Hello, my name is _______ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and the Boston Globe. We would like to include your opinions. Do you have 5 minutes to complete this brief survey?

May I speak with a (male/female) in your household who is 18 years of age or older?

N= 400 100%

Gender

Male ........................................... 1 (1/89) 191 48%

Female ......................................... 2 209 52%

AGE

What is your age category?

N= 400 100%

18-24 yrs ...................................... 1 (1/90) 8 2%

25-34 yrs ...................................... 2 28 7%

35-44 yrs ...................................... 3 63 16%

45-54 yrs ...................................... 4 91 23%

55-64 yrs ...................................... 5 85 21%

65-74 yrs ...................................... 6 67 17%

75+ yrs ........................................ 7 53 13%

Refused (DO NOT READ) .......................... 8 5 1%

RACE

For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?

N= 400 100%

White/Caucasian ................................ 1 (1/91) 332 83%

Black/African-American ......................... 2 22 6%

American Indian and Alaska Native .............. 3 3 1%

Asian .......................................... 4 12 3%

Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander ..... 5 1 0%

Hispanic/Latino ................................ 6 15 4%

Other (DO NOT READ) ............................ 7 13 3%

Refused/Don't know (DO NOT READ) ............... 8 2 1%

Q1. Does your household have school-aged children?

N= 400 100%

Yes ............................................ 1 (1/92) 119 30%

No ............................................. 2 281 70%

Q2. Are you a homeowner, renter, or do you live with your parents in their home?

N= 400 100%

Homeowner ...................................... 1 (1/93) 302 76%

Renter ......................................... 2 81 20%

Live with parents .............................. 3 13 3%

Other .......................................... 4 4 1%

Q3. Are you employed full-time, part-time, retired, unemployed, or a full-time student?

N= 400 100%

Full-time ...................................... 1 (1/94) 155 39%

Part-time ...................................... 2 47 12%

Retired ........................................ 3 131 33%

Unemployed .................................... 4 50 13%

Student ........................................ 5 10 3%

Refused (DO NOT READ) .......................... 6 7 2%

Q4. Are you in college or do you have children or a spouse in or entering college?

N= 400 100%

Yes ............................................ 1 (1/95) 75 19%

No ............................................. 2 325 81%

Undecided ..................................... 3 0 0%

Refused ........................................ 4 0 0%

Q5. The following are questions about the economy and issues of the day:

Q5. The state of Massachusetts is facing a massive budget deficit. How should
Q6. If you had to choose, would you rather raise the gas tax or increase tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike?

Q7. Knowing that maintaining roads and bridges is very expensive, how much would you be willing to raise the gas tax per gallon - 5 cents a gallon, 10 cents a gallon, 15 cents a gallon, or 30 cents a gallon?

Q27. Are you concerned that the state budget deficit will mean cuts to local services in your city or town?

Q28. Which cuts to local services are you most worried about?

Q8. If you had to choose, would you rather raise the gas tax or increase tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike?

Q9. Are you more optimistic about the economy than you were six months ago - or less optimistic?

Q10. When do you think the U.S. economy will recover?
Q11. Do you think you'll have to work longer than expected before retiring?
N= 400
Yes ............................................ 1 (1/104) 213 53%
No ............................................. 2 145 36%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) ................. 3 42 11%

Q12. Looking at the price of stocks today, do you feel stocks in general will be a good investment or a bad investment over the next year?
N= 400
Good Investment ............................. 1 (1/105) 191 48%
Bad Investment ............................... 2 152 38%
Undecided .................................... 3 50 13%
Refused ...................................... 4 7 2%

Q13. Thinking about the past six months, are you spending more money, less money, or the same on goods and services overall?
N= 400
Spending more ................................ 1 (1/106) 124 31%
Spending less .................................. 2 148 37%
Spending the same .............................. 3 125 31%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) ................. 4 3 1%

Q14. How concerned are you that you might lose your job – very, somewhat, or not concerned?
N= 202
Very concerned ................................. 1 (1/107) 24 12%
Somewhat concerned ............................. 2 58 29%
Not concerned/not at all concerned ............. 3 119 59%
Don't know ..................................... 4 0 0%
Already lost job ............................... 5 1 0%

Q15. Would you be willing to take a pay cut in order to save a co-worker's job at your place of employment?
N= 202
Yes ............................................ 1 (1/108) 125 62%
No ............................................. 2 64 32%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) ................. 3 13 6%

Q16. How concerned are you about being able to maintain your standard of living?
N= 400
Very concerned ................................. 1 (1/109) 127 32%
Somewhat concerned ............................. 2 187 47%
Not concerned/not at all concerned ............. 3 85 21%
Don't know ..................................... 4 1 0%

Q17. How concerned are you about being able to keep up with your mortgage payments?
N= 302
Very concerned ................................. 1 (1/110) 42 14%
Somewhat concerned ............................. 2 63 21%
Not concerned/not at all concerned ............. 3 185 61%
Don't know ..................................... 4 12 4%

Q18. Have you changed the amount of money you give to charity – are you giving more, less, or the same?
N= 400
Giving more .................................... 1 (1/111) 25 6%
Giving less ..................................... 2 162 41%
Giving the same ................................. 3 202 51%
Don't know ..................................... 4 11 3%

Q19. Last month a $787 billion stimulus measure was signed into law. Do you think the stimulus package will help your household a lot, a little, or won't make a difference?
N= 400
Will help a lot .................................. 1 (1/112) 22 6%
Will help a little ................................ 2 120 30%
Won't make a difference/no help .............. 3 234 59%
Other ........................................... 4 3 1%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) ................. 5 21 5%

Q20. Do you think Congress should pass another economic stimulus package right away?
N= 400
Yes ............................................ 1 (1/113) 68 17%
No ............................................. 2 298 75%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) ................. 3 34 9%
Q21. The federal government has given $700 billion dollars to banks and other companies to help stabilize the economy and financial system. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan?

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Q22. The federal government has said it may need to set aside hundreds of billions of dollars to give to banks and other companies in order to further stabilize the economy and financial system. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan?

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Q23. The U.S. auto industry is suffering, hurt by a sharp decline in sales. Do you think the federal government should help U.S. auto companies with a financial package?

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Q24. When thinking about whether the federal government is doing enough to help the economy and Americans hurt by the downturn, would you say the federal government is doing enough, NOT enough, or too much?

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Q25. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the national economy?

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Q26. Do you approve or disapprove of Deval Patrick's handling of the state economy?

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Q29. If you would like to be interviewed by a Boston Globe reporter for an upcoming article on the economy, please give me your first name and verify best phone number?

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