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### **Michiganders Reaffirm Support for Reproductive Freedom**

*Transparency reforms, extreme risk protection orders also prove popular*

MICHIGAN - On Wednesday, Progress Michigan released the latest edition of [Lake Effect](#), a monthly poll that tracks public opinion about a variety of issues and political figures. This month's poll focused heavily on reproductive rights, along with several policies that either passed recently or are being considered right now.

"Spring has sprung, and Michiganders' progressive values have once again proven to be resilient and deeply rooted, much like the perennial plants emerging in gardens across the state," **said Sam Inglot, executive director of Progress Michigan.** "No matter how much anti-abortion propaganda MAGA Republicans spread, our state's belief in the freedom to make your own healthcare decisions will not waver. While MAGA Republicans pass and codify dangerous abortion bans in states like Arizona, Michiganders and our Democratic-majority legislature continue to fight to protect reproductive freedom.

"Meanwhile, we continue to see support for Michigan Democrats' legislative priorities—including both extreme risk protection orders, which are already being implemented, and transparency reforms the legislature is currently considering. And when it comes to Congressional Republicans' efforts to push through devastating cuts to food assistance programs and climate-smart agriculture via the farm bill, Michiganders are not having it."

Additional poll results are available [here](#). Some key takeaways include:

- 57 percent of respondents oppose the Supreme Court acting to limit access to mifepristone, while only 33 percent support it.
- 78 percent of those polled support protecting access to in vitro fertilization in Michigan.
- 69 percent of respondents support making birth control more accessible by allowing pharmacists to prescribe it. 22 percent are in opposition.
- Respondents were asked about several policies included in a package of transparency legislation that was recently introduced in the legislature:
  - Requiring nonprofits affiliated with state officials and candidate committees to register with the Secretary of State's office: 74 percent support, 8 percent oppose
  - Expanding lobbying disclosure requirements: 81 percent support, 14 percent oppose
  - Requiring a one-year waiting period after a legislator's term ends before they can become a lobbyist: 83 percent support, 7 percent oppose

- 87 percent of those polled believe it is important that the legislature act to expand FOIA this year.
- 68 percent of respondents support extreme risk protection orders (ERPO), while 27 percent oppose the recently implemented policy.
- Only 30 percent of those polled support Republicans' proposed cuts to environmental conservation funding in the farm bill, while 50 percent oppose them. When it comes to Republicans' proposed cuts to nutrition assistance programs, those numbers are 60 percent in opposition and 20 percent in support.

\* Margin of error for this poll is +/- 3.5%

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## Michigan Survey Results

**Q1** Earlier this month Michigan lawmakers introduced a series of transparency and ethics bills. I am going to give you some information on those bills and then ask if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose them. Here's the first one: requiring nonprofits connected with state officials and candidate committees to register with the Secretary of State. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this?

*Strongly support* ..... 53%  
*Somewhat support*..... 21%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 5%  
*Strongly oppose*..... 3%  
*Not sure* ..... 18%

**Q2** Here's the next one: expanding lobbying disclosure requirements to include gifts to lawmakers such as tickets for concerts and sporting events. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this?

*Strongly support* ..... 69%  
*Somewhat support*..... 12%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 4%  
*Strongly oppose*..... 10%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q3** Here's the last one: requiring a one-year waiting period in between when a legislator's term ends and when they're allowed to serve as a lobbyist. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this?

*Strongly support* ..... 65%  
*Somewhat support*..... 18%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 4%  
*Strongly oppose*..... 3%  
*Not sure* ..... 9%

**Q4** Freedom of Information Act requests involve individuals or groups requesting information from the government that is legally required to be available to the public. In Michigan, the Governor's office and the state legislature do not have to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests the way local governments and state departments do. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose making the Governor's office and the state legislature subject to the same Freedom of Information Act laws as local governments and state departments?

*Strongly support* ..... 67%  
*Somewhat support*..... 13%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 4%  
*Strongly oppose*..... 8%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q5** Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, or not important at all that the legislature acts this year to update Michigan's laws to require the Governor's office and the state legislature to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests?

*Very important* ..... 66%  
*Somewhat important*..... 21%  
*Not at all important*..... 5%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q6** Do you support or oppose legislation that would allow Michigan's students to take five mental health days per school year?

*Support* ..... 41%  
*Oppose* ..... 33%  
*Not sure* ..... 26%

**Q7** Extreme risk protection orders are a gun violence prevention measure that allows family members, household members, certain healthcare providers, and law enforcement to petition the courts to temporarily remove firearms from people who pose a serious risk to themselves or others. Michigan lawmakers passed extreme risk protection orders last year and they have been in effect for more than a month now. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of extreme risk protection orders?

*Strongly support* ..... 53%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 15%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 13%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 14%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q8** Since extreme risk protection orders began being implemented in February, judges have authorized fewer than 40 temporary removal of firearms orders, mostly focused on addressing suicide risks and domestic violence situations. Having heard this do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of extreme risk protection orders?

*Strongly support* ..... 52%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 18%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 10%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 12%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q9** About every five years, Congress passes what is known as the farm bill, which addresses a wide range of food policy and economic development issues. Senate Republicans are proposing increasing subsidies for a small percentage of corporate agricultural producers and funding this through budget cuts to farm bill programs. Senator Debbie Stabenow stated recently that she would rather delay passing a new farm bill than give into these demands, stating, “We aren’t going backwards.” Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose delaying passing the farm bill until 2025, rather than making cuts?

*Strongly support* ..... 38%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 17%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 8%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 14%  
*Not sure* ..... 23%

**Q10** Some of the cuts Republicans in Congress are proposing for the farm bill are cuts to environmental conservation funding, which helps farmers fight the climate crisis. Would you support or oppose this?

*Support* ..... 30%  
*Oppose* ..... 50%  
*Not sure* ..... 20%

**Q11** Some of the cuts Republicans in Congress are currently proposing for the farm bill are cuts to nutrition assistance, which helps families in need feed themselves. Would you support or oppose this?

*Support* ..... 22%  
*Oppose* ..... 60%  
*Not sure* ..... 17%



**Q12** The US Supreme Court is currently hearing arguments in a case that will decide accessibility for the abortion pill mifepristone across the country. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the US Supreme Court forcing the FDA to withdraw approval of mifepristone, which would make the drug more difficult to access?

<i>Strongly support</i> .....	25%
<i>Somewhat support</i> .....	8%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i> .....	6%
<i>Strongly oppose</i> .....	51%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	10%

**Q13** Mifepristone, first approved by the FDA 20 years ago, is used for medical abortions and was used in nearly two-thirds of all abortions in the US last year. In recent years, mifepristone has been made easier to access through telemedicine and retail pharmacies. Despite numerous studies proving that medical abortions are safe and effective whether prescribed in a clinic or through telemedicine, anti-abortion activists are arguing mifepristone should not be this easy to access. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the US Supreme Court making mifepristone more difficult to access?

<i>Strongly support</i> .....	27%
<i>Somewhat support</i> .....	10%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i> .....	7%
<i>Strongly oppose</i> .....	49%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	6%

**Q14** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose protecting access to in vitro fertilization in Michigan?

<i>Strongly support</i> .....	59%
<i>Somewhat support</i> .....	19%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i> .....	4%
<i>Strongly oppose</i> .....	6%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	12%

**Q15** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose expanding access to contraception by allowing pharmacists to prescribe birth control?

<i>Strongly support</i> .....	54%
<i>Somewhat support</i> .....	15%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i> .....	9%
<i>Strongly oppose</i> .....	13%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	9%





**Q16** When speaking about immigrants, Trump and other Republicans often use militaristic and dehumanizing language such as “invasion” and “animal.” Human rights organizations have pointed out that language like this often leads to violence against marginalized groups. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Republicans are causing more harm than good by using this language to speak about immigrants?

<i>Strongly agree</i> .....	51%
<i>Somewhat agree</i> .....	4%
<i>Somewhat disagree</i> .....	5%
<i>Strongly disagree</i> .....	34%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	6%

**Q17** As we move into spring, many Michiganders are making gardening plans. Do you have a garden, would you like to someday have a garden, or do you not have a garden and have no desire for one?

<i>Have a garden</i> .....	47%
<i>Would like to someday have a garden</i> .....	27%
<i>Don't have a garden and have no desire for one</i> .....	19%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	7%

**Q18** 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%

**Q19** 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%

**Q20** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i> .....	33%
<i>Republican</i> .....	29%
<i>Independent</i> .....	38%

**Q21** 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> .....	78%
<i>African-American</i> .....	12%
<i>Asian-American or Pacific Islander</i> .....	1%
<i>Other</i> .....	3%

**Q22** 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> .....	31%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	42%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	27%

**Q23** Which of the following best describes 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> .....	25%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i> .....	21%
<i>2-year college degree</i> .....	14%
<i>4-year college degree</i> .....	24%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i> .....	14%
<i>Don't care to say</i> .....	3%

**Q24** Are you or is anyone in your household a current or former member of a labor union?

<i>Yes</i> .....	39%
<i>No</i> .....	61%



**Q25 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%

**Q26 Mode**

<i>Landline</i> .....	33%
<i>Text</i> .....	67%