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New Poll: Michiganders on Board with Gov. Whitmer's Agenda <3

Policies outlined in State of the State speech see high levels of support

MICHIGAN - On Wednesday, Progress Michigan released their latest Lake Effect poll, which digs into public opinion about a variety of issues and political figures.

"It's Valentine's Day, and Michiganders are in love with the progressive vision for Michigan's future that Gov. Whitmer outlined during her State of the State address," **said Sam Ingot, executive director of Progress Michigan.** "We're seeing incredible approval numbers for her housing proposal, expansion of free pre-K and community college, and the caregiver credit. Michiganders are also showing that they're ready to tax the rich to fund programs that will strengthen our communities, and while right-wing lawmakers try to take away access to gender-affirming healthcare by stoking division and fear, voters stand firm in protecting the freedom for individuals to seek this important form of healthcare.

"One thing Michiganders don't have heart eyes for? Valentine's Day itself, as 60 percent of respondents say they could take or leave the holiday."

Additional poll results are available below. Some key takeaways include:

- Respondents were asked about several of Gov. Whitmer's policy priorities:
 - 56 percent support her proposed investment in affordable housing.
 - 63 percent support providing two years of community college free to high school graduates.
 - 76 percent support making pre-K free for all four-year-olds.
 - 71 percent support her proposal for a caregiver tax credit.
- 58 percent of those polled say they'd rather raise taxes on the wealthy to increase funding for public services, while 23 percent say they'd prefer cutting funding by gutting the state's property tax.
- When asked whether lawmakers should be able to interfere with trans people's health care decisions, 81 percent said they believe all medical decisions should be made by patients and their doctors. Just 9 percent say lawmakers should be able to make these decisions for trans Michiganders.

- 31 percent of those polled say they love to celebrate Valentine's Day, while 5 percent say they hate it and 60 percent say they could take or leave the holiday.

Michigan Survey Results

Q1 In Governor Whitmer's recent State of the State address, she outlined multiple policy goals for 2024. I am going to list some of those policy goals and ask whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose them. Here's the first one: spending \$1.4 billion to build or rehabilitate 10,000 housing units across the state.

Strongly support 29%
Somewhat support..... 27%
Somewhat oppose..... 14%
Strongly oppose..... 23%
Not sure 6%

Q2 Here's the next one: a tax incentive that would allow businesses that create at least 50 new jobs with high wages to keep some of the money employees would usually pay in state income taxes.

Strongly support 27%
Somewhat support..... 35%
Somewhat oppose..... 12%
Strongly oppose..... 14%
Not sure 12%

Q3 Here's the next one: making the first two years of community college tuition free for high school graduates in Michigan.

Strongly support 46%
Somewhat support..... 17%
Somewhat oppose..... 7%
Strongly oppose..... 26%
Not sure 3%

Q4 Here's the next one: making pre-k free for every 4-year-old in Michigan.

Strongly support 57%
Somewhat support..... 19%
Somewhat oppose..... 6%
Strongly oppose..... 15%
Not sure 4%

Q5 Here's the next one: implementing a \$5,000 family caregiver tax credit for families paying for care like counseling, transportation, and nursing services.

Strongly support 43%
Somewhat support..... 28%
Somewhat oppose..... 11%
Strongly oppose..... 11%
Not sure 7%

Q6 Here's the last one: offering up to \$2,500 in rebates for drivers buying new cars, electric vehicles, and union-made vehicles.

Strongly support 27%
Somewhat support..... 26%
Somewhat oppose..... 12%
Strongly oppose..... 30%
Not sure 6%



Q7 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose a farmer's right to lease their land for clean energy projects such as wind or solar, even if their neighbors may not want those projects?

<i>Strongly support</i>	33%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	23%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	13%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	18%
<i>Not sure</i>	12%

Q8 I'm going to give you two options related to taxes and funding for services in Michigan, and ask you which one you prefer. Here's the first one: cutting funding for local services including public schools, public safety, local road maintenance, and more by getting rid of Michigan's property tax. Here's the second one: increasing funding for local services by increasing taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations. Which do you prefer?

<i>Prefer cutting funding for local services including public schools, public safety, local road maintenance, and more by getting rid of Michigan's property tax</i>	23%
<i>Prefer increasing funding for local services by increasing taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations</i>	58%
<i>Not sure</i>	19%

Q9 I'm going to give you two statements, and then ask you which one is closer to your view. Here's the first statement: lawmakers should be able to make medical decisions for trans Michiganders. Here's the second statement: all medical decisions should be made between a patient and a healthcare professional. Which is closer to your view?

<i>Lawmakers should be able to make medical decisions for trans Michiganders</i>	9%
<i>All medical decisions should be made between a patient and a healthcare professional</i>	81%
<i>Not sure</i>	10%

Q10 I'm going to give you three statements about Valentine's Day and ask you which one comes closest to your view. Here's the first statement: I love to celebrate Valentine's Day. Here's the second statement: I could take or leave Valentine's Day. Here's the third statement: I despise Valentine's Day but I enjoy the discount candy the day after. Which comes closest to your view?

<i>I love to celebrate Valentine's Day</i>	31%
<i>I could take or leave Valentine's Day</i>	60%
<i>I despise Valentine's Day but I enjoy the discount candy the day after</i>	5%
<i>Not sure</i>	4%

Q11 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

<i>Donald Trump</i>	46%
<i>Joe Biden</i>	49%
<i>Someone else / Did not vote</i>	5%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2. If you are gender non-binary, press 3.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	46%
<i>Gender non-binary</i>	1%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	33%
<i>Republican</i>	31%
<i>Independent</i>	36%



Q14 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If Arab-American, press 2. If white, press 3. If African-American, press 4. If Asian-American or Pacific Islander, press 5. If other, press 6.

<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	3%
<i>Arab-American</i>	2%
<i>White</i>	77%
<i>African-American</i>	13%
<i>Asian-American or Pacific Islander</i>	1%
<i>Other</i>	4%

Q15 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	32%
<i>46 to 65</i>	42%
<i>Older than 65</i>	26%

Q16 What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

<i>High school graduate or less</i>	23%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i>	22%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	15%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	20%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	13%
<i>Don't care to say</i>	7%

Q17 Are you or is anyone in your household a current or former member of a labor union?

<i>Yes</i>	40%
<i>No</i>	60%

Q18 Media Market

<i>Detroit</i>	49%
<i>Flint</i>	11%
<i>Grand Rapids</i>	20%
<i>Lansing</i>	7%
<i>Marquette</i>	2%
<i>Traverse City</i>	7%
<i>Other</i>	4%

Q19 Mode

<i>Landline</i>	40%
<i>Text</i>	60%