EPIC-MRA STATEWIDE SURVEY

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__03. Now I am going to read a list of the top state problems or issues people say they are concerned about the most. After I read the whole list, please tell me which one problem or issue you are personally concerned about the most? **[READ & ROTATE 01-09 – TAKE 1st & ONLY ONE RESPONSE]**

55%	Improving Michigan's economy and providing jobs
11%	Making quality health care affordable and accessible
9%	Addressing the state budget crisis
9%	Improving education funding
6%	Controlling state taxes
4%	Promoting morality and family values
2%	Controlling crime and drugs
1%	Protecting our air and water
0%	Improving state and local roads and bridges
2%	More than one **[ASK:** "But which problem concerns you the most?" **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE – IF STILL** 'More than one' **CODE AS '10"]**
1%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Now, I would like to read a list of several political figures. For each one, please tell me if you recognize the name, and if you do, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person. The first name is _____? Do you recognize the name? **[IF YES, ASK]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of (him/her)? **[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK]** Would that be very or generally?

NAMES [ROTATE Q. 04-15]	DON'T RECOG	VERY FAVOR	TOTAL FAVOR	TOTAL UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	REF UNDEC
__04. Barack Obama	0%	32%	53%	42%	26%	5%
__05. Jennifer Granholm	0%	18%	41%	56%	36%	3%
__06. Alma Wheeler Smith	86%	1%	4%	4%	1%	6%
__07. Mike Cox	22%	10%	43%	19%	8%	16%
__08. Andy Dillon	66%	2%	13%	9%	3%	11%

NAMES [ROTATE Q. 04-15]	DON'T RECOG	VERY FAVOR	TOTAL FAVOR	TOTAL UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	REF UNDEC
__09. Virg Bernero [Verge] [burr-NARE-oh]	82%	2%	7%	4%	1%	7%
__10. Pete Hoekstra [HOKE-struh]	44%	11%	29%	11%	5%	16%
__11. Mike Bouchard [boo-SHARD]	30%	9%	35%	9%	2%	26%
__13. Dan Kildee	72%	3%	10%	6%	2%	13%
__14. Rick Snyder	62%	5%	19%	4%	1%	15%
__15. Tom George	83%	2%	6%	2%	1%	9%

__16. Overall, how would you rate the job being done by Barack Obama as President -- would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

15%	Excellent	
30%	Pretty good	**45% TOTAL POSITIVE**
23%	Just fair	
31%	Poor	**54% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
1%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

__17. Overall, how would you rate the job being done by Jennifer Granholm as Michigan's Governor – would you give her a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

8%	Excellent	
25%	Pretty good	**33% TOTAL POSITIVE**
23%	Just fair	
43%	Poor	**66% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
1%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

__18. In a year from now, do you think the U.S. economy will be better off than it is now, worse off, or about the same? **[IF BETTER OFF/WORSE OFF, ASK: "**Would that be much or just somewhat?" **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

7%	Much better off	
33%	Somewhat better off	**40% TOTAL BETTER OFF**
40%	About the same	**40% ABOUT THE SAME**
10%	Somewhat worse off	
9%	Much worse off	**19% TOTAL WORSE OFF**
1%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

ONLY ASKED OF DEM PRIMARY VOTERS

__22 & 23 COMBINED -- Of the following list of candidates who have announced or publicly stated they are considering running in the Democratic primary, which one candidate would you vote for? **[READ AND ROTATE 01-04]**

17%   Andy **DILLON**
12%   Dan **KILDEE**
 8%   Virg **BERNERO** [Verge] [burr-NARE-oh]
 7%   Alma Wheeler **SMITH**
12%   Someone else **(VOLUNTEERED)**
45%   Undecided/Don't know/Refused

INTRO TO Q. 24
Now I would like to read a brief description of each of the Democratic candidates. **[READ & ROTATE DESCRIPTIONS BELOW]**

Dan **KILDEE** is the former Genesee County Treasurer, county commissioner, Flint School Board member, and most recently Chairman of the Genesee County Land Bank.

Andy **DILLON** is from Redford Township near Detroit, currently serving as Speaker of the Michigan House. Because of term limits, he cannot run again. He is a lawyer and former president of a company offering consulting services to businesses.

Alma Wheeler **SMITH** is currently a state representative from the Ann Arbor area, a former state senator, a former Washtenaw County Commissioner, and 2002 candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Virg **BERNERO** is currently Mayor of Lansing, a former State Senator, State Representative, Ingham County Commissioner, and a legislative staff aide in the Michigan House and Senate.

__24 & 25 COMBINED -- After hearing the descriptions of the Democratic candidates, let me ask you again, if the election were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[READ AND ROTATE 01-04]**

24%   Andy **DILLON**
14%   Alma Wheeler **SMITH**
14%   Dan **KILDEE**
13%   Virg **BERNERO** [Verge] [burr-NARE-oh]
11%   Someone else **(VOLUNTEERED)**
24%   Undecided/Don't know/Refused

ONLY ASKED OF REPUBLICAN VOTERS

___26 & 27 COMBINED -- Of the following list of candidates who have announced that they are running in the Republican primary election for Governor, which candidate would you vote for? **[READ AND ROTATE 1-5]**

27%   Pete **HOEKSTRA (HOKE-stra)**
21%   Mike **COX**
12%   Rick **SNYDER**
10%   Mike **BOUCHARD (BOO-shard**
 1%   Tom **GEORGE**
 3%   Someone else **(VOLUNTEERED)**
26%   Undecided/Don't know/Refused

INTRO TO Q. 28
Now I would like to read a very brief description of each of the Republican candidates. **[READ AND ROTATE DESCRIPTIONS BELOW]**

Mike **COX** is currently serving as Michigan Attorney General. He cannot run for reelection because of term limits. An attorney, he was also an Assistant County Prosecutor in Wayne County.

Rick **SNYDER** is chair of the Board and Co-Founder of Ardesta LLC, a high tech venture capital firm located in Ann Arbor. He previously served as CEO and Chairman of Gateway, a computer company.

Tom **GEORGE** is currently a state senator from the Kalamazoo area. He previously served in the Michigan House. Since 1985, he has been a practicing doctor, and served as the director of Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo from 1996 to 2001.

Mike **BOUCHARD (BOO-shard** is currently serving as the Sheriff of Oakland County and before that served as state senator from Oakland County, where he was elected as Assistance Majority Leader. He was the Republican nominee for US Senate in 2006, losing to Debbie Stabenow.

Pete **HOEKSTRA (HOKE-stra)** is currently serving as a member of the US Congress from the Michigan 2nd District, where he is serving his 8th term. Before that, he was Vice President for Marketing for Herman Miller, a furniture maker.

___28 & 29 COMBINED -- After hearing the descriptions of the Republican candidates, let me ask you again, if the election were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[READ AND ROTATE 1-5]**

29%   Pete **HOEKSTRA (HOKE-stra)**
22%   Rick **SNYDER**
18%   Mike **COX**
11%   Mike **BOUCHARD (BOO-shard**
 5%   Tom **GEORGE**
 3%   Or someone else **(Please specify):** _____
15%   Undecided/Don't know/Refused
Now I would like to ask how you would vote in a few possible general election matchups for Governor in the November 2010 election. **[ROTATE Q'S 30 TO 34]**

__30. If the election for Governor were held today and the candidates were **[ROTATE]** Mike Cox and Dan Kildee, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** Mike Cox the Republican or Dan Kildee the Democrat?

      [IF UNDECIDED, ASK] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward, **[ROTATE]** Cox or Kildee?

30%	Vote for Dan Kildee	
7%	Lean toward Dan Kildee	**37% TOTAL KILDEE**
42%	Vote for Mike Cox	
4%	Lean toward Mike Cox	**46% TOTAL COX**
17%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

__31. If the election for Governor were held today and the candidates were **[ROTATE]** Pete Hoekstra and Andy Dillon, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** Pete Hoekstra the Republican or Andy Dillon the Democrat?

      [IF UNDECIDED, ASK] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward, **[ROTATE]** Hoekstra or Dillon?

30%	Vote for Andy Dillon	
7%	Lean toward Andy Dillon	**37% TOTAL DILLON**
38%	Vote for Pete Hoekstra	
3%	Lean toward Pete Hoekstra	**41% TOTAL HOEKSTRA**
21%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

__33. If the election for Governor were held today and the candidates were **[ROTATE]** Pete Hoekstra **[HOKE-struh]** and Dan Kildee, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** Pete Hoekstra the Republican or Dan Kildee the Democrat?

      [IF UNDECIDED, ASK] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward, **[ROTATE]** Hoekstra or Kildee?

31%	Vote for Dan Kildee	
6%	Lean toward Dan Kildee	**37% TOTAL KILDEE**
38%	Vote for Pete Hoekstra	
3%	Lean toward Pete Hoekstra	**41% TOTAL HOEKSTRA**
22%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

__34. If the election for Governor were held today and the candidates were **[ROTATE]** Mike Cox and Andy Dillon, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** Mike Cox the Republican or Andy Dillon the Democrat?

      [IF UNDECIDED, ASK] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward, **[ROTATE]** Cox or Dillon?

31%	Vote for Andy Dillon	
5%	Lean toward Andy Dillon	**36% TOTAL DILLON**
40%	Vote for Mike Cox	
3%	Lean toward Mike Cox	**43% TOTAL COX**
21%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

On another topic…

__39. Governor Granholm and the Legislature must balance the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2011 and eliminate a budget deficit of up to $1.8 billion. Which of the following statements best describes how you think Governor Granholm and the Michigan Legislature should balance the state budget? **[READ & ROTATE 1 TO 5 BELOW]**

28%   By ONLY cutting existing programs and services, with no increase in any state taxes or fees;
15%   By MOSTLY cutting state programs and services, but also relying on SOME increases in taxes and fees to raise revenue;
43%   ONLY OR MOSTLY BY CUTS WITH SOME TAXES

26%   By EQUALLY relying on cuts in state programs or services, AND increasing taxes and fees to raise revenue;

 9%   By MOSTLY increasing taxes, and but also relying on SOME cuts in programs and services;
 9%   By ONLY increasing taxes and fees, with no further cuts in state programs or services.
18%   ONLY OR MOSTLY BY TAX INCREASES WITH SOME CUTS

13%   Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Now I am going to describe several proposals Governor Granholm has made to reduce state spending or increase revenues. For each proposal I describe, please tell if you support or oppose that part of her budget plan. **[PROBE TO SEE IF STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORTS/OPPOSES EACH]**

[ROTATE Q'S 40 & 41/42]	STR SUP	SMT SUP	SMT OPP	STR OPP	DK/ UND
__40. Offer an incentive of slightly higher pension payments for up to 7,000 state employees and 39,000 public school teachers and employees with at least 30 years of service to accept early retirement. If an employee did NOT accept the offer, they would then be required to contribute 3 percent of their salary toward their pension, as well as lose their vision and dental coverage upon retirement. Most of the savings for the state would come by either not replacing all workers who retired, or by hiring new employees at lower pay with a requirement that they would pay 20 percent of their health insurance premiums – about twice what current employees pay. Do you support or oppose this part of the Governor's budget proposal?..................	27%	23%	14%	27%	9%

50% SUPPORT   41% OPPOSE

[ROTATE Q'S 40 & 41/42]	STR SUP	SMT SUP	SMT OPP	STR OPP	DK/ UND
__41. Reducing the current 6 percent sales tax to 5.5 percent, but expanding that tax to include about 150 of 168 services that have been identified, such as legal assistance, haircuts and auto repair. Services that would NOT be taxed would include health care, business-to-business services, real estate and insurance commissions. This proposal would raise about $554 million in additional funding in the first year, which would be earmarked to avoid further education cuts in the next fiscal year and to restore education funding cut in previous years. Do you support or oppose this proposal?..	23%	24%	16%	29%	8%

47% SUPPORT   45% OPPOSE

	STR SUP	SMT SUP	SMT OPP	STR OPP	DK/ UND
__42. After the first year, the increased revenue from the sales tax on services would also be used over a three year period to fund a reduction in the base rate of the Michigan Business Tax, and to eliminate the business tax surcharge, which was enacted in 2007 to balance the state budget at that time. Do you support or oppose this proposal?...	18%	28%	15%	22%	17%

46% SUPPORT   37% OPPOSE

On another topic…

As part of a plan to reduce the cost of government at all levels, the Republican majority in the Michigan Senate has proposed placing two ballot proposals to amend the Michigan Constitution on the upcoming August primary election ballot.

One proposal would impose a 5 percent pay cut for all state and local elected officials and all public employees, including local school teachers, police and fire personnel and university and community college employees, with the reduction in pay frozen for three years.

The other proposal would require all current and future state and local elected officials and public employees to pay 20 percent of their health insurance premiums, which is about double the amount that most state and local public employees currently pay for their health insurance premiums.

If both of these proposals passed, all state and local elected officials and all other public employees would see a 5 percent reduction in their pay along with an increase that would about double what they currently pay for their health insurance premiums.

[ROTATE Q'S 43 AND 44]

__43. If the proposal to cut the pay of all current and future state and local elected officials and public employees, and employees of local public schools and state colleges and universities by 5 percent, were placed on the ballot and the election were held today, would you vote Yes in favor of the proposal or No to oppose it?

       [IF UNDECIIDED, ASK] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decided right now, would you lean toward voting Yes or voting No?

42%	Vote Yes	
5%	Lean toward voting Yes	**47% TOTAL YES**
44%	Vote No	
4%	Lean toward voting No	**48% TOTAL NO**
5%	Undecided/Don't know	

_44. If the proposal to require all current and future state and local elected officials and public employees, and employees of local public schools and state colleges and universities to pay 20 percent of their health insurance premiums were placed on the ballot and the election were held today, would you vote Yes in favor of the proposal or No to oppose it?

       [IF UNDECIIDED, ASK] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decided right now, would you lean toward voting Yes or voting No?

51%	Vote Yes	
6%	Lean toward voting Yes	**57% TOTAL YES**
35%	Vote No	
4%	Lean toward voting No	**39% TOTAL NO**
6%	Undecided/Don't know	