

# Embargoed until 6 AM Thursday, September 22

## EPIC-MRA STATEWIDE MEDIA SURVEY OF ACTIVE & LIKELY NOVEMBER VOTERS [FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR ±4.0 pts.]

*Polling Dates: September 15, 2022 through September 19, 2022*

*Conducted by live interviewers – included 70% cell phones*

\_\_03. In the November 2022 general election, 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?

- 59% Very certain to vote at the polls
- 5% Somewhat certain to vote at the polls
- 64% TOTAL VOTE POLLS**
- 32% TOTAL VOTE ABSENTEE**
- 5% Somewhat certain to vote absentee
- 27% Very certain to vote absentee
- 4% Undecided/Refused

\_\_04. Overall, 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?

- 40% Right direction
- 43% Wrong track
- 17% Undecided/Refused

\_\_05. Now I am going to read a list of **state** problems and issues that Michigan voters say they are concerned about the most. After I read the whole list, 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]**

- 24% Addressing abortion laws in Michigan after the Roe V Wade decision
- 24% Controlling inflation and high prices for gasoline, food, and other costs
- 10% Improving the Michigan economy and job situation
- 10% Improving the quality of education
- 8% Upgrading infrastructure, roads, bridges, dams, drinking water and wastewater treatment systems
- 6% Addressing gun violence in our communities and schools
- 6% Providing quality, affordable health care
- 4% Reducing state and local government spending
- 3% Controlling crime and drugs
- 2% Protecting our environment, including our air and water
- More than one (**volunteered** – **ASK:** “But which problem concerns you the most?” **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**)
- 3% 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 that person. 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]**

<b>[ROTATE Q.6 THROUGH Q.13]</b>	<b><u>DO NOT</u> <u>RECOG</u></b>	<b><u>VERY</u> <u>FAVOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u> <u>FAVOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u> <u>UNFAV</u></b>	<b><u>VERY</u> <u>UNFAV</u></b>	<b><u>REF</u> <u>UNDEC</u></b>
_06. Joe Biden	----	21%	<b>44%</b>	<b>51%</b>	43%	5%
_07. Gretchen Whitmer	----	32%	<b>52%</b>	<b>44%</b>	33%	4%
_08. Tudor Dixon	16%	12%	<b>24%</b>	<b>44%</b>	37%	16%
_09. Donald Trump	----	27%	<b>40%</b>	<b>54%</b>	49%	6%
_10. Matt DePerno	76%	3%	<b>6%</b>	<b>8%</b>	6%	10%
_11. Dana Nessel	39%	18%	<b>31%</b>	<b>19%</b>	15%	11%
_12. Kristina Karamo	78%	3%	<b>5%</b>	<b>8%</b>	5%	9%
_13. Jocelyn Benson	42%	14%	<b>28%</b>	<b>15%</b>	10%	15%

\_14. Overall, how would you rate the job that Joe Biden 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?

10% Excellent  
 25% Pretty good  
**35% TOTAL POSITIVE**  
**63% TOTAL NEGATIVE**  
 18% Just fair  
 45% Poor  
 2% Undecided/Refused

\_15. How would you rate the job that Gretchen Whitmer is doing as Governor? Would you give her a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

22% Excellent  
 27% Pretty good  
**49% TOTAL POSITIVE**  
**49% TOTAL NEGATIVE**  
 18% Just fair  
 31% Poor  
 2% Undecided/Refused

\_\_16. Thinking about the current condition of the Michigan economy and the employment situation, would you give the Michigan economy a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

4% Excellent  
 32% Pretty good  
**36% TOTAL POSITIVE**  
**60% TOTAL NEGATIVE**  
 37% Just fair  
 23% Poor  
 4% Undecided/Refused

Thinking about the November 2022 general election ...

\_\_17. If the election for Governor were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] Tudor Dixon the Republican or Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat?

**[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]**

34% Tudor Dixon the Republican  
 5% Lean toward Dixon the Republican  
**39% TOTAL VOTE DIXON**  
**55% TOTAL VOTE WHITMER (+16)**  
 51% Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat  
 4% Lean toward Whitmer the Democrat  
 6% Undecided/Refused

\_\_18. If the election for Michigan Attorney General were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] Matt DePerno the Republican or Dana Nessel the Democrat?

**[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]**

34% Matt DePerno the Republican  
 5% Lean toward DePerno the Republican  
**39% TOTAL VOTE DEPERNO**  
**48% TOTAL VOTE NESSEL (+9)**  
 45% Dana Nessel the Democrat  
 3% Lean toward Nessel the Democrat  
 13% Undecided/Refused

\_\_19. If the election for Michigan Secretary of State were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] Kristina Karamo the Republican or Jocelyn Benson the Democrat?

[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]

33% Kristina Karamo the Republican  
 4% Lean toward Karamo the Republican  
 37% **TOTAL VOTE KARAMO**  
 51% **TOTAL VOTE BENSON (+14%)**  
 47% Jocelyn Benson the Democrat  
 4% Lean toward Benson the Democrat  
 12% Undecided/Refused

Now I will ask how you would vote on two proposals that will appear on the November ballot.

\_\_20. Proposal 2: This proposed constitutional amendment would: • Recognize the fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct; • Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day; • Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement; • Provide voter right to a single application to vote absentee in all elections; • Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots; • Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits; • Require 9 days of early in-person voting; • Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed; • and require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

After hearing this description of the proposal, if the election were held today, would you vote “yes” to adopt the proposal, or would you vote “no” to NOT adopt it?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: “Well, if the election was being held today, and you had to decide right now, would you lean toward voting “yes” or voting “no?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

60% Vote “yes” to adopt constitutional amendment  
 10% Lean toward voting “yes”  
 70% **TOTAL VOTE YES**  
 20% **TOTAL VOTE NO**  
 16% Vote “no” to NOT adopt constitutional amendment  
 4% Lean toward voting “no”  
 10% Undecided/Refused

\_\_21. Proposal 3 is a proposed constitutional amendment that would: • Establish a new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility; • Allow the state to prohibit abortion after fetal viability unless needed to protect a patient’s life or physical or mental health; • Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment; and invalidate all state laws that conflict with this amendment.

After hearing this description of the proposal, if the election were held today, would you vote “yes” to adopt the proposal, or would you vote to NOT adopt it?

**[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: “Well, if the election was being held today, and you had to decide right now, would you lean toward voting “yes” or voting “no?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

59% Vote “yes” to adopt constitutional amendment  
 5% Lean toward voting “yes”  
**64% TOTAL VOTE YES**  
**27% TOTAL VOTE NO**  
 25% Vote “no” to NOT adopt constitutional amendment  
 2% Lean toward voting “no”  
 9% Undecided/Refused

\_\_22. If a candidate for elective office supported the proposed reproductive freedom amendment, would you be more likely to vote for that candidate in the next election, less likely to vote for him or her, or would this one issue not influence you one way or the other? **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: “Would you be much or somewhat (*more/less likely*) to vote for that candidate?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

33% Much more likely to vote for candidate  
 12% Somewhat more likely to vote for candidate  
**45% TOTAL MORE LIKELY**  
 33% No influence one way or the other  
**16% TOTAL LESS LIKELY**  
 4% Somewhat less likely to vote for candidate  
 12% Much less likely to vote for candidate  
 6% Undecided/Refused

Turning to another topic, now I am going to read a few criticisms that each of the two major candidates and their campaigns for governor have claimed about the other candidate. For each statement I read, please tell me if that statement makes you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate for governor.

**[ROTATE Q.23 THROUGH Q.26]**

\_\_23. Tudor Dixon and her campaign say that Governor Gretchen Whitmer and President Joe Biden are responsible for inflation and the high cost of living, including high gasoline prices, high costs for food and other products. Does this claim by Tudor Dixon and her campaign make you more likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer, less likely to vote for her, or would you say this one issue won't influence you one way or the other. **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: "Would you be much or somewhat (*more/less likely*) to vote for Gretchen Whitmer?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

19% Much more likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer  
 3% Somewhat more likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer  
**22% TOTAL MORE LIKELY**  
 47% No influence one way or the other  
**30% TOTAL LESS LIKELY**  
 5% Somewhat less likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer  
 25% Much less likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer  
 1% Undecided/Refused

\_\_24. Gretchen Whitmer and her campaign say that Tudor Dixon is opposed to abortion in all cases with no exceptions for rape, incest, or the life of the mother, based on her comments in the past. Does this claim by Gretchen Whitmer make you more likely to vote for Tudor Dixon, less likely to vote for her, or would you say this one issue won't influence you one way or the other. **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: "Would you be much or somewhat (*more/less likely*) to vote for Tudor Dixon?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

12% Much more likely to vote for Tudor Dixon  
 3% Somewhat more likely to vote for Tudor Dixon  
**15% TOTAL MORE LIKELY**  
 36% No influence one way or the other  
**47% TOTAL LESS LIKELY**  
 8% Somewhat less likely to vote for Tudor Dixon  
 39% Much less likely to vote for Tudor Dixon  
 2% Undecided/Refused

\_\_25. Tudor Dixon and her campaign say that Governor Gretchen Whitmer needlessly closed down state government, schools, colleges, and businesses because of COVID. Does this claim by Tudor Dixon and her campaign make you more likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer, less likely to vote for her, or would you say this one issue won't influence you one way or the other. **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: "Would you be much or somewhat (*more/less likely*) to vote for Gretchen Whitmer?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

24% Much more likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer  
 4% Somewhat more likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer  
**28% TOTAL MORE LIKELY**  
 43% No influence one way or the other  
**28% TOTAL LESS LIKELY**  
 6% Somewhat less likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer  
 22% Much less likely to vote for Gretchen Whitmer  
 1% Undecided/Refused

\_\_26. Gretchen Whitmer and her campaign say that Tudor Dixon believes the big lie that the election was stolen from Donald Trump in 2020, even though all reviews of the election show that there was no fraud. Does this claim by Gretchen Whitmer and her campaign make you more likely to vote for Tudor Dixon, less likely to vote for her, or would you say this one issue won't influence you one way or the other. **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: "Would you be much or somewhat (*more/less likely*) to vote for Tudor Dixon?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

14% Much more likely to vote for Tudor Dixon  
 1% Somewhat more likely to vote for Tudor Dixon  
**15% TOTAL MORE LIKELY**  
 48% No influence one way or the other  
**36% TOTAL LESS LIKELY**  
 4% Somewhat less likely to vote for Tudor Dixon  
 32% Much less likely to vote for Tudor Dixon  
 1% Undecided/Refused

Thinking about these arguments by both candidates, let me ask you again...

\_\_27. If the election for Governor were held today, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** Tudor Dixon the Republican or Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat?

**[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% Tudor Dixon the Republican  
 1% Lean toward Dixon the Republican  
**38% TOTAL VOTE DIXON**  
**54% TOTAL VOTE WHITMER**  
 52% Gretchen Whitmer the Democrat  
 2% Lean toward Whitmer the Democrat  
 8% Undecided/Refused

On another topic...

\_\_28. Given what you know or have heard or read about the U.S. Department of Justice obtaining a search warrant from a judge to search the Mar-a-Lago residence of former President Donald Trump to collect classified materials that he took with him and did not return after leaving the White House, including many top-secret documents, do you think the search of the Trump residence was justified, or do you think it was NOT justified?

58% The Justice Department search was justified  
 36% The Justice Department search was NOT justified  
 6% Undecided/Refused

\_\_29. Using a scale of zero to 10 where zero means you are not really motivated at all to vote in the upcoming November 2022 election, and 10 means you are extremely motivated to vote, what number from zero to 10 best describes how motivated you are personally to vote for your choices for governor and other candidates, or your plans to vote on ballot proposals? [IF UNDECIDED/REFUSED, CODE "99"]

**RATING:**

0 to 4	2%
5	2%
6 to 8	13%
9 to 10	83%
Undecided/Refused/NA	----
<b>MEAN:</b>	<b>9.363</b>

In the 2024 election for President, if there is a rematch between [ROTATE] Joe Biden and Donald Trump...

\_\_30. If the election were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] Donald Trump the Republican or Joe Biden the Democrat?

[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]

41% Donald Trump the Republican  
 3% Lean toward Trump the Republican  
**44% TOTAL VOTE TRUMP**  
**48% TOTAL VOTE BIDEN (+4)**  
 46% Joe Biden the Democrat  
 2% Lean toward Biden the Democrat  
 8% Undecided/Refused



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

\_\_31. Do you think of yourself as pro-choice, meaning 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?

- 60% Pro-choice – women have the right to an abortion
- 33% Pro-life – against abortions except to save life of mother
- 7% Undecided/Refused

\_\_32. Do you have school age children aged 18 or younger living in your household?

- 27% Yes
- 73% No
- Undecided/Refused

\_\_33. Do you, or does any member of your household, belong to a labor union or a teachers association?  
[PROBE FOR BEST RESPONSE]

- 9% Respondent belongs
- 6% Other household member belongs
- 4% More than one household member belongs
- 19% TOTAL UNION**
- 81% No members in household
- Undecided/Refused

\_\_34. Could you please tell me in what year you were born? [IF REFUSED, ASK: ‘Would you please tell me into which of the following categories your age would fall? Please stop me when I get to a category that applies to you.’ AND READ 1 TO 4]

[RECORD YEAR HERE \_\_\_\_ AND THEN CODE BELOW]

- 18% 18 to 34 years (1988 to 2004)
- 20% 35 to 49 (1973 to 1987)
- 32% 50 to 64 (1958 to 1972)
- 30% 65 and over (1957 or before)
- Undecided/Refused

\_\_35. What is the last grade or level of schooling you completed? [DO NOT READ – CODE BEST RESPONSE]

- 2% 1st to 11th Grade
- 18% High School Graduate
- 3% Non-college post high school (technical training)
- 30% Some college
- 32% College graduate
- 15% Post graduate school
- Undecided/Refused

\_\_36. What is your religion -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim or some their religion?

- 26% Protestant (**Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, or Episcopalian**)
- 23% Roman Catholic or Catholic
- 1% Eastern Orthodox
- 2% Jewish
- 1% Muslim
- 8% Other
- 17% Christian – Non Denominational (*volunteered*)
- 17% None (*volunteered*)
- 5% Undecided/Refused

\_\_37. Which of the following racial or ethnic groups best describes you -- White, African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Native American, of mixed-race, or some other group or race?

- 81% White
- 11% African American/Black
- 2% Hispanic or Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican-American etc.)
- 1% Asian
- 1% Native American
- 2% Mixed race
- 0% Other
- 2% Undecided/Refused

\_\_38. Would you describe yourself as (**ROTATE**) conservative, moderate, or liberal?

- 35% Conservative
- 34% Moderate
- 21% Liberal
- 10% Undecided/Refused

\_\_39. 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?

- 27% Strong Democrat
- 8% Not Strong Democrat
- 8% Independent-Lean Democrat
- 43% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**
- 12% Independent
- 41% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**
- 12% Independent-Lean Republican
- 5% Not Strong Republican
- 23% Strong Republican
- 2% Other
- 2% Undecided/Refused

\_\_40. Would you please tell me into which of the following categories your total yearly household income falls; including everyone in the household? Please stop me when I get to the category that applies to you? **[READ 1 THROUGH 6]**

- 5% Under \$25,000
- 14% \$25,000 to \$50,000
- 20% \$50,000 to \$75,000
- 15% \$75,000 to \$100,000
- 17% \$100,000 to \$150,000
- 15% Over \$150,000
- Retired (**VOLUNTEERED - ASK: “But is there an income category I read that would apply to your household?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**)
- 14% Undecided/Refused

\_\_44. Sex of respondent (**BY OBSERVATION ONLY**)

- 47% Male
- 53% Female

**THANK RESPONDENT FOR HIS OR HER TIME AND TERMINATE**