

EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL – MAY/JUNE 2020 SURVEY OF ACTIVE/LIKELY VOTERS

MEDIA FREQUENCY REPORT ON SECOND SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JUNE

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Polling Dates: May 31, 2020 through June 4, 2020

Conducted by live interviewers – included 40% cell phones

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

- 22% Right direction
- 70% Wrong track
- 8% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__04. How about in Michigan -- 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?

- 48% Right direction
- 42% Wrong track
- 10% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

Now, I would like 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 of that person, please say so. The first name is... “Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person?” **[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK: “Would that be very or generally?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

[ROTATE Q.5 THROUGH Q.7]	<u>DO NOT RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOT FAVOR</u>	<u>TOT UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF UNDEC</u>
__05. Donald Trump	---	22%	38%	58%	51%	4%
__06. Gretchen Whitmer	---	38%	59%	37%	25%	4%
__07. Joe Biden	---	25%	53%	42%	28%	5%

__08. Overall, how would you rate the job that Donald Trump 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?

- 19% Excellent
- 19% Pretty good
- 38% TOTAL POSITIVE**
- 61% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
- 9% Just fair
- 52% Poor
- 1% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__09. How would you rate the job that Gretchen Whitmer is doing as Michigan’s Governor – would you give her a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

- 28% Excellent
- 30% Pretty good
- 58% TOTAL POSITIVE**
- 41% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
- 17% Just fair
- 24% Poor
- 1% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__10. Specifically, how would you rate the job that Donald Trump is doing in handling the coronavirus crisis – would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

- 15% Excellent
- 19% Pretty good
- 34% TOTAL POSITIVE**
- 64% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
- 11% Just fair
- 53% Poor
- 2% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__11. Specifically, how would you rate the job that Gretchen Whitmer is doing in handling the coronavirus in Michigan – would you give her a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

- 33% Excellent
- 29% Pretty good
- 62% TOTAL POSITIVE**
- 37% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
- 14% Just fair
- 23% Poor
- 1% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__12. Thinking about the general election for President, if the election were held today, will you definitely vote to reelect Donald Trump as President, will you consider voting for someone else, or, will you definitely vote to replace Donald Trump as President?

- 51% Vote to replace Trump
- 33% Vote to reelect Trump
- 13% Consider voting for someone else
- 3% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__13. Thinking about the Michigan economy and the jobs situation, would you give the Michigan economy a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

- 5% Excellent
- 32% Pretty good
- 37% TOTAL POSITIVE**
- 57% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
- 36% Just fair
- 21% Poor
- 6% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

Thinking about the upcoming election for President in Michigan...

__14. If the election for President were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] Donald Trump the Republican or Joe Biden the Democrat?

[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]

- 37% Donald Trump the Republican
- 2% Lean toward Trump the Republican
- 39% TOTAL VOTE TRUMP**
- 55% TOTAL VOTE BIDEN**
- 53% Joe Biden the Democrat
- 2% Lean toward Biden the Democrat
- 6% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

Turning to other issues...

__30. Michigan must have a balanced budget but due to the coronavirus pandemic, there is likely up to a \$3 billion dollar budget deficit state lawmakers must solve this year. Which one of the following statements comes closer to your view? [READ AND ROTATE TWO STATEMENTS BELOW – CODE FIRST AND ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

- 56% We should avoid large cuts to critical services like schools, health care, and public safety and instead end corporate tax breaks and restructure our tax system so that working people pay less and wealthy individuals pay more.
- 32% We should tighten our belts and make necessary budget cuts because raising taxes on businesses or successful individuals will cost even more jobs and make the economy worse.
- 12% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__31. With many businesses beginning to reopen in Michigan, some workers will need to decide if they feel comfortable going back to work. Which statement comes closer to your view? [**READ AND ROTATE TWO STATEMENTS BELOW – CODE FIRST AND ONLY ONE RESPONSE**]

48% If workers feel at risk they should be allowed to remain home and collect unemployment benefits until their workplace can ensure their safety, but if they are required to go back to work and then get sick, they should be allowed to hold their employer accountable.

38% Even if workers do not feel completely comfortable, they need to return to work so that we can get our economy back on track and avoid the financial and health consequences of a severe recession.

14% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__32. Michigan does not have as broad a paid sick days or paid family medical leave policy as other states. Knowing that, which statement comes closer to your view? [**READ AND ROTATE TWO STATEMENTS BELOW – CODE FIRST AND ONLY ONE RESPONSE**]

60% Every worker deserves to have paid time to get well or help their family members recover when they get sick.

27% Small businesses and the economy are hurting right now and requiring more paid sick leave for workers would further damage our economy and cost jobs in the long run.

13% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__33. Michigan approved voting reforms last year that included no reason mail-in absentee voting for those who request it. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, elected officials are looking for ways to expand the use of vote by mail. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view? [**READ AND ROTATE TWO STATEMENTS BELOW – CODE FIRST AND ONLY ONE RESPONSE**]

63% Voting by mail has been successfully used in Michigan and many other states, ensures the health and safety of all voters and election workers, and we should work to make sure more Michigan voters have the opportunity to cast their ballot this way.

33% Voting by mail is not secure, and we should not encourage more use of it because it opens the door to widespread voter fraud.

4% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

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

__34. 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 when it is necessary to save the life of the mother?

53% Pro-choice – women have the right to an abortion

40% Pro-life – against abortions except to save life of mother

7% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__41. Would you describe yourself as (**ROTATE**) a conservative, a moderate or a liberal?

- 36% Moderate
- 30% Conservative
- 26% Liberal
- 8% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__42. 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?

- 29% Strong Democrat
- 8% Not Strong Democrat
- 6% Independent-Lean Democrat
- 43% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**
- 11% Independent
- 38% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**
- 9% Independent-Lean Republican
- 8% Not Strong Republican
- 21% Strong Republican
- 4% Other
- 4% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)