

EMBARGOED UNTIL 6 AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

EPIC-MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE & LIKELY VOTERS – 2ND OCT STATEWIDE [FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR ±4.0%]

Polling Dates: October 25, 2020 through October 28, 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?

- 59% Very certain to vote
- 1% Somewhat certain to vote
- 1% Will likely vote
- 39% 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?

- 43% Very certain to vote at the polls
- 1% Somewhat certain to vote at the polls

44% TOTAL VOTE POLLS

54% TOTAL VOTE ABSENTEE – INCLUDING THOSE WHO ALREADY VOTED

- 1% Somewhat certain to vote absentee
- 53% Very certain to vote absentee
- 2% 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?” & CODE RESPONSE]

[ROTATE Q.4 THROUGH Q.10]	<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>
_04. Donald Trump	----	32%	41%	54%	47%	5%
_05. Gretchen Whitmer	----	36%	54%	40%	34%	6%
_06. Joe Biden	----	34%	51%	44%	36%	5%
_07. Gary Peters	6%	24%	46%	34%	23%	14%
_08. John James	7%	26%	39%	40%	24%	14%
_09. Mike Pence	1%	30%	44%	46%	33%	9%
_10. Kamala Harris	4%	29%	46%	42%	35%	8%

__11. 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
56% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 11% Just fair
 45% Poor
 1% Undecided/Refused

__12. 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?

7% Excellent
 31% Pretty good
38% TOTAL POSITIVE
46% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 26% Just fair
 20% Poor
 16% Undecided/Refused

__13. 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?

6% Excellent
 32% Pretty good
38% TOTAL POSITIVE
59% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 31% Just fair
 28% Poor
 3% Undecided/Refused

Thinking about the upcoming November general election ...

__14. 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]

39% Donald Trump the Republican
 2% Lean toward Trump the Republican
41% TOTAL VOTE TRUMP
 46% Joe Biden the Democrat
 2% Lean toward Biden the Democrat
48% TOTAL VOTE BIDEN
 5% Third party candidate
 0% Lean toward third party candidate
5% TOTAL VOTE THIRD PARTY
 6% Undecided/Refused

__15. 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]

38% John James the Republican
 4% Lean toward James the Republican
42% TOTAL VOTE JAMES
 44% Gary Peters the Democrat
 3% Lean toward Peters the Democrat
47% TOTAL VOTE PETERS
 5% Third party candidate
 0% Lean toward third party candidate
5% TOTAL VOTE THIRD PARTY
 6% Undecided/Refused

On another topic...

__16. Did you watch the second and final presidential debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden?

63% Yes, watched the debate
 36% No, did not watch the debate **GO TO Q.18**
 1% Undecided/Refused **GO TO Q.18**

__17. Who do you think won that 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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28% Joe Biden won convincingly
 10% Joe Biden had a narrow win
38% TOTAL BIDEN WON
42% TOTAL TRUMP WON
 11% Donald Trump had a narrow win
 31% Donald Trump won convincingly
 8% It was a tie/even up (VOLUNTEERED)
 10% Neither candidate won (VOLUNTEERED)
 2% Undecided/Refused

__18. Who do you think will win the election for President? [ROTATE 1 AND 2 BELOW]

42% Donald Trump
 44% Joe Biden
 14% Undecided/Refused

__19. Democrats are expected to retain control of the U.S. House of Representatives, but who do you think will win majority control of the United States Senate -- which Republicans currently control with 53 seats? Do you think ... [ROTATE 1 AND 2 BELOW]

47% Republicans will retain control of the U.S. Senate
 40% Democrats will win control of the U.S. Senate
 13% Undecided/Refused

__20. In President Trump’s recent visit to Muskegon, Michigan, he criticized Governor Whitmer’s response to the pandemic and when the crowd started shouting “lock her up”, he nodded and said, “lock ‘em all up.” He also said he “guessed” that she had been threatened but that federal law enforcement should spend more time going after left-wing groups. In light of the alleged failed plot by militia groups to kidnap Governor Whitmer, do you think President Trump’s actions and comments were appropriate or NOT appropriate?

21% Appropriate
 68% Not appropriate
 11% Undecided/Refused

Now I would like to read several statements about the presidential candidates. For each, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement. **[IF AGREE/ DISAGREE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat (*agree/disagree*)?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

[START WITH Q.21]		STR	TOT	TOT	STR	DK/
		AGR	AGR	DIS	DIS	UND
_21.	Joe Biden has not accomplished very much in his more than four decades in Washington. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?	39%	49%	44%	30%	7%
[ROTATE Q.22 THROUGH Q.28]		STR	TOT	TOT	STR	DK/
		AGR	AGR	DIS	DIS	UND
_22.	Donald Trump does not have the right kind of temperament to serve as commander-in-chief.	54%	62%	36%	29%	2%
_23.	Joe Biden would allow the Democratic Party to pursue policies that are too liberal.	38%	50%	41%	26%	9%
_24.	Instead of uniting the country, Donald Trump will divide it.	51%	57%	39%	32%	4%
_25.	Joe Biden will hurt the country by going too far in response to the coronavirus.	30%	39%	54%	42%	7%
_26.	Donald Trump will seriously hurt the health of Americans by not going far enough in his response to the coronavirus.	46%	54%	42%	33%	4%
_27.	Joe Biden does not have the physical or mental health to be able to handle the difficult job of being president.	36%	45%	49%	37%	6%
_28.	Donald Trump does not have the physical or mental health to be able to handle the difficult job of being president.	40%	48%	48%	39%	4%

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

29. 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
- 43% Pro-life – against abortions except to save life of mother
- 6% Undecided/Refused

__36. Would you describe yourself as (**ROTATE**) conservative, moderate, or liberal?

- 34% Conservative
- 39% Moderate
- 18% Liberal
- 9% Undecided/Refused

__37. 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?

- 28% Strong Democrat
- 6% Not Strong Democrat
- 10% Independent-Lean Democrat
- 44% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**
- 14% Independent
- 39% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**
- 9% Independent-Lean Republican
- 8% Not Strong Republican
- 22% Strong Republican
- 1% Other
- 2% Undecided/Refused