

February 2021 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
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Research in this newsletter
comes from a survey
conducted between February
2nd and February 3rd.

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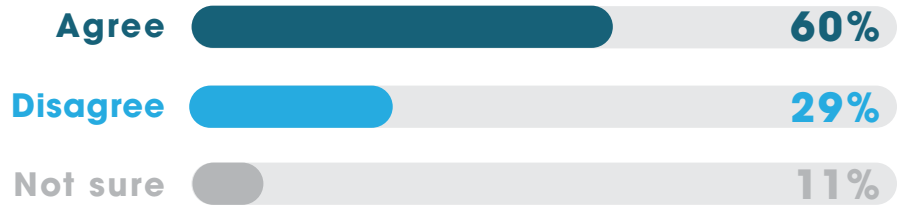




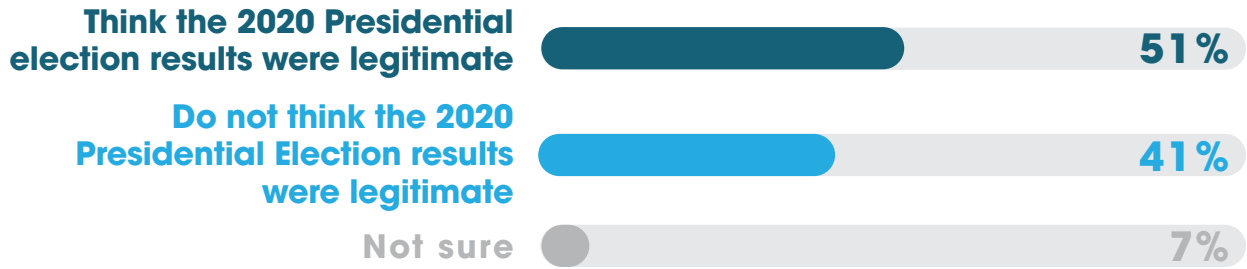
Post-2020 Election fallout

2020 may be over, but a lot of questions still surround the fallout from the chaotic election cycle, including misinformation around the results, how Michigan lawmakers handled it and the failed right-wing insurrection in D.C.

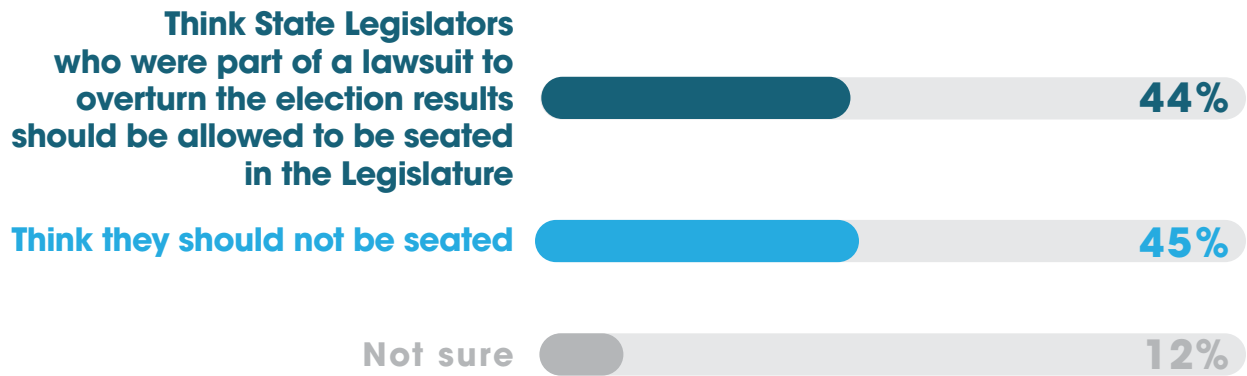
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Events like the riot at the Capitol in Washington DC on January 6th are a threat to democracy.



Do you think the 2020 Presidential election results were legitimate, or not?



Do you think State Legislators who were part of a lawsuit to overturn the election results should be allowed to be seated in the Legislature, or not?





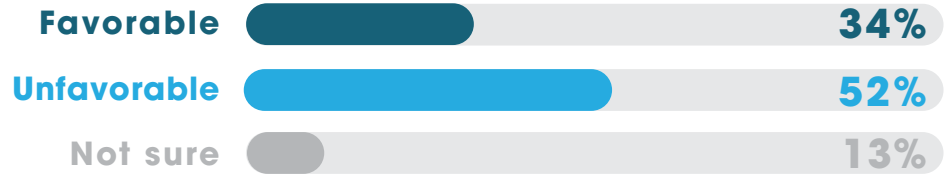
Militias, the GOP and Meshawn Maddock

Extremism and political polarization seem to be ever-present right now, speaking of which, we looked into what respondents thought of militias and likely-GOP co-chair Meshawn Maddock. While most people don't have opinions on Maddock, hearing more about her... doesn't help and after the attack on the US Capitol the Republican brand in Michigan has tanked in favorability.

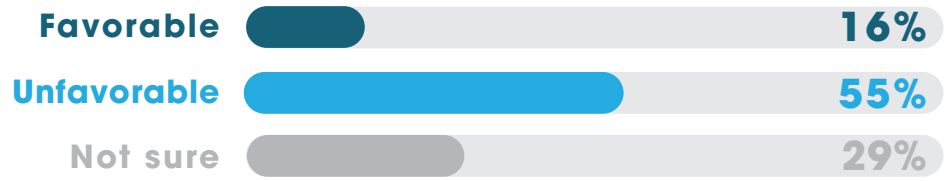
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Meshawn Maddock?



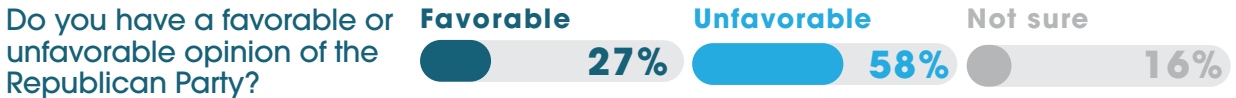
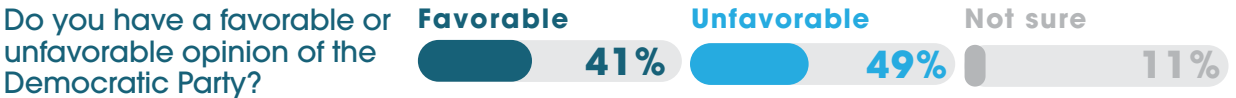
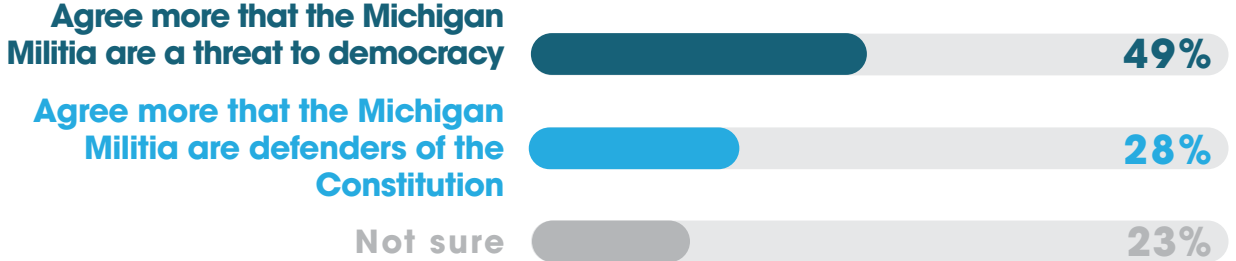
Meshawn Maddock has been named the co-chair of the Michigan Republican Party. She helped organize the January 6th rally in Washington which turned violent, and she still questions the results of the presidential election. Having heard this, let me ask you again: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party?



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the Michigan Militia?



I'm going to read you two statements and ask you which one you agree with more. Here's the first statement: The Michigan Militia are a threat to democracy. Here's the second statement: The Michigan Militia are defenders of the Constitution. Which statement do you agree with more?

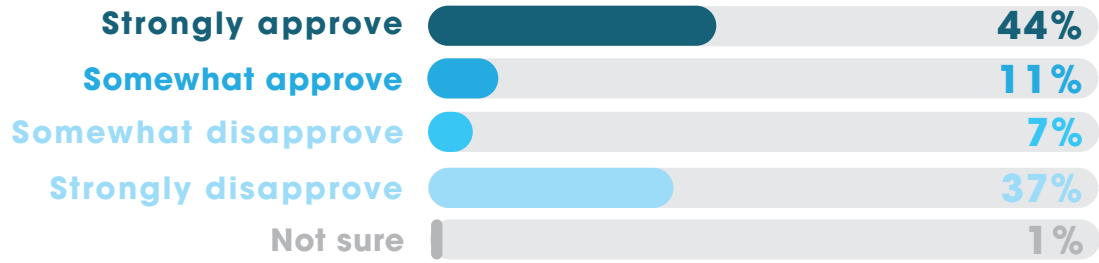




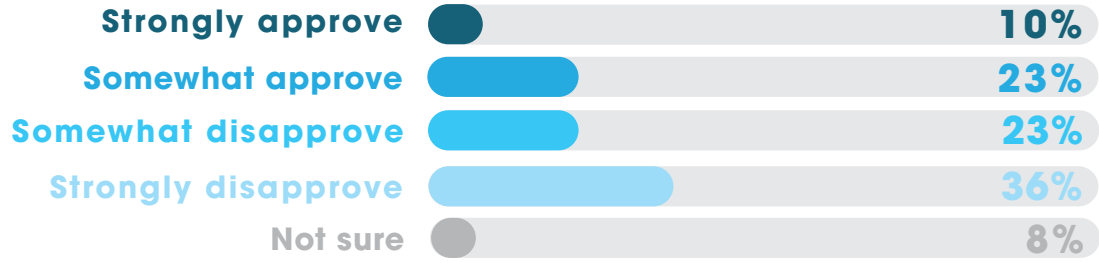
The Battle Over COVID

The Republican Legislature may say they want more control over how the state handles COVID, but poll respondents certainly don't trust them or like their political posturing. Whitmer continues to receive higher leadership marks over her detractors. Concerns about COVID and schooling are high.

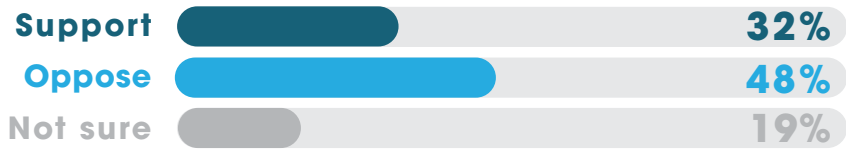
Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the job Governor Whitmer is doing handling the coronavirus?



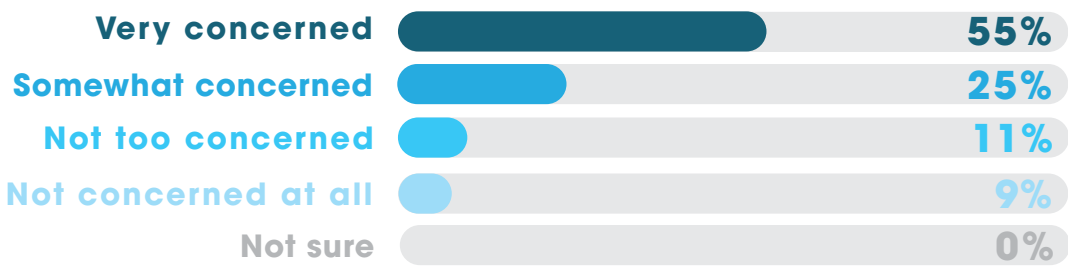
Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the job Republicans in the State Legislature are doing handling the coronavirus?



Do you support or oppose the Legislature refusing to allocate federal coronavirus relief unless the Governor gives up her emergency powers?



How concerned are you about delays in your children's learning over the course of the coronavirus pandemic and remote learning: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?

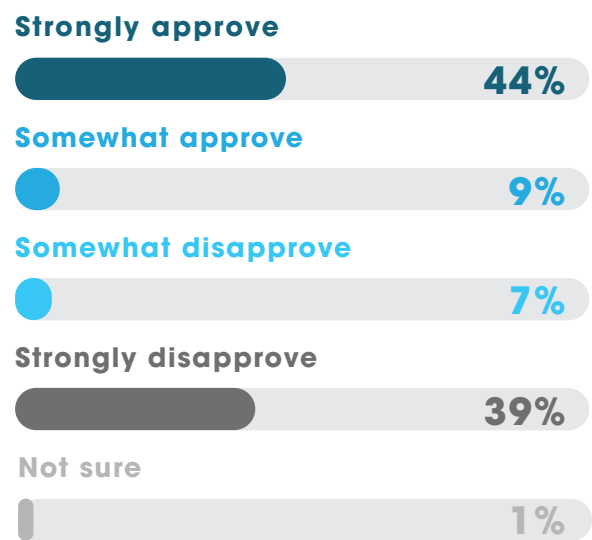




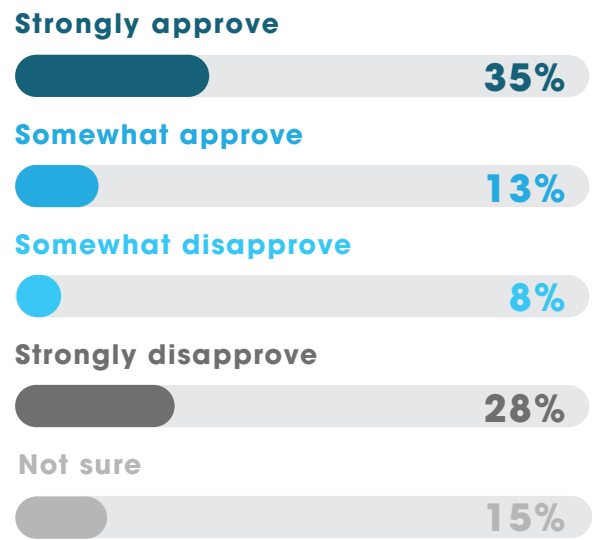
Checking in on the Women from Michigan...and the Man from Scranton

Overall, Gretchen Whitmer, Jocelyn Benson and Dana Nessel continue to have approval ratings above water and Joe Biden gets solid marks after one month in office.

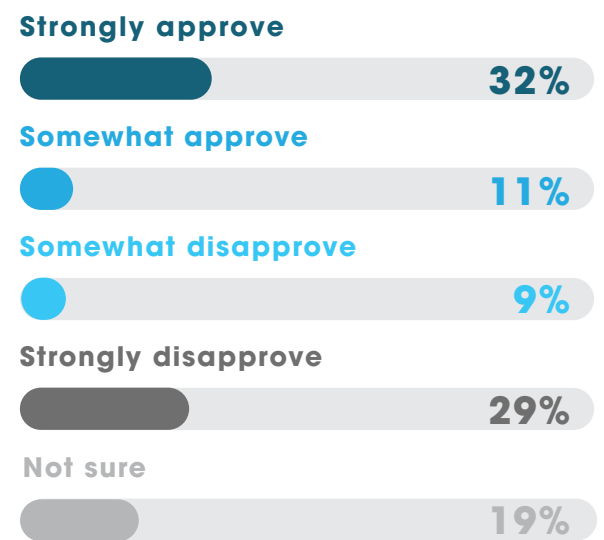
Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's job performance?



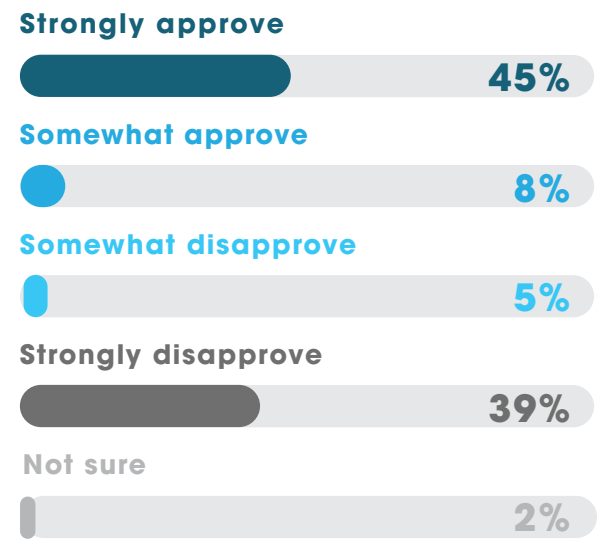
Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's job performance?



Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of Attorney General Dana Nessel's job performance?



Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of President Joe Biden's job performance?



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 846 Michigan voters by phone and text from February 2nd and February 3rd on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.4%

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