# EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE AND LIKELY 2020 NOVEMBER VOTERS <br> [FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR $\pm 4.0 \%$ ] <br> Polling Dates: March 3, 2019 through March 7, 2019 <br> Conducted by live interviewers - included 30\% cell phones 

3. 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?

52\% Wrong track<br>$36 \%$ Right direction<br>12\% Undecided/Refused

4. 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?

44\% Right direction
$33 \%$ Wrong track
23\% Undecided/Refused

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.8] | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DO NOT } \\ & \underline{\text { RECOG }} \end{aligned}$ | $\xrightarrow[\text { VERY }]{\text { FAVOR }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL } \\ & \text { FAVOR } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL } \\ & \text { UNFAV } \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{\text { VERY }}{\text { UNFAV }}$ | $\frac{\text { REF }}{\text { UNDEC }}$ |
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| _ 05. Donald Trump | --- | 26\% | 40\% | 55\% | 46\% | 5\% |
| __06. Gretchen Whitmer | 4\% | 16\% | 43\% | 25\% | 12\% | 28\% |
| __07. Jocelyn Benson | 68\% | $1 \%$ | 10\% | 3\% | 2\% | 19\% |
| __08. Dana Nessel | 53\% | $3 \%$ | 16\% | 9\% | 5\% | 22\% |

__09. 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?

| $20 \%$ | Excellent |
| :---: | :--- |
| $20 \%$ | Pretty good |
| 40\% | TOTAL POSITIVE |
| $\mathbf{5 8 \%}$ | TOTAL NEGATIVE |
| $12 \%$ | Just fair |
| $46 \%$ | Poor |
| $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | Undecided/Refused |

10. Overall, how would you rate the job that Gretchen Whitmer is doing so far as Michigan's newly elected Governor - would you give her a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

| 6\% | Excellent |
| :---: | :--- |
| $30 \%$ | Pretty good |
| $\mathbf{3 6 \%}$ | TOTAL POSITIVE |
| $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ | TOTAL NEGATIVE |
| $27 \%$ | Just fair |
| 13\% | Poor |
| $24 \%$ | Undecided/Refused |

__11. Thinking about the Michigan economy and the job situation, would you give the Michigan economy a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

| $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | Excellent |
| :---: | :--- |
| $51 \%$ | Pretty good |
| $\mathbf{5 9 \%}$ | TOTAL POSITIVE |
| $\mathbf{3 8 \%}$ | TOTAL NEGATIVE |
| $32 \%$ | Just fair |
| $6 \%$ | Poor |
| $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | Undecided/Refused |

__12. Thinking about the 2020 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?

49\% Vote to replace Trump<br>31\% Vote to reelect Trump<br>16\% Consider voting for someone else<br>4\% Undecided/Refused

Turning to another issue...

Commissioned by the Michigan League for Public Policy ( Q13-14)

INTRO TO Q. 13: I have a few questions about the Earned Income Tax Credit, or the EITC. The EITC is a tax credit for families that work but have low earnings, usually less than thirty thousand dollars a year. Families that earn between about ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars receive the largest EITC benefit. The EITC is a refundable credit, and some people who get it receive a check from the State of Michigan that is larger than the taxes they paid. Families who receive it tend to spend it in their community on things that help them keep working, such as transportation or child care, on daily needs, or to help pay down debt.
__13. After hearing those details, how would you rate your feelings toward the EITC - very favorable, somewhat favorable, neutral, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

| $28 \%$ | Very favorable |
| :---: | :--- |
| 33\% | Somewhat favorable |
| $\mathbf{6 1 \%}$ | TOTAL FAVORABLE |
| $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | Neutral |
| $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | TOTAL UNFAVORABLE |
| $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | Somewhat unfavorable |
| $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | Very unfavorable |
| $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | Undecided/Refused |

__14. The State of Michigan reduced the benefit of our EITC a few years ago, so now the average family credit is around 150 dollars. Suppose there was a proposal in the Michigan Legislature to restore the EITC to the previous rate, which would have given these same families an average credit of nearly $\$ 500$. Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose restoring the EITC for Michigan families?

34\% Strongly favor
$33 \%$ Somewhat favor
67\% TOTAL FAVOR
20\% TOTAL OPPOSE
10\% Somewhat oppose
$10 \%$ Strongly oppose
$13 \%$ Undecided/Refused

Turning to another issue...
Commissioned by the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence (Q16-19)
__16. Legislation under consideration in Michigan would establish a new type of court-issued protection order called an "extreme risk protection order," also known as red flag laws. The proposal would allow a family member or law enforcement officer to petition a court requesting an order to prohibit a named person from purchasing or possessing a firearm for a period of one year, and if warranted, could be renewed. To grant such an order, the court would have to be presented with clear evidence that the person named poses a significant risk of injury to oneself, or others, by possessing a firearm. If a court order is issued, the person considered a risk would be entered into databases maintained by state, federal and local law enforcement agencies, and any firearms owned by that person would be taken and kept by law enforcement. Anyone subject to such an order has the right to ask the court to rescind or modify the court order. Violation of the court order or knowingly filing false evidence could result in a fine and/or criminal penalty. Do you support or oppose this proposal? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: "Would that be strongly or somewhat (support/oppose)?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

| 44\% | Strongly support |
| :---: | :--- |
| 27\% | Somewhat support |
| 71\% | TOTAL SUPPORT |
| 23\% | TOTAL OPPOSE |
| 8\% | Somewhat oppose |
| 15\% | Strongly oppose |
| 6\% | Undecided/Refused |

__17. If your state legislator opposed legislation that would establish an extreme risk protection order for an individual about possessing a firearm, would you be more likely to support that legislator in the next election, less likely to support him or her, or, would you say that this one issue wouldn't influence you one way or the other? [IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: "Would that be much or somewhat (more/less) likely?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

6\% Much more likely to vote for legislator
6\% Somewhat more likely to vote for legislator
TOTAL MORE LIKELY
No influence on vote
TOTAL LESS LIKELY
Somewhat less likely to vote for legislator
Much less likely to vote for legislator
Undecided/Refused
18. A majority of states have child access prevention laws that hold gun owners accountable for the safe storage of firearms. Legislation is expected to be proposed in Michigan that would impose a criminal penalty for any adult gun owner if a minor age 18 or younger is able to gain access to a firearm that was negligently stored in the home. Penalties for violating this law would include a fine or criminal penalty. Do you support or oppose this proposal? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: "Would that be strongly or somewhat (support/oppose)?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

| 58\% | Strongly support |
| :---: | :--- |
| 19\% | Somewhat support |
| $\mathbf{7 7 \%}$ | TOTAL SUPPORT |
| $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ | TOTAL OPPOSE |
| $8 \%$ | Somewhat oppose |
| $10 \%$ | Strongly oppose |
| 5\% | Undecided/Refused |

__19. If your state legislator opposed legislation that would impose a fine and/or jail sentence for negligently storing a firearm which a minor is able to access, would you be more likely to support that legislator in the next election, less likely to support him or her, or, would you say that this one issue wouldn't influence you one way or the other? [IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: "Would that be much or somewhat (more/less) likely?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

4\% Much more likely to vote for legislator<br>6\% Somewhat more likely to vote for legislator<br>TOTAL MORE LIKELY<br>$43 \%$ No influence on vote<br>44\% TOTAL LESS LIKELY<br>$17 \%$ Somewhat less likely to vote for legislator<br>$27 \%$ Much less likely to vote for legislator<br>3\% Undecided/Refused

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions about yourself for statistical purposes.
_22. 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]

| 9\% | Strongly supports Tea Party movement |
| :---: | :--- |
| $12 \%$ | Somewhat supports Tea Party movement |
| $\mathbf{2 1 \%}$ | TOTAL SUPPORT |
| $\mathbf{3 4 \%}$ | TOTAL OPPOSE |
| $11 \%$ | Somewhat opposes Tea Party movement |
| $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | Strongly opposes Tea Party movement |
| $\mathbf{4 5 \%}$ | Undecided/Refused |

23. 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?

| $50 \%$ | Pro-choice - women have the right to an abortion |
| :---: | :--- |
| $44 \%$ | Pro-life - against abortions except to save life of mother |
| $6 \%$ | Undecided/Refused |

__30. Would you describe yourself as (ROTATE) a conservative, a moderate or a liberal?

| $38 \%$ | Conservative |
| :---: | :--- |
| $32 \%$ | Moderate |
| $22 \%$ | Liberal |
| $8 \%$ | Undecided/Refused |

__31. 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?
$3 \%$ Undecided/Refused
Strong Democrat
Not Strong Democrat
Independent-Lean Democrat
TOTAL DEMOCRAT
Independent
TOTAL REPUBLICAN
Independent-Lean Republican
Not Strong Republican
Strong Republican
Other

