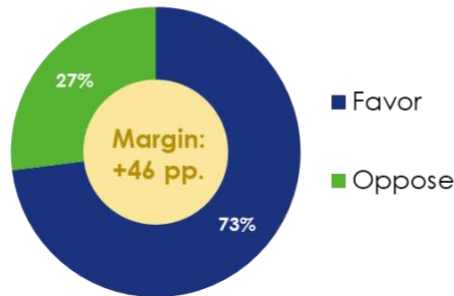


To: Raise Up Massachusetts
 From: Echo Cove Research & Consulting
 Date: May 5, 2021
 Re: Recently Conducted Public Opinion Survey

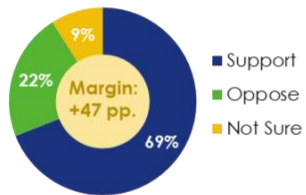
The Massachusetts Teachers Association recently conducted a public opinion survey of residents of Massachusetts that yielded very encouraging findings on the use of public resources for the common good.

First, there continues to be widespread support for the Fair Share Amendment. The survey shows that over seven out of every ten Massachusetts residents favor the initiative, with barely a quarter opposed. This finding is consistent with two recent public polls.

How much would you favor or oppose adding a 4% additional tax on annual income over \$1 million?

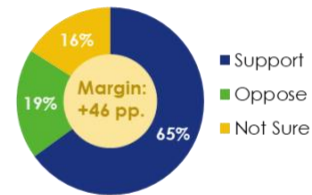


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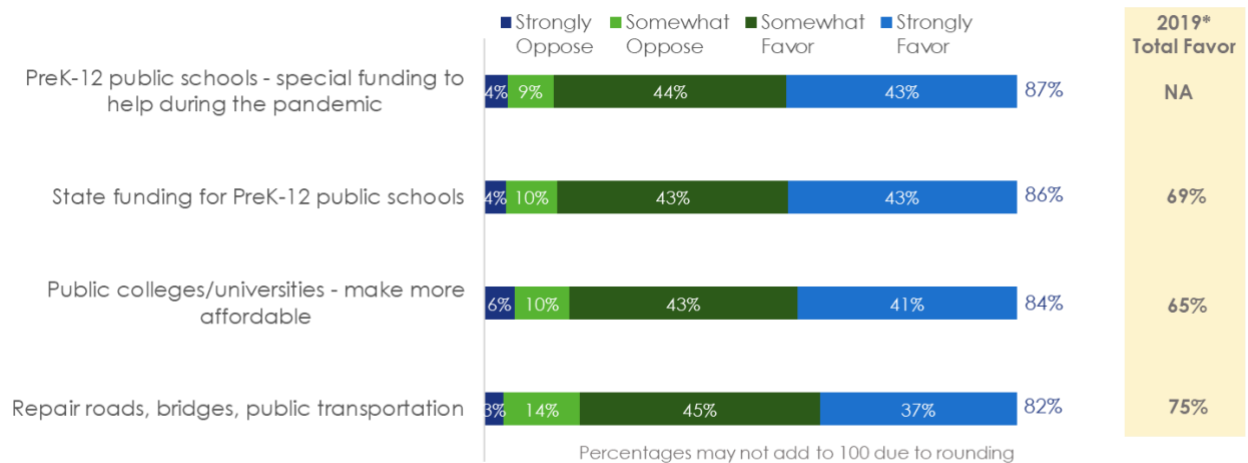
In 2022, there may be a ballot question that would create an additional 4% tax on income over \$1 million a year. The minimum amount to trigger the tax would go up with inflation every year. Based on this description, would you support or oppose this additional 4% tax on income over \$1 million a year?

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Do you support a four-percentage-point increase to the state's income tax only for individuals with incomes over one million dollars?

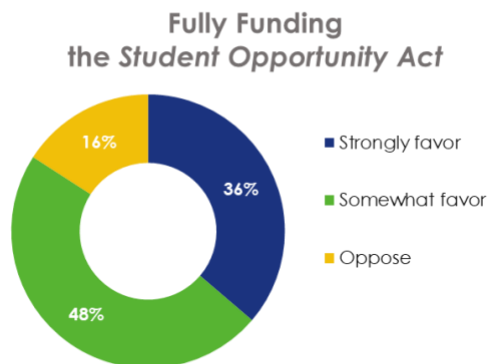
This continued support for Fair Share accords with a renewed interest in public investments in education and transportation. Support for increased funding in these areas is the highest we have seen in many years of polling.



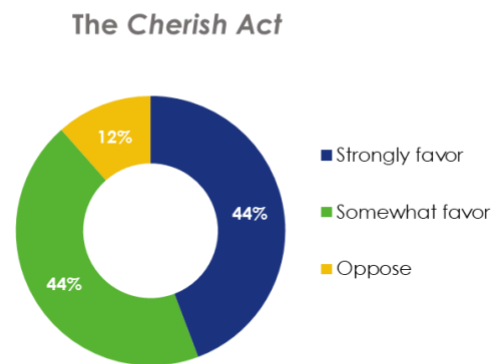
Q28. The pandemic has created needs in many areas of the state budget. Would you favor or oppose increasing funding in each of the following areas?

*Survey of 600 Massachusetts voters conducted by Echo Cove Research & Consulting. Data was collected online August 19-28, 2019.

Encouragingly, the desire for increased investment in education translates directly to support for two legislative initiatives: fully funding the *Student Opportunity Act* and favoring passage of The *Cherish Act*.



We want your opinion about legislation called the *Student Opportunity Act* (SOA). Due to the pandemic, the SOA was underfunded last year. Do you favor or oppose increasing funding for the SOA by enough to ensure that it stays on track?



The state Legislature is now considering legislation called the *Cherish Act*. The *Cherish Act* would provide funding to make a public college education more affordable for low- and middle-income students and help provide a quality higher education by ensuring sufficient faculty and staff. Do you favor or oppose the *Cherish Act*?

These findings are based on a public opinion survey of 600 Massachusetts residents 18 and older. Data was collected online between March 26 and April 5, 2021. Sampling methodology was used to ensure that the respondents matched the demographic profile of Massachusetts residents. Statistical weighting was used to ensure the accuracy of the sample.