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LAKE EFFECT



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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 July 5th and July 6th.





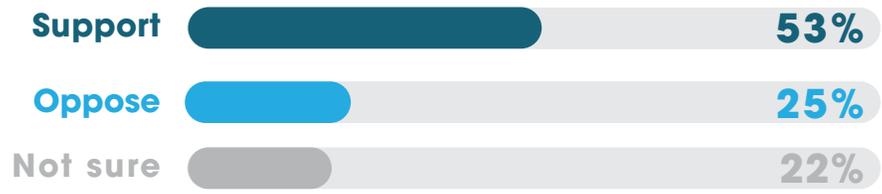
Voters Support an Investigation into Michigan Extremism

Michigan voters don't want elected lawmakers who were involved in the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and they overwhelmingly support an investigation into ties between Michigan lawmakers, right-wing militias, and the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol; an investigation currently being called for by Democratic lawmakers but not gaining support among Republican lawmakers.

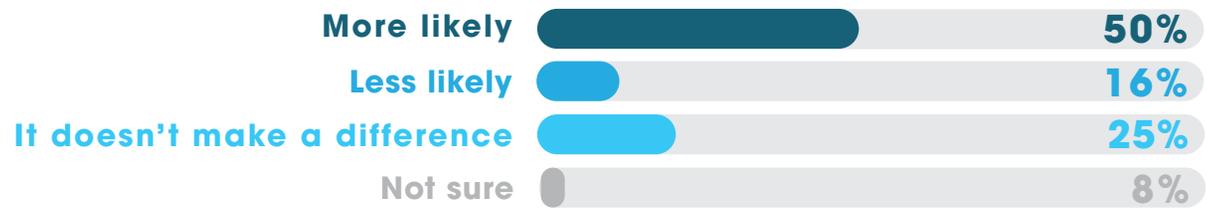
New video footage that allegedly shows Republican gubernatorial candidate Ryan Kelley at the U.S. Capitol during the January 6th insurrection has recently emerged. If a candidate for public office participated in the Capitol insurrection or encouraged others to attend, would that make you more likely or less likely to support that candidate, or does it not make a difference?



Based on what you know, do you support or oppose an investigation into ties between Michigan lawmakers, right-wing militias, and the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol?



To date, ten Michigan residents have been charged in connection to the Capitol insurrection on January 6th, and several have been charged for the terroristic plot to kidnap Governor Whitmer last year. It's been reported that multiple prominent Michigan Republicans were in D.C., and helped arrange transportation for Michigan residents to D.C., on January 6th. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support an investigation into ties between Michigan lawmakers, right-wing militias, and the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, or does it not make a difference?





The Big Lie Splits Voters

Many current candidates for public office have long-been and continue to be involved in spreading claims of widespread fraud in Michigan’s 2020 election. While there are strong opinions against those supporting The Big Lie, there are still those who still support them or say it doesn’t make a difference.

If a candidate for public office supported claims of widespread and systematic fraud in Michigan’s 2020 election, would that make you more likely or less likely to support that candidate, or does it not make a difference?



In addition to finding no evidence of widespread or systematic fraud in Michigan’s 2020 election, the Republican-led Michigan Senate Oversight Committee’s report also recommended that the attorney general consider opening a criminal investigation into “those who have been utilizing misleading and false information about (conspiracy theories surrounding) Antrim County to raise money or publicity for their own ends.” Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support a candidate for public office who supported claims of widespread and systematic fraud in Michigan’s 2020 election, or does it not make a difference?





2020 Election Report Brings Mixed Reactions

Recently, the Republican-led Senate Oversight Committee released a report on the 2020 election. The report didn't affect the majority of respondents' opinions on the legitimacy of the 2020 election and they appear split on how this affects their thoughts on the need for election reform. However, when reminded election clerks and voting rights advocates think the current anti-voter bills will make it more difficult to vote, the report does make voters less likely to think election reform is needed.

Last week, after eight months of investigation, the Republican-led Michigan Senate Oversight Committee released a report saying: "The Committee found no evidence of widespread or systematic fraud in Michigan's prosecution of the 2020 election." Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to think the 2020 Presidential election results were legitimate, or does it not make a difference?



Michigan Republicans are saying we need election reform in Michigan. Does hearing the Republican-led Michigan Senate Oversight Committee's eight-month investigation found no evidence of widespread or systematic fraud in Michigan's 2020 election make you more likely or less likely to think we need election reform, or does it not make a difference?



Under the guise of election reform, Michigan Republicans are currently passing election bills that election clerks and voting rights advocates have said will make it more difficult to vote. Does hearing the Republican-led Michigan Senate Oversight Committee's eight-month investigation found no evidence of widespread or systematic fraud in Michigan's 2020 election make you more likely or less likely to support those election bills, or does it not make a difference?

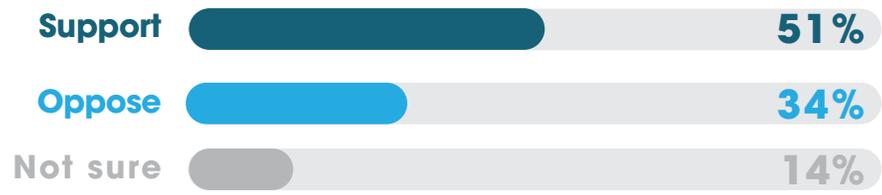




Traditional Infrastructure Bill Popular

The majority of respondents support President Biden's recently announced infrastructure plan that focuses on funding for traditional infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

President Biden has announced an infrastructure plan that would rebuild roads, bridges, and other traditional infrastructure. Do you support or oppose President Biden's infrastructure plan?



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 773 Michigan voters by phone and text from July 5th and July 6th on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.5%

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