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October 2020 University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB Poll of Massachusetts Likely Voters

YouGov interviewed 725 registered voter respondents who were weighted to the sampling frame from the 2018 Current Population Survey (CPS) of Massachusetts registered voters using propensity scores. The 725 cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, and years of education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4- categories), and education (4-categories). Finally, the sample was restricted to only those who are likely voters to produce a final dataset of 713 likely voter respondents and weights were re-centered among these 713 respondents to produce the final weight.

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State of the National Economy (N=713)

Thinking about the state of our <u>national</u> economy, would you rate the nation's economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Excellent	4%	2%
Good	19%	19%
Fair	38%	40%
Poor	38%	39%

State of the Massachusetts Economy (N=713)

Thinking about the state of <u>Massachusetts'</u> economy, would you rate Massachusetts' economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Excellent	4%	4%
Good	32%	36%
Fair	51%	46%
Poor	13%	15%

Nation Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=713)

Do you think things in this <u>country</u> are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Right Direction	24%	15%
Wrong Track	71%	75%
Not Sure	5%	10%

MA Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=713)

Do you think things in <u>Massachusetts</u> are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Right Direction	49%	53%
Wrong Track	32%	28%
Not Sure	19%	19%

Approval (N=713)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job?

	Oct. 2020			Aug. 2020		
	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Governor Charlie Baker	68%	29%	3%	78%	20%	4%
Senator Edward Markey	63%	30%	6%	55%	30%	16%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	60%	36%	4%	55%	40%	6%
Massachusetts State Legislature	60%	31%	9%	57%	29%	14%
U.S. Congress	22%	72%	7%	23%	67%	10%
President Donald Trump	31%	68%	1%	31%	68%	1%
Attorney General Maura Healey	59%	26%	15%		N/A	

Most Important Issue (N=713)

In a word or two, what do you think is the most important issue facing Massachusetts?

Racism (N=713)

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Oct. 2020			Aug. 2020		
	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Agree	Neither	Disagree
White people in the U.S. have certain advantages because of the color of their skin.	67%	10%	23%	61%	15%	24%
Racial problems in the U.S. are rare, isolated situations.	20%	10%	70%	20%	12%	69%

Black Lives Matter Movement (N=713)

What is your view of the Black Lives Matter Movement?

	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Very Positive	37%	31%
Somewhat Positive	21%	23%
Neutral	10%	14%
Somewhat Negative	6%	9%
Very Negative	25%	22%
Don't Know	1%	1%

2021 Special Election

If Joe Biden wins the 2020 presidential election, he may select Senator Elizabeth Warren to serve in his administration. In this event, a special election would be held in 2021 to fill Senator Warren's vacant Senate seat. Of the potential candidates listed below, who would you be most likely to vote for in a special Democratic primary election to replace Senator Warren?

Only asked if respondent identifies as Democrat or Independent.

	All Respondents (N=640)	Only Democrats (N=317)	Only Independents (N=323)
Attorney General Maura Healey	12%	14%	10%
Representative Joseph P. Kennedy III	19%	25%	14%
Representative Ayanna Pressley	**23%**	**29%**	17%
Representative Jim McGovern	3%	3%	2%
Representative Richard Neal	3%	4%	2%
Representative Stephen Lynch	4%	2%	6%
Former Governor Deval Patrick	12%	15%	9%
Representative Seth Moulton	4%	4%	5%
Would Not Vote in a Democratic Primary Election	21%	5%	**35%**

Coronavirus Impact (N=713)

Now we would like to ask you some questions about how you are handling the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

	Oct. 2020			Aug. 2020		
	Yes	No	Not Sure	Yes	No	Not Sure
Have you or any of your close friends or family tested positive for coronavirus?	32%	65%	3%	26%	72%	3%
Have you tested positive for the coronavirus?	2%	95%	3%		N/A	
Did you have a recent job loss due to the coronavirus outbreak?	13%	68%	19%	16%	63%	21%
Are you worried that you will contract the coronavirus?	62%	29%	9%		N/A	
Are you primarily working from home due to the coronavirus pandemic?	33%	38%	29%	33%	34%	33%
Have you reduced your hours at work because of childcare issues related to the coronavirus crisis?	8%	54%	38%	9%	53%	38%
Do you fear losing your job in the near future due to the coronavirus crisis?	18%	52%	30%	19%	50%	31%
Are you worried about a second wave of the coronavirus arriving later this year?	79%	16%	5%	78%	16%	7%
Are you worried about schools remaining remote or moving to remote learning due to the coronavirus?	48%	34%	19%		N/A	

Corona Leadership (N=713)

Overall, how well or not well do you think the following are doing at handling the coronavirus outbreak?

	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All
President Donald Trump	18%	12%	6%	64%
Governor Charlie Baker	36%	43%	12%	9%
U.S. Congress	2%	24%	42%	31%
Massachusetts State Legislature	20%	55%	15%	10%
Your Local Government	31%	52%	11%	6%

Candidate words

What one word would you use to describe each of the following?

Governor Charlie Baker

Type of Schooling (N=116)

Currently, what type of schooling is your child receiving?

My family is homeschooling our children/child and we have done so previously	5%
My family is homeschooling our children/child for the first time	8%
Our children/child is attending school remotely (i.e. via Zoom, Google, Skype, etc.)	53%
Our children/child is attending school in-person full time	10%
Our children/child has a hybrid schedule (i.e. some days attending school in person and some days attending school remotely)	38%

Satisfaction

How satisfied are you with the quality of schooling your child/children are currently receiving?

Asked only of respondents with children attending school remotely, in-person, or hybrid

	Completely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Completely Dissatisfied	N
All	24%	48%	20%	7%	108
Our children/child is attending school remotely (i.e. via Zoom, Google, Skype, etc.)	28%	37%	23%	12%	62
Our children/child is attending school in-person full time	31%	46%	12%	12%	12
Our children/child has a hybrid schedule (i.e. some days attending school in person and some days attending school remotely)	20%	59%	17%	3%	46

Sports and Covid (N=713)

Would you say that each of the following professional sports leagues has done a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?

	Very Good	Somewhat Good	Somewhat Bad	Very Bad	Don't Know
Major League Baseball (MLB)	9%	29%	19%	10%	32%
National Hockey League (NHL)	21%	24%	9%	6%	41%
National Basketball Association (NBA)	31%	22%	9%	10%	27%
National Football League (NFL)	3%	17%	30%	25%	25%

Confidence (N=713)

	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Too Confident	Not At All Confident
How confident are you that the National Football League (NFL) will successfully complete the 2020-2021 season?	5%	29%	43%	22%
How confident are you that an effective vaccine for the COVID-19 virus will be made available to the general public in 2021?	17%	46%	25%	12%
How confident are you that schools, colleges, and universities will meet in person in 2021?	11%	43%	36%	10%

Eviction (N=713)

In April of 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of passed an emergency law to stop evictions and foreclosures. This temporary ban on evictions and foreclosures is scheduled to be lifted this month. Do you support extending the ban on evictions and foreclosures in the state of Massachusetts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Strongly Support Extending the Ban on Evictions and Foreclosures	47%
Support Extending the Ban on Evictions and Foreclosures	25%
Neither Support or Oppose Extending the Ban on Evictions and Foreclosures	18%
Oppose Extending the Ban on Evictions and Foreclosures	5%
Strongly Oppose Extending the Ban on Evictions and Foreclosures	4%