UMass Poll of Massachusetts

Field dates: May 30 – June 4th
Sample: 500 registered Massachusetts voters

The survey was conducted by YouGov America (http://yougov.com). Respondents were matched on gender, age, race, education, party identification, ideology, and political interest. YouGov then weighted the matched set of survey respondents to known marginals for registered voters from the state of Massachusetts from the American Community Survey. All analyses were produced using these weights.

The margin of error for registered voters is 5.4%.

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Opinions on Marathon Bombing

In light of the deadly Marathon bombings on April 15, security experts are considering a range of options to minimize threats at public events. Please select all proposals that you would favor:

Increase the number of video surveillance cameras in public places	69%
Increase the number of police officers at public gatherings	66%
Screen all individuals entering the event area with metal detectors	51%
Search the belongings of individuals that authorities deem suspicious	42%
Search the belongings of randomly selected individuals	30%
Use unmanned aerial "drones" for surveillance	23%
Would favor none of these	10%

Which of the following bear some responsibility for failing to prevent the Marathon bombing?

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	56%
Department of Homeland Security	50%
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)	42%
The State Department	22%
President Barack Obama	20%
Governor Deval Patrick	11%
Boston Police Department	10%
Massachusetts State Police	8%
Mayor Thomas Menino	7%
None bear responsibility	29%

Would you say that you personally are concerned about a terrorist attack in the area where you live?

	All respondents	Boston area	Rest of state
Very concerned	13%	11%	15%
Somewhat concerned	45%	50%	38%
Not at all concerned	42%	39%	47%

The following questions were randomly assigned so that half the sample received the first version of the question (version A) and half received the second version (version B).

Version A:

Which do you think is the better penalty for murder — life imprisonment with absolutely no possibility of parole or the death penalty?

	All respondents	Boston area	Rest of state
The death penalty	50%	41%	62%
Life imprisonment with absolutely no possibility of parole	40%	45%	33%
Not sure	10%	14%	6%

Version B:

If Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is found guilty of planning and executing the Marathon Bombing, which of the following statements best describes your view about his punishment?

	All respondents	Boston area	Rest of state
He should be given the death penalty	59%	65%	50%
He should be given life in prison without parole	35%	29%	45%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

Security Measures Favored	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Male	Female	Boston Area	Rest of MA
Increase police officers	78%	50%	60%	62%	69%	66%	65%
Random searches	27%	34%	32%	29%	31%	30%	30%
Search suspicious people	34%	57%	44%	42%	41%	42%	41%
Screen all individuals	53%	38%	52%	44%	57%	50%	52%
Surveillance with drones	20%	32%	23%	26%	20%	23%	24%
Increase video cameras	76%	72%	63%	62%	76%	69%	69%
None of these	7%	7%	14%	12%	8%	10%	11%

Who is to blame?	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Male	Female	Boston Area	Rest of MA
Mayor Thomas Menino	4%	14%	7%	8%	6%	5%	10%
President Barack Obama	6%	39%	27%	19%	21%	19%	22%
Governor Deval Patrick	5%	20%	14%	13%	10%	11%	12%
Boston Police Department	8%	11%	11%	13%	7%	10%	10%
Massachusetts State Police	6%	12%	9%	11%	6%	8%	9%
Federal Bureau of Investigation	44%	65%	63%	60%	52%	58%	53%
Central Intelligence Agency	32%	43%	49%	45%	38%	41%	42%
The State Department	13%	29%	28%	24%	21%	24%	20%
Department of Homeland Security	36%	54%	59%	51%	48%	51%	47%
None bear responsibility	35%	18%	27%	27%	30%	28%	30%