

**EPIC-MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE & LIKELY VOTERS – FIRST OCTOBER SW
[FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR ±4.0%]**

*Polling Dates: October 8, 2020 through October 12, 2020
Conducted by live interviewers – included 50% cell phones*

__02. What are the chances you will vote in the upcoming November 3rd general election, when the offices of President, US Senate, Congress and State Representative are on the ballot? Are you very certain to vote, somewhat certain, will you likely vote, are the chances only 50-50 you will vote, will you not likely vote, or have you already voted by absentee ballot?

- 69% Very certain to vote
- 2% Somewhat certain to vote
- 1% Will likely vote
- 28% Already voted by absentee ballot
- Chances 50-50/Not likely
- Undecided/Refused

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__03. Thinking ahead to the November 3rd general election, how will you vote? 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?

- 44% Very certain to vote at the polls
- 2% Somewhat certain to vote at the polls
- 46% TOTAL VOTE POLLS**
- 51% TOTAL VOTE ABSENTEE**
- 3% Somewhat certain to vote absentee
- 48% Very certain to vote absentee (**COMBINED WITH Q.2** “Already voted by absentee”)
- 3% Undecided/Refused

__04. 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?

- 30% Right direction
- 59% Wrong track
- 11% Undecided/Refused

__05. 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?

- 45% Right direction
- 43% Wrong track
- 12% Undecided/Refused

__06. Now I am going to read a list of problems and issues that voters say they are concerned about the most. After I read the whole list of ten problems, please tell me which one problem or issue concerns you the most? **[READ AND ROTATE 1 THROUGH 10 BELOW – CODE FIRST AND ONLY ONE RESPONSE]**

- 23% Reopening the economy, in-person schools, and restoring jobs lost to COVID 19
- 21% Protecting public health by reducing COVID 19 cases and deaths
- 12% Controlling violence and crime in the cities
- 8% Addressing systemic racism and discrimination
- 6% Improving infrastructure - roads, bridges, dams, drinking water & wastewater treatment
- 6% Improving the quality of education
- 5% Climate change and the environment – air, water, and the Great Lakes
- 5% Providing quality, affordable health care
- 4% Controlling taxes and government spending
- 2% Foreign policy and national security
- More than one - **ASK:** “But which one issue concerns you the most?” **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**
- 8% 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 him or her. 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]**

| [ROTATE Q.7 THROUGH Q.13] | <u>DO NOT</u> | <u>VERY</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>VERY</u> | <u>REF</u> |
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| | <u>RECOG</u> | <u>FAVOR</u> | <u>FAVOR</u> | <u>UNFAV</u> | <u>UNFAV</u> | <u>UNDEC</u> |
| _07. Donald Trump | 0% | 31% | 41% | 55% | 49% | 4% |
| _08. Gretchen Whitmer | 0% | 37% | 55% | 38% | 29% | 7% |
| _09. Joe Biden | 0% | 28% | 51% | 44% | 34% | 5% |
| _10. Gary Peters | 7% | 17% | 42% | 30% | 18% | 21% |
| _11. John James | 10% | 20% | 35% | 37% | 22% | 18% |
| _12. Mike Pence | 2% | 28% | 42% | 48% | 36% | 8% |
| _13. Kamala Harris | 3% | 27% | 47% | 40% | 32% | 10% |

__14. 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?

23% Excellent
 18% Pretty good
41% TOTAL POSITIVE
57% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 11% Just fair
 46% Poor
 2% Undecided/Refused

__15. How would you rate the job that Gary Peters is doing as U.S. Senator – would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

9% Excellent
 28% Pretty good
37% TOTAL POSITIVE
43% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 28% Just fair
 15% Poor
 20% Undecided/Refused

__16. Thinking about the condition of the National economy and the employment situation, would you give the national economy a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

7% Excellent
 29% Pretty good
36% TOTAL POSITIVE
61% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 34% Just fair
 27% Poor
 3% Undecided/Refused

Thinking about the upcoming November general election ...

__17. If the election for President were held today, would you, or did you already vote for [ROTATE] Donald Trump the Republican, Joe Biden the Democrat, or one of the third party candidates?

[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]

38% Donald Trump the Republican
 1% Lean toward Trump the Republican
39% TOTAL VOTE TRUMP
 46% Joe Biden the Democrat
 2% Lean toward Biden the Democrat
48% TOTAL VOTE BIDEN
 3% Third party candidate
 1% Lean toward third party candidate
4% TOTAL VOTE THIRD PARTY
 9% Undecided/Refused

__18. If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, would you, or did you already vote for [ROTATE] John James the Republican, Gary Peters the Democrat, or one or the third party candidates?

[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% John James the Republican
 2% Lean toward James the Republican
39% TOTAL VOTE JAMES
 43% Gary Peters the Democrat
 2% Lean toward Peters the Democrat
45% TOTAL VOTE PETERS
 3% Third party candidate
 2% Lean toward third party candidate
5% TOTAL VOTE THIRD PARTY
 11% Undecided/Refused

__19. Overall, do you think that President Donald Trump becoming infected with COVID 19 will influence voters to be [ROTATE] more likely to vote for Joe Biden, more likely to vote for Donald Trump, or would you say his becoming infected with COVID 19 will not influence voters one way or the other?

19% More likely to vote for Joe Biden
 9% More likely to vote for Donald Trump
 63% Neither/No influence
 9% Undecided/Refused

__20. As you know, President Trump has generally downplayed the COVID 19 virus, holding large rallies around the country and several events at the White House where he and most attendees did not wear masks, nor did they social distance. Thinking about his comments and actions about COVID 19, do you feel sympathetic towards President Trump because he became infected, or do you not feel sympathetic towards him and believe he brought it on himself because of his behavior?

- 24% Sympathetic towards President Trump
- 61% Not sympathetic towards President Trump because he brought it on himself
- 4% Both (**VOLUNTEERED**)
- 11% Undecided/Refused

__21. Thinking about President Trump’s diagnosis that he contracted COVID 19, does it make you more supportive of the need to wear masks and social distance, less supportive, or, would you say it has not really influenced your opinion one way or the other?

- 29% More supportive of wearing masks and social distancing
- 4% Less supportive of wearing masks and social distancing
- 66% No influence
- 1% Undecided/Refused

__22. Would you favor or oppose a national policy that would require wearing masks in enclosed areas and when going outdoors in crowds until COVID 19 has been brought under control? [**IF FAVOR/ OPPOSE, ASK: “Would you strongly or somewhat (*favor/oppose*)?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 50% Strongly favor
- 13% Somewhat favor
- 63% TOTAL FAVOR**
- 37% TOTAL OPPOSE**
- 6% Somewhat oppose
- 31% Strongly oppose
- 0% Undecided/Refused

On another topic...

__23. Did you watch the first presidential debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden?

- 75% Yes, watched the debate
 - 25% No, did not watch the debate
 - 0% Undecided/Refused
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__24. Who do you think won the debate, [ROTATE] Joe Biden or Donald Trump? [IF EITHER CANDIDATE, ASK: “Did you think that (*Joe Biden/Donald Trump*) won the debate convincingly or was it a narrow win?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

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30% Joe Biden won convincingly
 11% Joe Biden had a narrow win
41% TOTAL BIDEN WON
20% TOTAL TRUMP WON
 5% Donald Trump had a narrow win
 15% Donald Trump won convincingly
 3% It was a tie/even up (VOLUNTEERED)
 33% Neither candidate won (VOLUNTEERED)
 3% Undecided/Refused

__25. Did you watch the vice-presidential debate between Mike Pence and Kamala Harris?

62% Yes, watched the debate
 38% No, did not watch the debate **GO TO Q.27**
 0% Undecided/Refused **GO TO Q.27**

__26. Who do you think won the debate, [ROTATE] Kamala Harris or Mike Pence? [IF EITHER CANDIDATE, ASK: “Did you think that (*Kamala Harris/Mike Pence*) won the debate convincingly or was it a narrow win?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

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37% Kamala Harris won convincingly
 11% Kamala Harris had a narrow win
48% TOTAL HARRIS WON
37% TOTAL PENCE WON
 4% Mike Pence had a narrow win
 33% Mike Pence won convincingly
 5% It was a tie/even up (VOLUNTEERED)
 7% Neither candidate won (VOLUNTEERED)
 3% Undecided/Refused

__27. As you may know, President Trump’s taxes were recently made public in a New York Times investigation. The report showed that Trump claimed massive business losses to the IRS to avoid paying taxes, which resulted in him paying no federal income tax in 10 of 15 years and paying only \$750 in 2016 and 2017 while President. He was also criticized for declaring tax deductions and write-offs for a variety of personal expenses over that same time frame. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your view? **[ROTATE STATEMENT 1 AND 2 BELOW – CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 40% Donald Trump is simply a smart businessman who did nothing wrong or illegal under our current tax laws.
- 50% Donald Trump deliberately hid money from the IRS and cheated on his taxes and should be held accountable for his actions.
- 5% Neither (**VOLUNTEERED**)
- 1% Both (**VOLUNTEERED**)
- 4% Undecided/Refused

__28. The Michigan Supreme Court recently ruled that Governor Whitmer did not have the authority to extend Michigan’s State of Emergency beyond 28 days for the COVID 19 crisis under state law. Do you agree or disagree with the ruling of the Michigan Supreme Court? **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 40% Strongly agree
- 10% Somewhat agree
- 50% TOTAL AGREE**
- 43% TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 8% Somewhat disagree
- 35% Strongly disagree
- 7% Undecided/Refused

__29. In response to the ruling by the Michigan Supreme Court, the state, with Governor Whitmer’s encouragement, took action to re-impose some of her COVID 19 restrictions under other parts of state law by acting through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Do you agree or disagree with this action? **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 45% Strongly agree
- 17% Somewhat agree
- 62% TOTAL AGREE**
- 30% TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 5% Somewhat disagree
- 24% Strongly disagree
- 8% Undecided/Refused

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

__30. 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?

56% Pro-choice – women have the right to an abortion
 36% Pro-life – against abortions except to save life of mother
 8% Undecided/Refused

__37. Would you describe yourself as (**ROTATE**) a conservative, a moderate or a liberal?

34% Conservative
 36% Moderate
 20% Liberal
 10% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__38. 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?

31% Strong Democrat
 7% Not Strong Democrat
 7% Independent-Lean Democrat
45% TOTAL DEMOCRAT
 11% Independent
40% TOTAL REPUBLICAN
 10% Independent-Lean Republican
 7% Not Strong Republican
 24% Strong Republican
 1% Other
 3% Undecided/Refused

__43. Sex of respondent (**BY OBSERVATION ONLY**)

47% Male
 53% Female

THANK RESPONDENT FOR HIS OR HER TIME AND TERMINATE