

WBUR Massachusetts Senate Special Election Poll
 Topline Results
 Survey of 610 Likely Voters
 Oversample of 50 Republican Primary Voters
 Field Dates: March 19-21, 2013

I'm going to read you the names of several people and groups 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
Steve Lynch	37%	12%	30%	19%	2%
Ed Markey	32%	23%	31%	12%	1%
Michael Sullivan	17%	10%	36%	35%	3%
Dan Winslow	5%	5%	29%	57%	4%
Gabriel Gomez	10%	10%	30%	46%	4%

For this special election, are you more likely to vote in a Democratic primary election, Republican primary election, or neither?

Democrat	50%
Republican	19%
Neither	18%
Don't Know / Refused	13%

Asked to those who said they were more likely to vote in Democratic primary.

If the candidates in the Democratic primary were Ed Markey and Steve Lynch, for whom would you vote? *Order rotated.*

Ed Markey	35%
Steve Lynch	24%
Some other candidate (not read)	0%
Would not vote (not read)	0%
Don't Know / Refused	41%

Asked to those who said they were more likely to vote in Republican primary.

If the candidates in the Republican primary were Dan Winslow, Michael Sullivan and Gabriel Gomez, for whom would you vote? *Order rotated.*

Dan Winslow	10%
Michael Sullivan	28%
Gabriel Gomez	8%
Some other candidate (not read)	3%
Would not vote (not read)	4%
Don't Know / Refused	46%

Order of the next three question pairs rotated.

Next two questions rotated.

If the general election were held today, and if the candidates were for Democrat Ed Markey and Republican Dan Winslow, for whom would you vote? *Order rotated.*

Ed Markey	44%
Dan Winslow	22%
Some other candidate (not read)	3%
Would not vote (not read)	2%
Don't Know / Refused	29%

If the general election were held today, and if the candidates were for Democrat Steve Lynch and Republican Dan Winslow, for whom would you vote? *Order rotated.*

Steve Lynch	52%
Dan Winslow	15%
Some other candidate (not read)	1%
Would not vote (not read)	1%
Don't Know / Refused	31%

Next two questions rotated.

If the general election were held today, and if the candidates were for Democrat Ed Markey and Republican Gabriel Gomez, for whom would you vote? *Order rotated.*

Ed Markey	44%
Gabriel Gomez	25%
Some other candidate (not read)	3%
Would not vote (not read)	2%
Don't Know / Refused	26%

If the general election were held today, and if the candidates were for Democrat Steve Lynch and Republican Gabriel Gomez, for whom would you vote? *Order rotated.*

Steve Lynch	55%
Gabriel Gomez	17%
Some other candidate (not read)	1%
Would not vote (not read)	1%
Don't Know / Refused	26%

Next two questions rotated.

If the general election were held today, and if the candidates were for Democrat Ed Markey and Republican Michael Sullivan, for whom would you vote? *Order rotated.*

Ed Markey	44%
Michael Sullivan	27%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%
Would not vote (not read)	1%
Don't Know / Refused	25%

If the general election were held today, and if the candidates were for Democrat Steve Lynch and Republican Michael Sullivan, for whom would you vote? *Order rotated.*

Steve Lynch	49%
Michael Sullivan	21%
Some other candidate (not read)	1%
Would not vote (not read)	1%
Don't Know / Refused	28%

Next two questions asked to Republican primary voters only.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

Approve	47%
Disapprove	43%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Do you think Republicans in congress have compromised with President Obama too often, not often enough, or about the right amount?

Too often	39%
Not often enough	21%
The right amount	30%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Over the next few elections, how important will each of the following issues be for you personally, when deciding who to vote for? First, **READ FIRST ITEM?** Will this be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important in deciding who to vote for over the next few elections? How about **READ NEXT ITEM. REPEAT SCALE AND QUESTION STEM ONLY AS NECESSARY.**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Refused
Same sex marriage	31%	27%	22%	19%	2%
The federal budget deficit	69%	22%	6%	2%	1%
Cutting taxes	52%	27%	14%	4%	2%
Global warming	36%	32%	18%	12%	2%
Gun control	61%	24%	8%	5%	1%
Immigration	45%	39%	10%	4%	1%
Jobs and the economy	85%	13%	1%	1%	1%
The U.S. military	55%	34%	6%	3%	1%
Abortion	45%	26%	14%	11%	3%

Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases? *Order rotated.*

Legal in all cases	32%
Legal in most cases	41%
Illegal in most cases	12%
Illegal in all cases	7%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life? *Order rotated.*

Pro-choice	55%
Pro-life	31%
Both/neither/combo/it depends	11%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

In general, do you support or oppose same-sex marriage? *Order rotated.*

Support	58%
Oppose	25%
Don't Know / Refused	17%

Do you have any friends or family members who are gay or lesbian? *Order rotated.*

Yes	61%
No	35%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Demographics

Race

White / Caucasian	82%
All others	14%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Age

18 to 29	11%
30 to 44	23%
45 to 59	37%
60+	29%

Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

Party Registration

Democrat	35%
Republican	13%
Independent / Unenrolled	52%

Education

High School or less	30%
Some college, no degree	23%
College graduate (BA/BS)	29%
Advanced degree	18%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 610 likely voters in the June 2013 special election for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts. This count includes a base sample of 560 general election voters and an oversample of 50 likely voters in the Republican primary. The results were weighted in two stages—first to reduce the oversample to its proper proportion, and second to reflect the demographic makeup of Massachusetts voters. The poll was conducted Mar 19-21, 2013. Live telephone interviews were conducted via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 4.1 percent with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.