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Lake Effect is a monthly research newsletter and a resource for progressive leaders and advocates, presented by Progress Michigan and Public Policy Polling. PPP interviewed 712 Michigan voters by phone and text August 3-4, 2023, on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. **For Press Inquiries: Denzel McCampbell, managing director of Progress Michigan, Denzel@progressmichigan.org**

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Michiganders Want Accountability for Being Left in the Dark

POLL: Questions 2&5

93% of Michigan voters

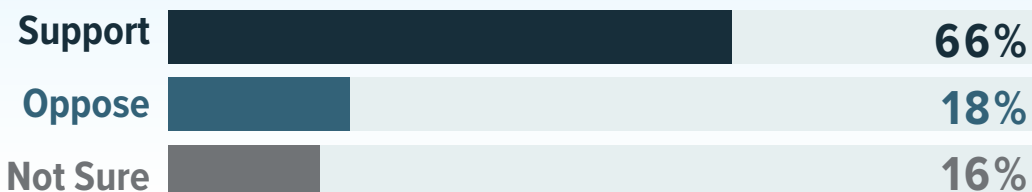
think it is important lawmakers hold utility companies accountable for providing reliable and affordable energy to Michiganders and...

88% of Michigan voters

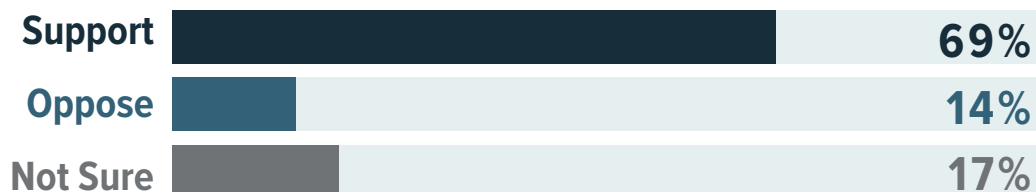
support lawmakers requiring DTE and Consumers to invest more in maintaining and improving the power grid.

Strong majorities believe Michigan lawmakers should work to regulate and hold DTE Energy and Consumers Energy accountable to Michiganders.

Question 4: Would 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?



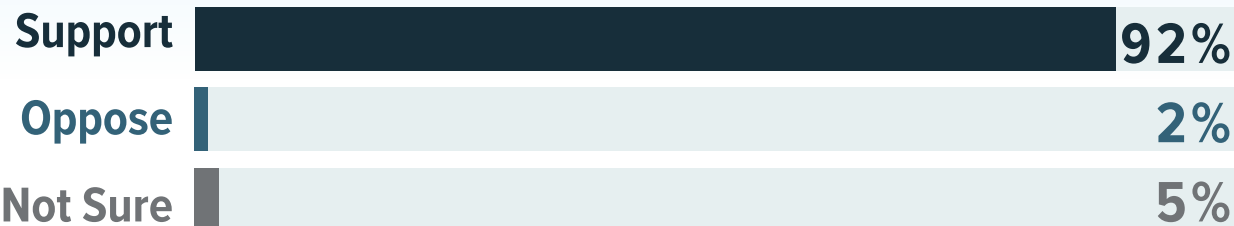
Question 6: Would you support or oppose Michigan lawmakers working to lower energy costs for Michiganders by giving regulators more authority to ensure utilities consider the customers' best interests?



Clean Up Your Mess: Polluter-Pay Popular

Nearly all Michiganders believe corporations should be responsible for cleaning up their own pollution.

Question 9: Polluter-pay laws ensure corporations who cause contamination or benefit from polluted property are required to pay to clean it up, rather than have taxpayers foot the bill. Michigan regulators estimate there are roughly 24,000 known contamination sites and taxpayers are footing the bill for managing or remediating half of them. Do you support or oppose reinstituting polluter-pay laws that would ensure corporations that cause contamination are required to pay to clean it up?



POLL: Question 8

95% of Michigan voters

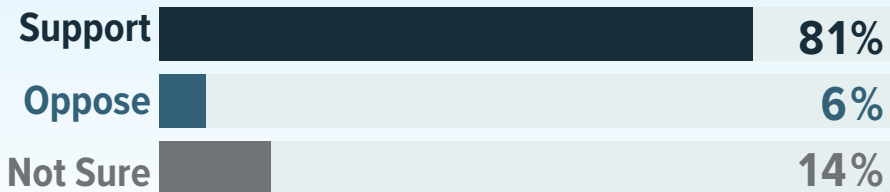
support requiring corporations who cause contamination to pay to clean up their pollution.



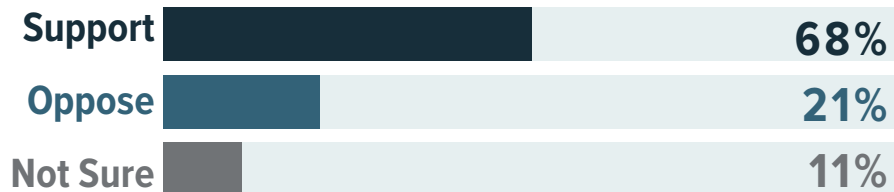
Rise of the Machines? Public Backs AI Regulation

Michiganders are concerned about artificial intelligence being used to influence elections and support state and federal regulations designed to combat that influence.

Question 11: Multiple Secretaries of state, including Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson have called for state and federal regulations requiring disclosures of AI-generated content such as deep fakes. Would you support or oppose regulations designed to fight AI influencing elections?



Question 12: Would you support or oppose Congress enacting legislation to force social media companies to create and enforce policies that will cut down on the spread of false information that may influence elections, including AI-generated content?



POLL: Question 10

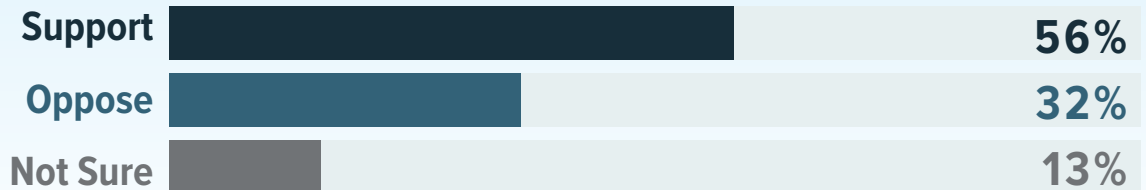
88% of Michigan voters
are concerned about AI being used
to influence elections.

Voters Support Accountability for False Electors

A majority of Michigan voters support holding the 16 false Trump electors accountable for their actions in trying to overturn the 2020 election.



Question 14: Recently, 16 individuals in Michigan who signed a certificate falsely stating that Donald Trump won Michigan's 2020 presidential election have been charged with multiple felony counts including forgery and conspiracy to commit election law forgery. They did this as part of a failed multi-state plan to overturn the will of voters in 2020 and install Donald Trump as President for a second term, which culminated in the violent attack on our country on January 6th. Do you support or oppose these individuals being charged with crimes?



Question 15: Several of the 16 individuals charged for signing a certificate falsely stating Donald Trump won Michigan's 2020 presidential election hold public office, including a city mayor and local elections clerk. Do you think these individuals should resign from public office, or not?

