

December 2021 Edition

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 December 2nd and 3rd.

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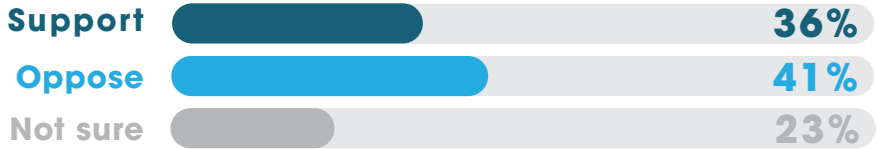




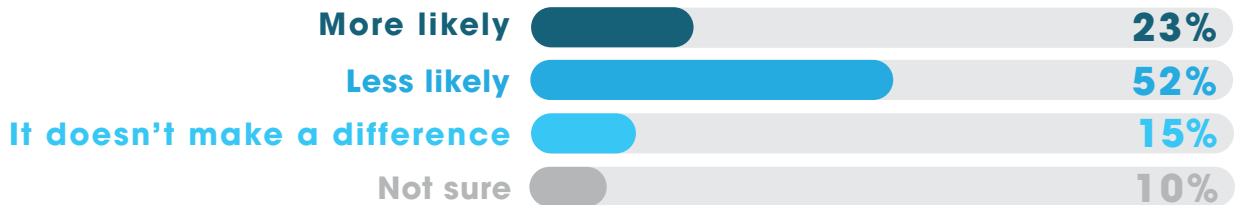
Voters are Against GOP Voting Petition

A majority oppose the petition and telling respondents specifics about the Secure MI Vote petition to change voting laws makes them even less likely to support 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?



The Secure MI Vote ballot proposal would potentially close down polling places, increase the costs of election administration, bar clerks from accepting volunteers or donations for election purposes and take away voting options on Election Day. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the ballot proposal or does it not make a difference?



The bipartisan Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks polled its members and over 80% of respondents were opposed to at least some parts of the Secure MI Vote ballot proposal. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the Secure MI Vote ballot proposal or does it not make a difference?

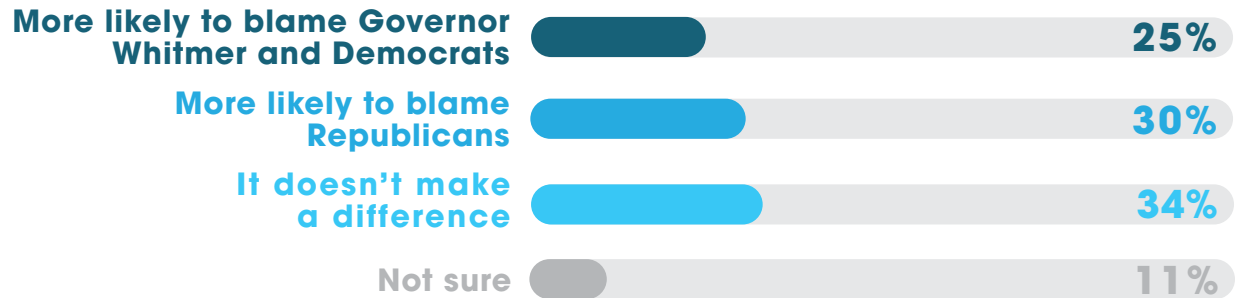




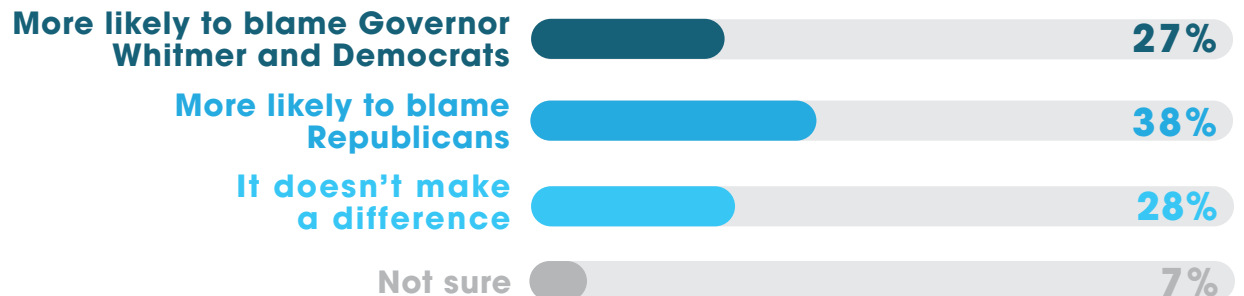
Respondents Blame Slow Rollout of Relief Funds on Republicans

Billions of federal recovery funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, passed in March, remain unallocated. After receiving more information, more respondents believe Republicans are to blame than Governor Whitmer and Democrats for the slow rollout.

Michigan has been slow to allocate federal relief funds, and is currently sitting on billions of unspent federal recovery funds from the American Rescue Plan Act passed in March. Based on what you know, who do you believe is to blame for the hold-up: Governor Whitmer and Democrats, Republicans, or do you believe they all deserve equal blame?



While Governor Whitmer has proposed plans to spend nearly all of the remaining billions in federal relief funds, Michigan Republicans have only proposed plans to spend about half of the remaining billions in federal relief funds. Does hearing this make you more likely to blame Governor Whitmer and Democrats for the hold-up in spending Michigan's billions in federal relief funds, or more likely to blame Republicans, or does it not make a difference?

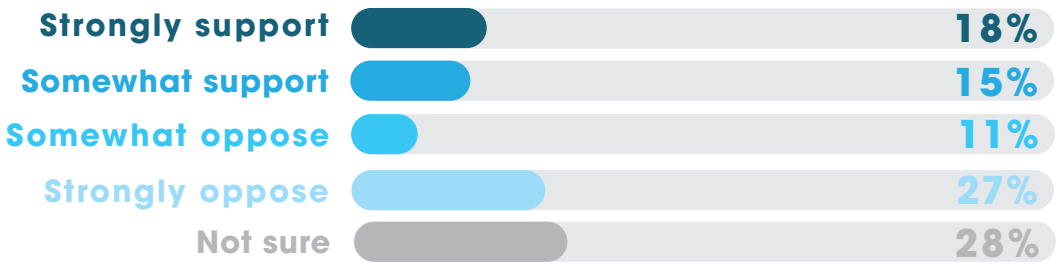




Majority Oppose Mental Health Care Privatization

A majority oppose the GOP proposal to privatize Michigan's Medicaid services for mental and behavioral health, even though many are still unsure about the issue.

Michigan lawmakers have recently proposed legislation privatizing Michigan's Medicaid services for mental and behavioral health care. Based on what you know, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose privatizing Michigan's Medicaid services for mental and behavioral health care?



Republicans are spearheading the legislation to privatize Michigan's Medicaid services for mental and behavioral health care. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support privatizing Michigan's Medicaid services for mental and behavioral health care, 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 685 Michigan voters by phone and text from December 2nd and 3rd on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%

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