

March 2022 Edition

# LAKE EFFECT

A stylized map of Michigan in dark teal, with a light blue wave-like graphic representing a lake effect extending from the western coast.

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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 March 3-4, 2022.

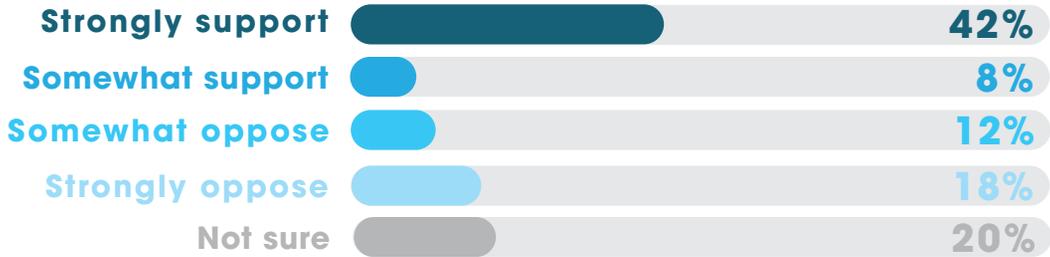




### Michiganders Say Confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

The majority of respondents believe the Senate should confirm President Biden's nominee to replace Justice Breyer on the Supreme Court.

President Biden's Supreme Court Justice nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is the daughter of public school teachers, a former clerk for Justice Breyer, and has been confirmed by the Senate on a bipartisan basis three times for federal appointments. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Senate confirming her to replace Justice Breyer on the Supreme Court?

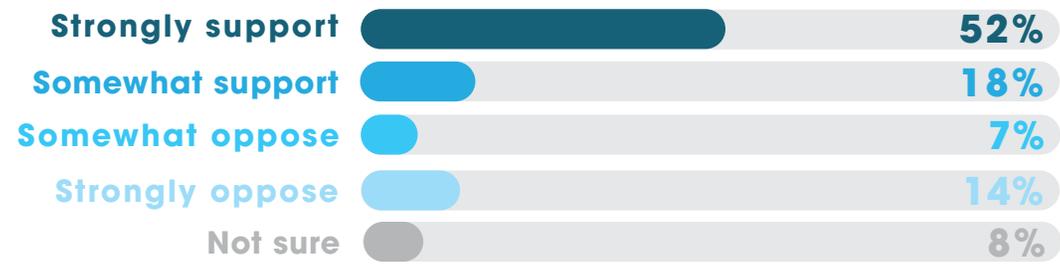




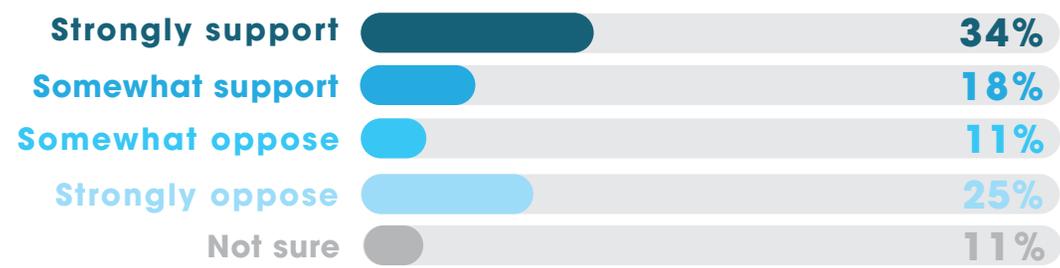
### Michiganders Support Common Sense Gun Safety Laws

When thinking about how to address the problem of gun violence, the majority of Michiganders strongly or somewhat support safe storage and extreme risk protection order laws.

When thinking about the problem of gun violence, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose legislation that would hold gun owners responsible if their firearm isn't safely stored and is used in the commission of a crime or accident involving a minor?



Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose legislation that would allow a judge to issue an extreme risk protection order to allow law enforcement to take temporary possession of an individual's firearms?





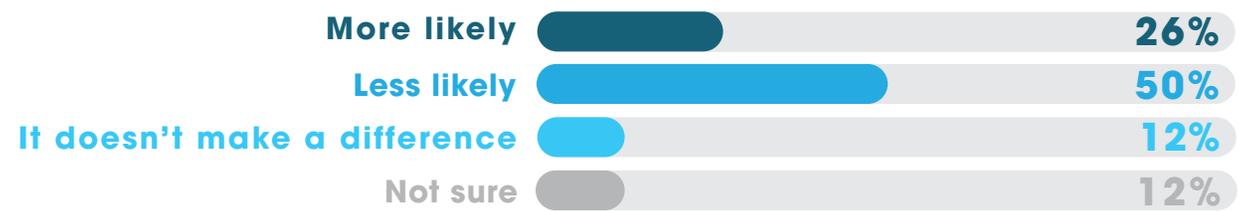
### Majority Unclear on Let MI Kids Learn, But Less Likely to Support after Learning More

Many voters still seem unsure what the Republican-led ballot initiative will do, but after learning more a strong majority are less likely to support it.

Based on what you know, do you support or oppose the Let MI Kids Learn ballot initiative?



The Let MI Kids Learn ballot initiative will create a voucher system in Michigan, taking taxpayer dollars away from public schools and giving them to private schools. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the Let MI Kids Learn ballot initiative or does it not make a difference?





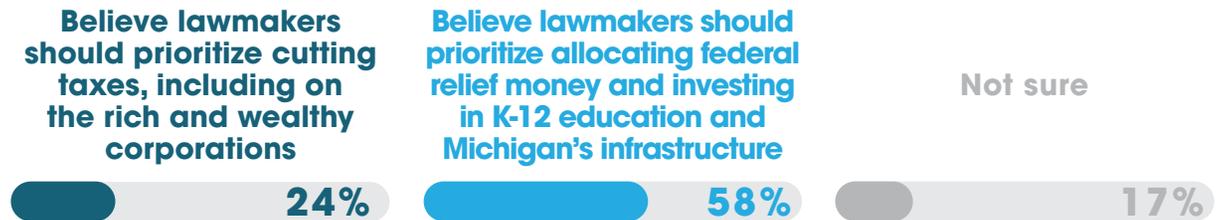
## Economy, Voting Rights, Infrastructure, K-12 Education Matter Most to Voters

When asked to rate their most important and second most important issues, Michigan voters rank the economy, voting rights, and infrastructure at the top of their lists. The majority also believe lawmakers should prioritize investing federal relief funds in K-12 education and infrastructure before looking to cut taxes.

Of the following issues, which one would you say is most important to you personally: strengthening the economy, increasing the minimum wage, improving Michigan's infrastructure, ensuring access to safe abortions, protecting voting rights, investing in K-12 education, reforming the criminal justice system, reducing crime, immigration, or something else?



When thinking about what Michigan lawmakers should prioritize this year, which of the following statements comes closer to your view: lawmakers should prioritize cutting taxes, including on the rich and wealthy corporations, or, lawmakers should prioritize allocating federal relief money and investing in K-12 education and Michigan's infrastructure?





## Majority Disagree with GOP Attorney General Candidates on Access to Contraceptives

The majority of respondents disagree with GOP attorney general candidates who supported overturning a federal ruling protecting access to contraceptives and agree with AG Dana Nessel that all Michiganders should be protected from discrimination regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.

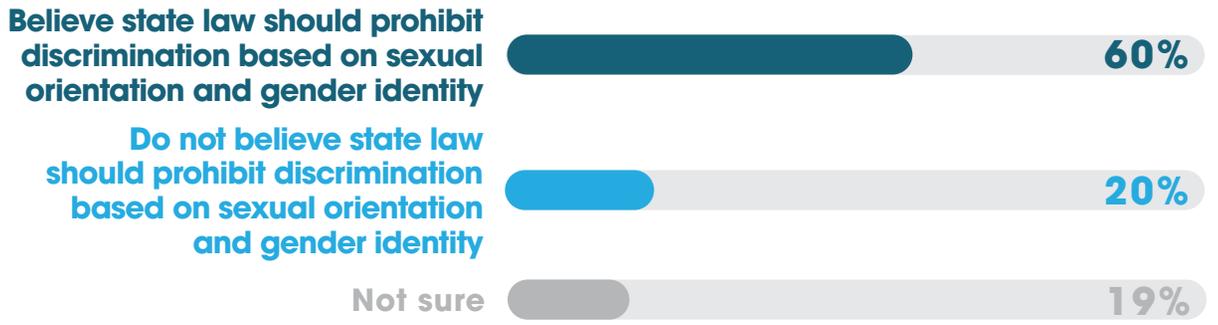
Do you believe states should be able to limit or ban access to contraceptives such as birth control and condoms, or not?



All three Republican candidates for Attorney General have said they oppose a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling that protects access to contraceptives. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support the Republican candidates for Attorney General, or does it not make a difference?



Do you believe state law should prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, education, public accommodations, and public services, or not?



## 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 surveys registered voters across Michigan about their opinions on important issues and public figures in the state. These newsletters break down the results and provide readers with key takeaways and analysis from the data.

## About This Study

PPP interviewed 772 Michigan voters by phone and text March 3 -4, 2022 on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.5%.

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