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Field Dates: August 26 – August 29, 2022

500 Likely Democratic Primary Voters Sample:

Margin of Error: 5.1%

YouGov interviewed 547 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 500. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the from the 2020 Cooperative Congressional Election Study with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched 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 own/rent, gender, age, race, and education to produce the final weight.

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Party registration (N=500)

Are you registered to vote in Massachusetts?

Yes, I'm registered as a Democrat	67%
Yes, I'm registered as undeclared (no party affiliation declared	33%

Type of Vote (N=500)

In person on Election Day	37%
In person before Election Day (Early Voting)	15%
Vote by Mail	47%
Vote as Absentee (Due to Travel, Sickness, Etc.)	1%

Early Voting (N=324)

Asked only of respondents who indicated that they were <u>not</u> voting in person on Election Day.

Yes	42%
No	58%

Economic Situation (N=500)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Thinking about the state of our <u>national</u> economy, would you rate the nation's economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?	4%	34%	45%	16%
Thinking about the state of <u>Massachusetts'</u> economy, would you rate Massachusetts' economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?	12%	53%	29%	6%
Thinking about your <u>own</u> economic situation, would you rate your <u>own</u> economic situation as excellent, good, fair, or poor?	12%	46%	30%	12%

Nation Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=500)

Do you think things in this <u>country</u> are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Right	Wrong	Not
	Direction	Track	Sure
Do you think things in this <u>country</u> are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?			
	39%	48%	13%
Do you think things in <u>Massachusetts</u> are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?			
	66%	16%	18%

Approval (N=500)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Governor			
Charlie Baker	72%	24%	3%
Mass			
State			
Legislature	73%	18%	9%
President			
Joe Biden	83%	16%	1%
Attorney			
General			
Maura Healey	70%	9%	12%
Secretary of			
State			
William			
Galvin	66%	10%	23%

Roe Impact on Vote (N=500)

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark decision that established a woman's right to choose to have an abortion. Will this decision increase, decrease, or have no impact on your likelihood of turning out to vote in the 2022 midterm elections?

Increase	56%
Decrease	2%
No Impact	42%

Efforts on Abortion (N=500)

	Stongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	Not
	Approve	Approve	Disapprove	Disaprove	Sure
Do you approve or					
disapprove of the efforts of					
Governor Charlie Baker to					
protect a woman's right to					
choose to have an abortion in					
Massachusetts?	68%	21%	3%	1%	7%
Do you approve or					
disapprove of the efforts of					
the Massachusetts State					
Legislature to protect a					
woman's right to choose to					
have an abortion in					
Massachusetts?	77%	15%	2%	2%	3%
Do you approve or					
disapprove of the efforts of					
Attorney General Maura					
Healey to protect a					
woman's right to choose to					
have an abortion in					
Massachusetts?	77%	12%	1%	3%	7%

Loan Forgiveness (N=500)

President Biden recently announced a plan in which the federal government will cancel up to \$20,000 in student loan debt for federal student loan borrowers. Do you support or oppose this plan?

		Has	Has
		Student	No Student
	All	Loan Debt	Loan Debt
	Respondents	(N=385)	(N=115)
Strongly Support	63%	84%	56%
Somewhat Support	19%	12%	21%
Neither Support nor Oppose	9%	2%	11%
Somewhat Oppose	6%	1%	8%
Strongly Oppose	3%	0%	4%

Loan Forgiveness Amount (N=453)

Asked only of respondents who support loan forgiveness or express ambivalence ("Neither Support nor Oppose")

Some have argued that cancelling up to \$20,000 in student loan debt is not enough given the average student loan debt in the nation. Others have argued that cancelling up to \$20,000 in student loan debt is unfair to those who have already paid off their student loans. How about you? Do you believe that President Biden should have sought to cancel more than \$20,000 in student loan debt, less than \$20,000 in student loan debt, or is \$20,000 the correct amount to cancel in student loan debt?

			Has
		Has	No
		Student	Student
		Loan	Loan
	All	Debt	Debt
	Respondents	(N=341)	(N=112)
President Biden should have cancelled	50%	68%	43%
more than \$20,000 in student loan debt.			
President Biden should have cancelled	4%	3%	4%
less than \$20,000 in student loan debt.			
Up to \$20,000 is the correct amount for			
President Biden to cancel	47%	29%	54%
in student loan debt.			

2022 Democratic Gubernatorial Primary (N=500)

If the 2022 Democratic primary election for governor were held <u>today</u> which <u>one</u> of the following candidates would you support?

	Aug. 2022			ne 22
	No	With	No	With
	Leaners	Leaners	Leaners	Leaners
Maura Healey	69%	73%	49%	53%
Sonia Chang-Díaz	14%	14%	17%	20%
Other (Text Box)	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't Know	17%	12%	33%	26%

Lt. Gov. Candidate Qualities (N=500)

From the list below, please rank the <u>top</u> quality that you believe is the most important when deciding who you will vote for in the 2022 Massachusetts Democratic Primary election for Lieutenant Governor.

best represents my views on the issues	37%
strongest leader	7%
most honest and trustworthy	16%
most experience for the job	9%
cares about people like me	7%
will win the general election	6%
most endorsements	0%
most progressive candidate	15%
most moderate candidate	4%

2022 Democratic Lieutenant Gubernatorial Primary (N=500)

If the 2022 Democratic primary election for lieutenant governor were held <u>today</u> which <u>one</u> of the following candidates would you support?

	Aug. 2022		June 2022		
	No With		No	With	
	Leaners	Leaners	Leaners	Leaners	
Kim Driscoll	25%	31%	13%	17%	
Tami Gouveia	13%	15%	8%	10%	
Eric Lesser	15%	17%	10%	12%	
Other (Text Box)	1%	1%	0%	0%	
Don't Know	46%	37%	70%	61%	

Secretary of State Candidate Qualities (N=500)

From the list below, please rank the <u>top</u> quality that you believe is the most important when deciding who you will vote for in the 2022 Massachusetts Democratic Primary election for Secretary of State.

best represents my views on the issues	33%
strongest leader	5%
most honest and trustworthy	19%
most experience for the job	17%
cares about people like me	5%
will win the general election	6%
most endorsements	0%
most progressive candidate	12%
most moderate candidate	4%

2022 Democratic Secretary of State Primary (N=500)

If the 2022 Democratic primary election for Secretary of State were held <u>today</u> which <u>one</u> of the following candidates would you support?

	Aug 2022		June 2022		
	No With Leaners Leaners		No	With	
			Leaners Leaner		
William Galvin	46%	49%	35%	38%	
Tanisha Sullivan	27%	30%	21%	25%	
Other (Text Box)	0%	1%	0%	0%	
Don't Know	27%	20%	44%	37%	

Attorney General Candidate Qualities (N=500)

From the list below, please rank the <u>top</u> quality that you believe is the most important when deciding who you will vote for in the 2022 Massachusetts Democratic Primary election for Attorney General.

best represents my views on the issues	32%
strongest leader	9%
most honest and trustworthy	18%
most experience for the job	14%
cares about people like me	6%
will win the general election	4%
most endorsements	1%
most progressive candidate	14%
most moderate candidate	3%

2022 Democratic Attorney General Primary (N=500)

If the 2022 Democratic primary election for Attorney General were held <u>today</u> which <u>one</u> of the following candidates would you support?

		ıg. 22	June 2022		
	No With		No	With	
	Leaners	Leaners	Leaners	Leaners	
Andrea Campbell	25%	28%	17%	21%	
Shannon Liss-Riordan	26%	29%	9%	11%	
Quentin Palfrey	10%	11%	8%	9%	
Other (Text Box)	1%	1%	0%	0%	
Don't Know	38%	31%	65%	59%	

Auditor Candidate Qualities (N=500)

From the list below, please rank the <u>top</u> quality that you believe is the most important when deciding who you will vote for in the 2022 Massachusetts Democratic Primary election for Auditor.

best represents my views on the issues	26%
strongest leader	5%
most honest and trustworthy	25%
most experience for the job	18%
cares about people like me	5%
will win the general election	4%
most endorsements	2%
most progressive candidate	12%
most moderate candidate	3%

2022 Democratic Auditor Primary (N=500)

If the 2022 Democratic primary election for Auditor were held <u>today</u> which <u>one</u> of the following candidates would you support?

	No	With
	Leaners	Leaners
Christopher Dempsey	22%	26%
Diana Dizoglio	22%	26%
Other (Text Box)	0%	0%
Don't Know	56%	48%

Satisfied (N=500)

All things considered, how satisfied are you with the slate of Democratic candidates running for statewide office this year?

Completely Satisfied	26%
Somewhat Satisfied	62%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	8%
Completely Dissatisfied	3%

Primary Date (N=500)

As you know, the 2022 Massachusetts Primary Election will take place on September 6, 2022. Do you support or oppose moving the Massachusetts primary to an earlier date?

Strongly Support	10%
Somewhat Support	7%
Neither Support nor Oppose	72%
Somewhat Oppose	7%
Strongly Oppose	4%

2024 Democratic Presidential Primary (N=500)

From the list below, please rank the **top three** candidates that you would select to be the Democratic Party's presidential candidate in 2024. _

	June		August			
		2022		2022		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Joe Biden	26%	12%	8%	22%	11%	11%
Kamala Harris	9%	16%	18%	9%	15%	12%
Bernie Sanders	14%	12%	12%	12%	9%	9%
Pete Buttigieg	13%	15%	16%	17%	16%	12%
Elizabeth Warren	14%	18%	15%	15%	15%	12%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	6%	13%	9%	6%	10%	11%
Hillary Clinton	7%	8%	8%	5%	6%	6%
Gavin Newsome	N/A	N/A	N/A	4%	11%	12%
Someone Else	10%	6%	14%	11%	6%	15%