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## **Romney health plan more popular in MA than Obama's**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Yet more evidence that the spate of massively unpopular, newly elected governors is a Republican-only trend: Deval Patrick would widen his lead over 2010 opponent Charlie Baker by a whopping 16 points if the election were done over again today, winning 54-32, with independent Tim Cahill at 9%, roughly the same as he actually got. Last November, Patrick squeaked by in this deeply blue state, 48-42. PPP recently found Minnesota's Mark Dayton also doing even better in a re-do, but by contrast, Wisconsin's Scott Walker, Ohio's John Kasich, Pennsylvania's Tom Corbett, Michigan's Rick Snyder, Florida's Rick Scott, and Georgia's Nathan Deal would all lose in repeat matchups.

Patrick has rebounded dramatically on the job-approval front since PPP last polled the state late last November, when 45% both approved and disapproved. Now, 54% approve and 36% disapprove, making him the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> most popular out of 39 currently serving governors on which PPP has polled since January 2010. Similarly, senior Senator John Kerry has upped his job performance marks to 55-36, from 50-43 in the previous poll. Kerry is now slightly more popular than his junior colleague Scott Brown simply because there are so many more Democrats in the state. He does not have nearly Brown's appeal across the aisle or with the prevalent independents.

Mitt Romney is disowning his health care plan, which was a model for President Obama's, but the Bay State voters who actually utilize it are prouder of it than Obama's. Half support Obama's reform, but 53% Romney's. Democrats are less high on Romney's version than Obama's, but two-thirds still support it. While the plan is toxic to the GOP nationally, and 57% of the Bay State GOP still opposes it, 27% support it.

Gay marriage was enacted by the state Supreme Court in 2004, and voters remain behind its legality, with 59% supporting it and a third thinking it should still be illegal. 75% of Democrats, 52% of independents, and even 26% of Republicans hold that opinion.

PPP surveyed 957 Massachusetts voters from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.2%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



## Massachusetts Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Deval Patrick's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 54%  
*Disapprove*..... 36%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator John Kerry's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 55%  
*Disapprove*..... 36%  
*Not sure* ..... 9%

**Q3** Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

*Legal*..... 59%  
*Illegal* ..... 33%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q4** If you could do last fall's election for Governor over again would you vote for Democrat Deval Patrick, Republican Charlie Baker, or independent Tim Cahill?

*Deval Patrick*..... 54% *Tim Cahill* ..... 9%  
*Charlie Baker* ..... 32% *Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q5** Do you support or oppose the health care plan Barack Obama signed into law last year?

*Support*..... 50%  
*Oppose*..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q6** Do you support or oppose the health care plan Mitt Romney signed into law as Governor of Massachusetts?

*Support*..... 53%  
*Oppose*..... 33%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q7** Do you think Mitt Romney should apologize for the health care bill he supported while Governor or not?

*He should apologize* ..... 20%  
*He should not*..... 66%  
*Not sure* ..... 14%

**Q8** Who did you vote for President in 2008?

*John McCain*..... 34%  
*Barack Obama*..... 60%  
*Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 6%

**Q9** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal*..... 16%  
*Somewhat liberal* ..... 24%  
*Moderate*..... 33%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 19%  
*Very conservative* ..... 8%

**Q10** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 54%  
*Man*..... 46%

**Q11** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 46%  
*Republican*..... 15%  
*Independent/Other*..... 40%

**Q12** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 89%  
*Other*..... 11%





**Q13** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	12%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	26%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	42%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Patrick Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	54%	19%	76%	29%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	74%	14%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	8%	10%	27%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Kerry Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	55%	20%	77%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	74%	14%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	6%	10%	17%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Gay Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>				
<b>Legal</b>	59%	30%	78%	37%
<b>Illegal</b>	33%	62%	15%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	8%	7%	20%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill Re-do</b>				
<b>Deval Patrick</b>	54%	12%	80%	33%
<b>Charlie Baker</b>	32%	75%	8%	36%
<b>Tim Cahill</b>	9%	10%	7%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	2%	4%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Support/Oppose Obama HCR</b>				
<b>Support</b>	50%	11%	75%	29%
<b>Oppose</b>	40%	85%	12%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	4%	13%	17%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Support/Oppose Romneycare</b>				
<b>Support</b>	53%	27%	68%	43%
<b>Oppose</b>	33%	60%	16%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	13%	16%	16%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Should Romney Apologize for Health Care Bill?</b>				
<b>He should apologize</b>	20%	30%	15%	19%
<b>He should not</b>	66%	57%	73%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	13%	12%	33%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Patrick Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	54%	89%	79%	49%	15%	14%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	4%	12%	37%	75%	82%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	7%	9%	14%	10%	5%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Kerry Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	55%	85%	83%	51%	20%	6%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	11%	9%	36%	73%	88%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	4%	9%	13%	7%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Gay Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>						
<b>Legal</b>	59%	91%	84%	49%	32%	20%
<b>Illegal</b>	33%	7%	12%	37%	57%	78%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	2%	4%	14%	11%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill Re-do</b>						
<b>Deval Patrick</b>	54%	93%	81%	52%	8%	13%
<b>Charlie Baker</b>	32%	1%	7%	31%	80%	74%
<b>Tim Cahill</b>	9%	3%	8%	13%	9%	9%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%	5%	5%	2%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Support/Oppose Obama HCR</b>						
<b>Support</b>	50%	90%	80%	40%	10%	13%
<b>Oppose</b>	40%	6%	10%	42%	84%	86%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	3%	10%	18%	6%	1%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Support/Oppose Romneycare</b>						
<b>Support</b>	53%	83%	68%	49%	29%	10%
<b>Oppose</b>	33%	13%	18%	31%	58%	69%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	4%	14%	20%	13%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Should Romney Apologize for Health Care Bill?</b>						
<b>He should apologize</b>	20%	17%	16%	16%	24%	48%
<b>He should not</b>	66%	80%	72%	63%	62%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	3%	12%	22%	14%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Patrick Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	54%	58%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	31%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kerry Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	55%	58%	51%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	29%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	12%	5%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gay Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>			
<b>Legal</b>	<b>59%</b>	62%	55%
<b>Illegal</b>	<b>33%</b>	30%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	8%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill Re-do</b>			
<b>Deval Patrick</b>	<b>54%</b>	58%	50%
<b>Charlie Baker</b>	<b>32%</b>	28%	38%
<b>Tim Cahill</b>	<b>9%</b>	8%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	6%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose Obama HCR</b>			
<b>Support</b>	<b>50%</b>	52%	48%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>40%</b>	36%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	12%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose Romneycare</b>			
<b>Support</b>	<b>53%</b>	52%	54%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>33%</b>	29%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	19%	10%







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		Woman	Man
<b>Should Romney Apologize for Health Care Bill?</b>			
He should apologize	20%	19%	21%
He should not	66%	61%	71%
Not sure	14%	19%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Patrick Approval</b>				
Approve	54%	77%	13%	42%
Disapprove	36%	14%	75%	47%
Not sure	10%	9%	12%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kerry Approval</b>				
Approve	55%	78%	16%	43%
Disapprove	36%	12%	77%	48%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gay Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>				
Legal	59%	75%	26%	52%
Illegal	33%	17%	64%	39%
Not sure	8%	8%	9%	8%





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<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill Re-do</b>				
Deval Patrick	54%	82%	6%	41%
Charlie Baker	32%	7%	82%	43%
Tim Cahill	9%	6%	8%	12%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose Obama HCR</b>				
Support	50%	77%	7%	35%
Oppose	40%	11%	88%	54%
Not sure	10%	12%	5%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose Romneycare</b>				
Support	53%	67%	27%	45%
Oppose	33%	17%	57%	42%
Not sure	15%	16%	16%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Should Romney Apologize for Health Care Bill?</b>				
He should apologize	20%	17%	32%	19%
He should not	66%	70%	50%	68%
Not sure	14%	13%	18%	13%





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		White	Other
<b>Patrick Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	54%	53%	58%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	36%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	10%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Kerry Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	55%	55%	58%
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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Gay Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>			
<b>Legal</b>	59%	60%	50%
<b>Illegal</b>	33%	32%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	8%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
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<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	10%	11%

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		White	Other
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<b>Support</b>	<b>53%</b>	53%	51%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>33%</b>	32%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	15%	14%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Should Romney Apologize for Health Care Bill?</b>			
<b>He should apologize</b>	<b>20%</b>	20%	19%
<b>He should not</b>	<b>66%</b>	66%	67%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	14%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Patrick Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>54%</b>	72%	43%	55%	55%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>36%</b>	22%	49%	34%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	6%	8%	12%	12%





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<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>36%</b>	25%	43%	34%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	9%	9%	9%	8%

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<b>Legal</b>	<b>59%</b>	72%	61%	61%	44%
<b>Illegal</b>	<b>33%</b>	28%	32%	30%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	-	6%	9%	15%

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<b>Deval Patrick</b>	<b>54%</b>	75%	46%	55%	53%
<b>Charlie Baker</b>	<b>32%</b>	13%	43%	30%	36%
<b>Tim Cahill</b>	<b>9%</b>	9%	7%	11%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	3%	5%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Support/Oppose Obama HCR</b>					
<b>Support</b>	<b>50%</b>	69%	43%	53%	44%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>40%</b>	22%	49%	38%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	9%	10%	14%





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