

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

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Polling Dates: August 13, 2011 through August 16, 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?

14% Right direction  
75% Wrong track  
11% Undecided/Refused

\_\_04. How about in Michigan – are things generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

31% Right direction  
54% Wrong track  
15% Undecided/Refused

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[ROTATE Q.5 TO Q.9]	<u>DO NOT RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF UNDEC</u>
__05. Barack Obama	---	22%	<b>45%</b>	<b>49%</b>	34%	6%
__06. Rick Snyder	---	9%	<b>42%</b>	<b>42%</b>	25%	16%
__07. Mitt Romney	4%	7%	<b>32%</b>	<b>41%</b>	18%	23%
__08. Debbie Stabenow	2%	15%	<b>47%</b>	<b>38%</b>	20%	13%
__09. Pete Hoekstra	21%	6%	<b>27%</b>	<b>19%</b>	11%	33%

\_\_10. 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?

10%	Excellent -----	<b>34% TOTAL POSITIVE</b>
24%	Pretty good	
25%	Just fair -----	<b>65% TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>
40%	Poor	
1%	Undecided/Refused	

\_\_11. 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?

6%	Excellent -----	<b>33% TOTAL POSITIVE</b>
27%	Pretty good	
32%	Just fair -----	<b>62% TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>
30%	Poor	
5%	Undecided/Refused	

\_\_12. 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?

9%	Excellent -----	<b>37% TOTAL POSITIVE</b>
28%	Pretty good	
29%	Just fair -----	<b>54% TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>
25%	Poor	
9%	Undecided/Refused	

\_\_13. Thinking about Michigan's economy, do you believe the economy in Michigan...

**[READ 1 TO 3]**

31%	Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve
34%	Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better
31%	Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse
4%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_14. 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?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

39%	Vote for Barack Obama the Democrat -----	<b>43% TOTAL OBAMA</b>
4%	Lean toward Barack Obama the Democrat	
36%	Vote for Mitt Romney the Republican -----	<b>45% TOTAL ROMNEY</b>
9%	Lean toward Mitt Romney the Republican	
12%	Undecided/Refused	

\_\_15. If the election for Michigan US Senator were held today and the candidates were Pete Hoekstra and Debbie Stabenow, would you vote for Pete Hoekstra the Republican or Debbie Stabenow 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 Pete Hoekstra the Republican or Debbie Stabenow the Democrat?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

42%	Vote for Debbie Stabenow the Democrat ----	<b>47% TOTAL STABENOW</b>
5%	Lean toward Debbie Stabenow the Democrat	
33%	Vote for Pete Hoekstra the Republican -----	<b>38% TOTAL HOEKSTRA</b>
5%	Lean toward Pete Hoekstra the Republican	
15%	Undecided/Refused	

\_\_16. On February 28<sup>th</sup> of next year, the Michigan Republican Party will hold a closed presidential primary election to determine the allocation of delegates for each candidate to the National Republican Convention. In order to participate, voters would have to declare that they are Republican voters. Democrats will be holding a caucus and not use the February 28<sup>th</sup> election to select their delegates to their National Democratic Convention. Knowing that you must declare yourself as a member of the Republican Party in order to participate in this presidential primary election, will you be voting in the Republican Presidential Primary on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012? **[DO NOT READ – CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

28%	Yes	
5%	Probably	
2%	Maybe	N = 210
58%	No -----	<b>GO TO Q.29</b>
7%	Undecided/Refused -----	<b>GO TO Q.29</b>

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[ROTATE Q.17 TO Q.27]	<u>DO NOT RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF UNDEC</u>
__17. Mitt Romney	---	22%	<b>70%</b>	<b>20%</b>	6%	10%
__18. Sarah Palin	---	14%	<b>51%</b>	<b>40%</b>	19%	9%
__19. Newt Gingrich	1%	9%	<b>49%</b>	<b>38%</b>	15%	12%
__20. Tim Pawlenty	29%	3%	<b>30%</b>	<b>20%</b>	6%	21%
__21. Rick Santorum	38%	8%	<b>32%</b>	<b>14%</b>	7%	16%
__22. Thaddeus McCotter	49%	7%	<b>24%</b>	<b>10%</b>	4%	17%
__23. Herman Cain	39%	19%	<b>38%</b>	<b>8%</b>	4%	15%
__24. Ron Paul	13%	11%	<b>45%</b>	<b>27%</b>	10%	15%
__25. Michelle Bachman	9%	22%	<b>58%</b>	<b>19%</b>	12%	14%
__26. John Huntsman	48%	2%	<b>14%</b>	<b>23%</b>	8%	15%
__27. Rick Perry	29%	17%	<b>48%</b>	<b>9%</b>	4%	14%

\_\_28. If you were to vote in the February 28<sup>th</sup> election, as of today, which of the following announced or potential Republican candidates for President would you vote for? **[READ & ROTATE 1-11]**

32% Mitt Romney  
 17% Rick Perry  
 12% Michelle Bachman  
 5% Newt Gingrich  
 5% Sarah Palin  
 5% Ron Paul  
 3% Herman Cain  
 2% Rick Santorum  
 1% John Huntsman  
 1% Thaddeus McCotter  
 1% Tim Pawlenty  
 16% Undecided/Refused

\_\_29. President Obama and Congress reached an agreement just before the August 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline to increase the national debt ceiling allowing the Federal government to pay its creditors. The agreement includes a provision to reduce the national deficit by \$2.7 trillion over 10 years, which is the amount the debt ceiling could be raised. A little over \$1 trillion dollars is already part of that agreement, and a bi-partisan 12 member committee made up of 6 Democrats and 6 Republicans are supposed to propose another \$1.5 trillion in cuts or increased revenue to further reduce the national debt. If that committee can agree to a plan, it must then be approved by President Obama and both Houses of Congress. If they do not approve of the committee plan, deep cuts will automatically be made in Military spending and Medicare. The fact that military spending would be cut deeply is thought to be an incentive for Republicans to reach agreement, just as deep cuts in Medicare is supposed to serve as an incentive for Democrats to reach agreement. Based on this description and what you may know about the agreement reached between President Obama and both houses of Congress, do you favor or oppose that agreement?

**[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: "Would that be strongly or somewhat?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

7% Strongly favor ----- **32% TOTAL FAVOR**  
 25% Somewhat favor  
 17% Somewhat oppose ----- **53% TOTAL OPPOSE**  
 36% Strongly oppose  
 15% Undecided/Refused

\_\_30. The recent debate over raising the debt ceiling was more controversial than it has ever been. Who do you think was more to blame for the impasse in reaching an agreement on increasing the debt ceiling, the Republican controlled US House of Representatives, President Barack Obama, or the Democratic Controlled US Senate?

- 39% Republican controlled US House
- 18% President Barack Obama
- 14% Democratic controlled US Senate
- 29% Undecided/Refused

\_\_31. In proposing a plan to come up with another \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts or tax increases to reduce the national debt, do you think the bi-partisan committee should only require tax increases, only require cuts in government spending on programs, or should the proposal include a combination of both spending cuts and tax increases? **[IF COMBINATION, ASK: "Should that combination be mostly spending cuts and some tax increases, mostly tax increases and some spending cuts, or should it be equal tax increases and spending cuts?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 27% Only spending cuts
- 21% Combination of mostly spending cuts and some tax increases
- 33% Combination with equal spending cuts and tax increases
- 10% Combination of mostly tax increases and some spending cuts
- 3% Only tax increases
- 6% Undecided/Refused

On another topic...

\_\_45. Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment in Michigan that would allow same sex couples to get married? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: "Would that be strongly or somewhat?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 24% Strongly favor ----- **36% TOTAL FAVOR**
- 12% Somewhat favor
- 7% Somewhat oppose ----- **54% TOTAL OPPOSE**
- 47% Strongly oppose
- 10% Undecided/Refused

\_\_46. 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]**

19%	Strongly supports Tea Party movement -----	<b>40% TOTAL SUPPORT</b>
21%	Somewhat supports Tea Party movement	
8%	Somewhat opposes Tea Party movement -----	<b>43% TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
35%	Strongly opposes Tea Party movement	
17%	Undecided/Refused	

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

\_\_47. 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?

48%	Pro-choice
47%	Pro-life
5%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_54. 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?

22%	Strong Democrat -----	<b>38% TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>
5%	Not Strong Democrat	
11%	Independent-Lean Democrat	
21%	Independent	
10%	Independent-Lean Republican	
9%	Not Strong Republican	
18%	Strong Republican -----	<b>37% TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
1%	Other	
3%	Undecided/Refused	