

EMBARGOED UNTIL 6 AM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE AND LIKELY NOVEMBER VOTERS

[FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR $\pm 4.0\%$]

Polling Dates: September 10, 2020 through September 15, 2020

Conducted by live interviewers – included 40% cell phones

__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 either by mail or by dropping off your ballot at your local clerk's office?

- 41% Very certain to vote at the polls
- 5% Somewhat certain to vote at the polls
- 46% TOTAL VOTE POLLS**
- 52% TOTAL VOTE ABSENTEE**
- 9% Somewhat certain to vote absentee
- 43% Very certain to vote absentee
- 2% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__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?

- 27% Right direction
- 67% Wrong track
- 6% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__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?

- 49% Right direction
- 42% Wrong track
- 9% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__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 nine 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]**

- 25% Reopening the economy, schools & restoring jobs lost because of COVID 19
- 22% Protecting public health by reducing coronavirus cases and deaths
- 12% Controlling violence and crime in the cities
- 9% Climate change and the environment – air, water, and the Great Lakes
- 7% Addressing racism and discrimination
- 6% Improving infrastructure - roads, bridges, dams, drinking water & wastewater treatment
- 5% Providing quality, affordable health care
- 4% Foreign policy and national security
- 3% Controlling taxes and government spending
- 3% Improving the quality of education
- More than one, **ASK:** “But which one issue concerns you the most?” **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**
- 4% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

Now, I am going to read the names of 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 RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF UNDEC</u>
_07. Donald Trump	---	29%	42%	55%	50%	3%
_08. Gretchen Whitmer	---	41%	56%	41%	31%	3%
_09. Joe Biden	---	31%	52%	46%	37%	2%
_10. Gary Peters	10%	24%	48%	33%	15%	9%
_11. John James	11%	25%	43%	38%	23%	8%
_12. Mike Pence	---	29%	44%	49%	37%	7%
_13. Kamala Harris	---	27%	49%	42%	34%	9%

__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?

- 25% Excellent
- 18% Pretty good
- 43% TOTAL POSITIVE**
- 57% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
- 8% Just fair
- 49% Poor
- 0% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__15. 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?

29% Excellent
 27% Pretty good
56% TOTAL POSITIVE
44% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 18% Just fair
 26% Poor
 0% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__16. 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?

16% Excellent
 29% Pretty good
45% TOTAL POSITIVE
44% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 23% Just fair
 21% Poor
 11% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__17. Thinking about the condition of the National economy and national employment, would you give the national economy a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

9% Excellent
 29% Pretty good
38% TOTAL POSITIVE
59% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 33% Just fair
 26% Poor
 3% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

Again, thinking about the upcoming November general election ...

__18. If the election for President were held today, would you 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]

39%	Donald Trump the Republican	
1%	Lean toward Trump the Republican	
40%	TOTAL VOTE TRUMP	
46%	Joe Biden the Democrat	GO TO Q. 21
2%	Lean toward Biden the Democrat	GO TO Q. 21
48%	TOTAL VOTE BIDEN	
5%	Third party candidate	GO TO Q. 23
0%	Lean toward third party candidate	GO TO Q. 23
5%	TOTAL VOTE THIRD PARTY	
7%	Undecided/Refused (DO NOT READ)	GO TO Q. 23

__19. Using a scale of zero to 100 with zero meaning you are NOT excited and motivated at all to vote for Donald Trump, and 100 meaning that you are extremely excited and motivated to vote for him, what number would you use to describe how excited and motivated you are to vote for Donald Trump? **[IF UNDECIDED/REFUSED, CODE “999”]**

N=237

RATING:

0 to 49	3%
50	2%
51 to 79	11%
80 to 100	84%
Undecided/Refused/NA	0%
“100”	58%
MEAN:	89.841

__20. Would you say that in voting for Donald Trump, you are voting more **FOR** him, or, are you voting more **AGAINST** Joe Biden?

N=237

74%	Voting for Donald Trump
20%	Voting against Joe Biden
5%	Both (VOLUNTEERED - DO NOT READ)
1%	Undecided/Refused (DO NOT READ)

--- POLLERS NOTE: ALL Q. 20 RESPONDENTS GO TO Q. 23 ---

__21. Using a scale of zero to 100 with zero meaning you are NOT excited and motivated at all to vote for Joe Biden, and 100 meaning that you are extremely excited and motivated to vote for him, what number would you use to describe how excited and motivated you are to vote for Joe Biden? **[IF UNDECIDED/REFUSED, CODE “999”]**

N=291

RATING:

0 to 49	7%
50	1%
51 to 79	12%
80 to 100	80%
Undecided/Refused/NA	0%
“100”	53%
MEAN:	86.116

__22. Would you say that in voting for Joe Biden, you are voting more **FOR** him, or, are you voting more **AGAINST** Donald Trump?

N=291

- 46% Voting for Joe Biden**
- 40% Voting against Donald Trump**
- 13% Both (**VOLUNTEERED - DO NOT READ**)
- 1% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__23. If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** John James the Republican, Gary Peters 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]

- 40% John James the Republican
- 1% Lean toward James the Republican
- 41% TOTAL VOTE JAMES**
- 44% Gary Peters the Democrat
- 1% Lean toward Peters the Democrat
- 45% TOTAL VOTE PETERS**
- 5% Third party candidate
- 0% Lean toward third party candidate
- 5% TOTAL VOTE THIRD PARTY**
- 9% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__24. Systemic racism is thought of as racism that is considered a normal practice within society or organizations, and it can most often be seen as discrimination in criminal justice, employment, housing, health care, political influence, education and many other areas of life. How much of a problem do you think systemic racism is in our country today? Is it... **[READ 1 THROUGH 4]**

- 46% A very serious problem
- 29% A somewhat serious problem
- 75% TOTAL SERIOUS PROBLEM**
- 11% Only a minor problem
- 10% Or not really a problem at all
- 4% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__25. Based on what you know or have heard or read about Black Lives Matter, overall, do you approve or disapprove of the actions taken by this group to bring attention to what they say is excessive and often deadly force often unnecessarily used by many state and local police officers against black people, especially black men? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK: "Would that be strongly or somewhat?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 30% Strongly approve
- 18% Somewhat approve
- 48% TOTAL APPROVE**
- 45% TOTAL DISAPPROVE**
- 10% Somewhat disapprove
- 35% Strongly disapprove
- 7% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__26. Based on what you know or have heard or read, who do you think has been mostly to blame for the violence and property damage that has taken place at protests in several cities that have been organized by Black Lives Matter – **[ROTATE]** violent groups associated with Black Lives Matter, white supremacists groups associated with President Trump and his supporters, or, federal and/or local law enforcement agencies?

- 35% Violent groups associated with Black Lives Matter**
- 28% White supremacist groups associated with President Trump and his supporters**
- 5% Federal and/or local law enforcement agencies
- 17% A combination (*volunteered*)
- 15% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__27. As used by almost all supporters of the idea, defunding the police DOES NOT mean eliminating local police departments and sheriffs' offices. Instead, it calls for redirecting some portion of police funding to other agencies, such as those providing mental health or social services, that could handle some emergency calls. Based on this description and what you may know or have heard or read about defunding the police, do you support or oppose the idea for your community? **[IF SUPPORT/ OPPOSE, ASK: "Would that be strongly or somewhat (*support/oppose*)?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

23% Strongly support
 14% Somewhat support
37% TOTAL SUPPORT
57% TOTAL OPPOSE
 14% Somewhat oppose
 43% Strongly oppose
 6% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

Turning to another topic...

__28. How concerned are you personally that you or a family member could become infected by the corona virus? Are you ... **[READ 1 THROUGH 4]**

35% Extremely concerned
 32% Somewhat concerned
67% TOTAL CONCERNED
 22% Only a little concerned
 11% Not concerned at all
 0% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__29A-D. Do you personally know anyone, including a family member, other relative, or friend who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus? **[PROBE FOR BEST ANSWER – CODE ALL RESPONSES]**

2% Yes, respondent
 21% Yes, a family member
 32% Yes, a friend/coworker
55% TOTAL KNOWS SOMEONE DIAGNOSED WITH COVID
5% Know one or more people who have died from the corona virus (volunteered)
40% No, does not know anyone diagnosed with coronavirus
 0% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__30. Have you or someone else in your household lost a job or been laid off because of the coronavirus? **[PROBE FOR BEST ANSWER]**

12% Yes, respondent
 17% Yes, someone else
 7% Yes, more than one
36% TOTAL LOST JOB/LAID OFF
64% No jobs were lost/no lay offs
 0% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__31. How often do you wear a mask as required by the Governor’s executive order when outside of your home, shopping or going to an enclosed building? **[READ 1 TO 4 BELOW]**

- 86% Always
- 7% Most of the time
- 2% Some of the time
- 5% Seldom or never
- 0% Undecided/Refused

(DO NOT READ)

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

__32. 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?

- 51% Pro-choice – women have the right to an abortion
- 42% Pro-life – against abortions except to save life of mother
- 7% Undecided/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

__39. Would you describe yourself as **(ROTATE)** a conservative, a moderate or a liberal?

- 33% Conservative
- 38% Moderate
- 23% Liberal
- 6% Undecided/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

__40. 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
- 10% Not Strong Democrat
- 4% Independent-Lean Democrat
- 43% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**
- 11% Independent
- 39% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**
- 7% Independent-Lean Republican
- 9% Not Strong Republican
- 23% Strong Republican
- 3% Other
- 4% Undecided/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**