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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 30th and 31st.

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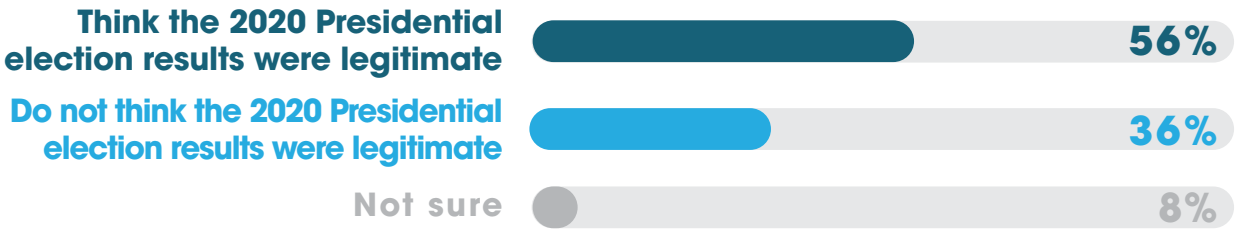




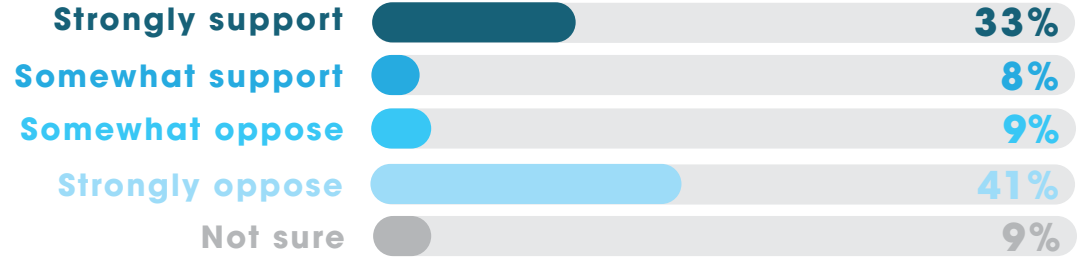
### Respondents Reject GOP Election Bills

Michigan Republican lawmakers have been pushing anti-voter bills for months but the majority of people believe the 2020 election was legitimate and don't want voting rights restricted.

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



Michigan Republicans are working to pass bills that many local clerks and voting rights advocates have said will make it more difficult to vote. Based on what you know, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bill package?

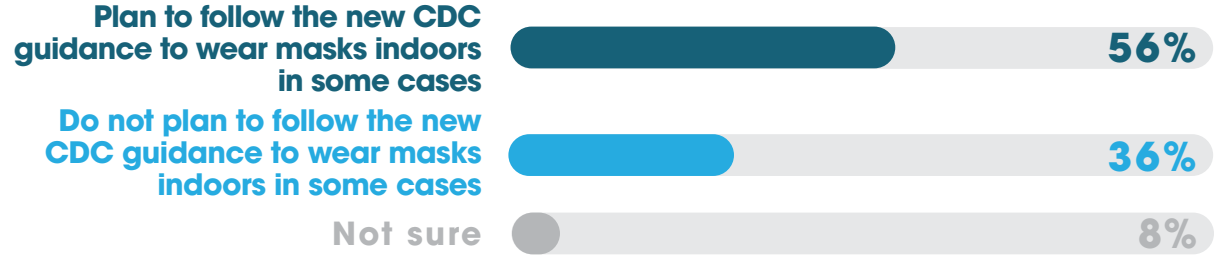




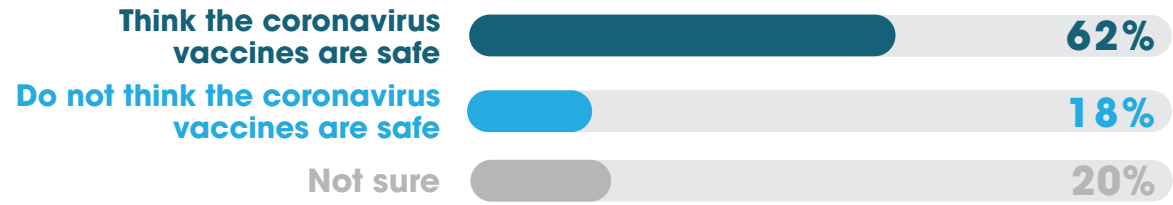
## Michigan Takes COVID-19 Seriously

The CDC recently released new mask guidance based on data about the Delta variant and the majority of Michiganders will continue to follow the science on masks and vaccines. They also aren't impressed with Republican lawmakers' handling of a pandemic that has drastically affected so many lives.

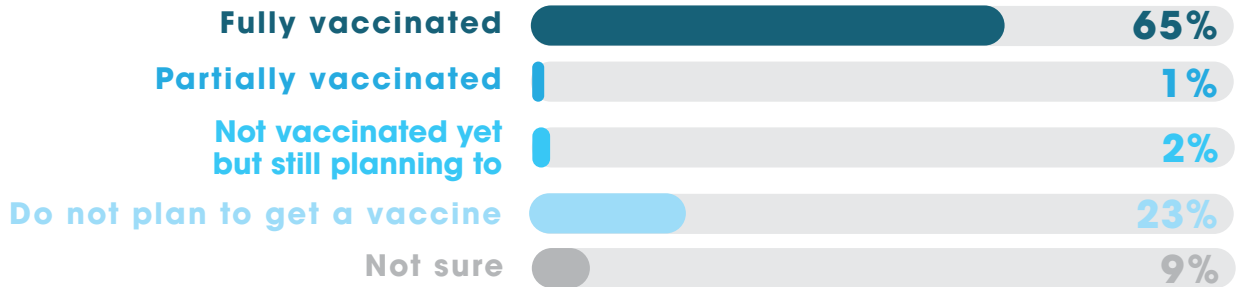
Due to the increase in spread of COVID-19, especially the Delta variant, the CDC recently released new guidance recommending that everyone, including those who have been vaccinated, wear masks indoors in some cases. Do you plan to follow the new CDC guidance to wear masks indoors in some cases, or not?



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

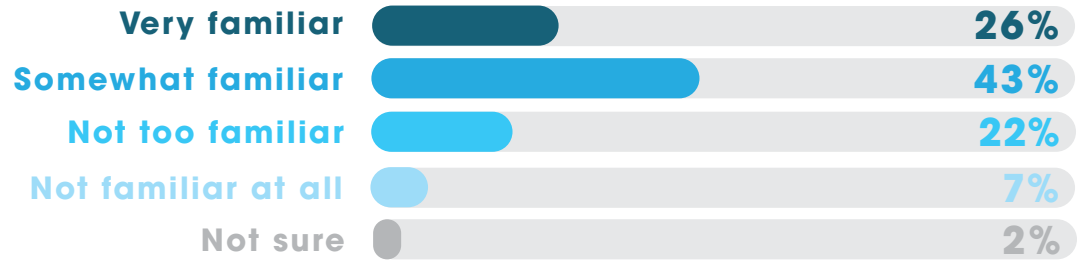




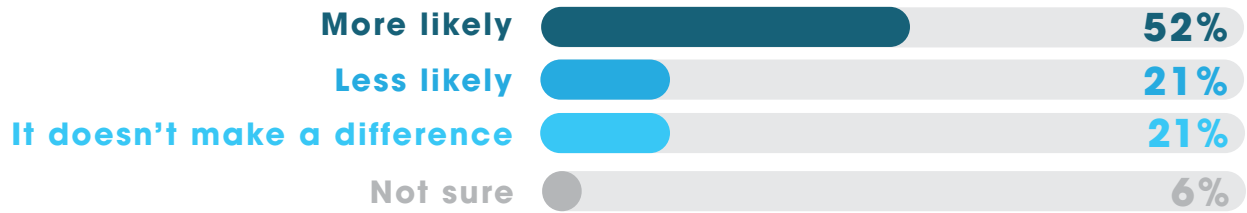
## Michigan Says Tax the Rich to Pay for Infrastructure

President Joe Biden's infrastructure plan continues to be popular, especially when people learn the specifics. The plan is even more popular when respondents, who don't believe the wealthy pay their fair share, will be taxed more to pay for it.

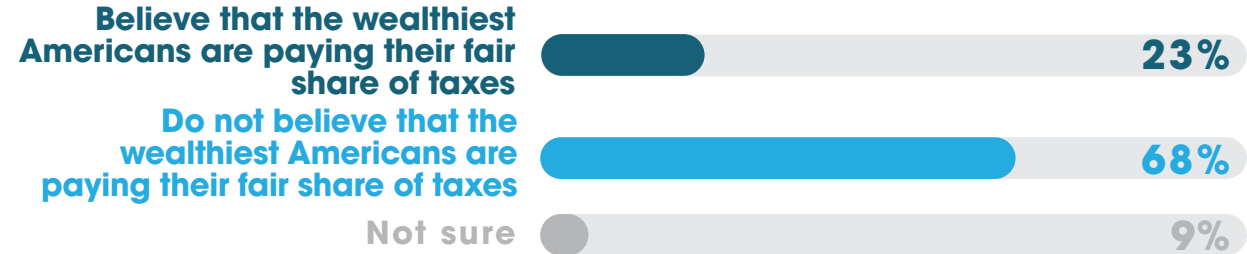
President Biden's American Jobs Plan is intended to address infrastructure, climate change, and job creation. How familiar are you with the specifics of the American Jobs Plan: very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, or not familiar at all?



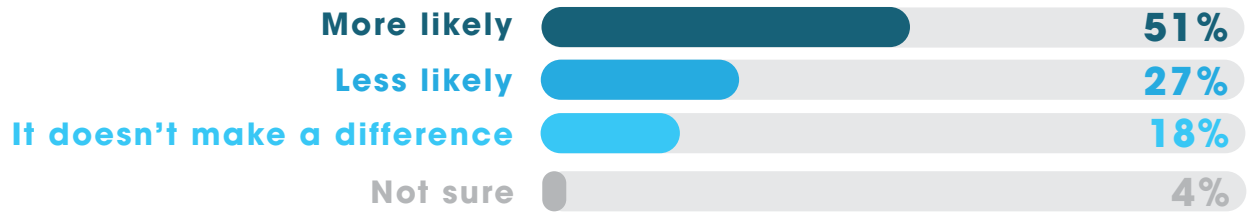
Specifics of President Biden's American Jobs Plan include fixing America's roads, bridges, and ports; rebuilding drinking water infrastructure and renewing our electric grid; and creating caregiving jobs and raising wages and benefits for essential home care workers. Does hearing these specifics make you more likely or less likely to support the American Jobs Plan, or does it not make a difference?



Based on what you know, do you believe that the wealthiest Americans are paying their fair share of taxes, or not?



President Biden's American Jobs Plan can be entirely paid for by raising taxes on the largest corporations and Americans making over \$400,000 a year. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the American Jobs Plan, or does it not make a difference?

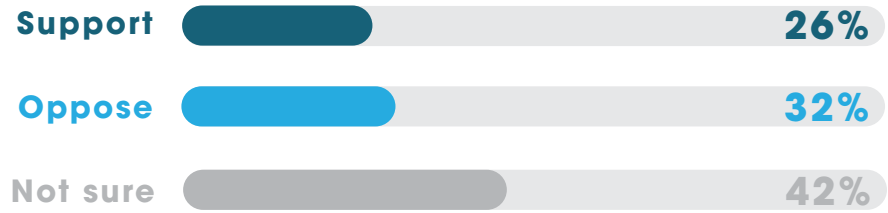




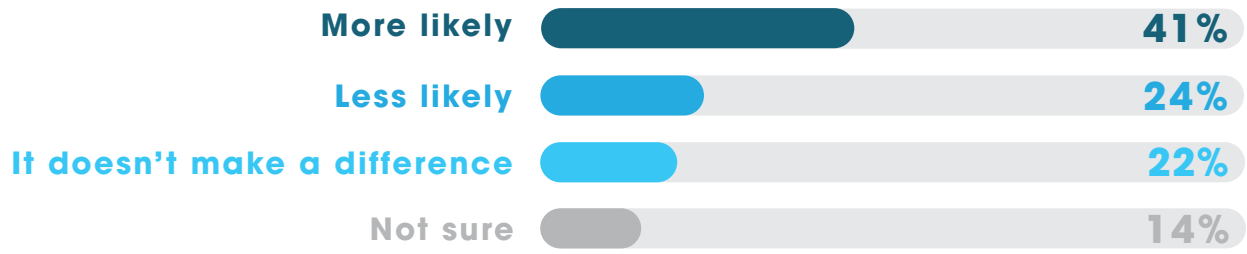
### Education Officials Make Difference in Voucher Veto Opinion

Recently, in a move the public was largely unaware of, Governor Whitmer vetoed a line item in the education budget that would have given Grand Valley State University \$155 million for student literacy programs. Despite the following GOP attempts to paint Whitmer as against teaching kids to read, when Respondents learned more about the issue, they agreed with Whitmer.

Recently, Governor Whitmer approved a \$17 billion education budget but vetoed a Republican-backed proposal to give \$155 million to Grand Valley State University to provide grants for tutoring, after-school programs, or summer school programs to young students struggling with reading. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose Governor Whitmer’s veto of the \$155 million to Grand Valley State University, or are you not sure?



Betsy DeVos and Republican lawmakers have criticized Governor Whitmer’s decision to veto the proposal to give Grand Valley State University \$155 million for reading grants for students, but the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators encouraged the Governor to veto the proposal, saying the \$155 million would be better spent going directly to schools. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the Governor’s decision to veto the proposal, or does it not make a difference?



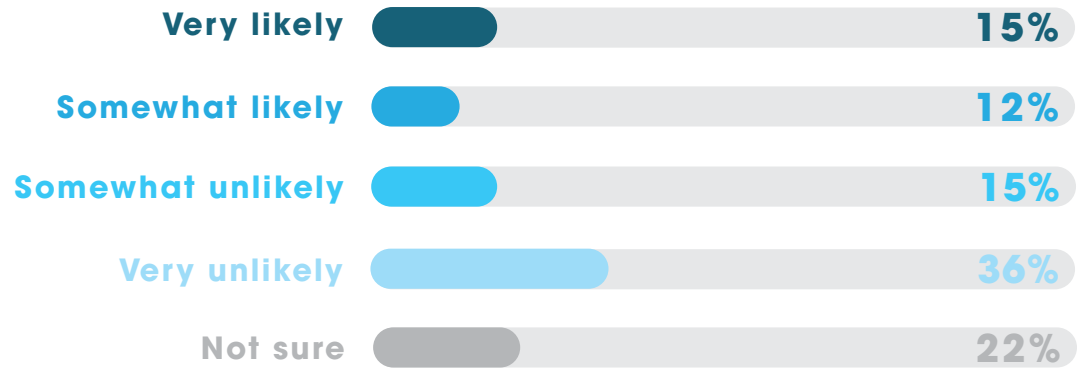




### Respondents Unlikely to Support Craig for Governor

When former Detroit Police Chief James Craig announced his run for governor, the Michigan GOP were hopeful they had a good candidate. The initial take from Michiganders is, “no thanks.”

Former Detroit Police Chief James Craig recently announced he formed an exploratory committee to run for Michigan’s governor. Based on what you know, how likely are you to vote for James Craig for governor: very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?



## 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 652 Michigan voters by phone and text from July 30th and July 31st on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%

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