

Summary of New England Polling Results

Interactive Survey Methodology

Zogby International conducted interviews of 2,590 adults in CA, CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT. Panelists who have agreed to participate in Zogby polls online were invited to participate in the survey. The online poll ran from 1/13/06 through 1/16/06. The margin of error is +/- 3.2 percentage points in the Northeast states sample of 947. Margins of error are higher in sub-groups. Slight weights were added to state, age, race, and gender to more accurately reflect the population.

1. One of the materials used by dentists to fill cavities is amalgam. Amalgam fillings contain several metals. Do you know what the primary metal in amalgam is?

	New England
Mercury	35
Silver	22
Zinc	6
Gold	0
Not sure	37

2. Would you say that silver dental fillings does contain mercury or does not contain mercury?

	New England
Does contain mercury	60
Does not contain mercury	12
Not sure	29

3. Do you think your dentist should be required to inform you about the various types of mercury and non-mercury fillings available before filling a cavity?

	New England
Yes	87
No	6
Not sure	7

4. Which of the following would you be more likely to choose given the option – higher cost fillings that contain no mercury or lower cost fillings that are about 50% mercury?

	New England
Higher cost/no mercury	76
Lower cost/with mercury	8
Not sure	16

5. How much of a problem do you think mercury pollution causes in the environment, on a scale with 1 being not at all serious and 5 being very serious?

	New England
1 Not at all serious	4
2	9
Less serious (1+2)	13
3	23
4	29
5 Very serious	25
More serious (4+5)	54
Not sure	10

6. Would you support or oppose a ban on putting dental mercury fillings in pregnant women or children?

Support	69
Oppose	9
Not sure	22