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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 April 5-6, 2022.

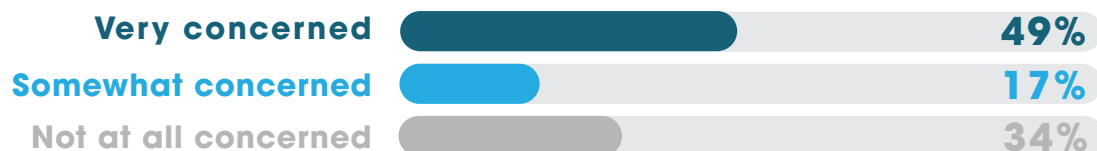




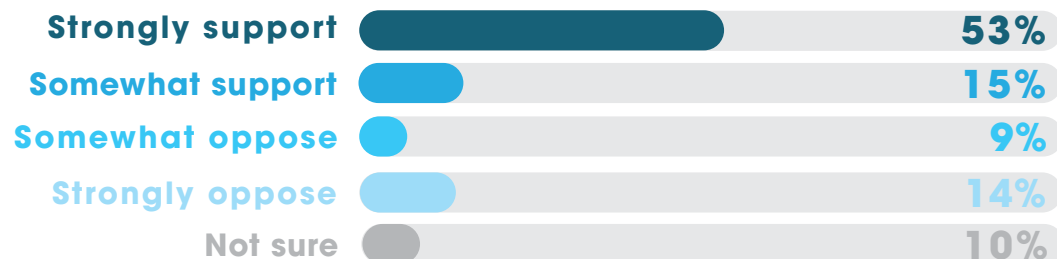
Strong Support for Abortion Access

The majority of Michiganders were very or somewhat concerned about the U.S. Supreme Court reversing Roe v. Wade and a strong majority want to see abortion access protected.

If the Supreme Court reverses Roe v. Wade, a national court case that legalized abortion, Michigan would go back to an old law that made abortion illegal and threatens doctors who perform abortion procedures with prison. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned about abortion becoming illegal in Michigan?



A recently announced ballot initiative would affirm every person's fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which means the right to make and carry out decisions regarding birth control, abortion, prenatal care, and childbirth without political interference. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this ballot initiative?

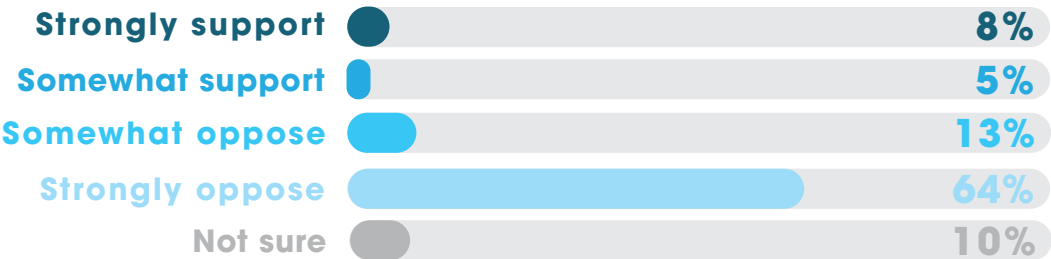




Strong Opposition to Ballot Initiative Loophole

The MI GOP have repeatedly said they plan to pass several ballot initiatives through the legislature without sending them for a statewide vote, and Michiganders strongly oppose the use of this legislative loophole.

There are a handful of ballot initiatives in Michigan that are currently gathering signatures with the idea of never allowing the people of Michigan to vote on the proposals, but rather using a loophole that allows the legislature to adopt the proposal with a simple majority. If the legislature adopts these proposals, the Governor cannot veto them and the people of Michigan will never be able to vote on them. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the idea of the legislature passing ballot initiatives without a vote of the people?





Michiganders Strongly Support Whitmer Infrastructure Initiative

The majority of voters support Whitmer's Building Michigan Together Plan and strongly support the individual provisions.

Governor Whitmer recently signed the Building Michigan Together Plan, a \$4.8 billion supplemental spending bill funding a variety of infrastructure initiatives and largely paid for by pandemic relief funds. Based on what you know, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Building Michigan Together Plan?

Support/Somewhat Support **55%**

I'm going to read you some specific provisions from the Building Michigan Together Plan and then ask if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose them. Here's the first one: water infrastructure improvements including replacing lead service lines, assisting communities with toxic contaminants like PFAS, repairing failing septic systems, and repairing dams.

Support/Somewhat Support **87%**

Here's the next one: infrastructure improvements including roads and bridges, public transportation, and making state transportation infrastructure more resilient to future flooding events.

Support/Somewhat Support **85%**

Here's the next one: investments in state parks and local park systems.

Support/Somewhat Support **75%**

Here's the next one: expanding high-speed internet access to more households and small businesses.

Support/Somewhat Support **74%**

Here's the next one: investments on housing in underserved rural and urban areas, rental assistance to help tenants, and foreclosure assistance to help homeowners.

Support/Somewhat Support **59%**

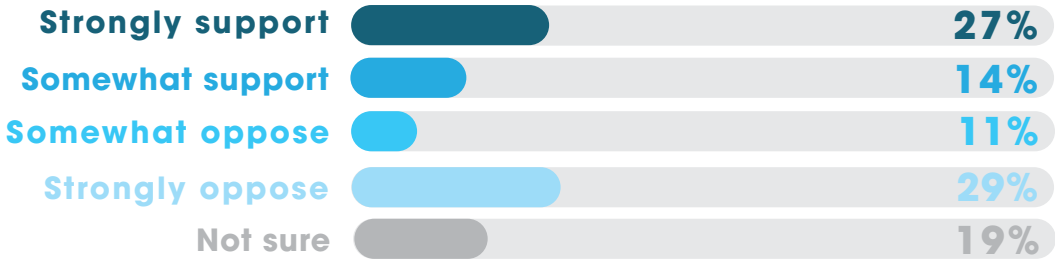
For full results of responses, please see the full survey, [click here](#).



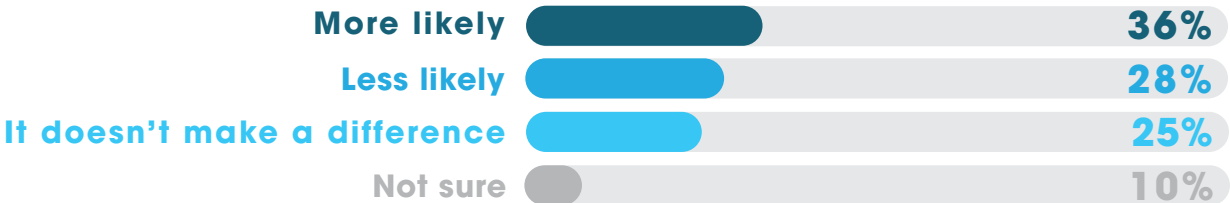
Details Create More Support for Whitmer Veto of GOP Tax Cuts

Respondents are initially split on support for Governor Whitmer's veto of Republican's proposed tax cuts, but learning more details makes them more likely to support her veto.

Based on what you know, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Governor Whitmer's veto of the Republican-led legislature's proposed \$2.5 billion tax cut plan?



Governor Whitmer called the Republican plan "fiscally irresponsible," saying it would have created a "recurring, multibillion-dollar hole" in the state budget that would affect school funding, police funding, infrastructure funding, and other basic state government functions. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support Governor Whitmer's veto of the Republican-led legislature's \$2.5 billion tax cut plan, or does it not make a difference?

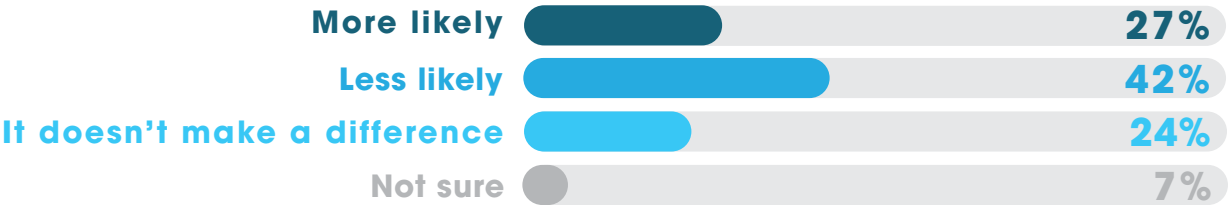




Trump Endorsement Makes Majority Less Likely to Support a Candidate

The majority of respondents are less likely to support a candidate that former President Trump has endorsed.

If President Trump endorsed a candidate for office, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate, or would 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 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 719 Michigan voters by phone and text April 5-6, 2022 on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%

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For results of additional questions asked in this survey, [click here.](#)