

# Toplines November 2018 University of Massachusetts Amherst Post-Midterm Election Poll of Registered Voters

Field Dates:

November 7 - November 14, 2018

Sample:

750 Registered Voters in Massachusetts

4.1% for Registered Voters

YouGov interviewed 796 respondents 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 Massachusetts portion of the 2016 Current Population Survey (CPS) 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, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

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All figures presented in this document are for registered adults.

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## Type of Vote (N=691)

In person on Election Day 75%

In person before Election Day 20% (Early Voting)

Voted by Mail 5% (or absentee)

#### Senate Vote (N=683)

In the election for U.S. Senate, which candidate did you vote for?

Elizabeth Warren (Democrat) 60%

Geoff Diehl (Republican) 36%

Shiva Ayyadurai (Independent) 4%

### **Governor Vote (N=677)**

In the election for Governor, which candidate did you vote for?

Charlie Baker (Republican) 65%

Jay Gonzalez (Democrat) 31%

Other 4%



#### **Ballot Questions**

There were three questions on the ballot. How did you vote on each of the following ballot questions? (N=680)

Question 1 –Limit the number of patients a single nurse can be assigned at a time and impose a \$25,000 fine on hospitals violating those ratios.

Yes	38%
No	62%

Question 2 –Create a citizen commission to promote a constitutional amendment that would overturn the Citizens United v. FEC Supreme Court decision on campaign finance. (N=666)

Yes	67%
No	33%

Question 3 –Support upholding Senate Bill 2407, which prohibits discrimination against transgender individuals in public places. (N=674)

Yes	68%
No	32%



## **Events Impact**

Recently, there has been a lot of talk about political events motivating people to turn out to vote in this year's midterm election. Did any of the following events have an influence on your decision to turn out to vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>?

President Donald Trump's Administration (N=687)	A Lot 56%	Some 16%	Not Much 8%	Not At All 21%
The attempted mail bombings of CNN and prominent Democratic leaders (N=688)	55%	16%	08%	21%
Justice Kavanaugh's nomination and confirmation to the Supreme Court (N=689)	41%	23%	10%	27%
The Central American "Migrant Caravan" (N=687)	22%	16%	13%	49%
The Pittsburgh synagogue shooting (N=687)	17%	20%	17%	46%



#### How Similar: Baker, Trump, and GOP

Please tell us your opinion concerning the following questions:

When it comes to the positions they hold on important issues, would you say that <u>Governor Charlie Baker and President Donald Trump</u> are...? (N=741)

Very Similar	2%
Mostly Similar	17%
Mostly Different	39%
Very Different	33%
Not Sure	9%

When it comes to the positions they hold on important issues, would you say that <u>Governor Charlie Baker and the Republican Party</u> are...? (N=746)

Very Similar	6%
Mostly Similar	32%
Mostly Different	41%
Very Different	11%
Not Sure	9%

### **2020 MA Senate Democratic Primary**

Questions asked only of respondents who identified as a registered Democrat or Independent.

In 2020, Senator Edward Markey will be up for re-election. If Senator Markey was running against Attorney General Maura Healey in the Democratic presidential primary for senator, who would you be most likely to vote for? (N=635)

Senator Edward Markey	26%
Attorney General Maura Healey	27%
Not Sure	35%
Would Not Vote	12%

What if the candidates were Markey and Representative Seth Moulton, who would you be most likely to vote for in the Democratic presidential primary? (N=636)

Senator Edward Markey	29%
Representative Seth Moulton	25%
Not Sure	38%
Would Not Vote	8%



#### **Democratic Primary (N=655)**

Question only asked if respondent self-identifies as Democrat or Independent.

If the 2020 Presidential Democratic primary were held <u>today</u>, which <u>one</u> of the following candidates would you support in the Democratic primary.

Senator Elizabeth Warren	11%
Former Governor Deval Patrick	6%
Representative Seth Moulton	1%
Senator Cory Booker	3%
Senator Kamala Harris	6%
Senator Amy Klobuchar	3%
Senator Bernie Sanders	14%
Former Vice President Joe Biden	19%
Representative Beto O'Rourke	10%
Don't Know	27%

#### **Republican Primary**

Question only asked if respondent self-identifies as Republican or Independent. 50% were asked question with President Trump in Primary and 50% were asked question without President Trump in Primary.

If the 2020 Presidential Republican primary were held <u>today</u>, and President Trump decided to not seek a second term, which <u>one</u> of the following candidates would you support in the Republican primary? (N=225)

Governor John Kasich	7%
Former Governor Mitt Romney	8%
Senator Jeff Flake	1%
Governor Charlie Baker	33%
Vice President Mike Pence	26%
Speaker Paul Ryan	2%
Don't Know	22%

If the 2020 Presidential Republican primary were held <u>today</u> which <u>one</u> of the following candidates would you support in the Republican primary? (N=227)

Governor John Kasich	3%
Former Governor Mitt Romney	7%
Senator Jeff Flake	1%
Governor Charlie Baker	30%
Speaker Paul Ryan	2%
President Donald Trump	40%
Don't Know	16%



**Approval** 

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

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
Governor	30%	43%	14%	7%	5%
Charlie Baker					
(N=750)					
Senator	34%	22%	7%	34%	4%
Elizabeth					
Warren					
(N=750)	200/	120/	607	600/	20/
President	20%	13%	6%	60%	2%
Donald					
Trump (N=750)					
MA State	12%	45%	15%	17%	10%
Legislature	12/0	1370	1370	1770	1070
(N=750)					
U.S.	3%	14%	29%	46%	7%
Congress					
(N=750)					



## **Candidate words**

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

Senator Elizabeth Warren



Governor Charlie Baker



## President Donald Trump



