

**EPIC-MRA STATEWIDE MEDIA SURVEY OF ACTIVE & LIKELY NOVEMBER VOTERS  
[FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR ±4.0 pts.]**

*Polling Dates: October 6, 2022 through October 12, 2022  
Conducted by live interviewers – included 70% cell phones*

\_\_03. In the November 2022 general election, are you very certain to vote by going to your polling place, somewhat certain to vote at the polls, somewhat certain to vote by absentee ballot, or are you very certain to vote by absentee ballot?

- 56% Very certain to vote at the polls
- 5% Somewhat certain to vote at the polls
- 61% TOTAL VOTE POLLS**
- 35% TOTAL VOTE ABSENTEE**
- 4% Somewhat certain to vote absentee
- 31% Very certain to vote absentee
- 4% Undecided/Refused

\_\_04. Overall, 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?

- 38% Right direction
- 49% Wrong track
- 13% Undecided/Refused

\_\_05. Now I am going to read a list of problems and issues that Michigan voters say they are concerned about the most. After I read the whole list, please tell me which one problem or issue concerns you the most. **[READ & ROTATE 1 TO 10 BELOW – CODE FIRST AND ONLY ONE RESPONSE]**

- 29% Controlling inflation and high prices for gasoline, food, and other costs
- 17% Addressing abortion laws in Michigan after the Roe V Wade decision
- 12% Improving the quality of education
- 11% Improving the Michigan economy and job situation
- 9% Upgrading infrastructure, roads, bridges, dams, drinking water & wastewater treatment systems
- 6% Reducing state and local government spending
- 5% Providing quality, affordable health care
- 4% Addressing gun violence in our communities and schools
- 2% Controlling crime and drugs
- 2% Protecting our environment, including our air and water
- More than one (**volunteered – ASK: “But which problem concerns you the most?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**)
- 3% Undecided/Refused

Now I am going 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 a name, say so and we will 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 BEST RESPONSE]**

<b>[ROTATE Q.6 THROUGH Q.13]</b>	<b><u>DO NOT RECOG</u></b>	<b><u>VERY FAVOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL FAVOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL UNFAV</u></b>	<b><u>VERY UNFAV</u></b>	<b><u>REF UNDEC</u></b>
_06. Joe Biden	----	21%	<b>43%</b>	<b>53%</b>	43%	4%
_07. Gretchen Whitmer	----	33%	<b>52%</b>	<b>43%</b>	34%	5%
_08. Tudor Dixon	14%	13%	<b>28%</b>	<b>45%</b>	35%	13%
_09. Donald Trump	----	26%	<b>40%</b>	<b>53%</b>	46%	7%
_10. Matt DePerno	76%	3%	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>	8%	8%
_11. Dana Nessel	44%	15%	<b>27%</b>	<b>20%</b>	15%	9%
_12. Kristina Karamo	71%	5%	<b>9%</b>	<b>10%</b>	8%	10%
_13. Jocelyn Benson	44%	15%	<b>28%</b>	<b>15%</b>	10%	13%

\_\_14. Overall, how would you rate the job that Joe Biden 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?

8% Excellent  
 26% Pretty good  
**34% TOTAL POSITIVE**  
**65% TOTAL NEGATIVE**  
 19% Just fair  
 46% Poor  
 1% Undecided/Refused

\_\_15. How would you rate the job that Gretchen Whitmer is doing as Governor? Would you give her a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

22% Excellent  
 27% Pretty good  
**49% TOTAL POSITIVE**  
**50% TOTAL NEGATIVE**  
 18% Just fair  
 32% Poor  
 1% Undecided/Refused

\_\_16. Thinking about the current condition of the Michigan economy and the employment situation, would you give the Michigan economy a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

3% Excellent  
 27% Pretty good  
**30% TOTAL POSITIVE**  
**67% TOTAL NEGATIVE**  
 38% Just fair  
 29% Poor  
 3% Undecided/Refused

Thinking about the upcoming November 8<sup>th</sup> general election ...

\_\_17. If the election for Governor were held today, would you [*or did you vote - if already voted AV*], for [ROTATE FIRST TWO] Tudor Dixon the Republican, Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat, Mary Busuma the Libertarian, Donna Brandenburg of the US Taxpayers Party, Kevin Hogan of the Green Party or Daryl Simpson of the Natural Law 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]

32%	Tudor Dixon the Republican	
6%	Lean toward Dixon the Republican	
<b>38%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE DIXON</b>	
47%	Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat	<b>GO TO Q.19</b>
2%	Lean toward Whitmer the Democrat	<b>GO TO Q.19</b>
<b>49%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE WHITMER</b>	
2%	Mary Busuma the Libertarian	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
1%	Lean toward Busuma the Libertarian	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
<b>3%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE BUSUMA</b>	
0%	Donna Brandenburg of the US Taxpayers Party	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
0%	Lean toward Brandenburg of the US Taxpayers Party	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
<b>0%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE BRANDENBURG</b>	
1%	Kevin Hogan of the Green Party	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
0%	Lean toward Hogan of the Green Party	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
<b>1%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE HOGAN</b>	
0%	Daryl Simpson of the Natural Law Party	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
0%	Lean toward Simpson of the Natural Law Party	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
<b>0%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE SIMPSON</b>	
9%	Undecided/Refused	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>

**[ONLY ASK Q. 18 IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ALREADY VOTE ABSENTEE IN Q.2]**

\_\_18. How certain are you that you will vote for Tudor Dixon the Republican – very certain, fairly certain, or do you think you still might change your mind and decide to vote for Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat or a third-party candidate?

**N=215**

72%	Very certain	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
19%	Fairly certain	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
7%	May still change their mind and vote for Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>
2%	Undecided/Refused	<b>GO TO Q.20</b>

**[ONLY ASK Q. 19 IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ALREADY VOTE ABSENTEE IN Q.2]**

\_\_19. How certain are you that you will vote for Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat – very certain, fairly certain, or do you think you still might change your mind and decide to vote for Tudor Dixon the Republican or a third-party candidate?

**N=264**

83%	Very certain
11%	Fairly certain
5%	May still change their mind and vote for Tudor Dixon the Republican
0%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_20. What would you say is the one single issue that has been discussed in the campaigns for governor that is influencing you the most to vote in the November 8<sup>th</sup> general election, or influenced you the most to already vote by absentee ballot? **[CODE RESPONSE OR WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

39%	Abortion/Reproductive freedom
34%	Inflation/Cost of living
12%	Education/More Parent Authority/Critical Race Theory/LBGQTQ Discussions
8%	COVID shutdowns/restrictions
1%	Infrastructure
1%	Other ( <i>less than 1% each</i> )
5%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_21. If the election for Michigan Secretary of State were held today, would you, [*or did you vote - if already voted AV*] for [ROTATE FIRST TWO] Kristina Karamo the Republican, Jocelyn Benson the Democrat, Gregory Scott Stempfle the Libertarian, Christine Schwartz US Taxpayers Party, or Larry James Hutchinson the Green 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]

31% Kristina Karamo the Republican  
 6% Lean toward Karamo the Republican  
**37% TOTAL VOTE KARAMO**  
 42% Jocelyn Benson the Democrat  
 5% Lean toward Benson the Democrat  
**47% TOTAL VOTE BENSON**  
 2% Gregory Scott Stempfle the Libertarian  
 0% Lean toward Stempfle the Libertarian  
**2% TOTAL VOTE STEMPFLE**  
 1% Christine Schwartz of the US Taxpayers Party  
 0% Lean toward Schwartz of the US Taxpayers Party  
**1% TOTAL VOTE SCHWARTZ**  
 1% Larry James Hutchinson of the Green Party  
 0% Lean toward Hutchinson of the Green Party  
**1% TOTAL VOTE HUTCHINSON**  
 12% Undecided/Refused

\_\_22. If the election for Michigan Attorney General were held today, would you [*or did you vote - if already voted AV*]for [ROTATE FIRST TWO] Matt DePerno the Republican. Dana Nessel the Democrat, Joseph McHugh the Libertarian or Gerald Van Sickle the US Taxpayers 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]

34% Matt DePerno the Republican  
 5% Lean toward DePerno the Republican  
**39% TOTAL VOTE DEPERNO**  
 39% Dana Nessel the Democrat  
 4% Lean toward Nessel the Democrat  
**43% TOTAL VOTE NESSEL**  
 3% Joseph McHugh the Libertarian  
 0% Lean toward McHugh the Libertarian  
**3% TOTAL VOTE MCHUGH**  
 1% Gerald Van Sickle of the US Taxpayers Party  
 0% Lean toward Van Sickle of the US Taxpayers Party  
**1% TOTAL VOTE VAN SICKLE**  
 14% Undecided/Refused

Now I will ask how you would vote the three proposals that will appear on the November ballot.

\_\_23. Proposal 1 would amend the state constitution to: • Require members of the legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general to file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations. • Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between the house and senate. Current term limits restrict House members to 6 years and Senate members to 8 years.

After hearing this description of the proposal, if the election were held today, would you vote “yes” to adopt the proposal, or would you vote “no” to NOT adopt it?

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

53% Vote “yes” for the constitutional amendment  
 15% Lean toward voting “yes”  
**68% TOTAL VOTE YES**  
**24% TOTAL VOTE NO**  
 19% Vote “no” to oppose the constitutional amendment  
 5% Lean toward voting “no”  
 8% Undecided/Refused

\_\_24. Proposal 2 would amend the constitution to: • Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct; • Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day; • Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement; • Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections; • Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots; • Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits; • Require 9 days of early in-person voting; • Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed; • and require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

After hearing this description of the proposal, if the election were held today, would you vote “yes” to adopt the proposal, or would you vote “no” to NOT adopt it?

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

55% Vote “yes” for the constitutional amendment  
 12% Lean toward voting “yes”  
**67% TOTAL VOTE YES**  
**23% TOTAL VOTE NO**  
 20% Vote “no” to oppose the constitutional amendment  
 3% Lean toward voting “no”  
 10% Undecided/Refused

\_\_25. Proposal 3 is a proposed constitutional amendment that would: • Establish a new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility; • Allow the state to prohibit abortion after fetal viability unless needed to protect a patient’s life or physical or mental health; • Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment; and invalidate all state laws that conflict with this amendment.

After hearing this description of the proposal, if the election were held today, would you vote “yes” to adopt the proposal, or would you vote to NOT adopt it?

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

53% Vote “yes” for the constitutional amendment  
 7% Lean toward voting “yes”  
**60% TOTAL VOTE YES**  
**33% TOTAL VOTE NO**  
 29% Vote “no” to oppose the constitutional amendment  
 4% Lean toward voting “no”  
 7% Undecided/Refused

On another topic...

\_\_26. Because of what happened on January 6<sup>th</sup> after the 2020 Presidential election and the attempt to overturn the outcome of the election, as well as a number of election laws enacted or introduced in many states - including Michigan - making it more difficult for people to vote, and a number of candidates running for state and federal office throughout the country - including Michigan - who continue to claim there was widespread fraud in the 2020 election, many people have said that in the upcoming November election, our very democracy is at stake. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

42% Strongly agree that our very democracy is at stake  
 21% Somewhat agree that our very democracy is at stake  
**64% TOTAL AGREE**  
**29% TOTAL DISAGREE**  
 10% Somewhat disagree that our very democracy is at stake  
 19% Strongly disagree that our very democracy is at stake  
 7% Undecided/Refused

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

\_\_27. Do you think of yourself as pro-choice, meaning 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?

60% Pro-choice – women have the right to an abortion  
 36% Pro-life – against abortions except to save life of mother  
 4% Undecided/Refused

\_\_28. Do you have school age children aged 18 or younger living in your household?

- 30% Yes
- 69% No
- 1% Undecided/Refused

\_\_29. Do you, or does any member of your household, belong to a labor union or a teachers association?  
**[PROBE FOR BEST RESPONSE]**

- 13% Respondent belongs
- 6% Other household member belongs
- 2% More than one household member belongs
- 21% TOTAL UNION**
- 77% No members in household
- 2% Undecided/Refused

\_\_30. Could you please tell me in what year you were born? **[IF REFUSED, ASK: 'Would you please tell me into which of the following categories your age would fall? Please stop me when I get to a category that applies to you.' AND READ 1 TO 4]**

**[RECORD YEAR HERE \_\_\_\_\_ AND THEN CODE BELOW]**

- 20% 18 to 34 years **(1988 to 2004)**
- 22% 35 to 49 **(1973 to 1987)**
- 30% 50 to 64 **(1958 to 1972)**
- 28% 65 and over **(1957 or before)**
- 0% Undecided/Refused

\_\_33. 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?

- 78% White
- 11% African American/Black
- 2% Hispanic or Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican-American etc.)
- 1% Asian
- 1% Native American
- 3% Mixed race
- 2% Other
- 4% Undecided/Refused

\_\_34. Would you describe yourself as **(ROTATE)** conservative, moderate, or liberal?

- 37% Conservative
- 32% Moderate
- 22% Liberal
- 9% Undecided/Refused

\_\_35. 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?

28%	Strong Democrat
4%	Not Strong Democrat
9%	Independent-Lean Democrat
<b>41%</b>	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>
15%	Independent
<b>40%</b>	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
8%	Independent-Lean Republican
5%	Not Strong Republican
27%	Strong Republican
1%	Other
3%	Undecided/Refused