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Daily Snapshot

Massachusetts State Survey of 1,000 Special Election Voters
Conducted January 19, 2010
By Rasmussen Reports

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1\* In the special election for the United States Senate did you vote for Scott Brown, Martha Coakley or Joe Kennedy?

52% Brown
47% Coakley
1% Kennedy/some other candidate

2\* Was your vote primarily a vote for Scott Brown or against Martha Coakley? (Asked only of those who voted for Brown)

76% For Scott Brown
21% Against Martha Coakley
3% Not sure

3\* Was your vote primarily a vote for Martha Coakley or against Scott Brown? (Asked only of those who voted for Coakley)

66% For Martha Coakley
32% Against Scott Brown
2% Not sure

4\* In terms of how you cast your vote in today's special election for United States senate which issue was most important...the economy, national security, healthcare, taxes, immigration or abortion?

25% Economy
6% National security
56% Healthcare
5% Taxes
1% Immigration
4% Abortion
3% Some other issue
1% Not sure

5\* Now I'm going to read you a short list of people in the News. For each, please let me know if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression.

Scott Brown

41% Very favorable
17% Somewhat favorable
21% Somewhat unfavorable
20% Very unfavorable

2% Not sure

Martha Coakley

20% Very favorable

27% Somewhat favorable

22% Somewhat unfavorable

30% Very unfavorable

1% Not sure

Joe Kennedy

6% Very favorable

28% Somewhat favorable

19% Somewhat unfavorable

20% Very unfavorable

27% Not sure

6\* Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable impression of the group known as the Tea Party movement?

22% Very favorable

18% Somewhat favorable

13% Somewhat unfavorable

28% Very unfavorable

19% Not sure

7\* In political terms, is Scott Brown very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

28% Very conservative

44% Somewhat conservative

22% Moderate

1% Somewhat liberal

1% Very liberal

3% Not sure

8\* In political terms, is Martha Coakley very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

2% Very conservative

4% Somewhat conservative

21% Moderate

36% Somewhat liberal

35% Very liberal

1% Not sure

9\* Generally speaking, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the health care reform plan proposed by President Obama and the congressional Democrats?

25% Strongly favor

22% Somewhat favor

9% Somewhat oppose

41% Strongly oppose

3% Not sure

10\* Which would be better... passage of the health care bill working its way through Congress or no health care reform passed by Congress this year?

44% Passage of the health care bill working it's way through Congress  
50% No health care reform passed by Congress this year  
6% Not sure

11\* Looking back, was it a good idea or a bad idea for the federal government to provide bailout funding for banks and other financial institutions?

30% Good idea

50% Bad idea

19% Not sure

12\* Was it a good idea or a bad idea for the federal government to provide bailout funding for General Motors and Chrysler?

34% Good idea

55% Bad idea

11% Not sure

13\* During a speech to Congress in February, the President named four priorities for his Administration--cutting the federal deficit in half in the next four years, health care reform, development of new sources of energy and ensuring that every child has access to a complete and competitive education. Which of these priorities do you think is most important?

40% Cutting the federal deficit in half

26% Health care reform

14% Development of new sources of energy

16% Ensuring that every child has access to a complete and competitive education

5% Not sure

14\* When did you finally make up your mind about how you would vote in today's election?

7% Today

6% Within the last few days

13% Within the last week

26% Within the last month

46% More than a month ago

1% Not sure

15\* How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?

35% Strongly approve

18% Somewhat approve

13% Somewhat disapprove

34% Strongly disapprove

1% Not sure

16\* How would you rate the job Deval Patrick has been doing as Governor... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?

13% Strongly approve

26% Somewhat approve

23% Somewhat disapprove

37% Strongly disapprove

1% Not sure

**NOTE:** Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 3 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence