

**Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition  
Statewide Survey of 400 Likely 2010 General Election Voters  
November 4-8, 2009**

	<i><b>Total</b></i> <i><b>(n=400)</b></i>	<i><b>Indep.</b></i> <i><b>(n=125)</b></i>	<i><b>-tion</b></i> <i><b>(n=292)</b></i>
Gender of respondent			<i><b>Favor protec</b></i>
Men.....	48	53	44
Women.....	52	47	56

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling from Massachusetts Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey, and I would like to ask you some questions concerning issues facing our state and local communities. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

Could I please speak with **[ASK FOR NAME ON LIST]**?

**DO NOT ACCEPT SUBSTITUTES.  
IF NOT AVAILABLE, SCHEDULE CALLBACK OR TERMINATE.  
REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY.**

1. To begin, would you say that things in Massachusetts are generally headed in the right direction, or are things pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Right direction.....	43	40	48
Wrong track .....	42	41	36
(Don't know).....	15	19	16

2. Have you heard anything about changing Massachusetts' anti-discrimination law to cover transgender people or, like many people, have you not heard about this?

Have heard .....	21	17	19
Have not heard, don't know .....	79	83	81

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**Total Indep.**

For each of the following please tell me if you have a very positive reaction, a somewhat positive reaction, a somewhat negative reaction, or a very negative reaction to each one.

3. Legal protections for individuals who are gay or lesbian in employment, housing, or other public accommodations

Very positive .....	50	50	61
Somewhat positive.....	31	32	32
Somewhat negative .....	7	7	2
Very negative .....	7	6	2
(Don't know).....	5	6	3
<b>Positive</b> .....	<b>81</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Negative</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>

4. Legal protections for individuals who are transgender in employment, housing, or other public accommodations

Very positive .....	44	43	55
Somewhat positive.....	31	31	34
Somewhat negative .....	9	8	4
Very negative .....	9	10	3
(Don't know).....	7	7	4
<b>Positive</b> .....	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Negative</b> .....	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>

5. As you may know, there is no law in Massachusetts to protect transgender people from discrimination in employment, housing, or public accommodations. The Massachusetts State Legislature will soon debate a bill to prohibit discrimination against transgender people in employment, housing, or public accommodations. How do you want your state legislator to vote on this measure: do you want them to vote IN FAVOR of prohibiting discrimination against transgender people in employment, housing, and public accommodations, or do you want them to vote AGAINST prohibiting discrimination against transgender people?

**IF ANSWER:** And do you feel that way strongly or not strongly?

Vote IN FAVOR strongly.....	59	56	81
Vote IN FAVOR not strongly.....	14	15	19
Vote AGAINST not strongly .....	4	4	0
Vote AGAINST strongly .....	14	16	0
(No preference).....	7	6	0
(Refuse).....	2	3	0
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Against</b> .....	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

6. And if your state legislator voted IN FAVOR of this legislation to prohibit discrimination against transgender people in employment, housing, and public accommodations, would you be MORE or LESS likely to vote for them?

**IF ANSWER:** And is that much [more/less] or somewhat [more/less]?

Much MORE likely .....	28	23	37
Somewhat MORE .....	23	22	27
Somewhat LESS.....	4	3	1
Much LESS likely.....	10	14	2
(no difference).....	33	36	30
(don't know/refuse) .....	2	2	2
<b>More likely</b> .....	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Less likely</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>

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**Total Indep.**

7. Here is a pair of statements people have made about this bill to prohibit discrimination against transgender people in employment, housing, and public accommodations: **[READ AND ROTATE]**

Some/Other people who support this law say that no one should be discriminated against because of who they are. This law is not dangerous for women or children; organizations concerned for children and women, like the National Association of Social Workers and the League of Women Voters, support this bill.

Some/Other people say that this law goes too far. They say that a man could gain access to women’s restrooms, putting women and children at risk. We need to protect everyone’s safety and privacy by opposing this bill.

After hearing this information, do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit discrimination against transgender people?

**[IF ANSWER]** Is that strongly [support/oppose] or somewhat [support/oppose]?

Support - Strongly .....	46	46	60
Support - Somewhat .....	22	24	25
Oppose - Somewhat .....	6	3	5
Oppose - Strongly .....	17	18	7
(Don't know).....	9	9	3
<b>Support</b> .....	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>

**Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

8. **[TS]** Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

**[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)?

**[IF INDEPENDENT:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Republican .....	9	0	7
Not-so-strong Republican .....	3	0	3
Independent - lean Republican .....	9	0	6
<b>Republican</b> .....	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Independent</b> .....	<b>31</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Democratic</b> .....	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>
Independent - lean Democratic.....	11	0	13
Not-so-strong Democrat .....	6	0	7
Strong Democrat .....	26	0	30
(Don't know/other) .....	5	0	4

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Indep.</b>	<b>Favor protec -tion</b>
9. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?			
<b>DO NOT READ</b>			
1 - 11th grade .....	2	2	2
High school graduate .....	21	26	20
Non-college post H.S. ....	3	1	2
Some college .....	19	16	18
College graduate .....	33	33	34
Post-graduate school.....	19	16	21
(Refused) .....	4	6	2
<b>Age – from file</b>			
18-24 years .....	4	3	4
25-29.....	4	4	4
30-34.....	3	6	4
35-39.....	9	8	8
40-44.....	10	8	9
45-49.....	12	11	11
50-54.....	11	18	12
55-59.....	11	6	12
60-64.....	11	10	11
65-69.....	6	7	5
70-74.....	5	6	7
75 and over .....	14	14	13
(Not ascertained) .....	0	0	0
<b>Region</b>			
Boston.....	8	7	9
Boston Suburbs .....	47	44	46
Southern .....	21	22	20
Western .....	24	27	25

**THIS COMPLETES OUR SURVEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND HAVE A PLEASANT (DAY/EVENING)!**