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New Poll: Michiganders Unfazed by Anti-LGBTQ+ Fearmongering

Lake Effect shows support for LGBTQ+ Equality, Financial Transparency

MICHIGAN - On Friday, 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, we dug into Michiganders' opinions about LGBTQ+ equality and financial transparency, as well as their knowledge of the U.S. and Michigan Supreme Courts.

“MAGA Republicans have been working overtime to instill fear and hatred toward the LGBTQ+ community, but it isn't working,” **said Sam Inglot, executive director of Progress Michigan.** “This Pride Month, Michiganders are reaffirming their support for equal rights for all, and we refuse to let outside forces and political opportunists turn us against each other. Meanwhile, Michiganders are fully on board with AG Dana Nessel's assertion that candidates ought to provide as much detail as possible in their financial disclosures. This poll also reaffirms something we already know about the voters and Michigan Supreme Court—only about half of the folks we surveyed know that we choose these justices ourselves via elections, which is a knowledge gap we'll need to address to ensure every voter can make informed decisions this November.”

Other findings are available below. Some key takeaways include:

- 82 percent of respondents correctly identified that U.S. Supreme Court justices are appointed by the president. When asked about the Michigan Supreme Court, only 51 percent correctly answered that these justices are elected by voters.
- 81 percent of those polled believe LGBTQ+ Michiganders should have equal protections under the law, but only 59 percent believe they currently do.
- 84 percent of those polled believe LGBTQ+ people should be treated the same as everyone else, but only 46 percent believe they currently are.
- 75 percent of respondents believe lawmakers should focus on raising incomes and lowering costs for Michiganders, as opposed to creating panic about Pride Month.
- Attorney General Dana Nessel says candidates for office should provide as much detail as possible in their financial disclosures. 80 percent of those polled agree with her, while only 6 percent said they disagree.

Margin of error for this poll was +/- 3.6%

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Michigan Survey Results

Q1 President Biden and former President Trump will have a Presidential debate on June 27th. Do you plan on watching the debate or not?

Plan on watching the debate 67%
Do not plan on watching the debate 19%
Not sure 14%

Q2 To your knowledge, how are Justices chosen for the United States Supreme Court: do you think they are selected by voters across the country, chosen by Congress, appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate, or chosen by some other method?

Think United States Supreme Court Justices are selected by voters across the country 6%
Think they are chosen by Congress 4%
Think they are appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate 82%
Think they are chosen by some other method 2%
Not sure 7%

Q3 To your knowledge, how are Justices chosen for the Michigan State Supreme Court: do you think they are selected by voters in Michigan, chosen by the State Legislature, appointed by the Governor, or chosen by some other method?

Think justices for the Michigan State Supreme Court are selected by voters in Michigan 51%
Think they are chosen by the State Legislature 7%
Think they are appointed by the Governor 19%
Think they are chosen by some other method 2%
Not sure 21%

Q4 Do you support or oppose cutting federal funding for public schools that have vaccine requirements?

Support 32%
Oppose 47%
Not sure 21%

Q5 Former President Donald Trump recently said that he would cut federal funding for public schools that have vaccine requirements. Having heard that, let me ask you again: do you support or oppose cutting federal funding for public schools that have vaccine requirements?

Support 33%
Oppose 52%
Not sure 15%

Q6 Do you believe openly LGBTQ+ Michiganders are equally protected under the law in Michigan?

Yes 59%
No 14%
Not sure 27%

Q7 Do you believe openly LGBTQ+ Michiganders should be equally protected under the law in Michigan?

Yes 81%
No 6%
Not sure 13%





Q8 Do you believe openly LGBTQ+ Michiganders are treated the same as everyone else in Michigan?

Yes..... 46%
No 35%
Not sure 19%

Q9 Do you believe openly LGBTQ+ Michiganders should be treated the same as everyone else in Michigan?

Yes..... 84%
No 7%
Not sure 10%

Q10 I am going to read you two statements about Pride Month and ask which one you agree with more. Here's the first statement: Michigan lawmakers should be focused on raising incomes and lowering costs for Michiganders, not creating a big panic about Pride Month. Here's the second statement: I am glad Michigan lawmakers are speaking out against Pride Month. Which do you agree with more?

Agree more with "Michigan lawmakers should be focused on raising incomes and lowering costs for Michiganders, not creating a big panic about Pride Month"..... 75%
Agree more with "I am glad Michigan lawmakers are speaking out against Pride Month" 14%
Not sure 10%

Q11 In 2022 Michigan voters passed a ballot initiative requiring expanded financial disclosures from candidates for public office. The Michigan Legislature then passed laws implementing those financial disclosures. Attorney General Dana Nessel recently issued a formal opinion about the financial disclosure requirements, stating candidates need to provide details and not just general statements about their finances in order to truly abide by the laws. Do you agree or disagree that candidates for public office should provide as much detail as possible when providing financial disclosures?

Agree 80%
Disagree 6%
Not sure 13%

Q12 Do you believe the 2020 presidential election results were legitimate or illegitimate?

Believe the 2020 presidential election results were legitimate..... 55%
Believe they were illegitimate 30%
Not sure 14%

Q13 Which of the Great Lakes is your favorite: Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, or Superior?

Lake Huron 14%
Lake Ontario 0%
Lake Michigan..... 48%
Lake Erie 6%
Lake Superior 19%
Not sure 13%

Q14 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?

Donald Trump 45%
Joe Biden..... 48%
Someone else / Did not vote..... 7%





Q15 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>	2%

Q16 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican,
press 2. If an independent, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	32%
<i>Republican</i>	32%
<i>Independent</i>	37%

Q17 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%

Q18 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>	34%
<i>46 to 65</i>	39%
<i>Older than 65</i>	27%

Q19 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>	15%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	20%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	14%
<i>Don't care to say</i>	5%

Q20 Are you or is anyone in your household a
current or former member of a labor union?

<i>Yes</i>	44%
<i>No</i>	56%

Q21 Mode

<i>Landline</i>	32%
<i>Text</i>	68%

Q22 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%

