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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 October
1st and 2nd.

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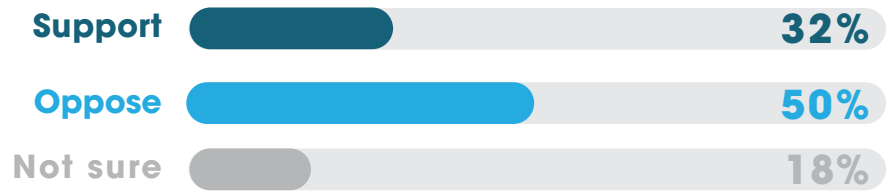




Majority Oppose GOP Ballot Initiative to Change Voting Laws

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Recently, Michigan Republicans announced a ballot initiative to change Michigan's voting laws, that voting rights advocates and local clerks say would make it harder to vote. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose this ballot initiative?

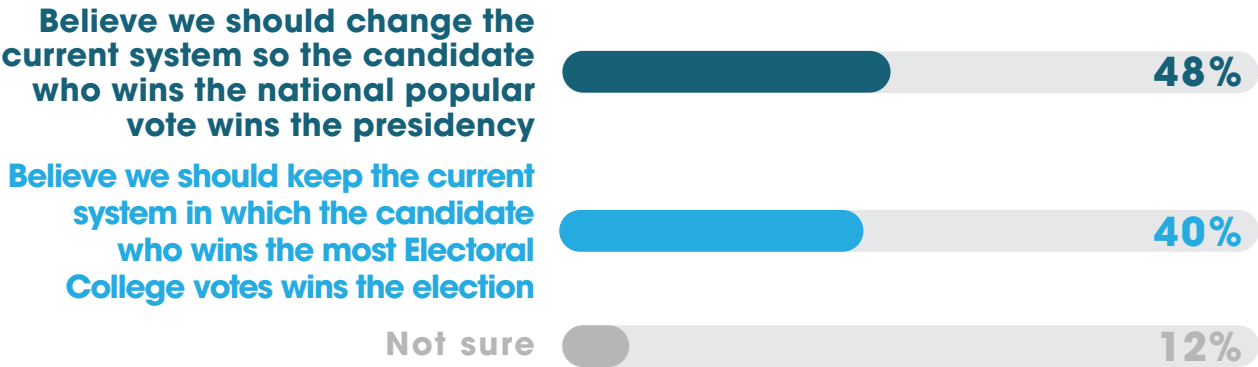




Michiganders Support National Popular Vote for Presidential Elections

Currently the presidency is awarded to the candidate who wins the majority of the Electoral College votes, but the majority of respondents support changing that to the winner of the national popular vote.

Thinking about how the president is elected in this country, do you believe we should change the current system so the candidate who wins the national popular vote wins the election or keep the current system in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election?

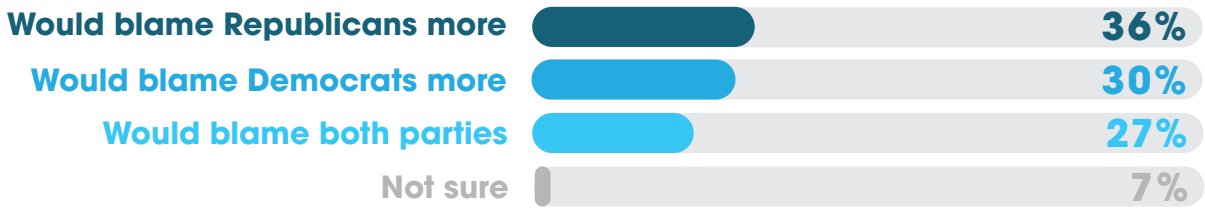




Possible Government Shutdown on GOP's Shoulders

While the yearly debate over the federal budget and the debt ceiling has been kicked down the road a couple months, a slim majority of Michiganders will blame Republicans if the government shuts down and defaults on its loans.

Senate Republicans in Congress have blocked a House-passed bill that would fund the federal government and suspend the U.S. debt ceiling, which gives the government permission to borrow more money to pay off its existing debts. This bill would prevent the U.S. government from shutting down and defaulting on its loans. If the federal government shuts down and defaults on its loan payments, would you blame Republicans more, blame Democrats more, or would you blame both parties?





Utility Companies Accountable for More Reliable Service

In the wake of Michigan's recent historic power outages, respondents strongly favor holding utility companies accountable for providing more reliable service.

In recent months, parts of Michigan have experienced historic power outages. According to the Energy Information Administration, Michigan ranks fourth nationwide for the highest average annual power interruptions, often caused by major weather events. Do you support or oppose government efforts to hold Michigan's utility companies accountable for providing more reliable service to Michiganders?



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 665 Michigan voters by phone and text from October 1st and 2nd on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%

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