

NBC News/Marist Poll  
Michigan Republican Presidential Primary State - 2012  
Questionnaire

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<Marist Poll Introduction> Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you consider your permanent home address to be in Michigan?

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GENDER GUESS

PRIMRULE: STATE PRIMARY RULES.

Open - enrollment - walk-up

Open - enrollment - no walk-up

Open - no enrollment - walk-up

**Open - no enrollment - no walk-up**

Semi-open - enrollment - walk-up

Semi-open - enrollment - no walk-up

Closed - enrollment - walk-up

Closed - enrollment - no walk-up

Residents: n=3527, MOE +/-1.7%

Have I reached you on your cell phone or on your regular home phone?

	Residents
Cell	25
Regular home phone	75
Total	100

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Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Residents
Yes	89
No	10
Not a U.S. Citizen	0
Unsure	1
Refused	0
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2)

Percent  
89

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	Registered Voters
Approve	51
Disapprove	38
Unsure	11
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1546, MOE +/-2.5%**

**If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	51
Mitt Romney, the Republican	33
Undecided	15
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1546, MOE +/-2.5%**

**If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	56
Newt Gingrich, the Republican	28
Undecided	16
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1603, MOE +/-2.5%**

**If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	53
Ron Paul, the Republican	31
Undecided	16
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1603, MOE +/-2.5%**

**If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	55
Rick Santorum, the Republican	29
Undecided	16
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%**

**If November's election for U.S. Senate in Michigan were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Debbie Stabenow, the Democrat	53
Pete Hoekstra, the Republican	32
Undecided	15
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%**

**When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:**

	Registered Voters
The worst is yet to come	37
The worst is behind us	55
Undecided	8
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%**

**Do you plan to vote in the Michigan:**

	Registered Voters
Republican primary	26
Democratic primary	25
Or do you plan to wait to vote in the general election	41
Not planning to vote	3
Unsure	6
Total	100

**Residents: n=3527, MOE +/-1.7%**

**In which year were you born (recoded into age of respondent)?**

	Residents
18 to 29	16
30 to 44	27
45 to 59	26
60 or older	32
Total	100

**Residents: n=3527, MOE +/-1.7%**

**Are you white, black or African-American, Latino or Hispanic, Asian, or Native American? (If not Latino: Are you Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?)**

	Residents
White	79
African American or Black	14
Latino or Hispanic	3
Other	4
Total	100

**Residents: n=3527, MOE +/-1.7%**

**Which of the following includes your combined family income before taxes:**

	Residents
Less than \$15,000 a year	14
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000	15
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	25
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	16
Total	100

**Residents: n=3527, MOE +/-1.7%**

**Which county in Michigan do you live in (recoded into region of the state)?**

	Residents
Wayne County (Detroit)	18
Oakland and Macomb Counties	21
Lansing-Ann Arbor Area	25
Grand Rapids Area	18
North Central/Upper Peninsula	18
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%; Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, or an Independent, that is, not enrolled in any party? (Independent follow-up: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democrat or Republican party?)

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Democrat	36	3
Democrat leaning Independent	15	3
Independent	14	8
Republican leaning Independent	13	29
Republican	20	55
Other	1	2
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%; Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Tea Party Supporters	20	44
No	69	48
Unsure	11	8
Total	100	100

Tea Party supporters (TEAPARTY=1)

Would you say you strongly support the Tea Party Movement or just support it?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Strongly support Tea Party	6	16
Support Tea Party	14	28
Does not support Tea Party	69	48
Unsure	11	8
Total	100	100

POTREP=1

IF (REPSEL=1)

OR (PRIMRULE=1, 2, 3, 4, 7 AND PRIMPRF=1)

OR ((PRIMRULE=5, 6) AND (PARTYR=03 OR PRTDF=02, 03) AND (PRIMPRF=1))

POTREP: POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTORATE=1

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

In the upcoming primary election for president next week, have you already voted early or by absentee, or not?

	Likely Voters
Yes, already voted early or by absentee	16
No	84
Total	100

**Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%**

**Would you rate your chances of voting in the Republican presidential primary in Michigan as excellent, good, fair, or poor? If you have already voted early or by absentee, please say so.**

	Likely Voters
Excellent (including early voters and absentee)	71
Good	22
Fair	4
Poor	3
Total	100

**Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%**

**If next week's Republican presidential primary in Michigan were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are (Tossup including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate, voted early, or by absentee):**

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	37
Rick Santorum	35
Ron Paul	13
Newt Gingrich	8
Uncommitted	2
Other	1
Undecided	4
Total	100

**Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%**

**Would you say you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently on primary day?**

	Likely Voters
Strongly support	61
Somewhat support	26
Might vote differently	12
Unsure	1
Total	100

**Likely voters with a candidate preference: n=519, MOE +/- 4.3%**

**Who is your second choice for the Republican presidential primary in Michigan?**

	Likely Voters
Rick Santorum	25
Newt Gingrich	24
Mitt Romney	22
Ron Paul	17
Undecided	12
Total	100

**Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%**

**Using the numbers 1 to 5, with 1 meaning very interested and 5 meaning not interested at all, how interested are you in the Michigan Republican presidential primary?**

	Likely Voters
1 - Very interested	62
2	15
3	13
4	6
5 - Not interested at all	4
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Have you ever voted before in the Michigan Republican presidential primary?

	Likely Voters
Yes	83
No	17
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Which one of the following qualities is most important to you in deciding whom to support for the Republican presidential nomination? A candidate who:

	Likely Voters
Shares your values	29
Is closest to you on the issues	27
Can beat President Obama in 2012	26
Has the experience to govern	14
Unsure	4
Total	100

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Have the debates helped decide your vote: A great deal, a good amount, some, not very much, or not at all?

	Likely Voters
A great deal	11
A good amount	12
Some	34
Not very much	21
Not at all	22
Total	100
A great deal/A good amount/Some	57
Not very much/Not at all	43
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Mitt Romney?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	53
Acceptable but with reservations	30
Not acceptable	15
Unsure	2
Total	100

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Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Newt Gingrich?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	29
Acceptable but with reservations	30
Not acceptable	38
Unsure	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Ron Paul?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	28
Acceptable but with reservations	26
Not acceptable	42
Unsure	4
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Rick Santorum?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	54
Acceptable but with reservations	27
Not acceptable	14
Unsure	4
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Are you currently satisfied with the Republican candidates who are running for president or would you like to see someone else run?

	Likely Voters
Satisfied with current candidates	55
Like to see someone else run	41
Undecided	4
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Which one of the following candidates do you consider to be the true conservative:

	Likely Voters
Rick Santorum	40
Ron Paul	16
Mitt Romney	16
Newt Gingrich	11
None	5
Undecided	11
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Which one of the following candidates do you think has the best chance to beat President Obama:

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	51
Rick Santorum	24
Newt Gingrich	8
Ron Paul	4
None	4
Undecided	9
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Which is more important to you:

	Likely Voters
The Republican nominee for president is a true conservative	39
The Republican nominee for president has the best chance to beat President Obama	52
Unsure	9
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Which one of the following candidates best represents your views on social issues such as contraception, abortion, and same-sex marriage:

	Likely Voters
Rick Santorum	34
Mitt Romney	21
Ron Paul	14
Newt Gingrich	8
None	7
Undecided	16
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Mitt Romney was born in Detroit and grew up in Michigan: does that make you more likely or less likely to support him for president or does this not affect your vote either way?

	Likely Voters
More likely	10
Less likely	2
Does not affect vote	88
Total	100

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Regardless of whom you support, who do you think will be the Republican nominee to run against President Obama:

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	59
Rick Santorum	21
Newt Gingrich	4
Ron Paul	3
None of the above	1
Undecided	12
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%; Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Overall, do you think the bailout of the auto industry was a good idea or a bad idea?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Good idea	63	42
Bad idea	28	50
Unsure	9	8
Total	100	100

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Do you think President Obama deserves a great deal of credit, a good amount, not very much, or no credit at all for the recovery of the auto industry?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
A great deal	24	7
A good amount	34	20
Not very much	22	38
No credit at all	15	32
Unsure	4	3
Total	100	100
A great deal/A good amount	58	27
Not very much/No credit at all	37	69
Unsure	4	4
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%

Did you vote in the 2008 presidential election, were you not eligible to vote at the time, or did you not get a chance to vote in the 2008 presidential election?

	Registered Voters
Yes, voted in 2008 presidential election	87
Not eligible in 2008	4
Did not get a chance to vote in 2008	9
Unsure	1
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3149, MOE +/-1.8%

How about in November of 2010...Did you vote in the 2010 Congressional elections, were you not eligible to vote at the time, or did you not get a chance to vote in the 2010 congressional elections?

	Registered Voters
Yes, voted in 2010 Congressional elections	63
Not eligible in 2010	4
Did not get a chance to vote in 2010	29
Unsure	4
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

On another topic, politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

	Likely Voters
Very liberal	1
Liberal	4
Moderate	30
Conservative	47
Very conservative	18
Total	100

Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%

Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim?

	Likely Voters
Protestant	57
Catholic	30
Jewish	1
Other	4
No Religion	7
Total	100

**Likely voters & religion is Protestant, Other, None, or Refused**

**Would you describe yourself as a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?**

	Likely Voters
Yes	37
No	63
Total	100

**Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%**

**Do you consider a Mormon to be a Christian, or not?**

	Likely Voters
Yes	56
No-Unsure	44
Total	100

**Likely voters: n=715, MOE +/- 3.7%**

**What is the highest level of school you completed or the highest degree you received (recoded)?**

	Likely Voters
Not college graduate	58
College graduate	42
Total	100

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**Are you male or female?**

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Male	47	51
Female	53	49
Total	100	100