

**WBUR Massachusetts Poll
Survey of 503 MA Registered Voters
Field Dates: October 16-20, 2019**

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

ROTATE ORDER	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Elizabeth Warren	48%	35%	14%	2%	<1%
Joe Biden	41%	34%	25%	1%	<1%
Bernie Sanders	48%	32%	16%	4%	<1%
Joe Kennedy	45%	18%	28%	8%	1%
Ed Markey	32%	22%	25%	20%	<1%
Shannon Liss-Riordan	3%	6%	13%	78%	<1%

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

Yes he should	55%
No he should not	34%
Don't Know / Refused	11%

Do you approve or disapprove of Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker's decision to impose a 4-month ban on the sale of vaping products, including e-cigarettes? **PROBE:** Do you strongly approve/disapprove of the ban, or just somewhat?

Strongly approve	47%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

Now I would like to ask you about another issue.

Do you currently have any form of health insurance or do you not have health insurance at this time **READ IF NECESSARY:** Health insurance would include any private insurance plan through your employer, a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid.

Yes, covered by health insurance	93%
No, not covered by health insurance	6%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Next three questions asked of those covered by insurance.

Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through a spouse or family member's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or through Massachusetts Health Connector, a MassHealth plan, or a plan through Medicare?

Plan through your employer or a family member's employer	55%
Plan you purchased from company or Massachusetts Health Connector	12%
MassHealth	11%
Medicare	18%
Something else (do not read)	3%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Overall, how satisfied are you with the health insurance you currently have?

Very satisfied	52%
Somewhat satisfied	36%
Not too satisfied	7%
Not at all satisfied	3%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

How well do you think the American health insurance system is working overall?

Very well	9%
Somewhat well	28%
Somewhat poorly	29%
Very poorly	30%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

In the last year, has the cost of care made you skip or delay medical treatment?

Yes it has	24%
No it has not	76%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

In the last year, has the cost of care made you skip or delay paying a medical bill?

Yes it has	22%
No it has not	78%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or not?

Yes it is	63%
No it is not	30%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

Which of the following do you think is the best approach to health care in America?

Keep the current health care system under the Affordable Care Act	14%
Repeal the Affordable Care Act and go back to the way things were	12%
Move to a Medicare for all system with one national health plan	22%
Keep the current health care system but offer Medicare as a health plan for everyone who wants to buy it	43%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

Next, I'm going to read you some different health care proposals. For each one, please let me know if you favor or oppose it.

First, would you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare for all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan. **PROBE:** And would you say you strongly (favor / oppose) this plan, or just somewhat?

Strongly favor	28%
Somewhat favor	26%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	27%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

Next set of questions asked of those who favored Medicare for All.

You said you would support a Medicare for all system. When thinking about a Medicare for all system, how important to you are each of the following potential impacts such a change would have? First, **READ FIRST.** How about **READ NEXT? REPEAT STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED.**

ROTATE ORDER	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't Know / Refused
Getting rid of private insurance companies	29%	37%	16%	13%	5%
Lowering health care costs	79%	15%	2%	2%	2%
Covering all Americans	91%	7%	1%	<1%	1%
Being able to get care without worrying about the cost	83%	15%	1%	1%	1%

Would you favor or oppose creating a national government administered health plan similar to Medicare that would be open to anyone, but would allow people to keep the coverage they have if they prefer. This is sometimes called Medicare for all who want it. **PROBE:** And would you say you strongly (favor / oppose) this plan, or just somewhat?

Strongly favor	39%
Somewhat favor	32%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	14%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

Next set of questions asked of those who favored Medicare for All.

You said you would support a Medicare for all who want it system. When thinking about a Medicare for all who want it system, how important to you are each of the following potential impacts such a change would have?

ROTATE ORDER	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't Know / Refused
Testing the expansion of Medicare	41%	42%	4%	3%	9%
Lowering health care costs	83%	16%	1%	<1%	<1%
Covering more Americans who are now uninsured	83%	14%	2%	<1%	1%
A health system change that is acceptable to more people	66%	29%	1%	2%	2%
Keeping private insurance companies as an option	36%	42%	16%	6%	1%

There are tradeoffs to different health care systems. If it meant lowering healthcare costs, which of the following would you be most willing to do?

Have government set or cap prices	54%
Limit where you can go for care	8%
Limit your range of treatment options	4%
Wait longer for an appointment or care	12%
Don't Know / Refused	23%

Demographics

Race

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

Age

18 to 29	18%
30 to 44	23%
45 to 59	27%
60+	32%

Gender

Male	47%
Female	52%
Other / refused	1%

Party Registration

Democrat	33%
Republican	10%
Independent / Other	57%

Education

High School or less	33%
Some college, no degree	22%
College graduate (BA/BS)	27%
Advanced degree	18%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 503 Massachusetts registered voters. Live telephone interviews were conducted October 16-20, 2019 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The final data was weighted to known and estimated parameters on party registration, gender, age, race, county, and education. 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.