

July 2020 Edition

LAKE EFFECT



What's Inside



Welcome to Lake Effect

Welcome to Lake Effect, a monthly research newsletter and a resource for progressive leaders and advocates, presented by Progress Michigan and Public Policy Polling. Research in this newsletter comes from a survey conducted between June 26 and 27th.

This issue examines viewpoints on police brutality against African Americans, COVID-19 from a number of angles and major upcoming elections.

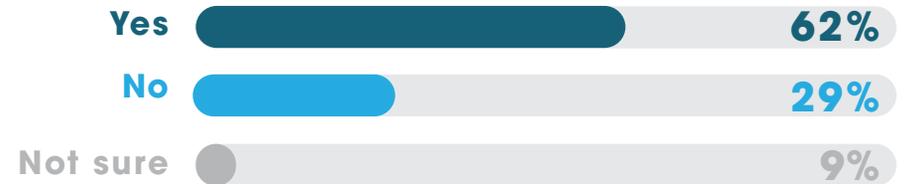
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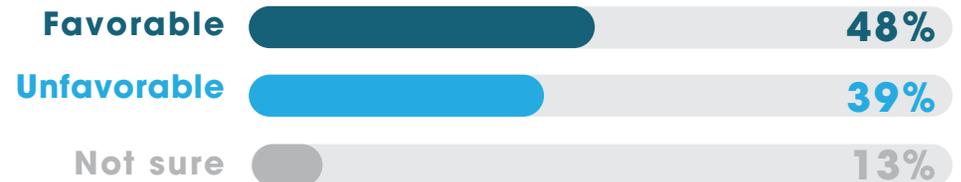
Reforms behind “Defund the Police” popular

While not necessarily supporting the “Defund the Police” as a phrase, respondents indicate they support the ideas behind the movement as well as the Black Lives Matter movement and want to see changes to use of force policies for police.

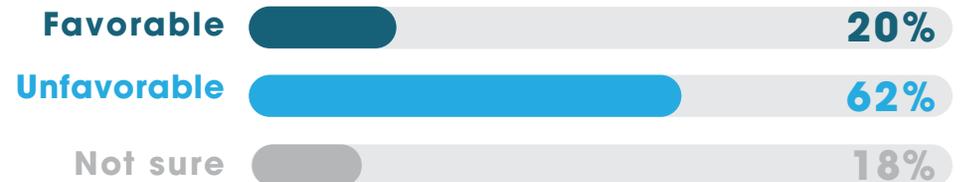
Do you think police departments should reform their use-of-force practices, or not?



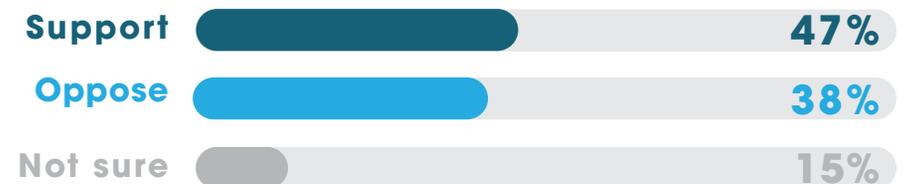
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement?



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the statement “Defund the Police”?



Do you support or oppose the reorganizing of funding within police budgets to areas like mental health, healthcare, housing, and job programs?

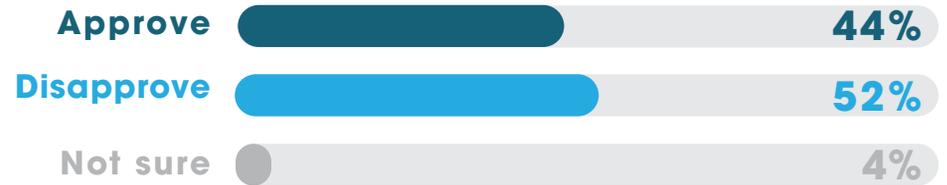




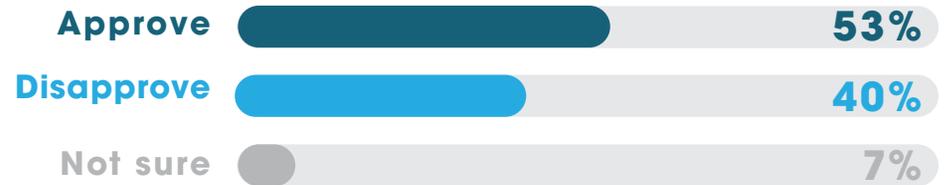
Top-ticket Dems continue to outshine Republicans in Lake Effect

Whitmer, Biden and Peters still earn higher marks than Republicans, including John James and President Trump.

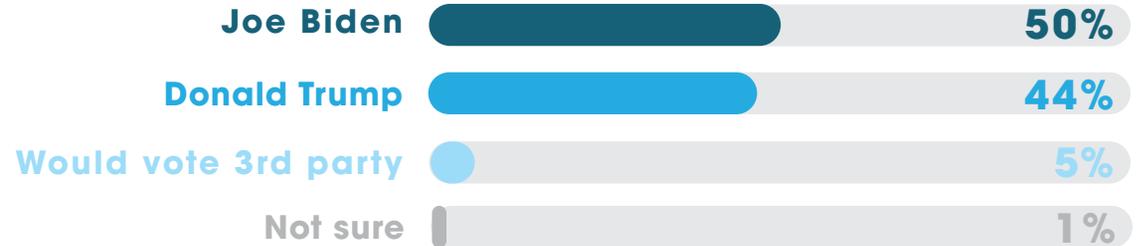
Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?



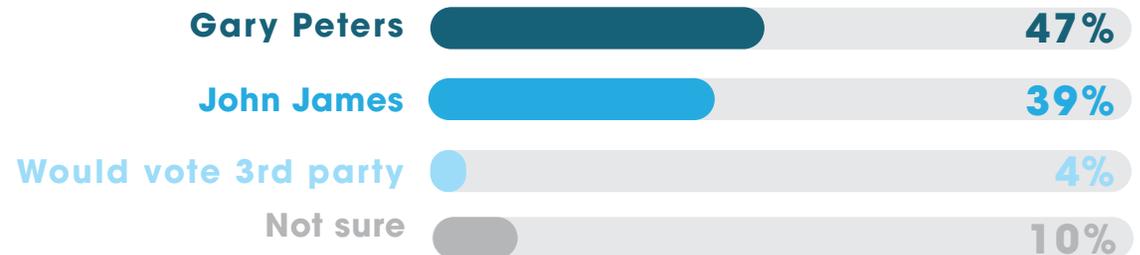
Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's job performance?



If the election for President were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump, who would you vote for?



If the election for US Senate were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Gary Peters and Republican John James, who would you vote for?

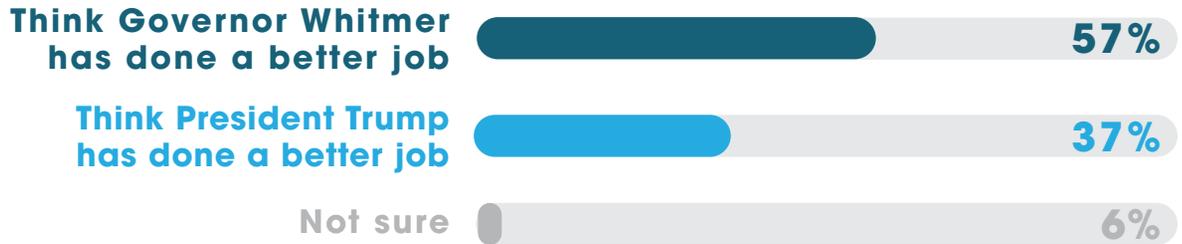




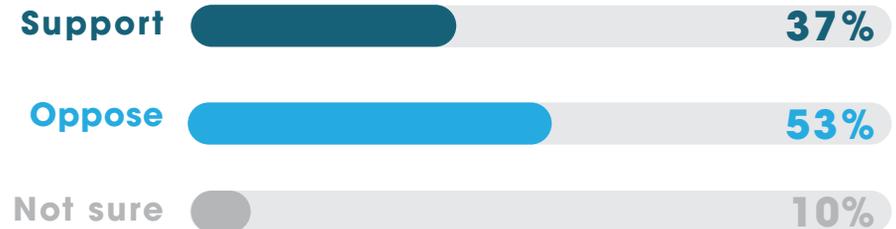
Whitmer’s handling of COVID-19 still popular, attack against her are not

Despite Whitmer’s handling of COVID-19 receiving high marks, petitions have popped up to try to remove some of her powers, including recalling her — but respondents are not on board with these ballot initiatives.

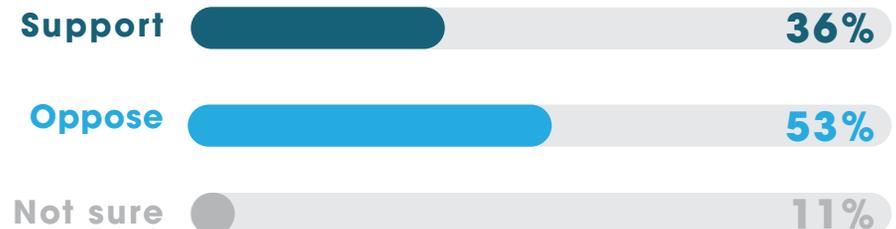
Who do you think has done a better job handing the coronavirus: Governor Whitmer, or President Trump?



A group has recently started collecting signatures to recall Governor Whitmer for her handling of the coronavirus. Do you support or oppose this effort?



A group has announced plans to collect signatures for a citizen’s initiative that would eliminate the Governor’s emergency powers, such as those Governor Whitmer has used during the COVID-19 public health crisis. If enough signatures are collected, the Legislature can adopt the initiative and Whitmer cannot veto it. Do you support or oppose this initiative?

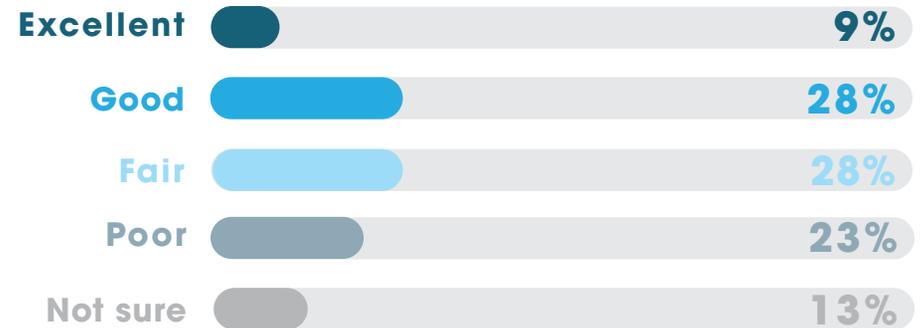




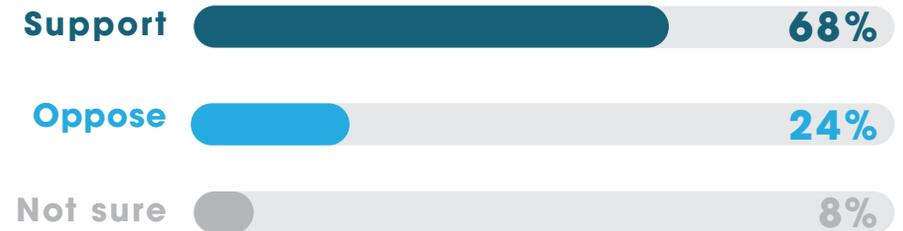
Additional Questions about COVID-19

Unemployment has been a major issue in Michigan and people are split on how they think the state has handled it. Requiring masks depends on whether it's indoors or outdoors.

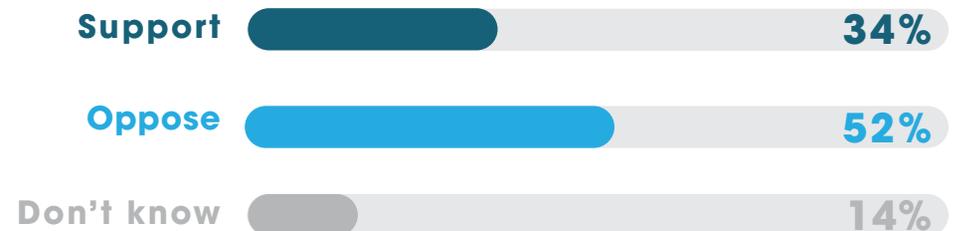
How would you rate the job Michigan is doing handling unemployment benefits: excellent, good, fair, or poor?



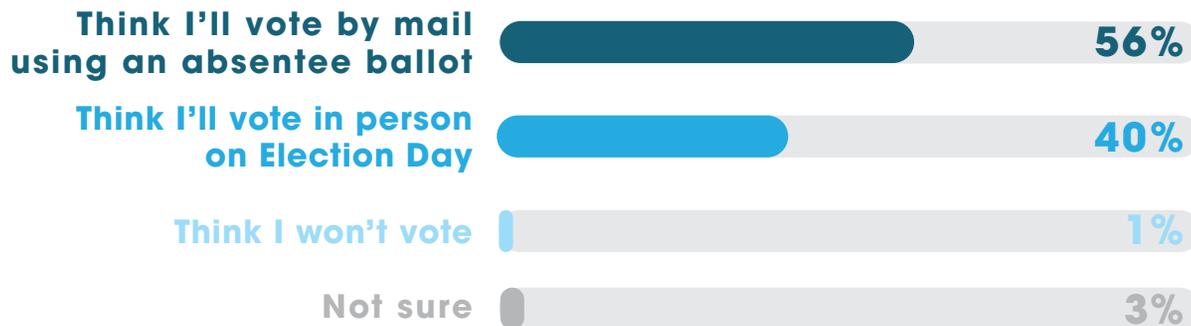
Do you support or oppose requiring everyone who is medically able to wear a mask when in indoor facilities such as businesses, government buildings and grocery stores?



Do you support or oppose requiring everyone who is medically able to wear a mask when in outdoor public places like parks and sidewalks?



As you may know, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson recently mailed all registered Michigan voters absentee ballot request forms for the state’s upcoming primary elections in August and for the general election in November. If the coronavirus pandemic is still a problem in November, which option for voting are you most likely to use in November: do you think you’ll vote by mail using an absentee ballot, do you think you’ll vote in person on Election Day, or do you think you will not vote?



Headline-grabbing issues in Michigan

While catching flak from Republicans for mailing absentee ballot applications to all eligible voters, Jocelyn Benson’s effort to allow more folks to vote from home is having an impact on how people will vote in November. Meanwhile, the debate on whether Enbridge’s Line 5 should stay or go is largely up in the air.

Courts recently ruled that Enbridge Line 5 must shut down due to safety concerns. Do you believe Line 5 should be permanently shut down or allowed to re-open?



About Lake Effect

Presented by Progress Michigan, Lake Effect is a monthly research newsletter that follows public opinion in Michigan. Each month, Public Policy Polling will survey registered voters across Michigan about their opinions of important issues and public figures in the state. These newsletters will break down the results and provide readers with key takeaways and analysis from the data.

About This Study

PPP interviewed 1,237 Michigan voters by phone and text from June 26th to June 27th on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 2.5%

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