

Toplines**University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB Poll of Massachusetts
March 2021 Covid-19 Anniversary Poll**

Field Dates:	March 5 – March 9, 2021
Sample:	800 Residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Margin of Error:	4.6% for all Residents

YouGov interviewed 846 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 800 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 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) subset to Massachusetts residents 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 Presidential vote choice, 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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State of the National Economy (N=800)

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

	March 2021	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Excellent	1%	4%	2%
Good	19%	19%	19%
Fair	55%	38%	40%
Poor	24%	38%	39%

State of the Massachusetts Economy (N=800)

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

	March 2021	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Excellent	3%	4%	4%
Good	39%	32%	36%
Fair	45%	51%	46%
Poor	13%	13%	15%

Nation Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=800)

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

	March 2021	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Right Direction	31%	24%	15%
Wrong Track	51%	71%	75%
Not Sure	18%	5%	10%

MA Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=800)

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

	March 2021	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Right Direction	47%	49%	53%
Wrong Track	30%	32%	28%
Not Sure	23%	19%	19%

Approval (N=800)

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

	March 2021			Oct. 2020			Aug. 2020		
	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure
Governor Charlie Baker	52%	39%	10%	68%	29%	3%	78%	20%	4%
Senator Edward Markey	53%	30%	17%	63%	30%	6%	55%	30%	16%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	55%	34%	11%	60%	36%	4%	55%	40%	6%
Mass State Legislature	51%	31%	17%	60%	31%	9%	57%	29%	14%
U.S. Congress	33%	57%	10%	22%	72%	7%	23%	67%	10%
President Joe Biden	62%	34%	5%	N/A			N/A		

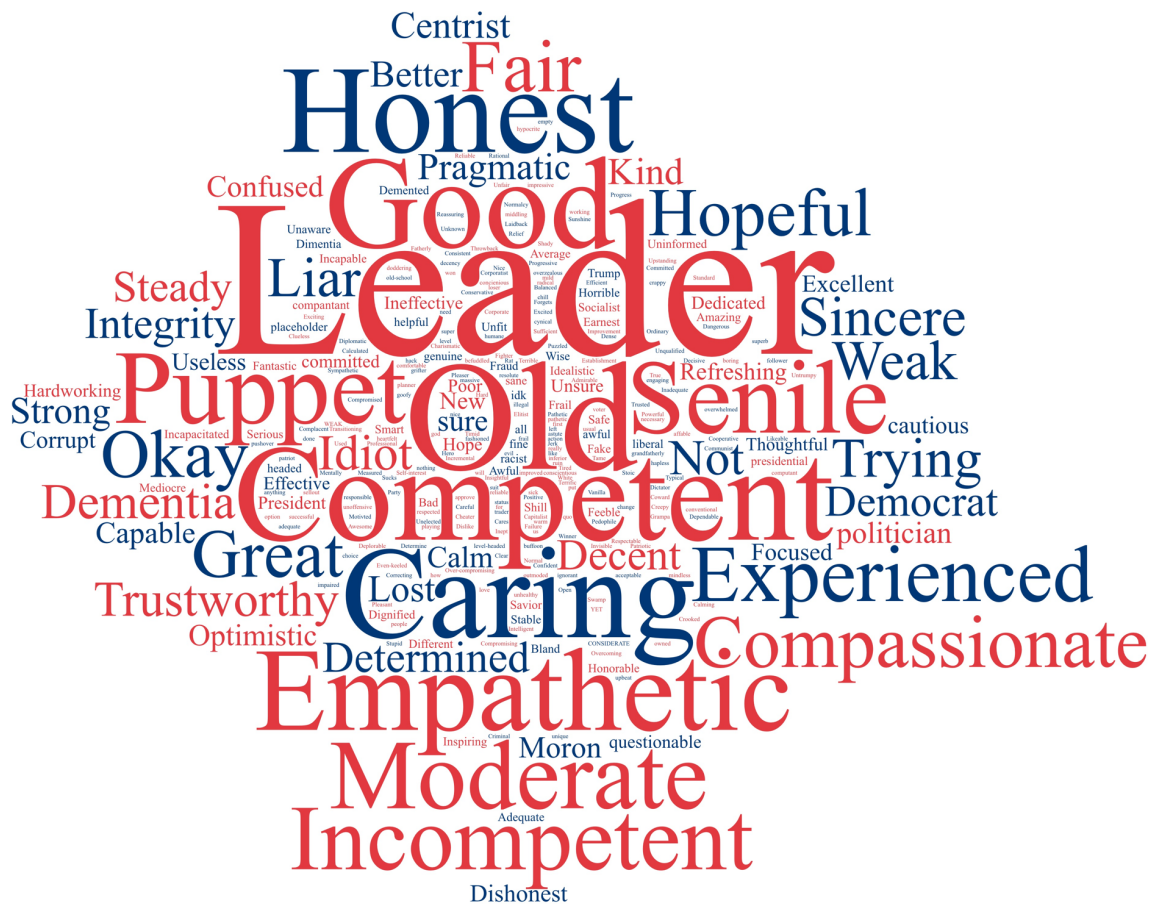
In a word or two, what do you think is the most important issue facing Massachusetts?



What one word would you use to describe *Governor Charlie Baker*?



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



Policies (N=800)

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following ideas policies.

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Do you support a plan in which the federal government cancels up to \$50,000 in student loan debt for federal student loan borrowers?	38%	15%	7%	8%	26%	7%
Do you support a four percentage point increase to the state's income tax only for individuals with incomes over one million dollars?	52%	13%	9%	4%	15%	8%
Do you support ending the use of Native American names, symbols, or images to serve as high school, college, or university mascots or team names in Massachusetts?	29%	12%	15%	10%	27%	7%

Biden Legitimately Elected (N=189)

Asked only of respondents who voted for Donald Trump.

Is Joe Biden the legitimately elected and duly inaugurated President of the United States?

Yes	22%
No	59%
Don't Know	19%

Quarterback (N=351)

The New England Patriots are currently looking for a starting quarterback for the 2021-22 NFL season. From the following list of options, please indicate how you would like to see the New England Patriots address the quarterback position this offseason.

Re-sign Cam Newton	19%
Draft a quarterback in the first round of the 2021	
NFL Draft	40%
Trade for a veteran quarterback	23%
Sign a free agent quarterback	19%

2022 MA Governor

Governor Charlie Baker is nearing the end of his second term in office, and has not publicly stated if he will seek a third term. If Governor Baker was running against Attorney General Maura Healey in the 2022 general election for governor, who would you be most likely to vote for?

	All (N=800)	Registered Voters (N=756)
Governor Charlie Baker	30%	31%
Attorney General Maura Healey	27%	28%
Not Sure	34%	34%
Would Not Vote	10%	7%

What if the candidates were Baker and Former Representative Joseph Kennedy III, who would you be most likely to vote for in the 2022 general election for governor?

	All (N=800)	Registered Voters (N=756)
Governor Charlie Baker	35%	37%
Former Representative Joseph Kennedy III	25%	27%
Not Sure	30%	28%
Would Not Vote	10%	8%

What if the candidates were Baker and Former State Senator Ben Downing, who would you be most likely to vote for in the 2022 general election for governor?

	All (N=800)	Registered Voters (N=756)
Governor Charlie Baker	30%	31%
Former State Senator Ben Downing	11%	12%
Not Sure	51%	51%
Would Not Vote	8%	6%

What if the candidates were Baker and State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, who would you be most likely to vote for in the 2022 general election for governor?

	All (N=800)	Registered Voters (N=756)
Governor Charlie Baker	30%	31%
State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz	16%	17%
Not Sure	45%	45%
Would Not Vote	10%	7%

What if the candidates were Baker and Professor Danielle Allen, who would you be most likely to vote for in the 2022 general election for governor?

	All (N=800)	Registered Voters (N=756)
Governor Charlie Baker	30%	31%
Professor Danielle Allen	14%	14%
Not Sure	48%	49%
Would Not Vote	8%	6%