

**Western New England University Polling Institute
Massachusetts Statewide Survey, April 9 – 27, 2019: Final Draft
Landline Telephone Version**

Date: _____ Time: _____ Interviewer: _____

Respondent phone number: _____ Record number: _____

Q: INTRO *****
Hello, my name is (first name),

I am a student calling from Western New England University. We are doing a survey that takes eight minutes or less and all answers are confidential. May I please speak to the YOUNGEST MALE, age 18 or older, who is now at home?

IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW:

Then may I speak with the YOUNGEST FEMALE, age 18 or older, who is now at home?

IF NEW RESPONDENT GETS ON THE PHONE:

Repeat above intro

(CLICK NEXT TO CONTINUE)

Q: Q1 *****
Are you a resident of Massachusetts?

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Yes | GO TO Q. Q2 |
| 2. No | GO TO Q. TERM1 |
| 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) | GO TO Q. TERM1 |

Q: Q2 *****
GENDER (by observation)

- 1. Male
- 2. Female

Q: Q41 *****
Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you live or not?

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Yes | |
| 2. No | GO TO Q. VOTE1 |
| 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) | GO TO Q. VOTE1 |

Q: Q42 *****
In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else?

- 1 Democrat GO TO Q. Q42B
- 2 Republican GO TO Q. Q42B
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something else / Other
- 9 Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: Q42a *****
Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 1 Democratic
- 2 Republican
- 3 Other Party (DO NOT READ)
- 4 Neither (DO NOT READ)
- 9 Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: q42B *****
Thinking about your voter registration that is on file with your local election office, are you registered as a

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Unenrolled or independent voter
- 4 Or something else? (specify)
- 9 Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)Q: VOTE1

Q: VOTE1 *****
As you may know, members of Congress are discussing whether to lower the voting age to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in elections for president and Congress. Do you support or oppose this idea?

(If respondent says support): Do you strongly support or somewhat support this idea?

(If respondent says oppose): Do you strongly oppose or somewhat oppose this idea?

- 1. Strongly support (GO TO Q. VOTE2A)
- 2. Somewhat support (GO TO Q. VOTE2A)
- 3. Somewhat oppose (GO TO Q. VOTE2B)
- 4. Strongly oppose (GO TO Q. VOTE2B)
- 7. Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ) (GO TO Q. VOTE3)
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ) (GO TO Q. VOTE3)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ) (GO TO Q. VOTE3)

Q: VOTE2A *****

In your own words, what is the top reason why you SUPPORT lowering the voting age to 16 for elections for president and Congress?

(Interviewers: Do not read the list. Accept only one answer. Probe for the most important reason.)

01. 16- and 17-year-olds are part of society
02. They have valid views and opinions
03. They are mature enough to vote at 16 and 17
04. They are knowledgeable enough to vote at 16 and 17
05. Elections are about their future
06. The earlier you vote, the more likely you are to vote later in life
07. High school will help to inform them about the candidates and issues
08. Other (specify)
09. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
10. Refused (DO NOTE READ)

[GO TO Q. VOTE3]

Q: VOTE2B *****

What is the top reason why you OPPOSE lowering the voting age to 16 for elections for president and Congress?

(Interviewers: Do not read the list. Accept only one answer. Probe for the most important reason.)

01. 16- and 17-year-olds do not have enough life experience to vote
02. They are not mature enough to vote at 16 and 17
03. They are not interested at 16 and 17
04. They do not have enough knowledge about candidates and issues at 16 and 17
05. They should have additional time to form their views before voting
06. Their parents might pressure them to vote a certain way
07. Other (specify)
09. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
10. Refused (DO NOTE READ)

Q: VOTE3 *****

Some cities and towns in Massachusetts are discussing whether to lower the voting age to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in local elections. Do you support or oppose this idea?

(If respondent says support): Do you strongly support or somewhat support this idea?

(If respondent says oppose): Do you strongly oppose or somewhat oppose this idea?

(Note to interviewer: If respondent asks, local elections would include elections for mayor, council, school committee, and other local offices.)

1. Strongly support
2. Somewhat support
3. Somewhat oppose
4. Strongly oppose
7. Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

[Questions MARCH1 AND SERV1 rotate in random order in the survey]

Q: MARCH1 *****

As you may know, high school students across the country recently walked out of their classes to voice their concerns about climate change. Do you support or oppose high school students taking this action to voice their concerns about climate change?

(If respondent says support): Do you strongly support or somewhat support this action?

(If respondent says oppose): Do you strongly oppose or somewhat oppose this action?

1. Strongly support
2. Somewhat support
3. Somewhat oppose
4. Strongly oppose
7. Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: SERV1 *****

As you may know, some high schools require students to complete a minimum number of volunteer community service hours in order to graduate. Do you support or oppose this idea?

(If respondent says support): Do you strongly support or somewhat support this idea?

(If respondent says oppose): Do you strongly oppose or somewhat oppose this idea?

- 1. Strongly support
- 2. Somewhat support
- 3. Somewhat oppose
- 4. Strongly oppose
- 7. Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

[QUESTIONS WITHHELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE]

Q: VOTE4 *****

Next, have you ever voted in a local, state, or national election?

- 1. Yes (GO TO Q. VOTE5)
- 2. No (GO TO Q. EFFIC1)
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ) (GO TO Q. EFFIC1)
- 9. (REFUSED) (GO TO Q. EFFIC1)

Q: VOTE5 *****

At what age did you first vote in a local, state, or national election? It doesn't matter if you cannot remember exactly; your best guess will be fine.

(Interviewer: Enter the two-digit age. For 85 years and older, enter 85. If the respondent replies "don't know," enter 88. If the respondent refuses to answer, enter 99.)

[QUESTIONS WITHHELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE]

Q: Q10a *****

We're almost finished. We have just a few more questions to help us understand our survey results.

Thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

- 1. Yes, has a cell phone GO TO Q. Q10B
- 2. No, does not have a cell phone GO TO Q. Q12
- 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) GO TO Q. Q12

Q: Q10B *****
Of all the telephone calls that you receive, do you get

1. All or almost all calls on a cell phone
2. Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone
3. All or almost all calls on a regular home phone
9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: Q12 *****
What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

(DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)

1. No high school diploma
2. High school graduate
3. Some college or two-year associate degree
4. College graduate (four-year degree)
5. Post-graduate study (masters, doctorate, law, medical school)
9. Don't know / refused

Q: Q13a *****
For statistical purposes only, in what year were you born?

(Interviewer: Enter the four-digit year. If the respondent refuses to answer the question, enter 9999.) _____

Q: PAR1 *****
Are you a parent of a child or children age 18 or younger?

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Yes | (GO TO Q. PAR2) |
| 2. No | (GO TO Q. Q14) |
| 9. Refused (DO NOT READ) | (GO TO Q. Q14) |

Q: PAR2 *****
Are you a parent of a child or children in the age range of 13 to 18 years old?

1. Yes
2. No
9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: Q14 *****
Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish-speaking background?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. Don't Know / Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: Q15 *****
Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply.

(INTERVIEWER: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. IF THE RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC, ASK IF SHE / HE IS WHITE HISPANIC OR BLACK HISPANIC. IF THE RESPONDENT REFUSES TO SAY, CODE THE RESPONDENT AS SOME OTHER RACE.)

- 1. White or Caucasian
- 2. Black or African-American
- 3. Native American
- 4. Asian or Asian-American
- 5. Some other race (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Don't Know / Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: Q16 *****
So that we can group answers, is your total annual family income before taxes....?

- 1 Under \$35,000
- 2 \$35,000 to just under \$70,000
- 3 \$70,000 to just under \$100,000
- 4 \$100,000 or more
- 9 Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: THANK1 *****
That concludes the survey. Thank you very much for your help. If you would like to see the results of the survey, they will be posted beginning in late April on the Western New England University web site at www.wne.edu. Have a good day / evening.

Q: TERM1 *****
We are only interviewing residents of Massachusetts for this study.
Thank you for your time. Have a good day / evening.