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LAKE EFFECT

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Welcome to Lake Effect

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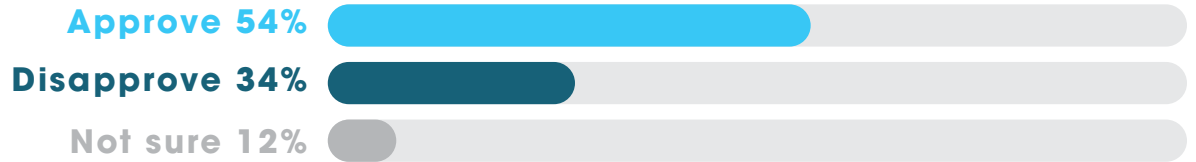
COVID-19 Handling: Whitmer v. Trump

When it comes to the coronavirus pandemic, voters show a significant preference for Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's approach over the way President Trump has handled the crisis.

Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?



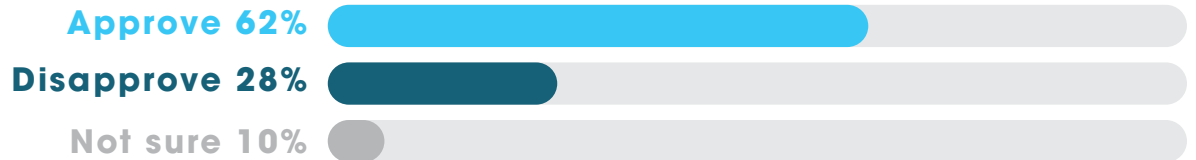
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Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing handling the coronavirus?

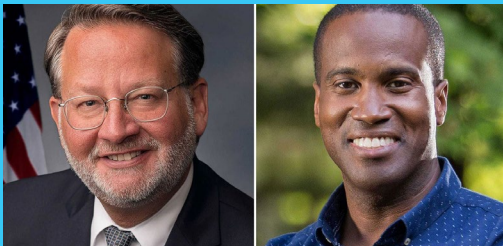


Do you approve or disapprove of the job Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer is doing handling the coronavirus?



Who do you think has done a better job handling the coronavirus: Donald Trump, or Gretchen Whitmer?

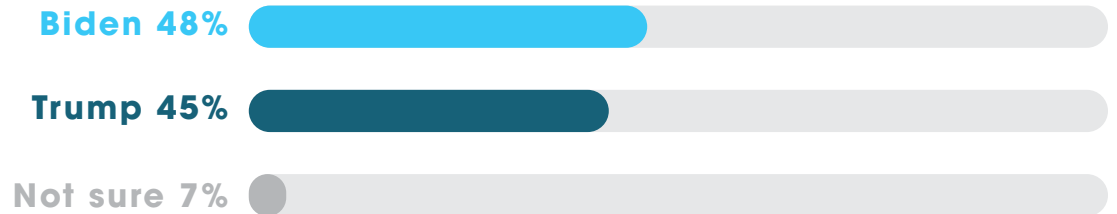




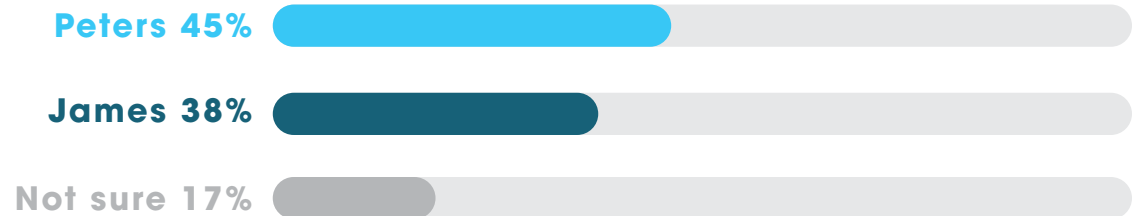
Voter Preferences in Presidential, Senate Races Leaning Dem

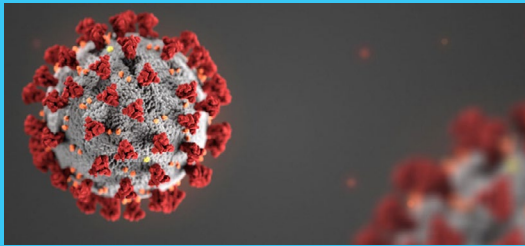
As the 2020 election draws closer, voters seem to favor Democratic candidates at the top of the ticket, with potential presidential nominee Joe Biden leading President Trump and current Sen. Gary Peters leading his challenger John James.

If the candidates for President this fall were Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump, who would you vote for?



If the election for US Senate was held today, and the candidates were Democrat Gary Peters and Republican John James, who would you vote for?





Worker Strikes and Paid Sick Leave: Voters' Views

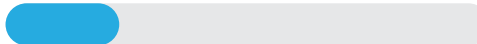
COVID-19 has already impacted voters' views on several issues, making them less likely to support candidates who have opposed paid sick leave and increasing their support for striking workers.

This week, some employees of Amazon, some grocery stores workers, Instacart and other app workers went on strike to demand hazard pay and better safety measures against the coronavirus. Do you support or oppose these workers going on strike for hazard pay and better safety measures against the coronavirus?

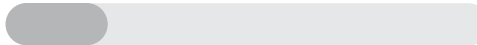
Support the strike 56%



Oppose the strike 23%



Not sure 21%

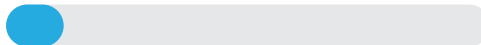


Does the coronavirus emergency make you less likely or more likely to vote for elected officials who have opposed paid sick leave, or does it not make a difference?

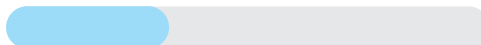
Less likely 47%



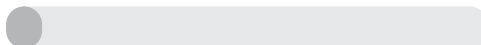
More likely 10%



No difference 31%



Not sure 11%

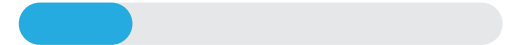


There has been a proposal to end the school year now and allow all students who were on track to move ahead or graduate, to do so. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

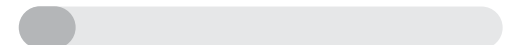
Support 58%



Oppose 26%



Not sure 16%

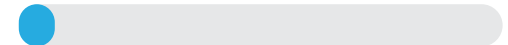


This week Governor Whitmer ordered cities to stop shutting off water in homes with unpaid water bills and get water service turned back on to homes where it was disconnected. Do you support or oppose Governor Whitmer's order to restore water to every home in Michigan during the coronavirus crisis?

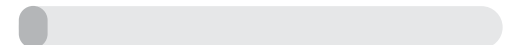
Support 87%



Oppose 7%



Not sure 5%



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About This Study

PPP interviewed 1,019 Michigan voters by phone and text from March 31 – April 1 on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/-3.1%

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