

Deliberative Polling®

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

Knowledge Changes

This document shows the gains in knowledge for the participants in the event. Participants answered the knowledge questions during the first survey interview, upon arrival, and final survey at the end of deliberations.			
	Before	After	Change
<i>Factual Questions</i>			
Which political party holds the majority in the Michigan State Senate?	26.1%	43.2%	17.1%**
How about the Michigan State House of Representatives?	44.2%	53.2%	9.0%**
Which of the following states has unemployment rates similar to Michigan's?	4.5%	8.1%	3.6%*
People who have reached the 48-month limit can stay eligible for the Family Independence Program if...?	11.0%	18.4%	7.4%**
About what percentage of African American children in Michigan live in poverty?	27.7%	29.0%	1.3%
Factual Knowledge Index	22.7%	30.4%	7.7%**
<i>Party Placement Questions</i>			
Standard of living: Where would you place the Democratic Party?†	63.2%	62.3%	-0.9%
Standard of living: Where would you place the Republican Party?†	67.4%	65.5%	-1.9%
Taxes: Where would you place the Democratic Party?	53.5%	63.5%	10.0%**
Taxes: Where would you place the Republican Party?	48.1%	55.8%	7.7%**
State intervention: Where would you place the Democratic Party?	46.1%	68.4%	22.3%**
State intervention: Where would you place the Republican Party?	46.1%	55.8%	9.7%**
Party Placement Index	54.1%	61.9%	7.8%
Overall Knowledge Index	38.4%	46.1%	7.7%
†Questions were asked upon arrival			