

By the People: Hard Times, Hard Choices – Michigan Citizens Deliberate

Demographic Representativeness

This document shows the similarities and differences between people who came to the event (participants) and those who did not come to the event (non-participants). The results show that there were minimal differences between participants and non-participants with respect to gender, marital status, employment status, and ways people engage the news.

19 WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR ECONOMIC SITUATION TODAY, DO YOU THINK YOU ARE MUCH BETTER OFF THAN MOST, SOMEWHAT BETTER OFF, ABOUT THE SAME AS MOST, SOMEWHAT WORSE OFF, OR MUCH WORSE OFF THAN MOST?

	Non-participants	Participants
Better off than most	13.80	9.10
Somewhat better off than most	35.80	39.50
About the same as most	31.90	33.30
Somewhat worse off than most	14.80	15.90
Much worse off than most	3.80	2.30
Don't Know / No Response	2.10	0.30
Total	100.00	100.00

20 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY OF THE LAST 7 DAYS WOULD YOU SAY YOU WATCHED THE NEWS ON TV?

	Non-participants	Participants
0	15.80	13.70
1	5.70	4.20
2	7.30	8.50
3	7.40	5.90
4	8.30	10.10
5	7.90	13.70
6	2.20	6.50
7	45.40	37.50
Don't Know / No Response	0.60	1.00
Total	100.00	100.00

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21 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY OF THE LAST 7 DAYS DID YOU READ A DAILY NEWSPAPER?

	Non-participants	Participants
0	39.80	36.90
1	16.40	12.90
2	5.80	12.30
3	14.00	11.70
4	1.70	4.20
5	1.60	2.90
6	2.20	2.30
7	18.50	16.80
Don't Know / No Response	0.90	0.30

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Total	100.00	100.00
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22 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY OF THE LAST 7 DAYS DID YOU READ THE NEWS ON THE INTERNET?

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0	40.70	26.90
1	6.10	9.10
2	7.90	9.40
3	4.50	5.50
4	4.40	4.90
5	2.80	6.50
6	2.60	3.20
7	31.00	34.60
Don't Know / No Response	1.00	0.30
Total	100.00	100.00

23 ON AVERAGE, HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU SAY YOU TALK WITH PEOPLE ABOUT POLITICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS?

Almost every day	26.60	23.90
Several times a week	25.20	37.40
At least once a week	21.50	24.20
At least once a month	9.50	8.40
Practically never	17.30	6.10
Don't Know / No Response	1.10	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

24 GENERALLY SPEAKING, HOW INTERESTED WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN THE U.S.?

Very interested	41.70	53.90
Somewhat interested	38.00	41.30
Not very interested	14.50	3.50
Not at all interested	5.80	1.30
Don't Know / No Response	1.30	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

25 GENERALLY SPEAKING, HOW INTERESTED WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN MICHIGAN?

Very interested	38.60	54.20
Somewhat interested	46.60	40.30
Not very interested	11.20	4.20
Not at all interested	3.60	1.30
Don't Know / No Response	1.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

26 EDUCATION LEVEL

Less than high school	2.60	4.20
High school	20.00	14.50
Some university / college	29.90	34.80
University / college graduate	27.90	20.60
Some graduate work	4.20	5.80
Graduate degree	15.40	20.00
Don't Know / No Response	1.30	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

27 AGE GROUP

18-24	8.70	12.30
25-34	18.70	18.40
35-44	18.90	19.00
45-54	23.60	20.60
55-64	13.20	14.50
65 or older	16.90	15.20
Don't Know / No Response	0.90	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

28 CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Employed full-time	40.60	35.20
Employed part-time	11.10	13.20
Not employed, but actively looking for work	15.40	14.20
Student	3.20	5.80
Not actively looking for work	29.70	31.60
Don't Know / No Response	0.60	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

29 ON A 0 TO 10 SCALE, WHERE 0 IS IMPOSSIBLE, 10 IS SURE TO HAPPEN, AND 5 IS EXACTLY IN THE MIDDLE, HOW LIKELY DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT YOU LOSE YOUR JOB?

Impossible - 0-4	60.30	58.40
Middle - 5	17.10	18.10
Sure to happen - 6-10	22.60	23.80
Don't Know / No Response	50.50	53.50
Total	100.00	100.00

30 ON A 0 TO 10 SCALE, WHERE 0 IS NO TROUBLE AT ALL, 10 IS A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE, AND 5 IS EXACTLY IN THE MIDDLE, HOW MUCH TROUBLE DO YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE FINDING ANOTHER JOB, IF YOU LOSE YOUR PRESENT JOB?

No trouble - 0-4	34.00	27.30
Middle - 5	18.80	12.00
A great deal of trouble - 6-10	47.20	60.60
Don't Know / No Response	50.00	54.20
Total	100.00	100.00

31 ON A 0 TO 10 SCALE, WHERE 0 IS NO TROUBLE AT ALL, 10 IS A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE, AND 5 IS EXACTLY IN THE MIDDLE, HOW MUCH TROUBLE DO YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE FINDING A JOB?

No trouble - 0-4	0.00	5.20
Middle - 5	2.50	5.10
A great deal of trouble - 6-10	97.50	89.70
Don't Know / No Response	86.30	87.40
Total	100.00	100.00

32 EMPLOYMENT TYPE

Self employed	11.90	25.50
Business under 25 employees	20.70	14.80
Business with 25 or more employees	53.10	47.70
Government	13.00	11.40
Other	1.30	0.70
Don't Know / No Response	49.20	51.90
Total	100.00	100.00

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33 HAVE YOU BEEN UNEMPLOYED ANYTIME IN THE PAST YEAR?

Yes	9.70	21.50
No	90.30	78.50
Don't Know / No Response	49.50	51.90
Total	100.00	100.00

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34 HAS ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD BEEN UNEMPLOYED ANYTIME IN THE PAST YEAR?

Yes	38.40	32.70
No	61.60	67.30
Don't Know / No Response	4.00	4.20
Total	100.00	100.00

35 HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU SAY YOU ATTEND
RELIGIOUS SERVICES?

Every week	37.20	37.70
Almost every week	6.60	9.40
Once or twice a month	13.60	12.00
A few times a year	21.10	25.60
Never	21.40	15.30
Don't Know / No Response	1.80	0.60
Total	100.00	100.00

36 ARE YOU CURRENTLY MARRIED AND LIVING
WITH YOUR SPOUSE?

Yes	60.10	52.40
No	39.90	47.60
Don't Know / No Response	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

37 ARE YOU LIVING WITH A PARTNER?

Yes	14.80	15.30
No	85.20	84.70
Don't Know / No Response	60.50	53.50
Total	100.00	100.00

38 HOW MANY CHILDREN, UNDER 18, DO YOU HAVE
LIVING AT HOME?

0	56.30	59.70
1	15.10	12.80
2	17.10	13.10
3	7.80	10.80
4	2.30	2.60
5	1.10	0.70
7	0.30	0.30
Don't Know / No Response	0.80	1.60
Total	100.00	100.00

39 ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

1 Less than \$25,000	22.90	19.00
2 Between \$25,000 and \$50,000	23.20	35.30
3 Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	24.90	19.00
4 Between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or	15.40	16.00
5 Between \$100,000 and \$125,000	4.20	6.30
6 Between \$125,000 and \$150,000	4.40	1.50
7 More than \$150,000	5.00	3.00
Don't Know / No Response	23.70	13.20
Total	100.00	100.00

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40 ETHNICITY

White	78.20	71.00
Black	14.30	16.50
Native American	3.70	6.50
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.00	4.50
Hispanic/Latino	1.40	0.60
Other	0.30	1.00
Don't Know / No Response	1.70	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

41 WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE YOUR VIEWS ON A 0-10 SCALE WHERE 0 MEANS EXTREMELY LIBERAL, 10 MEANS EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE, AND 5 IS EXACTLY IN THE MIDDLE?

0-3	13.30	15.30
4-6	43.40	54.40
7-10	34.30	29.20
Don't Know / No Response	9.00	1.00
Total	100.00	100.00

42 POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	36.50	37.10
Republican	25.60	18.00
Independent	37.90	44.60
Other	0.00	0.30
Don't Know / No Response	10.30	5.20
Total	100.00	100.00

43 GENDER

1 Male	47.80	49.70
2 Female	52.20	50.30
Don't Know / No Response	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

44 GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

West Michigan	18.30	18.40
Mid Michigan	11.10	13.90
Southeast Michigan	47.60	48.40
Flint / Tri-Cities	12.00	11.60
Northern Michigan	7.90	5.80
Upper Peninsula	3.10	1.90
Don't Know / No Response	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

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