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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 May 5th and May 6th.

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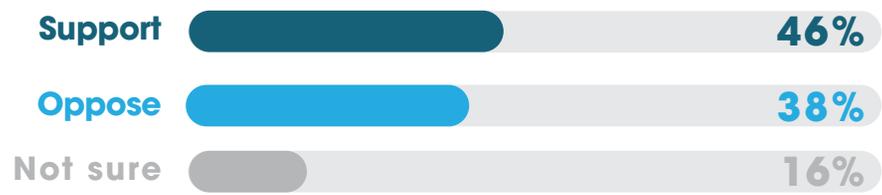




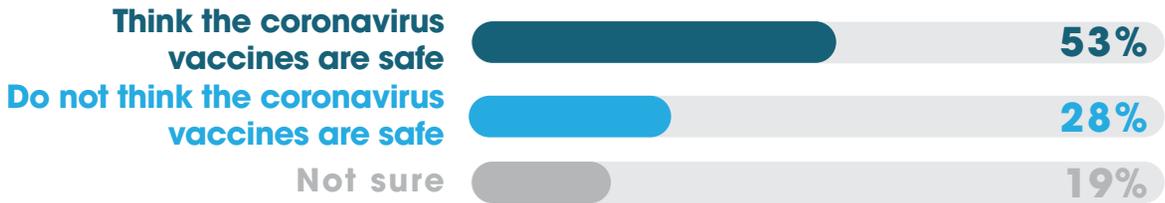
Michigan Ready to Get “Vacc to Normal”

On April 30, Governor Whitmer announced “Vacc to Normal,” a metrics-based reopening plan tied to vaccines. Both the plan and vaccines are more popular with the majority of respondents than the GOP’s efforts to tie federal COVID-19 relief funds to stripping Whitmer’s emergency powers, which aren’t doing the GOP’s approval numbers any favors.

Recently, Governor Whitmer announced a plan for relaxing public health protocols. In her plan, 2 weeks after 70% of the Michigan population ages 16 and older receives at least their first COVID-19 vaccination, the gatherings and face mask order will be lifted. Do you support or oppose Governor Whitmer’s plan of relaxing public safety protocols based on the percentage of the state that has been vaccinated?



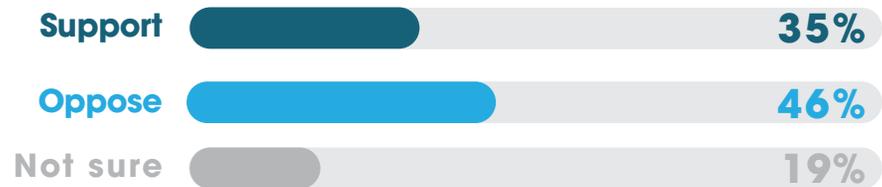
Generally speaking, do you think the coronavirus vaccines are safe, or not?



When it comes to vaccines for coronavirus, are you fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, not vaccinated yet but still planning to, or do you not plan to get a vaccine?



Do you support or oppose the Legislature refusing to allocate federal COVID Relief funding unless the Governor gives up her emergency powers?





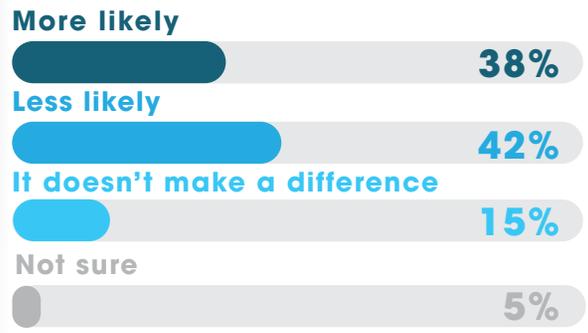
Supposed “Election Reform” Bills Remain Unpopular

Specifics of the GOP’s 39-Bill voter suppression package continue to come out as the bills make their way through the legislature and for the second Lake Effect in a row, respondents don’t approve of the GOP efforts to make voting harder.

Michigan Senate Republicans recently introduced a 39-bill package targeting election reforms. Based on what you know, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bill package?



Many local clerks and voting rights advocates have said the Republican-sponsored, 39-bill voting package will make it more difficult for people to vote by requiring additional steps like sending in a photocopy of your ID to receive an absentee ballot and limiting the times when people can drop off absentee ballots at drop boxes. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the 39-bill package targeting election reforms, or does it not make a difference?



Many of the election reforms in the bill package are linked to a national conservative effort that voting rights advocates say is designed to put up barriers between voters and the ballot box. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the 39-bill package targeting election reforms, or does it not make a difference?



Business groups have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Republicans sponsoring legislation that voting advocates say will lead to voter suppression. Some say these donors are responsible for the bills the lawmakers they fund are pushing. Do you view these business group donors as responsible for the voter suppression bills, or not?

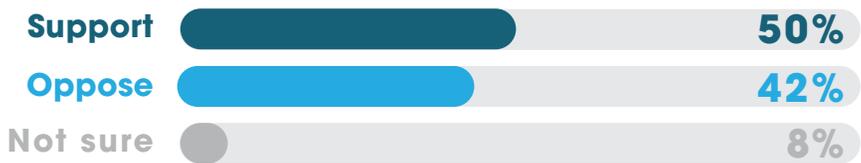




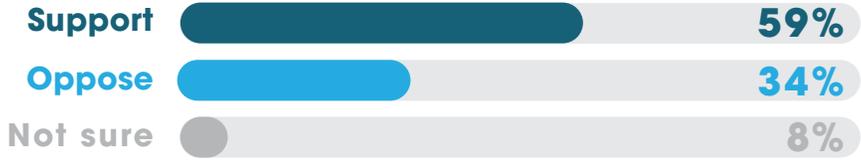
Michigan Shows Love for Biden's Jobs Plan

Respondents show overwhelming support for President Biden's \$2.3 trillion American Jobs Plan, especially when shown the specifics.

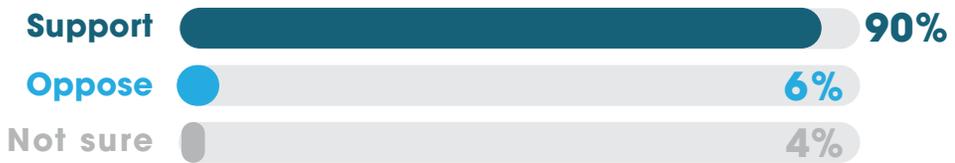
President Biden announced his American Jobs Plan, a \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan intended to address infrastructure, climate change, and job creation. Do you support or oppose this plan?



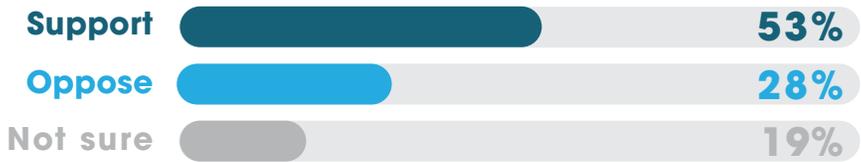
I'm going to read you some specific provisions in the American Jobs Plan, and then ask you if you support or oppose them. Here's the first one: Increasing taxes on those who make more than \$400,000 per year.



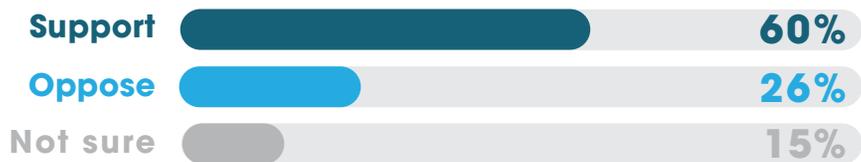
Here's the next one: Fixing America's roads, bridges, and ports.



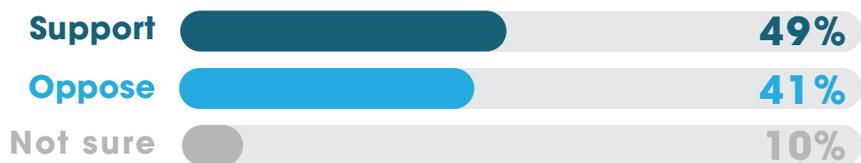
Here's the next one: Increasing funding for broadband internet service.



Here's the next one: Increasing funding for long-term health care.



Here's the next one: Increasing funding to fight climate change.

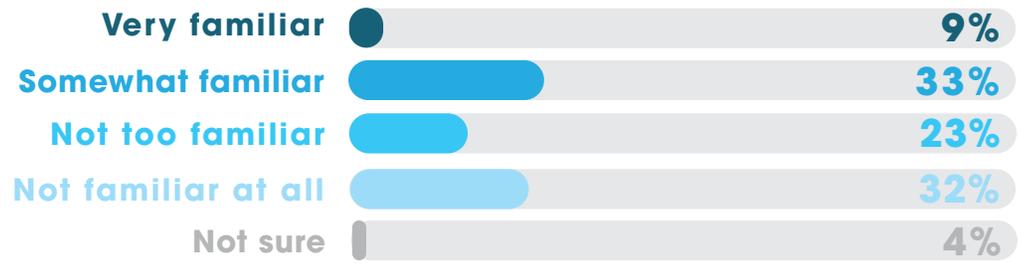




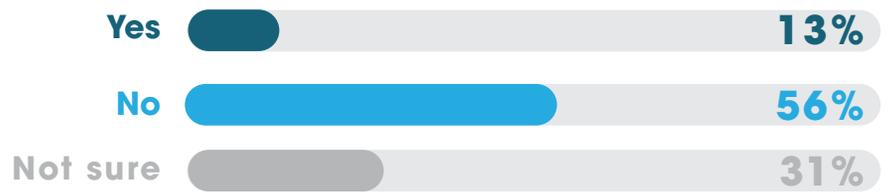
Respondents Unaware of Redistricting Commission

With months of efforts to raise awareness and public hearings starting this week, Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is still largely slipping underneath respondents' notice.

How familiar are you with the work being done by Michigan's Independent Redistricting Commission: very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, or not familiar at all?



Do you plan on attending any of the public meetings being held by Michigan's Independent Redistricting Commission to get public input on the process, or not?



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 820 Michigan voters by phone and text from May 5th and May 6th on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.4%

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