
Cape Cod Times/ WCAI Poll 2004

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Executive Summary

The purpose of the 2004 Presidential Primary and Issues Poll was to determine the attitudes and perceptions of Cape Cod and Islands residents on various policy issues and candidate preferences. Respondents were asked questions regarding their preferences in the presidential primary election and how they rate various national and regional policy issues. The data was collected through a random sample of Massachusetts Cape and Island residents between February 12-22, 2004. A total of 588 interviews were conducted with Cape and Island residents for a margin of error at approximately +/- 4 percent.

Some of the highlights of the survey are as follows:

- ? Over seventy percent of the respondents (71.7 percent) reported that they are very likely to vote in the upcoming primary election.
- ? Almost twice as many respondents reported being Democrats (29.9 percent) compared to only 15.4 percent who identified with the Republican Party.
- ? The majority of the voters (69.3 percent) report that they would vote for John Kerry if the primary election was held today.
- ? A majority of respondents (64.8 percent) report that if the general election was held today and the candidates were John Kerry and George W. Bush, they would vote for John Kerry.
- ? More than half of respondents (52.3 percent) either “disapprove” or “strongly disapprove” of the way George W. Bush are handling his job as president.
- ? An overwhelming majority of respondents (73.3 percent) report that the war on terrorism is “very important” in helping them choose a presidential candidate to vote for.
- ? An overwhelming majority (70.7 percent) of respondents reported that the war in Iraq is a “very important” issue in helping them decide which presidential to vote for.
- ? An overwhelming majority of respondents (64.4 percent) oppose a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.
- ? The majority of respondents (52.3 percent) believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married.

Project Overview

In February 2004, a primary election poll of Barnstable, Nantucket, and Dukes County residents was commissioned by the Cape Cod Times and WCAI. The survey was designed by Dr. Victor DeSantis, in collaboration with representatives of the sponsoring news agencies, and administered by the Institute for Regional Development at Bridgewater State College. The purpose of this poll was to assess voter attitudes toward political candidates and national and regional policy issues in the upcoming primary election.

By means of a random sampling process, the survey gathered data from citizens in the three counties. A team of trained student interviewers administered the survey during daytime and evening hours. A total of 588 interviews were conducted with registered voters. The margin of error is approximately +/- 4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

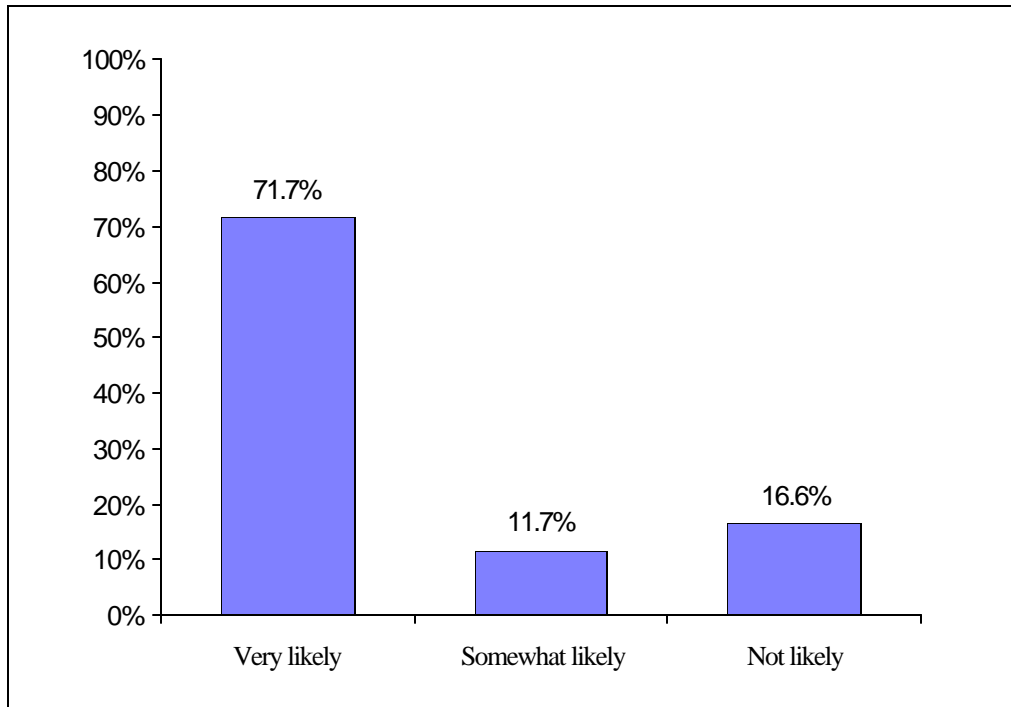
All interviewing was conducted from the Institute for Regional Development's telephone bank at Bridgewater State College. Jennifer Reid, project manager at the IRD, directed the supervision of the phone bank and was on-site to ensure proper administration of the sample, monitor for quality control, and handle any other problems. Shifts of interviewers were used during the evenings (6 to 9pm) from February 12-22, 2004. Telephone numbers were selected at random from the towns in the target area and purged of non-working and business numbers. All telephone numbers in the sample were then called up to four times, using a rotating schedule of call-backs to ensure that a telephone number had been tried on different weekday evenings. Additionally, some callbacks were conducted during daytime hours.

Upon completion of calls, the survey responses were entered into a computer database. Using the latest state-of-the-art statistical software (SPSS for Windows Version 11.5), the data file

was analyzed. Complete protection and confidentiality of the survey database was assured during all phases of data analysis. Access to the database was limited to the project directors.

Political Characteristics of the Respondents

Figure 1
How likely are you to vote in this upcoming primary election? N=583



Highlights:

- ? Over seventy percent of the respondents (71.7 percent) reported that they are very likely to vote in the upcoming primary election.

Figure 2
Are you a registered voter in the State of Massachusetts?

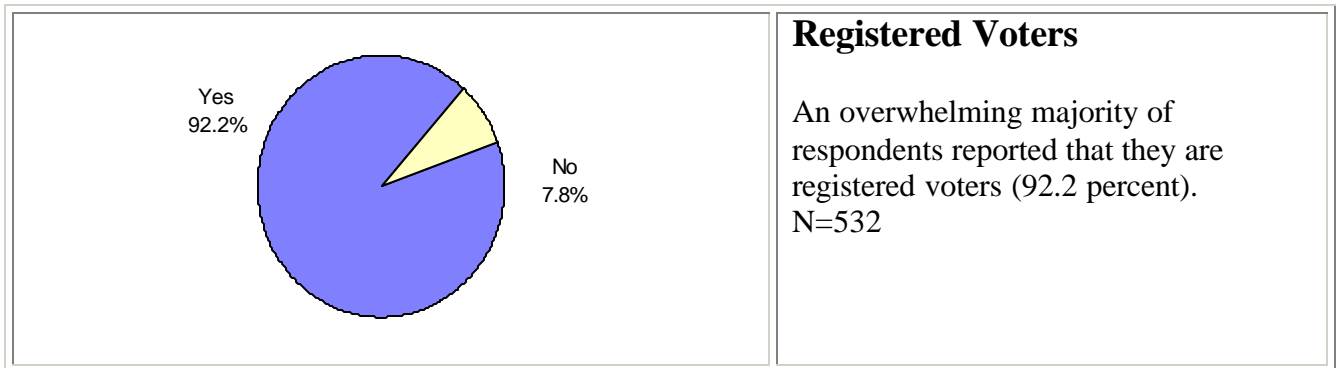
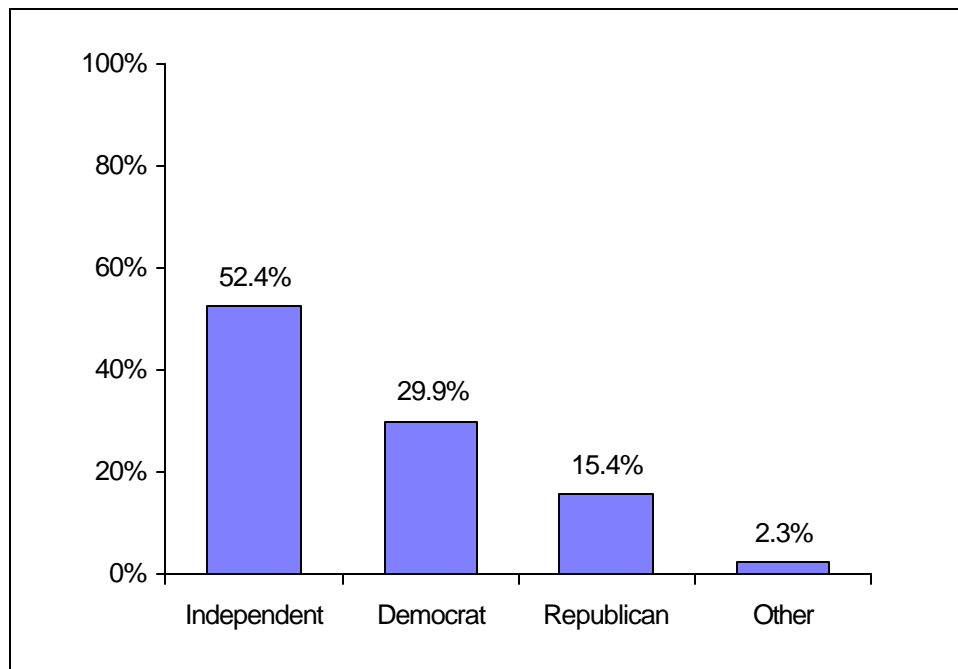


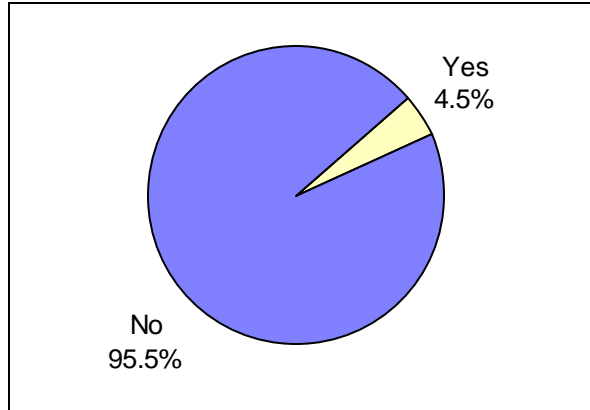
Figure 3
Are you a registered Democrat, Republican, or Independent? N=532



Highlights:

- ? A majority of the respondents reported that they are unenrolled or Independents (52.4 percent).
- ? Almost twice as many respondents reported being Democrats (29.9 percent) compared to only 15.4 percent who identified with the Republican party.

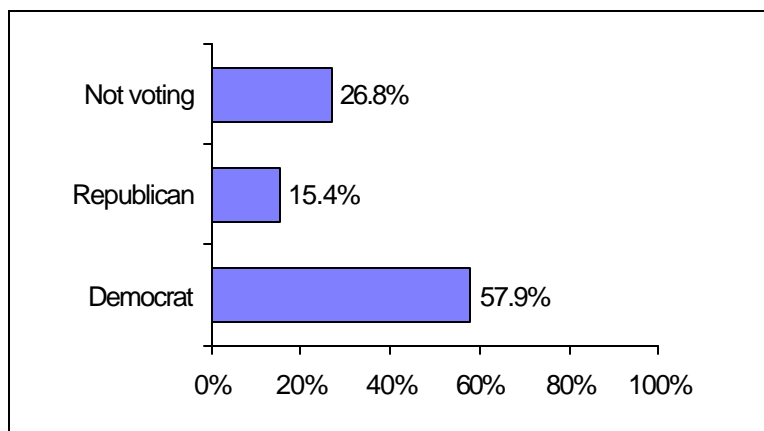
Figure 4
Do you have any plans to switch your current party attachment and vote in the other party primary? N=223



Highlights:

- ? Of the respondents who reported that they were either a Democrat or a Republican, few people reported that they had plans to switch their party attachment to vote in the other primary (4.5 percent).

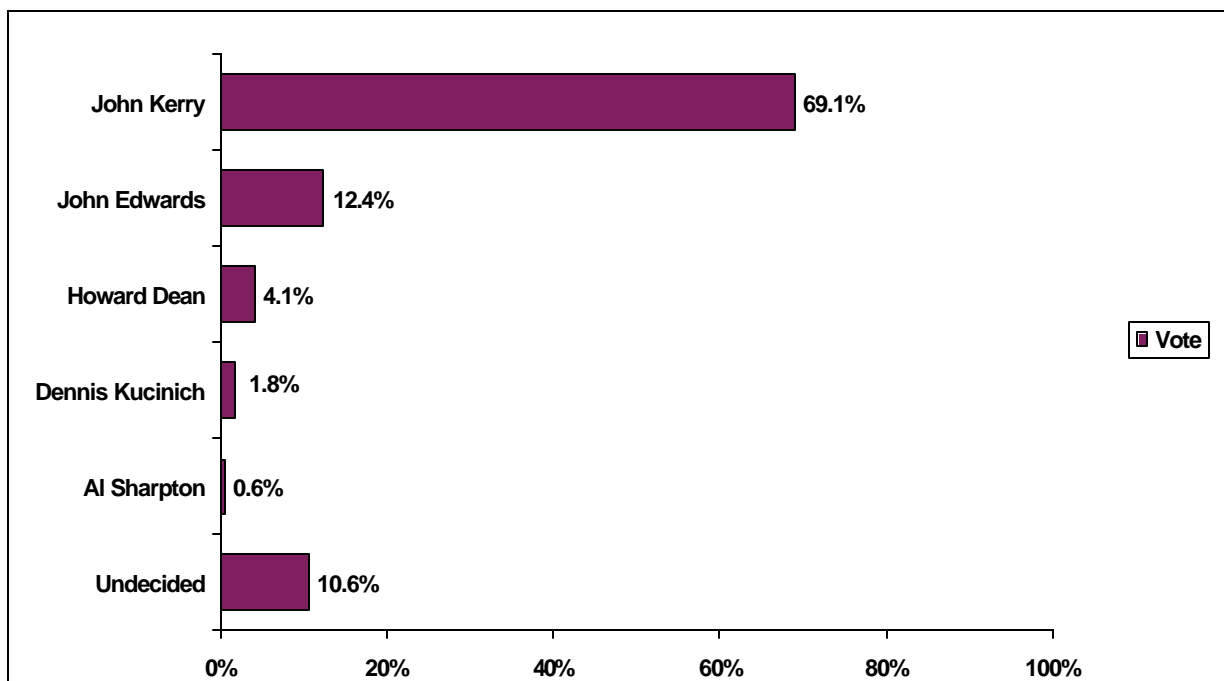
Figure 5
Independent Voters:
Are you planning to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary? N=254



Highlights:

- ? The majority of Independent voters who responded plan to vote in the Democratic presidential primary (57.9 percent).

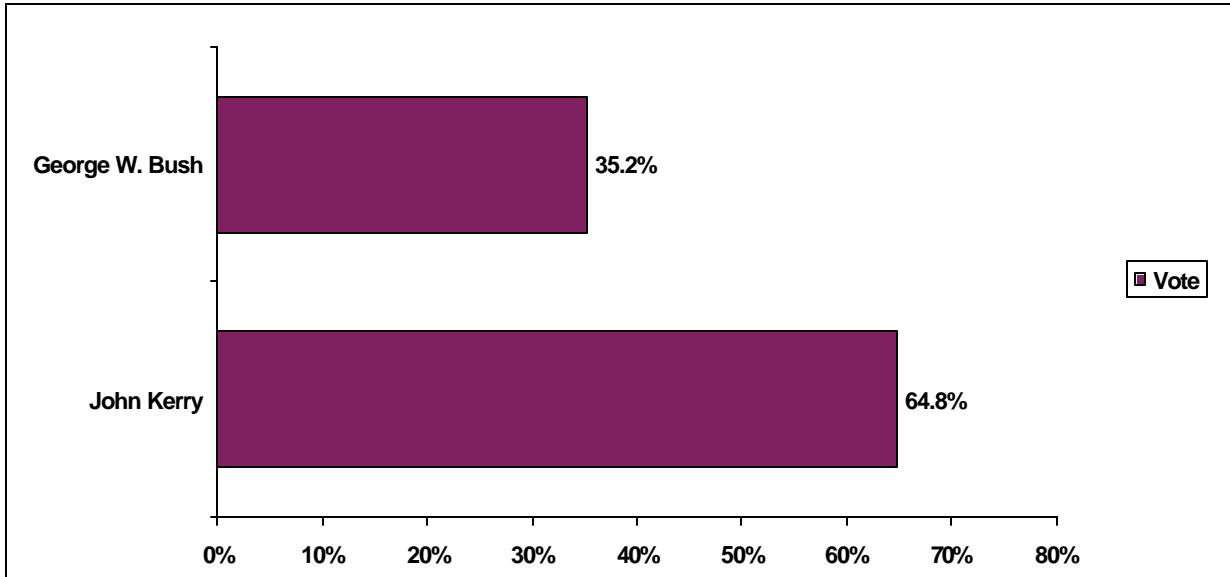
Figure 6
If the Democratic presidential primary election were held today, would you be more likely to vote for? N=304



Highlights:

- ? The majority of the voters (69.1 percent) report that they would vote for John Kerry if the primary election was held today.
- ? Trailing Kerry by a considerable margin was John Edwards at 12.4 percent of respondents, followed by Howard Dean at 4.1 percent. It should be noted that Dean withdrew from the race during the data collection stage of this poll.
- ? Just over 10 percent of the respondents said they were still undecided.

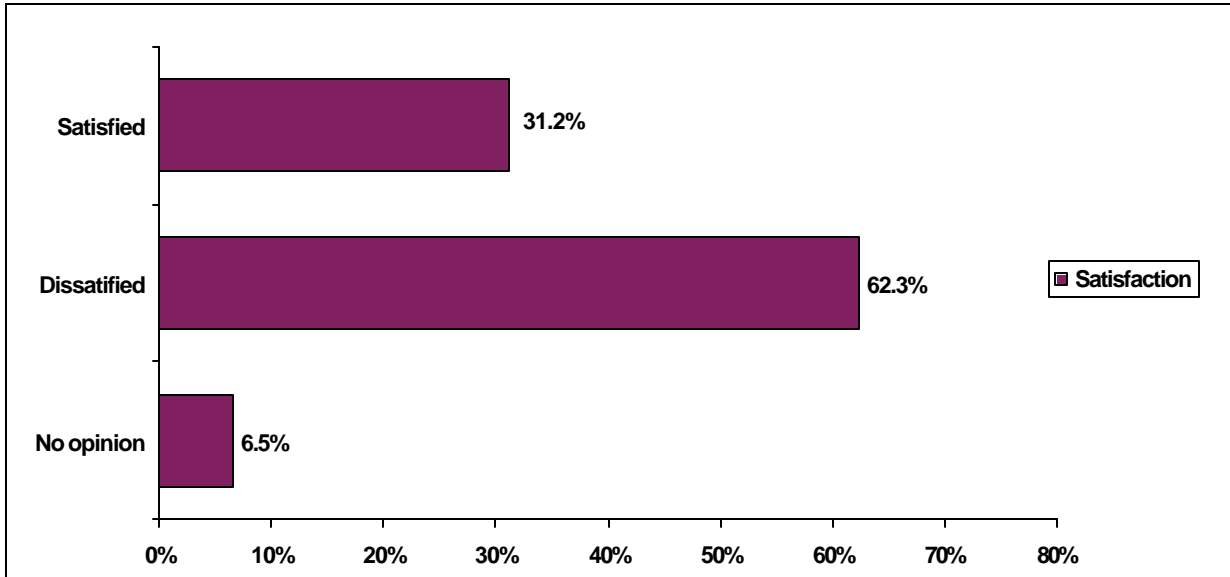
Figure 7
If the general election for president was held today and the candidates were Democrat John Kerry and Republican George W. Bush, for whom would you vote? N=514



Highlights:

- ? A majority of respondents (64.8 percent) report that if the general election were held today and the candidates were John Kerry and George W. Bush, they would vote for John Kerry.

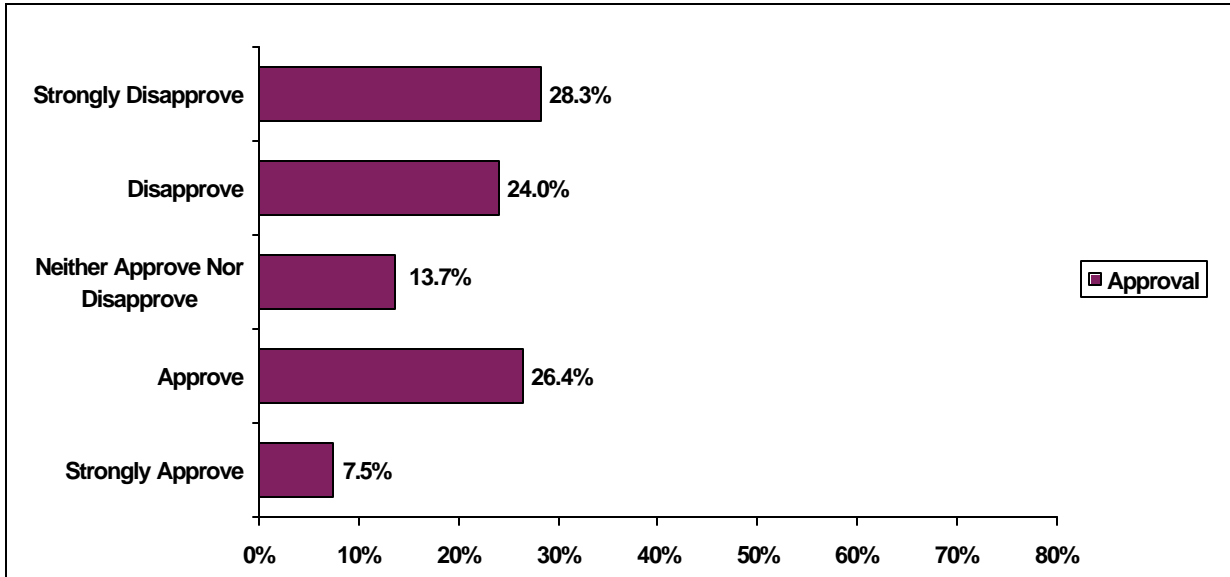
Figure 8
In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time? N=583



Highlights:

- ? Almost twice as many respondents are “dissatisfied” (62.3 percent) with the way things are going in the United States at this time compared to those who are “satisfied” (31.2 percent).

Figure 9
How do you feel about the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President of the United States? N=583



Highlights:

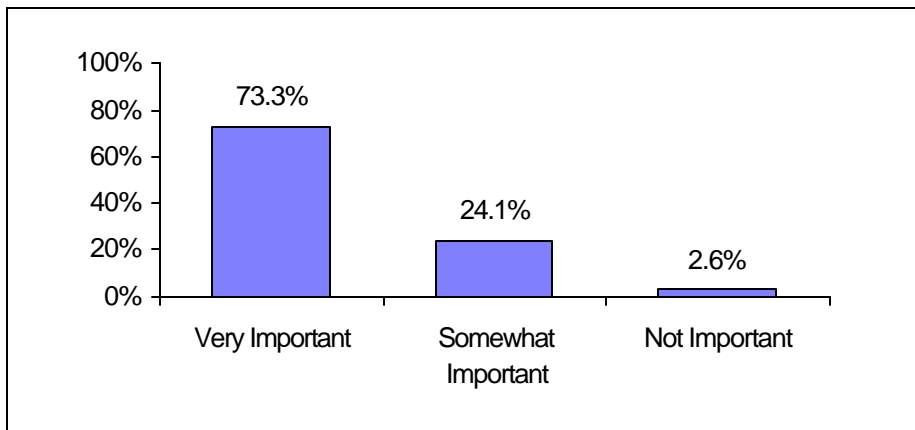
- ? More than half of respondents (52.3 percent) either “disapprove” or “strongly disapprove” of the way George W. Bush are handling his job as president.
- ? Slightly over one third of respondents (33.9 percent) either “approve” or “strongly approve” of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president.

Now I am going to read you a list of issues that currently face our nation. As I do, please rate how important each issue is in helping you choose which presidential candidate to vote for.

Table 1
Comparison of key voting issues in the national election

Issue	Percent Reporting "Very Important"
Access to quality health care	76.4
War on Terrorism	73.3
War in Iraq	70.7
Creating new jobs	63.8
Growing federal deficit	59.5
Corporate influence in government	42.9

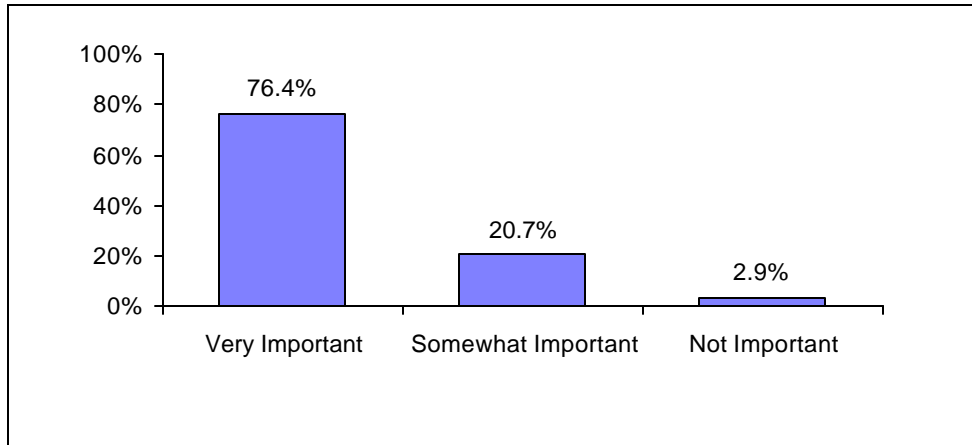
Figure 10
War on terrorism N=581



Highlights:

- ? An overwhelming majority of respondents (73.3 percent) report that the war on terrorism is "very important" in helping them choose a presidential candidate to vote for.

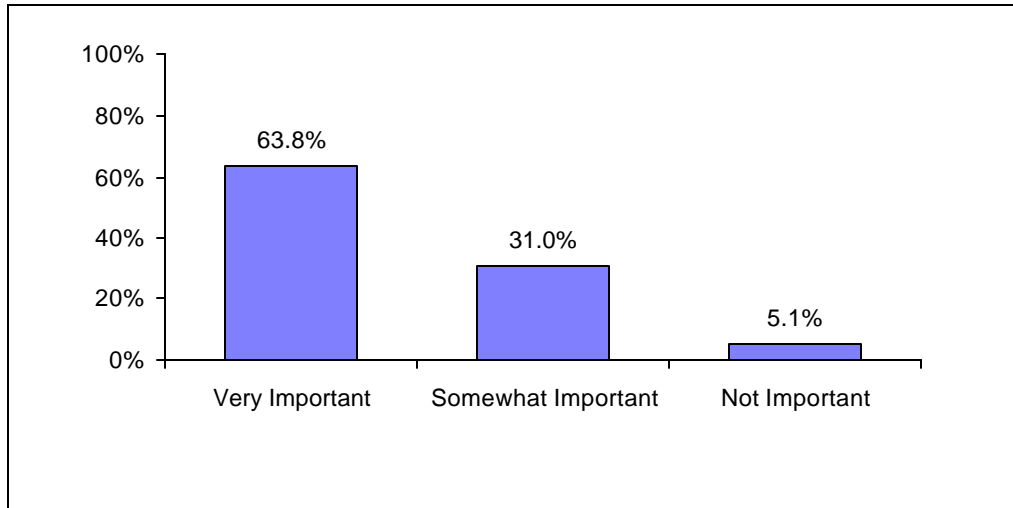
Figure 11
Improving access to health care systems N=585



Highlights:

- ? An overwhelming majority of respondents (76.4 percent) identified improving access to health care as a “very important” factor in helping them choose which presidential candidate to vote for.

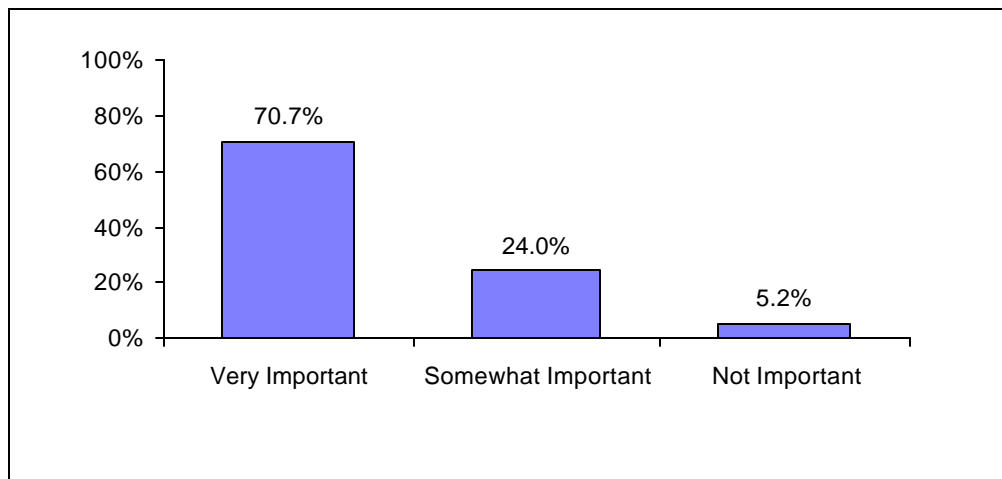
Figure 12
Creating new jobs N=583



Highlights:

- ? Over sixty percent of respondents (63.8 percent) reported that creating new jobs was a “very important” factor in helping them decide which presidential candidate to vote for.

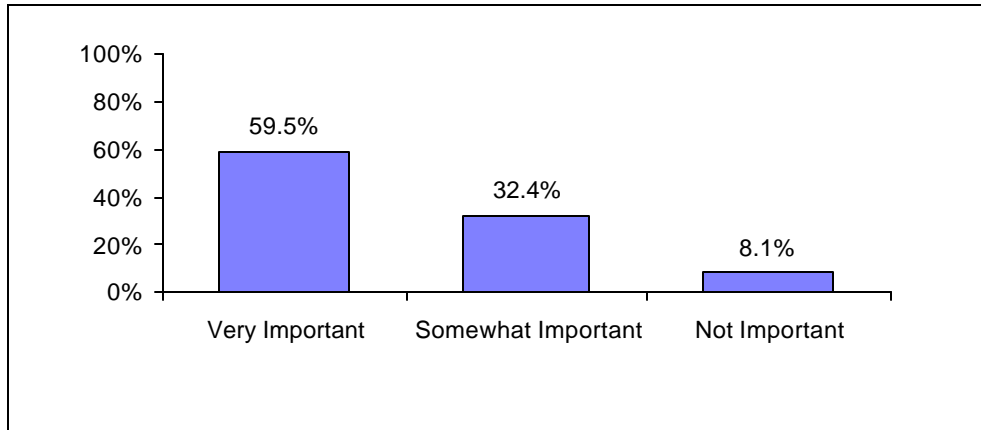
Figure 13
War in Iraq N=574



Highlights:

- ? An overwhelming majority (70.7 percent) of respondents reported that the war in Iraq was a “very important” issue in helping them decide which presidential to vote for.

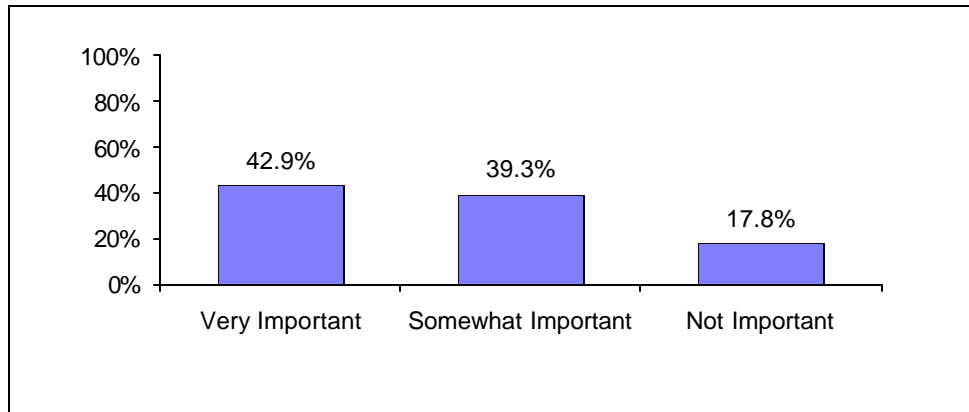
Figure 14
Growing federal deficit N=568



Highlights:

- ? A majority of the respondents (59.5 percent) indicated that they consider the growing federal deficit a “very important” factor in deciding which presidential candidate to vote for.

Figure 15
Corporate influence in government N=555



Highlights:

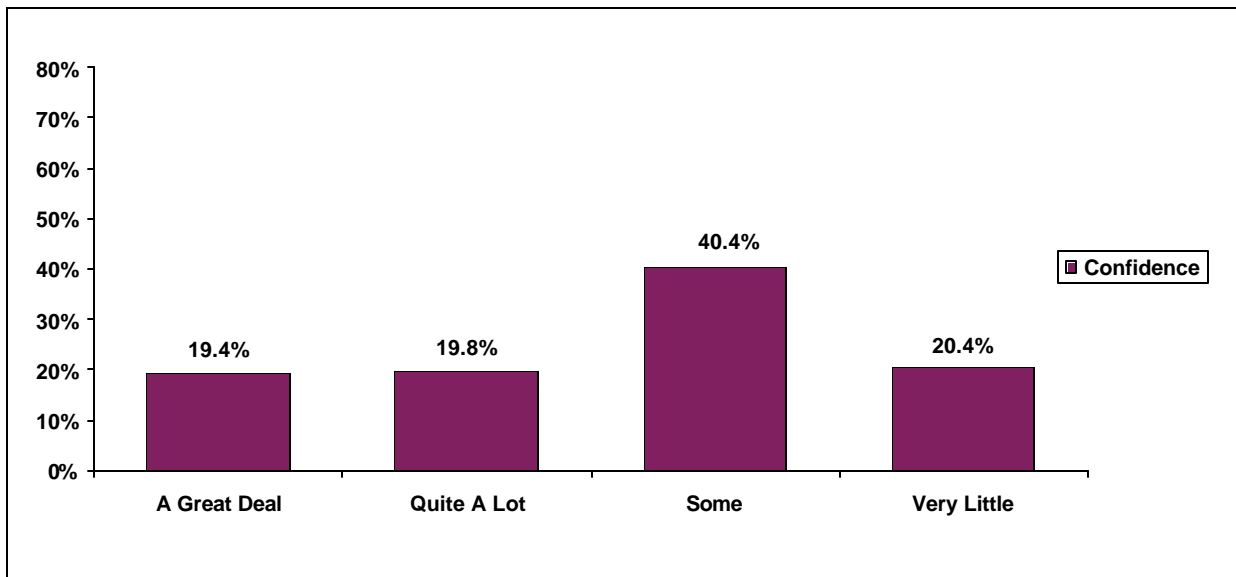
- ? Less than half of the respondents (42.9 percent) report that the corporate influence in government is a “very important” issue in helping them decide which presidential candidate to vote for.

Let’s switch our focus to Massachusetts for a moment. I am going to read you a list of government institutions and officials in Massachusetts. Please tell me how much confidence you have in each one.

Table 2
Summary of confidence in Massachusetts government institutions and officials

Massachusetts government institutions and officials	Percent Reporting “A great deal”	Percent Reporting “Quite a lot”	Total
Governor Mitt Romney	19.4%	19.8%	39.2%
Massachusetts State Legislature	4.2%	12.3%	12.5%
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court	12.4%	25.1%	37.5%

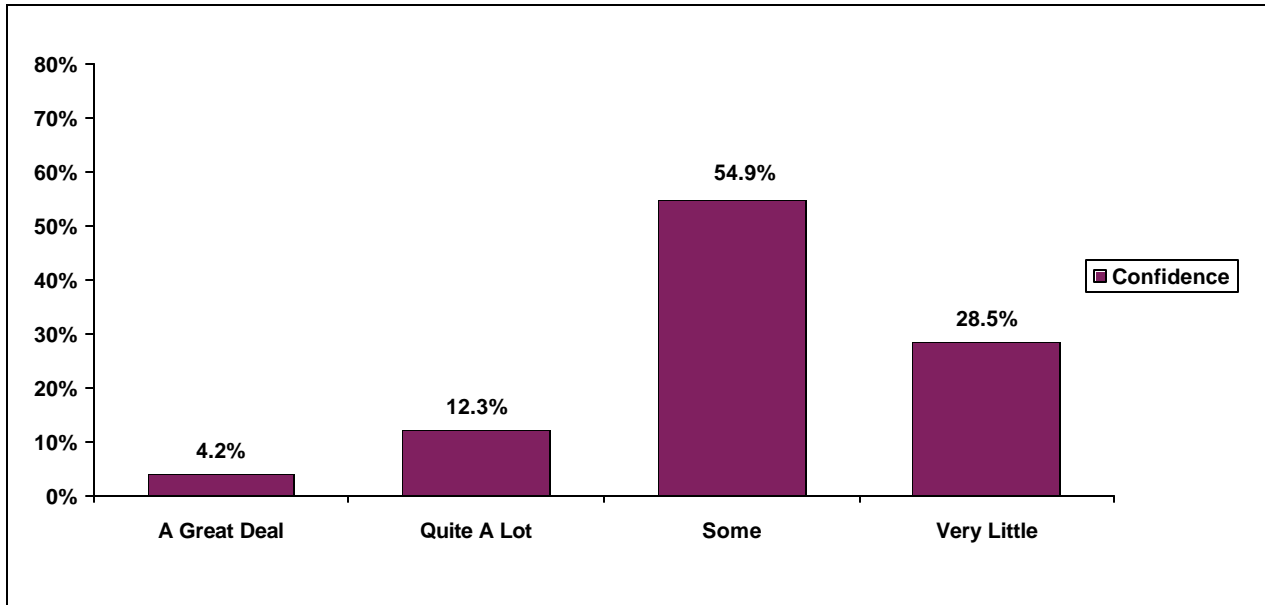
Figure 16
Confidence in Governor Mitt Romney N=545



Highlights:

- ? Over one-third of respondents (39.2 percent) report that they have “a great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence in Mitt Romney
- ? 20.4 percent of respondents have “very little” confidence in Mitt Romney.

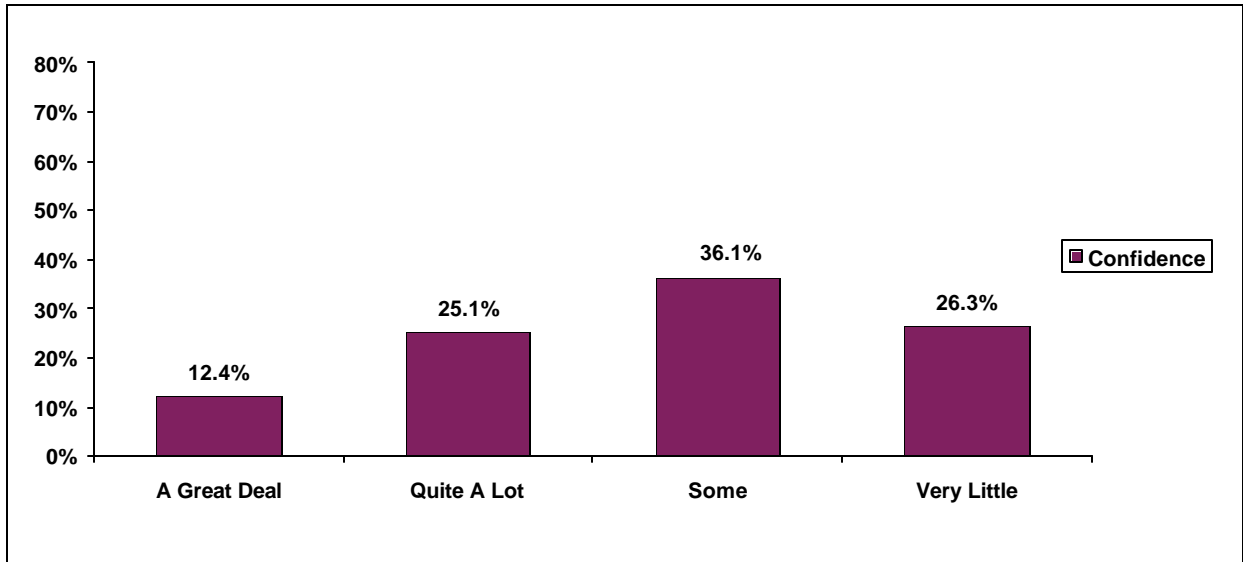
Figure 17
Confidence in Massachusetts State Legislature N=519



Highlights:

- ? 16.5 percent of the respondents said they have “a great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence in the Massachusetts State Legislature.
- ? 28.5 percent of respondent reported that they have “very little” confidence in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

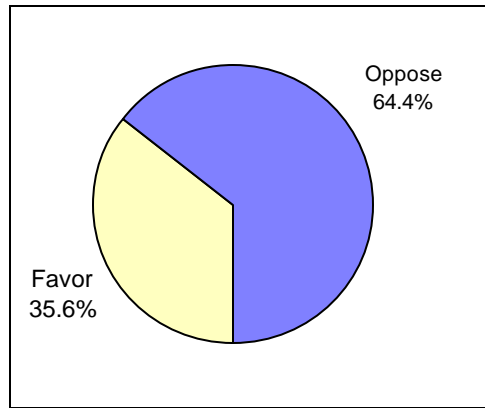
Figure 18
Confidence in Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court N=498



Highlights:

- ? 37.5 percent of respondents have “a great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.
- ? Over one third of respondents (36.1 percent) report that they have “some” confidence in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

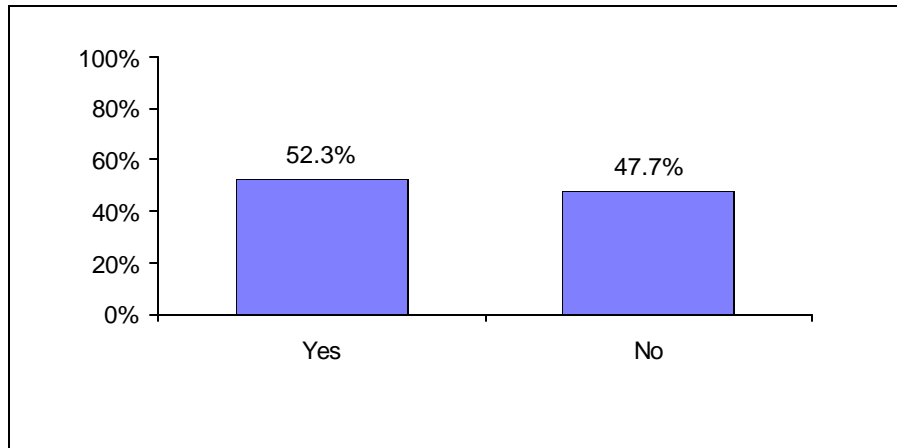
Figure 19
Do you favor or oppose a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage? N=514



Highlights:

- ? An overwhelming majority of respondents (64.4 percent) oppose a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

Figure 20
Do you believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married? N=541

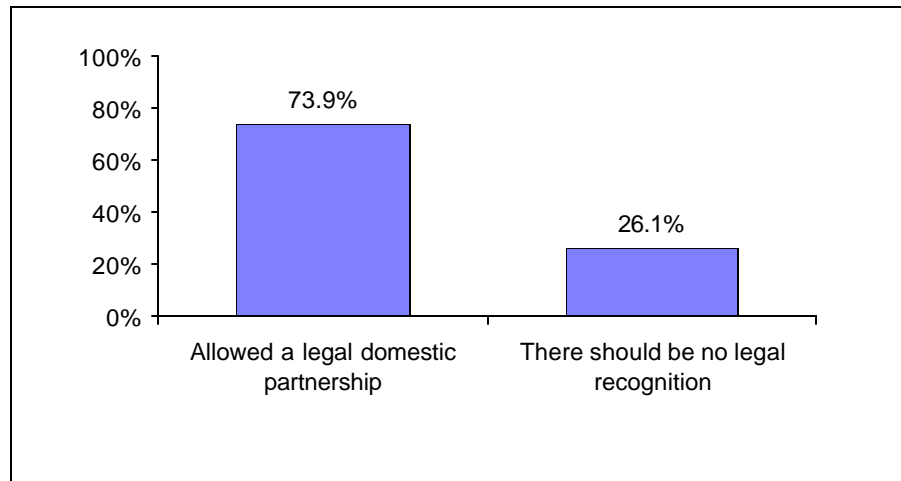


Highlights:

- ? The majority of respondents (52.3 percent) believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married.

Figure 21

Do you think gays and lesbians should be allowed a legal domestic partnership similar to but not called marriage, or should there be no legal recognition to gay and lesbian relationships? N=249 (Note: This is a filtered question)



Highlights:

- ? Of the respondents who do not think gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married, an overwhelming majority (73.9 percent) believe they should be “allowed a legal domestic partnership”.

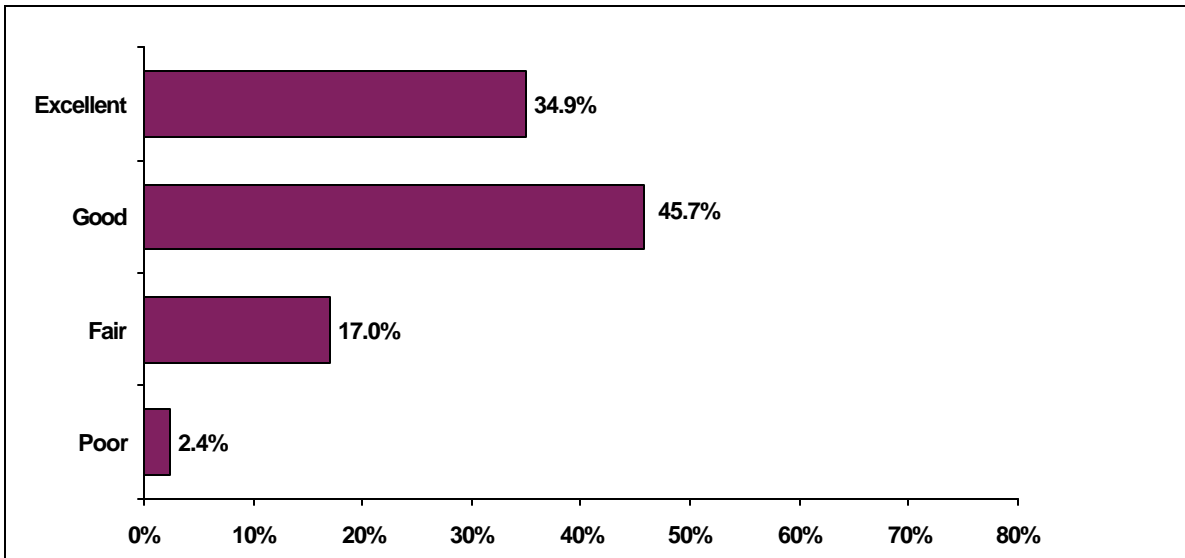
Regional Policy Issues

Next, I would like to focus your attention on the Cape and Islands and ask you to rate several aspects of the quality of life in the region.

Table 3
Summary of the quality of life issues on the Cape and Islands

Quality of life issue	Percent Reporting “Excellent”	Percent Reporting “Good”	Total (E+G)
Overall quality of life	34.9%	45.7%	80.6%
Roads and highways	8.1%	41.8%	66.1%
Quality of schools	17.6%	44.7%	62.3%
Environmental conditions	14.3%	45.9%	60.2%
Access to healthcare	11.7%	41.8%	53.5%
Economy and jobs	6.7%	25.1%	31.8%
Affordable housing	2.3%	9.2%	11.5%

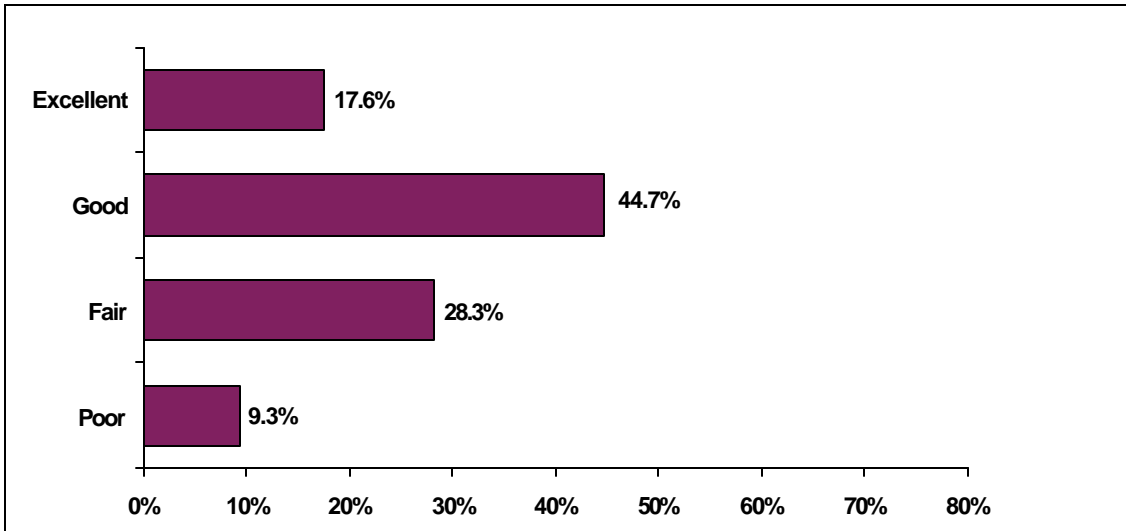
Figure 22
Overall quality of life N=518



Highlights:

- ? An overwhelming majority of respondents (80.6 percent) report that the overall quality of life on Cape Cod and the Islands is either “excellent” or “good”.

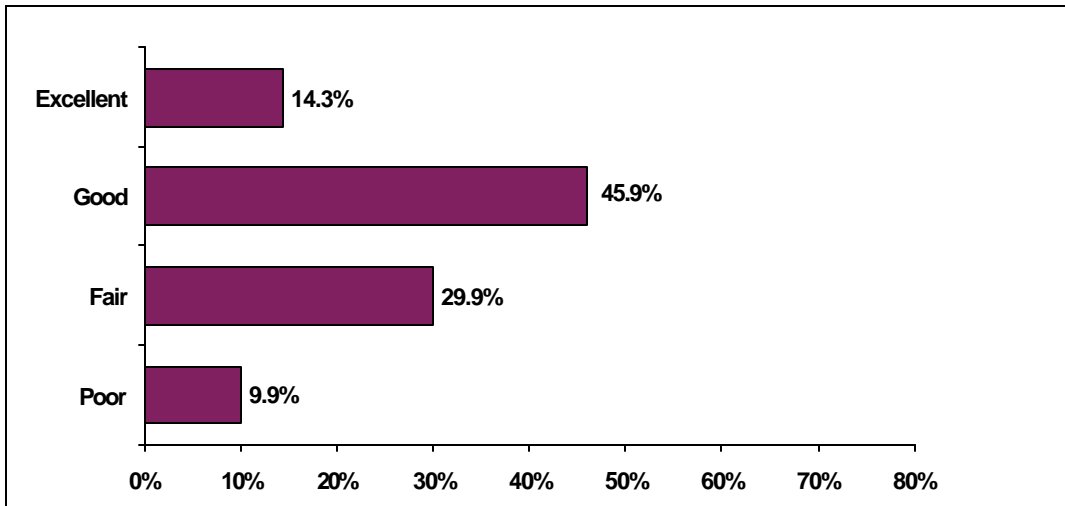
Figure 23
Quality of schools N=494



Highlights:

- ? A majority of respondents rate the quality of schools on the Cape and Islands as “excellent” or “good” at 62.3 percent.

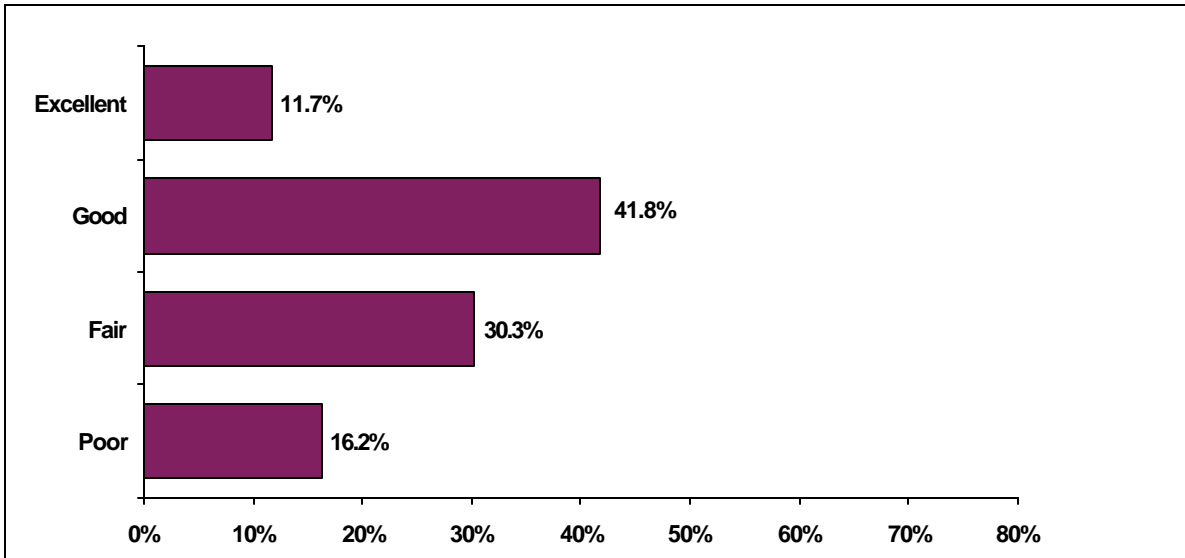
Figure 24
Environmental conditions N=575



Highlights:

- ? A majority of respondents (60.2 percent) report rate environmental conditions as “excellent” or “good” on the Cape and Islands.

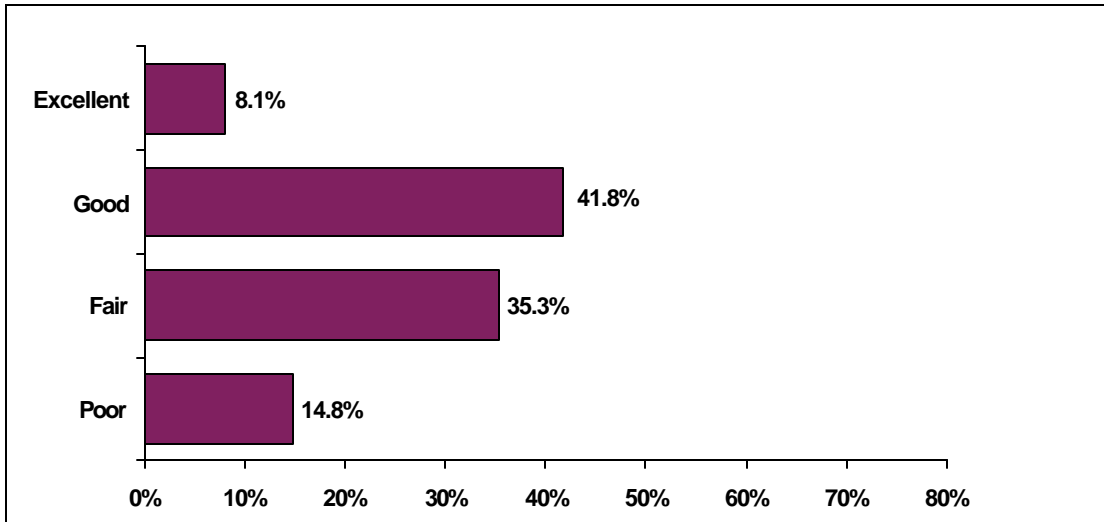
Figure 25
Access to healthcare N=575



Highlights:

- ? A majority of respondents (53.5 percent) describe access to healthcare as “excellent” or “good” on the Cape and Islands.

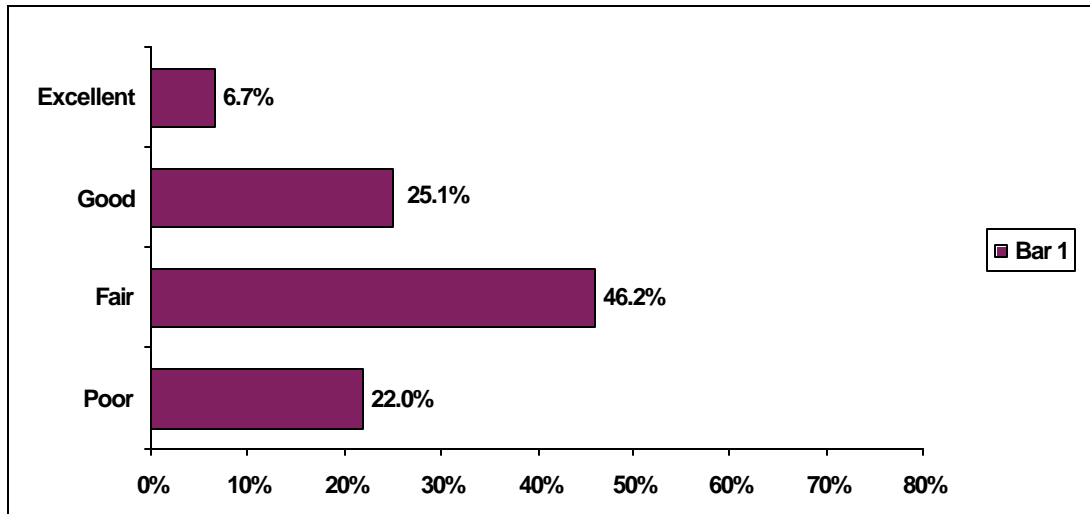
Figure 26
Roads and highways N=581



Highlights:

- ? 49.9 percent of respondents rate the quality of roads and highways on the Cape and Islands as “excellent” or “good”.

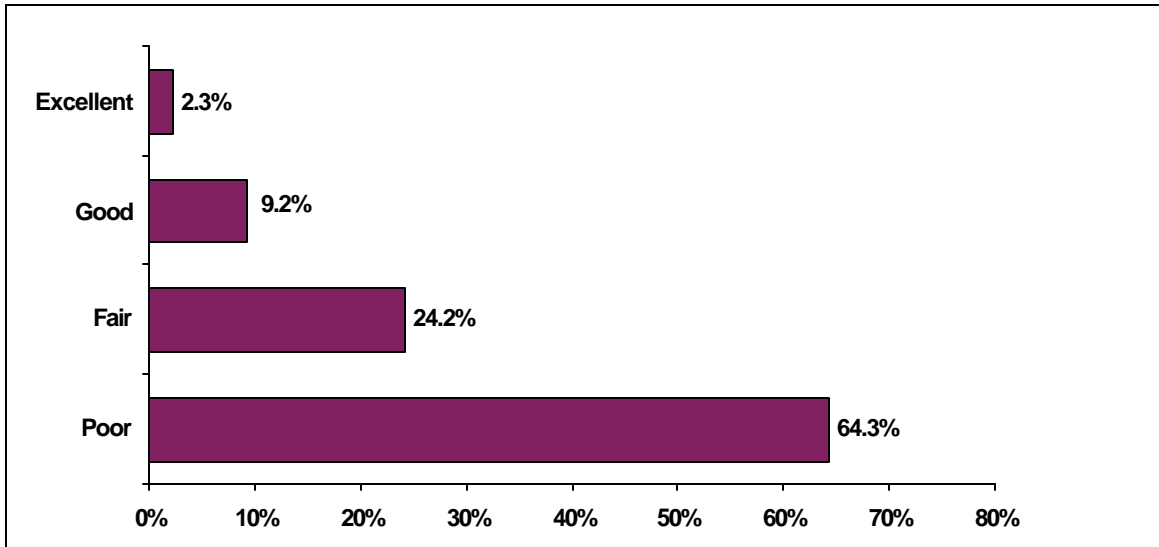
Figure 27
Economy and Jobs N=550



Highlights:

- ? The majority of respondents describe the economy and jobs on the Cape and Islands as “fair”.
- ? 22 percent of respondents rate the economy and jobs on the Cape and Islands as “poor”.

Figure 28
Affordable Housing N=554



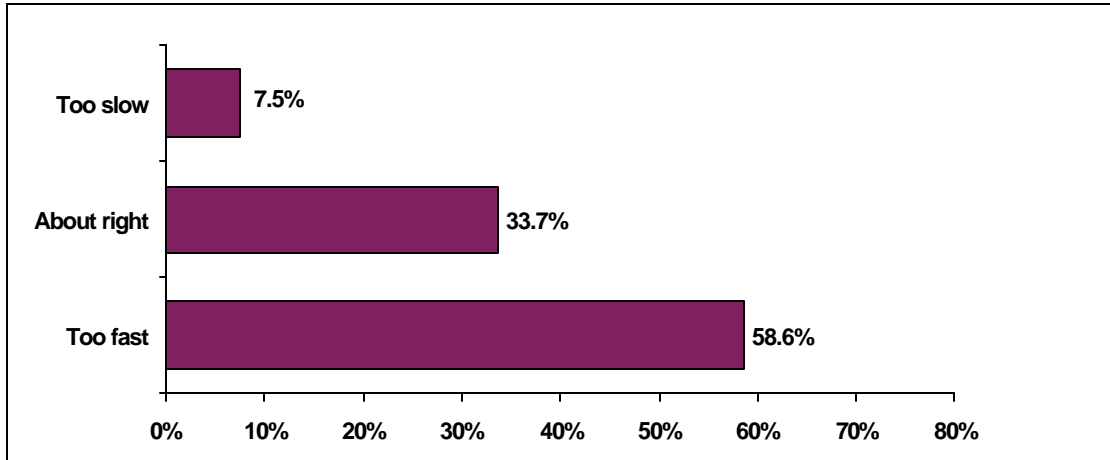
Highlights:

- ? An overwhelming majority of respondents (64.3 percent) rate affordable housing on the Cape and Islands as “poor”.

Figure 29

Now thinking about the current rate of economic development and growth in the region, do you think the region is growing too fast, about right, or too slow?

N=567



Highlights:

- ? A majority of respondents feel that the current rate of economic development and growth in the region is “too fast” at 58.6 percent.

Table 4

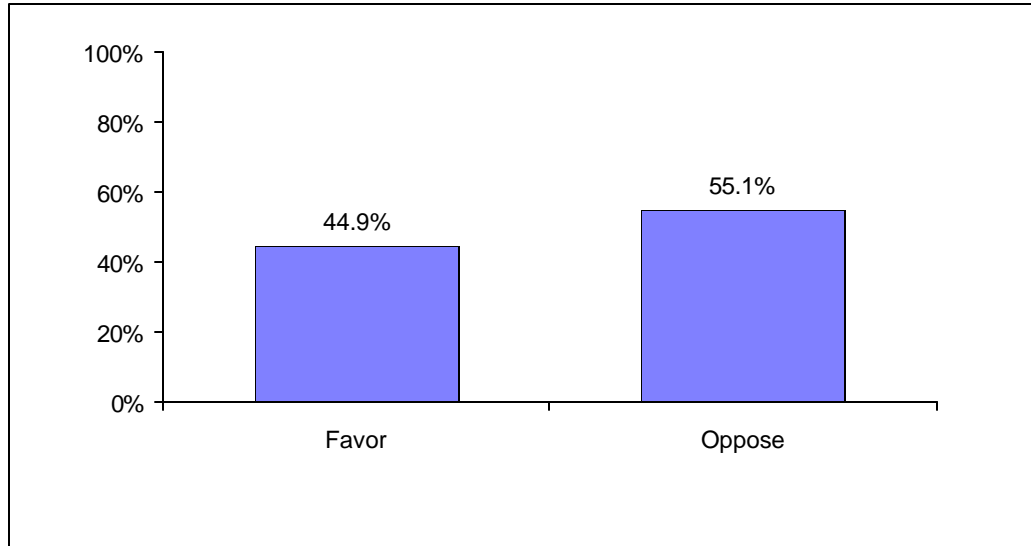
Looking out over the next year or so, what do you think is the most important problem facing the Cape Cod and Islands?

Issue	Percent Reporting
Affordable Housing	26.4%
Development/Growth/Over Population	17.0%
Jobs/Economy/Finance	10.9%
Traffic/Roads/Transportation	9.3%
Environment/Water Quality	8.5%
Wind Farm	4.6%
Medical/Health Care	3.9%
Education	3.2%

Highlights:

- ? 26.4 percent of the respondents feel that affordable housing is the most important issue facing the Cape and Islands.
- ? 17.0 percent of the respondents claim that development, growth and overpopulation is the most important issue facing the Cape and Islands.

Figure 30
Do you favor or oppose the “Cape Wind” project to construct windmills on Nantucket Sound? N=470



Highlights:

- ? The majority of respondents (55.1 percent) oppose the “Cape Wind” project to construct windmills on Nantucket Sound.

Table 2
Why do you favor the proposed “Cape Wind” project? N=211

Issue	Percent Reporting
Clean Alternative/Renewable Energy	43.6%
Economic/Cost Reasons	10.4%
Environmental Reasons	7.6%
Dependence on Foreign Oil/ Use of Fossil-Fuels	7.1%

Highlights:

- ? Of those respondents who **favor** the “Cape Wind” project, the most frequent reason cited was clean alternative/renewable energy.

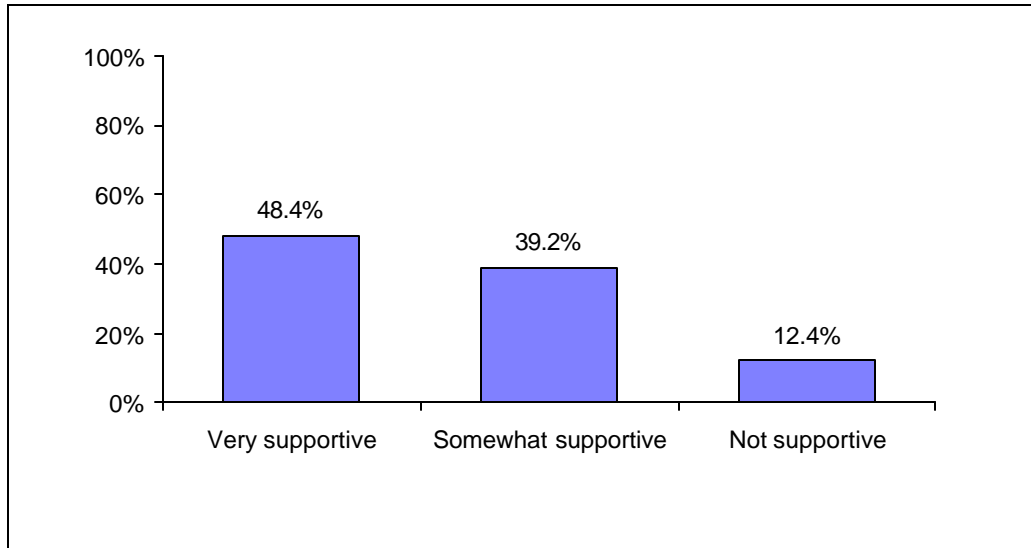
Table 3
Why do you oppose the proposed “Cape Wind” project? N=259

Issue	Percent Reporting
Aesthetics	16.2%
Environmental Concerns	15.1%
Not worth it/ Cape better off without it	15.1%
Poor location	11.6%
Economics/Costs	5.8%
Wildlife/Conservation/Fishing	5.4%
Shouldn't use public property	3.9%

Highlights:

- ? Of those respondents who **oppose** the “Cape Wind” project, the top reasons were: aesthetics, environmental concerns, and that the project was “not worth it” and or the Cape was “better off without it”.

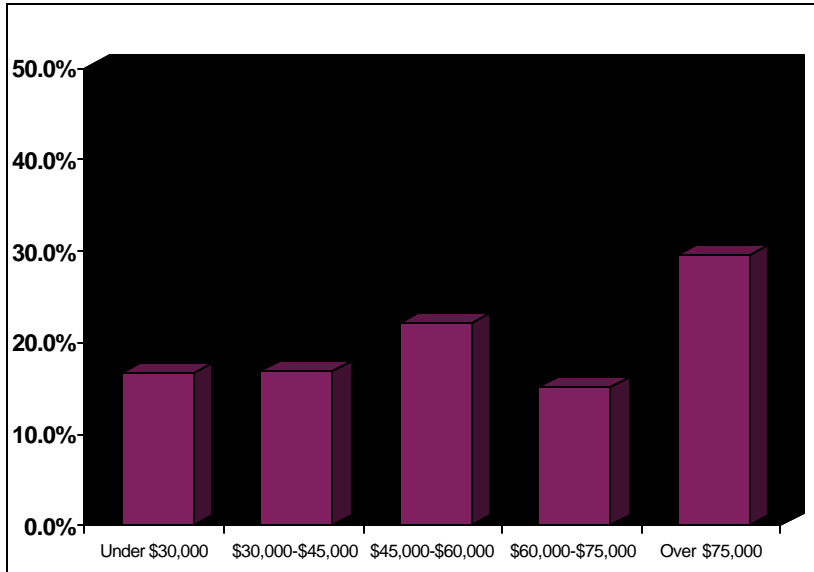
Figure 31
How supportive are you of the continued presence of the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod? N=531



Highlights:

- ? 48.4 percent of respondents are “very supportive” of the continued presence of the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod.
- ? Almost 40 percent (39.2 percent) of respondents are “somewhat supportive” of the continued presence of the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod.

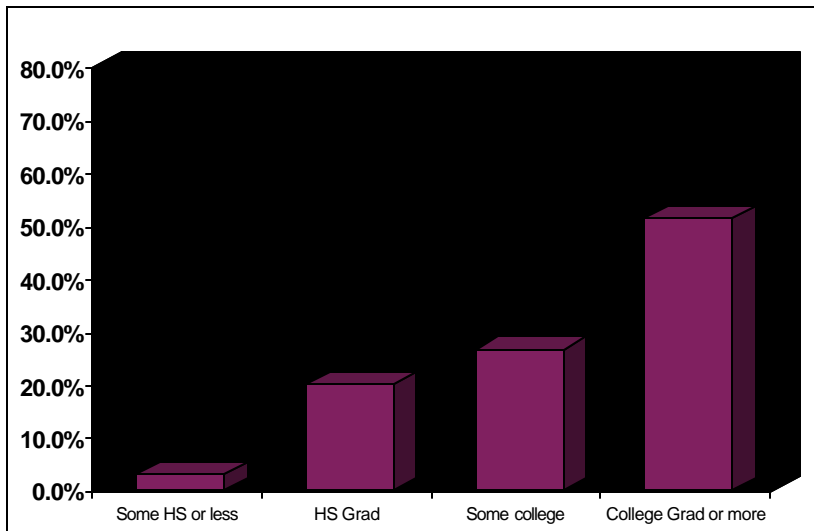
Sample Demographic Characteristics



Income

The largest percentage of respondents (29.5 percent) had incomes over \$75,000. Another 22.0 percent of respondents had incomes between \$45,000 and \$60,000.

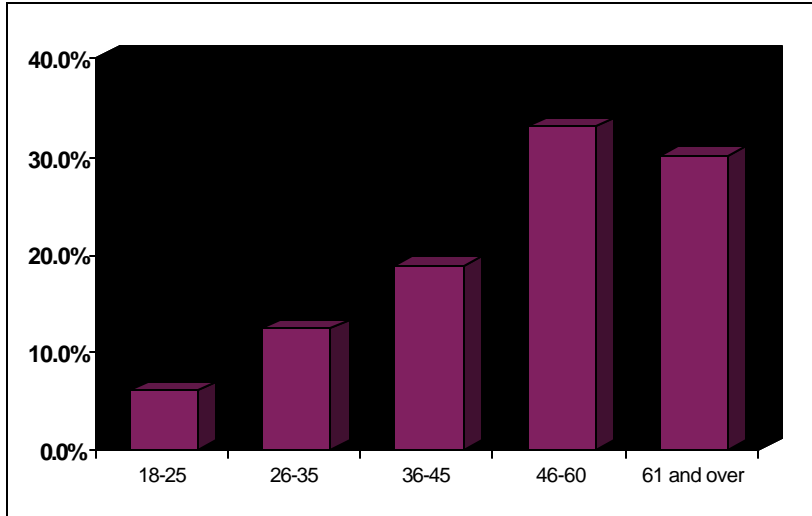
N=499



Education

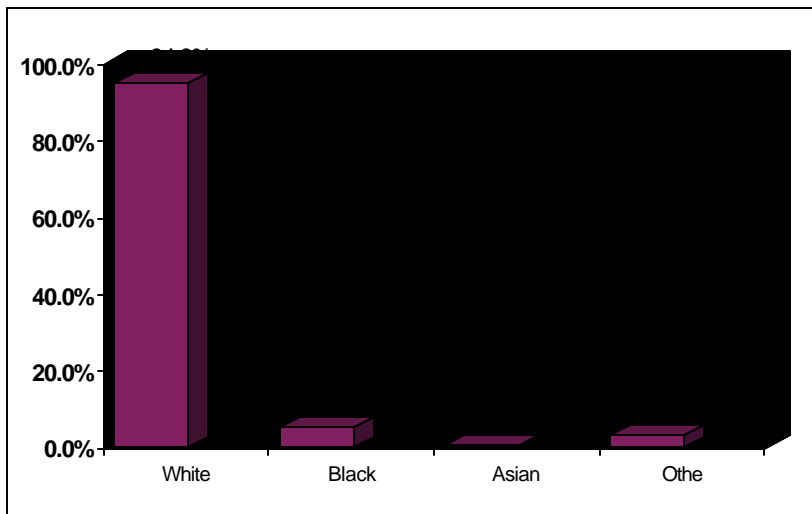
The highest percentage of respondents had an education consisting of a college degree or more (51.5 percent). Slightly more than twenty-five percent had some college education (26.6 percent).

N=583



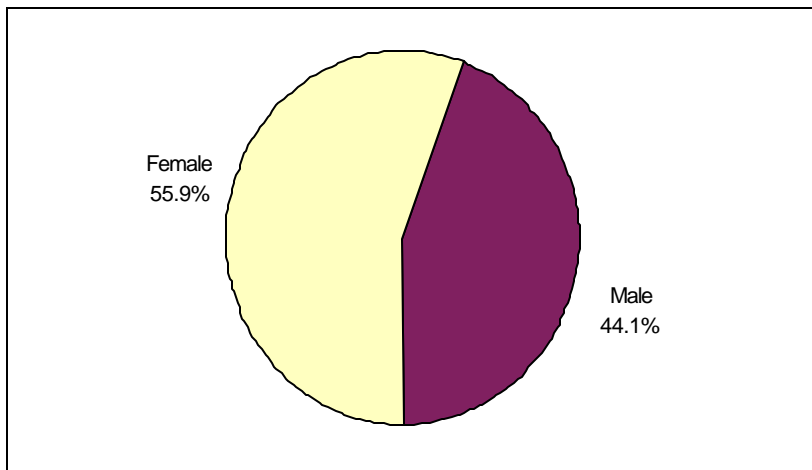
Age

The largest percentage of respondents is in the 46-60 age category (32.9 percent), followed by the 61 and over age group (30.0 percent).
N=583



Ethnic Group

The overwhelming majority of respondents were white (94.9 percent).
N=554



Gender

A majority of respondents were female (55.9 percent).
N=565.

**Report Appendix 1(Q1 to Q8):
Questions broken down by demographic characteristics for Cape
Cod/WCAI Poll**

Note: These are the cross-tabulations that are statistically significant. This means that the pattern in the data is statistically unlikely (at 95% confidence level) to have occurred by chance.

How likely are you to vote in this upcoming election? * income

Crosstab

			recoded income			
			Under \$30k	\$30-45k	\$45-60k	\$60-75k
How likely are you to vote in this upcoming election?	Very likely	Count	62	49	88	68.3
		% within recoded income	74.7%	59.0%	80.0%	68.3%
	Somewhat likely	Count	7	20	9	10.4
		% within recoded income	8.4%	24.1%	8.2%	10.4%
	Not likely	Count	14	14	13	15.3
		% within recoded income	16.9%	16.9%	11.8%	20.3%
Total	Count	83	83	110	104	
	% within recoded income	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How likely are you to vote in this upcoming election? * education level

Crosstab

			recoded education level			
			Some HS or less	HS Grad	Some College	College Grad or more
How likely are you to vote in this upcoming election?	Very likely	Count	6	79	110	218
		% within recoded education level	33.3%	69.3%	74.8%	72.9%
	Somewhat likely	Count	4	15	17	32
		% within recoded education level	22.2%	13.2%	11.6%	10.7%
	Not likely	Count	8	20	20	49
		% within recoded education level	44.4%	17.5%	13.6%	16.4%
Total		Count	18	114	147	299
		% within recoded education level	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

How likely are you to vote in this upcoming election? * recoded race data

Crosstab

			recoded race data		Total
			White	Nonwhite	
How likely are you to vote in this upcoming election?	Very likely	Count % within recoded race data	379 72.7%	13 46.4%	392 71.4%
	Somewhat likely	Count % within recoded race data	59 11.3%	7 25.0%	66 12.0%
	Not likely	Count % within recoded race data	83 15.9%	8 28.6%	91 16.6%
Total		Count % within recoded race data	521 100.0%	28 100.0%	549 100.0%

How likely are you to vote in this upcoming election? * Sex

Crosstab

			Sex		Total
			Female	Male	
How likely are you to vote in this upcoming election?	Very likely	Count % within Sex	235 75.1%	167 67.6%	402 71.8%
	Somewhat likely	Count % within Sex	40 12.8%	27 10.9%	67 12.0%
	Not likely	Count % within Sex	38 12.1%	53 21.5%	91 16.3%
Total		Count % within Sex	313 100.0%	247 100.0%	560 100.0%

Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep? * Age

Crosstab

			Age				
			18-25	26-35	36-45	46-60	61 and over
Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	Democrat	Count	2	17	24	54	60
		% within Age	8.3%	25.8%	24.2%	30.3%	37.0%
	Republican	Count	3	10	23	17	28
		% within Age	12.5%	15.2%	23.2%	9.6%	17.3%
	Independent	Count	18	37	50	104	70
		% within Age	75.0%	56.1%	50.5%	58.4%	43.2%
	Other	Count	1	2	2	3	4
		% within Age	4.2%	3.0%	2.0%	1.7%	2.5%
Total	Count	24	66	99	178	162	
	% within Age	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Democratic Primary Vote pattern * Age

Crosstab

			Age					Total
			18-25	26-35	36-45	46-60	61 and over	
orig vote pattern	John Kerry	Count	5	25	36	88	79	233
		% within Age	41.7%	65.8%	65.5%	70.4%	73.1%	68.9%
	Howard Dean	Count	0	4	1	7	2	14
		% within Age	.0%	10.5%	1.8%	5.6%	1.9%	4.1%
	John Edwards	Count	3	5	5	16	13	42
		% within Age	25.0%	13.2%	9.1%	12.8%	12.0%	12.4%
	Al Sharpton	Count	1	0	0	0	1	2
		% within Age	8.3%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.9%	.6%
	Dennis Kucinich	Count	0	1	0	2	3	6
		% within Age	.0%	2.6%	.0%	1.6%	2.8%	1.8%
	Other	Count	0	1	0	3	1	5
		% within Age	.0%	2.6%	.0%	2.4%	.9%	1.5%
	Undecided	Count	3	2	13	9	9	36
		% within Age	25.0%	5.3%	23.6%	7.2%	8.3%	10.7%
Total	Count	12	38	55	125	108	338	
	% within Age	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

General Election, John Kerry or George Bush? * Sex

Crosstab

			Sex		Total
			Female	Male	
General Election, John Kerry or George Bush?	John Kerry	Count	199	121	320
		% within Sex	71.8%	55.5%	64.6%
	George W. Bush	Count	78	97	175
		% within Sex	28.2%	44.5%	35.4%
Total	Count	277	218	495	
	% within Sex	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S.? * Age

Crosstab

			Age				
			18-25	26-35	36-45	46-60	61 and over
In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S.?	Satisfied	Count	18	25	42	51	45
		% within Age	51.4%	35.2%	38.5%	27.0%	25.7%
	Dissatisfied	Count	16	39	58	132	116
		% within Age	45.7%	54.9%	53.2%	69.8%	66.3%
	No opinion	Count	1	7	9	6	14
		% within Age	2.9%	9.9%	8.3%	3.2%	8.0%
Total	Count	35	71	109	189	175	
	% within Age	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S.? * Sex

Crosstab

			Sex		Total
			Female	Male	
In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S.?	Satisfied	Count	72	100	172
		% within Sex	23.1%	40.3%	30.7%
	Dissatisfied	Count	213	138	351
		% within Sex	68.3%	55.6%	62.7%
	No opinion	Count	27	10	37
		% within Sex	8.7%	4.0%	6.6%
Total	Count	312	248	560	
	% within Sex	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

George Bush? * Age

Crosstab

			Age					Total
			18-25	26-35	36-45	46-60	61 and over	
George Bush?	Strongly Approve	Count	4	3	8	13	15	7
		% within Age	11.8%	4.2%	7.3%	6.9%	8.6%	7
	Approve	Count	11	24	37	45	37	26
		% within Age	32.4%	33.3%	33.9%	23.8%	21.3%	26
	Neither approve or disapprove	Count	7	17	17	19	19	13
		% within Age	20.6%	23.6%	15.6%	10.1%	10.9%	13
	Disapprove	Count	5	15	23	53	43	24
		% within Age	14.7%	20.8%	21.1%	28.0%	24.7%	24
	Strongly Disapprove	Count	7	13	24	59	60	28
		% within Age	20.6%	18.1%	22.0%	31.2%	34.5%	28
Total	Count	34	72	109	189	174	100	
	% within Age	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100	

George Bush? * Sex

Crosstab

			Sex		Total
			Female	Male	
George Bush?	Strongly Approve	Count	16	27	43
		% within Sex	5.1%	10.8%	7.7%
	Approve	Count	68	80	148
		% within Sex	21.9%	32.1%	26.4%
	Neither approve or disapprove	Count	49	27	76
		% within Sex	15.8%	10.8%	13.6%
	Disapprove	Count	80	57	137
		% within Sex	25.7%	22.9%	24.5%
	Strongly Disapprove	Count	98	58	156
		% within Sex	31.5%	23.3%	27.9%
Total		Count	311	249	560
		% within Sex	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Creating New Jobs? * Sex

Crosstab

			Sex		Total
			Female	Male	
Creating New Jobs?	Very important	Count	212	142	354
		% within Sex	67.7%	57.5%	63.2%
	Somewhat important	Count	91	85	176
		% within Sex	29.1%	34.4%	31.4%
	Not important	Count	10	20	30
		% within Sex	3.2%	8.1%	5.4%
Total		Count	313	247	560
		% within Sex	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Improving access to health care system * Age

Crosstab

			Age				
			18-25	26-35	36-45	46-60	61 and over
Improving access to health care system	Very important	Count	23	46	77	164	1
		% within Age	67.6%	63.9%	70.6%	85.4%	77.5%
	Somewhat important	Count	11	23	28	23	
		% within Age	32.4%	31.9%	25.7%	12.0%	19.7%
	Not important	Count	0	3	4	5	
		% within Age	.0%	4.2%	3.7%	2.6%	2.9%
Total		Count	34	72	109	192	1
		% within Age	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Improving access to health care system * Sex

Crosstab

			Sex		Total
			Female	Male	
Improving access to health care system	Very important	Count	250	179	429
		% within Sex	79.6%	72.2%	76.3%
	Somewhat important	Count	61	55	116
		% within Sex	19.4%	22.2%	20.6%
	Not important	Count	3	14	17
		% within Sex	1.0%	5.6%	3.0%
Total		Count	314	248	562
		% within Sex	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Improving access to health care system * recoded education level

Crosstab

			recoded education level			
			Some HS or less	HS Grad	Some College	College Grad or more
Improving access to health care system	Very important	Count	10	91	124	218
		% within recoded education level	58.8%	79.8%	83.2%	72.7%
	Somewhat important	Count	5	22	23	70
		% within recoded education level	29.4%	19.3%	15.4%	23.3%
	Not important	Count	2	1	2	12
		% within recoded education level	11.8%	.9%	1.3%	4.0%
Total	Count	17	114	149	300	
	% within recoded education level	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Improving access to health care system * recoded income

Crosstab

			recoded income			
			Under \$30k	\$30-45k	\$45-60k	\$60-75k
Improving access to health care system	Very important	Count	69	69	89	5
		% within recoded income	85.2%	82.1%	80.9%	76.0%
	Somewhat important	Count	12	13	20	1
		% within recoded income	14.8%	15.5%	18.2%	21.3%
	Not important	Count	0	2	1	
		% within recoded income	.0%	2.4%	.9%	2.7%
Total	Count	81	84	110	7	
	% within recoded income	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Growing federal deficit * Age

Crosstab

			Age				
			18-25	26-35	36-45	46-60	61 and over
Growing federal deficit	Very important	Count	16	31	58	129	102
		% within Age	48.5%	43.7%	55.8%	67.5%	62.2%
	Somewhat important	Count	13	36	36	51	45
		% within Age	39.4%	50.7%	34.6%	26.7%	27.4%
	Not important	Count	4	4	10	11	17
		% within Age	12.1%	5.6%	9.6%	5.8%	10.4%
Total	Count	33	71	104	191	164	
	% within Age	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Growing federal deficit * Sex

Crosstab

			Sex		Total
			Female	Male	
Growing federal deficit	Very important	Count	190	134	324
		% within Sex	62.3%	55.4%	59.2%
	Somewhat important	Count	102	78	180
		% within Sex	33.4%	32.2%	32.9%
	Not important	Count	13	30	43
		% within Sex	4.3%	12.4%	7.9%
Total	Count	305	242	547	
	% within Sex	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Corporate influence in government * Age

Crosstab

			Age				
			18-25	26-35	36-45	46-60	61 and
Corporate influence in government	Very important	Count	14	14	39	91	
		% within Age	42.4%	19.4%	38.2%	49.5%	49
	Somewhat important	Count	12	39	45	62	
		% within Age	36.4%	54.2%	44.1%	33.7%	35
	Not important	Count	7	19	18	31	
		% within Age	21.2%	26.4%	17.6%	16.8%	14
Total	Count	33	72	102	184		
	% within Age	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100	

War in Iraq * Sex

Crosstab

			Sex		Total
			Female	Male	
War in Iraq	Very important	Count	233	161	394
		% within Sex	75.2%	66.5%	71.4%
	Somewhat important	Count	67	64	131
		% within Sex	21.6%	26.4%	23.7%
	Not important	Count	10	17	27
		% within Sex	3.2%	7.0%	4.9%
Total	Count	310	242	552	
	% within Sex	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

War on terrorism * recoded education level

Crosstab

			recoded education level				Total
			Some HS or less	HS Grad	Some College	College Grad or more	
War on terrorism	Very important	Count	13	93	109	208	423
		% within recoded education level	72.2%	83.0%	73.6%	69.8%	73.4%
	Somewhat important	Count	3	17	36	83	139
		% within recoded education level	16.7%	15.2%	24.3%	27.9%	24.1%
	Not important	Count	2	2	3	7	14
		% within recoded education level	11.1%	1.8%	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%
Total	Count	18	112	148	298	576	
	% within recoded education level	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Additional Crosstabs of Significant Relationships

General Election, John Kerry or George Bush? * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?			
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
General Election, John Kerry or George Bush?	John Kerry	Count	138	8	158	4
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	90.8%	10.8%	66.4%	36.4%
	George W. Bush	Count	14	66	80	7
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	9.2%	89.2%	33.6%	63.6%
Total		Count	152	74	238	11
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S.? * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?			
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S.?	Satisfied	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	18 11.5%	56 68.3%	87 31.4%	5 41.7%
	Dissatisfied	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	134 85.4%	17 20.7%	177 63.9%	6 50.0%
	No opinion	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	5 3.2%	9 11.0%	13 4.7%	1 8.3%
Total	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	157 100.0%	82 100.0%	277 100.0%	12 100.0%	

George Bush? * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?				Total
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	
George Bush?	Strongly Approve	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	2 1.3%	22 27.2%	17 6.1%	1 8.3%	7.9
	Approve	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	20 12.7%	41 50.6%	72 25.8%	4 33.3%	25.8
	Neither approve or disapprove	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	14 8.9%	10 12.3%	44 15.8%	3 25.0%	13.4
	Disapprove	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	46 29.1%	7 8.6%	72 25.8%	1 8.3%	23.8
	Strongly Disapprove	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	76 48.1%	1 1.2%	74 26.5%	3 25.0%	29.7
Total	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	158 100.0%	81 100.0%	279 100.0%	12 100.0%	5 100.0	

Creating New Jobs? * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?				Total
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	
Creating New Jobs?	Very important	Count	119	38	180	6	7
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	74.8%	46.9%	64.5%	54.5%	
	Somewhat important	Count	37	34	90	3	
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	23.3%	42.0%	32.3%	27.3%	
	Not important	Count	3	9	9	2	
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	1.9%	11.1%	3.2%	18.2%	
Total		Count	159	81	279	11	1
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Improving access to health care system * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?			
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
Improving access to health care system	Very important	Count	139	44	212	11
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	87.4%	53.7%	76.3%	91.7%
	Somewhat important	Count	18	30	60	1
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	11.3%	36.6%	21.6%	8.3%
	Not important	Count	2	8	6	0
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	1.3%	9.8%	2.2%	.0%
Total		Count	159	82	278	12
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Growing federal deficit * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?			
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
Growing federal deficit	Very important	Count	118	30	154	7
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	75.6%	39.0%	56.8%	58.3%
	Somewhat important	Count	35	33	95	4
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	22.4%	42.9%	35.1%	33.3%
	Not important	Count	3	14	22	1
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	1.9%	18.2%	8.1%	8.3%
Total		Count	156	77	271	12
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Corporate influence in government * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?			
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
Corporate influence in government	Very important	Count	83	19	106	
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	54.2%	24.4%	40.3%	54.5
	Somewhat important	Count	48	33	114	
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	31.4%	42.3%	43.3%	45.5
	Not important	Count	22	26	43	
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	14.4%	33.3%	16.3%	.0
Total		Count	153	78	263	
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0

Governor Mitt Romney * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?				Total
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	
Governor Mitt Romney	A great deal	Count	8	38	53	1	100
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	5.4%	47.5%	19.9%	8.3%	19.8%
	Quite a lot	Count	26	20	47	5	98
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	17.6%	25.0%	17.7%	41.7%	19.4%
	Some	Count	68	20	110	5	203
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	45.9%	25.0%	41.4%	41.7%	40.1%
	Very little	Count	46	2	56	1	105
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	31.1%	2.5%	21.1%	8.3%	20.8%
Total		Count	148	80	266	12	506
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Mass. State Legislature * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?				Total
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	
Mass. State Legislature	A great deal	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	5 3.6%	3 4.1%	12 4.7%	0 .0%	4.
	Quite a lot	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	26 18.6%	12 16.4%	23 8.9%	0 .0%	12.
	Some	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	85 60.7%	34 46.6%	141 54.7%	4 33.3%	54.
	Very little	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	24 17.1%	24 32.9%	82 31.8%	8 66.7%	28.
Total		Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	140 100.0%	73 100.0%	258 100.0%	12 100.0%	4 100.

Mass Supreme Judicial Court * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?				Total
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	
Mass Supreme Judicial Court	A great deal	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	20 15.3%	4 5.6%	31 12.5%	1 10.0%	12.2
	Quite a lot	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	41 31.3%	12 16.9%	62 25.0%	2 20.0%	25.4
	Some	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	48 36.6%	31 43.7%	82 33.1%	3 30.0%	35.7
	Very little	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	22 16.8%	24 33.8%	73 29.4%	4 40.0%	26.7
Total		Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	131 100.0%	71 100.0%	248 100.0%	10 100.0%	410

Do you favor or oppose a const. ban on same-sex marriage * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?				Total
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	
Do you favor or oppose a const. ban on same-sex marriage	Favor	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	29 20.7%	39 53.4%	97 39.6%	4 33.3%	3
	Oppose	Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	111 79.3%	34 46.6%	148 60.4%	8 66.7%	6
Total		Count % within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	140 100.0%	73 100.0%	245 100.0%	12 100.0%	10

Do you believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married? * Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?

Crosstab

			Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?				Total
			Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	
Do you believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married?	Yes	Count	80	25	144	7	25
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	55.2%	33.3%	55.4%	58.3%	52.0%
	No	Count	65	50	116	5	23
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	44.8%	66.7%	44.6%	41.7%	48.0%
Total		Count	145	75	260	12	49
		% within Are you a registered Democrat, Repub. or Indep?	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



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