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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 January 28th and 29th.

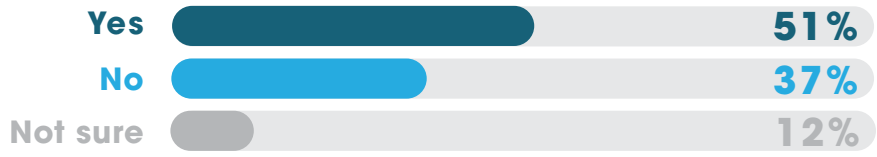




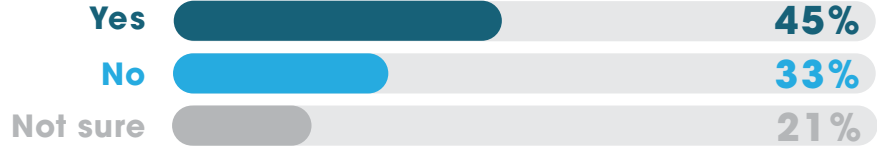
Majority Know Someone Who Has Had an Abortion, Support Self-Managed Options

Not only do a majority of voters know someone who has had an abortion, they also believe self-managed abortion should be an option available to pregnant people.

Do you know someone who has had an abortion?



Self-managed abortion refers to an individual purchasing and taking abortion medications, which have been widely recognized as safe by the medical community and are often prescribed by doctors, received by mail and taken at home rather than going to a medical office. Do you believe self-managed abortion should be an option available to pregnant people, or not?

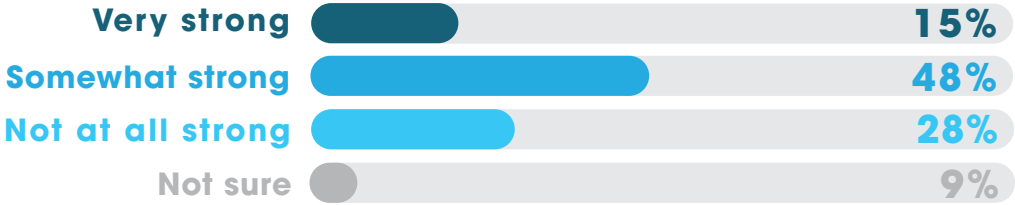




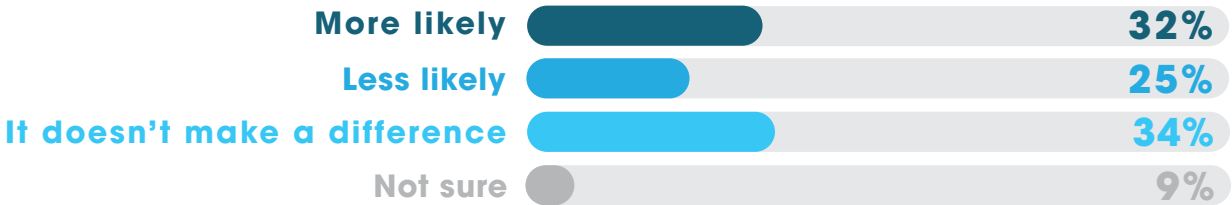
Voters Rate Michigan's Job Market as Strong

The majority of respondents rated the state of jobs in Michigan as very or somewhat strong but were divided on how hearing context about the unemployment rate affected their views.

Based on what you know, would you rate the state of jobs in Michigan as very strong, somewhat strong, or not strong at all?



After peaking in April of 2020 at 23.6%, Michigan's unemployment rate in November of 2021 was 5.9%. The lowest recorded unemployment rate in Michigan ever was 3.2% in February of 2000. Does hearing that Michigan's unemployment rate is down to 5.9% make you more likely or less likely to think the state of jobs in Michigan is good, or does it not make a difference?

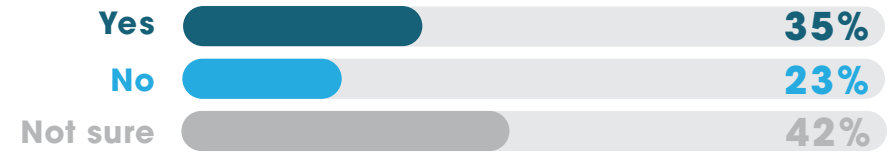




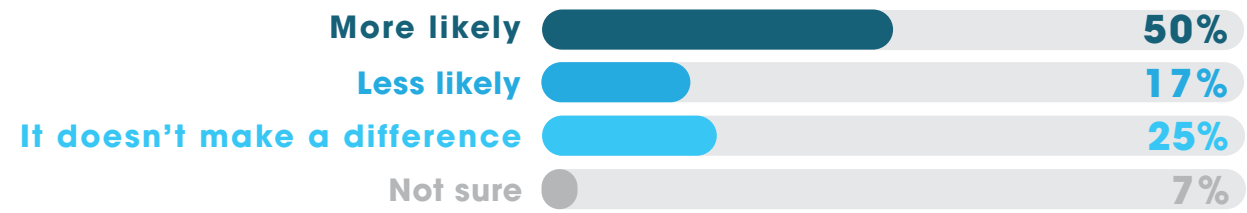
Hearing Details Makes Respondents Want Meshawn Gone

While the majority of voters were initially unsure if Meshawn Maddock deserved to be removed from her position of Michigan Republican Party Co-chair, hearing more about her actions made half of them more likely to believe she should be removed.

Based on what you know, do you believe that Michigan Republican Party Co-chair Meshawn Maddock should resign or be forcibly removed from her position, or not?



Meshawn Maddock has acknowledged coordinating with the Trump campaign to overturn Michigan's 2020 presidential election results and organized buses to Washington, D.C. on January 6th 2021, and she recently made a racist comment about Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to think that Meshawn Maddock should resign or be removed from her position as co-chair of the Michigan Republican Party, or does it not make a difference?

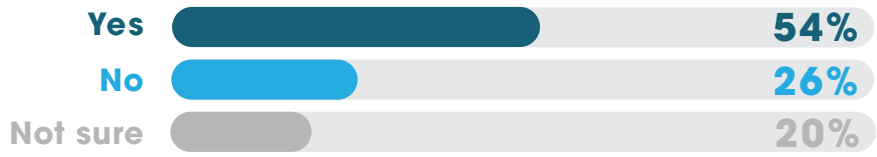




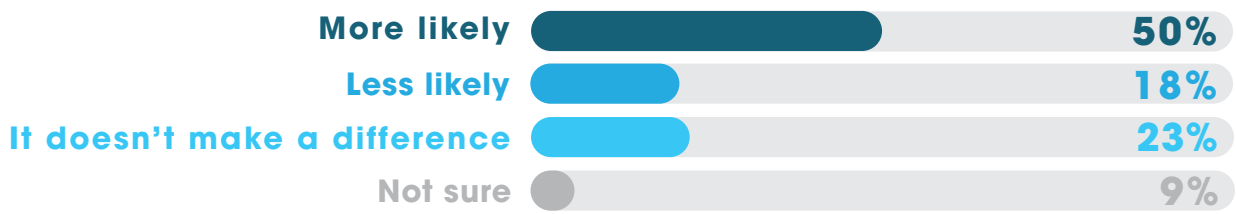
Majority Say Republican False Electors Deserve Criminal Charges

As more details come to light about the 16 Republicans who submitted false certificates claiming they were Michigan's presidential electors, the majority of Michiganders say they should be criminally charged.

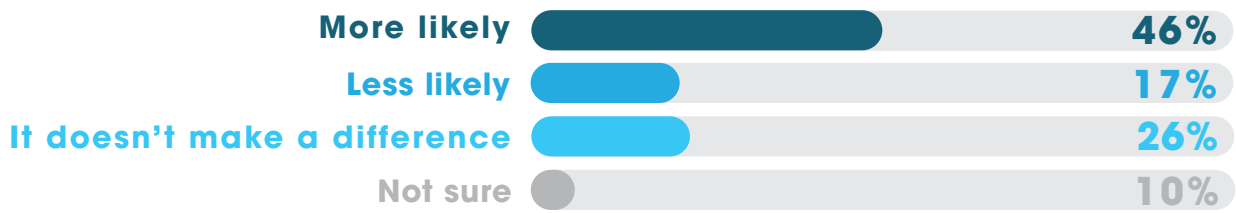
Based on what you know, do you believe the 16 Republicans who submitted false certificates stating they were Michigan's presidential electors despite Joe Biden winning Michigan by 154,000 votes should be criminally charged, or not?



Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel says there was forgery of a public record and election law forgery, and has referred the matter to federal law enforcement for investigation and potential prosecution. Does hearing this make you more or less likely to think these 16 Republicans should be criminally charged, or does it not make a difference?



Meshawn Maddock, the MIGOP Co-chair and 1 of the 16 Republicans who submitted the false certificates stating they were Michigan's presidential electors, has admitted the Trump campaign asked her to do so. Does hearing this make you more or less likely to think these 16 Republicans should be criminally charged, or does it not make a difference?

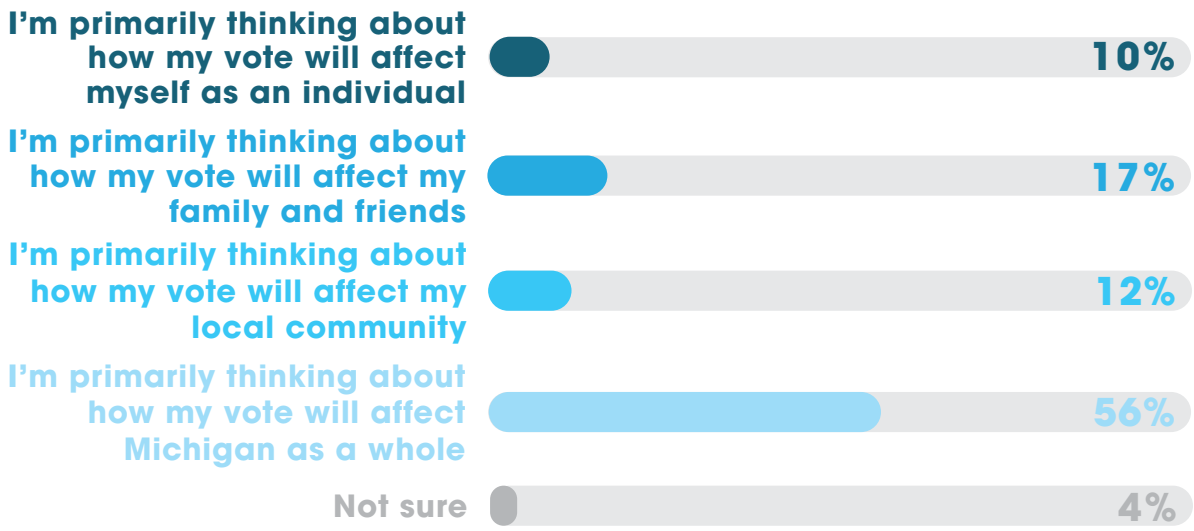




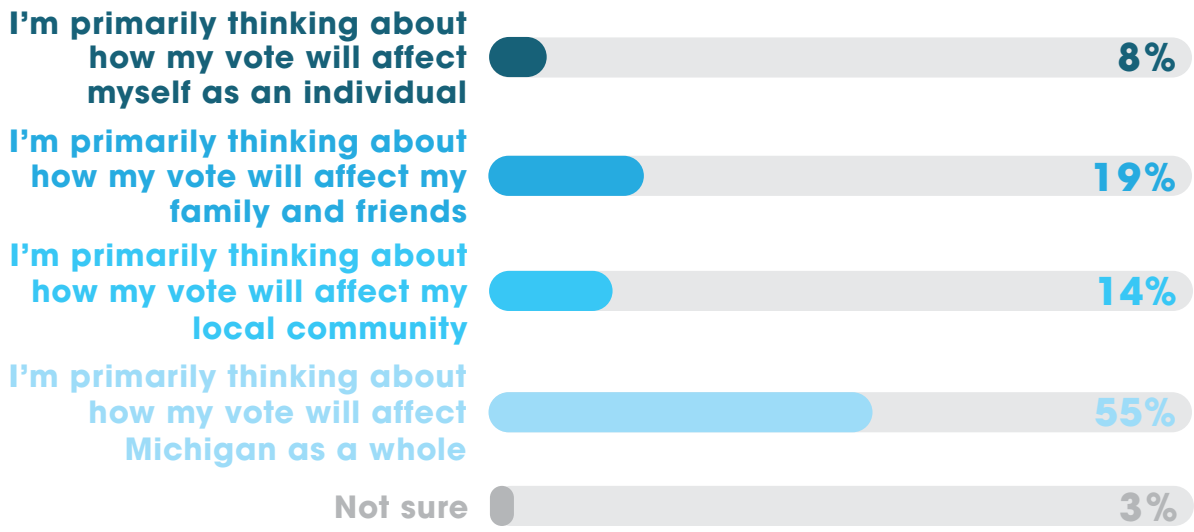
Michiganders Care About the Whole State

On a variety of top issues, Michiganders are thinking about the entire state more than themselves, their family and friends, or their local community when deciding who to vote for.

When you're deciding which candidate to vote for, are you primarily thinking about how your vote will affect yourself as an individual, how your vote will affect your family and friends, how your vote will affect your local community, or how your vote will affect Michigan as a whole?



Jobs are often listed as a top concern of voters. When you're thinking about jobs in relation to which candidate to vote for, are you primarily thinking about your job, your family's and friend's jobs, jobs in your local community, or jobs across Michigan?



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 754 Michigan voters by phone and text from January 28th and January 29th on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%.

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