Voters in Michigan Support the Build Back Better Agenda

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From August 20 to 27, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 560 likely voters in Michigan. As part of this survey, we measured support for President Biden's Build Back Better agenda, as well as the previously passed American Rescue Plan and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (formerly the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill).
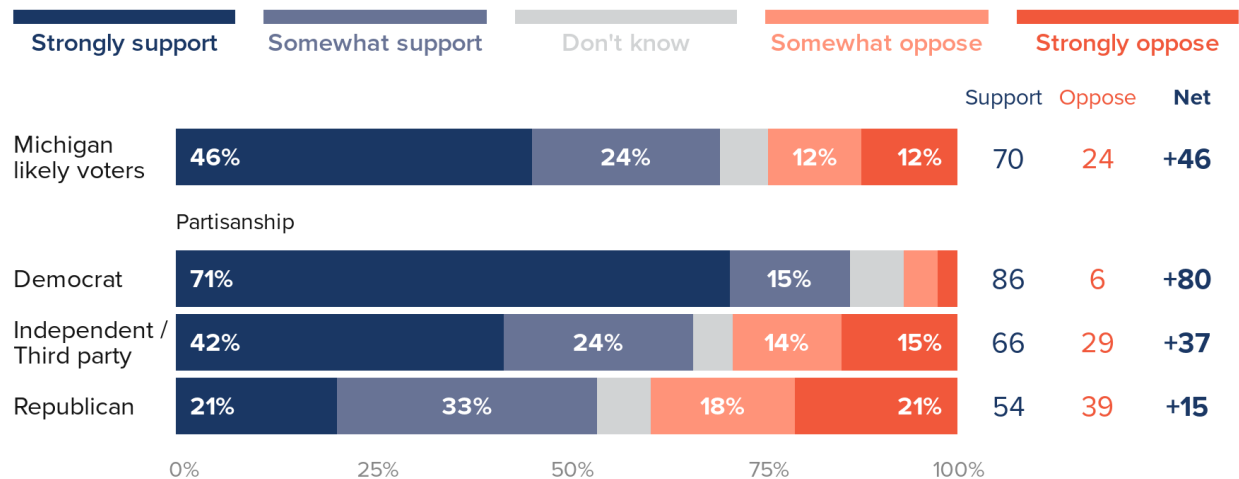
VOTERS SUPPORT THE BUILD BACK BETTER PLAN

We tested support for the Build Back Better plan, the $3.5 trillion budget proposal Democrats in Congress are now considering. We find that likely voters in the state support this proposed investment plan by a margin of +46 points. Democrats and Independents support the plan by margins of +80 points and +37 points. Republicans support it by a +15-point margin.

A Majority of Michigan Voters Support the Build Back Better Plan

Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing a $3.5 trillion investment plan. This plan would expand Medicare benefits and make healthcare, child care, and long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities more affordable. This plan would also invest in clean energy, and extend tax cuts for most families with children.

Do you support or oppose this investment plan?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't know	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose			
						Support	Oppose	Net
Michigan likely voters	46%	24%		12%	12%	70	24	+46
Partisanship								
Democrat	71%	15%				86	6	+80
Independent / Third party	42%	24%		14%	15%	66	29	+37
Republican	21%	33%		18%	21%	54	39	+15

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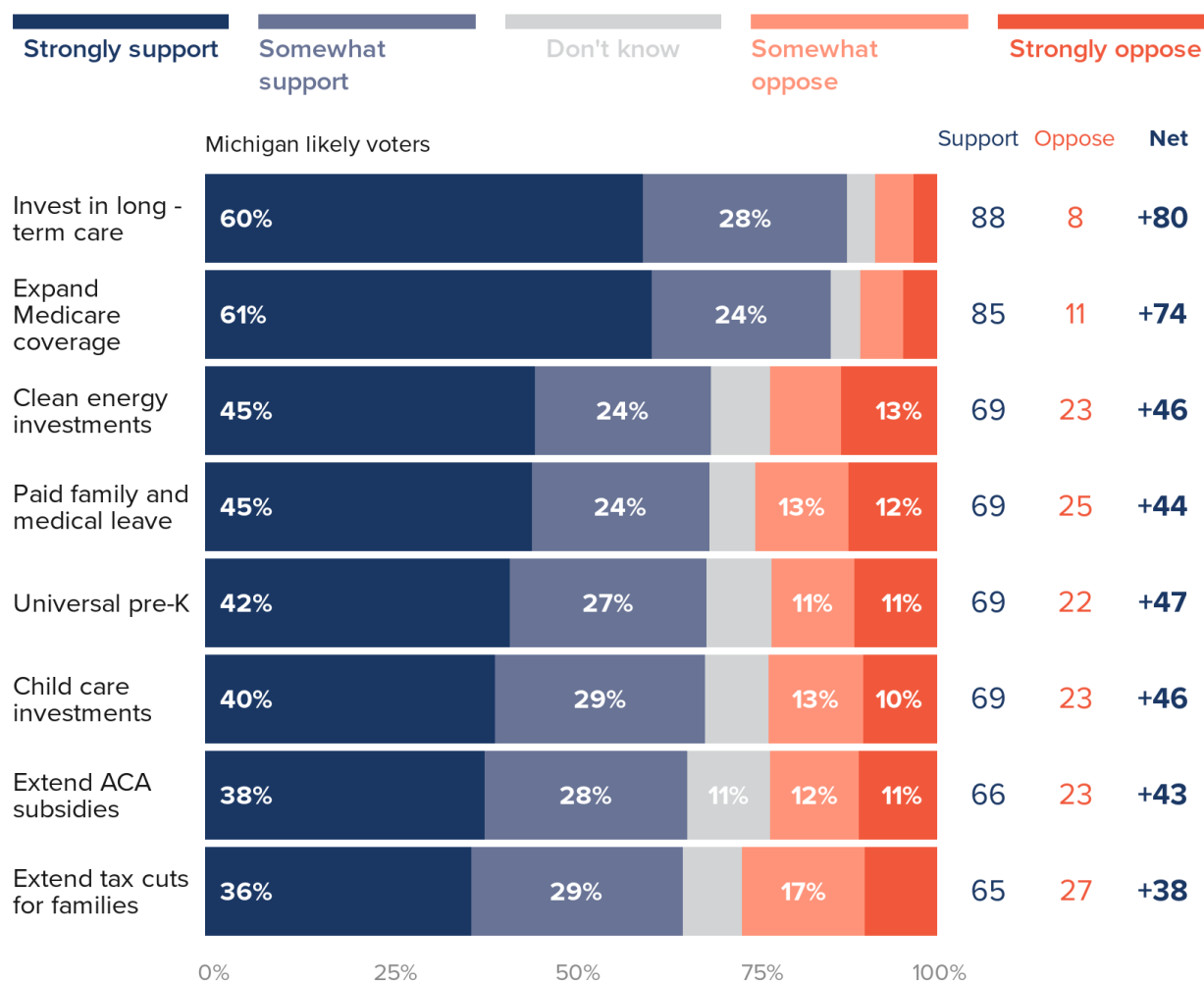
We then tested support for the individual provisions of the Build Back Better plan. We find majority support for all provisions. Investments in long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities are backed with a margin of +80 points. Expanding Medicare coverage to include vision, hearing, and dental is supported by a margin of +74 points. Providing workers with 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave, universal pre-K, investments in child care, and investments in clean energy are all backed by margins of at least +45 points. Extending tax cuts for families and extending subsidies for people who purchase insurance through Affordable Care Act exchanges are both supported by margins of about +40 points.

A Majority of Michigan Voters Support the Provisions of the Build Back Better Plan

Below is a list of some of the provisions of the $3.5 trillion investment plan that some lawmakers in Congress are considering. For each provision, say whether you support or oppose it.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't know	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose

Michigan likely voters

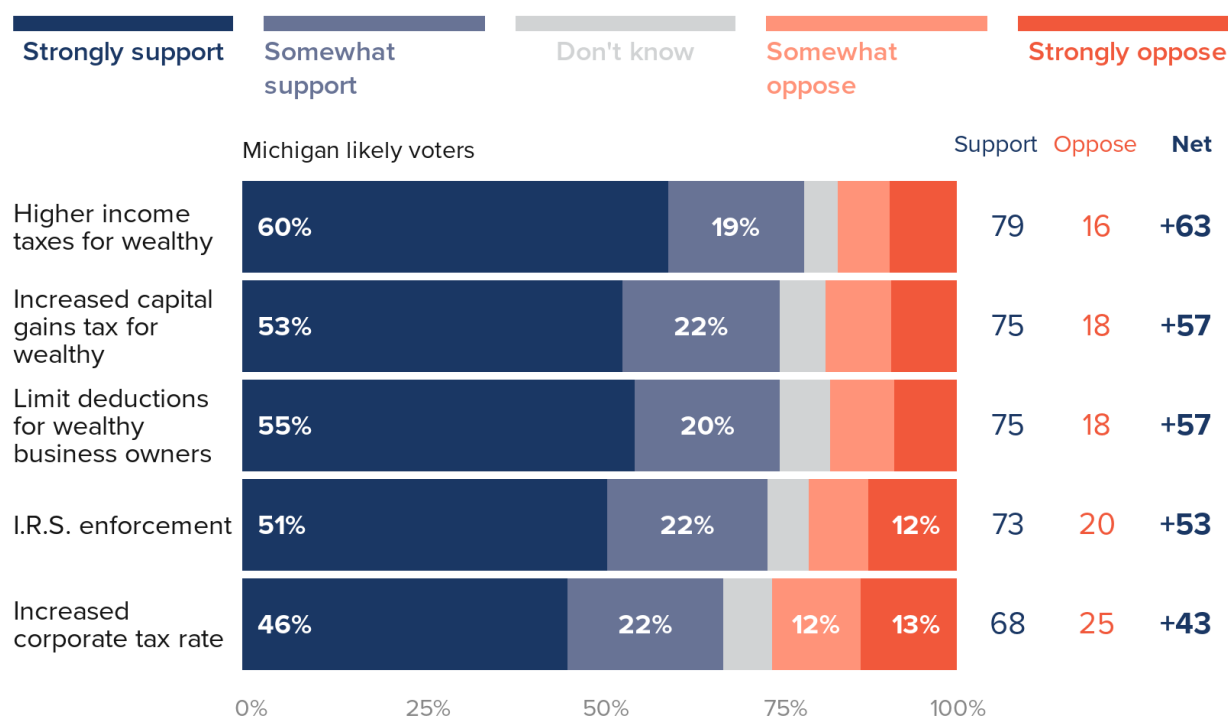|	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't know	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Support	Oppose	Net
Invest in long-term care	60%	28%				88	8	**+80**
Expand Medicare coverage	61%	24%				85	11	**+74**
Clean energy investments	45%	24%			13%	69	23	**+46**
Paid family and medical leave	45%	24%	13%	12%		69	25	**+44**
Universal pre-K	42%	27%	11%	11%		69	22	**+47**
Child care investments	40%	29%	13%	10%		69	23	**+46**
Extend ACA subsidies	38%	28%	11%	12%	11%	66	23	**+43**
Extend tax cuts for families	36%	29%	17%			65	27	**+38**

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We then polled support for some of the ways that the Build Back Better plan is to be paid for. Raising income taxes and capital gains taxes and limiting business tax deductions for the wealthiest Americans are all supported by margins of about +60 points. Increasing the Internal Revenue Service's budget is backed by a margin of +53 points. By a margin of +43 points, voters support increasing the corporate tax rate.

A Majority of Michigan Voters Support How the Build Back Better Plan is Paid For

Below is a list of some of the ways that lawmakers in Congress are proposing paying for the $3.5 trillion investment plan. For each way, please say whether you support or oppose it.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't know	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose

Michigan likely voters

		Support	Oppose	Net
Higher income taxes for wealthy	60% ... 19%	79	16	**+63**
Increased capital gains tax for wealthy	53% ... 22%	75	18	**+57**
Limit deductions for wealthy business owners	55% ... 20%	75	18	**+57**
I.R.S. enforcement	51% ... 22% ... 12%	73	20	**+53**
Increased corporate tax rate	46% ... 22% ... 12% ... 13%	68	25	**+43**

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LONG-TERM CARE IS POPULAR WITH VOTERS, EVEN WHEN VOTERS ARE PROVIDED ARGUMENTS BOTH FOR AND AGAINST
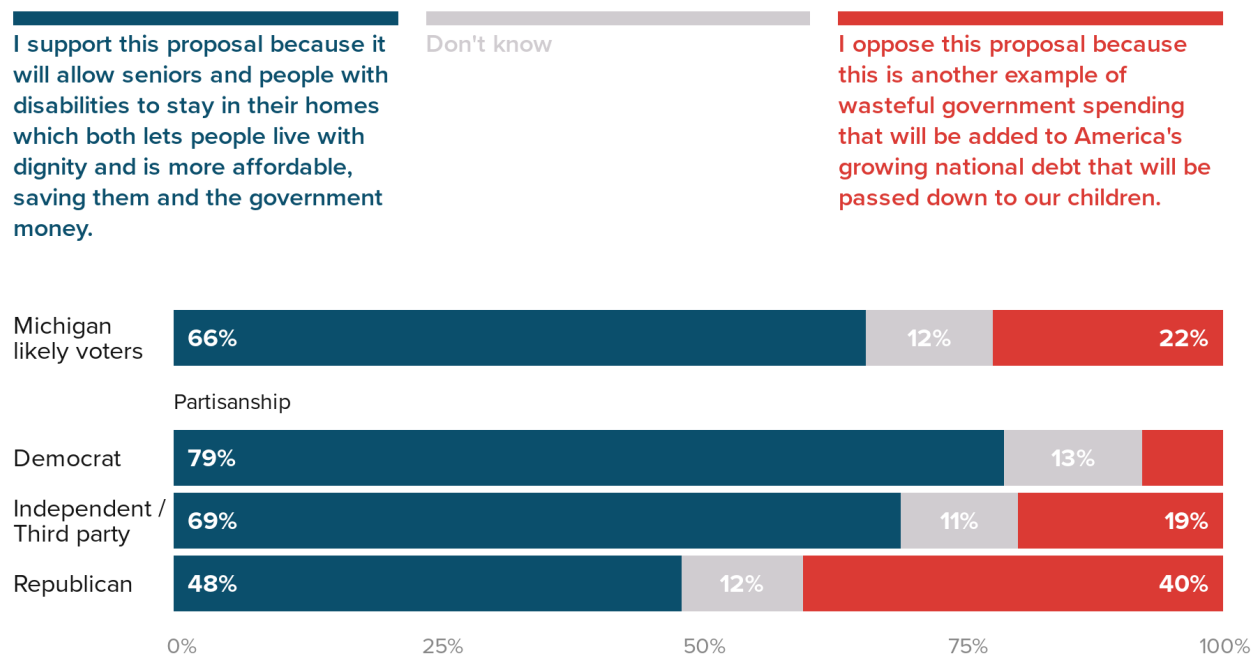
Investments in long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities is one of the most popular provisions in the Build Back Better plan. This popularity is durable even when voters are provided arguments for and against the proposal.

When provided with arguments, 66 percent of voters in the state support making this $400 billion investment, while only 22 percent oppose it. Majorities of both Democrats (79 percent) and Independents (69 percent) and a plurality of Republicans (48 percent) support this proposal.

A Majority of Michigan Voters Want to Make Investments in Long-Term Care

Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing $400 billion to improve the quality of and increase access to long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities.

When thinking about this proposal, which statement comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

I support this proposal because it will allow seniors and people with disabilities to stay in their homes which both lets people live with dignity and is more affordable, saving them and the government money.

Don't know

I oppose this proposal because this is another example of wasteful government spending that will be added to America's growing national debt that will be passed down to our children.

	Support	Don't know	Oppose
Michigan likely voters	66%	12%	22%

Partisanship

	Support	Don't know	Oppose
Democrat	79%	13%	
Independent / Third party	69%	11%	19%
Republican	48%	12%	40%

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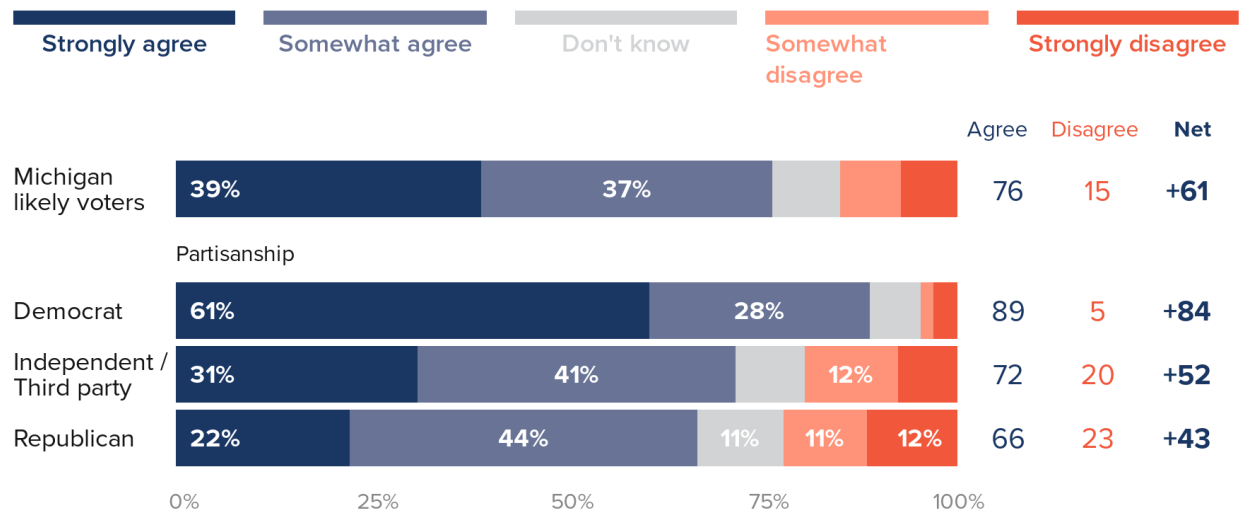
VOTERS THINK THAT INVESTMENTS IN CAREGIVING PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH

By a +61-point margin, likely voters agree that caregiving can create economic growth because this could allow family members to seek out jobs. By margins of +84 points, +52 points, +43 points, likely voters agree with this economic argument for investing in caregiving.

A Majority of Michigan Voters Agree That Investments in Caregiving Create Economic Growth

Do you agree or disagree that investments that create jobs in caregiving, child care, or long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities can create economic growth and opportunities because they can allow other family members to enter the workforce?

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Don't know	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree

				Agree	Disagree	Net
Michigan likely voters	39%	37%			76	15	**+61**

Partisanship

					Agree	Disagree	Net
Democrat	61%	28%			89	5	**+84**
Independent / Third party	31%	41%	12%		72	20	**+52**
Republican	22%	44%	11%	11%	12%	66	23	**+43**

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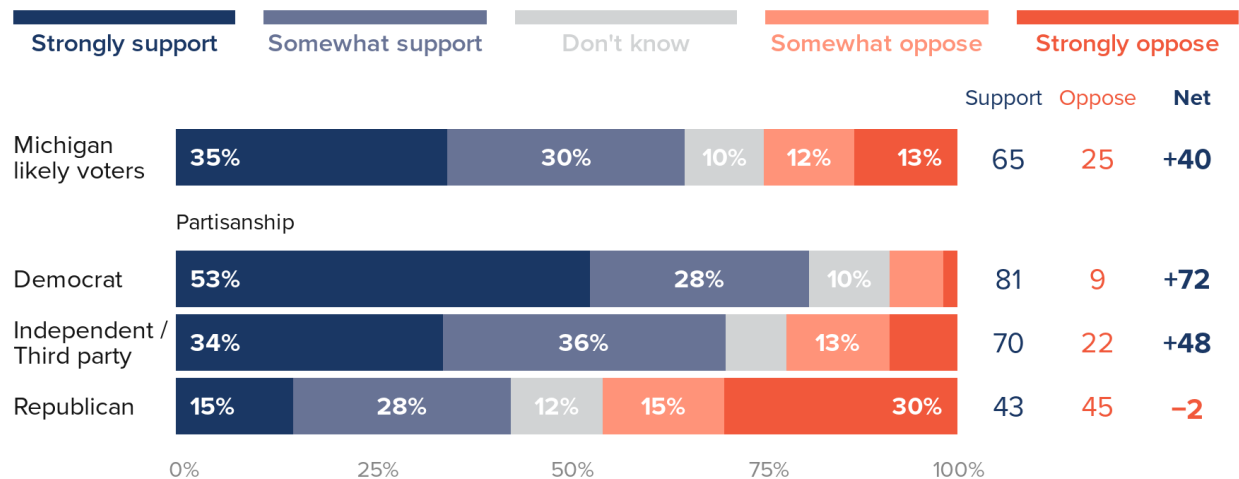**August 20-27, 2021 survey of 560 likely voters**   kKD6Dz   DATA FOR *PROGRESS*

A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP IS POPULAR

We also tested support for creating a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, those on Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and essential workers. We find that, by a +49-point margin, likely voters support this proposal. By respective margins of +72 points, +48 points, Democrats and Independents support this proposal. Republican opinion is more split, with 43 percent supporting a pathway and 45 percent opposing it.

A Majority of Michigan Voters Support Creating a Pathway to Citizenship

Do you support or oppose legislation that would create an earned path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children, people who are contributing and working here legally due to war or natural disaster in their home countries, and farmworkers and other essential workers?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't know	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose			
						Support	Oppose	Net
Michigan likely voters	35%	30%	10%	12%	13%	65	25	+40

Partisanship

						Support	Oppose	Net
Democrat	53%	28%	10%			81	9	+72
Independent / Third party	34%	36%		13%		70	22	+48
Republican	15%	28%	12%	15%	30%	43	45	−2

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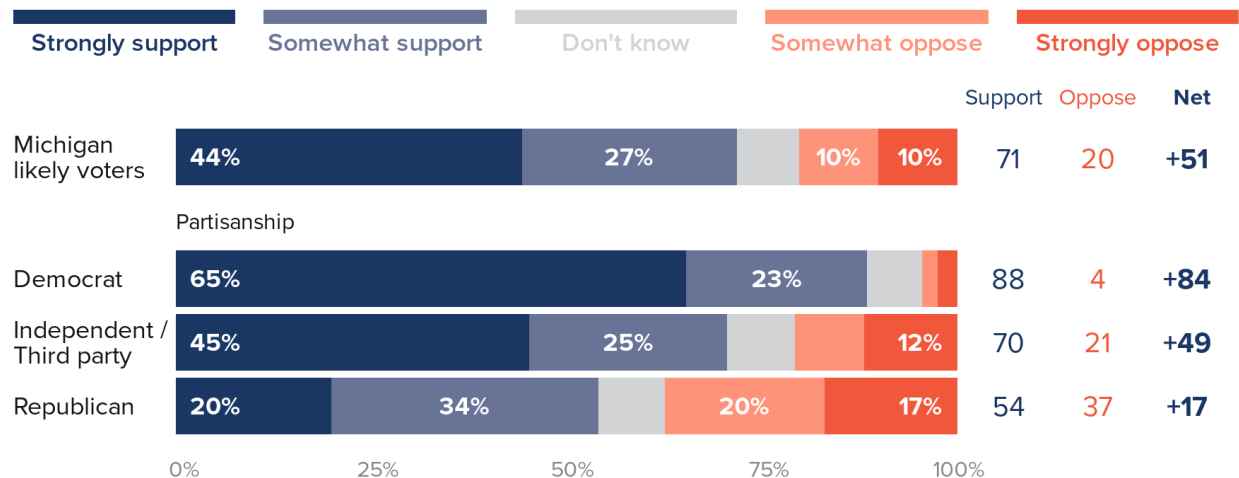
VOTERS SUPPORT THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

With a +51-point margin, likely voters back the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This support extends across self-identified partisanship. Democrats, Independents / Third party voters, and Republicans support this bill by margins of +84 points, +49 points, and +17 points, respectively.

A Majority of Michigan Voters Support the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (formerly the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill) is a proposal to invest $550 billion in new spending to repair roads and bridges, expand broadband internet access, fund improvements to rail networks and airports, modernize the electricity grid, and invest in extreme weather preparedness.

Do you support or oppose the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't know	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose

				Support	Oppose	Net
Michigan likely voters	44%	27%	10%	10%	71	20	+51

Partisanship

				Support	Oppose	Net
Democrat	65%	23%			88	4	+84
Independent / Third party	45%	25%	12%		70	21	+49
Republican	20%	34%	20%	17%	54	37	+17

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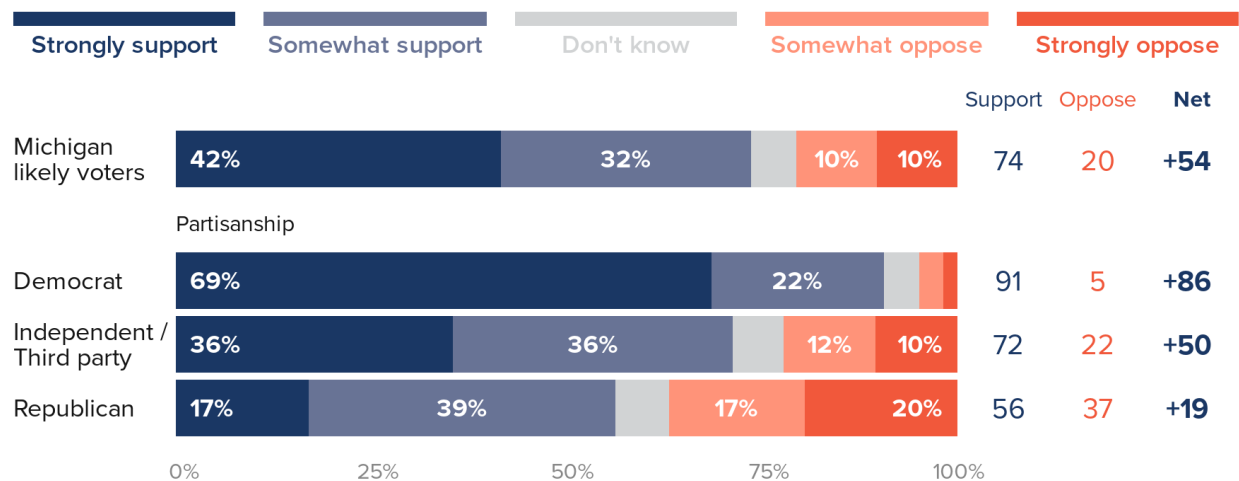August 20-27, 2021 survey of 560 likely voters   xyK6TN   DATA FOR PROGRESS

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN REMAINS POPULAR

Last, we tested support for the American Rescue Plan. We find that the law remains popular with likely voters. Specifically, likely voters in the state support the law by a margin of +54 points. Democrats, Independents, and Republicans support the law by margins of +86 points, +50 points, and +19 points, respectively.

A Majority of Michigan Voters Support the American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan was a $1.9 trillion pandemic relief package signed into law in March 2021. It provided $1,400 stimulus checks to most Americans, expanded unemployment and food assistance, encouraged businesses to provide paid sick and family leave to their employees, and cut taxes for most families with children.

Based on what you know now, do you support or oppose the American Rescue Plan?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't know	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Support	Oppose	Net
Michigan likely voters	42%	32%		10%	10%	74	20	**+54**
Partisanship								
Democrat	69%	22%				91	5	**+86**
Independent / Third party	36%	36%		12%	10%	72	22	**+50**
Republican	17%	39%		17%	20%	56	37	**+19**

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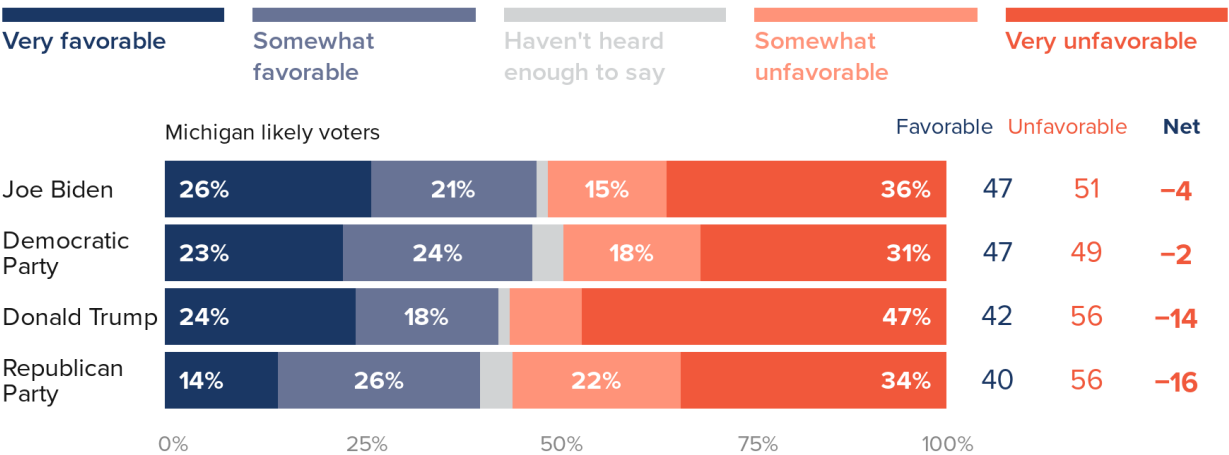
POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN MICHIGAN

President Joe Biden's net favorables are minus-four-points. Former President Donald Trump's net favorables are -14 points. The net favorables of the Democratic and Republican Parties' are minus-two points and -16 points, respectively.
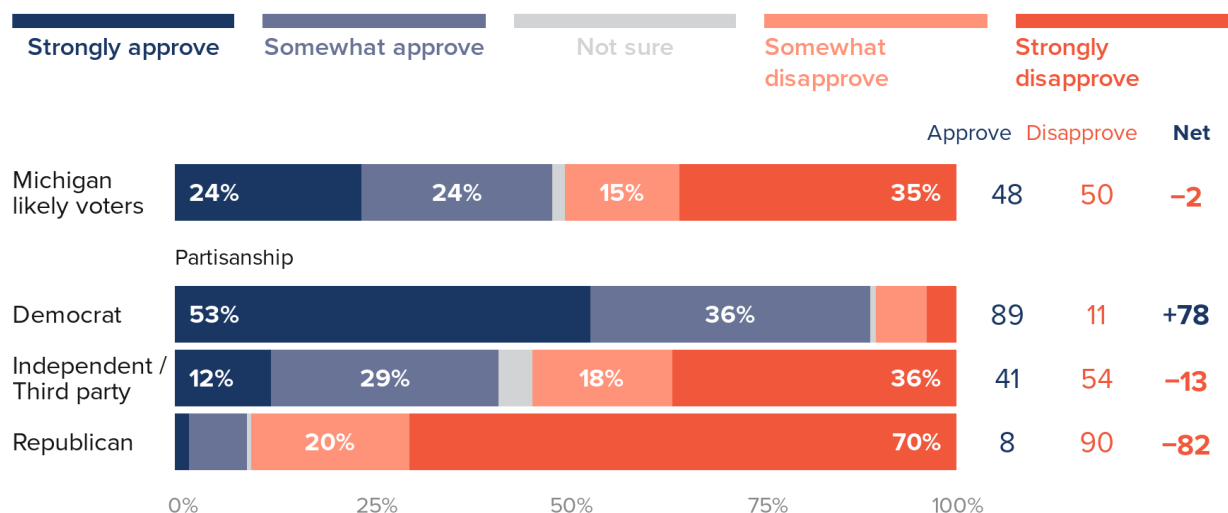
The Political Environment in Michigan

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Haven't heard enough to say	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable

Michigan likely voters

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable		Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Favorable	Unfavorable	Net
Joe Biden	26%	21%	15%		36%	47	51	−4
Democratic Party	23%	24%		18%	31%	47	49	−2
Donald Trump	24%	18%			47%	42	56	−14
Republican Party	14%	26%		22%	34%	40	56	−16

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President Joe Biden's job approval is minus-two points. Among Democrats, Biden has a net approval rating of +78 points. Among Independents and Republicans, Biden's net approval rating is -13 points and -82 points, respectively.

Michigan Voters' Views of the Job Joe Biden is Doing as President

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Not sure	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove

				Approve	Disapprove	Net
Michigan likely voters	24%	24%	15%	35%	48	50	−2

Partisanship

						Approve	Disapprove	Net
Democrat	53%	36%				89	11	+78
Independent / Third party	12%	29%		18%	36%	41	54	−13
Republican		20%			70%	8	90	−82

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