UMass Poll of Massachusetts

Field dates: March 31st – April 6th
Sample: 500 registered Massachusetts voters

The survey was conducted by YouGov America (http://yougov.com). YouGov interviewed 674 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 500 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched on gender, age, race, education, ideology, and political interest. YouGov then weighted the matched set of survey respondents to known characteristics of registered voters in Massachusetts from the 2010 American Community Survey using propensity score weighting and then post stratified the weights to party registration statistics from October 2012 (https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleenr/enridx.htm). All analyses were produced using these weights.

The margin of error for registered voters is 5.9%.

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Opinions on Marathon Bombing

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

	All Respondents April 2014	Boston Area April 2014	Rest of State April 2014
Very concerned	8%	8%	10%
Somewhat/Not much concerned	72%	73%	67%
Not at all concerned	20%	19%	23%

* N= 500 registered voters.

This year's Boston Marathon crowd is expected to be nearly twice as large last year's crowd. How confident are you in the ability of law enforcement agencies to provide security for the event?

	All Respondents April 2014	Boston Area April 2014	Rest of State April 2014
Very confident	46%	48%	52%
Somewhat confident	45%	43%	44%
Not at all confident	6%	6%	4%
Not sure	3%	3%	1%

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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:

	Now	May 2013
Increase the number of police officers at public gatherings	**76%**	66%
Increase the number of video surveillance cameras in public places	**73%**	69%
Screen all individuals entering the event area with metal detectors	**59%**	51%
Search the belongings of individuals that authorities deem suspicious	**50%**	42%
Use of National Guard Forces for additional security	**44%**	N/A
Search the belongings of randomly selected individuals	**38%**	30%
Use unmanned aerial "drones" for surveillance	**36%**	23%
Would favor none of these	**6%**	10%

*May 2013 N= 500 registered voters; April 2014 N= 500 registered voters.
**This question was asked of all respondents in both May 2013 and April 2014 Polls. In 2013, the "National Guard Forces" option was not included.

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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 April 2014	Boston Area April 2014	Rest of State April 2014	May 2013
The death penalty	**37%**	36%	35%	50%
Life imprisonment with absolutely no possibility of parole	**53%**	54%	54%	40%
Not sure	**9%**	10%	11%	10%

*May 2013 N= 500 registered voters; April 2014 N= 500 registered voters.
**This question was asked of all respondents in both May 2013 and April 2014 Polls.

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 April 2014	Boston Area April 2014	Rest of State April 2014	May 2013
He should be given the death penalty	**59%**	58%	58%	59%
He should be given life in prison without parole	**35%**	37%	34%	35%
Not sure	**6%**	5%	8%	6%

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