

WBUR Poll
Massachusetts 7th Congressional District Democratic Primary
Field Dates: February 9-11, 2018
Survey of 402 Likely Voters

I'm going to read you the names of several people and organizations 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/it)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her/it)?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Mike Capuano	60%	7%	19%	13%	<1%
Ayanna Pressley	42%	7%	18%	33%	0%
Charlie Baker	66%	18%	15%	1%	<1%

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

If undecided... Even though you say you are undecided -- which way are you leaning as of today -- **READ AND ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES?**

Initial preference

Mike Capuano	45%
Ayanna Pressley	32%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%
Would not vote (not read)	<1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	21%

Vote preference with leaners

Mike Capuano	47%
Ayanna Pressley	35%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%
Would not vote (not read)	<1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	15%

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mike Capuano is doing in Congress?

Approve	63%
Disapprove	8%
Don't Know / Refused	28%

The following asked only of voters in Boston:

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Ayanna Pressley is doing on the Boston City Council?

Approve	65%
Disapprove	5%
Don't Know / Refused	30%

Which of the following would you prefer for your own member of Congress? **READ AND ROTATE.**

Someone who has been around a while with experience in how Congress works	46%
Someone new to Congress with fresh ideas and perspectives	36%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	16%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Do you think the number of women in Congress is **READ AND ROTATE?**

Too high	2%
Too low	79%
About right	10%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

Do you think the number of Black members of Congress is **READ AND ROTATE?**

Too high	1%
Too low	80%
About right	8%
Don't Know / Refused	11%

Which of the following is closer to your view? **READ AND ROTATE**

Democrats mostly shouldn't run against other Democrats who are already in office	7%
Anyone who wishes to serve should be encouraged to run for office	85%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	4%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

How much of a consideration should a candidate's gender be when deciding who to support in **this** race for Congress?

A major consideration	14%
A minor consideration	28%
Not a consideration	56%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

How much of a consideration should a candidate's race be when deciding who to support in **this** race for Congress?

A major consideration	18%
A minor consideration	28%
Not a consideration	51%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Now I'd like to ask you about another topic.

As you may be aware, the Boston-Somerville area is a finalist city for the second corporate headquarters for Amazon. Do you approve or disapprove of the idea of bringing Amazon's second headquarters to the Boston-Somerville area?

Approve	71%
Disapprove	18%
Don't Know / Refused	12%

Would you approve or disapprove of the State and the Cities of Boston and Somerville offering tax breaks to Amazon as part of a bid to bring Amazon to the Boston?

Approve	37%
Disapprove	52%
Don't Know / Refused	12%

Do you think bringing Amazon's second corporate headquarters to the Boston-Somerville area would be good or bad for **READ FIRST**? How about **READ NEXT**? **REPEAT STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Good	Bad	Both / neither / depends (not read)	Don't Know / Refused
The MBTA	57%	26%	9%	8%
The affordability of housing in the Boston area	19%	62%	8%	11%
Wealthy people in the Boston area	61%	8%	15%	16%
The middle class in the Boston area	67%	16%	9%	8%
Poor people in the Boston area	54%	31%	8%	7%
Traffic in the Boston area	10%	76%	10%	4%

Additional questions withheld for future release.

Demographics

Race

White / Caucasian	59%
African American / Black	26%
Hispanic / Latino	9%
All others	5%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Age

18 to 29	10%
30 to 44	17%
45 to 59	30%
60+	43%

Gender

Male	43%
Female	57%

Party Registration

Democrat	71%
Independent / Unenrolled	29%

Education

High School or less	20%
Some college, no degree	17%
College graduate (BA/BS)	30%
Advanced degree	31%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 402 Massachusetts registered voters. Live telephone interviews were conducted February 9-11, 2018 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error 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.