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Elizabeth Warren Leading Scott Brown by Five

Raleigh, N.C. – Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren leads Republican Scott Brown by 5 points, 46-41, a new poll from Public Policy Polling finds. Warren has increased her lead from 46-44 the last time PPP polled Massachusetts in September 2011. Scott Brown still enjoys almost unanimous support from Republicans, winning their share of the vote 89-3. Brown even takes a fair share of Democratic voters, taking 17% of them to Warren's 72%, and he also wins independent voters by 12 points, 48-36. The difference is that in his 2010 victory Brown won independent voters by 32 points.

Voters are split down the middle on whether Scott Brown has been “an independent voice for Massachusetts” or “a partisan voice for the national Republican Party”, with 41% of voters picking each description. Independent voters see Brown as an “independent voice” by a 47-34 margin. The proportion of voters who see Brown as an independent voice for Massachusetts has gone down since last September – back then voters say him as more independent than partisan by a 47-41 margin. Warren's favorability rating sits at 46% favorable and 33% unfavorable.

Voters marginally approve of Scott Brown's job performance, with 45% approving and 42% disapproving, but he's below the magical 50% approval rating – historically a danger sign for incumbent candidates facing strong challengers.

“Scott Brown's still strong with independents, but not nearly as strong as he was in 2010,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Elizabeth Warren's doing 20 points better with those voters than Martha Coakley did, and that's why she has a small early lead in this race.”

Massachusetts voters say they have a much more favorable than unfavorable impression of Harvard University, at 57% favorable and 19% unfavorable.

PPP surveyed 936 Massachusetts voters from March 16th – 18th. 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 Senator Scott Brown's job performance?

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not sure 14%

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

Favorable..... 46%
Unfavorable 33%
Not sure 21%

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

Scott Brown 41%
Elizabeth Warren 46%
Undecided..... 13%

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

Too liberal 11%
Too conservative..... 35%
About right..... 44%
Not sure 9%

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

Too liberal 33%
Too conservative..... 6%
About right 51%
Not sure 10%

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

Too liberal 12%
Too conservative..... 54%
About right 25%
Not sure 9%

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

Too liberal 41%
Too conservative..... 12%
About right 43%
Not sure 5%

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 41%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party 41%
Not sure 18%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Harvard University?

Favorable..... 57%
Unfavorable 19%
Not sure 24%

Q10 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 32%
Barack Obama..... 57%
Someone else/Don't remember 11%





Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	11%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	27%
<i>Moderate</i>	36%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	21%
<i>Very conservative</i>	5%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	49%
<i>Man</i>	51%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	41%
<i>Republican</i>	14%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	45%

Q14 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	87%
<i>Other</i>	13%

Q15 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>	13%
<i>30 to 45</i>	27%
<i>46 to 65</i>	40%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Brown Approval				
Approve	45%	77%	28%	35%
Disapprove	42%	13%	57%	48%
Not sure	14%	10%	15%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Warren Favorability				
Favorable	46%	14%	66%	36%
Unfavorable	33%	67%	15%	26%
Not sure	21%	19%	19%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Brown/Warren				
Scott Brown	41%	84%	20%	28%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	8%	67%	49%
Undecided	13%	8%	13%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Brown Ideology				
Too liberal	11%	19%	7%	10%
Too conservative	35%	8%	51%	31%
About right	44%	68%	32%	36%
Not sure	9%	5%	9%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Warren Ideology				
Too liberal	33%	71%	14%	20%
Too conservative	6%	5%	6%	9%
About right	51%	15%	72%	49%
Not sure	10%	8%	9%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
GOP Ideology				
Too liberal	12%	20%	9%	8%
Too conservative	54%	21%	73%	54%
About right	25%	49%	12%	23%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Dem Ideology				
Too liberal	41%	82%	19%	29%
Too conservative	12%	3%	16%	18%
About right	43%	12%	60%	45%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	8%

	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	41%	66%	29%	28%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	41%	19%	54%	43%
Not sure	18%	15%	17%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Harvard Favorability				
Favorable	57%	34%	70%	56%
Unfavorable	19%	37%	10%	11%
Not sure	24%	29%	19%	33%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown Approval						
Approve	45%	21%	26%	50%	69%	58%
Disapprove	42%	72%	60%	37%	14%	29%
Not sure	14%	7%	14%	13%	17%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warren Favorability						
Favorable	46%	77%	67%	42%	12%	31%
Unfavorable	33%	19%	11%	31%	67%	53%
Not sure	21%	4%	22%	26%	21%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown/Warren						
Scott Brown	41%	18%	18%	40%	80%	71%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	81%	67%	42%	11%	21%
Undecided	13%	1%	15%	18%	8%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown Ideology						
Too liberal	11%	15%	5%	8%	15%	44%
Too conservative	35%	67%	64%	23%	8%	7%
About right	44%	14%	24%	55%	70%	35%
Not sure	9%	5%	7%	14%	7%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warren Ideology						
Too liberal	33%	14%	8%	30%	74%	67%
Too conservative	6%	13%	4%	7%	2%	2%
About right	51%	68%	79%	49%	14%	27%
Not sure	10%	5%	9%	13%	10%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
GOP Ideology						
Too liberal	12%	10%	5%	10%	24%	30%
Too conservative	54%	72%	79%	57%	18%	8%
About right	25%	11%	10%	24%	48%	46%
Not sure	9%	7%	6%	9%	11%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Dem Ideology						
Too liberal	41%	9%	16%	42%	79%	76%
Too conservative	12%	38%	15%	7%	5%	2%
About right	43%	51%	66%	44%	13%	15%
Not sure	5%	1%	4%	7%	4%	7%





Crosstabs

	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	41%	22%	25%	42%	71%	42%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	41%	66%	60%	37%	13%	33%
Not sure	18%	12%	15%	21%	16%	25%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Harvard Favorability						
Favorable	57%	68%	76%	55%	38%	30%
Unfavorable	19%	13%	10%	16%	34%	45%
Not sure	24%	19%	14%	29%	29%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown Approval			
Approve	45%	44%	45%
Disapprove	42%	42%	42%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warren Favorability			
Favorable	46%	48%	45%
Unfavorable	33%	29%	37%
Not sure	21%	23%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown/Warren			
Scott Brown	41%	39%	44%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	46%	45%
Undecided	13%	14%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown Ideology			
Too liberal	11%	11%	12%
Too conservative	35%	35%	35%
About right	44%	43%	45%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warren Ideology			
Too liberal	33%	30%	37%
Too conservative	6%	7%	4%
About right	51%	49%	52%
Not sure	10%	14%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
GOP Ideology			
Too liberal	12%	11%	14%
Too conservative	54%	53%	54%
About right	25%	26%	24%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dem Ideology			
Too liberal	41%	36%	45%
Too conservative	12%	13%	11%
About right	43%	45%	41%
Not sure	5%	6%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?			
An independent voice for Massachusetts	41%	35%	47%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	41%	43%	40%
Not sure	18%	22%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Harvard Favorability			
Favorable	57%	58%	56%
Unfavorable	19%	15%	23%
Not sure	24%	27%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown Approval				
Approve	45%	23%	80%	53%
Disapprove	42%	63%	7%	34%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warren Favorability				
Favorable	46%	66%	13%	39%
Unfavorable	33%	15%	69%	38%
Not sure	21%	19%	19%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown/Warren				
Scott Brown	41%	17%	89%	48%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	72%	3%	36%
Undecided	13%	11%	8%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown Ideology				
Too liberal	11%	9%	20%	11%
Too conservative	35%	54%	5%	28%
About right	44%	26%	71%	51%
Not sure	9%	11%	4%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warren Ideology				
Too liberal	33%	12%	76%	39%
Too conservative	6%	4%	4%	7%
About right	51%	72%	9%	45%
Not sure	10%	12%	11%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
GOP Ideology				
Too liberal	12%	8%	16%	15%
Too conservative	54%	73%	19%	48%
About right	25%	10%	57%	28%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dem Ideology				
Too liberal	41%	13%	83%	52%
Too conservative	12%	17%	3%	10%
About right	43%	67%	11%	32%
Not sure	5%	3%	4%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?				
An independent voice for Massachusetts	41%	24%	68%	47%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	41%	59%	16%	34%
Not sure	18%	17%	16%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Harvard Favorability				
Favorable	57%	72%	37%	50%
Unfavorable	19%	9%	38%	22%
Not sure	24%	19%	25%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brown Approval			
Approve	45%	46%	37%
Disapprove	42%	43%	32%
Not sure	14%	11%	31%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Warren Favorability			
Favorable	46%	46%	47%
Unfavorable	33%	34%	25%
Not sure	21%	20%	28%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brown/Warren			
Scott Brown	41%	42%	40%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	47%	40%
Undecided	13%	12%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brown Ideology			
Too liberal	11%	12%	9%
Too conservative	35%	37%	22%
About right	44%	43%	49%
Not sure	9%	8%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Warren Ideology			
Too liberal	33%	34%	31%
Too conservative	6%	5%	8%
About right	51%	51%	52%
Not sure	10%	10%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
GOP Ideology			
Too liberal	12%	13%	12%
Too conservative	54%	55%	43%
About right	25%	25%	27%
Not sure	9%	7%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Dem Ideology			
Too liberal	41%	42%	32%
Too conservative	12%	12%	10%
About right	43%	42%	50%
Not sure	5%	4%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brown Independent Voice for MA or Partisan for Nat. GOP?			
An independent voice for Massachusetts	41%	41%	42%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	41%	43%	29%
Not sure	18%	16%	30%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Harvard Favorability			
Favorable	57%	58%	49%
Unfavorable	19%	19%	20%
Not sure	24%	23%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown Approval					
Approve	45%	40%	44%	44%	49%
Disapprove	42%	51%	36%	44%	40%
Not sure	14%	9%	20%	12%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Warren Favorability					
Favorable	46%	56%	37%	49%	45%
Unfavorable	33%	27%	34%	32%	38%
Not sure	21%	18%	29%	19%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown/Warren					
Scott Brown	41%	29%	43%	42%	46%
Elizabeth Warren	46%	56%	40%	47%	45%
Undecided	13%	16%	17%	10%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown Ideology					
Too liberal	11%	11%	15%	10%	11%
Too conservative	35%	44%	33%	36%	31%
About right	44%	36%	43%	46%	48%
Not sure	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Warren Ideology					
Too liberal	33%	33%	32%	34%	35%
Too conservative	6%	4%	7%	6%	6%
About right	51%	47%	52%	52%	49%
Not sure	10%	16%	9%	8%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
GOP Ideology					
Too liberal	12%	18%	12%	12%	11%
Too conservative	54%	58%	52%	57%	46%
About right	25%	13%	26%	24%	33%
Not sure	9%	11%	9%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dem Ideology					
Too liberal	41%	32%	43%	41%	43%
Too conservative	12%	23%	11%	10%	8%
About right	43%	41%	41%	45%	43%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%





Crosstabs

	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	41%	36%	43%	42%	40%
A partisan voice for the national Republican Party	41%	51%	40%	41%	38%
Not sure	18%	13%	17%	17%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Harvard Favorability					
Favorable	57%	60%	58%	58%	52%
Unfavorable	19%	19%	21%	19%	17%
Not sure	24%	21%	22%	23%	30%

