

**WBUR Poll**  
**Survey of 508 Registered Voters in Massachusetts**  
**Field Dates: January 15-17, 2017**

I'm going to read you the names of several people who are active in public affairs. After I read each one please tell me if you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable view of the person. If you have never heard of the person or if you are undecided, please just say so. **READ FIRST NAME.** How about **READ NEXT NAME?**

**REPEAT QUESTION TEXT ONLY IF NECESSARY, PROBE IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DON'T KNOW".**

Have you heard of **READ NAME** and are undecided about (him/her)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her)?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Donald Trump	28%	60%	12%	0%	<1%
Barack Obama	66%	27%	6%	<1%	1%
Vladimir Putin	5%	68%	19%	7%	2%
Charlie Baker	59%	18%	20%	3%	1%
Elizabeth Warren	51%	37%	9%	2%	1%

*Order of next two questions rotated.*

Governor Charlie Baker will be up for reelection in 2018. As of now, do you think Charlie Baker deserves reelection or is it time to give someone else a chance?

Deserves reelection	51%
Give someone else a chance	29%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	21%

Senator Elizabeth Warren will be up for reelection in 2018. As of now, do you think Elizabeth Warren deserves reelection or is it time to give someone else a chance?

Deserves reelection	44%
Give someone else a chance	46%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	10%

There may be a measure on the 2018 ballot dealing with taxes. Would you support or oppose increasing the state's income tax on any income over one million dollars and using that money to pay for education and transportation? **PROBE:** And do you strongly (support/oppose) this idea, or just somewhat?

Strongly support	48%
Somewhat support	29%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	11%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

As you may know, Massachusetts voted to legalize marijuana in the 2016 election. Keeping in mind that all of your answers in the survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana? **IF YES, PROBE:** One final question. Was the first time you tried it just in the last two months, or sometime before that? **IF NO, PROBE:** One final question. Do you think you will try it in the next few months, or will you not try it soon?

Yes, tried in last two months	4%
Yes, before last two months	43%
Yes, don't know when the first time was	5%
No, have not tried it, but might try it soon	2%
No, have not tried it, won't try it soon	31%
No, have not tried it, don't know I will try it	12%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with **READ FIRST** in Massachusetts? And is that very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or just somewhat? How about **READ NEXT**? **REPEAT QUESTION STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED.**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't Know / Refused
Overall state tax levels	6%	39%	28%	20%	6%
The state's transportation system	9%	28%	26%	21%	16%
The public education system	17%	35%	22%	18%	8%
Health care costs	6%	23%	25%	41%	5%
The economy and jobs	15%	42%	23%	15%	5%
The cost of housing	4%	23%	30%	31%	12%

**Now I'd like to ask you about some other issues.**

Later this week, Donald Trump will be inaugurated as President of the United States. Based on things he has done and said since he was elected, would you say you are feeling more confident in his ability to do the job, or less confident?

More confident	28%
Less confident	59%
No change (do not read)	4%
Don't Know / Refused	8%

Do you think Donald Trump serving as President of the United States will be good or bad for **READ FIRST**, or will it not make much of a difference? How about for **READ NEXT? REPEAT QUESTION STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED.**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Good	Bad	Not much difference	Combo / depends (not read)	Don't Know / Refused
The country as a whole	31%	49%	10%	3%	6%
The commonwealth of Massachusetts	20%	41%	27%	3%	10%
People like you	28%	42%	22%	2%	6%
Relations with other countries	27%	57%	6%	3%	7%
The US economy	40%	37%	14%	3%	6%
The environment	17%	56%	18%	1%	7%
Race relations	22%	55%	14%	2%	7%
Journalism and the media	20%	56%	16%	3%	5%

As you may know, Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare. Do you think Congress and the Trump administration will pass a replacement for the Affordable Care Act? **IF YES, ASK** Do you think the replacement will be better or worse than the Affordable Care Act?

Yes, it will be better than the ACA	34%
Yes, but it will be worse than the ACA	15%
No, they will not pass a replacement	30%
Don't Know / Refused	21%

Assuming the Affordable Care Act is repealed, should the Massachusetts Congressional delegation work with Republicans in Congress to develop a replacement, or should they let Republicans create the replacement on their own?

Should work with Republicans	79%
Create the replacement on their own	15%
Both / neither / depends (do not read)	<1%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

From what you have heard or read, how much influence do you think Russia and Vladimir Putin will have over Donald Trump when he is serving as President?

A great deal	17%
A fair amount	26%
Not very much	27%
None at all	23%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

Do you think Donald Trump should release his tax returns, or not?

Yes he should	75%
No he should not	20%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

Do you think Donald Trump will **READ FIRST** when he makes decisions as President, or will he **READ NEXT**? *Order rotated.*

Take his business interests into account	56%
Only focus on the nation's best interest	37%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

How much have you heard or read about Donald Trump's plan to turn over operations of his businesses to his sons during his time as President?

A great deal	24%
A fair amount	44%
Not very much	23%
Nothing at all	8%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

From what you know about it, do you think Donald Trump's plan to separate himself from his businesses goes far enough, or not?

Yes it goes far enough	39%
No it does not go far enough	55%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

Do you think the ways Donald Trump uses of Twitter are appropriate or inappropriate, given his position?

Appropriate	14%
Inappropriate	78%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

## Demographics

### Race

White / Caucasian	81%
All others	17%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

### Age

18 to 29	17%
30 to 44	26%
45 to 59	29%
60+	28%

### Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

### Party Registration

Democrat	34%
Republican	11%
Independent / Unenrolled	55%

### Education

High School or less	32%
Some college, no degree	22%
College graduate (BA/BS)	27%
Advanced degree	18%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

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### About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 508 registered voters in Massachusetts. Interviews were conducted January 15-17, 2017 by live telephone interviews via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 4.4 percent with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.