

**EPIC-MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE AND LIKELY 2012 VOTERS
FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES**

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Polling Dates: July 9, 2011 through July 11, 2011

__03. Overall, would you say that things in the United States are generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

		<u>2nd Poll</u>		
<u>July'11</u>		<u>May '11</u>	<u>Jan '11</u>	<u>Oct '09</u>
25%	Right direction	33%	33%	35%
62%	Wrong track	55%	54%	58%
13%	Undecided/Refused	12%	13%	7%

__04. How about in Michigan – are things generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

		<u>2nd Poll</u>	<u>1st Poll</u>	<u>2nd Poll</u>	<u>1st Poll</u>	<u>2nd Poll</u>	<u>1st Poll</u>
<u>July'11</u>		<u>May '11</u>	<u>May '11</u>	<u>Feb'11</u>	<u>Feb'11</u>	<u>Jan'11</u>	<u>Jan'11</u>
33%	Right direction	28%	30%	36%	41%	43%	39%
51%	Wrong track	55%	52%	42%	32%	34%	41%
16%	Undecided/Refused	17%	18%	22%	27%	23%	20%

Now, I would like to read the names of political figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person. If you do not recognize a name, please tell me and we can move on. The first name is _____? “Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of (him/her)?” - IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK: Would that be very or generally?” AND CODE RESPONSE]

<u>NAMES</u> <u>[ROTATE Q.5 TO Q.8]</u>	<u>DON'T</u> <u>RECOG</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>REF</u> <u>UNDEC</u>
__05. Barack Obama	---	23%	47%	47%	31%	6%
May (2 nd Poll)	---	28%	53%	40%	26%	7%
May (1 st Poll)	---	22%	44%	49%	30%	10%
Feb (2 nd Poll)	---	23%	48%	42%	27%	10%
Feb (1 st Poll)	---	24%	50%	43%	28%	7%
Jan (2 nd Poll)	---	27%	53%	40%	25%	7%
Jan (1 st Poll)	---	24%	51%	42%	25%	8%
__06. Rick Snyder	---	11%	41%	40%	25%	19%
May (2 nd Poll)	---	10%	38%	42%	27%	20%
May (1 st Poll)	---	10%	41%	43%	28%	16%
Feb (2 nd Poll)	---	14%	44%	27%	16%	29%
Feb (1 st Poll)	---	17%	54%	13%	6%	33%
Jan (2 nd Poll)	---	20%	59%	8%	3%	33%
Jan (1 st Poll)	---	17%	59%	9%	3%	31%

NAMES [ROTATE Q.5 TO Q.8]	<u>DON'T RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF UNDEC</u>
__07. Debbie Stabenow	1%	14%	47%	35%	17%	17%
May (2nd Poll)	---	13%	47%	29%	16%	23%
Feb (2nd Poll)	---	13%	43%	35%	20%	22%
Feb (1st Poll)	---	17%	47%	39%	23%	12%
Jan (1st Poll)	---	13%	48%	34%	19%	15%
__08. Mitt Romney	2%	7%	36%	34%	15%	28%
Feb (1st Poll)	4%	11%	43%	28%	13%	25%

__09. Overall, how would you rate the job being done by Barack Obama as President -- would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

	2nd May Poll	1st May Poll	2nd Feb Poll	1st Feb Poll	2nd Jan Poll	1st Jan Poll
July'11						
11% Excellent	13%	11%	10%	12%	10%	10%
28% Pretty good	36%	27%	35%	32%	35%	33%
39% TOTAL POSITIVE	49%	38%	45%	44%	45%	43%
23% Just fair	22%	26%	24%	23%	26%	25%
36% Poor	28%	35%	29%	32%	28%	30%
60% TOTAL NEGATIVE	50%	61%	53%	55%	54%	55%
1% Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

__10. Overall, how would you rate the job Rick Snyder has done as Michigan's Governor – would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

	2nd May Poll	1st May Poll	2nd Feb Poll	1st Feb Poll	2nd Jan Poll	1st Jan Poll
July'11						
6% Excellent	4%	6%	5%	7%	6%	4%
28% Pretty good	23%	26%	27%	30%	32%	25%
34% TOTAL POSITIVE	27%	32%	32%	37%	38%	29%
28% Just fair	30%	25%	20%	16%	12%	13%
29% Poor	30%	35%	16%	5%	3%	3%
57% TOTAL NEGATIVE	60%	60%	36%	21%	15%	16%
9% Undecided/Refused	13%	8%	33%	41%	47%	54%

__11. How would you rate the job Debbie Stabenow has done as Michigan United States Senator – would you give her a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

<u>July'11</u>		<u>2nd May</u>	<u>2nd Feb</u>	<u>1st Feb</u>
		<u>Poll</u>	<u>Poll</u>	<u>Poll</u>
8%	Excellent	8%	9%	7%
30%	Pretty good	33%	33%	31%
38%	TOTAL POSITIVE	41%	42%	38%
28%	Just fair	24%	25%	26%
23%	Poor	19%	25%	22%
51%	TOTAL NEGATIVE	43%	50%	48%
11%	Undecided/Refused	16%	8%	14%

__12. Thinking about Michigan's economy, do you believe the economy in Michigan...

40%	Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve
32%	Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better
25%	Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse
3%	Undecided/Refused

__13. I know it's a long way off, but if the 2012 November general election for President were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, would you vote for Mitt Romney the Republican or Barack Obama the Democrat?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, would you lean toward voting for Mitt Romney the Republican or Barack Obama the Democrat?

<u>July'11</u>		<u>2nd Feb</u>
		<u>Poll</u>
39%	Vote for Barack Obama the Democrat	38%
3%	Lean toward Barack Obama the Democrat	3%
42%	TOTAL OBAMA	41%
34%	Vote for Mitt Romney the Republican	38%
12%	Lean toward Mitt Romney the Republican	8%
46%	TOTAL ROMNEY	46%
12%	Undecided/Refused	13%

On other state issues.,

__18. A proposal before the Michigan Legislature would allow adults age 21 or older who have either been riding motorcycles for at least two years, or have completed a motorcycle safety course, to ride motorcycles without having to wear a helmet, as long as they purchase insurance that would cover up to \$100,000 in medical costs if they get into an accident. Based on this description and what you may know or have heard or read about this proposal, do you favor legislation that would allow adults who qualify to ride motorcycles without a helmet, or, do you oppose this legislation because you believe everyone should wear a helmet when they ride a motorcycle? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK]** Would that be strongly or somewhat?

16%	Strongly favor -----	31% TOTAL FAVOR
15%	Somewhat favor	
8%	Somewhat oppose -----	68% TOTAL OPPOSE
60%	Strongly oppose	
1%	Undecided/Refused	

Q. 19 was commissioned by Gongwer News Service

__19. This year, a new law was passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Snyder which increased the powers of state-appointed emergency financial managers who are assigned to manage local governments or school districts experiencing severe financial problems. Under the new law, until the financial emergency has been resolved, the law transfers all powers from local elected or appointed officials to the emergency financial manager, who has the ultimate authority to void all contracts with employees, or to actually dissolve the local government or school district if the Governor approves. If enough valid petition signatures are collected to require a referendum on this new law, there may be a proposal placed on the November election ballot in 2012 to allow voters to decide to either keep or reject this new law. If a referendum proposal is placed on the ballot, would you vote “yes” to keep the law, or would you vote “no” to reject it?

34%	Would vote “yes” to keep the law
53%	Would vote “no” to reject it
13%	Undecided/Refused

Q. 20 was commissioned by the Michigan Democratic Party

__20. On February 28th next year, Michigan is scheduled to hold a statewide presidential primary election, which will cost an estimated \$10 million. The Michigan Democratic Party has already decided to select their delegates to their national convention by using a caucus process, as they have in the past, which they will fund, and to not use a publicly funded presidential primary election. The Michigan Republican Party is currently deciding whether they will use a caucus process, similar to what the Democratic Party will use, or, if they will use the presidential primary election. If a presidential primary is held just for the Michigan Republican Party to select their delegates to their national convention, they will likely have a closed primary election that requires voters to declare that they are Republicans. Should a presidential primary election be held in Michigan next year for one political party, or, should the presidential primary election be cancelled next year, thereby requiring both parties to use a caucus process for delegate selection, which would be funded by each political party?

18%	Hold the presidential primary election for the Republican Party
68%	Cancel the presidential primary election
14%	Undecided/Refused

__21. 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]**

21%	Strongly supports Tea Party movement -----	40% TOTAL SUPPORT
19%	Somewhat supports Tea Party movement	
10%	Somewhat opposes Tea Party movement -----	39% TOTAL OPPOSE
29%	Strongly opposes Tea Party movement	
21%	Undecided/Refused	

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

__22. 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 where it is necessary to save the life of the mother?

51%	Pro-choice
43%	Pro-life
6%	Undecided/Refused

__29. 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?

24%	Strong Democrat -----	37% TOTAL DEMOCRAT
6%	Not Strong Democrat	
7%	Independent-Lean Democrat	
21%	Independent	
11%	Independent-Lean Republican	
7%	Not Strong Republican	
19%	Strong Republican -----	37% TOTAL REPUBLICAN
5%	Other/Undecided/Refused	