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WBUR Poll
Topline Results
Survey of 501 Voters in the 2016 Presidential Election
Central Massachusetts Cities and Towns Won by Donald Trump
Field Dates April 7-9, 2017

Some questions held for later release.

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)?

Order rotated.	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Donald Trump	42%	45%	12%	<1%	1%
Hillary Clinton	34%	56%	9%	<1%	1%
Paul Ryan	35%	35%	22%	9%	<1%
Mitch McConnell	18%	29%	26%	27%	<1%

Thinking back to the Presidential Election in 2016, do you recall if you supported **ROTATE FIRST TWO**, or someone else?

Donald Trump	42%
Hillary Clinton	32%
Someone else	19%
Did not vote	2%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

If you could go back and do it over again, who would you support in the 2016 election for President?

Donald Trump	40%
Hillary Clinton	30%
Someone else	26%
Did not vote	1%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Do you think Donald Trump will be able to keep **READ AND ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**?

All of the promises he made during the campaign	4%
Most of the promises	25%
Some of the promises	30%
Just a few of the promises	21%
None of the promises he made during the campaign	16%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

How much of priority do you think each of the following should be over the next year, a major priority, minor priority, or not a priority?

Order rotated.	Major priority	Minor priority	Not a priority	Don't Know / Refused
Reforming the tax code	60%	25%	9%	6%
Repealing and replacing Obamacare	41%	23%	32%	5%
Passing a major infrastructure bill	60%	26%	6%	8%
Passing policies that reduce income inequality	47%	32%	16%	6%
Building a wall along the Mexican border	24%	27%	47%	2%
Passing comprehensive immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship	64%	25%	7%	3%
Investigating alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election	40%	32%	26%	2%

In terms of **READ FIRST**, do you think things will get better, get worse, or stay about the same during Donald Trump's presidency? **PROBE:** And do you think they will get (better/worse) quickly, or (better/worse) slowly?

Order rotated.	Get better quickly	Get better slowly	Stay about the same	Get worse slowly	Get worse quickly	Don't Know / Refused
The economy and jobs	19%	33%	30%	10%	6%	3%
Life in your own city or town	6%	17%	61%	9%	4%	3%
American manufacturing jobs	20%	36%	27%	9%	5%	3%
The environment	3%	11%	40%	19%	24%	3%
America's relationship with other countries	12%	21%	19%	14%	29%	5%
U.S. military readiness	34%	23%	29%	4%	5%	5%
The situation in Syria	11%	17%	12%	11%	38%	10%

When it comes to the Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare, what would you like to see Congress do? **READ AND ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP.**

Keep the law as it is now	5%
Keep the law and work to improve it	41%
Repeal the law and replace it	29%
Repeal the law and do not replace it	6%
Establish universal coverage through a single government plan	17%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about President Donald Trump? First, **READ FIRST**? How about **READ NEXT**? **REPEAT STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED**

Order rotated.	Agree	Disagree	Both / neither / depends (not read)	Don't Know / Refused
Cares about people like you	49%	47%	2%	2%
Shares your values	42%	51%	5%	3%
Will put the country's interests ahead of his own	50%	45%	3%	2%
Is honest and forthright	43%	49%	5%	3%
Will keep America safe	54%	41%	2%	2%
Is a good negotiator	57%	37%	3%	3%
Is an ethical person	42%	50%	5%	3%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the nation's policy toward Russia?

Approve	41%
Disapprove	44%
Don't Know / Refused	15%

Do you approve or disapprove Donald Trump's decision to launch airstrikes in Syria?

Approve	61%
Disapprove	30%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

Now let's talk about some issues specific to Massachusetts and your own city or town.

Thinking about the money the state of Massachusetts gives to cities and towns for transportation, education, and other needs, do you think your region gets **READ AND ROTATE**?

More than our fair share of state funding	3%
Our fair share of state funding	41%
Less than our fair share of state funding	46%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Thinking about everyday life for people in your city or town, would you say the last 5 years been **READ AND ROTATE** for the town?

Among the best years	2%
Pretty good	17%
About average	57%
Pretty bad	14%
Among the worst years	8%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Would you say you are financially better off than your parents were when they were your age, financially worse off, or about the same?

Better off	44%
Worse off	25%
About the same	29%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Looking ahead, do you think the next generation will be financially better off when they are your age, financially worse off, or about the same?

Better off	16%
Worse off	49%
About the same	31%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Over the last 10 years, has it become easier or more difficult for you and your family to afford to live the kind of life you want—or is it just about the same?

Easier	12%
More difficult	43%
About the same	44%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Demographics

Race

White / Caucasian	94%
All others	3%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Age

18 to 29	13%
30 to 44	24%
45 to 59	30%
60+	33%

Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

Party Registration

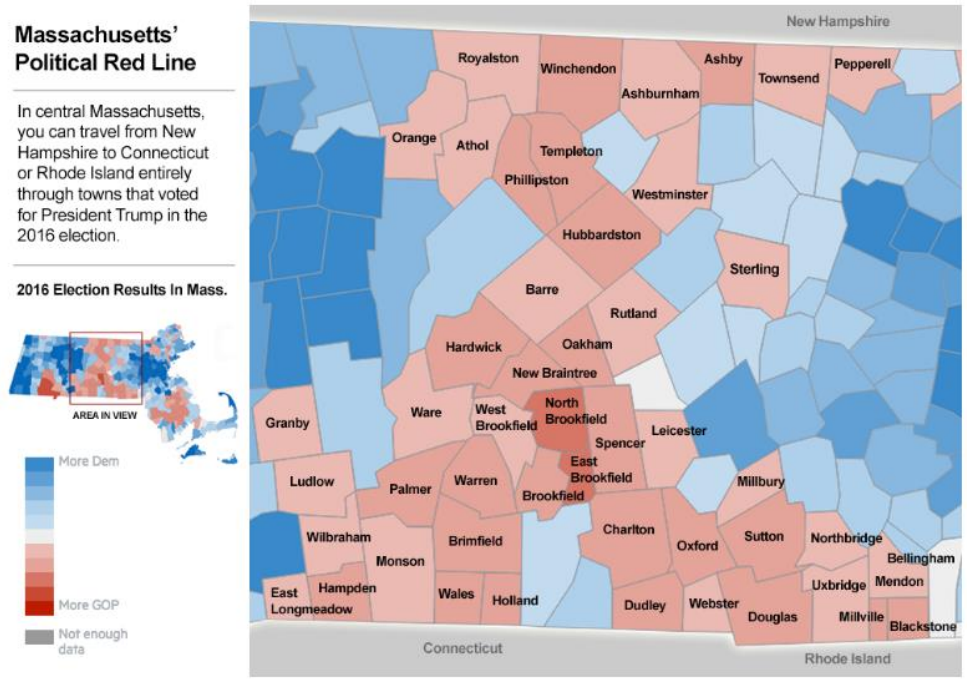
Democrat	22%
Republican	15%
Independent / Unenrolled	63%

Education

High School or less	28%
Some college, no degree	27%
College graduate (BA/BS)	31%
Advanced degree	14%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 501 voters in the 2016 Presidential Election in a set of Central Massachusetts cities and towns identified in the WBUR graphic below. These towns were selected because they are a part of WBUR's series entitled "Red Voters in a Blue State" series, covering Massachusetts towns won by Donald Trump. Live telephone interviews were conducted April 7-9, 2017 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. Results were weighted to match actual turnout on age, gender, race, and party registration. The results were not weighted to the actual 2016 election *results* for the towns. 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.



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