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Welcome to Lake Effect,
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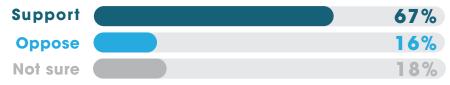
Michiganders Strongly Support Gun Violence Reduction Legislation

In the wake of the tragic school shooting in Texas, Democratic state lawmakers attempted to take action on existing pending legislation to reduce gun violence, while Republicans opposed this. Michiganders strongly support both the specific bills and the legislature taking action on them.

After the recent tragic school shooting in Texas that left 19 children and two teachers dead, Democrats in the Michigan State Senate attempted to pass common sense legislation to prevent gun violence, while Republican state senators opposed these efforts. Do you support or oppose Michigan state lawmakers passing common sense legislation to reduce gun violence?

Support	55%
Oppose	27%
Not sure	18%

One of the gun violence prevention measures awaiting action in the Michigan legislature would require gun owners to safely store their firearms and would hold them liable if their firearm was used in an accident involving a minor or in the commission of a crime. Do you support or oppose this measure?



Another of the gun violence prevention measures awaiting action in the Michigan legislature would allow a judge to issue an extreme risk protection order to allow law enforcement to take temporary possession of an individual's firearm if they are proven to be a danger to themselves or others. Do you support or oppose this measure?

Support	64%
Oppose	21%
Not sure	16%



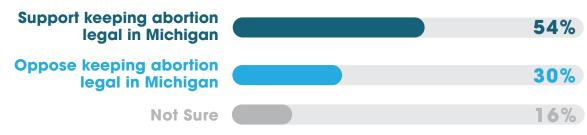


Voters Support Protecting Abortion Access

Michiganders oppose overturning Roe v. Wade and support nullifying the 1931 Michigan law that would make abortion illegal if Roe v. Wade is overturned. A leaked draft of a U.S. Supreme Court decision has indicated the Court will overturn Roe v. Wade, the ruling that legalized abortion in the U.S., in the coming weeks. Do you support or oppose the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade?



If Roe v. Wade is overturned, a 1931 law in Michigan will make abortion illegal, including in cases of rape and incest. Do you support or oppose efforts to nullify this law and keep abortion legal in Michigan?



When thinking about the 2022 election, does the issue of abortion make you very motivated to vote, somewhat motivated to vote, or not at all motivated to vote?

Very motivated	48%
Somewhat motivated	18%
Not at all motivated	27%
Not sure	6%





Respondents Say Yes to Additional Election Funds

Michiganders think the state legislature should allocate the additional funds for election administration requested by Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has asked the GOP-led state legislature for \$100 million in extra funds to assist county and municipal clerks in running our elections. Do you support or oppose the legislature allocating these additional funds to assist county and municipal clerks in running our elections?

Support	45%
Oppose	30%
Not Sure	25%





Voters Prefer Whitmer Tax Rebate to GOP Tax Cut

While many are still unsure, a majority of those who have made up their minds about this issue prefer the state's temporary budget surplus be used for rebates rather than a delayed income tax reduction.

Michigan currently has a temporary budget surplus largely due to federal coronavirus relief packages. Republican lawmakers have recently proposed reducing the state income tax from 4.25% to 4% starting in 2023, which could force multi-million dollar spending cuts in future state budgets. Governor Whitmer has proposed using the temporary budget surplus to give every Michigander a \$500 tax rebate immediately. Between those two options, do you prefer the income tax reduction in 2023, or the immediate \$500 tax rebate?

Prefer income tax reduction	40%
Prefer the \$500 tax rebate	44%
Not Sure	17%



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Majority Say GOP Candidates Using Forged Signatures Should Be Kept Off the Ballot

The majority of respondents agree with the recent decision that the five GOP gubernatorial candidates found to have submitted thousands of forged signatures should be kept off the ballot.

Recently, five Republican candidates for Governor were removed from the ballot because their petitions for ballot access were found to contain tens of thousands of forged signatures. Several have sued, asking the court to put them on the ballot anyway. Do you think these candidates should be allowed on the ballot, or not?

Should be allowed on ballot	21%
Should not be allowed on ballot	59%
Not Sure	20%

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 652 Michigan voters by phone and text June 1-2, 2022 on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%

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For results of additional questions asked in this survey, click here.