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## POLL: Question 13

**65%** of Michigan voters

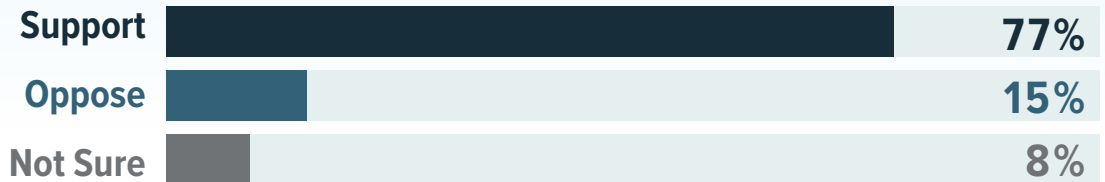
are more likely to vote for a lawmaker who supports safe storage laws, universal background checks, and emergency risk protection orders.



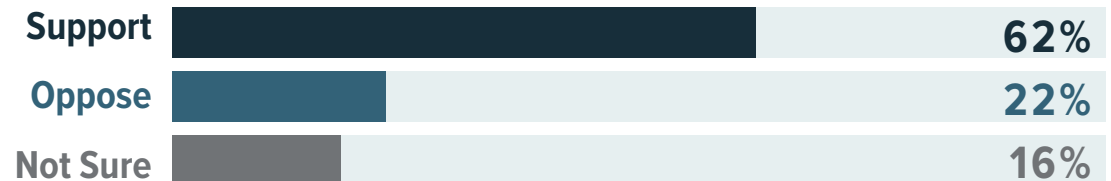
# Michiganders Still Support Gun Violence Prevention Measures

In addition to still supporting universal background checks, extreme risk protection orders, and safe storage legislation, a majority believe these measures will reduce gun violence and are more likely to vote for a lawmaker who supports them.

**Question 10:** Do you support or oppose the Michigan legislature passing a bill to require universal background checks for all firearm purchases?



**Question 8:** Do you support or oppose the Michigan legislature passing a safe storage law that allows individuals to be prosecuted for criminal negligence if they fail to safely store their firearms and those firearms are used in an accident involving a child or in the commission of a crime?



## POLL: Question 4

# 84%

of Michigan voters

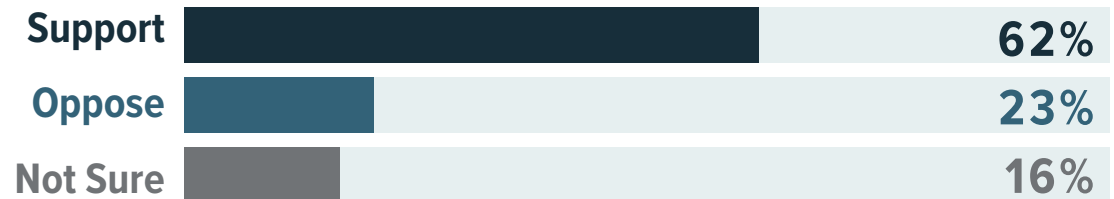
support lawmakers forcing DTE and Consumers to invest more in maintaining and improving the power grid.



## Strong Majority Want Accountability for Energy Corporations

Michiganders overwhelmingly want lawmakers to hold DTE Energy and Consumers Energy accountable in the wake of mass power outages following recent winter storms. In addition, **a whopping 87% oppose DTE Energy being allowed to increase their rates.**

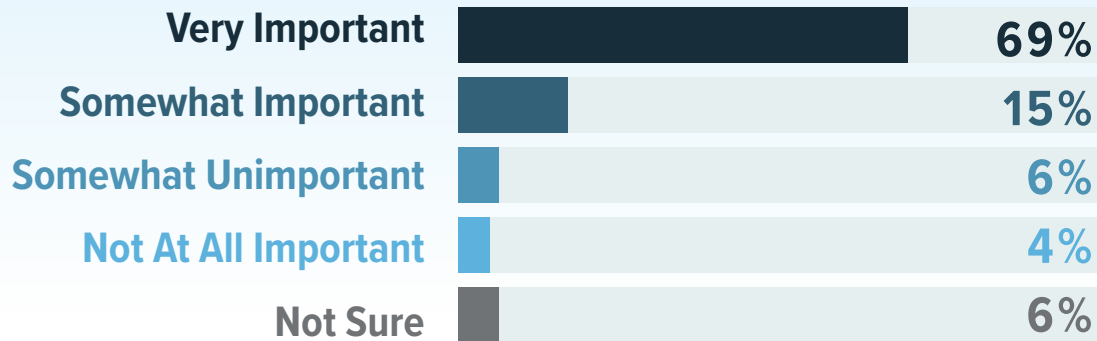
**Question 3:** Do you support or oppose Michigan lawmakers creating regulations to force Consumers Energy and DTE Energy to pay Michiganders for lost food and medicine, as well as reimburse them for outage time?



# Public Backs Making Corporations Pay Fair Share in Taxes

Michiganders don't think corporations are currently paying their fair share in taxes and a strong majority believe it is very important for lawmakers to change that.

**Question 15:** Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important for lawmakers to ensure corporations are paying their fair share in taxes?



## POLL: Question 14

# 67%

of Michigan voters do not believe corporations are currently paying their fair share in taxes.





**POLL: Question 17**

**60%** of Michigan voters  
oppose efforts to ban books  
in school and public libraries.

## Respondents Strongly Oppose Book Bans

Despite continued right-wing attempts to impose book bans, the majority of Michiganders still oppose banning books.

**Question 18:** Michigan Representative Neil Friske recently introduced a bill that would close public libraries indefinitely if they were found to be carrying so called “explicit” books where minors could access them. Do you support or oppose this bill?

