

**EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE AND LIKELY VOTERS – FEBRUARY 2014**  
**[FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES – 600 SAMPLE – ERROR ±4.0%]**  
*Polling Dates: February 5, 2014 through February 11, 2014*  
*Conducted by live callers -- 20% cell phones*

\_03. Overall, would you say that things in the United States are generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

58% | Wrong track  
 31% | Right direction  
 11% | Undecided/Refused

\_04. How about in Michigan – are things generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

49% | Right direction  
 37% | Wrong track  
 14% | Undecided/Refused

Now, I would like to read the names of several political figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person. If you do not recognize a name, please say so and we can move on. The first name is \_\_\_\_\_? “Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person?” **[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK: “Would that be very or generally?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

<b>[ROTATE Q.5 TO Q.13]</b>	<b><u>DO NOT</u></b> <b><u>RECOG</u></b>	<b><u>VERY</u></b> <b><u>FAVOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b> <b><u>FAVOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b> <b><u>UNFAV</u></b>	<b><u>VERY</u></b> <b><u>UNFAV</u></b>	<b><u>REF</u></b> <b><u>UNDEC</u></b>
_05. Barack Obama	---	22%	<b>44%</b>	<b>50%</b>	35%	6%
_06. Rick Snyder	---	16%	<b>52%</b>	<b>40%</b>	21%	8%
_07. Mark Schauer	54%	4%	<b>17%</b>	<b>9%</b>	4%	20%
_08. Chris Christie	16%	4%	<b>27%</b>	<b>36%</b>	15%	21%
_09. Hillary Clinton	---	21%	<b>47%</b>	<b>43%</b>	27%	10%
_10. Gary Peters	45%	5%	<b>19%</b>	<b>13%</b>	5%	23%
_11. Terri Lynn Land	37%	5%	<b>28%</b>	<b>13%</b>	4%	22%
_12. Bill Schuette	38%	4%	<b>22%</b>	<b>14%</b>	6%	26%
_13. Mark Totten	80%	1%	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	15%

\_\_14. 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?

6%	Excellent
31%	Pretty good
<b>37%</b>	<b>TOTAL POSITIVE</b>
<b>61%</b>	<b>TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>
23%	Just fair
38%	Poor
2%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_15. Overall, how would you rate the job Rick Snyder has done as Michigan's Governor – would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

10%	Excellent
36%	Pretty good
<b>46%</b>	<b>TOTAL POSITIVE</b>
<b>53%</b>	<b>TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>
31%	Just fair
22%	Poor
1%	Undecided/Refused

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\_\_16. Specifically, how would you rate the job that Governor Snyder has done handling K-12 education? Would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of only fair or poor?

3%	Excellent
23%	Pretty good
<b>26%</b>	<b>TOTAL POSITIVE</b>
<b>62%</b>	<b>TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>
26%	Just fair
36%	Poor
12%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_17. Overall, how would you rate the job Bill Schuette has done as Michigan Attorney General – would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

4%	Excellent
22%	Pretty good
<b>26%</b>	<b>TOTAL POSITIVE</b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>
22%	Just fair
12%	Poor
40%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_18. Thinking about the economy in Michigan, do you believe the economy in Michigan...  
**[READ 1 TO 3]**

59%	Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve
23%	Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better
14%	Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse
4%	Undecided/Refused

On another topic...

**[Q. 19 COMMISSIONED BY GONGWER NEWS SERVICE]**

\_\_19. Over the past three years, would you say that the financial condition of your local public school district has caused the quality of the kindergarten through 12th grade education it provides to improve, get worse, or remain about the same?

45%	Remain about the same
35%	Get worse
8%	Improve
12%	Undecided/Refused

I know it's a ways off, but thinking about the November general election in 2014 for Governor, US Senate and Attorney General, please tell me how you would vote in the following matchups.

\_\_20. In the race for Governor, if the election were held today, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** Rick Snyder the Republican or Mark Schauer 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] Mark Schauer the Democrat or Rick Snyder the Republican?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

32%	Vote for Mark Schauer the Democrat
7%	Lean toward Mark Schauer
<b>39%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE SCHAUER</b>
<b>47%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE SNYDER</b>
40%	Vote for Rick Snyder the Republican
7%	Lean toward Rick Snyder
14%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_21. In the race for U.S. Senate, if the election were held today, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** Terri Lynn Land the Republican or Gary Peters 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] Gary Peters the Democrat or Terri Lynn Land the Republican?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

31%	Vote for Gary Peters the Democrat
7%	Lean toward Gary Peters
<b>38%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE PETERS</b>
<b>41%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE LAND</b>
36%	Vote for Terri Lynn Land the Republican
5%	Lean toward Terri Lynn Land
21%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_22. In the race for Michigan Attorney General, if the election were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] Bill Schuette the Republican or Mark Totten 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] Mark Totten the Democrat or Bill Schuette the Republican?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

26%	Vote for Mark Totten the Democrat
5%	Lean toward Mark Totten
<b>31%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE TOTTEN</b>
<b>39%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE SCHUETTE</b>
34%	Vote for Bill Schuette the Republican
5%	Lean toward Bill Schuette
30%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_24. There may be a proposal on the ballot in November, which if approved by voters, would increase the minimum wage in Michigan from the current \$7.40 per hour to \$10 per hour. Based on what you know or have heard or read about this proposal, if the election were held today, would you vote YES to increase the minimum wage to \$10 per hour or would you vote NO to oppose it?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: “Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, would you lean toward voting YES or NO?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

54%	Vote YES
6%	Lean toward voting YES
<b>60%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE YES</b>
<b>36%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE NO</b>
32%	Vote NO
4%	Lean toward voting NO
4%	Undecided/Refused

On another topic...

\_\_26. It is estimated that there will be a state budget surplus this year of up to \$1 billion. There has been a great deal of debate already about what this budget surplus should be used for. Which of the following is the one use that you think most of the budget surplus should be used for? [READ AND ROTATE 1 TO 6 BELOW]

38%	Increased funding for K-12 education
36%	Increased funding for the maintenance and repair of state roads
11%	A state income tax cut for Michigan taxpayers of an average of about \$45 per person
5%	Additional funding into the budget stabilization, rainy day fund
5%	Increased funding for revenue sharing for local communities
1%	Increased funding for Michigan’s 15 public universities
4%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_27. Under one legislative proposal under consideration, the state income tax rate would be cut from its current rate of 4.25 percent to 4.15 percent beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, then to 4.05 percent by January 1, 2016, and then by an additional 1 tenth of a percent for every \$300 million dollars in state revenue increases that there are beginning in October 2017. This would reduce state revenue by \$200 million dollars to go for tax cuts, and also limit future revenue growth to \$100 million out of every \$300 million raised. Based on what you know or have heard or read about this tax cut proposal, do you favor or oppose the proposed legislation? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

19%	Strongly favor
21%	Somewhat favor
<b>40%</b>	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
13%	Somewhat oppose
21%	Strongly oppose
26%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_40. An initiative petition for a new law was approved by the Michigan Legislature, which requires women, if they want insurance coverage for abortions, to purchase optional insurance riders in order to have insurance coverage for non-emergency abortions. Based on what you know or have heard or read about this new law, do you support or oppose the requirement that women purchase a separate insurance rider to have insurance coverage for non-emergency abortions? **[IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

30%	Strongly support
12%	Somewhat support
<b>42%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>
<b>46%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
4%	Somewhat oppose
42%	Strongly oppose
12%	Undecided/Refused

In 2016, voters nationwide and in Michigan will elect a new President. I know it’s a long ways off, but thinking about the November general election in 2016...

\_\_42. In the race for President, if the election were held today, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** Chris Christie the Republican or Hillary Clinton 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]** Hillary Clinton the Democrat or Chris Christie the Republican?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

38%	Vote for Hillary Clinton the Democrat
5%	Lean toward Hillary Clinton
<b>43%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE CLINTON</b>
<b>39%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTE CHRISTIE</b>
32%	Vote for Chris Christie the Republican
7%	Lean toward Chris Christie
18%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_43. Based on your personal experience or what you know or have heard or read, do you support or oppose the efforts of the Tea Party movement? [IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE, ASK: ‘Do you strongly or somewhat (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) the Tea Party movement?’ AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

17%	Strongly supports Tea Party movement
16%	Somewhat supports Tea Party movement
<b>33%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>
<b>49%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
10%	Somewhat opposes Tea Party movement
39%	Strongly opposes Tea Party movement
18%	Undecided/Refused

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions about yourself for statistical purposes.

\_\_44. Do you think of yourself as pro-choice, meaning that you support allowing women to have the right to an abortion, or do you consider yourself pro-life, meaning that you oppose abortions except where it is necessary to save the life of the mother?

48%	Pro-choice
44%	Pro-life
8%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_51. Would you describe yourself as (**ROTATE**) a conservative, a moderate or a liberal?

37%	Moderate
36%	Conservative
19%	Liberal
8%	Undecided/Refused

\_\_52. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican or a Democrat?

(IF DEM) Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

(IF INDEP) Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

(IF REP) Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

27%	Strong Democrat
6%	Not Strong Democrat
8%	Independent-Lean Democrat
<b>41%</b>	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>
20%	Independent
<b>37%</b>	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
10%	Independent-Lean Republican
7%	Not Strong Republican
20%	Strong Republican
2%	Other/Undecided/Refused