

**Western New England University Polling Institute  
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Cell Phone 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. Would you be willing to take the survey?

IF YES, CLICK NEXT TO CONTINUE.

IF NO, HIT CTRL-END AND CODE AS A REFUSAL.

IF THEY WANT TO SCHEDULE A CALLBACK, HIT CTRL-END AND SCHEDULE A CALLBACK.

IF THERE IS NO ANSWER, HIT CTRL-END AND CODE THE PHONE NUMBER APPROPRIATELY.

IF RESPONDENT OBJECTS TO RECEIVING A CALL ON A CELL PHONE:

"I understand that this is a cell phone number. We are calling both cell phone and landline numbers to ensure we have a representative sample. Would you be willing to complete this short survey?"

Q: SAFE \*\*\*\*\*

Are you in a place where you can safely talk on the phone and answer my questions?  
For example, if you are driving we can schedule a time to call back.

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, CLICK NEXT TO CONTINUE.

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, BUT THE RESPONDENT SAYS HE / SHE IS DRIVING, SAY THAT WE WILL CALL THEM BACK. HIT CTRL-END AND SCHEDULE A CALLBACK.

IF THE ANSWER IS NO, HIT CTRL-END AND SCHEDULE A CALLBACK.

Q: SCREEN \*\*\*\*\*

Are you age 18 or older?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, CLICK NEXT TO CONTINUE.

IF THE ANSWER IS NO, THANK THE RESPONDENT FOR HIS / HER TIME, AND EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE ONLY INTERVIEWING ADULTS FOR THE SURVEY. THEN, HIT CTRL-END AND CODE THE RESPONDENT AS INELIGIBLE.

Q: Q1 \*\*\*\*\*

Are you a resident of Massachusetts?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (Go to TERM1)
- 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) (Go to TERM1)

Q: Q2a \*\*\*\*\*

What is the name of the county in Massachusetts where you live?

(INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ CHOICES. IF RESPONDENT DOESN'T KNOW THE COUNTY, ASK FOR THE TOWN AND ENTER IT IN "OTHER.")

- 1. Barnstable
- 2. Berkshire
- 3. Bristol
- 4. Dukes
- 5. Essex
- 6. Franklin
- 7. Hampden
- 8. Hampshire
- 9. Middlesex
- 10. Nantucket
- 11. Norfolk
- 12. Plymouth
- 13. Suffolk
- 14. Worcester
- 15. Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- 99. Don't know / refused

Q: Q2 \*\*\*\*\*

What is your gender?

- 1. Male
- 2. Female
- 3. Other (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: job1 \*\*\*\*\*

First, we'd like to ask you a few questions about public officials.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Charlie Baker is handling his job as governor?

- 1. Approve
- 2. Disapprove
- 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: job2 \*\*\*\*\*

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Elizabeth Warren is handling her job as United States senator?

- 1. Approve
- 2. Disapprove
- 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: job3 \*\*\*\*\*

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ed Markey is handling his job as United States senator?

- 1. Approve
- 2. Disapprove
- 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: job5 \*\*\*\*\*

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: imp1 \*\*\*\*\*

As you may know, the House of Representatives has begun an inquiry into whether to impeach President Trump. How closely have you been following news about this inquiry? Very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

[Interviewer, do not read the response categories again]

- 1. Very closely
- 2. Somewhat closely
- 3. Not very closely
- 4. Not at all closely
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: imp2 \*\*\*\*\*

Based on what you have heard or read so far, should the House of Representatives approve articles of impeachment against President Trump, sending the articles to the Senate for a trial, or not?

[Interviewer, do not read the response categories again]

- 1. House SHOULD approve articles of impeachment
- 2. House SHOULD NOT approve articles of impeachment
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: imp3 \*\*\*\*\*

Based on what you have heard or read so far, should the Senate vote to remove President Trump from office, or not?

[Interviewer, do not read the response categories again]

- 1. The Senate SHOULD vote to remove President Trump from office
- 2. The Senate SHOULD NOT vote to remove President Trump from office
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: Q41 \*\*\*\*\*

Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you live or not?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No GO TO Q. CLIM1A
- 9. Don't know / Refused (DO NOT READ) GO TO Q. CLIM1A

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: clim1a \*\*\*\*\*

Next we would like to ask you a few questions about current events.

How closely do you follow news coverage of climate change? Very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

[Interviewer, do not read the response categories again]

- 1. Very closely
- 2. Somewhat closely
- 3. Not very closely
- 4. Not at all closely
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: clim1b \*\*\*\*\*

As you may know, students around the world recently marched to voice their concerns about climate change. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on youth activism about climate change?

[Responses rotate in random order]

Young people generally DO know enough to have meaningful views on climate change

or

Young people generally DO NOT know enough to have meaningful views on climate change

- 1. Young people generally DO know enough to have meaningful views on climate change
- 2. Young people generally DO NOT know enough to have meaningful views on climate change
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: clim1c \*\*\*\*\*

How effective have the marches been in focusing public attention on climate change? Very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective?

[Interviewer, do not read the response categories again]

- 1. Very effective
- 2. Somewhat effective
- 3. Not very effective
- 4. Not at all effective
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: clim1 \*\*\*\*\*

In thinking about the cause or causes of climate change, which statement comes closest to your view?

[First two responses rotate in random order]

Climate change is caused mostly by human activity, such as burning fossil fuels

Climate change is caused mostly by natural patterns in the earth's environment

or

Climate change does not exist

- 1. Climate change is caused mostly by human activity such as burning fossil fuels
- 2. Climate change is caused mostly by natural patterns in the earth's environment
- 3. Climate change does not exist
- 7. Caused by both (DO NOT READ)
- 8. Don't know / Unsure (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: clim2 \*\*\*\*\*

Based on what you have read or heard, is it possible for humanity to take actions to reverse the effects of climate change, or are these effects beyond humanity's control?

- 1. Possible for humanity to reverse the effects of climate change
- 2. The effects of climate change are beyond humanity's control
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: clim3 \*\*\*\*\*

Thinking back over the past 12 months, have you made any changes to your daily life in response to public discussion about climate change?

- 1. Yes GO TO Q. clim4
- 2. No GO TO Q. clim5
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ) GO TO Q. clim5
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ) GO TO Q. clim5

Q: clim4 \*\*\*\*\*

In a sentence or two, could you describe one change you have made in your daily life in the past 12 months in response to public discussion about climate change?

(Interviewer: Enter the response in the space provided.)

Q: clim5 \*\*\*\*\*

How likely is it that climate change will pose a serious threat to you or your way of life in your lifetime? Very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

[Interviewer, do not read the response categories again]

- 1. Very likely
- 2. Somewhat likely
- 3. Not very likely
- 4. Not at all likely
- 7. Depends on whether corrective action is taken (DO NOT READ)
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q: clim6 \*\*\*\*\*

How likely is it that climate change will pose a serious threat to the way of life of future generations? Very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

[Interviewer, do not read the response categories again]

- 1. Very likely
- 2. Somewhat likely
- 3. Not very likely
- 4. Not at all likely
- 7. Depends on whether corrective action is taken (DO NOT READ)
- 8. Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 9. Refused (DO NOT READ)

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, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

- |                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Yes, has a home telephone          | Go to Q. Q10b |
| 2. No, does not have a home telephone | 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 was the last grade in school that you 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 17 or younger?

- |                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 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 17 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 mid-November on the Western New England University web site at [www.wne.edu](http://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.