

May 2020 Edition

# LAKE EFFECT



What's Inside



# Welcome to Lake Effect

Welcome to Lake Effect, a monthly research newsletter and a resource for progressive leaders and advocates, presented by Progress Michigan and Public Policy Polling. Research in this newsletter comes from a survey conducted between April 28th and 29th of 1,270 voters across Michigan.

This issue continues to examine different angles of the COVID-19 pandemic and general support for elected officials and candidates.

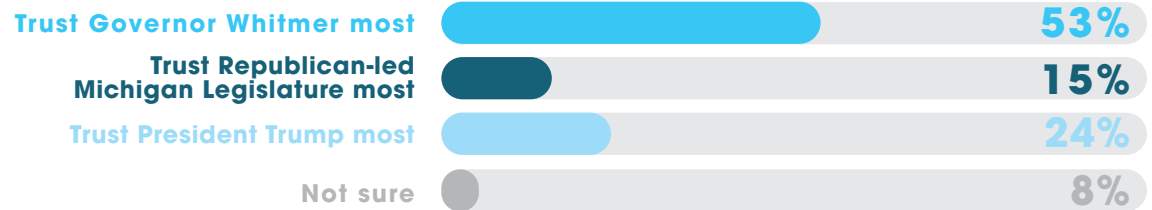
## In this issue



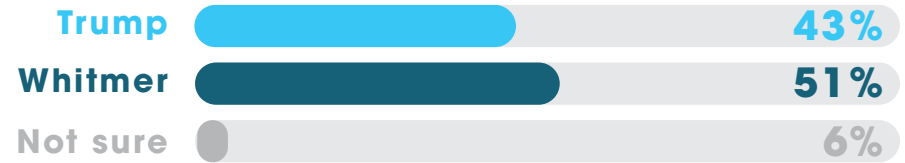
## Whitmer the preferred leader on COVID-19

Whitmer continues to have strong public support for her handling of the COVID-19 crisis compared to Republicans in the legislature and Donald Trump.

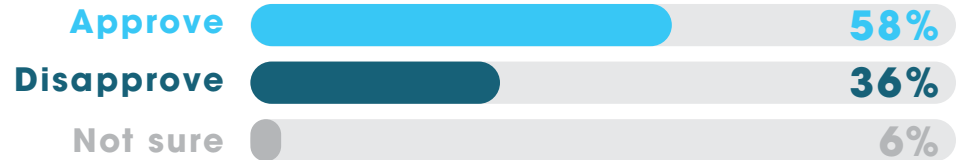
Who do you trust most to handle the coronavirus outbreak: Governor Whitmer, the Republican-led Michigan Legislature, or President Trump?



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



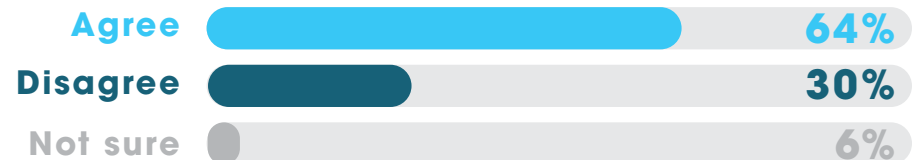
Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Gretchen Whitmer is doing handling the coronavirus?



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



Governor Whitmer has used a number of Executive Orders outside of the legislative process to protect public health and economic security of Michigan families, including issuing a stay in place order, closing schools, and shutting down non-essential businesses. Do you agree or disagree with these Executive Orders?





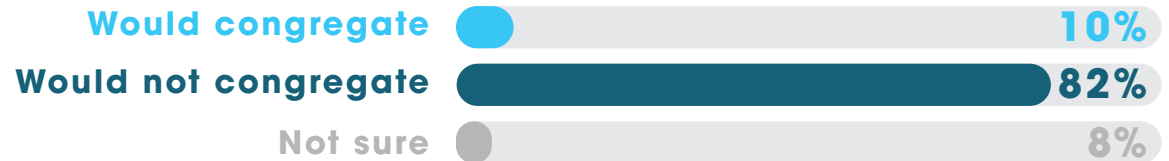
## Protests, power plays against Whitmer a no-go

Respondents oppose the anti-stay home protests and Republican efforts to strip Gov. Whitmer of her executive powers. There is widespread concern about misinformation during the COVID-19 crisis.

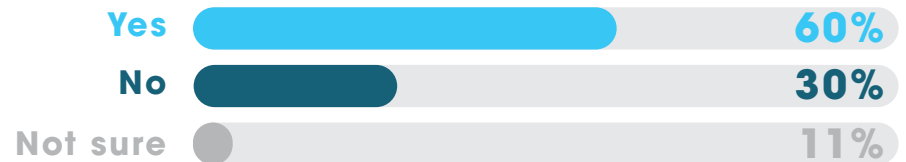
Recently, some people have begun protesting to immediately re-open Michigan and end social distancing measures meant to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Do you support or oppose these protestors?



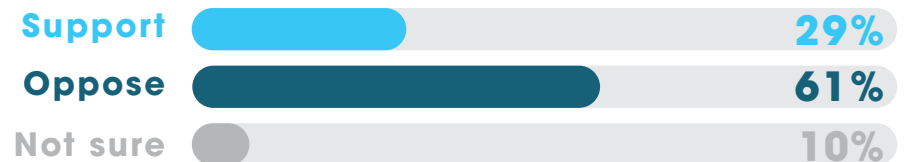
If all businesses were allowed to reopen today, would you congregate in large groups knowing the risk to your health and the health of others, or not?

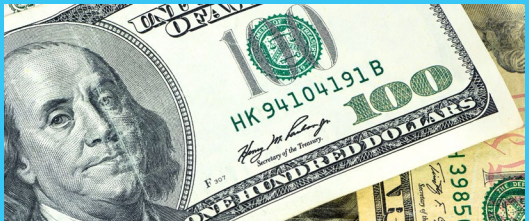


Due to the coronavirus, do you think every registered Michigan voter should be mailed an absentee ballot, allowing them to vote from home, while also ensuring that voters have the option to vote in-person on Election Day, or not?



Republicans in the State Legislature want to strip Governor Whitmer of her powers to issue executive orders during an emergency. Do you support or oppose this?

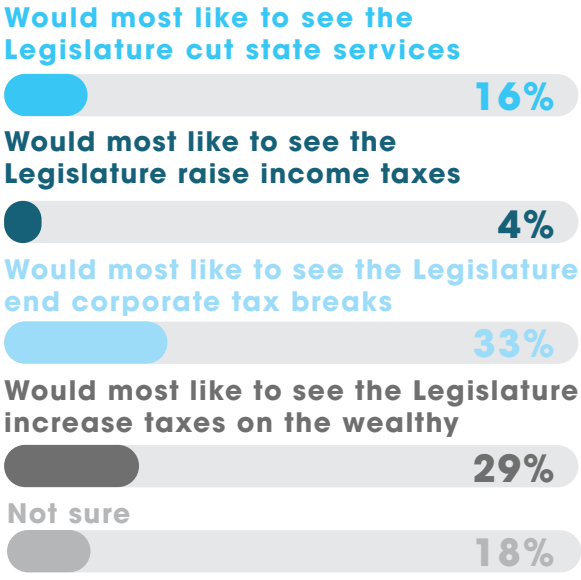




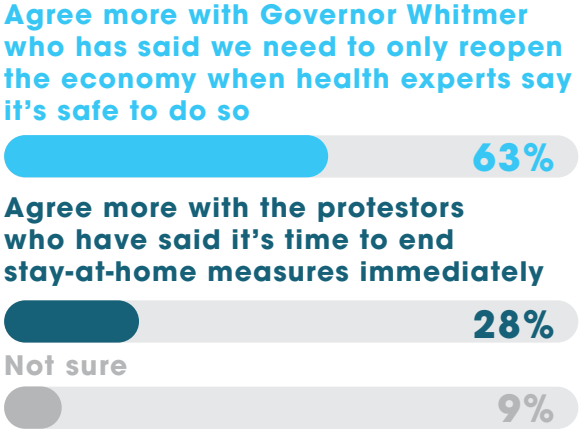
## Driving Michigan's economy forward during COVID-19

Respondents want a safe, phased-in approach to restarting Michigan's economy and believe large corporations and the wealthy should start paying their fair share to make up the state budget deficit that has piled up during this crisis. Those polled also believe the legislature should adopt remote meeting policies so they can meet safely to discuss real solutions to protect public health and drive the economy forward.

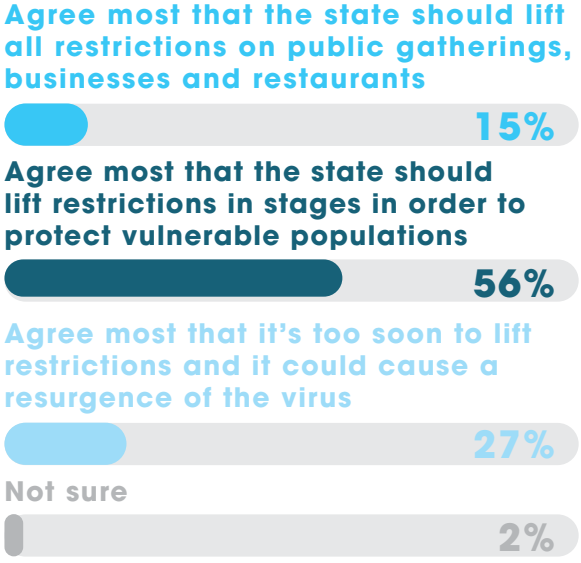
When it comes to dealing with the estimated two billion dollar deficit created by the Coronavirus in the state budget, would you most like to see the Legislature cut state services, raise income taxes, end corporate tax breaks, or increase taxes on the wealthy?



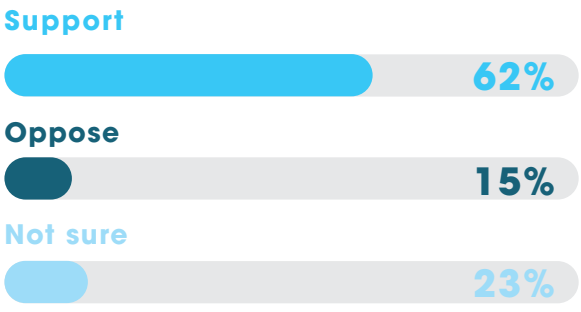
Governor Whitmer has said we need to only reopen the economy when health experts say it's safe to do so, but protestors have said it's time to end stay-at-home measures immediately. Who do you agree with more?



Michigan is beginning to put plans in place to lift restrictions and reopen the state. Which statement do you agree with the most- the state should lift all restrictions on public gatherings, businesses and restaurants, the state should lift restrictions in stages in order to protect vulnerable populations, or do you think it's too soon to lift restrictions and it could cause a resurgence of the virus?



The Michigan Legislature has been meeting inperson and voting without real debate or committee process. Would you support or oppose the Michigan State Legislature meeting virtually, in order to have committee meetings and debate on issues?



## About Lake Effect

Presented by Progress Michigan, Lake Effect is a monthly research newsletter that follows public opinion in Michigan. Each month, Public Policy Polling will survey registered voters across Michigan about their opinions of important issues and public figures in the state. These newsletters will break down the results and provide readers with key takeaways and analysis from the data.

## About This Study

PPP interviewed 1,270 Michigan voters by phone and text from April 28th to 29th on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/-2.8%.

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