



Fiscal Alliance Foundation

Poll of Likely Voters on Presidential Approval, Governor's Race, and Ballot Question

750 Likely Voters

March 11, 2022

We are going to ask you several questions about President Joe Biden and current national issues...

1. Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's job overall performance?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Strongly Approve | 84.91% | 12.98% | 28.25% | 45.60% |
| Somewhat Approve | 9.43% | 3.82% | 9.04% | 8.27% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 0.038% | 2.29% | 5.37% | 3.07% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 3.40% | 77.10% | 56.21% | 41.20% |
| Not Sure | 1.89% | 3.82 | 1.13% | 1.87% |

2. Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's handling of the economy?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Strongly Approve | 74.34% | 12.98% | 25.71% | 40.67% |
| Somewhat Approve | 18.49% | 5.34% | 7.06% | 10.80% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 0.75% | 2.29% | 4.24% | 2.67% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 3.77% | 79.39% | 61.02% | 44.00% |
| Not Sure | 2.64% | 0% | 1.98% | 1.87% |

3. Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's handling of inflation?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Strongly Approve | 68.68% | 13.74% | 22.60% | 37.33% |
| Somewhat Approve | 21.89% | 1.53% | 6.21% | 10.93% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 4.15% | 0.76% | 4.80% | 3.87% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 3.77% | 79.39% | 62.15% | 44.53% |
| Not Sure | 1.51% | 4.58% | 4.24% | 3.33% |

4. Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden’s handling of the conflict in Russia and the Ukraine?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Strongly Approve | 75.09% | 17.56% | 27.97% | 42.80% |
| Somewhat Approve | 17.74% | 3.82% | 12.71% | 12.93% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 1.5% | 2.29% | 5.37% | 3.47% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 3.02% | 71.76% | 49.44% | 36.93% |
| Not Sure | 2.64% | 4.58% | 4.52% | 3.87% |

Now, we are going to ask you several questions about issues in Massachusetts and this November’s general election...

5. A potential ballot question that would go before the voters this November seeks to cement the classification of so-called “gig economy workers” – people earn money through apps like Uber, Lyft, Door Dash, and others. If the ballot question passes, these workers would continue to be classified as independent contractors, rather than full employees. Supporters of this measure say that independent contractors have more flexibility and can act as their own boss, while also providing new benefits including healthcare. Opponents say that as regular employees, workers will have greater benefits and increased protections. If the election were held today, would you support or oppose this ballot measure?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Strongly Support | 32.45% | 18.32% | 25.99% | 26.93% |
| Somewhat Support | 10.19% | 8.40% | 8.19% | 8.93% |
| Not Sure | 24.53% | 41.98% | 28.53% | 29.47% |
| Somewhat Oppose | 15.85% | 11.45% | 16.10% | 15.20% |
| Strongly Oppose | 16.98% | 19.85% | 21.19% | 19.47% |

6. Many consumers use companies such as Uber and Lyft for transportation needs and many other consumers use companies like Instacart for the delivery of groceries and other important items. If those services were not available, would you be:

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Seriously inconvenienced | 12.45% | 3.82% | 7.91% | 8.80 % |
| Somewhat inconvenienced | 20.00% | 18.32% | 15.25% | 17.47% |
| Not inconvenienced at all. | 67.55% | 77.86% | 76.84% | 73.73% |

7. How often do you use apps or services that employ “gig economy” workers, such as Uber, Lyft, Door Dash, Instacart, and others?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Once a Week or More | 13.96% | 1.53% | 8.76% | 9.33 % |
| 1-3 Times per Month | 10.19% | 6.87% | 10.45% | 9.73% |
| Rarely | 32.08% | 18.32% | 25.14% | 26.40% |
| Never | 43.77% | 73.28% | 56.65% | 54.53% |

7a. On a scale of 1-10, where 10 = very important and 1 = not important at all, how much of a factor is PRICE in deciding whether to use one of these apps?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 1-3 | 23.77% | 8.57% | 35.03% | 35.48 % |
| 4-6 | 9.43% | 42.86% | 24.20% | 22.87% |
| 7-10 | 23.02% | 48.57% | 40.76% | 41.64% |

7b. On a scale of 1-10, where 10 = very important and 1 = not important at all, how much of a factor is FLEXIBILITY in deciding whether to use one of these apps?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 1-3 | 12.45% | 17.14% | 15.92% | 18.77 % |
| 4-6 | 12.45% | 40.00% | 38.85% | 31.67% |
| 7-10 | 31.32% | 42.86% | 45.22% | 49.56% |

8. Thinking back to the proposed ballot question: I'm going to read you two statements. Please tell me which one you find more convincing as you consider your vote:
 STATEMENT A: Proponents of the ballot question say that letting gig economy workers remain as independent contractors would protect flexibility in scheduling, while also providing *new* benefits including healthcare stipends, paid leave, and more for all app-based drivers in Massachusetts.
 STATEMENT B: Several labor unions oppose the ballot question, claiming that gig economy workers would be stripped “of basic employment protections all other employees in Massachusetts are entitled.”
 Which do you find more convincing?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Statement A | 34.72% | 34.35% | 37.29% | 35.87% |
| Statement B | 35.85% | 19.08% | 25.71% | 28.13% |
| Neither | 10.94% | 17.56% | 16.95% | 14.93% |
| Undecided | 18.49% | 29.01% | 20.06% | 21.07% |

- 9.** In 2020, the Attorney General filed a lawsuit that could result in the reclassification of gig economy workers as employees instead of independent contractors. Which of the following is closer to your opinion?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|--|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| This issue should be resolved by the voters... | 35.85% | 49.62% | 52.82% | 46.27 % |
| This issue should be decided through the courts... | 38.87% | 26.72% | 25.71% | 30.53% |
| Not sure | 25.28% | 23.66% | 21.47% | 23.20% |

- 10.** When considering your vote for Governor later this year, how much of a factor will a candidate's position on the ballot question in determining who gets your vote?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|--|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| A candidate's position will matter a great deal. | 19.62% | 16.79% | 22.88% | 20.67 % |
| A candidate's position on the ballot question will matter a little. | 40.00% | 26.72% | 30.23% | 33.07% |
| A candidate position on the ballot question will have no effect on my vote for Governor. | 40.38% | 56.49% | 46.89% | 46.27% |

- 11.** Governor Charlie Baker is not running for reelection this November, creating an open seat. If the election were held today, who would you vote for?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Sonia Chang Diaz | 2.26% | 2.29% | 0.0% | 1.20% |
| Geoff Diehl | 2.64% | 26.72% | 18.08% | 14.13% |
| Chris Doughty | 0.75% | 9.16% | 3.11% | 3.33% |
| Maura Healey | 53.21% | 8.40% | 23.16% | 31.20% |
| Don't Know/Undecided | 41.13% | 53.44% | 55.65% | 50.13% |

12. Are you or anyone in your family household a member of a labor union?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|-----|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 15.47% | 19.08% | 17.51% | 17.07% |
| No | 84.53% | 80.92% | 82.49% | 82.93% |

13. Which of the following issues is most important to you in considering your vote for governor?

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Jobs/Economy | 20.38% | 25.19% | 26.27% | 24.00% |
| Taxes | 3.77% | 23.66% | 14.97% | 12.53% |
| Inflation | 3.77% | 14.50% | 7.06% | 7.20% |
| Covid-19 | 3.02% | 1.53% | 2.82% | 2.67% |
| Climate Change | 24.91% | 8.40% | 7.06% | 13.60% |
| Health Care | 9.43% | 1.53% | 9.60% | 8.13% |
| Law Enforcement/Rule of Law | 4.53% | 9.16% | 9.60% | 7.73% |
| Education | 10.57% | 0.76% | 6.50% | 6.93% |
| Transportation | 1.51% | 15.27% | 0.85% | 0.93% |
| Not Sure | 18.11% | 0.0% | 15.25% | 16.27% |

14. Age Range

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 18-44 | 10.94% | 24.43% | 11.58% | 13.60% |
| 45-64 | 50.57% | 56.49% | 52.26% | 52.40% |
| 65 or older | 38.49% | 19.08% | 36.16% | 34.00% |

15. Gender

| | Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled | Overall |
|--------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Male | 48.30% | 41.22% | 49.72% | 47.73% |
| Female | 51.70% | 58.78% | 50.28% | 52.27% |

16. Party Affiliation

| Democrats | Republicans | Unenrolled |
|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 35.33% | 7.47% | 47.20% |

Results based on a survey of 750 voters statewide fielded March 7-9, 2022. Interviews were conducted by live operators. The margin of error is +/- 3.5% with a 95% confidence level. The poll was sponsored by the Fiscal Alliance Foundation and conducted by Advantage, Inc.