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# LAKE EFFECT



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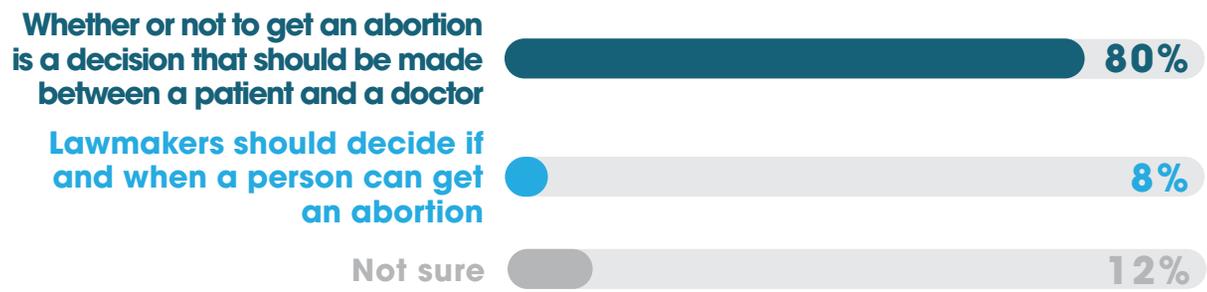
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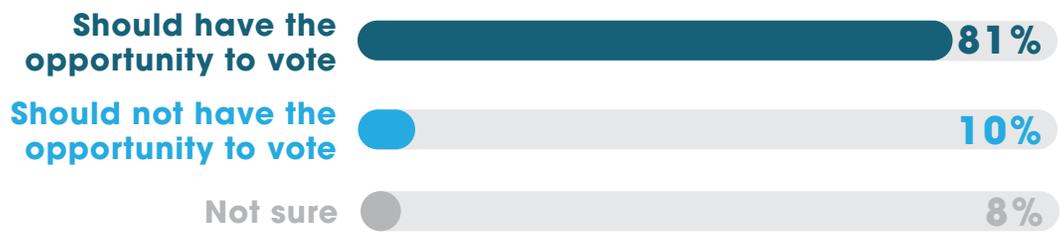
## Overwhelming Support for Protecting Abortion Access

The majority of respondents oppose lawmakers deciding when a person should get an abortion, and want Michiganders to vote on enshrining abortion access in the state Constitution.

I'm going to give you two statements, and then ask which one comes closer to your view. Here's the first statement: whether or not to get an abortion is a decision that should be made between a patient and a doctor. Here's the second statement: lawmakers should decide if and when a person can get an abortion. Which do you agree with more?



A ballot initiative that will add reproductive health rights, including abortion access, to Michigan's constitution may soon be added to the November 2022 election ballot. Regardless of your opinion on abortion, do you believe Michiganders should have the opportunity to vote on this ballot initiative or not?

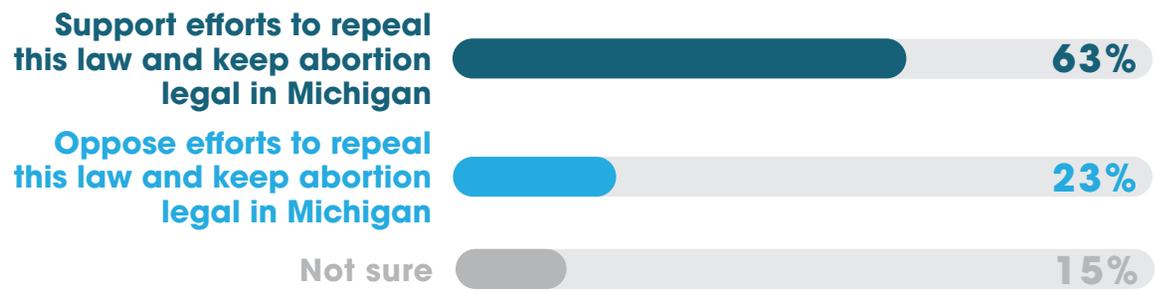




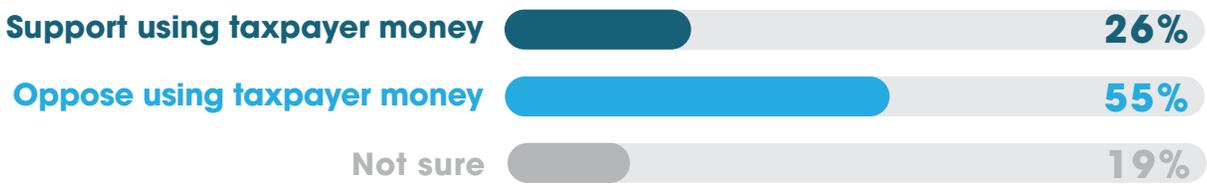
### Respondents Oppose Using Taxpayer Money to Defend MI Abortion Ban

Not only do Michiganders oppose GOP lawmakers using taxpayer money to defend the 1931 abortion ban, they support efforts to abolish the ban altogether.

Now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned, a 1931 Michigan law will make abortion illegal including in cases of rape and incest pending a lawsuit challenging the ban. Do you support or oppose efforts to repeal this law and keep abortion legal in Michigan?



The Republican-led State House and Senate have spent over \$70,000 of taxpayer money on legal services in defense of Michigan's 1931 abortion ban, which is currently tied up in lawsuits. Do you support or oppose Republican lawmakers using taxpayer money to defend Michigan's 1931 abortion ban?

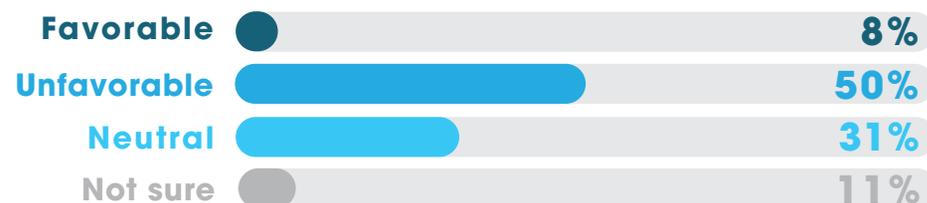




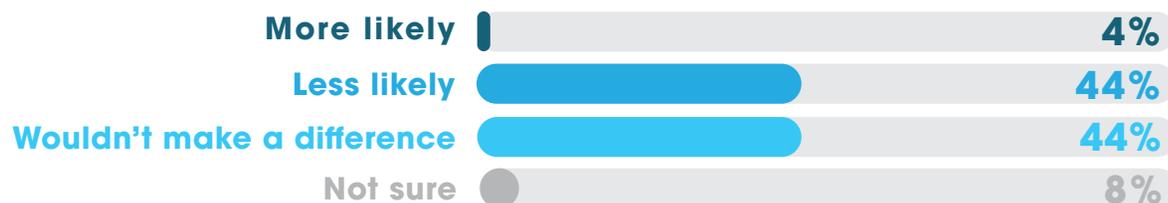
## Michiganders Still Sour on DeVos

Betsy DeVos is incredibly unpopular and an endorsement from the DeVos family or the organizations they support doesn't carry much weight with respondents.

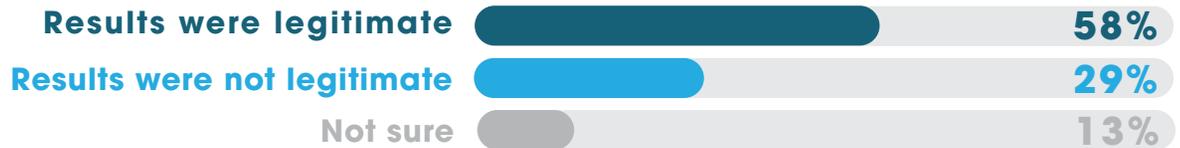
Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neutral view of Betsy DeVos?



If Betsy DeVos, the DeVos family, or a DeVos connected organization endorsed a candidate for public office, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it not make a difference?



Do you think the 2020 Presidential election results were legitimate, or not?



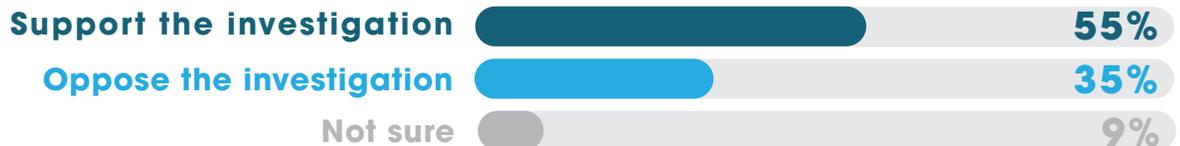
Do you believe that former President Trump should be prosecuted for trying to overturn the 2020 election and his role in the January 6th attack on our Capitol, or not?



If a candidate for public office supported and praised former President Trump, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it not make a difference?



Recently, Michigan House Democrats introduced a resolution calling on the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate 11 Michigan House Republican lawmakers for seditious conspiracy for their actions attempting to overturn the 2020 election. Do you support or oppose the U.S. Department of Justice investigating the 11 Republican lawmakers?



If a person elected to public office takes an oath to uphold the Constitution and then engages in illegal activity that violates that oath of office, do you think that person should be barred from running for public office again, or not?



## Voters Support Holding Trump and Other Insurrectionists Accountable

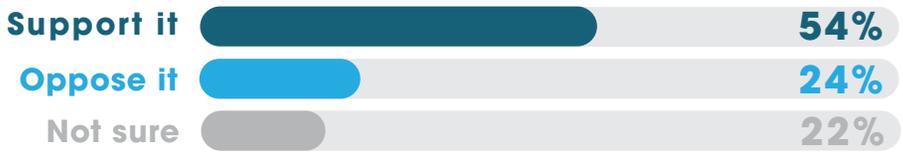
Respondents support prosecuting Trump and investigating Michigan House Republican lawmakers who attempted to overturn the 2020 election. They're also less likely to support a candidate for public office who supports Trump.



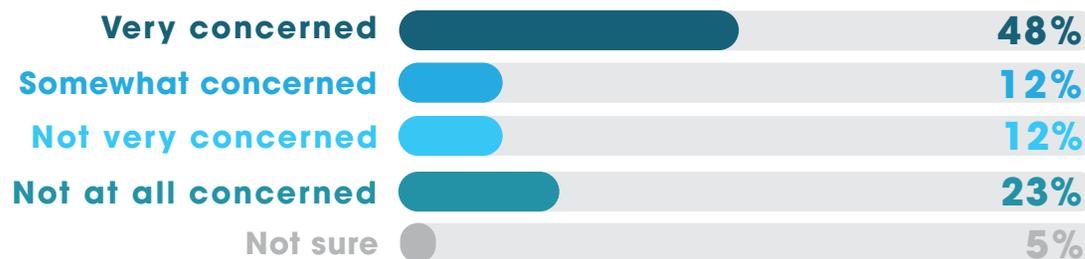
### Majority Support Whitmer Child Care Bill

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One year ago, Governor Whitmer announced a \$1.4 billion plan to expand affordable child care options using federal funds. One month ago, she signed eight bills into law to help existing child care centers stay open, new centers to open, and expanded eligibility for families who need financial assistance to afford child care. Do you support or oppose Governor Whitmer signing these child care bills into law?



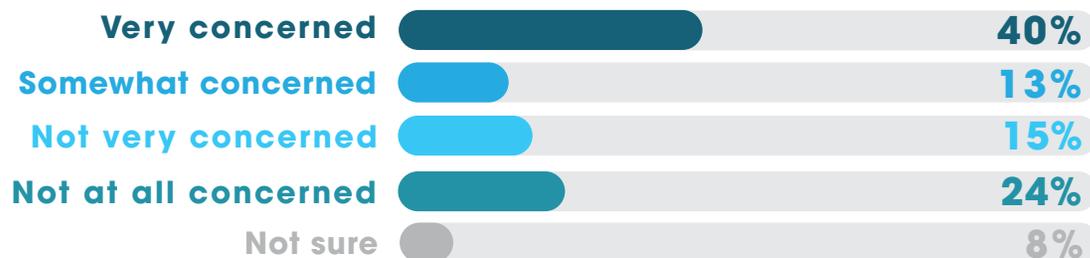
Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, which protected the right to an abortion. In the wake of this decision, are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned about losing other rights such as the right to birth control, same-sex marriage, and interracial marriage?



### Voters Concerned About Conservative Supreme Court

The recent overturning of Roe v. Wade has voters concerned about losing other rights.

Recently, there has been a rise in hateful rhetoric from Republican lawmakers and officials targeting the LGBTQ community that advocates say is dangerous to LGBTQ people of all ages. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned about these attacks on the LGBTQ community from Republicans?



## Majority Concerned About Rise in LGBTQ Hate Speech

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## 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 surveys registered voters across Michigan about their opinions on important issues and public figures in the state. These newsletters break down the results and provide readers with key takeaways and analysis from the data.

## About This Study

PPP interviewed 638 Michigan voters by phone and text August 4-5, 2022 on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%.

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