

WBUR Citizens' Agenda Survey
Survey of 601 Registered Voters in the Greater Boston Region
Field Dates: July 31 – August 6, 2019

Where do you get your information about politics? Select all that apply. *Options sorted for display.*

TV - Cable news	65%
TV - Local / national broadcasts	57%
Conversations with family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers	45%
Local newspapers / websites	44%
National newspapers / websites	36%
Facebook / Twitter / Other social media	35%
Public radio	27%
Other (specify)	4%
Unsure	2%

How often do you get news or information from WBUR, either on the radio or online?

Daily	14%
A few times a week	21%
About once a week	7%
A few times a month	5%
About once a month	3%
Less often	11%
Never	32%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

What do you want the candidates for President to be discussing as they compete for votes? **[OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED INTO TOPICS]** *Options sorted for display.*

Health care / drug prices / Medicare	30%
Immigration	25%
Economy / jobs / wages	21%
Poverty / housing / income inequality	12%
Environment / climate change	12%
Education / student loans	11%
Social Justice (gender, racial, LGBTQ+, policing)	10%
Taxes / budget / govt spending	9%
Their plan for our country	8%
Guns	7%
Foreign policy / relations	6%
Unity / civility / character / integrity	5%
National security/ terrorism / military	5%
Anti-Trump	5%
Social Security / elder issues	3%
Elections (Security, gerrymandering, campaign finance)	2%
Infrastructure	1%
Opioids	1%
Other	5%
Unsure / No response	13%

What issues matter to you the most in the upcoming 2020 election for President? Please select all that apply. If the issue that matters most to you is not shown here, please select “other” and write in those topics. **RANDOMIZE ORDER.** *Options sorted for display.*

Health care	63%
Jobs, wages, and the economy	58%
Immigration	53%
Social Security and Medicare	52%
Climate change	42%
Gun policy	41%
Defeating Trump	36%
Race issues	32%
Housing costs	30%
Abortion / reproductive rights	30%
College affordability	27%
Foreign policy	26%
Transportation, roads, and highways	25%
Criminal justice	23%
Paid family leave / caregiving support	19%
Voting rights	19%
The military	17%
Re-electing Trump	12%
Impeachment	12%
Unsure	3%
Other (specify)	3%

Demographics

In politics today, which would you consider yourself?

Democrat	37%
Republican	16%
Independent	41%
Other (please specify)	1%
Unsure / prefer not to say	5%

IF INDEPENDENT ASK...

As of today do you lean more to the Democratic Party or more to the Republican Party?

Democratic party	37%
Republican party	25%
Both / neither / other party	38%
Prefer not to say	1%

Party self-identification, with leaners

Democrat	52%
Republican	26%
Independent	17%
Prefer not to say	5%

Race

White / Caucasian	78%
All others	21%
Prefer not to say	1%

Age

18 to 29	20%
30 to 44	23%
45 to 59	27%
60+	30%

Gender

Male	47%
Female	51%
Other / non-binary / prefer not to say	1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 601 registered voters living in the Greater Boston Region which roughly corresponds to the WBUR listening area. This includes Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties in Massachusetts and Rockingham and Strafford Counties in New Hampshire. Interviews were conducted July 31 – August 6, 2019 via online survey. Results were weighted to known and estimated population parameters for geography, race, education, gender, and age. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.