

WBUR Poll
Survey of 504 Registered Voters in Massachusetts
Field Dates: March 16-18, 2018

I'm going to read you the names of several people and organizations 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 them or if you are undecided, please just say so. **READ FIRST NAME.** How about **READ NEXT NAME?**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Donald Trump	27%	66%	6%	<1%	<1%
Charlie Baker	66%	14%	14%	5%	<1%
Elizabeth Warren	53%	36%	8%	2%	<1%
<i>Asked to ½: Geoff Diehl</i>	9%	3%	15%	72%	<1%
<i>Asked to ½: Beth Lindstrom</i>	5%	4%	17%	74%	0%
<i>Asked to ½: Setti Warren</i>	11%	6%	14%	70%	0%
<i>Asked to ½: Bob Massie</i>	11%	7%	20%	62%	<1%
<i>Asked to ½: Jay Gonzalez</i>	7%	2%	15%	75%	0%
<i>Asked to ½: John Kingston</i>	4%	4%	9%	83%	0%
The National Rifle Association, often called the NRA	29%	56%	12%	3%	1%

As you may know, there is an election in November of twenty eighteen for Massachusetts governor, U.S. Senate, and other offices.

ROTATE ORDER OF NEXT 3 QUESTIONS.

If the election for Governor of Massachusetts were held today, and the candidates were **ROTATE CANDIDATES** Democrat Jay Gonzalez and Republican Charlie Baker, for whom would you vote?

	Nov 17	Mar 18
Jay Gonzalez	19%	21%
Charlie Baker	59%	60%
Would not vote (do not read)	NA	2%
Another candidate (do not read)	3%	2%
Refused (do not read)	1%	<1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	18%	15%

If the election for Governor of Massachusetts were held today, and the candidates were **ROTATE CANDIDATES** Democrat Bob Massie and Republican Charlie Baker, for whom would you vote?

	Nov 17	Mar 18
Bob Massie	21%	22%
Charlie Baker	60%	59%
Would not vote (do not read)	NA	1%
Another candidate (do not read)	2%	2%
Refused (do not read)	<1%	<1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	16%	16%

If the election for Governor of Massachusetts were held today, and the candidates were **ROTATE CANDIDATES** Democrat Setti Warren and Republican Charlie Baker, for whom would you vote?

	Nov 17	Mar 18
Setti Warren	24%	24%
Charlie Baker	58%	58%
Would not vote (do not read)	NA	1%
Another candidate (do not read)	2%	3%
Refused (do not read)	1%	<1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	15%	13%

ROTATE ORDER OF NEXT 3 QUESTIONS.

If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were **ROTATE CANDIDATES** Democrat Elizabeth Warren, Republican Geoff Diehl, and independent Shiva Ayyadurai, for whom would you vote?

	Nov 17	Mar 18
Elizabeth Warren	58%	55%
Geoff Diehl	32%	20%
Shiva Ayyadurai	NA	9%
Would not vote (do not read)	NA	3%
Another candidate (do not read)	3%	1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%	0%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	7%	13%

If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were **ROTATE CANDIDATES** Democrat Elizabeth Warren, Republican Beth Lindstrom, and independent Shiva Ayyadurai, for whom would you vote?

	Nov 17	Mar 18
Elizabeth Warren	56%	53%
Beth Lindstrom	33%	19%
Shiva Ayyadurai	NA	9%
Would not vote (do not read)	NA	3%
Another candidate (do not read)	3%	1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%	0%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	8%	14%

If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were **ROTATE CANDIDATES** Democrat Elizabeth Warren, Republican John Kingston, and independent Shiva Ayyadurai, for whom would you vote?

	Nov 17	Mar 18
Elizabeth Warren	57%	54%
John Kingston	33%	21%
Shiva Ayyadurai	NA	7%
Would not vote (do not read)	NA	4%
Another candidate (do not read)	2%	2%
Refused (do not read)	1%	<1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	7%	12%

There may be a measure on the 2018 ballot dealing with the state's minimum wage. The proposed measure would gradually raise the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2022. It would also raise the minimum wage for tipped employees to \$9 an hour by 2022. After 2022, the minimum wage go up with inflation. Would you support or oppose this measure? **PROBE:** And do you strongly (support/oppose) this idea, or just somewhat?

Strongly support	49%
Somewhat support	29%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	10%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

How would you rate Charlie Baker's job performance when it comes to **READ FIRST**? Would you say that it is Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor? How about **READ NEXT**? **REPEAT STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED.**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know / Refused
Improving the state's roads and highways	3%	29%	38%	24%	6%
Making state government function better	8%	36%	33%	11%	12%
Reducing the cost of health care in Massachusetts	5%	24%	33%	24%	14%
Addressing the opioid crisis	7%	30%	32%	19%	12%
Improving the MBTA	6%	22%	35%	18%	18%
Addressing the high cost of housing in Massachusetts	3%	18%	39%	25%	15%
Managing the state police	8%	41%	30%	7%	15%
Preparing the state for climate change	6%	28%	34%	13%	19%

I'd like to ask you some questions about another issue.

As you may know, Congress passed a tax law which went into effect this year. Do you think the new tax law will mostly help **READ AND ROTATE**, or everyone about the same?

	Jan 18	Mar 18
The upper class	64%	58%
The middle class	10%	16%
The lower class	1%	5%
Everyone about the same	19%	12%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	6%	8%

To the best of your knowledge, do you benefit financially from the new tax law?

Yes I do	33%
No I do not	58%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	9%

I'd like to ask you some questions about another issue.

In general, do you feel that the laws we have here in Massachusetts covering the sale of firearms should be **READ AND ROTATE FIRST TWO**, or kept about the same as they are now?

More strict	55%
Less strict	12%
Kept about the same	30%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

In your opinion, which should be more important to lawmakers when considering laws regarding gun sales and ownership—**ROTATE OPTIONS** protecting the constitutional right to own guns or protecting citizens from gun violence?

	Feb 13	Mar 18
Protecting right to own guns	25%	21%
Protecting citizens from gun violence	59%	69%
Both (not read)	9%	8%
Neither (not read)	2%	<1%
Don't Know / Refused	4%	2%

As you may know, students in Massachusetts have been conducting marches, walkouts, and other protests. Do you support or oppose these protests?

Support	73%
Oppose	22%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

Would you support or oppose each of the following ideas related to gun ownership in the United States?
 First, **READ FIRST?** How about **READ NEXT?** **REPEAT QUESTION STEM ONLY AS NEEDED.**

	Support	Oppose	Don't Know / Refused
Getting rid of laws that restrict what kinds of guns people can own	33%	63%	4%
Banning high capacity magazines, which allow some guns to fire more than 10 rounds before reloading	68%	27%	5%
Repealing the Second Amendment to the US Constitution, which deals with the right to keep and bear arms	28%	67%	6%
Requiring background checks for every person who purchases a firearm	98%	2%	0%
Prohibiting people found to be a risk to themselves or others from owning or possessing guns	89%	7%	4%
Banning all rifles capable of semi-automatic fire	61%	34%	5%
Raising the minimum age in Massachusetts for firearms purchases from 18 to 21	79%	19%	2%
Banning the manufacture in the state of assault rifles meant to be sold to civilians	64%	30%	7%
Arming some teachers and school staff to defend against school shooters	29%	67%	4%

I have a few questions on another issue.

As you may know, the idea that the earth's temperature is slowly increasing is often called global warming, or climate change. Which of the following reflects your view about the effects of global warming? **ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP** The effects have already begun to happen. They will start happening within a few years. They will start happening within your lifetime. They will not happen within your lifetime, but they will affect future generations. OR, they will never happen?

	2011	2014	2015	2017	2018
Already begun to happen	54%	57%	57%	69%	63%
Within a few years	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Within your lifetime	10%	10%	8%	7%	7%
Will affect future generations	18%	17%	20%	15%	15%
Will never happen	12%	8%	8%	5%	6%
Don't Know / Refused	2%	4%	4%	2%	5%

Which is closer to your view? **READ AND ROTATE**

Climate change is bringing more frequent or severe storms in Massachusetts.	65%
Climate change is not affecting the storms we have here in Massachusetts.	24%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	4%
Don't Know / Refused	8%

How prepared do you think Massachusetts is to deal with the effects of climate change?

Very prepared	6%
Somewhat prepared	47%
Not too prepared	24%
Not at all prepared	17%
Climate change not happening (not read)	2%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

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	33%
Some college, no degree	23%
College graduate (BA/BS)	27%
Advanced degree	18%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 504 Massachusetts registered voters. Live telephone interviews were conducted March 16-18, 2018 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error is 4.4 percentage points with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.