

WBUR Poll
Massachusetts 2016 Presidential Primary
Survey of 418 Likely Democratic Primary Voters
Field Dates: February 21-23, 2016

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 the person 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)?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Hillary Clinton	67%	22%	10%	<1%	<1%
Bernie Sanders	74%	14%	11%	1%	0%
Barack Obama	81%	13%	6%	0%	0%
Charlie Baker	56%	18%	22%	4%	<1%
Ed Markey	49%	10%	26%	14%	1%
Elizabeth Warren	73%	14%	11%	1%	0%
Pope Francis	77%	5%	14%	3%	<1%

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

Initial preference

Bernie Sanders	43%
Hillary Clinton	47%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%
Would not vote (not read)	2%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

Vote preference with leaners

Bernie Sanders	44%
Hillary Clinton	49%
Some other candidate (not read)	3%
Would not vote (not read)	3%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Which Democratic candidate do you trust more on each of the following issues as President—**READ AND ROTATE CANDIDATE NAMES?** First, **READ FIRST?** How about **READ NEXT?** **REREAD SCALE AND QUESTION WORKING ONLY AS NEEDED.**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders	Neither (not read)	Don't Know / Refused
Improving the economy and creating jobs	43%	43%	5%	9%
Handling foreign policy challenges	70%	22%	4%	4%
Addressing income inequality	30%	61%	4%	4%
Working with Congress to get things done	54%	33%	6%	7%
Reforming the campaign finance system	25%	62%	7%	6%
Keeping America safe	56%	29%	6%	9%

As you may know, there is an opening on the US Supreme Court due to the recent death of Associate Justice Antonin Scalia. Do you think President Barack Obama should nominate someone for the opening, or should choosing a new justice be left to the next President?

Obama should nominate someone	83%
Should be left to the next president	13%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	1%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

If Barack Obama nominates someone for the Supreme Court, should the Senate vote on whether to confirm the person who is nominated? Or should the Senate wait for the next President to nominate someone?

Should vote on confirmation	85%
Wait for next President	12%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	1%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Order of next two questions rotated

Do you think George W. Bush kept America safe during his presidency or not?

Yes he did	30%
No he did not	62%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	0%
Don't Know / Refused	8%

Do you think Barack Obama has kept America safe during his presidency or not?

Yes he did	79%
No he did not	11%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	6%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Which is more important to you in choosing our next President—electing **READ FIRST** or **READ NEXT**? *Order rotated.*

Someone with the right experience to be President	39%
Someone who can bring real change to the political system	40%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	18%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Demographics

Party Registration

Democrat	60%
Unenrolled	40%

Race

White / Caucasian	82%
All others	16%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Age

18 to 29	13%
30 to 44	22%
45 to 59	32%
60+	33%

Gender

Male	44%
Female	56%

Education

High School or less	20%
Some college, no degree	23%
College graduate (BA/BS)	28%
Advanced degree	30%
Don't Know / Refused	0%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 418 likely voters in the 2016 Massachusetts Democratic presidential primary. Live telephone interviews were conducted February 21-23, 2016 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error for either primary 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.