

EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL
[FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR ±4.0%]
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Conducted by live interviewers – included 30% cell phones

__03. Now I am going to read a list of state problems and issues Michigan voters say they are concerned about. After I read all eight problems, please tell me which one problem or issue concerns you the most?
[READ AND ROTATE 1 TO 8 BELOW – CODE FIRST AND ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
27%	25%	Fixing the state’s infrastructure, including roads, bridges and dams, and water and sewer systems
21%	19%	Improving the quality of education
13%	13%	Providing quality, affordable health care
10%	12%	Improving the state economy and creating more jobs
8%	6%	Controlling state and local government spending
7%	8%	Keeping state and local taxes as low as possible
7%	8%	Protecting our air, water and the Great Lakes
3%	4%	Controlling crime and drugs
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4%	5%	Undecided/Refused

__04. Overall, would you say that things in the country are generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
43%	42%	Right direction
50%	51%	Wrong track
7%	7%	Undecided/Refused

__05. How about in Michigan -- would you say that things in Michigan are generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
45%	47%	Right direction
41%	41%	Wrong track
14%	12%	Undecided/Refused

Now, I would like to read the names of several political figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person. If you have not heard of that person, please say so. The first name is... “Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person?” [IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK: “Would that be very or generally?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

<u>[ROTATE Q.7 THROUGH Q.14]</u>		<u>NOT RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF UND</u>
OCT	Donald Trump	---	30%	43%	53%	43%	4%
	<u>SEP</u>	---	26%	40%	55%	49%	5%
OCT	Bill Schuette	10%	16%	34%	43%	25%	13%
	<u>SEP</u>	13%	12%	32%	38%	23%	17%
OCT	Gretchen Whitmer	16%	18%	39%	32%	17%	13%
	<u>SEP</u>	19%	19%	40%	26%	13%	15%
OCT	Mary Treder Lang	75%	3%	8%	5%	2%	12%
	<u>SEP</u>	83%	3%	6%	2%	1%	9%
OCT	Jocelyn Benson	72%	5%	13%	4%	1%	11%
	<u>SEP</u>	87%	2%	5%	2%	1%	6%
OCT	John James	33%	20%	34%	23%	12%	10%
	<u>SEP</u>	50%	10%	22%	17%	8%	11%
OCT	Debbie Stabenow	4%	27%	48%	39%	25%	9%
	<u>SEP</u>	4%	31%	53%	31%	17%	12%
OCT	Tom Leonard	74%	2%	7%	8%	4%	11%
	<u>SEP</u>	80%	2%	6%	5%	2%	9%
OCT	Dana Nessel	73%	4%	11%	6%	3%	10%
	<u>SEP</u>	83%	3%	7%	3%	1%	7%

__15. Overall, how would you rate the job that Donald Trump is doing as President – would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
18%	27%	Excellent
21%	16%	Pretty good
39%	43%	TOTAL POSITIVE
59%	56%	TOTAL NEGATIVE
16%	13%	Just fair
43%	43%	Poor
2%	1%	Undecided/Refused

__16. Thinking about the Michigan economy and the availability of jobs in the state, would you give the Michigan economy a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
9%	15%	Excellent
49%	45%	Pretty good
58%	60%	TOTAL POSITIVE
40%	37%	TOTAL NEGATIVE
34%	29%	Just fair
6%	8%	Poor
2%	3%	Undecided/Refused

Thinking about the upcoming November general election...

__17. If the election for Michigan Governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? [ROTATE] Bill Schuette the Republican, Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat, Bill Gelineau the Libertarian, or a candidate from some other political party?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: "Well, if the election was being held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
33%	38%	Bill Schuette - Republican
4%	3%	Lean toward Schuette – Republican
37%	41%	TOTAL VOTE SCHUETTE
42%	44%	Gretchen Whitmer - Democrat
3%	2%	Lean toward Whitmer – Democrat
45%	46%	TOTAL VOTE WHITMER
1%	2%	Bill Gelineau - Libertarian
1%	1%	Lean toward Gelineau – Libertarian
2%	3%	TOTAL VOTE GELINEAU
4%	2%	Other party candidate
1%	1%	Lean toward other party candidate
5%	3%	TOTAL OTHER PARTY CANDIDATE
11%	7%	Undecided/Refused

__18. If the election for Michigan Secretary of State were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? [ROTATE] Mary Treder Lang the Republican, Jocelyn Benson the Democrat, Gregory Scott Stemple the Libertarian, or a candidate from some other political party?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: "Well, if the election was being held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
25%	31%	Mary Treder Lang -Republican
6%	5%	Lean toward Lang – Republican
31%	36%	TOTAL VOTE TREDER LANG
35%	37%	Jocelyn Benson - Democrat
5%	3%	Lean toward Benson – Democrat
40%	40%	TOTAL VOTE BENSON
2%	2%	Gregory Scott Stemple - Libertarian
1%	1%	Lean toward Stemple – Libertarian
3%	3%	TOTAL VOTE STEMPL
6%	3%	Other party candidate
1%	1%	Lean toward other party candidate
7%	4%	TOTAL OTHER PARTY CANDIDATE
19%	17%	Undecided/Refused

__19. If the election for Michigan Attorney General were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? [ROTATE] Tom Leonard the Republican, Dana Nessel the Democrat, Lisa Lane Gioia the Libertarian, or a candidate from some other political party?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: “Well, if the election was being held today, and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
26%	35%	Tom Leonard - Republican
6%	4%	Lean toward Leonard – Republican
32%	39%	TOTAL VOTE LEONARD
35%	35%	Dana Nessel - Democrat
3%	4%	Lean toward Nessel – Democrat
38%	39%	TOTAL VOTE NESSEL
4%	3%	Lisa Lane Gioia - Libertarian
1%	1%	Lean toward Gioia – Libertarian
5%	4%	TOTAL VOTE GIOIA
5%	5%	Other party candidate
1%	---	Lean toward other party candidate
6%	5%	TOTAL OTHER PARTY CANDIDATE
19%	13%	Undecided/Refused

__20. If the election for United States Senate were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? [ROTATE] John James the Republican, Debbie Stabenow the Democrat, or a candidate from some other political party?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: “Well, if the election was being held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
30%	40%	John James - Republican
3%	2%	Lean toward James – Republican
33%	42%	TOTAL VOTE JAMES
54%	47%	Debbie Stabenow - Democrat
2%	2%	Lean toward Stabenow - Democrat
56%	49%	TOTAL VOTE STABENOW
4%	4%	Other party candidate
1%	1%	Lean toward other party candidate
5%	5%	TOTAL OTHER PARTY CANDIDATE
6%	4%	Undecided/Refused

__21. If the election for US Congress from your area were held today, would you vote for [**ROTATE**] the Democrat or the Republican?

[**IF UNDECIDED, ASK:** “Well, if the election was being held today, and you had to decide right now, would you lean toward the (**ROTATE**) the Democrat or the Republican?” **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
45%	46%	The Democrat
4%	2%	Lean Democrat
49%	48%	TOTAL VOTE DEMOCRAT
37%	39%	The Republican
4%	4%	Lean Republican
41%	43%	TOTAL VOTE REPUBLICAN
1%	2%	Some other party candidate (<i>VOLUNTEERED – DO NOT READ</i>)
9%	7%	Undecided/Refused

There will also be several proposals that will appear on the November ballot.

__22. Proposal 1 would allow individuals age 21 or older to purchase, possess, and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption. Amounts over 2.5 ounces must be secured in locked containers, with a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences. Commercial sales of marijuana products would only be permitted through state-licensed retailers. A 10% tax would be imposed, with tax revenue earmarked for schools, roads and those municipalities where marijuana businesses are located. A state licensing system for marijuana businesses would be established, and municipalities could ban or restrict marijuana businesses.

Knowing this, if the election were held today, would you vote YES to adopt this proposed law, or, would you vote NO to reject it?

[**IF UNDECIDED, ASK:** “Well, if the election was held today and you had to decide right now, would you lean toward voting YES or lean toward voting NO?” **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
53%	53%	Vote Yes to adopt it
3%	4%	Lean toward voting Yes to adopt it
56%	57%	TOTAL VOTE YES
38%	39%	Vote No to reject it
3%	2%	Lean toward voting No to reject it
41%	41%	TOTAL VOTE NO
3%	2%	Undecided/Refused

__23. Proposal 2 would amend the Michigan Constitution by creating a 13-member commission with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress. Commission members would be randomly selected, including four members each who are affiliated with each of the 2 major political parties, and another five members who would NOT identify with either major political party. Partisan officeholders, candidates, their employees, relatives, and lobbyists could NOT serve. Districts must be geographically compact, contiguous with equal population, reflect diverse populations and communities of interest, and NOT provide disproportionate advantages to political parties or candidates.

Knowing this, if the election were held today, would you vote YES to adopt this proposed constitutional amendment, or, would you vote NO to reject it?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: “Well, if the election was held today and you had to decide right now, would you lean toward voting YES or lean toward voting NO?” **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
41%	54%	Vote Yes to adopt it
7%	5%	Lean toward voting Yes to adopt it
48%	59%	TOTAL VOTE YES
27%	26%	Vote No to reject it
5%	3%	Lean toward voting No to reject it
32%	29%	TOTAL VOTE NO
20%	12%	Undecided/Refused

__24. Proposal 3 would amend the Michigan Constitution to allow United States citizens qualified to vote to be automatically registered when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines. A person could register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day, obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason, and cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.

If the election were held today, would you vote YES to adopt this proposed constitutional amendment, or, would you vote NO to reject it?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: “Well, if the election was held today and you had to decide right now, would you lean toward voting YES or lean toward voting NO?” **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
64%	63%	Vote Yes to adopt it
6%	5%	Lean toward voting Yes to adopt it
70%	68%	TOTAL VOTE YES
22%	25%	Vote No to reject it
2%	1%	Lean toward voting No to reject it
24%	26%	TOTAL VOTE NO
6%	6%	Undecided/Refused

__25. Using a scale of zero to 100, with zero meaning that you are NOT interested at all in the November general election and not motivated at all to vote, and 100 meaning that you are extremely interested in the election and also extremely motivated to vote, what number best describes how interested and motivated you are to vote in the upcoming November general election? [**WRITE IN NUMBER – IF UNDECIDED/REFUSED, CODE “999”**]

RATING:	<u>OCT</u>	<u>SEP</u>
0 to 49	2%	3%
50	2%	3%
51 to 79	8%	10%
80 to 99	17%	24%
100	71%	59%
Undecided/Refused/NA	---	1%
MEAN:	92.647	90.037
MEDIAN:	100.0	100.0

__26. Thinking about which political party you would like to control the US Congress, would you like to see Democrats take control of Congress to serve as a check on the things that President Trump could do, or, would you like to see Republicans maintain control of Congress to help President Trump accomplish his goals?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
52%	50%	Democrats take control of Congress to serve as a check on President Trump
40%	44%	Republicans keep control of Congress to help President Trump accomplish his goals
8%	6%	Undecided/Refused

__27. Based on your personal experience or what you know or have heard or read, do you support or oppose the efforts of the Tea Party movement? [**IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE, ASK: “Do you strongly or somewhat (support/oppose) the Tea Party movement?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
4%	9%	Strongly supports Tea Party movement
15%	14%	Somewhat supports Tea Party movement
19%	23%	TOTAL SUPPORT
41%	44%	TOTAL OPPOSE
14%	13%	Somewhat opposes Tea Party movement
27%	31%	Strongly opposes Tea Party movement
40%	33%	Undecided/Refused

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions about yourself for statistical purposes.

__28. Do you think of yourself as pro-choice, meaning that you support allowing women to have the right to an abortion, or do you consider yourself pro-life, meaning that you oppose abortions, except when it is necessary to save the life of the mother?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
56%	55%	Pro-choice – women have the right to an abortion
36%	39%	Pro-life – against abortions except to save life of mother
8%	6%	Undecided/Refused

__30. Do you, or does any member of your household, belong to a labor union or a teachers association?
[PROBE FOR BEST RESPONSE]

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
14%	13%	Respondent belongs
8%	8%	Other household member belongs
4%	5%	More than one household member belongs
26%	26%	TOTAL UNION MEMBER
73%	74%	No members in household
1%	---	Undecided/Refused

__34. Which of the following racial or ethnic groups best describes you -- White, African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Native American, of mixed-race or some other group or race?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
80%	79%	White
11%	11%	African American/Black
1%	1%	Hispanic or Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican-American etc.)
1%	1%	Asian
1%	1%	Native American
1%	2%	Mixed race
1%	1%	Other
4%	4%	Undecided/Refused

__35. Would you describe yourself as (**ROTATE**) a conservative, a moderate or a liberal?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
34%	39%	Conservative
35%	32%	Moderate
24%	21%	Liberal
7%	8%	Undecided/Refused

__36. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican or a Democrat?

(IF DEM) Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

(IF INDEP) Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

(IF REP) Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
28%	31%	Strong Democrat
10%	8%	Not Strong Democrat
7%	6%	Independent-Lean Democrat
45%	45%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
12%	11%	Independent
40%	41%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
7%	6%	Independent-Lean Republican
9%	8%	Not Strong Republican
24%	27%	Strong Republican
---	1%	Other
3%	2%	Undecided/Refused

__41. Sex of respondent (**BY OBSERVATION ONLY**)

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	
47%	47%	Male
53%	53%	Female

THANK RESPONDENT FOR HIS OR HER TIME AND TERMINATE