# FINAL MAY MASS LIKELY VOTERS

GeoCode

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Worcester / West | 118 | 23.60 |
| Northeastern | 170 | 34.00 |
| Suffolk | 47 | 9.40 |
| Se Mass / Cape | 165 | 33.00 |

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Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and I would like to get your opinions on some issues of the day in Massachusetts. Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions so that we can include your opinions? {IF YES PROCEED; IF NO, UNDECIDED, GO TO CLOSE}

{BY OBSERVATION}

1. Gender

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Male | 239 | 47.80 |
| Female | 261 | 52.20 |

4. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming general election for President this November?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Very likely | 459 | 91.80 |
| Somewhat likely | 41 | 8.20 |

2. What is your age category?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| 18-25 Yrs. | 28 | 5.60 |
| 26-35 Yrs. | 88 | 17.60 |
| 36-45 Yrs. | 89 | 17.80 |
| 46-55 Yrs. | 96 | 19.20 |
| 56-65 Yrs. | 97 | 19.40 |
| 66-75 Yrs. | 55 | 11.00 |
| Over 75 Yrs. | 43 | 8.60 |
| Refused | 4 | 0.80 |

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

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Democrat | 183 | 36.60 |
| Republican | 50 | 10.00 |
| Independent/ Unenrolled | 250 | 50.00 |
| Other | 8 | 1.60 |
| Not registered | 9 | 1.80 |

{3.3}

3a. Although you are registered unenrolled, what primaries – Democratic or Republican - do you tend to vote in? (Do you “think of yourself” as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?)

| (N=250) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Democrat | 75 | 30.00 |
| Republican | 90 | 36.00 |
| Independent/ Unenrolled | 63 | 25.20 |
| Other | 22 | 8.80 |

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

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| White/Caucasian | 394 | 78.80 |
| Black/African-American | 30 | 6.00 |
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 7 | 1.40 |
| Asian | 6 | 1.20 |
| Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander | 2 | 0.40 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 30 | 6.00 |
| Other | 17 | 3.40 |
| Refused | 14 | 2.80 |

6. Overall, do you think Massachusetts is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Right Direction | 285 | 57.00 |
| Wrong Track | 119 | 23.80 |
| Undecided | 96 | 19.20 |

The following questions are about Massachusetts statewide issues and upcoming ballot questions...

7. Currently there are public accommodations bills before the Massachusetts legislature that protect the civil rights of transgender people, including their right to use the restroom that conforms to their gender identity. Do you support or oppose the passage of such a bill?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Support | 266 | 53.20 |
| Oppose | 150 | 30.00 |
| Undecided | 75 | 15.00 |
| Refused | 9 | 1.80 |

8. Charter schools are schools that receive government education funding but operate completely independently from the public school system. Some people say charter schools take valuable financial resources away from underfunded public schools. Others say that charter schools provide better options for students and parents. Which comes closest to your view?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Charter schools take resources away from public schools | 159 | 31.80 |
| Charter schools offer better options for students and parents | 247 | 49.40 |
| Both | 22 | 4.40 |
| Undecided | 62 | 12.40 |
| Refused | 10 | 2.00 |

9. Currently there is a ballot question that would lift the cap on the number of charter schools in Massachusetts, allowing additional charter schools in areas where standardized test scores have been the lowest. Do you approve or disapprove of this measure?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Approve – lift cap and add charter schools where scores are lowest | 248 | 49.60 |
| Disapprove – Keep the number of charter schools the same | 167 | 33.40 |
| Undecided | 80 | 16.00 |
| Refused | 5 | 1.00 |

10. This November a ballot measure may appear that would legalize the sale of recreational marijuana to anyone over the age of 21, just like for alcohol. It would allow for the opening of licensed dispensaries, as well as for people to grow their own. Would you support or oppose this ballot measure?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Support | 215 | 43.00 |
| Oppose | 229 | 45.80 |
| Undecided | 55 | 11.00 |
| Refused | 1 | 0.20 |

11. On just the issue of growing marijuana, do you think people should be able to grow their own marijuana?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 201 | 40.20 |
| No | 250 | 50.00 |
| Undecided | 48 | 9.60 |
| Refused | 1 | 0.20 |

12. The state legislature is considering a “millionaires tax” that would raise the state tax by an additional four percentage points on income over one million dollars per year. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Support | 349 | 69.80 |
| Oppose | 118 | 23.60 |
| Undecided | 31 | 6.20 |
| Refused | 2 | 0.40 |

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

13. Do you currently have children in the school system?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 119 | 23.80 |
| No | 381 | 76.20 |

14. Are there any members of your household who are union members?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 117 | 23.40 |
| No | 378 | 75.60 |
| Undecided | 3 | 0.60 |
| Refused | 2 | 0.40 |

15. Are you willing to be interviewed by a Boston Globe reporter for an upcoming article, please give me your name and verify best phone number?

| (N=500) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 154 | 30.80 |
| No | 334 | 66.80 |
| Undecided | 12 | 2.40 |

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