

**EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL ACTIVE AND LIKELY 2014 VOTERS – MAY 2013**  
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*Polling Dates: May 11 through May 15, 2013— Conducted by live callers -- 20% cell phones*

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?

**May'13**

31% Right direction  
 57% Wrong track  
 12% Undecided/Refused

<b>May'13 Partisan Breakdown</b>					<b>Dem</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Gop</b>
	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Wom</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Wom</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Wom</b>
Right Direction	31	52	26	10	53	51	34	18	10	11
Wrong Track	57	33	58	83	39	29	54	62	85	81
Undecided	12	15	16	7	8	20	12	20	5	9

**Previous results**

<b>Apr'13</b>	<b>Feb'13</b>	<b>Oct'12</b>	<b>Sept'12</b>	<b>Jul'12</b>	<b>Apr'12</b>	<b>Nov'11</b>	<b>Oct'11</b>	<b>Aug'11</b>
33% Right Direction	37%	40%	41%	31%	35%	19%	14%	14%
56% Wrong track	52%	53%	51%	56%	55%	71%	71%	75%
11% Undecided	11%	7%	8%	13%	10%	10%	15%	11%

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

**May'13**

40% Right direction  
 46% Wrong track  
 14% Undecided/Refused

<b>May'13 Partisan Breakdown</b>					<b>Dem</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Gop</b>
	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Wom</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Wom</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Wom</b>
Right Direction	40	26	34	58	29	25	38	30	61	55
Wrong Track	46	60	49	29	63	59	43	55	27	31
Undecided	14	14	17	13	8	16	19	15	12	14

**Previous results**

<b>Apr'13</b>	<b>Feb'13</b>	<b>Dec'12</b>	<b>Sept'12</b>	<b>Jul'12</b>	<b>Apr'12</b>	<b>Nov'11</b>	<b>Oct'11</b>	<b>Aug'11</b>
41% Right Direction	41%	46%	47%	44%	44%	33%	30%	31%
47% Wrong track	46%	39%	42%	45%	43%	54%	52%	54%
12% Undecided	13%	15%	11%	11%	13%	13%	18%	15%

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]

[ROTATE]	<u>DO NOT</u> <u>RECOG</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>REF</u> <u>UNDEC</u>
<b>May'13 -- Barack Obama</b>	---	29%	53%	43%	30%	4%
Apr '13 -- Barack Obama	---	30%	52%	44%	31%	4%
Feb '13 Barack Obama	---	32%	55%	42%	28%	3%
Dec '12 Barack Obama	---	40%	55%	43%	30%	2%
Oct '12 Barack Obama #2	---	34%	55%	41%	29%	4%
Oct '12 Barack Obama #1	---	34%	51%	46%	31%	3%
Sep '12 Barack Obama	---	34%	52%	45%	32%	3%
Jul '12 Barack Obama	---	25%	49%	46%	30%	5%
Jun '12 Barack Obama	---	26%	46%	46%	35%	8%
Apr '12 Barack Obama	---	27%	50%	46%	33%	4%
Jan '12 Barack Obama	---	28%	52%	44%	26%	4%
Nov '11 Barack Obama	---	25%	48%	46%	31%	6%
Oct'11 Barack Obama	---	22%	46%	47%	32%	7%

### Obama

May'13 Partisan Breakdown	All	Dems	Ind	Gop	Dem Men	Dem WOM	Ind Men	Ind WOM	Gop Men	Gop WOM
Favorable	53	89	51	12	89	89	58	42	14	9
Unfavorable	43	7	41	85	9	6	32	52	84	85
Undecided	4	4	8	3	2	5	10	6	2	6

<b>May'13 -- Rick Snyder</b>	---	16%	45%	44%	27%	11%
Apr '13 -- Rick Snyder	---	17%	42%	46%	28%	12%
Feb '13 Rick Snyder	---	11%	42%	46%	28%	12%
Dec '12 Rick Snyder	---	19%	55%	32%	19%	13%
Oct '12 Rick Snyder #2	---	15%	49%	36%	22%	15%
Sep '12 Rick Snyder	---	13%	45%	41%	25%	14%
Jul '12 Rick Snyder	1%	9%	47%	37%	21%	15%
Jun '12 Rick Snyder	---	17%	48%	37%	21%	15%
Apr '12 Rick Snyder	---	14%	48%	39%	23%	13%
Jan '12 Rick Snyder	1%	14%	46%	40%	21%	13%
Nov '11 Rick Snyder	1%	13%	39%	44%	26%	16%
Oct'11 Rick Snyder	1%	13%	43%	42%	28%	14%

**Snyder****May'13 Partisan**

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Dem Men</b>	<b>Dem Wom</b>	<b>Ind Men</b>	<b>Ind Wom</b>	<b>Gop Men</b>	<b>Gop Wom</b>
Favorable	45	21	45	70	22	21	51	38	70	71
Unfavorable	44	69	41	18	65	71	32	50	19	17
Undecided	11	10	14	12	13	8	16	12	11	12

**[ROTATE]**

<u>DO NOT RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF UNDEC</u>
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<b>May'13 -- Gary Peters</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>22%</b>
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**Peters****May'13 Partisan**

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Dem Men</b>	<b>Dem Wom</b>	<b>Ind Men</b>	<b>Ind Wom</b>	<b>Gop Men</b>	<b>Gop Wom</b>
Don't recognize	52	48	55	54	39	53	53	58	51	56
Favorable	16	25	13	9	31	21	11	15	12	7
Unfavorable	10	6	9	14	8	5	11	6	14	15
Undecided	22	21	24	23	22	21	26	21	23	22

<b>May'13 ---Mark Schauer</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>19%</b>
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<b>Apr '13 -- Mark Schauer</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>13%</b>
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**Schauer****May'13 Partisan**

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Dem Men</b>	<b>Dem Wom</b>	<b>Ind Men</b>	<b>Ind Wom</b>	<b>Gop Men</b>	<b>Gop Wom</b>
Don't recognize	61	63	64	56	65	62	59	70	54	59
Favorable	11	16	9	7	18	15	8	11	10	4
Unfavorable	9	4	9	14	3	5	11	8	14	15
Undecided	19	16	18	22	14	17	22	12	22	22

<b>May'13 --- Mike Rogers</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>23%</b>
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**Rogers****May'13 Partisan**

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Dem Men</b>	<b>Dem Wom</b>	<b>Ind Men</b>	<b>Ind Wom</b>	<b>Gop Men</b>	<b>Gop Wom</b>
Don't recognize	51	57	49	45	54	58	46	53	41	50
Favorable	19	10	20	29	8	11	20	20	33	25
Unfavorable	7	11	8	4	16	8	11	5	4	4
Undecided	23	22	23	22	22	23	23	22	22	21

### Obama Job Rating

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?

May'13		Apr'13	
13%	Excellent	9%	
31%	Pretty good	35%	
<b>44%</b>	<b>TOTAL POSITIVE</b>	<b>44%</b>	
20%	Just fair	19%	
35%	Poor	35%	
<b>55%</b>	<b>TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>	<b>54%</b>	
1%	Undecided/Refused	2%	

May'13 Partisan Breakdown					Dem Men	Dem Wom	Ind Men	Ind Wom	Gop Men	Gop Wom
Positive	44	78	41	6	77	78	45	38	6	5
Negative	55	21	56	94	22	21	53	61	94	95

### Previous results

	Feb '13	Oct '12	Sep '12	Jul '12	Jun '12	Apr '12	Jan '12	Nov '11	Oct '11
Excellent	16%	11%	16%	14%	13%	15%	13%	9%	9%
Pretty Good	33%	32%	30%	30%	28%	29%	30%	28%	29%
<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Just Fair	16%	21%	19%	16%	19%	19%	23%	25%	26%
Poor	34%	35%	35%	39%	39%	36%	33%	37%	35%
<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>61%</b>

### Snyder Job Rating

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?

May'13		Apr'13	
7%	Excellent	6%	
32%	Pretty good	32%	
<b>39%</b>	<b>TOTAL POSITIVE</b>	<b>38%</b>	
30%	Just fair	27%	
28%	Poor	31%	
<b>58%</b>	<b>TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>	<b>58%</b>	
3%	Undecided/Refused	4%	

### Snyder Job

May'13 Partisan Breakdown					Dem Men	Dem Wom	Ind Men	Ind Wom	Gop Men	Gop Wom
Positive	39	19	36	65	20	18	38	35	64	66
Negative	58	80	59	31	80	80	55	64	34	29

**Snyder Job****Previous results**

	Feb '13	Dec '12	Jun '12	Apr '12	Jan '12	Nov '11	Oct '11	Sep '11
Excellent	7%	9%	10%	8%	11%	5%	7%	5%
Pretty good	29%	42%	35%	33%	30%	32%	31%	31%
<b>TOTAL POSITIVE</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>36%</b>
Just fair	30%	31%	29%	30%	29%	31%	29%	29%
Poor	31%	17%	23%	23%	25%	28%	30%	20%
<b>TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Undecided/Refused	3%	1%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%

**Condition of the Michigan Economy**

Thinking about the economy in Michigan, do you believe the economy in Michigan...

**[READ 1 TO 3]****May'13**

56%	Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve
26%	Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better
15%	Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse
3%	Undecided/Refused

**Apr'13**

56%
23%
18%
3%

**May'13 Partisan**

Breakdown	All	Dems	Ind	Gop	Dem Men	Dem WOM	Ind Men	Ind WOM	Gop Men	Gop WOM
Improving	56	53	54	62	56	52	59	47	62	61
Not getting better	26	29	22	25	24	32	15	30	27	22
Getting worse	15	14	23	12	15	13	24	21	10	15

**Previous results on Michigan Economy**

	Feb '13	Oct '12	Jul '12	Jun '12	Apr '12	Jan '12	Nov '11	Sep '11	Aug '11
Starting to improve	54%	62%	53%	55%	58%	49%	39%	35%	31%
Not yet getting better	26%	21%	25%	26%	23%	30%	36%	30%	34%
Will still get worse	19%	13%	17%	19%	16%	19%	23%	31%	31%
Undecided/Refused	1%	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%

## 2014 Election for Governor and US Senate

I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the November general election in 2014 for governor, and US Senate, please tell me how you would vote in the following two matchups.

### Snyder vs. Schauer -- Governor

In the race for Governor, if the election were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] Rick Snyder the Republican or Mark Schauer [Shower] 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]

May'13`	Apr'13
29% Vote for Mark Schauer the Democrat	25%
10% Lean toward Mark Schauer	14%
<b>39% TOTAL MARK SCHAUER</b>	<b>39%</b>
33% Vote for Rick Snyder the Republican	32%
6% Lean toward Rick Snyder	6%
<b>39% TOTAL RICK SNYDER</b>	<b>38%</b>
22% Undecided/Refused	23%

May'13 Partisan Breakdown	All	Dems	Ind	Gop	Dem Men	Dem WOM	Ind Men	Ind WOM	Gop Men	Gop WOM
Schauer	39	74	30	7	75	73	26	35	9	6
Snyder	39	11	33	77	11	10	36	29	77	77
Undecided	22	15	37	16	14	17	38	36	14	17

### Peters vs. Rogers – US Senate

In the race for U.S. Senate, if the election were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] Mike Rogers 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 Mike Rogers the Republican?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

May'13
30% Vote for Gary Peters the Democrat
7% Lean toward Gary Peters
<b>37% TOTAL GARY PETERS</b>
24% Vote for Mike Rogers the Republican
6% Lean toward Mike Rogers
<b>30% TOTAL MIKE ROGERS</b>
33% Undecided/Refused

May'13 Partisan Breakdown	All	Dems	Ind	Gop	Dem Men	Dem WOM	Ind Men	Ind WOM	Gop Men	Gop WOM
Peters	37	74	21	6	77	73	20	23	5	8
Rogers	30	5	17	66	5	6	18	17	73	59
Undecided	33	21	61	27	18	21	62	60	22	33

## Transportation funding

Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature are looking at a variety of ways to provide increased funding of an estimated \$1.2 billion to \$1.6 billion per year that is needed over the next 10 years to provide adequate funding to improve the roads. Which of the following approaches comes closest to your view of what can and should be done to provide the needed funding for road repairs and improvements? **[READ CHOICES BELOW – CODE ONLY ONE RESPONSE]**

- 19% By ONLY CUTTING existing state programs and services without raising any state taxes, vehicle registration fees or increasing the state gas tax.
- 14% By MOSTLY CUTTING existing state programs and services, but also relying on some increases in state taxes, vehicle registration fees and an increase in the state gas tax.
- 33% MOSTLY OR ONLY BY CUTS**
- 24% By EQUALLY cutting existing state programs and services AND also raising state taxes, vehicle registration fees and increasing the state gas tax.
- 8% By MOSTLY RAISING state taxes, vehicle registration fees and increasing the state gas tax, but also relying on some cuts in existing programs and services.
- 13% By ONLY INCREASING state taxes, vehicle registration fees and increasing the state gas tax, with no further cuts in existing state programs and services
- 21% MOSTLY OR ONLY BY TAX INCREASES**
- 22% Undecided/Refused

May'13 Partisan Breakdown	All	Dems	Ind	Gop	Dem	Dem	Ind	Ind	Gop	Gop
					Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom
Mostly/only cuts	33	23	32	44	26	21	30	35	46	42
Equal cuts/taxes	24	27	22	24	23	29	27	17	25	23
Mostly/only taxes	21	29	19	14	28	29	19	20	14	14
Undecided	22	21	27	18	23	21	24	28	15	21

Governor Snyder has made several proposals to raise state funding to repair and improve the roads. He would replace the existing 19 cent per gallon state tax on unleaded fuel and 15 cents per gallon tax on diesel fuel with a single 33 cent per gallon tax on both to raise an additional \$728 million. The gas tax could increase in future years based on changes in construction costs and fuel consumption, with increases capped at 5 percent per year. Vehicle registration fees would be increased by 25 percent on large trucks and trailers, and 60 percent for cars and light trucks to raise \$508 million. Today’s \$123 vehicle registration fee on a \$25,000 car would increase by about \$80 per year. His proposal would also include a local option to apply a 0.18 percent tax on the price of vehicles to raise \$280 million more for local roads. Based on this description and what you may know or have heard or read about Governor Snyder’s proposal to fund road repairs and improvements, do you favor or oppose his plan? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 8% Strongly favor
- 13% Somewhat favor
- 21% TOTAL FAVOR**
- 11% Somewhat oppose
- 61% Strongly oppose
- 72% TOTAL OPPOSE**
- 7% Undecided/Refused

May’13 Partisan Breakdown	All	Dems	Ind	Gop	Dem Men	Dem Wom	Ind Men	Ind Wom	Gop Men	Gop Wom
Favor	21	23	19	20	25	22	23	14	25	16
Oppose	72	73	73	72	71	73	73	73	72	72
Undecided	7	4	8	8	4	5	4	13	3	12

Now I would like to read several tax and fee proposals that would be earmarked to fund road repairs and improvements. For each one, please tell me if you favor or oppose the proposal. **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

**[ROTATE]**

<b><u>STRGLY FAVOR</u></b>	<b><u>SMWT FAVOR</u></b>	<b><u>SMWT OPPOS</u></b>	<b><u>STRGLY OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>DK UNDEC</u></b>
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Increasing vehicle registration fees by \$25 per year per vehicle?..... 22% 24% 9% 43% 2%

**46% TOTAL FAVOR 52% TOTAL OPPOSE**

May’13 Partisan Breakdown	All	Dems	Ind	Gop	Dem Men	Dem Wom	Ind Men	Ind Wom	Gop Men	Gop Wom
Favor	46	43	43	52	42	44	45	41	53	51
Oppose	52	57	54	45	58	56	54	53	45	45
Undecided	2	0	4	3	0	0	1	6	2	4



**[ROTATE]**

	<b>STRGLY FAVOR</b>	<b>SMWT FAVOR</b>	<b>SMWT OPPOS</b>	<b>STRGLY OPPOSE</b>	<b>DK UNDEC</b>
Increasing gasoline taxes by 6 cents per gallon on unleaded and 10 cents per gallon on diesel fuel, so both are taxed the same.....	15%	18%	10%	54%	3%
	<b>33% TOTAL FAVOR</b>			<b>64% TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	

<b>May'13 Partisan Breakdown</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Dem Men</b>	<b>Dem WOM</b>	<b>Ind Men</b>	<b>Ind WOM</b>	<b>Gop Men</b>	<b>Gop WOM</b>
Favor	33	35	33	34	39	32	36	29	37	30
Oppose	64	63	61	64	59	65	57	67	59	70
Undecided	3	3	6	2	2	3	7	4	4	0

Increase the state sales tax by 1 cent on the dollar, making the sales tax 7%, with all of the funding dedicated to roads.....

	30%	27%	8%	34%	1%
	<b>57% TOTAL FAVOR</b>			<b>42% TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	

<b>May'13 Partisan Breakdown</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Dem Men</b>	<b>Dem WOM</b>	<b>Ind Men</b>	<b>Ind WOM</b>	<b>Gop Men</b>	<b>Gop WOM</b>
Favor	57	60	52	56	60	60	50	55	57	56
Oppose	42	40	45	42	40	40	47	42	42	42

Take back half of the \$1.8 billion in Business tax cuts enacted shortly after Governor Snyder took office, providing \$900 million for road improvements and leaving \$900 million of the original cuts for businesses.....

	29%	22%	10%	24%	15%
	<b>51% TOTAL FAVOR</b>			<b>34% TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	

<b>May'13 Partisan Breakdown</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Dem Men</b>	<b>Dem WOM</b>	<b>Ind Men</b>	<b>Ind WOM</b>	<b>Gop Men</b>	<b>Gop WOM</b>
Favor	51	66	45	37	75	61	47	42	40	34
Oppose	34	20	36	48	18	21	39	33	49	48
Undecided	15	14	19	15	7	18	14	25	11	18

While higher weight loads are allowed in Michigan, apply an additional 10% to the registration fees on large trucks if they go over the average weight limit of surrounding states.....

	46%	26%	5%	15%	8%
	<b>72% TOTAL FAVOR</b>			<b>20% TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	

<b>May'13 Partisan Breakdown</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Dems</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Gop</b>	<b>Dem Men</b>	<b>Dem WOM</b>	<b>Ind Men</b>	<b>Ind WOM</b>	<b>Gop Men</b>	<b>Gop WOM</b>
Favor	72	76	71	68	79	74	73	70	66	70
Oppose	20	17	21	22	17	17	22	21	26	17
Undecided	8	7	8	10	4	9	5	9	8	13

### “Skunk works” technology based education proposal

It was recently reported in the media that an education advisory workgroup labeled “Skunk Works,” led by senior advisors to Governor Snyder, has been holding private, unpublicized meetings since last December. This “Skunk Works” group included both state employees and executives from private corporations involved with selling Internet-related products and services. The group has been developing plans for an education system that would replace teachers with a technology based learning system, designed to save state tax dollars. Under the proposal, the goal would be to operate a “value school” for \$5,000 per student instead of the average of more than \$7,000 per student currently paid to local public schools to teach children, and have the per pupil funding follow the student, who would pay for their education choices by using a debit-card type of system. How much have you heard about the efforts of this workgroup --- a lot, some, only a little or nothing at all?

5%	A lot	
8%	Some	<b>13% A LOT/SOME</b>
21%	Only a little	
66%	Nothing at all	<b>87% NOTHING/ONLY A LITTLE</b>
0%	Undecided/Refused	

Based on the description I just read or what you may know or have heard or read about the “skunk works” education advisory group, do you favor or oppose the education concepts they are proposing?

4%	Strongly favor	
6%	Somewhat favor	<b>10% TOTAL FAVOR</b>
11%	Somewhat oppose	
53%	Strongly oppose	<b>64% TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
26%	Undecided/Refused	

<b>Skunk works education ideas opposed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b><u>Key demographic group breakdowns</u></b>	<b><u>Favor</u></b>	<b><u>Oppose</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
All Democrats	4%	78%	18%
Democratic men	2%	74%	24%
Democratic women	4%	81%	15%
All Independents	6%	67%	26%
Independent men	5%	68%	27%
Independent women	8%	67%	26%
All Republicans	19%	48%	33%
Republican men	25%	42%	33%
Republican women	12%	54%	34%
Conservatives	16%	48%	35%
Moderates	7%	70%	23%
Liberals	3%	86%	11%

<b><u>Skunk works education ideas opposed</u></b> <b><u>Key demographic group breakdowns</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>Favor</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>Oppose</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
Tea Party supporters	17%	53%	30%
Tea Party opponents	6%	71%	23%
Unsure about Tea Party	4%	70%	26%
Strong GOP Tea Party supporters	24%	38%	38%
Moderate GOP Tea Party supporters	18%	51%	31%
Households with children	10%	66%	24%
Households without children	9%	64%	27%
Union members	3%	78%	19%
Someone else in HH a union member	4%	80%	16%
No union members in HH	12%	59%	29%

**Respondents who favor the “skunk works” proposals were asked...**

Why do you favor the proposed education system? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

**Note: N=57** -- The open-ended responses were:

- 23% Save money — taxes
- 14% Poor Michigan schools
- 12% Competition — change
- 10% Technology is the future
- 9% Parent/student choices
- 9% Improve education quality
- 9% Anti-union – MEA
- 7% Poor Michigan teachers
- 2% End teacher tenure
- 2% Money follows students
- 2% Access for everyone
- 1% Increase graduation rates

**Respondents who oppose the “skunk works” proposals were asked...**

**Why do you oppose the proposed education system? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

The open-ended responses were:

- 53% Need live teachers
- 12% Would take teachers jobs
- 8% No socialization
- 5% Would hurt education quality
- 4% Focused on money only
- 4% Attack on teachers
- 4% Can’t have one size fits all
- 3% Unpublicized – sneaky
- 2% Needs more info
- 2% Not focused on kids
- 1% Pro-public education
- 1% No discipline
- 1% Undecided

Which of the following two descriptions of an educational system comes closer to your view of the approach that will provide the best education for our children AND make the best use of state tax dollars? **[READ AND ROTATE 1 AND 2 BELOW]**

79% The current system of local public schools where teachers continue to be the primary source of educational instruction, with an increased use of classroom learning technology that teachers can use to supplement traditional instruction, even if that requires more spending on teacher training and technology upgrades;

**OR,**

9% A technology based educational system that mostly or completely replaces traditional teachers in the classroom, and provides students with computer programs that are designed to provide high quality instruction in school subject matter, at a much lower cost to taxpayers.

12% Undecided/Refused

<b><u>Current educational system preferred</u></b> <b><u>Key demographic group breakdowns</u></b>	<b><u>Current System</u></b>	<b><u>Techno System</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
All Democrats	89%	7%	4%
Democratic men	86%	9%	5%
Democratic women	91%	5%	4%
All Independents	81%	6%	13%
Independent men	85%	4%	11%
Independent women	76%	8%	17%
All Republicans	67%	15%	18%
Republican men	56%	19%	25%
Republican women	80%	10%	10%

<b>Current educational system preferred Key demographic group breakdowns</b>	<b>Current System</b>	<b>Techno System</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
Conservatives	69%	14%	17%
Moderates	82%	7%	11%
Liberals	91%	5%	4%
Tea Party supporters	67%	15%	18%
Tea Party opponents	87%	6%	7%
Unsure about Tea Party	83%	6%	11%
Strong GOP Tea Party supporters	58%	17%	25%
Moderate GOP Tea Party supporters	63%	16%	21%
Households with children	79%	9%	12%
Households without children	79%	10%	11%
Union members	81%	5%	14%
Someone else in HH a union member	89%	5%	6%
No union members in HH	77%	11%	12%

**Strongest to weakest agreement with statements about “skunk works” education proposals**

	<b>STR AGR</b>	<b>SMT AGR</b>	<b>SMT DIS</b>	<b>STR DIS</b>	<b>DK/ UND</b>	
The best education for our children is provided by teachers who are well trained and are able to teach students, not by computer programs that students would use to learn subject matter.....		66%	19%	5%	4%	6%
	<b>85% AGREE</b>		<b>9% DISAGREE</b>			
Whether the educational ideas developed by the “skunk works” group are good or not, the secret manner in which this work was done is unacceptable. State government should work to develop these ideas in the open and in public, not in secret back rooms.....	72%	12%	6%	5%	5%	
	<b>84% AGREE</b>		<b>11% DISAGREE</b>			
If children are learning mostly or only by using computer programs, especially if they do it at home by using cyber schools, much greater responsibility is placed on a child’s parent or parents to fill the role of a traditional teacher – a role that most parents are not qualified to fill.....	62%	18%	8%	9%	4%	
	<b>80% AGREE</b>		<b>17% DISAGREE</b>			

**STR SMT SMT STR DK/  
AGR AGR DIS DIS UND**

The skunk works project to promote a technology based education system isn't really about providing a better way for students to learn, or even about saving the state any money. Instead, it's just another in a long series of examples of corporations and other private interests trying to figure out a way to get their hands on a large pot of state tax dollars that they haven't had access to in the past .....

42% 20% 9% 12% 17%  
**62% AGREE 21% DISAGREE**

<b><u>Private interests getting tax dollars</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	
<b><u>Key demographic group breakdowns</u></b>	<b><u>Agree</u></b>	<b><u>Disag</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
All Democrats	79%	11%	10%
Democratic men	77%	13%	10%
Democratic women	80%	10%	10%
All Independents	59%	17%	24%
Independent men	55%	22%	23%
Independent women	62%	12%	26%
All Republicans	46%	35%	19%
Republican men	47%	39%	14%
Republican women	45%	30%	25%
Conservatives	50%	33%	17%
Moderates	67%	17%	16%
Liberals	77%	9%	14%
Tea Party supporters	50%	34%	16%
Tea Party opponents	72%	13%	15%
Unsure about Tea Party	62%	16%	22%
Strong GOP Tea Party supporters	42%	43%	15%
Moderate GOP Tea Party supporters	36%	39%	25%
Households with children	60%	25%	15%
Households without children	63%	20%	17%
Union members	77%	9%	14%
Someone else in HH a union member	68%	20%	12%
No union members in HH	58%	24%	18%

**Respondents did disagree with one statement**

**Our current educational system is not working and is too expensive. The kind of educational program that is proposed will not only save tax dollars, it will help students to learn in a technology based environment that most children use now anyway, whether it is with games or other Internet based technology.....**

	<b><u>STR</u></b>	<b><u>SMT</u></b>	<b><u>SMT</u></b>	<b><u>STR</u></b>	<b><u>DK/</u></b>
	<b><u>AGR</u></b>	<b><u>AGR</u></b>	<b><u>DIS</u></b>	<b><u>DIS</u></b>	<b><u>UND</u></b>
<b>10%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>11%</b>	
<b>32% AGREE</b>			<b>57% DISAGREE</b>		

<b><u>Disagree that current system not working</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
<b><u>Key demographic group breakdowns</u></b>	<b><u>Agree</u></b>	<b><u>Disag</u></b>	
All Democrats	27%	66%	7%
Democratic men	36%	54%	10%
Democratic women	21%	72%	7%
All Independents	27%	61%	10%
Independent men	26%	68%	6%
Independent women	32%	55%	13%
All Republicans	39%	46%	15%
Republican men	46%	39%	15%
Republican women	32%	53%	15%
Conservatives	36%	49%	15%
Moderates	33%	60%	7%
Liberals	24%	72%	4%
Tea Party supporters	39%	47%	14%
Tea Party opponents	27%	64%	9%
Unsure about Tea Party	29%	62%	9%
Strong GOP Tea Party supporters	43%	37%	20%
Moderate GOP Tea Party supporters	40%	43%	17%
Households with children	33%	57%	10%
Households without children	31%	57%	12%
Union members	18%	73%	9%
Someone else in HH a union member	24%	62%	14%
No union members in HH	36%	54%	10%

### Amending Elliot Larson Civil Rights Act to include “sexual orientation”

The Elliot Larson Civil Rights Act in Michigan provides civil rights protections against discrimination based on religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status or marital status. Would you favor or oppose legislation to amend this law to include protection against discrimination based on a person’s sexual orientation? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK]: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?”**

57% Strongly favor  
 12% Somewhat favor                   **69% TOTAL FAVOR**  
 5% Somewhat oppose  
 21% Strongly oppose                   **26% TOTAL OPPOSE**  
 5% Undecided/Refused

<b>“Sexual Orientation” protection Key demographic group breakdowns</b>	<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
All Democrats	84%	13%	3%
Democratic men	84%	12%	4%
Democratic women	84%	13%	3%
All Independents	73%	21%	6%
Independent men	76%	22%	2%
Independent women	70%	21%	9%
All Republicans	51%	41%	8%
Republican men	42%	51%	7%
Republican women	61%	30%	9%
Conservatives	50%	43%	7%
Moderates	79%	16%	5%
Liberals	89%	7%	4%
Tea Party supporters	53%	39%	8%
Tea Party opponents	81%	16%	3%
Unsure about Tea Party	74%	19%	7%
Strong GOP Tea Party supporters	49%	42%	9%
Moderate GOP Tea Party supporters	49%	45%	6%
Households with children	72%	22%	6%
Households without children	68%	26%	6%
Union members	71%	24%	5%
Someone else in HH a union member	77%	20%	3%
No union members in HH	68%	26%	6%



<b>“Sexual Orientation” protection Key demographic group breakdowns</b>	<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
Protestants	67%	27%	6%
Catholics	70%	23%	7%
Other religions	67%	31%	2%
No religion or preference	79%	12%	9%

### **Amending the Constitution to allow “same sex marriage”**

If a proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution were placed on a future election ballot, which if approved by voters, would allow same sex couples to get married – if the election were held today, would you vote Yes to approve of the amendment, 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 voting No?”

45% Vote Yes	
10% Lean toward voting Yes	<b>55% TOTAL YES</b>
38% Vote No	
3% Lean toward voting No	<b>41% TOTAL NO</b>
4% Undecided/Refused	

<b>Same sex marriage favored Key demographic breakdowns</b>	<b>Total YES</b>	<b>Total NO</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
All Democrats	76%	21%	3%
Democratic men	73%	23%	4%
Democratic women	77%	20%	3%
All Independents	54%	41%	5%
Independent men	57%	41%	2%
Independent women	52%	41%	7%
All Republicans	31%	63%	6%
Republican men	26%	70%	4%
Republican women	38%	56%	6%
Conservatives	30%	64%	6%
Moderates	66%	31%	3%
Liberals	86%	12%	2%
Tea Party supporters	36%	60%	4%
Tea Party opponents	71%	26%	3%
Unsure about Tea Party	58%	36%	6%
Strong GOP Tea Party supporters	25%	72%	3%
Moderate GOP Tea Party supporters	25%	70%	5%

<b>Same sex marriage favored</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b><u>Key demographic breakdowns</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
Households with children	56%	38%	6%
Households without children	55%	41%	4%
Union members	51%	41%	8%
Someone else in HH a union member	61%	36%	3%
No union members in HH	56%	41%	3%
Protestants	47%	48%	5%
Catholics	56%	41%	3%
Other religions	54%	43%	3%
No religion or preference	81%	16%	3%
Pro-choice voters	75%	22%	3%
Pro-life voters	35%	60%	5%

Opponents and undecided respondents from the previous question were asked:

A constitutional amendment to allow same sex marriages would not in any way force a religious denomination or organization to conduct a wedding ceremony or sacrament of marriage between same sex couples. Knowing this, let me ask you again, if the election on a constitutional amendment to allow same sex marriage were held today, would you vote Yes to approve of the amendment 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 voting No?"

46% Vote Yes  
 11% Lean toward voting Yes  
**57% TOTAL YES VOTE**  
 38% Vote No  
 1% Lean toward voting No  
**39% TOTAL NO VOTE**  
 4% Undecided/Refused

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]**

<b>May’13</b>		<b>Apr’13</b>	<b>Feb’13</b>
16%	Strongly supports Tea Party movement	12%	16%
20%	Somewhat supports Tea Party movement	17%	17%
<b>36%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>33%</b>
10%	Somewhat opposes Tea Party movement	7%	6%
32%	Strongly opposes Tea Party movement	42%	36%
<b>42%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>42%</b>
22%	Undecided/Refused	22%	25%

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?

21%	Strong Democrat	
8%	Not Strong Democrat	
10%	Independent-Lean Democrat	<b>39% TOTAL DEM</b>
21%	Independent	
12%	Independent-Lean Republican	
6%	Not Strong Republican	
18%	Strong Republican	<b>36% TOTAL GOP</b>
1%	Other	
3%	Undecided/Refused	<b>25% TOTAL INDEP/OTHER</b>