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GOP Leads by 7 in Michigan Generic Ballot

Raleigh, N.C. – With three U.S. House seats in play in Michigan, Democrats have to worry that statewide, Republicans have a 48-41 lead on the generic congressional ballot. The difference: Republicans are 39% of the electorate to Democrats' 36%, and independents, which make up 25% of the electorate, go for the GOP by a huge 44-24 margin, though 32% of them are still undecided, far more than the 4 or 5% of partisans in that camp. The generic state legislative ballot follows a very similar pattern, with a 47-41 overall GOP edge. Republicans currently have a 22-16 lead in the State Senate but a 66-43 deficit in the House.

Though they plan to vote for Republican candidates by a sizeable margin, Wolverine State voters do not have high hopes for the economy under a Republican Congress. Barely more, 39%, think the economy will improve than the 38% who think it will get worse with a party switch. 23% think it will make no difference which party is in the majority next January. Independents do think things will get better by a 42-25 margin, but only 67% of Republicans do, versus the 75% of Democrats who think things will decline.

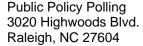
This lack of optimism reflects the fact that, as nationally and in other states, Congressional Republicans, despite their leads in polls, are actually significantly less popular than their Democratic counterparts. Democrats sport a dismal-enough 32-60 approval rating, but the GOP falls to 23-63. The main culprit of the disparity is that the GOP gets only a 47-36 grade from its own base, while Democrats give their party's leadership a very solid 73-13 mark. Independents disapprove of the Democrats, 21-71, and the Republicans, 17-69, indicating that their 2:1 support for GOP candidates is simply a vote for what they consider the lesser of two evils, the party not in power.

PPP surveyed 497 likely Michigan voters from September 17th to 19th. The margin of error is +/-4.4%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached, and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

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Michigan Survey Results

Q1	Barack Obama's job performance?	Q7	Do you approve or disapprove of the Democrats in Congress?	
	Approve42%		Approve	32%
	Disapprove54%		Disapprove	
	Not sure		Not sure	8%
Q2	Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an		Do you approve or disapprove of the Republicans in Congress?	
	opinion? Support37%		Approve	
			Disapprove	
	Oppose 54%		Not sure	
Q3	No opinion	Q9	Do you think the economy has gotten worse, or stayed about the same sinc Obama became President?	
	Approve40% Not sure12%		Better	25%
	Disapprove48%		Worse	53%
Q4	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Debbie Stabenow's job performance?		Stayed about the same	22%
	Approve	Q10	If the Republican Party gains control of Congress do you think the economy v	
	Disapprove		better, worse, or stay about the same	
	Not sure12%		Will get better	39%
Q5	If there was an election for the state legislature		Will get worse	38%
	today, would you vote Democratic or		Will stay about the same	
	Republican? Democratic41%		Do you support or oppose the goals of Party' movement?	
	Republican47%		Support	41%
	Undecided12%		Oppose	
Q6	If there was an election for the Congress today,			
40	would you vote Democratic or Republican?	012	Not sure 2 Do you personally identify as a memb	
	Democratic41%	Q 12	'Tea Party' movement?	or or the
	Republican48%		Yes	14%
	Undecided11%		No	71%
			Not sure	15%





Q13	Who did you vote for President in 2008?	
	John McCain	46%
	Barack Obama	47%
Q14	Someone else/Don't remember	6%
	Liberal	21%
	Moderate	39%
	Conservative	40%
Q15	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pre	ess 2.
	Woman	51%
	Man	49%
Q16	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Repub press 2. If you are an independent or idenwith another party, press 3.	
	Democrat	36%
	Republican	39%
	Independent/Other	25%

Q17	If you are white, press 1. If African-America press 2. If other, press 3.	ın,
	White	84%
	African-American	11%
	Other	5%
Q18	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	to
	18 to 29	6%
	30 to 45	21%
	46 to 65	45%
	Older than 65	27%



		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Obama Approval					
Approve	42%	5%	79%	25%	
Disapprove	54%	93%	15%	72%	
Not sure	4%	2%	6%	3%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Health Care		•			
Support	37%	2%	74%	16%	
Oppose	54%	92%	15%	78%	
No opinion	8%	5%	11%	6%	

		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Levin Approval		•			
Approve	40%	10%	69%	34%	
Disapprove	48%	78%	18%	54%	
Not sure	12%	12%	13%	12%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Stabenow Approval		-			
Approve	38%	8%	69%	22%	
Disapprove	50%	81%	18%	69%	
Not sure	12%	11%	13%	9%	





		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Generic Legis Ballot					
Democratic	41%	4%	80%	15%	
Republican	47%	87%	11%	33%	
Undecided	12%	9%	10%	51%	

		2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Cong Ballot		·		
Democratic	41%	4%	81%	12%
Republican	48%	89%	10%	30%
Undecided	11%	7%	9%	58%

		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Dem Cong Approval					
Approve	32%	2%	62%	22%	
Disapprove	60%	95%	24%	62%	
Not sure	8%	2%	13%	16%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Cong GOP Approval		-				
Approve	23%	43%	5%	16%		
Disapprove	63%	40%	87%	57%		
Not sure	13%	17%	7%	27%		





		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Econ Better/Worse/Same					
Better	25%	2%	50%	12%	
Worse	53%	87%	17%	69%	
Stayed about the same	22%	11%	33%	19%	

		2008 Vote						
	Base	John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember				
Econ Better/Worse/Same w/ GOP Control								
Will get better	39%	72%	9%	28%				
Will get worse	38%	8%	69%	22%				
Will stay about the same	23%	20%	22%	50%				

		2008 Vote					
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember			
Tea Party Support		-					
Support	42%	75%	8%	44%			
Oppose	42%	10%	76%	25%			
Not sure	17%	15%	16%	31%			

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote					
	Base	John Barack Someone else/Don't remember						
Tea Party ID		•						
Yes	14%	24%	2%	32%				
No	71%	58%	88%	47%				
Not sure	15%	19%	10%	21%				





		Ideology				
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative		
Obama Approval		•				
Approve	42%	86%	51%	9%		
Disapprove	54%	9%	42%	90%		
Not sure	4%	4%	6%	2%		

		Ideology			
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Health Care		•			
Sup	port 37%	82%	48%	4%	
Орр	ose 54%	10%	41%	90%	
No opi		8%	11%	6%	

		Ideology			
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Levin Approval		•			
Approve	40%	76%	52%	8%	
Disapprove	48%	11%	35%	79%	
Not sure	12%	13%	12%	12%	

		ldeology				
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative		
Stabenow Approval			•			
Approve	38%	80%	47%	6%		
Disapprove	50%	11%	38%	83%		
Not sure	12%	9%	15%	11%		





		Ideology			
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Generic Legis Ballot		•			
Democratic	41%	91%	50%	6%	
Republican	47%	4%	31%	85%	
Undecided	12%	6%	18%	9%	

		ldeolog	у	
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Cong Ballot		•		
Democratic	41%	91%	52%	5%
Republican	48%	3%	32%	86%
Undecided	11%	6%	17%	9%

		ldeolog	у	
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Dem Cong Approval		•		
Approve	32%	74%	38%	4%
Disapprove	60%	16%	47%	95%
Not sure	8%	10%	15%	1%

		ldeology				
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative		
Cong GOP Approval		•				
Approve	23%	3%	15%	42%		
Disapprove	63%	92%	72%	41%		
Not sure	13%	5%	13%	17%		





		Ideology				
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative		
Econ Better/Worse/Same						
Better	25%	55%	30%	5%		
Worse	53%	16%	39%	85%		
Stayed about the same	22%	29%	30%	10%		

		Ideology			
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Econ Better/Worse/Same w/ GOP Control					
Will get better	39%	11%	23%	70%	
Will get worse	38%	69%	51%	9%	
Will stay about the same	23%	21%	26%	21%	

		ldeology			
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Tea Party Support					
Support	42%	7%	23%	78%	
Oppose	42%	82%	56%	7%	
Not sure	17%	11%	21%	15%	

		Ideology			
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Tea Party ID		•			
Yes	14%	3%	6%	27%	
No	71%	89%	80%	54%	
Not sure	15%	8%	13%	19%	





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama Approval		-	
Approve	42%	50%	33%
Disapprove	54%	46%	63%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Health Care		-	
Support	37%	44%	30%
Oppose	54%	47%	62%
No opinion	8%	9%	8%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Levin Approval		-	
Approve	40%	43%	36%
Disapprove	48%	40%	56%
Not sure	12%	17%	7%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Stabenow Approval		-	
Approve	38%	43%	32%
Disapprove	50%	42%	59%
Not sure	12%	15%	9%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Generic Legis Ballot		-	
Democratic	41%	48%	33%
Republican	47%	42%	53%
Undecided	12%	10%	14%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Generic Cong Ballot		•	
Democratic	41%	48%	34%
Republican	48%	42%	54%
Undecided	11%	10%	13%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Dem Cong Approval		-	
Approve	32%	39%	25%
Disapprove	60%	51%	68%
Not sure	8%	10%	7%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Cong GOP Approval		-		
Approve	23%	21%	26%	
Disapprove	63%	66%	60%	
Not sure	13%	13%	13%	





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Econ Better/Worse/Same			
Better	25%	29%	22%
Worse	53%	47%	58%
Stayed about the same	22%	24%	20%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Econ Better/Worse/Same w/ GOP Control			
Will get better	39%	35%	44%
Will get worse	38%	43%	32%
Will stay about the same	23%	22%	24%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Tea Party Support		-	
Support	42%	34%	50%
Oppose	42%	45%	38%
Not sure	17%	21%	12%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Tea Party ID		-	
Yes	14%	11%	17%
No	71%	69%	74%
Not sure	15%	20%	9%





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval		='		-
Approve	42%	88%	5%	32%
Disapprove	54%	7%	92%	64%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	4%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	37%	81%	3%	28%
Oppose		6%	92%	65%
No opinion	8%	12%	5%	8%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Levin Approval				
Approve	40%	76%	9%	36%
Disapprove	48%	11%	76%	57%
Not sure	12%	13%	15%	8%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stabenow Approval		='		
Approve	38%	75%	7%	32%
Disapprove	50%	10%	81%	60%
Not sure	12%	15%	12%	8%





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Legis Ballot		='		-
Democratic	41%	93%	3%	26%
Republican	47%	1%	94%	41%
Undecided	12%	6%	3%	33%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong Ballot		='		
Democratic	41%	95%	3%	24%
Republican	48%	1%	93%	44%
Undecided	11%	5%	4%	32%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dem Cong Approval				•
Approve	32%	73%	2%	21%
Disapprove	60%	13%	95%	71%
Not sure	8%	15%	2%	8%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong GOP Approval		='		
Approve	23%	2%	47%	17%
Disapprove	63%	90%	36%	69%
Not sure	13%	8%	18%	14%





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Econ Better/Worse/Same				
Better	25%	55%	3%	18%
Worse	53%	10%	88%	58%
Stayed about the same	22%	35%	9%	24%

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Econ Better/Worse/Same w/ GOP Control						
Will get better	39%	6%	67%	42%		
Will get worse	38%	75%	13%	25%		
Will stay about the same	23%	19%	20%	33%		

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Tea Party Support		='		•
Support	42%	6%	69%	49%
Oppose	42%	81%	17%	26%
Not sure		13%	15%	25%

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Tea Party ID		='				
Yes	14%	2%	20%	21%		
No	71%	91%	59%	63%		
Not sure	15%	7%	21%	15%		





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	42%	36%	74%	67%
Disapprove	54%	60%	22%	29%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	4%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Health Care				
Support	37%	31%	74%	67%
Oppose	54%	60%	22%	29%
No opinion	8%	9%	4%	4%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Levin Approval				
Approve	40%	36%	61%	54%
Disapprove	48%	51%	30%	33%
Not sure	12%	13%	9%	13%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Stabenow Approval				
Approve	38%	35%	52%	50%
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		Race		
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Generic Legis Ballot				
Democratic	41%	36%	74%	42%
Republican	47%	52%	22%	29%
Undecided	12%	12%	4%	29%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
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Democratic	41%	36%	78%	42%
Republican	48%	53%	17%	25%
Undecided	11%	11%	4%	33%

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Approve	32%	27%	61%	58%
Disapprove	60%	64%	35%	33%
Not sure	8%	9%	4%	8%

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	Base	White	African- American	Other
Cong GOP Approval				
Approve	23%	26%	4%	21%
Disapprove	63%	60%	91%	63%
Not sure	13%	14%	4%	17%





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	Base	White	African- American	Other
Econ Better/Worse/Same				
Better	25%	21%	57%	29%
Worse	53%	57%	30%	33%
Stayed about the same	22%	22%	13%	38%

		Race	Race				
	Base	White	African- American	Other			
Econ Better/Worse/Same w/ GOP Control							
Will get better	39%	43%	9%	33%			
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Will stay about the same	23%	24%	13%	21%			

		Race				
	Base	White	African- American	Other		
Tea Party Support						
Support	42%	47%	4%	33%		
Oppose Not sure	42%	36%	87%	33%		
Not sure	17%	17%	9%	33%		

		Race				
	Base	White	African- American			
Tea Party ID						
Yes	14%	15%	4%	17%		
No	71%	70%	87%	63%		
Not sure	15%	15%	9%	21%		





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	42%	47%	31%	40%	51%
Disapprove	54%	53%	65%	55%	45%
Not sure	4%	-	4%	5%	4%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29			Older than 65	
Health Care						
Support	37%	38%	30%	36%	45%	
Oppose	54%	41%	65%	57%	46%	
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Disapprove	48%	52%	56%	50%	38%
Not sure	12%	9%	12%	10%	17%

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Approve	38%	32%	25%	37%	49%	
Disapprove	50%	55%	59%	52%	39%	
Not sure	12%	14%	16%	11%	11%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Legis Ballot					
Democratic	41%	53%	28%	39%	52%
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Undecided	12%	20%	9%	15%	7%

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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Generic Cong Ballot					
Democratic	41%	53%	30%	39%	50%
Republican	48%	28%	60%	49%	41%
Undecided	11%	20%	10%	12%	9%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dem Cong Approval					L
Approve	32%	44%	23%	33%	35%
Disapprove	60%	53%	72%	60%	51%
Not sure	8%	3%	5%	7%	14%

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Approve	23%	19%	28%	24%	21%
Disapprove	63%	72%	66%	59%	66%
Not sure	13%	9%	5%	17%	14%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Econ Better/Worse/Same					
Better	25%	41%	19%	24%	29%
Worse	53%	41%	59%	56%	45%
Stayed about the same	22%	18%	22%	20%	26%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Econ Better/Worse/Same w/ GOP Control						
Will get better	39%	29%	38%	45%	33%	
Will get worse	38%	45%	35%	38%	39%	
Will stay about the same	23%	26%	27%	17%	28%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Tea Party Support						
Support	42%	35%	42%	47%	33%	
Oppose	42%	45%	44%	37%	47%	
Not sure	17%	20%	13%	15%	20%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Tea Party ID						
Yes	14%	26%	10%	15%	13%	
No	71%	57%	80%	71%	68%	
Not sure	15%	17%	10%	14%	19%	

