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New Poll: Michiganders Unhappy with Recent SCOTUS Decisions

Poll also finds opposition to about Project 2025, continued support for FOIA reform

MICHIGAN - On Monday, Progress Michigan released the latest edition of Lake Effect, a monthly research newsletter that tracks public opinion about a variety of issues and political figures. This month's edition digs into Michiganders' view of recent Supreme Court decisions, Project 2025, and FOIA reform.

"It's difficult to overstate how badly MAGA Republicans and their appointees have eroded trust in the U.S. Supreme Court," **said Sam Ingot, executive director of Progress Michigan.** "Michiganders recognize how destructive some of the decisions made last month could be for our country, and they're not happy. They're also not on board with the right-wing agenda outlined in Project 2025, which would strip away critical freedoms and destroy our public education system. Of course, the news isn't all bad—an overwhelming majority of Michiganders support the Biden-Harris administration's recently proposed rule to ensure workers are better protected from heat waves as we continue to deal with the climate crisis. And Michiganders continue to show strong support for FOIA expansion, which passed in the Michigan Senate last month. Now, it's time for the House to take these bills up and bring some much-needed transparency to our government."

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

- 55 percent of respondents oppose a recent SCOTUS ruling that took decision-making power out of the hands of experts like the EPA or FDA, while just 353 percent support it.
- 53 percent of those polled disapprove of the case that granted Trump and other presidents full immunity for any official action, even illegal ones, compared to 38 percent who support it.
- 56 percent of respondents oppose the agenda outlined in Project 2025. Only 13 percent support it. 31 percent are unsure.
- 86 percent of those polled support expanding FOIA to cover the governor's office and legislature, while only 4 percent oppose the move and 9 percent are unsure.
- 83 percent of respondents support the Biden administration's recently proposed federal rule to ensure workers are better protected against heat-related injuries and death. Just 8 percent oppose it.

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Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the legislative agenda called Project 2025?

<i>Strongly support</i>	4%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	9%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	8%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	48%
<i>Not sure</i>	31%

Q2 Do you believe the 2020 presidential election results were legitimate or illegitimate?

<i>Legitimate</i>	55%
<i>Illegitimate</i>	29%
<i>Not sure</i>	17%

Q3 This past weekend, there was an attempted shooting of former President Donald Trump at a rally. No matter how you were planning to vote in the presidential election in November, does the attempted shooting of former President Trump change how you were planning to vote, or not?

<i>Yes</i>	5%
<i>No</i>	93%
<i>Not sure</i>	2%

Q4 President Joe Biden recently announced that his administration will make it easier to allow certain undocumented people, who are married to U.S. citizens, apply for a green card and eventually become citizens without first having to leave the country. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose making it easier for the undocumented spouses of U.S. citizens to obtain legal status?

<i>Strongly support</i>	34%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	20%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	12%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	28%
<i>Not sure</i>	7%

Q5 The Biden administration recently proposed a federal rule to ensure workers are better protected against heat-related injuries and death by requiring employers to provide water and rest breaks when there are high temperatures. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this?

<i>Strongly support</i>	65%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	18%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	5%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	3%
<i>Not sure</i>	9%

Q6 The Michigan State Senate recently passed legislation to open the governor’s office and Legislature to public records requests under the Freedom of Information Act. The legislation now heads to the Michigan State House. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose legislation opening the governor’s office and Legislature to public records requests under the Freedom of Information Act?

<i>Strongly support</i>	71%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	15%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	3%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	1%
<i>Not sure</i>	9%





Q7 Michigan lawmakers recently passed a budget which will free up money originally earmarked for public school employee retirements to go into K-12, university, and community college classrooms. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the new budget?

<i>Strongly support</i>	22%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	23%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	17%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	17%
<i>Not sure</i>	20%

Q8 The budget passed by Michigan lawmakers also expands access to the state’s preschool program, taking a step towards universal preschool across the state. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this?

<i>Strongly support</i>	46%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	22%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	9%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	11%
<i>Not sure</i>	12%

Q9 Independent fact checkers have determined that Donald Trump lied throughout the debate about issues including healthcare, abortion, immigration, the economy, and his record as president. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned about Donald Trump’s lying as he runs for President?

<i>Very concerned</i>	51%
<i>Somewhat concerned</i>	7%
<i>Not at all concerned</i>	35%
<i>Not sure</i>	7%

Q10 Recently, the United States Supreme Court’s conservative majority ruled that judges rather than government agency experts such as the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food and Drug Administration are responsible for making decisions on how government regulations and policies are implemented. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this?

<i>Strongly support</i>	19%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	16%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	12%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	43%
<i>Not sure</i>	10%

Q11 Many experts argue the United States Supreme Court’s conservative majority’s recent ruling that judges, not federal agencies, are responsible for deciding how regulations and policies are implemented will result in making everyday Americans less safe by making it more difficult for agencies to protect people from greedy corporations and bad actors. It will make it harder for agencies to regulate things such as food and drug safety, air and drinking water safety, workplace safety, and so much more. After hearing this, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this recent Supreme Court ruling?

<i>Strongly support</i>	21%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	14%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	9%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	45%
<i>Not sure</i>	11%



Q12 Recently, the United States Supreme Court's conservative majority ruled Donald Trump has substantial immunity from prosecution for acts he committed while he was President. This affects not only the charges pending against him for attempting to overturn the 2020 election, but all past and future official acts by Trump or any other President. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the United States Supreme Court's conservative majority granting Trump and all past and future presidents immunity for official acts they take in office, regardless of whether or not those acts break the law?

<i>Strongly support</i>	30%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	8%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	6%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	47%
<i>Not sure</i>	9%

Q13 Many experts argue the United States Supreme Court's conservative majority granting Trump and past and future presidents extreme immunity from prosecution for so-called official acts they commit while in office effectively makes the U.S. President a monarch, placing them above the laws that govern the rest of us. After hearing this, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the United States Supreme Court's conservative majority granting Trump and all past and future presidents immunity for so-called official acts they take in office, regardless of whether or not those acts break the law?

<i>Strongly support</i>	25%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	13%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	6%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	51%
<i>Not sure</i>	5%

Q14 Keeping in mind the possibility that the next President will likely be appointing new justices to the United States Supreme Court, do the actions of the Supreme Court's conservative majority on abortion, voting rights, presidential immunity, and how the government protects everyday Americans from bad actors make you more likely or less likely to vote in the upcoming presidential election, or do they not make a difference?

<i>More likely</i>	52%
<i>Less likely</i>	2%
<i>They don't make a difference</i>	42%
<i>Not sure</i>	4%

Q15 Do you prefer soft serve ice cream or regular hard ice cream?

<i>Soft serve ice cream</i>	23%
<i>Regular hard ice cream</i>	51%
<i>Neither</i>	16%
<i>Not sure</i>	10%

Q16 In the 2020 presidential election, 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%

Q17 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%

Q18 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	39%
<i>Republican</i>	32%
<i>Independent</i>	29%



Q19 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>	4%

Q20 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>	30%
<i>46 to 65</i>	40%
<i>Older than 65</i>	30%

Q21 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? If the highest level of education you have received is high school graduate or less, press 1. If some college but did not finish, press 2. If 2-year college degree, press 3. If 4-year college degree, press 4. If post-graduate degree, press 5. If you don't care to say, press 6.

<i>High school graduate or less</i>	26%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i>	25%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	10%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	20%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	13%
<i>Don't care to say</i>	6%

Q22 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%

Q23 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%

Q24 Mode

<i>Landline</i>	51%
<i>Text</i>	49%

