

Toplines**October 2020 University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB Poll of Massachusetts Likely Voters**

Field Dates:	October 14 – October 21, 2020
Sample:	713 Registered Voters in Massachusetts
Margin of Error:	4.5% for All Registered Voters

YouGov interviewed 725 registered voter respondents who were weighted to the sampling frame from the 2018 Current Population Survey (CPS) of Massachusetts registered voters using propensity scores. The 725 cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, and years of education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories). Finally, the sample was restricted to only those who are likely voters to produce a final dataset of 713 likely voter respondents and weights were re-centered among these 713 respondents to produce the final weight.

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Party Registration (N=713)

Are you registered to vote in Massachusetts?

Yes, I'm registered as a Republican	12%
Yes, I'm registered as a Democrat	43%
Yes, I'm registered as undeclared (no party affiliation declared)	45%

Type of Vote (N=362)

In the upcoming general election, how do you plan on voting?

In person on Election Day	35%
In person before Election Day (Early Voting)	21%
Vote by Mail	41%
Vote as Absentee (Due to Travel, Sickness, Etc.)	3%

Early Voting (N=329)

Have you already cast your ballot in the 2020 general election?

Yes	62%
No	38%

Presidential Vote Choice (N=713)

	Without Leaners	With Leaners
Joe Biden	64%	64%
Donald Trump	29%	29%
Other	3%	3%
Not Sure	5%	3%
Probably Won't Vote	0%	0%

Most Important Issue (N=713)

From the list below, please rank the **top three issues** that are most important when making your candidate decision in the 2020 presidential election. Please rank each quality from the quality that is most important to you (#1), followed by the second and third most important qualities to you when deciding who you will vote for in the 2020 presidential election.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Covid-19 crisis	42%	13%	8%
The Economy	23%	17%	15%
Health care	13%	21%	16%
Climate Change	9%	14%	12%
Supreme Court Appointments	4%	7%	10%
Race Relations	3%	9%	11%
Taxes	2%	7%	10%
Abortion	1%	3%	2%
Foreign Policy	1%	5%	10%
Education	1%	4%	5%

General Election Concerns (N=713)

From the list below, please select your **central fear** about the 2020 presidential election.

Attempted voter suppression by opposing party.	22%
Fraud and abuse associated with the counting of mail in ballots.	22%
Influence of fake news, disinformation, and deep fakes.	17%
The losing presidential candidate will contest the election result.	16%
Protests, riots, or violence by supporters of losing candidate.	16%
The manipulation of election results by a foreign government.	6%

Election Violence (N=713)

How concerned are you about the possibility of violence associated with the 2020 presidential election?

Very concerned	40%
Somewhat concerned	39%
Not very concerned	15%
Not concerned at all	4%
Don't know	1%

Votes Counted (N=713)

How confident are you that votes will be counted as voters intend in elections this November?

Very Confident	14%
Somewhat Confident	42%
Not Too Confident	29%
Not At All Confident	15%

Ballot Questions 1 and 2 (N=713)

There are two questions on the ballot in November. Please indicate how you plan to vote on each of the following ballot questions?

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Question 1 – Would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.			
	75%	15%	11%
Question 2 – Would implement a voting system known as “ranked choice voting,” in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference.			
	48%	43%	9%

Senate Vote Choice (N=713)

	Without Leaners	With Leaners
Ed Markey	65%	65%
Kevin O’Connor	26%	26%
Other	2%	2%
Don’t Know	8%	7%

Coney Barrett (N=362)

Judge Amy Coney Barrett has been nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Do you support the Senate voting to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett to serve on the United States Supreme Court?

Yes	37%
No	63%

Supreme Court Changes (N=713)

Please indicate your level of support for the following proposals.

	Strongly Support	Support	Neither	Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Increasing the number of justices on the Supreme Court.	20%	21%	24%	10%	25%
Establishing term limits for justices who serve on the Supreme Court.	35%	25%	21%	8%	12%

Electoral College Change (N=713)

Thinking for a moment about the way in which the president is elected in this country, which would you prefer – to amend the Constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election, or to keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election?

Amend the Constitution so the Candidate Who Receives the Most Votes Wins	59%
Keep the Current System So the Candidate Who Wins Electoral College Vote Wins	30%
Don't Know	11%