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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 July 5-6, 2022.

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Michiganders Support Protecting Abortion Access

The majority of respondents oppose the overturning of Roe v. Wade and feel a negative emotion about the recent Supreme Court decision. They also support repealing Michigan's 1931 abortion ban. Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court has overturned Roe v. Wade, eliminating federal protections for abortion. Do you support or oppose the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade?

Support	38%
Oppose	53%
Not sure	9%

When thinking about the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, which emotion best describes what are you feeling: happy, sad, angry, afraid, or indifferent?

Angry		29%
Sad		11%
Afraid		12%
Нарру		28%
Indifferent		14%
Not sure		7%

Now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned, a 1931 Michigan law will make abortion illegal pending a lawsuit challenging the ban, including in cases of rape and incest. Do you support or oppose efforts to repeal this law and keep abortion legal in Michigan?

Support	58%
Oppose	28%
Not sure	14%



Protecting Abortion Access Motivates Voters

Abortion access motivates voters to turnout.

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 to vote	57%
Somewhat motivated to vote	18%
Not at all motivated to vote	20%
Not sure	6%

Gun Violence Prevention Measures See Support

Michiganders support Biden's gun violence prevention measures, believe the state legislature should expand his actions by passing safe storage and Extreme Risk Protection Order legislation, and are more likely to vote for candidates that support gun violence prevention measures. Recently, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which includes key changes to the country's gun policies including closing what is known as the "boyfriend loophole" that allows abusive boyfriends to obtain guns where abusive husbands are restricted, enhances background checks for people ages 18-21, invests in mental health services, and invests in state Extreme Risk Protection Order laws. Do you support or oppose these changes to U.S. gun policy?

Support	53%
Oppose	26%
Not Sure	21%

Extreme Risk Protection Order legislation allows a judge to temporarily confiscate a person's guns if there is evidence the person is a danger to themselves or others. Do you support or oppose the Michigan legislature passing Extreme Risk Protection Order legislation so we can receive federal funding for the program in the wake of President Biden signing the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act?

Support	56%
Oppose	25%
Not Sure	19%

The Michigan legislature is currently failing to take action on safe storage legislation that would encourage gun owners to safely store their firearms and hold them responsible if their firearm isn't safely stored and someone is harmed or it is used in the commission of a crime. Do you support or oppose the state legislature passing safe storage legislation?

Support	63%
Oppose	23%
Not Sure	14%

If a candidate for public office supported common sense gun violence prevention measures, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for them, or would it not make a difference?

More likely to vote	47%
Less likely to vote	16%
Doesn't make a difference	24%
Not sure	13%

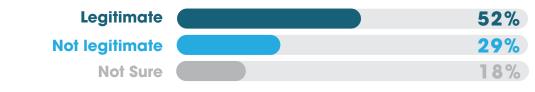


Respondents Support an AG Candidate Who Will Protect the Great Lakes

Michiganders are more likely to vote for a candidate for attorney general who will protect the Great Lakes from corporate polluters. If a candidate for Michigan Attorney General said they would fight to hold corporate polluters accountable and protect the Great Lakes from oil spills and other harm, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for them, or would it not make a difference?

More likely to vote	61%
Less likely to vote	6%
Doesn't make a difference	23%
Not sure	10%

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



Do you believe that President Trump illegally attempted to overturn the 2020 election, or not?





Michiganders Say Trump Illegally Tried to Overturn 2020 Election

The majority of respondents believe the 2020 election was legitimate and that President Trump tried to illegally overturn the will of voters.

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 672 Michigan voters by phone and text July 5-6, 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.