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Transgender Experiences in the Commonwealth

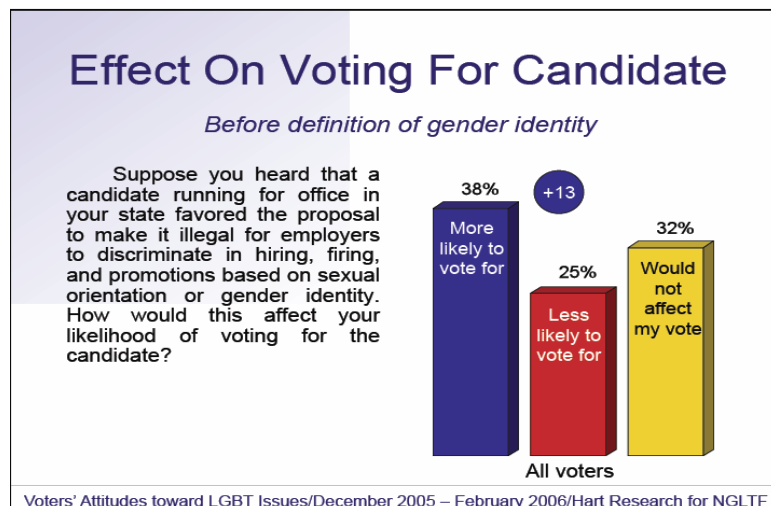


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Massachusetts organizations received 35 calls in October 2009 on transgender related discrimination, harassment and violence. A short sampling follows:

- A 38-year-old transgender woman faced harassment in a homeless shelter. (10/2/09)
- A transgender woman was sexually harassed on an MBTA Bus. (10/13/09)
- An 18-year-old transgender youth was harassed by her classmates, but when she reported the harassment to her teacher, the teacher laughed at her and did nothing to stop it. (10/23/2009)
- A transgender man was physically assaulted and now suffers severe brain damage. (10/15/2009)
- A 45-year-old transgender woman was denied access to a transitional living program. (10/15/2009)

Key Findings from Focus Groups Among Swing Voters and Nationwide Survey Among Voters



Other Contributing Organizations: Transgender Civil Rights Coalition, Massachusetts Transgender Legal Advocates, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, The Network/La Red, AIDS Project Worcester, Fenway Health, Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project