

EMBARGOED UNTIL 6 AM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

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

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>RECOG</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>REF</u> <u>UNDEC</u>
_10. Gary Peters	7%	17%	42%	30%	18%	21%
_11. John James	10%	20%	35%	37%	22%	18%

__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

__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

__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