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# LAKE EFFECT



What's Inside



# 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 April 29-30, 2022.

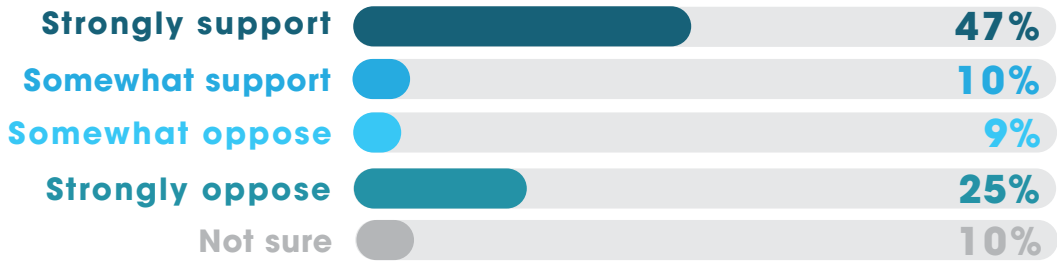
## In this issue



## Michiganders Support Petition Protecting Abortion Access

The majority of Michiganders strongly or somewhat support a ballot initiative amending the state constitution to make reproductive freedom a right.

The Reproductive Freedom for All initiative would amend Michigan's constitution to make reproductive freedom a right, protecting the right to an abortion as the U.S. Supreme Court discusses overturning Roe v. Wade. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this initiative?



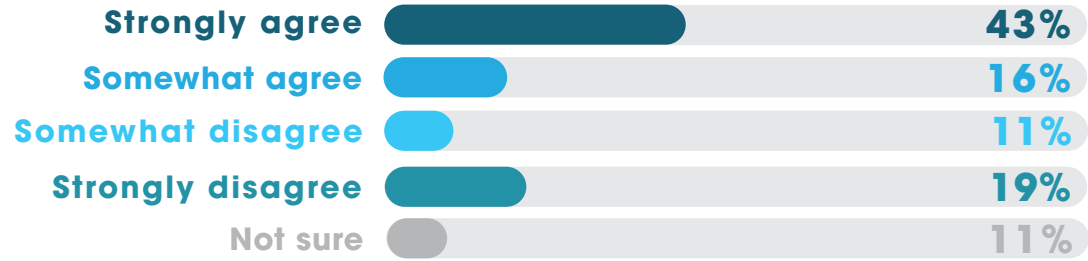
*Note: This survey was taken before the U.S. Supreme Court leak regarding Roe v. Wade.*



## Majority Support Police Reform

Democratic lawmakers have introduced multiple bills for police reform and accountability. The majority of Michiganders want Republican lawmakers to stop standing in the way of progress.

Earlier this month, a young black man named Patrick Lyoya was shot in the back of the head and killed by a Grand Rapids police officer at a routine traffic stop. Republican lawmakers have continued to prevent reforms that might have stopped Patrick Lyoya from being killed and might protect future victims of police violence. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that police reforms are necessary to protect Black Michiganders and hold police accountable?





## Michiganders Don't Fall for GOP Cultural Outrage Stunts

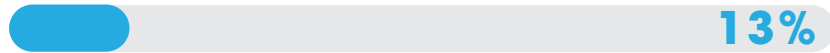
Despite Republicans trying to turn history lessons and LGBTQ representation in classrooms into wedge issues, Michiganders overwhelmingly want lawmakers to focus on real issues.

I'm going to read you two statements, and then ask you which comes closer to your view. Here's the first statement: Michigan lawmakers should focus their time and effort on what is happening in schools regarding history lessons and LGBTQ representation. Here's the second statement: Michigan lawmakers should focus their time and effort on other issues such as fixing roads, lowering healthcare costs, and addressing the teacher shortage. Which do you agree with more?

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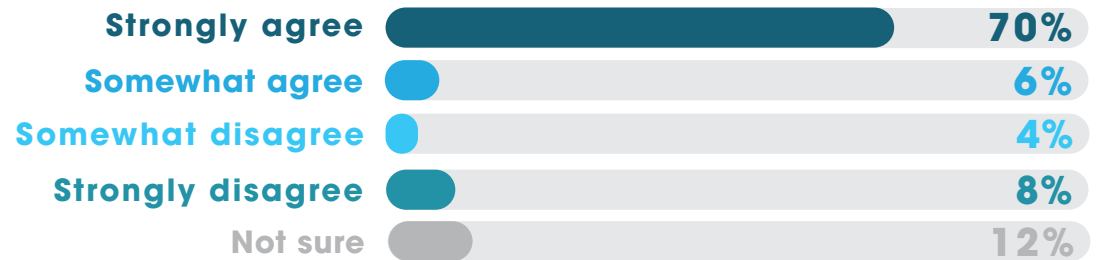
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Not Sure



Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: People who are not straight, white, or Christian are not the reason our roads are in bad shape, or the reason healthcare costs are too high, or the reason we have a teacher shortage.







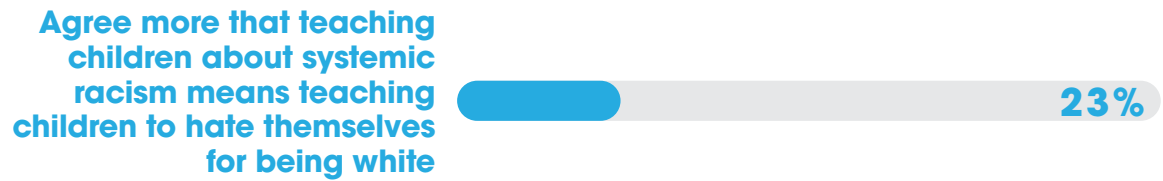
## Respondents Say Teach About Slavery and Systemic Racism

A strong majority of Michiganders support lessons with an accurate depiction of slavery and systemic racism in the United States.

I'm going to read you two statements, and then ask you which comes closer to your view. Here's the first statement: children should be taught an accurate history about slavery in the United States. Here's the second statement: teaching children an accurate history about slavery in the United States means teaching children that they are responsible for slavery. Which do you agree with more?



I'm going to read you two statements, and then ask you which comes closer to your view. Here's the first statement: children should be taught about systemic racism. Here's the second statement: teaching children about systemic racism means teaching children to hate themselves for being white. Which do you agree with more?

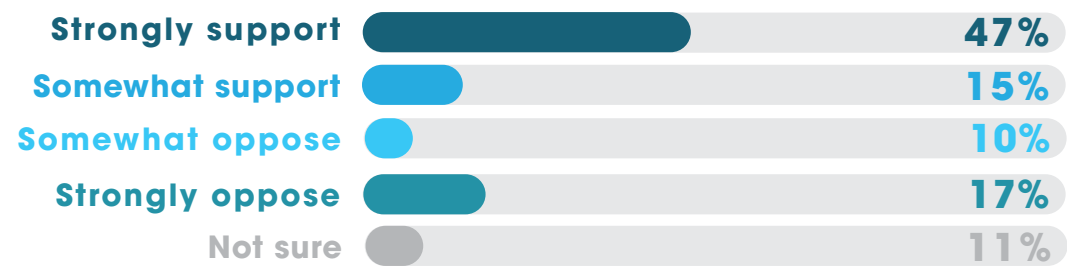




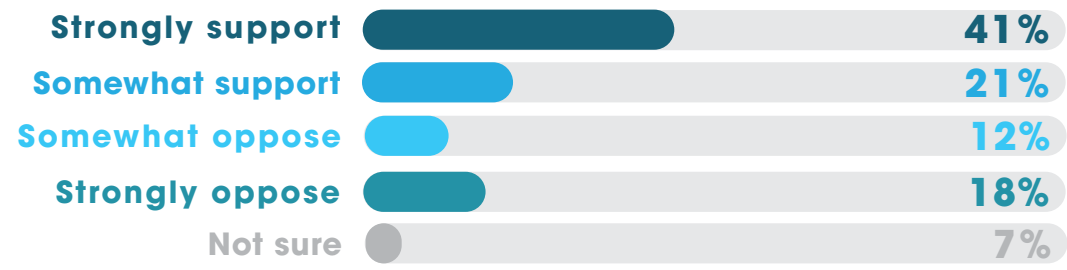
## Voters Support Progressive Ballot Initiatives, Reject GOP School Voucher Petition

The majority of respondents support ballot initiatives to protect and expand voting rights and raise the minimum wage and oppose an unaccountable scholarship program that would drain money from public schools.

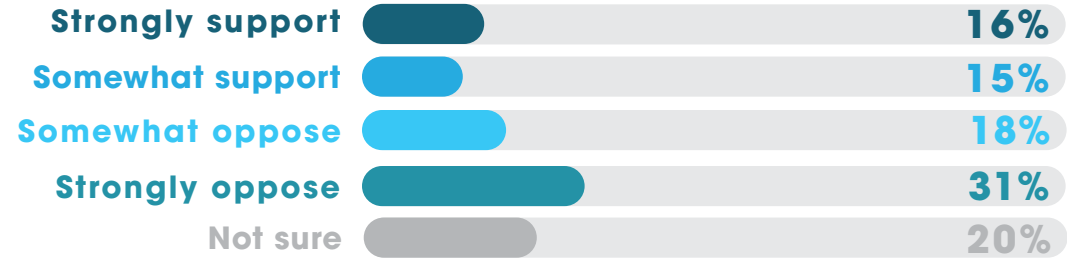
The Promote the Vote ballot initiative would enshrine a fundamental right to vote in the Michigan Constitution, preserve current voting options on Election Day, allow absentee ballots to be sent directly to voters on the permanent absentee voter list, and create nine days of in-person, early voting that will look like voting in your polling location. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this initiative?



The Raise the Wage MI initiative would increase Michigan's minimum wage to \$15 per hour over five years, starting at \$11 in 2023. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this initiative?



The Let MI Kids Learn initiative would create a scholarship program to assist families with public and private tuition and other education-related costs. This program would be funded by contributions from individuals and corporations, who would receive a tax credit for their donations, and would be run by private organizations. Due to the lost tax revenue, the program is expected to drain \$1 billion from the state's public education fund over the next five years. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this initiative?

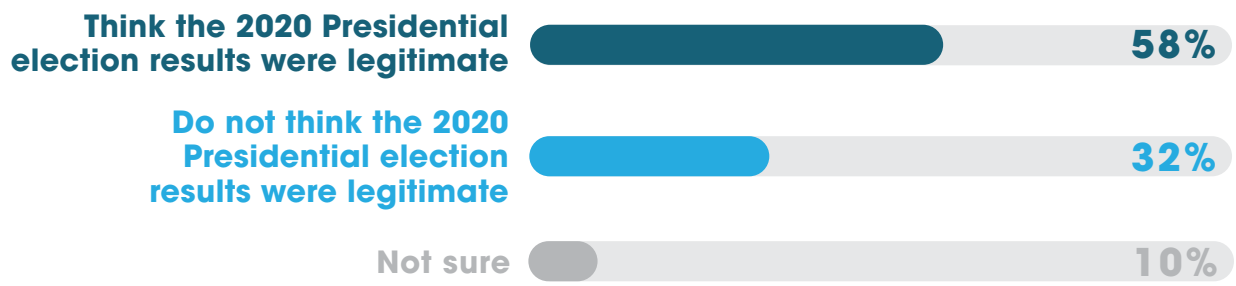




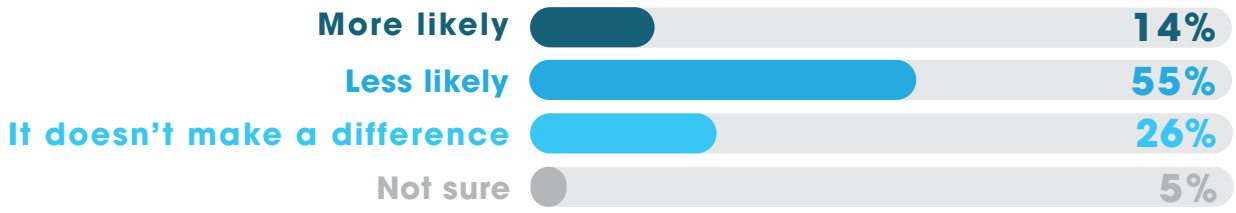
## Voters Reject Trump and the Big Lie

The majority of respondents do not believe the Big Lie and are less likely to support candidates who do as well as candidates endorsed by Trump.

Do you think the 2020 Presidential election results were legitimate, or not?



If a candidate for public office pushed the false theory that the 2020 election results were fraudulent, would you be more likely or less likely to support that candidate, or would it not make a difference?



If Donald 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 849 Michigan voters by phone and text April 29-30, 2022 on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.4%

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