

WBUR Poll
Massachusetts 7th Congressional District Democratic Primary
Field Dates: July 27-29, 2018
Survey of 403 Likely Voters

Compared to previous congressional elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

More enthusiastic	58%
Less enthusiastic	16%
About the same (not read)	24%
Don't know/refused	2%

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?**

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/it)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her/it)?

<i>Order rotated.</i>		Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Mike Capuano	Feb 2018	60%	7%	19%	13%	<1%
	Jul 2018	65%	8%	18%	9%	1%
Ayanna Pressley	Feb 2018	42%	7%	18%	33%	0%
	Jul 2018	50%	8%	16%	26%	0%
Charlie Baker	Feb 2018	66%	18%	15%	1%	<1%
	Jul 2018	62%	20%	15%	3%	0%
Nancy Pelosi	Jul 2018	56%	21%	19%	4%	<1%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	Jul 2018	36%	6%	14%	43%	0%
Immigration and Customs Enforcement, often called "ICE"	Jul 2018	13%	63%	19%	4%	0%

If the candidates in the Democratic primary for US Congress were **READ AND ROTATE ORDER**, for whom would you vote?

If undecided... Even though you say you are undecided -- which way are you leaning as of today -- **READ AND ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES?**

	Feb 2018	Jul 2018
Initial preference		
Mike Capuano	45%	44%
Ayanna Pressley	32%	31%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%	<1%
Would not vote (not read)	<1%	<1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%	2%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	21%	23%
Vote preference with leaners		
Mike Capuano	47%	48%
Ayanna Pressley	35%	35%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%	<1%
Would not vote (not read)	<1%	<1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%	2%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	15%	15%

Which of the following would you prefer for your own member of Congress? **READ AND ROTATE.**

	Feb 2018	Jul 2018
Someone who has been around a while with experience in how Congress works	46%	40%
Someone new to Congress with fresh ideas and perspectives	36%	40%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	16%	14%
Don't Know / Refused	3%	5%

How much of a consideration should a candidate's gender be when deciding who to support in **this** race for Congress?

	Feb 2018	Jul 2018
A major consideration	14%	16%
A minor consideration	28%	27%
Not a consideration	56%	55%
Don't Know / Refused	2%	2%

How much of a consideration should a candidate's race be when deciding who to support in **this** race for Congress?

	Feb 2018	Jul 2018
A major consideration	18%	27%
A minor consideration	28%	26%
Not a consideration	51%	43%
Don't Know / Refused	2%	4%

From what you know about them, would you say Mike Capuano and Ayanna Pressley hold **READ AND ROTATE** positions on the issues? **PROBE:** And is that very (similar/different) or just somewhat?

Very similar	19%
Somewhat similar	25%
Somewhat different	13%
Very different	6%
Don't Know / Refused	37%

Now I'd like to ask you about another topic.

Some people have called for the agency called Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also known as "ICE" to be reformed or abolished altogether. Based on what you may know about this issue, do you think...**READ AND ROTATE?**

ICE should be abolished	21%
ICE should be reformed, but not abolished	64%
ICE should stay the way it is	8%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

If a candidate for your Congressional representative made abolishing ICE a major priority, would it make you more likely to support him or her, less likely to support him or her, or would it make no difference?

More likely	32%
Less likely	25%
Would make no difference	36%
Don't know/refused	8%

I have just a few more questions.

Would you support or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with a taxpayer-funded national plan which would cover all Americans? **PROBE** And would you strongly (support/oppose) this plan or just somewhat (support/oppose)?

Strongly support	60%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	7%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

If the Democrats win the majority of the House of Representatives in the midterms, do you think they should choose Nancy Pelosi to be Speaker of the House, or should they choose someone else?

Nancy Pelosi	33%
Someone else	48%
Don't Know / Refused	19%

When it comes to standing up to Donald Trump, do you think Democrats in Congress are being **READ AND ROTATE?**

Too aggressive	5%
Not aggressive enough	61%
Just about right	28%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

Do you believe that President Trump should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

Yes he should	69%
No he should not	21%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Demographics

Race

White / Caucasian	59%
African American / Black	26%
Hispanic / Latino	9%
All others	5%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Age

18 to 29	10%
30 to 44	17%
45 to 59	30%
60+	43%

Gender

Male	43%
Female	57%

Party Registration

Democrat	71%
Independent / Unenrolled	29%

Education

High School or less	20%
Some college, no degree	17%
College graduate (BA/BS)	30%
Advanced degree	31%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 403 Massachusetts registered voters. Live telephone interviews were conducted July 27-29, 2018 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error is 4.9 percentage points with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.