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Massachusetts Senate Race Tied

Raleigh, N.C. – The ever close Massachusetts Senate race has drawn closer in the last three months. Elizabeth Warren remains at 46%, but incumbent Republican Scott Brown has drawn up five points to tie Warren because of resurgent support from independent voters.

In fact, Brown has doubled his margin with independents. He led by 12 points with them the last time PPP polled the state in March, and he is up 24 now. The candidates' shares of the respective two-party vote remain essentially unchanged, with Brown still drawing nearly 20% of Warren's party and Warren pulling less than 10% of Brown's. The problem for Warren is that 13% of current Obama voters and 18% of those who say they voted for him in 2008 are with Brown right now.

Brown has improved in Bay Staters' eyes, bringing his approval margin from a narrowly positive 45-42 to a pretty strong 51-38 since the previous survey. That is because his raw approval rating has moved up seven points with each Democrats (to 30%) and independents (to 60%). Meanwhile, Warren has inched down a bit thanks to those same independents who now favor Brown more. Democrats continue to see her in a more positive light while Republicans move equally against her. Hurting her, though, is the fact that the nearly half of voters who claim neither party label have moved from a 39-38 favorability spread to 36-48, bringing her overall mark down from 46-33 to 47-38.

Ultimately, voters still see Brown as being more out of step with his party and in step with them than Warren. 48% see his views as being "about right," slightly more than the 47% who say the same of Warren. But 42% see Warren as being too liberal, including 53% of independents, versus the 34% who say Brown is too conservative (only a quarter of independents). 56% say the GOP itself is too far to the right.

"This race continues to be a sheer toss up," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "One thing to keep an eye on is the undecideds. They're supporting Barack Obama over Mitt Romney by 50 points. That could mean Warren has more room to grow."

PPP surveyed 902 Massachusetts voters from June 22nd to 24th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.3%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Massachusetts Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Scott Brown's job performance?

Approve 51%
Disapprove..... 38%
Not sure 11%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Elizabeth Warren?

Favorable..... 47%
Unfavorable 38%
Not sure 15%

Q3 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Republican Scott Brown and Democrat Elizabeth Warren, who would you vote for?

Scott Brown 46%
Elizabeth Warren 46%
Undecided..... 8%

Q4 Do you think that Scott Brown is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

Too liberal 8%
Too conservative..... 34%
About right..... 48%
Not sure 10%

Q5 Do you think that Elizabeth Warren is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

Too liberal 42%
Too conservative..... 2%
About right 47%
Not sure 9%

Q6 Do you think the Republican Party in general is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

Too liberal 10%
Too conservative..... 56%
About right 27%
Not sure 8%

Q7 Do you think the Democratic Party in general is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

Too liberal 47%
Too conservative..... 11%
About right 38%
Not sure 4%

Q8 Do you think Scott Brown has been more an independent voice for Massachusetts or a partisan voice for the national Republican Party?

An independent voice for Massachusetts 49%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party 39%
Not sure 12%

Q9 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 34%
Barack Obama..... 58%
Someone else/Don't remember 8%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 13%
Somewhat liberal 25%
Moderate..... 35%
Somewhat conservative..... 19%
Very conservative 8%





Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 49%

Man..... 51%

Q12 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 39%

Republican..... 13%

Independent/Other..... 48%

Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 85%

Other..... 15%

Q14 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.

18 to 29..... 9%

30 to 45..... 30%

46 to 65..... 41%

Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Brown Approval				
Approve	51%	84%	31%	57%
Disapprove	38%	8%	56%	29%
Not sure	11%	8%	13%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Warren Favorability				
Favorable	47%	8%	73%	29%
Unfavorable	38%	78%	13%	42%
Not sure	15%	14%	14%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Brown/Warren				
Scott Brown	46%	89%	20%	51%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	7%	71%	30%
Undecided	8%	4%	9%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Brown Ideology				
Too liberal	8%	13%	5%	11%
Too conservative	34%	4%	53%	18%
About right	48%	78%	30%	47%
Not sure	10%	4%	12%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Warren Ideology				
Too liberal	42%	83%	18%	46%
Too conservative	2%	2%	3%	2%
About right	47%	8%	71%	36%
Not sure	9%	7%	8%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
GOP Ideology				
Too liberal	10%	16%	7%	7%
Too conservative	56%	17%	78%	55%
About right	27%	58%	9%	22%
Not sure	8%	8%	6%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Dem Ideology				
Too liberal	47%	87%	22%	56%
Too conservative	11%	2%	17%	1%
About right	38%	7%	57%	32%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?				
An independent voice for Massachusetts	49%	80%	29%	56%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	39%	12%	56%	31%
Not sure	12%	9%	15%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown Approval						
Approve	51%	22%	33%	54%	80%	75%
Disapprove	38%	68%	55%	32%	15%	12%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%	15%	5%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warren Favorability						
Favorable	47%	80%	73%	43%	15%	15%
Unfavorable	38%	9%	14%	37%	72%	79%
Not sure	15%	10%	13%	21%	14%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown/Warren						
Scott Brown	46%	15%	19%	45%	86%	86%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	84%	71%	42%	12%	9%
Undecided	8%	2%	10%	13%	2%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown Ideology						
Too liberal	8%	2%	4%	5%	13%	37%
Too conservative	34%	71%	58%	25%	6%	1%
About right	48%	21%	26%	56%	76%	58%
Not sure	10%	6%	12%	14%	6%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warren Ideology						
Too liberal	42%	12%	15%	41%	81%	88%
Too conservative	2%	5%	2%	3%	2%	-
About right	47%	78%	73%	46%	8%	9%
Not sure	9%	5%	10%	10%	8%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
GOP Ideology						
Too liberal	10%	3%	6%	9%	8%	43%
Too conservative	56%	82%	80%	59%	21%	5%
About right	27%	10%	9%	22%	60%	49%
Not sure	8%	5%	4%	10%	11%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Dem Ideology						
Too liberal	47%	8%	18%	51%	85%	90%
Too conservative	11%	40%	10%	5%	4%	4%
About right	38%	50%	68%	37%	7%	6%
Not sure	4%	2%	3%	7%	4%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?						
An independent voice for Massachusetts	49%	16%	33%	50%	77%	78%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	39%	69%	52%	38%	13%	12%
Not sure	12%	15%	15%	12%	9%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown Approval			
Approve	51%	48%	54%
Disapprove	38%	40%	35%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warren Favorability			
Favorable	47%	53%	42%
Unfavorable	38%	32%	43%
Not sure	15%	15%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown/Warren			
Scott Brown	46%	42%	49%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	49%	44%
Undecided	8%	9%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown Ideology			
Too liberal	8%	7%	10%
Too conservative	34%	35%	32%
About right	48%	47%	49%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warren Ideology			
Too liberal	42%	36%	48%
Too conservative	2%	2%	3%
About right	47%	52%	42%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
GOP Ideology			
Too liberal	10%	6%	14%
Too conservative	56%	60%	52%
About right	27%	25%	29%
Not sure	8%	10%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dem Ideology			
Too liberal	47%	42%	51%
Too conservative	11%	11%	11%
About right	38%	42%	35%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?			
An independent voice for Massachusetts	49%	46%	51%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	39%	40%	39%
Not sure	12%	14%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown Approval				
Approve	51%	30%	80%	60%
Disapprove	38%	57%	13%	29%
Not sure	11%	13%	7%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warren Favorability				
Favorable	47%	73%	12%	36%
Unfavorable	38%	12%	76%	48%
Not sure	15%	15%	11%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown/Warren				
Scott Brown	46%	18%	86%	57%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	76%	9%	33%
Undecided	8%	6%	4%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown Ideology				
Too liberal	8%	6%	16%	7%
Too conservative	34%	54%	5%	25%
About right	48%	27%	74%	57%
Not sure	10%	12%	4%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warren Ideology				
Too liberal	42%	14%	82%	53%
Too conservative	2%	2%	4%	2%
About right	47%	76%	9%	34%
Not sure	9%	8%	4%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
GOP Ideology				
Too liberal	10%	7%	20%	9%
Too conservative	56%	76%	19%	49%
About right	27%	10%	57%	32%
Not sure	8%	6%	5%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dem Ideology				
Too liberal	47%	19%	85%	59%
Too conservative	11%	16%	8%	7%
About right	38%	63%	4%	28%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?				
An independent voice for Massachusetts	49%	31%	71%	57%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	39%	56%	19%	31%
Not sure	12%	13%	10%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brown Approval			
Approve	51%	52%	48%
Disapprove	38%	38%	37%
Not sure	11%	11%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Warren Favorability			
Favorable	47%	48%	46%
Unfavorable	38%	38%	36%
Not sure	15%	15%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brown/Warren			
Scott Brown	46%	46%	44%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	47%	44%
Undecided	8%	8%	11%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brown Ideology			
Too liberal	8%	8%	8%
Too conservative	34%	34%	31%
About right	48%	47%	50%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Warren Ideology			
Too liberal	42%	41%	45%
Too conservative	2%	2%	5%
About right	47%	47%	45%
Not sure	9%	9%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
GOP Ideology			
Too liberal	10%	9%	13%
Too conservative	56%	56%	54%
About right	27%	28%	22%
Not sure	8%	7%	11%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Dem Ideology			
Too liberal	47%	46%	51%
Too conservative	11%	11%	9%
About right	38%	39%	36%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?			
An independent voice for Massachusetts	49%	49%	48%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	39%	39%	40%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown Approval					
Approve	51%	54%	52%	51%	49%
Disapprove	38%	36%	37%	38%	38%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%	11%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Warren Favorability					
Favorable	47%	46%	46%	47%	51%
Unfavorable	38%	39%	37%	38%	36%
Not sure	15%	14%	17%	15%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown/Warren					
Scott Brown	46%	46%	45%	46%	45%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	46%	45%	46%	49%
Undecided	8%	7%	11%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown Ideology					
Too liberal	8%	7%	10%	8%	7%
Too conservative	34%	33%	35%	34%	32%
About right	48%	48%	49%	48%	46%
Not sure	10%	11%	7%	10%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Warren Ideology					
Too liberal	42%	37%	47%	42%	37%
Too conservative	2%	7%	1%	2%	2%
About right	47%	44%	47%	47%	48%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%	8%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
GOP Ideology					
Too liberal	10%	12%	14%	7%	10%
Too conservative	56%	48%	59%	58%	50%
About right	27%	28%	22%	28%	30%
Not sure	8%	12%	5%	8%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dem Ideology					
Too liberal	47%	42%	51%	48%	40%
Too conservative	11%	15%	14%	9%	7%
About right	38%	31%	35%	38%	46%
Not sure	4%	12%	-	4%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?					
An independent voice for Massachusetts	49%	60%	47%	50%	43%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	39%	24%	40%	41%	41%
Not sure	12%	16%	13%	9%	16%

