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Survey of Massachusetts 3rd Congressional District
Likely Democratic Primary Voters

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Field Dates: April 11-17, 2018

N=490 MA3 Democratic Primary Likely Voters
Adjusted Margin of Error: +/- 5.5% LVs
Margins of error have been adjusted to include for design effects
resulting from weighting and survey design features.

Methodology in Brief

Data collection by live interviewers from Abt Associates, Inc. This is a probability sample of likely voters drawn from a random sample of Registered Voters (RVs) collected from the voter list (registration based sampling). This sample included interviews with 1361 Registered voters (21% conducted via cell and 79% conducted via landline). Using the selection method detailed on page 2, we classified 490 RVs as Democratic Primary Likely Voters (LVs).

The data were weighted to address the imbalance/bias that occurs because some respondents are more likely to respond than others. Our data were weighted to match the overall frame of the registered voter file by age, gender, education, race, and party registration. Full details on weighting are available in our methodology report.

UMass Lowell is a public institution and releases surveys as a source of public information. We report our questionnaire in our topline document which includes likely voter model questions and wording. We offer a complete methodology report, as well an extensive set of crosstabs. Our goal is complete transparency in the reporting of our findings. If there is something you do not see here, but wish you did, please contact Professor Joshua J. Dyck (joshua_dyck@uml.edu; @drjjdyck).

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* indicates <0.5%; some numbers do not sum to 100 due to rounding

LIKELY DEM PRIMARY VOTER CLASSIFICATION

ASKED of ALL Registered Voters

Q2 Are you officially registered as a Democrat, Unaffiliated/Independent, Republican, or something else? [rotate 1/2/3 or 3/2/1]

26%	Democrat
50	Unaffiliated/Independent
15	Republican
5	Something else
5	(VOL) Don't know/No opinion/Refused
0	(VOL) Not Registered

ASKED if Q2=Democrat/Unaffiliated

Q3 As you know, a primary election will be held in Massachusetts in September to vote for candidates to represent the two parties for in the November general elections for the offices of Massachusetts Governor, United States Senator, United States House of Representatives, and several others. Many people don't vote in these primary elections. At this point, would you say you'll definitely NOT vote in the upcoming September primary election, PROBABLY NOT vote, may or may not vote depending upon how you feel at the time, PROBABLY vote, or DEFINITELY vote in the upcoming election?

5%	Definitely not vote
8%	Probably not vote
12%	May or may not vote
22%	Probably vote
52%	Definitely vote
1	(VOL) Don't know/Refused

ASKED if Q2=Unaffiliated

Q4 Voters registered as unaffiliated in Massachusetts can choose to take the primary ballot from either the Republican or Democratic parties. Which ballot do you plan to take? The ballot from the (rotate: Republican/Democratic) party or the (rotate: Democratic/Republican) party?

[combined]

Q4a Do you lean more towards taking the (rotate order: Republican or Democratic) ballot?

36%	Republican
42	Democrat
22	Don't know/Refused (VOL)

Likely Democratic primary voters are those who are Democratic registered voters who will probably/definitely vote in the upcoming primary election AND Unaffiliated registered voters who will probably/definitely vote in the upcoming primary election and plan to take the Democratic ballot. RV contacted = 1361. Democratic Primary Likely Voters=490 (36%), 287 Democrats & 203 Unaffiliated Voters.

Q6 As you know, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas (SONG-GUS) is retiring from Congress this year. How closely are you following news about the Democratic candidates running for the open seat in the Massachusetts 3rd US House Congressional district to replace her— very closely, somewhat closely, just a bit, or haven't you really been following it much at all?

12% Very closely
23 Somewhat closely
27 Just a bit
36 Haven't really been following it much at all
2 (VOL) Don't know
* (VOL) Refused

	Party Registration		Gender		Age				
	Democrat	Independent	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
Very Closely	15	8	15	10	0	13	15	13	12
Somewhat Closely	25	20	20	26	24	13	22	23	29
Just a Bit	21	35	28	27	33	33	35	26	22
Haven't really	36	36	36	35	44	41	25	37	35
DK/REF	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	3

	Income			Education			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post Graduate Degree
Very Closely	12	16	13	16	11	10	13
Somewhat Closely	18	21	24	30	19	20	27
Just a Bit	30	23	32	17	30	30	27
Haven't really	38	38	29	33	38	39	32
DK/REF	2	2	*	3	2	1	*

	Race/Ethnicity		
	White	Hispanic	Other
Very Closely	11	17	17
Somewhat Closely	25	11	18
Just a Bit	26	37	29
Haven't really	36	34	36
DK/REF	2	0	0

Q7 If the Democratic primary election for the Massachusetts 3rd congressional district was being held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE order: Jeff Ballinger, Don Bradley, Alexandra Chandler, Beej Das, Rufus Gifford, Leonard Golder, Dan Koh, Barbara L'Italien, Patrick Littlefield, Bopha Malone, Juana Matias, Terry Ryan, Keith St. John, or Lori Trahan]

Q7a Do you lean more towards one candidate [RANDOMIZE ORDER: n same order as Q7] [read names if necessary]

*	Jeff Ballinger
1%	Don Bradley
3	Alexandra Chandler
0	Beej Das
11	Rufus Gifford
*	Leonard Golder
4	Dan Koh
7	Barbara L'Italien
1	Patrick Littlefield
2	Bopha Malone
4	Juana Matias
1	Keith St. John
5	Lori Trahan
2	Another candidate (VOL)
58	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

Q8 What do you think is the most important problem facing the Massachusetts 3rd Congressional District today? (DO NOT READ) (SINGLE MENTION)

16%	The Economy/Jobs/Unemployment/Poverty/Inequality/Wages
16	Dissatisfaction with government/corruption/government officials (mentions of Trump/Congress/public officials)/Leadership/Honesty/Integrity
11	Drugs/Drug addiction/Opioids
11	Education
5	Health Care/Access to affordable health care
3	Housing/Cost of Living
3	Crime/Police/Safety/Judicial System
3	Immigration
3	Environmental concerns/weather/climate change/global warming
3	Traffic/Public Transit
3	Gun control/Safety specifically related to guns/Gun violence
2	Infrastructure and roads
1	Government taxes/spending/budgets
*	Civil Rights/Race Relations
*	Foreign affairs/terrorism/national security
*	Moral/religious decline
4	Other (SPECIFY)
18	Don't know (VOL)/Refused (VOL)

Q9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

IF APPROVE: Do you approve STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?
IF DISAPPROVE: Do you disapprove STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

6% Approve STRONGLY
3 Approve SOMEWHAT
9 NET APPROVE
88 NET DISAPPROVE
7 Disapprove SOMEWHAT
81 Disapprove STRONGLY

2 Don't Know (VOL)
1 Refused (VOL)

	Party Registration		Gender		Age				
	Democrat	Independent	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
App Strongly	5	7	8	3	5	3	0	8	6
App Somewhat	4	2	4	3	0	0	4	3	4
Disapp Somewhat	6	9	7	7	8	21	7	4	4
Disapp Strongly	82	79	77	84	87	76	82	81	83
DK/REF	3	3	4	2	0	0	7	3	2

	Income			Education			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post Graduate Degree
App Strongly	5	5	7	12	2	7	5
App Somewhat	7	2	2	8	1	4	1
Disapp Somewhat	10	9	5	12	11	4	5
Disapp Strongly	77	82	82	64	84	80	88
DK/REF	2	2	4	4	2	5	1

	Race/Ethnicity		
	White	Hispanic	Other
App Strongly	6	6	4
App Somewhat	3	1	5
Disapp Somewhat	6	16	10
Disapp Strongly	84	71	73
DK/REF	2	6	8

Q10 Do you believe that Congress should hold impeachment hearings to remove Donald Trump from office or not?

55% Should hold impeachment hearings
32 Should not
10 Don't know (VOL)
3 Refused (VOL)

	Party Registration		Gender		Age				
	Democrat	Independent	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
Should	58	51	45	63	63	58	51	57	53
Should not	28	37	43	23	26	32	26	34	32
DK/REF	13	13	12	14	11	11	23	9	15

	Income			Education			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post Graduate Degree
Should	58	56	53	51	64	51	55
Should not	31	33	35	34	25	35	32
DK/REF	10	11	12	15	11	14	13

	Race/Ethnicity		
	White	Hispanic	Other
Should	53	68	53
Should not	35	19	19
DK/REF	11	13	28

Q11 Looking ahead to the Congressional midterm elections this Fall, Democrats need to gain 25 seats to take control of the US House of Representatives. What do you think is the most likely outcome, that the Democrats will win majority control of the US House of Representatives, or that the Republicans will retain control of the US House?

68% Democrats take the House
20 Republicans retain control of the House
12 Don't know
* Refused

	Party Registration		Gender		Age				
	Democrat	Independent	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
Democrats…	70	66	65	71	80	70	68	66	68
Republicans…	17	24	26	15	17	21	24	20	19
DK/REF	13	9	9	13	3	9	9	13	12

	Income			Education			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post Graduate Degree
Democrats…	64	77	65	59	78	61	72
Republicans…	23	13	28	28	15	25	16
DK/REF	12	11	7	12	7	14	11

	Race/Ethnicity		
	White	Hispanic	Other
Democrats…	65	83	78
Republicans…	21	11	22
DK/REF	14	5	1

Q12 If the Democrats take the majority in the House of Representatives, do you think that Congressional Democrats should pick Nancy Pelosi to serve as Speaker of the House, or do you think they should pick someone else?

27% Nancy Pelosi
55 Pick someone else
17 Don't know
* Refused

	Party Registration		Gender		Age				
	Democrat	Independent	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
Nancy Pelosi	30	23	19	33	21	20	25	34	24
Someone Else	52	60	66	47	44	48	67	53	59
DK/REF	19	17	15	20	34	32	8	13	16

	Income			Education			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post Graduate Degree
Nancy Pelosi	33	24	23	43	27	26	21
Someone Else	44	56	68	41	48	57	67
DK/REF	23	20	9	14	25	17	12

	Race/Ethnicity		
	White	Hispanic	Other
Nancy Pelosi	25	36	29
Someone Else	60	27	46
DK/REF	14	37	25

Q13 Changing topics, do you approve or disapprove of the way Charlie Baker is handling his job as Governor of Massachusetts?

IF APPROVE: Do you approve STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?
IF DISAPPROVE: Do you disapprove STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

40%	Approve STRONGLY
40	Approve SOMEWHAT
80	**NET APPROVE**
11	**NET DISAPPROVE**
8	Disapprove SOMEWHAT
2	Disapprove STRONGLY
9	Don't Know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

	Party Registration		Gender		Age				
	Democrat	Independent	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
App Strongly	38	42	37	42	14	20	37	45	49
App Somewhat	42	38	44	37	20	63	44	37	38
Disapp Somewhat	7	10	7	9	27	12	9	5	5
Disapp Strongly	3	1	4	1	0	0	4	2	3
DK/REF	10	9	8	11	39	6	6	10	5

	Income			Education			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post Graduate Degree
App Strongly	42	42	38	53	31	42	38
App Somewhat	31	39	50	25	38	43	46
Disapp Somewhat	12	7	6	9	13	5	6
Disapp Strongly	1	6	2	0	3	1	5
DK/REF	13	6	4	12	14	9	5

	Race/Ethnicity		
	White	Hispanic	Other
App Strongly	41	40	31
App Somewhat	42	22	46
Disapp Somewhat	7	20	5
Disapp Strongly	3	0	3
DK/REF	7	18	16

Q14 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Elizabeth Warren is handling her job as US Senator?

IF APPROVE: Do you approve STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?
IF DISAPPROVE: Do you disapprove STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

60% Approve STRONGLY
21 Approve SOMEWHAT
81 NET APPROVE
15 NET DISAPPROVE
5 Disapprove SOMEWHAT
10 Disapprove STRONGLY
4 Don't Know (VOL)
* Refused (VOL)

	Party Registration		Gender		Age				
	Democrat	Independent	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
App Strongly	64	55	57	62	41	59	52	62	66
App Somewhat	21	22	19	23	24	28	26	20	18
Disapp Somewhat	2	8	6	3	19	4	1	4	2
Disapp Strongly	9	13	16	6	5	7	15	11	10
DK/REF	5	3	2	5	11	3	5	2	3

	Income			Education			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post Graduate Degree
App Strongly	50	65	61	45	52	64	69
App Somewhat	25	25	19	24	27	17	21
Disapp Somewhat	9	5	2	4	10	3	2
Disapp Strongly	6	6	16	17	5	14	7
DK/REF	9	1	1	9	5	3	2

	Race/Ethnicity		
	White	Hispanic	Other
App Strongly	62	49	59
App Somewhat	22	15	23
Disapp Somewhat	4	12	3
Disapp Strongly	11	2	16
DK/REF	2	22	0