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After Supreme Court Decision, Michiganders Show Strong Support for Increasing Minimum Wage; Paid Sick Leave Initiative

Poll also finds significant opposition to Project 2025, support for SCOTUS reform

MICHIGAN - On Tuesday, 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 edition digs into the recently reinstated minimum wage and paid sick time initiatives, Michigan's budget, Project 2025, and U.S. Supreme Court reform.

"Michigan voters were ready to move in 2018 to advance stronger sick time and minimum wage laws and it's right that the Michigan Supreme Court overruled the anti-voter power grab of the Republican legislature" **said Sam Inglot, executive director of Progress Michigan.** "Every worker deserves to earn a livable wage and the ability to take family or medical leave when they need it. We hope and expect that the legislature will use these popular, necessary changes as a jumping off point for further progress on workers' rights and economic justice.

"Meanwhile, Michiganders' reactions to the Project 2025 agenda and Gov. Whitmer's 2025 budget are in stark contrast to each other. While the far-right policies in Project 2025 grow more unpopular by the day, it's clear that Michiganders support Gov. Whitmer's budget that invests in infrastructure and public education. The numbers show they're also frustrated with the irresponsible decisions made by the far-right majority on the U.S. Supreme Court and are open to the Biden-Harris administration's plans for court reform."

Additional results are available below. Some key takeaways include:

- 71 percent of respondents support implementing 15 weeks of paid family leave, while just 20 percent oppose the policy.
- 66 percent of those polled support raising the minimum wage and eliminating the tipped minimum wage, while 23 percent are in opposition.
- When initially asked about Gov. Whitmer's budget, 45 percent of respondents said they supported it, with 33 percent in opposition and 21 percent unsure. Additional information about some of the specific infrastructure updates included in the budget raised support to 64 percent. When offered additional information about the public education portion of the budget, 62 percent of respondents said they support it.
- With no specific policy information given, 58 percent of those polled said they oppose Project 2025, compared to just 13 percent in support and 30 percent who are unsure. Additional questions provided more policy information and asked again about support for Project 2025—and in each case, more respondents oppose the plan than support it.

- 60 percent of respondents support the Biden-Harris administration's proposals to reform the U.S. Supreme Court. Just 34 percent oppose these efforts.

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Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Michigan implementing 15 weeks of paid family leave that allows employees up to 15 weeks of paid leave from work to deal with family or medical issues?

<i>Strongly support</i>	47%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	24%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	12%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	8%
<i>Not sure</i>	9%

Q2 Michigan's current minimum wage is \$10.33 per hour. The current minimum wage for workers who receive tips is \$3.93 per hour. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose increasing Michigan's minimum wage and eliminating the tipped minimum wage so that the minimum wage is the same for all Michigan workers?

<i>Strongly support</i>	46%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	20%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	11%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	12%
<i>Not sure</i>	12%

Q3 Governor Whitmer recently signed a 2025 state budget into law. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this budget plan?

<i>Strongly support</i>	33%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	12%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	11%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	22%
<i>Not sure</i>	21%

Q4 The 2025 state budget signed into law by Governor Whitmer includes historic public safety funding to hire, train, and retain more first responders; continued investments in rebuilding our roads, bridges, pipes, and more; and millions of dollars to construct more affordable housing. Having heard this, let me ask you again: do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this budget plan?

<i>Strongly support</i>	43%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	21%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	15%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	14%
<i>Not sure</i>	8%

Q5 The 2025 state budget signed into law by Governor Whitmer also includes investments in teachers, free education beginning with pre-K, record high funding going directly to the classroom, and free tuition for community college for every high school graduate. Having heard this, let me ask you again: do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this budget plan?

<i>Strongly support</i>	44%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	18%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	13%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	19%
<i>Not sure</i>	6%

Q6 In general, do you think Michigan's election processes are safe and secure, or not?

<i>Think they are safe and secure</i>	55%
<i>Think they are not safe and secure</i>	31%
<i>Not sure</i>	13%



Q7 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the legislative agenda called Project 2025?

<i>Strongly support</i>	6%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	7%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	9%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	49%
<i>Not sure</i>	30%

Q8 Project 2025 includes policy plans to continue to restrict access to abortion care, birth control, IVF, and other reproductive healthcare. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose policy plans that continue to restrict access to reproductive healthcare?

<i>Strongly support</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	12%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	15%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	52%
<i>Not sure</i>	10%

Q9 Project 2025 promotes denial of the existence of climate change and includes policy plans to roll back environmental protections, weaken accountability and government oversight of corporate polluters, allow for more fossil fuel projects with fewer regulations to protect our environment, and gets rid of programs that safeguard public health and environmental justice. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose policy plans that deny the existence of climate change and roll back environmental protections?

<i>Strongly support</i>	13%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	16%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	10%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	51%
<i>Not sure</i>	10%

Q10 Project 2025 would eliminate anti-discrimination policies like the Fair Housing Act; eliminate diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in the federal government and attack inclusivity efforts in public schools; get rid of marriage equality and protections for LGBTQ+ Americans; undercut civil rights protections for students; and curb the teaching of accurate history in public schools. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose eliminating these things?

<i>Strongly support</i>	19%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	14%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	6%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	50%
<i>Not sure</i>	11%

Q11 Now that you have heard a bit more about Project 2025, which policy agenda would you prefer be implemented in the coming years: Project 2025's agenda, or a policy agenda that protects access to reproductive healthcare, protects our water and air from corporate polluters while combating climate change, and promotes equality for every Michigander no matter what they look like or who they love?

<i>Prefer Project 2025's agenda</i>	20%
<i>Prefer a policy agenda that protects access to reproductive healthcare, protects our environment, and promotes equality for everyone</i>	57%
<i>Not sure</i>	23%

Q12 The U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority recently ruled the President of the United States is broadly immune from criminal prosecution for actions they take while in office, even if those actions break the law. In response, the Biden-Harris administration called for a constitutional amendment that would limit presidential immunity. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose limiting presidential immunity?

<i>Strongly support</i>	44%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	11%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	10%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	26%
<i>Not sure</i>	10%

Q13 The Biden-Harris administration recently announced a plan to reform the United States Supreme Court. This plan includes 18-year term limits for justices, who currently have lifetime appointments to the Court. It would include a code of conduct that would require justices to disclose gifts, refrain from public political activity, and recuse themselves from cases in which they or their spouses have financial or other conflicts of interest. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this plan to reform the United States Supreme Court?

<i>Strongly support</i>	51%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	9%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	6%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	28%
<i>Not sure</i>	6%

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?

<i>Donald Trump</i>	45%
<i>Joe Biden</i>	48%
<i>Someone else / Did not vote</i>	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>	36%
<i>Republican</i>	30%
<i>Independent</i>	35%

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>	79%
<i>African-American</i>	12%
<i>Asian-American or Pacific Islander</i>	1%
<i>Other</i>	3%

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>	32%
<i>46 to 65</i>	40%
<i>Older than 65</i>	28%

Q19 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>	27%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i>	22%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	13%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	19%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	15%
<i>Don't care to say</i>	4%

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

Yes..... 42%
No 58%

Q21 Mode

Landline 42%
Text 58%

Q22 Media Market

Detroit 49%
Flint 11%
Grand Rapids..... 20%
Lansing 7%
Traverse City..... 7%
Other..... 6%