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LAKE EFFECT



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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 November 3rd and 4th.

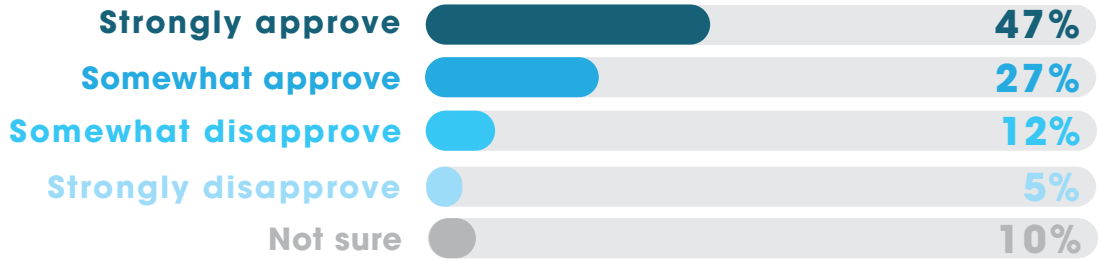




Michiganders Stand Behind Worker Strikes

As Kellogg union workers in Battle Creek continue their strike, joining workers across Michigan and the country striking for better wages, benefits, and working conditions, respondents show strong support for workers' rights.

Kellogg union workers in Battle Creek and across the country have been on strike for nearly a month. They join workers at John Deere and Nabisco who have gone on strike in recent weeks. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of workers going on strike for better wages, benefits, and working conditions?





Respondents Support Additional Spending for Benton Harbor

Michiganders agree with Governor Whitmer that the Michigan legislature should allocate additional funds to replace Benton Harbor's lead pipes.

Governor Whitmer has recently called for the Michigan legislature to allocate an additional \$11.4 million of American Rescue Plan funds to replace all the lead water pipes in Benton Harbor as the city faces an ongoing water crisis. Do you think the legislature should provide the necessary funds to replace Benton Harbor's lead pipes, or not?

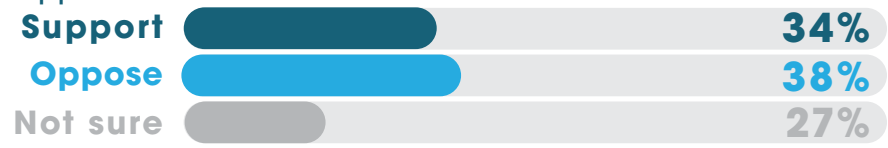




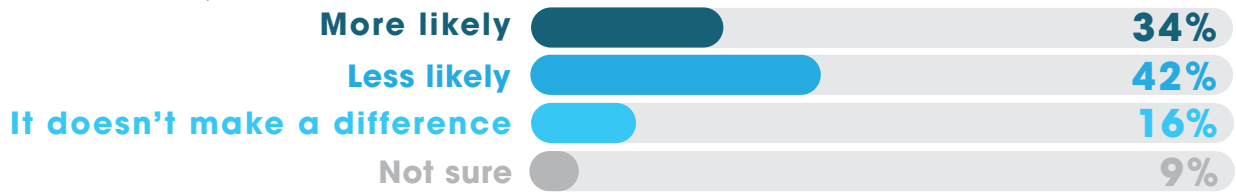
Majority Oppose GOP Ballot Initiative to Change Voting Laws

Michiganders continue to oppose the Republican petition to change voting and election administration laws, and hearing specifics makes them more likely to oppose the initiative.

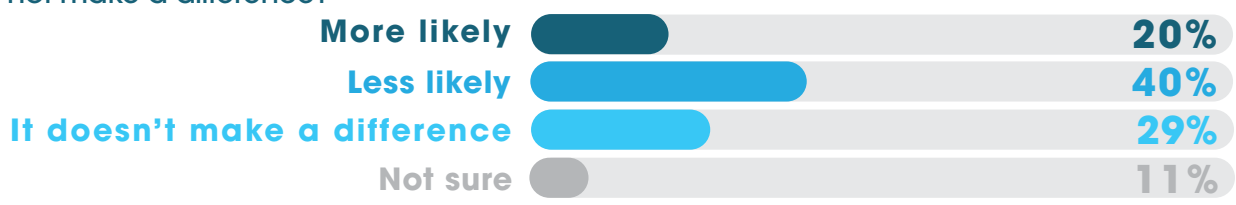
Recently, Michigan Republicans announced a ballot initiative to change multiple Michigan laws about voting and election administration called Secure MI Vote. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose this ballot initiative?



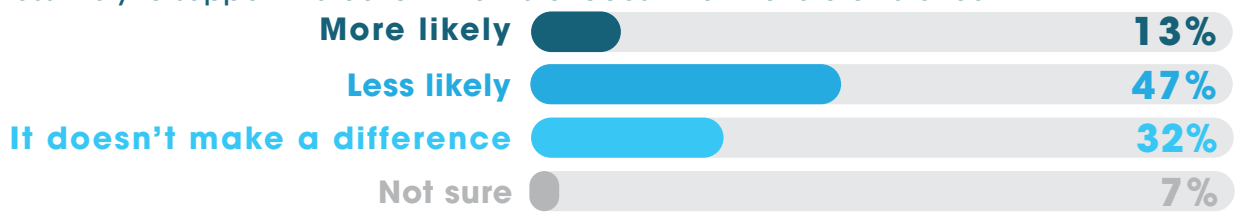
I'm going to tell you some specifics of how the Michigan Republicans' ballot initiative would change Michigan's voting and election administration laws, and then after each one ask if that makes you more likely or less likely to support the ballot initiative, or if it doesn't make a difference. Here's the first one: Change Michigan's existing voter ID law to take away voting options for voters on Election Day and make Michigan's current voter ID law one of the strictest in the country. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the ballot initiative, or does it not make a difference?



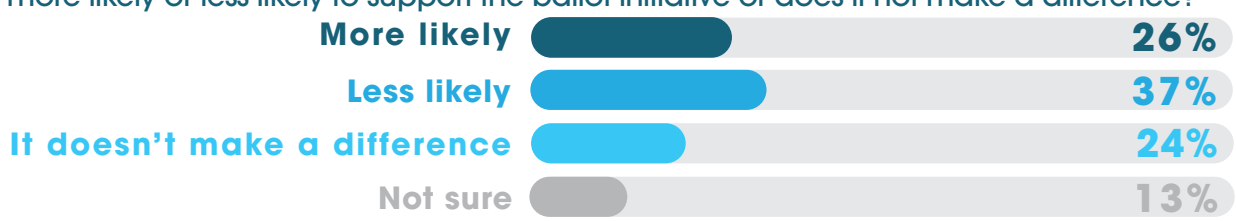
Here's the next one: Ban local election clerks from using volunteers to help run elections. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the ballot initiative, or does it not make a difference?



Here's the next one: Ban local election clerks from using donated spaces, such as churches and other places of worship, as polling locations. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the ballot initiative or does it not make a difference?



Here's the next one: Remove existing sources of funding, such as nonprofit grants, for local elections by prohibiting clerks from accepting those grants. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the ballot initiative or does it not make a difference?

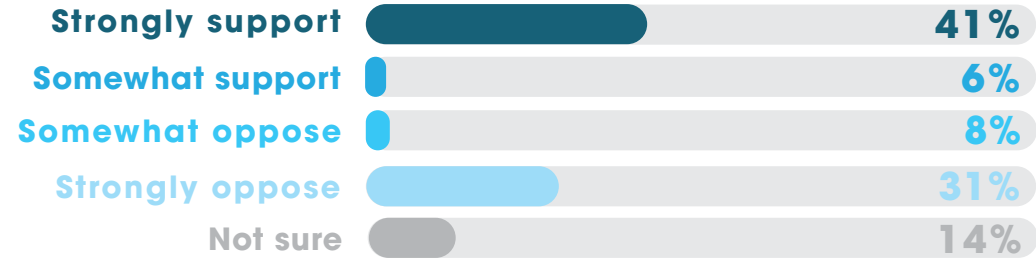




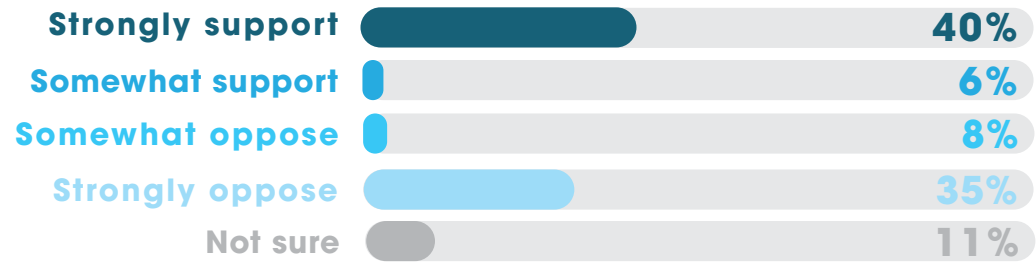
Voters with Whitmer on Vetoes of Republican Voting Bills

Recently, Governor Whitmer vetoed two Republican bills that would have changed Michigan's election laws. Respondents give her a slight leg up on protecting Michigan's voters.

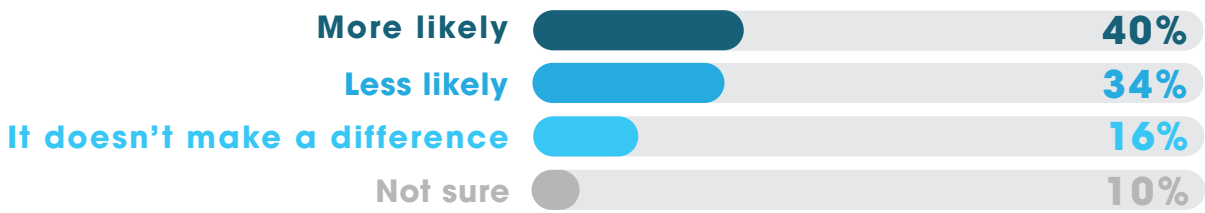
Recently, Governor Whitmer vetoed two Republican bills that would have changed Michigan's election laws, saying the bills "would divert key resources away from ensuring that every qualified Michigan resident can cast a secure ballot." Based on what you know, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Governor Whitmer's veto of these bills?



Governor Whitmer has promised to veto additional Republican bills that would change Michigan laws surrounding voting and election administration. Based on what you know, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Governor Whitmer's veto of these bills?



Voting rights advocates and local election officials have said the Republican voting bills will make it harder for Michiganders to vote. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support Governor Whitmer's veto of these bills, or does it not make a difference?



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 November 3rd and 4th on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%

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