

EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF LIKELY VOTERS – MAY 2008
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Overall, would you say that our country is generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

- 14% Right direction
- 73% Wrong track
- 13% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Now, I would like to read a list of several political figures. For each one, please tell me if you recognize the name, and if you do, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person. The first name is _____? Do you recognize the name?

[IF YES, ASK] Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of (him/her)?

[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK] Would that be very or generally?

[ROTATE Qs]	<u>DO NOT RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF/UND</u>
George W. Bush	1%	21%	35%	60%	44%	4%
Jennifer Granholm	2%	22%	42%	49%	32%	7%
Hillary Clinton	4%	21%	40%	45%	31%	11%
John McCain	4%	22%	48%	36%	22%	12%
Barack Obama	2%	29%	45%	41%	29%	11%

Over the past year, has Michigan's economy improved, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

- 1% Improved
- 84% Gotten worse
- 11% Remained about the same
- 3% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Overall, how would you rate the job being done by George W. Bush as President -- would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

5% Excellent
 16% Pretty good **21% Total Positive**
 23% Just fair
 53% Poor **76% Total Negative**
 3% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Overall, how would you rate the job being done by Jennifer Granholm as Michigan's Governor -- would you give her a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

5% Excellent
 27% Pretty good **32% Total Positive**
 33% Just fair
 33% Poor **66% Total Negative**
 3% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Now I would like to ask about a possible candidate matchup for president in the November 4th election....

If the election were held today and the candidates were [ROTATE] John McCain and Barack Obama, would you vote for [ROTATE] John McCain the Republican or Barack Obama the Democrat?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward, [ROTATE] Obama or McCain?]

35% Vote for Barack Obama
 5% Lean toward Barack Obama **40% Total Obama**
 40% Vote for John McCain
 4% Lean toward John McCain **44% Total McCain**
 16% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Which candidate, [ROTATE] Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama, do you think would stand a better chance of defeating John McCain, the expected Republican nominee, in the November general election?

42% Barack Obama
 34% Hillary Clinton
 24% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Now I would like to read several words and phrases to you. For each word or phrase I read, please tell me whether you think it is a better description of [ROTATE] John McCain the Republican or Barack Obama the Democrat?

[ROTATE Qs]	John McCain Republican	Barack Obama Democrat	Both	DK Undec
Someone you know you can trust	45%	30%	5%	20%
He shares my values	41%	36%	5%	18%
Cares about someone like me	34%	36%	5%	24%
Would do a better job as President	41%	38%	2%	19%
He'll be a President we can be proud of	37%	35%	8%	21%

Who do you think will become the next President of the United States?

31% John McCain
38% Barack Obama
9% Hillary Clinton
22% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Should Barack Obama pick Hillary Clinton as his running mate for Vice President, or, should he choose someone else?

27% He should pick Hillary Clinton
53% He should choose someone else
19% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

If the election were held today and the candidates were [ROTATE] John McCain and Mitt Romney as the Republican ticket, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton as the Democratic ticket, which ticket would you vote for -- [ROTATE] the Republican ticket of John McCain and Mitt Romney, or the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which ticket would you lean toward, [ROTATE] Obama and Clinton or McCain and Romney?]

44% Vote for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton
7% Lean toward Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton **51% Obama/Clinton**
42% Vote for John McCain and Mitt Romney
2% Lean toward John McCain and Mitt Romney **44% McCain/Romney**
5% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Thinking about Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, how aware are you of the controversy surrounding his use of text messaging with Christine Beatty, his female chief of staff – very aware, somewhat aware, only a little aware or not really aware at all?

- 66% Very aware
- 20% Somewhat aware
- 5% Only a little aware
- 7% Not really aware at all
- 2% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

The Deputy Detroit Chief of Police and a former bodyguard of Mayor Kilpatrick were fired by the Mayor in 2003. The two employees filed a lawsuit, claiming they were wrongfully fired because they were investigating the Mayor, his family, his security team, and a rumored party at the Manoogian Mansion. Mayor Kilpatrick and the City decided to settle the lawsuit to keep text messages proving he was having an affair with his Chief of Staff, Christine Beatty, from becoming public. The two employees were awarded more than \$8 million. Mayor Kilpatrick was indicted by the Wayne County Prosecutor on eight counts of perjury and obstruction of justice related to his role and testimony in that lawsuit.

Based on this description and what you may know, do you think that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick should resign, or do you think he should remain in office?

- 84% Kilpatrick should resign
- 8% Kilpatrick should remain in office
- 8% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Some members of the Detroit City Council have asked Governor Granholm to remove Kilpatrick from office for his actions. If Kilpatrick does not resign, do you think that Governor Granholm should remove Mayor Kilpatrick from office, or, do you think Granholm should leave him in office and let the legal system run its course and determine whether he is guilty or not?

- 47% Granholm should remove him from office
- 40% Granholm should leave him in office and let the legal system run its course
- 13% Undecided/Don't know/Refused