



**MassINC Polling Group Q2-2013 Omnibus Survey**  
 Topline results for political section and bombing/aftermath section  
 Survey of 501 Massachusetts Residents  
 Field Dates: April 23-27, 2013

Overall, do you think things in Massachusetts are headed in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

Right Direction	54%
Wrong Track	32%
Don't Know / Refused	14%

I'm going to read you the names of several people and groups who are active in public affairs. After I read each one please tell me if you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable view of the person. If you have never heard of the person or if you are undecided, please just say so. **READ FIRST NAME.** How about **READ NEXT NAME?**

**REPEAT QUESTION TEXT ONLY IF NECESSARY, PROBE IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DON'T KNOW".** Have you heard of **READ NAME** and are undecided about (him/her)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her)?

<i>Order rotated</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
The Massachusetts State Legislature	34%	30%	26%	10%	1%
Deval Patrick	61%	23%	11%	4%	1%
Elizabeth Warren	50%	29%	15%	5%	0%
The Massachusetts State Police	86%	4%	9%	0%	1%

To the best of your knowledge, when is the next election for the United States Senate here in Massachusetts?

In the next few months	46%
Later this year	12%
Next year	9%
After next year	7%
Don't Know / Refused	25%

As you have may have heard, bombings at the Boston Marathon killed three people and injured many others last week. Later in the week, one bombing suspect was killed and another was captured. How closely have you been following news about these events—very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not at all closely?

Very closely	72%
Somewhat closely	24%
Not very closely	3%
Not at all closely	1%
Don't Know / Refused	0%

Do you think it was the right decision or the wrong decision to lock down much of the Boston area and stop MBTA bus and train service last Friday during the search for the second bombing suspect?

Yes, right decision	91%
No, wrong decision	7%
Both/depends (not read)	0%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Which statement is closer to you own view— the government should place restrictions on the media during a crisis like this to prevent the spread of misinformation, OR the government should not place restrictions on the media, even if it means some misinformation is spread?

The government should place restrictions on the media during a crisis like this to prevent the spread of misinformation	42%
The government should not place restrictions on the media even if it means some misinformation is spread	51%
Both/depends (not read)	3%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Which worries you more: that the government will not go far enough to investigate and prevent terrorism because of concerns about constitutional rights, or that it will go too far in compromising constitutional rights in order to investigate terrorism?

Will not go far enough to investigate and prevent terrorism because of concerns about constitutional rights	48%
Will go too far in compromising constitutional rights in order to investigate terrorism	36%
Both/depends (not read)	8%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

Please tell me if you used each of the following news sources frequently, infrequently, or not at all during the last week to follow news about the bombings and subsequent search for the suspects. First, **READ FIRST ITEM**. How about **READ NEXT**?

<i>Order rotated. Sorted by % 'frequently' for display.</i>	Frequently	Infrequently	Not at all	Don't Know / Refused
Local television news outlets, either online or on the air	72%	18%	10%	0%
National television news outlets, either online or on the air	69%	20%	11%	1%
Local radio stations, either online or on the air	59%	17%	23%	0%
Other news websites	40%	22%	37%	2%
Other newspapers in Massachusetts, either online or in print	36%	24%	39%	1%
Social media sites like Twitter and Facebook	35%	17%	47%	1%
National newspapers, either online or in print	31%	23%	45%	1%
The Boston Globe, either online or in print	26%	18%	55%	1%
Boston.com	22%	17%	59%	2%
The Boston Herald, either online or in print	20%	17%	62%	1%
Live police scanner traffic	14%	16%	67%	2%

The next question was asked only to those who said they used a given media source at least infrequently.

And how reliable did you find the information you read or heard from **READ FIRST ITEM** about these events—very reliable, somewhat reliable, not too reliable, or not at all reliable? How about **READ NEXT ITEM**?

**Table: Among those who used each source, how many found each reliable?**

<i>Items asked in same order as previous question. Sorted by % 'very reliable' for display</i>	Very reliable	Somewhat reliable	Not too reliable	Not at all reliable	Don't Know / Refused
Live police scanner traffic	49%	28%	8%	7%	10%
The Boston Globe	47%	39%	6%	2%	6%
Local radio stations	44%	44%	6%	3%	4%
Local television news outlets	42%	50%	5%	2%	1%
Boston.com	40%	38%	3%	10%	10%
The Boston Herald	40%	36%	6%	8%	11%
National newspapers	38%	43%	8%	5%	6%
National television news outlets	38%	49%	6%	4%	3%
Other newspapers in Massachusetts	32%	47%	6%	4%	11%
Other news websites	24%	61%	7%	3%	4%
Social media sites like Twitter and Facebook	13%	43%	21%	17%	5%

**Table: Among the entire population, how many used each source and found each source reliable?**

<i>Items asked in same order as previous question. Sorted by % 'very reliable' for display</i>	Very reliable	Somewhat reliable	Not too reliable	Not at all reliable	Don't Know / Refused	Total who used source	Did not use this source
Local television news outlets	38%	45%	5%	2%	1%	90%	10%
National television news outlets	34%	44%	5%	3%	3%	89%	11%
Local radio stations	33%	34%	5%	2%	3%	77%	23%
National newspapers	20%	23%	4%	2%	3%	54%	46%
The Boston Globe	20%	17%	3%	1%	2%	44%	56%
Other newspapers in Massachusetts	19%	28%	4%	2%	7%	60%	40%
Boston.com	16%	15%	1%	4%	4%	39%	61%
The Boston Herald	15%	13%	2%	3%	4%	37%	63%
Other news websites	15%	38%	5%	2%	2%	62%	38%
Live police scanner traffic	15%	8%	2%	2%	3%	30%	70%
Social media sites like Twitter and Facebook	7%	23%	11%	9%	3%	53%	47%

## Demographics

### Race / ethnic background

White, not Hispanic	78%
All others	21%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

### Age

18 to 29	21%
30 to 44	27%
45 to 59	27%
60+	24%
Don't Know / Refused	0%

### Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

### Education

High school or less	39%
Some college, no degree	26%
College graduate (BA/BS)	21%
Advanced degree	13%
Don't Know / Refused	1%