

Deliberative Polling®

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

Attitudinal Representativeness

This document shows the similarities and differences in attitudes among the people who came to the event (participants) and those that did not come to the event (non-participants). The results show minor differences in the opinions of participants and non-participants (based on responses from the first questionnaire) showing that people who came were very similar to non-participants.

	Non-Participants	Participants	
1 HOW BIG A PROBLEM WOULD YOU SAY UNEMPLOYMENT IS IN MICHIGAN?	0.90	0.91	
0 to 4 Small problem	1.00	1.20	
5 - Exactly in the Middle	2.00	0.30	
6 to 10 - Big Problem	96.90	98.40	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	0.10	0.30	
Total	100.00	100.00	
2 HOW BIG A PROBLEM WOULD YOU SAY POVERTY IS IN MICHIGAN?	0.75	0.73	
0 to 4 Small problem	5.40	7.90	
5 - Exactly in the Middle	10.60	9.30	
6 to 10 - Big Problem	80.80	82.80	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	3.30	102.50	
Total	100.00	100.00	
3 WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE YOUR VIEWS ON A 1-7 SCALE WHERE 1 MEANS THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DECREASE TAXES EVEN IF THIS MEANS LESS FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS AND 7 MEANS THEY SHOULD SPEND MORE ON PROGRAMS EVEN IF THIS MEANS INCREASING TAXES?	0.58	0.65	**
1 to 3- Decrease Taxes/ Less Funding	31.00	20.90	
4 - Exactly in the Middle	23.20	27.70	
5 to 7 - Spend More/ Increase Taxes	36.40	51.40	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	9.40	3.20	
Total	100.00	100.00	
4 WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON THE SAME SCALE?	0.70	0.75	*
1 to 3- Decrease Taxes/ Less Funding	17.60	16.40	
4 - Exactly in the Middle	13.10	13.90	
5 to 7 - Spend More/ Increase Taxes	46.10	69.70	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	23.20	23.20	
Total	100.00	100.00	
5 WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ON THE SAME SCALE?	0.43	0.45	

1 to 3- Decrease Taxes/ Less Funding	43.70	62.60
4 - Exactly in the Middle	13.40	14.30
5 to 7 - Spend More/ Increase Taxes	16.10	23.10
No Opinion/ Don't Know	26.70	23.20
Total	100.00	100.00

6 WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE YOUR VIEWS ON A 1-7 SCALE WHERE 1 MEANS THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO ALL IT CAN TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT AND 7 MEANS THEY SHOULD JUST LET A RECOVERING ECONOMY TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM?

	0.52	0.46	*
1 to 3- Do All It Can to Reduce Unemployment	43.50	54.10	
4 - Exactly in the Middle	19.80	21.30	
5 to 7 - Just Let a Recovering Economy Take Care	30.50	24.50	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	6.30	2.90	
Total	100.00	100.00	

7 WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON THE SAME SCALE?

	0.50	0.45	**
1 to 3- Do All It Can to Reduce Unemployment	37.20	60.90	
4 - Exactly in the Middle	13.30	16.20	
5 to 7 - Just Let a Recovering Economy Take Care	23.70	23.10	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	25.70	24.20	
Total	100.00	100.00	

8 WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ON THE SAME SCALE?

	0.65	0.70	*
1 to 3- Do All It Can to Reduce Unemployment	21.30	24.30	
4 - Exactly in the Middle	13.10	13.90	
5 to 7 - Just Let a Recovering Economy Take Care	37.80	61.80	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	27.60	25.50	
Total	100.00	100.00	

9 WOULD YOU SAY THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IS SPENDING ON ASSISTANCE TO POOR PEOPLE IS MUCH TOO MUCH, SOMEWHAT TOO MUCH, ABOUT RIGHT, SOMEWHAT TOO LITTLE, OR MUCH TOO LITTLE?

	0.65	0.64	***
Much Too Much	9.00	4.90	
Somewhat Too Much	16.60	17.30	
About Right	24.40	37.70	
Somewhat Too Little	16.80	31.30	
Much Too Little	19.90	8.80	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	13.40	8.30	
Total	100.00	100.00	

10 WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE YOUR VIEWS ON A 1-7 SCALE WHERE 1 MEANS ASSISTANCE TO POOR PEOPLE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST AND 7 MEANS ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO FIND WORK?	0.90	0.88
1 to 3- Those Who Need It Most	21.80	24.00
4 - Exactly in the Middle	30.40	33.60
5 to 7 - Those Who Are Trying to Find Work	42.10	42.50
No Opinion/ Don't Know	5.70	1.90
Total	100.00	100.00

11A HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT DO THE FOLLOWING TO REDUCE POVERTY IN MICHIGAN? SPENDING MORE ON PROGRAMS TO CREATE NEW JOBS	0.37	0.34
Favor Strongly	54.00	61.80
Favor Somewhat	24.70	22.50
Neither Favor nor Oppose	8.00	5.60
Oppose Somewhat	6.30	4.90
Oppose Strongly	6.00	5.20
No Opinion/ Don't Know	0.90	1.30
Total	100.00	100.00

11B HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT DO THE FOLLOWING TO REDUCE POVERTY IN MICHIGAN? SPENDING MORE ON JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS	0.37	0.34	*
Favor Strongly	48.10	52.10	
Favor Somewhat	27.40	33.20	
Neither Favor nor Oppose	9.50	8.50	
Oppose Somewhat	7.50	3.60	
Oppose Strongly	3.70	2.60	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	3.70	1.00	
Total	100.00	100.00	

11C HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT DO THE FOLLOWING TO REDUCE POVERTY IN MICHIGAN? SPENDING MORE ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE	0.41	0.36	*
Favor Strongly	52.60	59.90	
Favor Somewhat	15.40	17.10	
Neither Favor nor Oppose	14.10	9.20	
Oppose Somewhat	7.50	8.60	
Oppose Strongly	9.30	5.30	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	1.00	1.90	
Total	100.00	100.00	

11D HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT DO THE FOLLOWING TO REDUCE POVERTY IN MICHIGAN? INCREASING THE BENEFITS PAID BY STATE PROGRAMS TO ASSIST POOR FAMILIES	0.51	0.50	**
Favor Strongly	27.50	24.10	
Favor Somewhat	24.20	32.40	
Neither Favor nor Oppose	17.30	20.70	
Oppose Somewhat	17.80	16.10	
Oppose Strongly	9.80	6.70	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	3.40	3.50	
Total	100.00	100.00	

12A HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING TO IMPROVE FUTURE OF MICHIGAN? SPENDING MORE TO DEVELOP THE TOURISM ECONOMY, AS FOR EXAMPLE THE NORTH COAST	0.53	0.48	
Favor Strongly	23.60	32.10	
Favor Somewhat	27.10	28.40	
Neither Favor nor Oppose	17.20	16.40	
Oppose Somewhat	13.40	15.10	
Oppose Strongly	13.50	8.00	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	5.10	3.50	
Total	100.00	100.00	

12B HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING TO IMPROVE FUTURE OF MICHIGAN? DEVELOPING A KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY	0.36	0.32	**
Favor Strongly	47.20	59.90	
Favor Somewhat	26.30	27.60	
Neither Favor nor Oppose	10.00	8.80	
Oppose Somewhat	3.70	2.40	
Oppose Strongly	3.40	1.30	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	1.30	4.20	
Total	100.00	100.00	

12C HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING TO IMPROVE FUTURE OF MICHIGAN? DEVELOPING A GREEN ECONOMY	0.43	0.37	***
Favor Strongly	42.20	51.80	
Favor Somewhat	21.50	26.20	
Neither Favor nor Oppose	15.40	11.60	
Oppose Somewhat	6.30	4.00	
Oppose Strongly	10.30	6.30	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	4.20	2.90	
Total	100.00	100.00	

12D HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING TO IMPROVE FUTURE OF MICHIGAN? DEVELOPING A MANUFACTURING ECONOMY	0.39	0.39
Favor Strongly	48.20	50.30
Favor Somewhat	23.60	23.00
Neither Favor nor Oppose	12.70	12.50
Oppose Somewhat	7.50	9.50
Oppose Strongly	5.30	4.60
No Opinion/ Don't Know	2.70	1.90
Total	100.00	100.00

12E HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING TO IMPROVE FUTURE OF MICHIGAN? PUSHING INITIATIVES THAT ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO HIRE MICHIGAN RESIDENTS	0.32	0.34
Favor Strongly	64.60	63.50
Favor Somewhat	17.40	18.10
Neither Favor nor Oppose	8.40	8.20
Oppose Somewhat	4.30	7.60
Oppose Strongly	3.60	2.60
No Opinion/ Don't Know	1.70	1.90
Total	100.00	100.00

13A HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE FOLLOWING BEAR FOR MICHIGAN'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS? THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	0.65	0.64
0 to 4 - Not Responsible at All	16.80	17.60
5 - Exactly in the Middle	18.30	19.90
6 to 10 - Completely Responsible	60.60	62.60
No Opinion/ Don't Know	4.30	1.00
Total	100.00	100.00

13B HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE FOLLOWING BEAR FOR MICHIGAN'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS? THE MICHIGAN STATE GOVERNMENT	0.68	0.70	***
0 to 4 - Not Responsible at All	14.30	9.60	
5 - Exactly in the Middle	19.50	17.50	
6 to 10 - Completely Responsible	62.60	72.90	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	3.70	2.60	
Total	100.00	100.00	

13C HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE FOLLOWING BEAR FOR MICHIGAN'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS? BIG MICHIGAN COMPANIES	0.61	0.68	**
0 to 4 - Not Responsible at All	21.90	13.40	
5 - Exactly in the Middle	19.20	13.50	

6 to 10 - Completely Responsible	55.10	73.00
No Opinion/ Don't Know	3.80	1.90
Total	100.00	100.00

13D HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE FOLLOWING BEAR FOR MICHIGAN'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS? WALL STREET	0.63	0.67	***
0 to 4 - Not Responsible at All	21.20	15.70	
5 - Exactly in the Middle	19.80	16.90	
6 to 10 - Completely Responsible	51.20	67.50	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	7.90	4.80	
Total		100.00	

13E HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE FOLLOWING BEAR FOR MICHIGAN'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS? LABOR UNIONS	0.62	0.60	
0 to 4 - Not Responsible at All	20.60	23.30	
5 - Exactly in the Middle	20.80	18.50	
6 to 10 - Completely Responsible	53.70	58.20	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	5.00	4.20	
Total	100.00	100.00	

13F HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE FOLLOWING BEAR FOR MICHIGAN'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS? EVENTS BEYOND ANYONE'S CONTROL	0.43	0.41	
0 to 4 - Not Responsible at All	39.70	48.90	
5 - Exactly in the Middle	26.40	23.90	
6 to 10 - Completely Responsible	23.50	27.10	
No Opinion/ Don't Know	10.40	8.40	
Total	100.00	100.00	

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