

Suffolk/7NEWS Marginals

GEOC

N=			500	100%
Worcester/West	1	(1/ 86)	120	24%
NE	2		175	35%
Suffolk	3		40	8%
SE Mass/Cape	4		165	33%

START

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for 7NEWS/Suffolk University and I would like to get your opinions on some political questions. Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions?

N=			500	100%
Continue	1	(1/ 88)	500	100%

S1

Thank You.

S1. Are you currently registered to vote?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 90)	500	100%
NO/DK/RF	2		0	0%

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Gender

N=			500	100%
Male	1	(1/ 89)	239	48%
Female	2		261	52%

S2. Are you currently registered as a Democrat, Republican, or Unenrolled/Independent?

N=			500	100%
Democrat	1	(1/ 93)	186	37%
Republican	2		62	12%
Unenrolled/Ind	3		242	48%
Other	4		10	2%
Und/Ref/Not reg	5		0	0%

S3. What is your age category?

N=			500	100%
18-34 Yrs	1	(1/ 96)	66	13%
35-44 Yrs	2		92	18%
45-54 Yrs	3		108	22%
55-64 Yrs	4		110	22%
65-74 Yrs	5		83	17%
75+ Yrs	6		39	8%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	7		2	0%

S4. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background/ancestry is?

N=			500	100%
White/Caucasian	1	(1/ 97)	434	87%
Black/African-American	2		31	6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3		4	1%
Asian	4		4	1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5		2	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6		25	5%

PRE1

Great, I am going to read you a list of individuals in state and local 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 Deval Patrick.

N=			500	100%
Continue	1	(1/ 98)	500	100%

Q1. Is your opinion of Deval Patrick generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 99)	4	1%
Favorable	2		261	52%
Unfavorable	3		180	36%
Heard of/Undecided	4		55	11%

Q2. Is your opinion of Scott Brown generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/100)	14	3%
Favorable	2		291	58%
Unfavorable	3		111	22%
Heard of/Undecided	4		84	17%

Q3. Is your opinion of Setti Warren (SET-EE) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/102)	360	72%
Favorable	2		23	5%
Unfavorable	3		19	4%
Heard of/Undecided	4		98	20%

Q4. Is your opinion of Tim Murray generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/103)	101	20%
Favorable	2		156	31%
Unfavorable	3		80	16%
Heard of/Undecided	4		163	33%

Q5. Is your opinion of Ed Markey generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/104)	98	20%
Favorable	2		183	37%
Unfavorable	3		93	19%
Heard of/Undecided	4		126	25%

Q6. Is your opinion of (former Congressman) Joe Kennedy generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/105)	10	2%
Favorable	2		290	58%
Unfavorable	3		128	26%
Heard of/Undecided	4		72	14%

Q7. Is your opinion of Mike Capuano generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/106)	118	24%
Favorable	2		146	29%
Unfavorable	3		82	16%
Heard of/Undecided	4		154	31%

Q8. Is your opinion of Barack Obama generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/107)	4	1%
Favorable	2		287	57%
Unfavorable	3		176	35%
Heard of/Undecided	4		33	7%

Q9. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/108)	0	0%
Favorable	2		370	74%
Unfavorable	3		93	19%
Heard of/Undecided	4		37	7%

Q9A. Is your opinion of Vicki Kennedy generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard	1	(1/109)	45	9%
Favorable	2		212	42%
Unfavorable	3		110	22%
Heard of/Undecided	4		133	27%

The following are questions about Massachusetts politicians and issues:

Q10. Do you think Massachusetts is on the right track or is it on the wrong track?

N=			500	100%
Right track	1	(1/111)	189	38%
Wrong track	2		215	43%
Undecided	3		96	19%

Q11. Does Senator Scott Brown deserve to be re-elected or is it time to give someone else a chance?
 N= 500 100%
 Deserves re-election 1 (1/112) 277 55%
 Give someone else a chance 2 143 29%
 Undecided 3 80 16%

Q12. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Deval Patrick is doing as Governor?
 N= 500 100%
 Approve 1 (1/113) 241 48%
 Disapprove 2 198 40%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 61 12%

Republican Scott Brown will be challenged for U.S. Senate by one Democratic nominee.

Q13. If the General Election for United States Senator were held today and the candidates were Scott Brown and Deval Patrick for whom would you vote or towards whom would you lean at this time?
 N= 500 100%
 Brown 1 (1/114) 260 52%
 Patrick 2 185 37%
 Other (DO NOT READ) 3 0 0%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 53 11%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 2 0%

{RANDOMIZE 14-19}

Q14. How about Scott Brown and Mike Capuano?
 N= 500 100%
 Brown 1 (1/115) 258 52%
 Capuano 2 131 26%
 Other (DO NOT READ) 3 6 1%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 94 19%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 11 2%

Q15. How about Scott Brown and Tim Murray?
 N= 500 100%
 Brown 1 (1/116) 257 51%
 Murray 2 115 23%
 Other (DO NOT READ) 3 4 1%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 112 22%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 12 2%

Q16. How about Scott Brown and (former Congressman) Joe Kennedy?
 N= 500 100%
 Brown 1 (1/117) 227 45%
 Kennedy 2 201 40%
 Other (DO NOT READ) 3 0 0%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 66 13%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 6 1%

Q17. How about Scott Brown and Setti Warren?
 N= 500 100%
 Brown 1 (1/119) 260 52%
 Warren 2 46 9%
 Other (DO NOT READ) 3 15 3%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 160 32%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 19 4%

Q18. How about Scott Brown and Ed Markey?
 N= 500 100%
 Brown 1 (1/120) 266 53%
 Markey 2 130 26%
 Other (DO NOT READ) 3 2 0%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 95 19%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 7 1%

Q19. How about Scott Brown and Vicki Kennedy?
 N= 500 100%
 Brown 1 (1/121) 259 52%
 Kennedy 2 151 30%
 Other (DO NOT READ) 3 1 0%
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) 4 81 16%
 Refused (DO NOT READ) 5 8 2%

Q20. Republican Scott Brown promised to be an independent voice in the U.S. Senate - has he kept his promise?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/122)	278	56%
No	2		122	24%
Undecided	3		100	20%
Refused	4		0	0%

Q21. Do you think healthcare in Massachusetts is working?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/123)	190	38%
No	2		246	49%
Undecided	3		63	13%
Refused	4		1	0%

Q22. Do you think Mitt Romney's role in healthcare here will help or hurt his presidential campaign?

N=			500	100%
Help	1	(1/124)	111	22%
Hurt	2		272	54%
Undecided	3		110	22%
Refused	4		7	1%

Q23. Recently Fidelity announced plans to move approximately 1,000 jobs out of Massachusetts and into New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Why do you think Fidelity made such a decision?

N=			500	100%
High Mass. taxes	1	(1/125)	166	33%
Too much regulation	2		24	5%
Strictly a business decision	3		97	19%
Other states are more attractive	4		79	16%
Other reason	5		62	12%
Undecided	6		72	14%

Q24_1

The next question concerns a 1913 law requiring police officers to be present at every poll location during elections. A handful of states require police officers to be at every poll location during an election. Some states leave it up to the individual city or town to decide. Still other states ban police officers from polling locations.

N=			500	100%
CONTINUE	1	(1/126)	500	100%

Q24_2

Some people say that police are necessary and required at every poll location to keep order and settle disputes during an election. Other people say that it is a waste of much-needed tax revenue and that a police presence may intimidate voters.

N=			500	100%
CONTINUE	1	(1/127)	500	100%

Q24. Which is closer to your view - do you think police should be required at every polling place or should Massachusetts end the state requirement?

N=			500	100%
Police should be required at every polling place in Mass.	1	(1/128)	218	44%
Mass. should end the state requirement	2		243	49%
Undecided	3		37	7%
Refused	4		2	0%

Q25. Currently public employee unions are struggling with city and town budget issues. In Massachusetts, what do you think about the power of public employee unions - do you think they have too much power, too little power, or are just about right?

N=			500	100%
Too much	1	(1/129)	254	51%
Too little	2		43	9%
Just about right	3		170	34%
Undecided	4		31	6%
Refused	5		2	0%

Q26. Do you believe public employees are paid more and have better benefits than people who do the same job in the private sector?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/130)	272	54%
No	2		167	33%
Undecided	3		61	12%
Refused	4		0	0%

{ROTATE LINKED 27 A/B with 28 A/B}

Q27A. Six weeks ago, Scott Brown released his book: "Against All Odds. My Life of Hardship, Fast Breaks, and Second Chances." Did you buy the book?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/131)	13	3%
No	2		487	97%
Undecided	3		0	0%
Refused	4		0	0%

Q27B. How interested are you in Scott Brown's life story - very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

N=			500	100%
Very interested	1	(1/132)	27	5%
Somewhat interested	2		122	24%
Not very interested	3		124	25%
Not at all interested	4		209	42%
Undecided	5		7	1%
Refused	6		11	2%

Q28A. Next week, Deval Patrick releases his book: "A Reason to Believe. Lessons From an Improbable Life." Will you buy the book?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	(1/133)	46	9%
No	2		425	85%
Undecided	3		29	6%
Refused	4		0	0%

Q28B. How interested are you in Deval Patrick's life story - very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

N=			500	100%
Very interested	1	(1/134)	23	5%
Somewhat interested	2		133	27%
Not very interested	3		101	20%
Not at all interested	4		224	45%
Undecided	5		9	2%
Refused	6		10	2%

Q29. Some people say that politicians shouldn't write about their life stories while they are in office because it takes too much time to write and promote their books instead of addressing the issues they were elected to do. Others say that politicians can represent the people and write books while in office and should be able to write about their life stories whenever they choose. Which is closer to your view?

N=			500	100%
Politicians shouldn't write/promote books while in office	1	(1/135)	235	47%
Politicians should write about their life whenever-even while in office	2		221	44%
Undecided	3		42	8%
Refused	4		2	0%

Q30. Do you generally approve or disapprove of President Obama's handling of the situation in Libya?

N=			500	100%
Approve	1	(1/136)	255	51%
Disapprove	2		161	32%
Undecided	3		82	16%
Refused	4		2	0%

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

N=			500	100%
Continue	1	(1/137)	500	100%

Q31. Are there any members of your household who are union members?
N= 500 100%
Yes 1 (1/138) 129 26%
No 2 369 74%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 2 0%

Q32. Do you currently have children in the school system?
N= 500 100%
Yes 1 (1/139) 144 29%
No 2 356 71%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) 3 0 0%