pipeline.

(NextGen is one of those outside special interests of the type that Mr. Markey has railed against and tried to block from coming into the state. He has warned that such groups, like one financed by Karl Rove, a strategist for President George W. Bush, would be spending big sums for Mr. Gomez, but so far, no such Republican groups have materialized — only NextGen is here, on Mr. Markey’s behalf.)

NextGen is starting a series of ads against Mr. Gomez this weekend on YouTube, Pandora and Facebook, which allow their messages to be highly targeted. The ads, costing a total of about $125,000, were initially aimed at progressive voters in Massachusetts but have been refined to reach college-educated women who are 55 and older and who are either Democratic or independent.

“We can’t trust another anti-choice, anti-Social Security, pro-assault weapon and pro-big oil Republican,” says the ad on Facebook as it shows a picture of Mr. Gomez with images of Mr. Bush and Mitt Romney.

“College-educated women and women over 55 are very reliable voters in supporting a Democrat when the Republican is in the wrong place on issues like choice, gun safety, Social Security and kids,” said Chris Lehane, a California-based Democratic consultant who is helping Mr. Steyer reach this audience.

“We analyzed the prior special elections in Massachusetts,” Mr. Lehane said, “and it is clear Markey wins so long as these demographic cohorts (a) vote and (b) are aware of where the Republican stands on some key issues.”
The images of Mr. Bush and Mr. Romney are important in reaching these women, he said, because the women view them as the electoral equivalents of Freddy Kruger and Norman Bates.
Will Gabriel Gomez Be
The Next Scott Brown?

BY MANU RAJU

BARNSTABLE, Mass. — He is hailed as the second coming of Scott Brown: a young, telegenic military man with moderate Republican views and a candidate with a real possibility of winning the Massachusetts Senate seat.

But Gabriel Gomez is quick to warn that this is not 2010. And on this point, he agrees with Democrats: He's no Scott Brown.

"This is a different election; I have a different opponent; it's a different time," Gomez said in an interview this week at a Cape Cod diner.

Despite some early polls showing a tight race between Gomez and liberal Democratic Rep. Ed Markey, the hurdles facing the Republican nominee are high. If Gomez were to pull off a victory in next month's special election to replace John Kerry, it would mark an even bigger upset than when Brown shocked the political world by winning Ted Kennedy's seat in January 2010.

Unlike Brown, who barnstormed the state in a pickup truck and demonstrated skills as a savvy retail politician, Gomez is a true political neophyte untested in the media glare and unpolished on the stump. Gomez and Brown

See GOMEZ on Page 13 differ on several key issues, including gun control and abortion, something Democrats are quick to point out.

And Gomez is already facing the full wrath of the national Democratic machine that was caught sleeping when Brown was first elected. First lady Michelle Obama is scheduled to appear at a high-dollar fundraiser later this month, and even President Barack Obama is expected to visit the state — a rarity for a Senate candidate these days.

A former private-equity executive, Gomez poured plenty of his own cash into the Senate primary, something he's not ruling out doing in the general election. But his own personal fortune and effective tax rate came under scrutiny Thursday after a story in The Boston Globe questioned a $280,000 tax break he may have inappropriately claimed on his 112-year-old South Shore home.

While Gomez insists he did nothing wrong, the revelations are giving Democrats new fodder to undercut the GOP candidate's attempt to introduce himself as a "new kind of Republican." And they are seeking to tie Gomez to another famous Republican from the state: Mitt Romney, who has his own past ties to private equity.

"We've seen this movie before in Massachusetts: a guy who says he's a businessman because he looks good in a suit," said John Walsh, chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party.

With the GOP primary win behind him, the next several days are a critical period for Gomez. He must prove his viability in the race by moving past the damaging Globe story, withstand attacks from Democrats and narrow the deficit in the polls in a blue state — all in order to convince big GOP donors and outside groups that his candidacy is worth the investment. Indeed, a big question remains how much money national Democrats will pour into the contest to shore up Markey, and whether Republicans — and their outside allies — will decide to pitch in and aim to snatch the seat for their column, hoping to increase their Senate numbers.

Much of the race until Thursday had been dominated by Gomez's refusal to sign a pact with Markey called the "People's Pledge," which then-candidate Elizabeth Warren and Brown agreed to in 2012 to prevent outside groups from spending money in the state. That decision by Gomez could open the door to outside groups spending big bucks to push him over the finish line. But Republicans privately say Gomez needs to prove the investment is worth it.

"I don't know the details of the strategy or the plan at this point," said Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), when asked if his National Republican Senatorial Committee would pump money into the race. "We believe he's a great candidate and will be helpful in substantial ways."

After several post-primary polls showed Gomez trailing Markey by single digits, a Suffolk University survey Wednesday put the Democrat up 17. The good news for Gomez: 32 percent of voters had barely heard of him and hadn't yet formed an opinion.

So the race on both sides now is focused on one thing: defining Gomez.

"Scott Brown was a known entity: He was someone who had a track record here in the state," said Steve Middlebrook, a retired school administrator attending the Boston rally for Markey. "We'll see what [Gomez is] like when people ask him tough questions."

The fight in Massachusetts is emblematic of races in which the party in power attempts to nationalize the contest while the minority party seeks to turn the race into a debate over personalities rather than ideology. That was on full display earlier this week in a House special election in a conservative South Carolina district, where Republican Mark Sanford won despite a scandal-tarred past. And in an interview, Markey
argued that the race was a priority for the Democratic agenda. It was a selling point before a packed room of young professionals at a stuffy Boston pub earlier this week.

"This election is a referendum on the second term of Barack Obama," Markey declared, with Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick standing beside him.

Just as Gomez is trying to introduce himself to voters, shaking hands outside Fenway Park and appearing in more remote areas, Markey and Democrats are trying to instill fear in their base that Gomez can win if they take him for granted.

"New isn't always better; sometimes new is just new," Patrick told supporters in Boston.

In public appearances, the 47-year-old Gomez is quick to point out his compelling biography. A native Spanish speaker who was raised by Colombian immigrants, Gomez learned English in elementary school, earned his wings as a Navy pilot and later transferred to the elite Navy SEAL unit. After leaving the Navy in 1996 to earn an M.B.A. at Harvard Business School, Gomez worked in the private-equity industry, amassing a personal fortune estimated at between $11.2 million and $14.8 million. He donated to Obama in the 2008 primary but later voted for John McCain and Romney.

"I don't know a lot about him, but he just seems like a stand-up kind of guy," said Brian Smith, a 50-year-old owner of a grocery store here whose hand Gomez shook.

During a three-way GOP primary last week, Gomez spent more money on TV than his opponents and lent his campaign $600,000 of his own cash. He won the primary in the aftermath of the Boston bombings, after he was extensively quoted by the local media because he ran the marathon, finishing in just over four hours as he was conducting interviews and shaking hands along the route.

With no political experience, Gomez is trying to paint a stark contrast to the 66-year-old Markey, who has served in the House since 1976, allowing the Republican to rail on "career politicians." And he's pitching himself as a "new kind of Republican," something he hopes plays well with moderate Democrats and independents put off by Markey's staunchly liberal views.

Gomez calls himself "pro-gay marriage" and says he'd vote to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act. He backs the Senate's comprehensive immigration bill. And he says he would have bucked much of his party by endorsing the bill to expand background checks on commercial gun sales.

"Some stances and some beliefs I have that don't always coincide with the majority of the Republican Party," he added. And while he spoke with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky) this week, he promised he wouldn't "kowtow" to GOP leaders.

Still, there are some ways in which Gomez is like national Republicans. And he was forced to emphasize those points in the GOP primary, something Brown hardly had to worry about because he faced little challenge in his primary. Unlike Brown, Gomez opposes a ban on assault weapons; he opposes abortion rights and he raised concerns over the Dodd-Frank financial reform law that Brown supported.

Brown, who lost his 2012 re-election campaign to Warren, declined to be interviewed. But Gomez said he received political advice from Brown when the two ran the same 5k race last month.

"His advice was basically: Be yourself, be true and go out there and be consistent with what you're saying," Gomez said.

"This is a different election; I have a different opponent; it's a different time."

Gabriel Gomez
Massachusetts Democrats could exhale Thursday, as two new polls in the Senate special election show Rep. Ed Markey with a healthy lead over GOP standard-bearer Gabriel Gomez.

A Suffolk University poll has Markey receiving 52 percent of the vote to Gomez’s 35 percent among likely voters, with 11 percent undecided. A poll from WBUR, the NPR affiliate in Boston, shows Markey with an 8-point edge among likely voters, 46 percent to 38 percent, including leaners.

Both polls come as something of a relief for Democrats after a Public Policy Polling survey last week found Markey with only a slender 4-point lead, fueling Democratic fears they could be in for a repeat of the January 2010 special election where Scott Brown claimed a shock victory.

A key difference in the polls is Gomez’s margin among independent voters, who make up a majority of the electorate in Massachusetts. WBUR has him leading Markey 38 percent to 35 percent. When Brown won in 2010, he won those voters by more than 30 points.

Markey is well-liked in Massachusetts, according to the Suffolk poll, with a 53 percent looking at him favorably and 30 percent viewing him unfavorably. A full third of the electorate still wasn’t familiar enough with Gomez, a Navy SEAL-turned-businessman, to have an opinion. Among those who do, 38 percent had a favorable one and 23 percent had a negative outlook. The WBUR poll found nearly half of the electorate was unfamiliar with the Republican.

Each candidate has had some success in defining their opponent. Gomez, who is working to cast himself as a Brown-style independent voice in D.C., has convinced 58 percent of voters that Markey will toe his party’s line in D.C., according to Suffolk. But asked if Markey was too liberal to represent Massachusetts, a whopping 60 percent said no. And only 28 percent said Markey, who has represented the state in Congress since the Nixon era, was a “poster boy for term limits.”

Markey has turned Gomez’s refusal to sign the “People’s Pledge,” which limits spending by outside groups in the race, into a major issue, with 71 percent telling Suffolk signing the pledge was important. But the poll didn’t directly ask if Gomez’s decision not to sign the pledge made voters less likely to cast their ballot for him. And Markey’s campaign hasn’t yet succeeded in convincing Massachusetts voters Gomez is too conservative for them. Only 29 percent believe that.

The WBUR poll of 497 likely voters was conducted May 5 and May 6. The Suffolk University poll of 500 likely voters was conducted May 4 though May 7. Both polls have margins of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.
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Boston, MA
Morning Show
Local Viewership: 12,505
Local Publicity Value: $699.04

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Good Morning America
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FOX 25 Morning News

Local Viewership: 108,418
Local Publicity Value: $5,648.08

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WBZ-AM (Radio) 5/9/2013 8:36:24 AM
Boston, MA

WBUR polls on our website WBUR.org or political reporter Fred Tice is more now on its details how close the race is depends on how you count is the worst pollsters to develop

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Good Morning America

Local Viewership: 149,694
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check the numbers now from a recent suffolk university poll. the special
senate election in massachusetts now has a clear front-runner. according
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are voting for congressional veteran ed markey. but 5% of those people...
35% say gabriel gomez is the right choice. according to that poll, 11%
remain undecided. >> ahead, a tiny puppy making a dramatic recovery.
how he survived a month alone in a car.

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Michelle, tell you more about her. >>> We'll show you which candidate for U.S. Senate holds the early advantage in our exclusive 7 News, Suffolk University poll. >>> In one hour, one of those candidates facing a taxing issue, because of their historic house. Andy Hiller digs into that.

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Local Viewership: 22,880
Local Publicity Value: $724.16

In January, after suffering severe head injuries, two new polls are showing Congressman Edward Markey leading, in the Massachusetts Senate race. University poll out a Suffolk last night showed Markey leading Republican Gabriel Gomez by 52%-35%, a new poll puts Markey's lead at eight points when you include voters who say they're leaning one way or another. Markey 46%-38% in that case. And led in real people. I'd say it was very pleasant. Flowers everywhere. Oh! [chuckles] Febreze did a really great job. Impressive.

WJAR-PVD (NBC) 5/9/2013 5:38:02 PM
Providence, RI
NBC 10 News @ 5:30pm
Local Viewership: 36,621
Local Publicity Value: $1,843.20

Hill decision 2013... new poll numbers are out in the Massachusetts race for U.S. Senate, and there's a big change from last week's results. The poll from Suffolk University shows Congressman Edward Markey now with a 14-point lead over Republican Gabriel Gomez, 52 percent to 35 percent with 11 percent were undecided. That's a big difference from last week's poll, showing Markey with a slim four percent lead. New at 5:30... a Newport who ran for RI Sec. of State, is running again! Guillaume de Ramel, who lost to Ralph Mollis in 2006, says he understands that office, particularly its role in registering corporations. He says he's a businessman who gets it. His mother was a member.

New England Cable News 5/9/2013 8:05:27 PM
Boston, MA
Broadside With Jim Braude
Local Viewership: 9,789
Local Publicity Value: $2,246.85

Different snapshots of the contest. There's nothing new about talking to a pollster about his latest numbers in a hot political race. But two pollsters... with results that differ... that's new. I'm joined by pollster David Paleologos of Suffolk University, and Steve Koczela polls for Wbur and mass inc.
Boston, MA
The Only News @ 9
Local Viewership: 22,240
Local Publicity Value: $5,238.40

style dance.. comes in the race for the massachusetts senate tonight... the results of two new polls.. are showing the democratic candidate still ahead. according to a suffolk university poll released last night - ed markey leads republican gabriel gomez by 17- percent.. but another poll by w-b-u-r out today.. shows a much tighter race.. with markey leading gomez by just six points. meanwhile -- gabriel gomez -- facing some tough questions today about a controversial tax break involving his home in cohasset. democrats -- wasting no time -- going on the attack. our political reporter alison king has the details.

Microsoft 5/9/2013 10:15:43 PM
U.S. Cable
The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell
Cable Viewership: 704,287
Cable Publicity Value: $46,377.30

>>> as predicted here first and repeatedly, a new poll in massachusetts shows congressman ed markey with a significant lead over his republican opponent, suffolk university poll puts him at 52% with gomez at 35%. mark key also has a 52% favorable rating with voters. the special election set for june 25th. >>> up next, a "last word" exclusive. senator kirsten gillibrand on what changing military rules can do to ensure military sexual assaults in the military are taken seriously and prosecuted. when our little girl was born,

Boston, MA
The Only News @ 9
Local Viewership: 12,480
Local Publicity Value: $2,170.47

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New England Cable News 5/10/2013 12:32:10 AM
Boston, MA
The Only News @ 9
Local Viewership: 5,577
Local Publicity Value: $230.27

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Microsoft 5/10/2013 1:15:44 AM
U.S. Cable
The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell
Cable Viewership: 288,573

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New England Cable News 5/10/2013 4:04:01 AM
Boston, MA
Broadside With Jim Braude
Local Viewership: 5,577
Local Publicity Value: $161.84

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WFXT-BOS (FOX) 5/10/2013 4:09:12 AM
Boston, MA
FOX 25 Morning News
Local Viewership: 20,692
Local Publicity Value: $961.52

Candidate Ed Markey leading Republican new comer Gomez by 8 points. He led. a poll by Suffolk University showed Markey leading Gomez by 17 points. The special election for June 25th the special election for June 25. >>> Bay state democrats are calling for Gabriel Gomez to release details of a 2005 tax return after discovered that the Republican took $200,000 in deduction pipes cording to the Boston Globe, he took a $281,000 tax deduction for historical preservation deal on his Cohasset Home. The state Democratic chairman

WFXT-BOS (FOX) 5/10/2013 6:25:17 AM
Boston, MA
FOX 25 Morning News
Local Viewership: 53,521
Local Publicity Value: $2,529.60

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WHDH-BOS (NBC) 5/10/2013 6:55:19 AM
Boston, MA
7News Today in New England
Local Viewership: 20,904
Local Publicity Value: $1,306.96

First met him. >>> Josh is recovering at Boston Medical Center and is grateful to be alive. >>> Kayna: Suffolk University poll focuses on the popularity of Bay state politicians. Senator Elizabeth Warren ranks third with a 59% favorable eating. Governor Patrick in second. Boston mayor Tom Menino with approval rating of 75%. >>> The Bruins taking another shot at the Stanley Cup. Boston bracing for a party tonight at the Garden. With the Bruins in position to eliminate Toronto and advance to

WHDH-BOS (NBC) 5/10/2013 9:40:07 AM
Boston, MA
7News Today in New England
Local Viewership: 53,922
Local Publicity Value: $1,943.45

Meant to protect historic sites and not help the wealthy abuse the law. >>> Our exclusive 7News Suffolk University poll looking at which politicians are the most popular. U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren ranking third with 59% in favor nit. Duval Patrick second. 65%. And the most popular Boston mayor Tom Menino approval rating of 75%. >>> And still ahead this morning a discovery that could be a game changer for people that are trying to lose weight. If something called a Couch potato gene, it could explain a lot. >>> A list of the most popular baby names the out.

WJAR-PVD (NBC) 5/12/2013 6:12:02 AM

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