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Poll of Likely Voters on Presidential Approval, Governor's Race, Ballot Question and Policies

750 Likely Voters

June 1 to June 5, 2022

We are going to ask you several questions about President Joe Biden and current national issues...

1. Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's job performance?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Strongly Approve	60.90%	2.67%	25.92%	36.00%
Somewhat Approve	17.67%	2.67%	11.98%	13.07%
Somewhat Disapprove	3.01%	5.33%	8.56%	6.27%
Strongly Disapprove	13.16%	82.67%	48.90%	39.60%
Not Sure	5.26%	6.67%	4.65%	5.07%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's handling of the economy?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Strongly Approve	48.12%	1.33%	19.07%	27.60%
Somewhat Approve	29.32%	2.67%	15.16%	18.93%
Somewhat Disapprove	4.51%	2.67%	8.07%	6.27%
Strongly Disapprove	13.16%	85.33%	50.86%	40.93%
Not Sure	4.89%	8.00%	6.85%	6.27%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's handling of inflation?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Strongly Approve	45.11%	2.67%	12.22%	22.93%
Somewhat Approve	17.67%	1.33%	16.87%	15.60%
Somewhat Disapprove	9.02%	4.00%	7.82%	7.87%
Strongly Disapprove	19.17%	86.67%	53.79%	44.80%
Not Sure	9.02%	5.33%	9.29%	8.80%

We are going to ask you several tax questions...

4. As gas and diesel prices continue to increase, State House leaders in Connecticut, New York state and New Hampshire have or are in the process of temporarily suspending their state's gas and diesel taxes in order to provide economic relief for their motorists. Here in Massachusetts, Governor Charlie Baker has said he is open to the idea, but House

Speaker Mariano and Senate President Spilka oppose it. Do you think Massachusetts should temporarily suspend the state gas and diesel taxes?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Yes, suspend the taxes	64.29%	70.67%	70.66%	68.40%
No	19.55%	21.33%	16.63%	18.13%
Not Sure	16.17%	8.00%	12.71%	13.47%

5. Massachusetts State House leaders announced the state collected nearly 80% more in taxpayer funds last month than just one year ago. Do you think the House Speaker and Senate President should raise taxes or lower taxes?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Raise Taxes	4.51%	2.67%	1.22%	2.53%
Lower Taxes	52.26%	84.00%	76.04%	68.40%
Not Sure	43.23%	13.33%	22.74%	29.07%

6. Legislative leaders have placed a referendum on the November ballot that would amend the state constitution to allow lawmakers to impose an income surtax. This would raise the income tax from 5 to 9 percent, which represents an 80 percent increase, on some earnings from high-income earners and middle-class small businesses. If the election were held today, would you support or oppose the legislature's ballot question to raise the income tax?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Strongly Approve	21.05%	2.67%	6.36%	11.20%
Somewhat Approve	13.16%	4.00%	1.47%	9.20%
Somewhat Disapprove	16.17%	14.67%	14.91%	15.33%
Strongly Disapprove	38.72%	77.33%	58.44%	53.33%
Not Sure	10.90%	1.33%	12.71%	10.93%

7. Legislative leaders have stated the proposed tax increase would raise additional funds for 'transportation' and 'education' spending. However, nothing legally binds the legislature to this, and this won't necessarily mean more spending in these areas. Does this make you more or less likely to support the legislature's ballot measure?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Much more likely	6.77%	1.33%	6.60%	6.13%
Somewhat more likely	10.53%	1.33%	3.42%	4.67%
No Difference	25.56%	16.00%	21.52%	23.47%
Somewhat less likely	32.33%	29.33%	20.29%	29.07%
Much less likely	24.81%	52.00%	41.56%	36.67%

8. Proponents state the proposed income tax increase will only affect high-income earners. However, the tax would also apply to many middle-class small businesses due to the way

they file their taxes and on small business owners who sell their small business. Does this make you more or less likely to support the legislature's ballot measure?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Much more likely	7.89%	2.67%	4.89%	5.73%
Somewhat more likely	8.65%	4.00%	3.42%	5.33%
No Difference	24.06%	6.67%	21.52%	20.93%
Somewhat less likely	34.96%	30.67%	20.29%	26.53%
Much less likely	24.44%	56.00%	49.88%	44.47%

9. Are you considering or have your made plans to leave Massachusetts and reside somewhere else?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Yes	10.51%	36.00%	31.78%	24.53%
No	89.85%	64.00%	68.22%	75.47%

10. If Yes, which is the top reason you are considering or have made plans to leave Massachusetts and reside somewhere else?

The weather	4.89%
Taxes are too high	31.52%
Too many mandates and regulations	1.63%
Political climate puts parties' interests ahead of voters	20.11%
Better job or economic opportunity	4.35%
Part of retirement plan	2.72%
Cost of living is too high	22.28%
Other	12.50%

11. Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karen Polito are not running for reelection this November, creating an open seat. If the election were held today, who would you vote for?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Sonia Chang Diaz	3.01%	0.00%	0.49%	1.33%
Geoff Diehl	2.26%	33.33%	13.69%	11.60%
Chris Doughty	0.00%	2.67%	1.22%	0.93%
Maura Healey	41.73%	8.00%	19.32%	26.13%
Don't Know/Undecided	53.01%	56.00%	65.28%	60.00%

12. Which of the following issues is most important to you in considering your vote for governor?

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Jobs/Economy	18.42%	26.67%	22.25%	21.33%
Taxes	7.52%	25.33%	14.43%	13.07%
Inflation	7.14%	16.00%	14.67%	12.13%

Covid-19	2.63%	0.00%	0.73%	1.33%
Climate Change	19.17%	2.67%	12.22%	13.73%
Health Care	18.80%	5.33%	9.29%	12.27%
Law Enforcement/Rule of Law				
Law	3.38%	8.00%	5.87%	5.20%
Something Else	12.03%	12.00%	10.76%	11.33%
Not Sure	10.90%	4.00%	9.78%	9.60%

13. Age Range

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
18-44	23.68%	45.33%	10.02%	18.40%
45-64	40.60%	34.67%	47.19%	43.60%
65 or older	35.71%	20.00%	42.79%	38.0%

14. Are you or anyone in your family household a member of a labor union?

Yes	15.07%
No	84.93%

15. Gender

	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Overall
Male	48.50%	67.67%	47.68%	49.47%
Female	51.50%	37.33%	52.32%	50.53%

16. Party Affiliation

Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled
35.47%	10.00%	54.53%

Results based on a survey of 750 voters statewide fielded June 1 to June 5, 2022. Interviews were conducted by live operators. The margin of error is +/- 3.5% with a 95% confidence level. The poll was sponsored by the Fiscal Alliance Foundation and conducted by Advantage, Inc.