

**Toplines****University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB Poll of Massachusetts  
November 2021 Poll**

**Field Dates:** November 9 – November 16, 2021  
**Sample:** 750 Residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**Margin of Error:** 4.3%

YouGov interviewed 773 respondents in Massachusetts who were then matched down to a sample of 750 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched 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 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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### **Child Vaccine (N=148)**

*Asked only of respondents who indicated that they had a child/children under the age of 18.*

The Covid-19 vaccine is now available to children between the ages of 5 and 11. Your child or children . . .

will definitely get the vaccine	31%
will probably get the vaccine	10%
will probably not get the vaccine	9%
will definitely not get the vaccine	22%
have already received at least one dose of the vaccine	13%
Not applicable	15%

### **Vaccine (N=750)**

To date, have you received the Covid-19 vaccine?

Yes, I have received both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine	79%
Yes, I have received one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine	6%
No, I have not received the Covid-19 vaccine	16%

### **Covid Policies (N=750)**

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
the state of Massachusetts requiring all public sector workers (who do not have a medical or religious exemption) to receive the Covid-19 vaccine?	50%	13%	10%	5%	21%
the state of Massachusetts requiring all children, aged 5-18 (who do not have a medical or religious exemption) and who attend the state's public schools (K-12), to receive the Covid-19 vaccine?	47%	12%	12%	6%	22%
your local community ending the requirement that students attending public school (K-12) must wear masks or face coverings while in school if at least 80% of students and faculty have been vaccinated?	26%	22%	21%	15%	16%

### **Control of Schools (N=750)**

Recently, there has been a debate over who should control the content of a public school's curriculum. From the following list, who do you believe should have the *primary* influence over what children are taught in public elementary and secondary schools?

Parents should have primary influence over what children are taught in public elementary and secondary schools	20%
Educators, Policymakers, and the Broader Public should have primary influence over what children are taught in public elementary and secondary school?	36%
Parents, Educators, Policymaker, and the Broader Public should have equal influence over what children are taught in public elementary and secondary schools	44%

### **Teaching Racial Inequality (N=750)**

Which of the following best represents your views about how much emphasis should be placed on teaching about racial inequality in public elementary and secondary schools?

There should be <i>more</i> emphasis on teaching about racial inequality in public elementary and secondary schools.	48%
There should be <i>less</i> emphasis on teaching about racial inequality in public elementary and secondary schools.	28%
The emphasis on teaching about racial inequality in public elementary and secondary schools should be <i>kept about the same</i> .	24%

### **School Satisfaction (N=110)**

*Only asked of respondents who indicated that they had a child/children attending a K-12 school in the state.*

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

Completely Satisfied	29%
Somewhat Satisfied	54%
Somewhat dissatisfied	13%
Completely Dissatisfied	4%
Not Applicable	1%

## **Policies (N=750)**

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Legalization of sports gambling in Massachusetts? (Nov. 2021)	16%	18%	40%	13%	13%
Legalization of sports gambling in Massachusetts? (Feb. 2020)	16%	16%	36%	20%	12%
a four percentage point increase to the state's income tax only for individuals with incomes over one million dollars? (Nov. 2021)	52%	16%	13%	6%	13%
a four percentage point increase to the state's income tax only for individuals with incomes over one million dollars? (March 2021)	52%	13%	9%	4%	15%

### **Marijuana Legalization (N=750)**

In 2016, Massachusetts voters passed an initiative that permits the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and removed criminal penalties for such activities. Do you believe that the legalization of marijuana in Massachusetts has been positive for the state?

Very Positive	37%
Somewhat Positive	24%
Neither Positive nor Negative	25%
Somewhat Negative	6%
Very Negative	7%

### **Tsarnaev Death Penalty (N=750)**

Recently, the Supreme Court heard arguments whether Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, convicted for his role in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, should NOT receive the death penalty due to concerns regarding the exclusion of evidence and problems with jury selection during his trial. Do you support or oppose Tsarnaev receiving the death penalty for his role in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing?

Strongly Support Tsarnaev receiving the death penalty	35%
Support Tsarnaev receiving the death penalty	14%
Neither Support nor Oppose Tsarnaev receiving the death penalty	21%
Oppose Tsarnaev receiving the death penalty	17%
Strongly Oppose Tsarnaev receiving the death penalty	13%

**Brady, Belichick, or Kraft (N=750)**

Between 2000 and 2019, the New England Patriots won seventeen AFC East titles, had 19 winning seasons, appeared in nine Super Bowls, and won a record six Super Bowl championships. Thinking back on this time, who do you believe deserves the most credit for New England Patriots' success?

Quarterback Tom Brady	25%
Coach Bill Belichick	11%
New England Patriots Owner	3%
Bob Kraft	
All Three	44%
Don't Know	18%



## Candidate words

What one word would you use to describe *President Joe Biden*?

