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 five minutes to complete this brief survey?

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

Q1. Does your household have school-aged children?

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

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

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

Q4. What do you believe will be the state of the economy by the end of the year - do you think it will get better, get worse, or stay the same?
Q5. Do you think an economic recovery is underway?

N= 400 100%
Yes ............................................ 1 ( 1/ 96) 241 60%
No ............................................. 2 152 33%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) ....................... 3 27 7%

Q6. When do you think the U.S. economy will recover?

DO NOT READ LIST!!!

N= 132 100%
Within 3 months ............................. 01 ( 1/ 97) 1 1%
3-6 months .................................... 02 4 3%
In a year ....................................... 03 12 9%
In 18 months .................................. 04 15 11%
In 2 years ...................................... 05 24 18%
In 3 years ...................................... 06 16 12%
Over 3 years ................................... 07 37 28%
Never ........................................... 08 8 6%
Other ............................................ 97 3 2%
Don't know ..................................... 99 12 9%

Q7. The state increased the sales tax to 6.25 percent -- how has this affected your buying? Are you buying less, the same, or more?

N= 400 100%
Less ............................................ 1 ( 1/ 99) 150 38%
Same ........................................... 2 241 60%
More ........................................... 3 3 1%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) ....................... 4 6 2%

Q7A. Have you traveled to New Hampshire or any other state to avoid paying the extra sales tax?

N= 400 100%
Yes ............................................. 1 ( 1/100) 70 18%
No ............................................. 2 327 82%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) ....................... 3 3 1%

Q8. 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= 400 100%
Good ........................................... 1 ( 1/101) 172 43%
Bad ............................................ 2 121 30%
Undecided ...................................... 3 96 24%
Refused ........................................ 4 11 3%

Q9. Do you think you'll have to work longer than expected before retiring?

N= 400 100%
Yes ............................................. 1 ( 1/102) 199 50%
No ............................................. 2 57 14%
Other (Already retired) ...................... 3 137 34%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) ....................... 4 7 2%

Q10. Thinking about the past six months, are you spending more money, less money, or the same on goods and services overall?

N= 400 100%
Spending more .................................. 1 ( 1/103) 81 20%
Spending less .................................... 2 165 41%
Spending the same .............................. 3 154 39%

Q11. Thinking about the past six months, are you saving more, saving less, or saving the same?

N= 400 100%
Saving more .................................... 1 ( 1/104) 64 16%
Saving less .................................... 2 136 34%
Saving the same ................................ 3 191 48%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) ....................... 4 9 2%

Q12. Are you traveling more or less than you did a year ago?

N= 400 100%
Traveling more .................................. 1 ( 1/105) 22 6%
Traveling less .................................... 2 199 50%
Traveling the same .............................. 3 171 43%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) ....................... 4 8 2%
Q13. Are you eating out at restaurants more or less than you did a year ago?  
\[\text{N}=400\]  
- Eating out more: 1 (2.5%)  
- Eating out less: 2 (5%)  
- Eating about the same: 3 (15%)  
- Don’t know (DO NOT READ): 4 (1%)  

Q14. How concerned are you that you might lose your job - very, somewhat, or not concerned?  
\[\text{N}=205\]  
- Very concerned: 1 (0.5%)  
- Somewhat concerned: 2 (9%)  
- Not concerned/not at all concerned: 3 (15%)  
- Don’t know (DO NOT READ): 4 (2%)  

Q15. Has anyone in your household lost a job in the last 18 months?  
\[\text{N}=400\]  
- Yes: 1 (2.5%)  
- No: 2 (52%)  
- Don’t know (DO NOT READ): 3 (8%)  

Q16. Are you still unemployed?  
\[\text{N}=72\]  
- Yes: 1 (1.4%)  
- No: 2 (28%)  
- Don’t know (DO NOT READ): 3 (4%)  

Q17. For how long has that person been unemployed?  
\[\text{N}=55\]  
- Less than 3 months: 1 (2.5%)  
- 3 to 6 months: 2 (15%)  
- 6 months to 1 year: 3 (20%)  
- More than 1 year: 4 (20%)  

Q18. How concerned are you about being able to maintain your standard of living?  
\[\text{N}=400\]  
- Very concerned: 1 (0.25%)  
- Somewhat concerned: 2 (5%)  
- Not concerned/not at all concerned: 3 (7%)  
- Don’t know (DO NOT READ): 4 (1%)  

Q19. How concerned are you about being able to keep up with your mortgage payments?  
\[\text{N}=300\]  
- Very concerned: 1 (0.33%)  
- Somewhat concerned: 2 (6.5%)  
- Not concerned/not at all concerned: 3 (18.8%)  
- Don’t know (DO NOT READ): 4 (1%)  

Q21. Have you changed the amount of money you give to charity - are you giving more, less, or the same?  
\[\text{N}=400\]  
- Giving more: 1 (2.5%)  
- Giving less: 2 (5%)  
- Giving the same: 3 (20.5%)  
- Don’t know (DO NOT READ): 4 (1%)  

Q22. Do you think the 787 billion dollar stimulus package - signed into law earlier this year to help the economy - has helped your household a lot, a little, or won't make a difference?  
\[\text{N}=400\]  
- A lot: 1 (2.5%)  
- A little: 2 (5%)  
- Won’t make a difference/no help: 3 (7.5%)  
- Other: 4 (1%)  
- Don’t know: 5 (1%)
Q23. 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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Q24. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the national economy?

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Q25. Do you approve or disapprove of Deval Patrick's handling of the state economy?

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Q26. Are you thinking about buying a house (or condo) over the next six months?

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Q27. Why?

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<td>Feeling better about my job</td>
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Q28. Are you planning to sell your home?

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Q29. Why?

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Q30. Do you think housing prices will rise or fall over the next year?

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