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### In Michigan, Biden holds slight edge over Trump among likely voters

New Reuters/Ipsos poll finds the candidate’s plan for COVID-19 recovery to be most important for voters

#### Topline Findings

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#### Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. Are you currently registered to vote at your current address?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	88%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	10%
Not sure	3%
Total Sample Size:	1005

2. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing Michigan today? (Select from below or write in)

	<b>Total</b>
The economy and job creation	23%
Immigration	2%
Gun violence	2%
Healthcare	9%
Morality	3%
Education	4%
Racism	6%
Crime	3%
Environment	3%
Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak	36%
Other	6%
Don't know	3%
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3. Which of the following best describes how you will vote or have voted in this year's presidential election, to be held on November 3rd?

### Plan to Vote/Voted Summary

	<b>Total</b>
I have not voted yet	85%
I have already voted	1%
I do not plan to vote	7%
Not sure	7%
Total Sample Size:	1005

	<b>Total</b>
I plan to vote at my polling station on November 3, 2020	42%
I plan to vote early at an early voting location, before November 3, 2020	3%
I plan to vote early via absentee ballot/vote by mail, before November 3, 2020	40%
I have voted at an early voting location already	1%
I have voted via absentee ballot/vote by mail already	1%
I do not plan to vote at all	7%
Not sure	7%
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4. **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** On November 3, 2020 the next presidential election will be held. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming presidential election? (Select one)

	<b>Total</b>
1 – Completely certain I will not vote	9%
2	2%
3	2%
4	1%
5	3%
6	1%
7	3%
8	4%
9	6%
10 – Completely certain I will vote	67%
Don't know	3%
Total Sample Size:	992

5. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** You mentioned you have already voted in the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for Donald Trump or Joe Biden? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you vote for Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	<b>Likely Voter</b>
Donald Trump	44%
Joe Biden	49%
Some other candidate	2%
I would not vote	0%
Not sure	4%
Total Sample Size:	637

6. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** In the election for U.S. Senate representing Michigan, did you vote for John James or Gary Peters? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** Thinking about the elections in 2020, if the election for U.S. Senate representing Michigan were held today, would you vote for John James or Gary Peters?

	<b>Likely Voter</b>
Gary Peters (Democrat)	49%
John James (Republican)	43%
Some other candidate	1%
I would not vote	0%
Not sure / Prefer not to answer	6%
Total Sample Size:	637



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7. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** In the election for U.S. Congress, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** Thinking about the elections in 2020, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	<b>Likely Voter</b>
Democratic candidate	47%
Republican candidate	43%
Candidate from another political party	2%
Will not vote / Not sure	1%
Prefer not to answer / Refused	7%
Total Sample Size:	637

8. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	17%
Lean towards approve	1%
Lean towards disapprove	1%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	3%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>54%</i>
Total Sample Size:	1005

9. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** When voting in the presidential election this year, which of the following candidate traits was the MOST important factor for you in deciding who to vote for? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, which of the following candidate traits would be the MOST important factor for you in deciding who to vote for?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong on the economy and job creation	20%
Strong on healthcare	11%
Strong on immigration	4%
Has a robust plan to help the nation recover from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	30%
Ability to restore trust in American government	18%
Strong on civil rights	5%
Tough on crime and civil unrest	8%
Strong on the environment/climate change	4%
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10. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue.

### Summary

	<b>Joe Biden</b>	<b>Donald Trump</b>
The economy and job creation	41%	44%
Healthcare	47%	34%
Immigration	41%	43%
National recovery from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	47%	38%
Ability to restore trust in American government	45%	35%
Strong on civil rights	47%	31%
Tough on crime and civil unrest	38%	43%
Strong on the environment/climate change	48%	26%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1005

#### a. The economy and job creation

	<b>Total</b>
Joe Biden	41%
Donald Trump	44%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	11%
Total Sample Size:	1005

#### b. Healthcare

	<b>Total</b>
Joe Biden	47%
Donald Trump	34%
Some other candidate	6%
Not sure	13%
Total Sample Size:	1005

#### c. Immigration

	<b>Total</b>
Joe Biden	41%
Donald Trump	43%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	12%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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d. National recovery from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19

	<b>Total</b>
Joe Biden	47%
Donald Trump	38%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	12%
Total Sample Size:	1005

e. Ability to restore trust in American government

	<b>Total</b>
Joe Biden	45%
Donald Trump	35%
Some other candidate	7%
Not sure	13%
Total Sample Size:	1005

f. Strong on civil rights

	<b>Total</b>
Joe Biden	47%
Donald Trump	31%
Some other candidate	6%
Not sure	17%
Total Sample Size:	1005

g. Tough on crime and civil unrest

	<b>Total</b>
Joe Biden	38%
Donald Trump	43%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	15%
Total Sample Size:	1005

h. Strong on the environment/climate change

	<b>Total</b>
Joe Biden	48%
Donald Trump	26%
Some other candidate	8%
Not sure	18%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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11. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?

### Total Familiar Summary

	<b>Total</b>
Donald Trump	94%
Joe Biden	88%
Kamala Harris	66%
Mike Pence	79%
Total Sample Size:	1005

#### a. Donald Trump

	<b>Total</b>
Very familiar	74%
Somewhat familiar	19%
Not very familiar	3%
Have heard of them, but that's it	2%
Have not heard of them	1%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	<b>94%</b>
<i>Not familiar (Net)</i>	<b>6%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

#### b. Joe Biden

	<b>Total</b>
Very familiar	58%
Somewhat familiar	30%
Not very familiar	8%
Have heard of them, but that's it	4%
Have not heard of them	1%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	<b>88%</b>
<i>Not familiar (Net)</i>	<b>12%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

#### c. Kamala Harris

	<b>Total</b>
Very familiar	32%
Somewhat familiar	34%
Not very familiar	19%
Have heard of them, but that's it	9%
Have not heard of them	6%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	<b>66%</b>
<i>Not familiar (Net)</i>	<b>34%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005



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### d. Mike Pence

	<b>Total</b>
Very familiar	44%
Somewhat familiar	35%
Not very familiar	12%
Have heard of them, but that's it	6%
Have not heard of them	2%
<b>Familiar (Net)</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Not familiar (Net)</b>	<b>21%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

12. **[ASKED IF AT LEAST HEARD OF PERSON]** Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?

### Total Favorable Summary

	<b>Total</b>
Donald Trump (N=989)	44%
Joe Biden (N=994)	53%
Kamala Harris (N=945)	53%
Mike Pence (N=980)	48%

### a. Donald Trump

	<b>Total</b>
Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	12%
Lean towards favorable	6%
Lean towards unfavorable	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%
Very unfavorable	44%
<b>Favorable (Net)</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Unfavorable (Net)</b>	<b>56%</b>
Total Sample Size:	989

### b. Joe Biden

	<b>Total</b>
Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Lean towards favorable	11%
Lean towards unfavorable	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	28%
<b>Favorable (Net)</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Unfavorable (Net)</b>	<b>47%</b>
Total Sample Size:	994





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### c. Kamala Harris

	<b>Total</b>
Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	17%
Lean towards favorable	14%
Lean towards unfavorable	11%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	27%
<i>Favorable (Net)</i>	<i>53%</i>
<i>Unfavorable (Net)</i>	<i>47%</i>
Total Sample Size:	945

### d. Mike Pence

	<b>Total</b>
Very favorable	23%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Lean towards favorable	10%
Lean towards unfavorable	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	29%
<i>Favorable (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>Unfavorable (Net)</i>	<i>52%</i>
Total Sample Size:	980

13. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

#### a. The national economy

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction	34%
Wrong track	55%
Don't know	11%
Total Sample Size:	1005

#### b. Employment and jobs

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction	39%
Wrong track	50%
Don't know	11%
Total Sample Size:	1005





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14. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

### Total Agree Summary

	<b>Total</b>
I am sympathetic to people who are out protesting right now	51%
President Donald Trump is helping to ease racial tensions	32%
Joe Biden supports defunding the police	43%
Joe Biden is suffering from dementia	39%
As president, Joe Biden would be a puppet for the socialist wing of the Democratic Party	46%
President Donald Trump lies regularly for personal political gain	59%
President Donald Trump is beholden to Russian President Vladimir Putin	45%
The high number of coronavirus cases in the United States is a result of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump	55%
Businesses and schools remain closed in the United States because of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump	49%
Total Sample Size:	1005

a. I am sympathetic to people who are out protesting right now

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree	25%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	27%
Not sure	8%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>40%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005



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b. President Donald Trump is helping to ease racial tensions

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	15%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	46%
Not sure	10%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>58%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

c. Joe Biden supports defunding the police

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	25%
Not sure	20%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>37%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

d. Joe Biden is suffering from dementia

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	23%
Somewhat agree	15%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	32%
Not sure	21%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>41%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

e. As president, Joe Biden would be a puppet for the socialist wing of the Democratic Party

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	32%
Somewhat agree	14%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	32%
Not sure	13%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>41%</b>
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f. President Donald Trump lies regularly for personal political gain

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	47%
Somewhat agree	12%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	24%
Not sure	7%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>34%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

g. President Donald Trump is beholden to Russian President Vladimir Putin

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	29%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	23%
Not sure	20%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>35%</b>
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h. The high number of coronavirus cases in the United States is a result of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	43%
Somewhat agree	12%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	29%
Not sure	6%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>39%</b>
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i. Businesses and schools remain closed in the United States because of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	35%
Somewhat agree	14%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	32%
Not sure	8%
<b>Agree (Net)</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Disagree (Net)</b>	<b>43%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005



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15. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

### Total Agree Summary

	<b>Total</b>
President Trump has upheld his promise to build a wall along the U.S.- Mexico border	47%
President Trump has had the correct response to the coronavirus pandemic	37%
President Trump has kept his campaign promise to clean up corruption in Washington, D.C.	37%
These days I feel like a stranger in my own country	64%
It is increasingly hard for someone like me to get ahead in America	54%
Total Sample Size:	1005

a. President Trump has upheld his promise to build a wall along the U.S.- Mexico border

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	23%
Somewhat agree	25%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	28%
Not sure	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<b>47%</b>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<b>41%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

b. President Trump has had the correct response to the coronavirus pandemic

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	20%
Somewhat agree	18%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	45%
Not sure	6%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<b>37%</b>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<b>56%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005

c. President Trump has kept his campaign promise to clean up corruption in Washington, D.C.

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	19%
Somewhat agree	18%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	43%
Not sure	11%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<b>37%</b>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<b>52%</b>
Total Sample Size:	1005





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d. These days I feel like a stranger in my own country

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	29%
Somewhat agree	34%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	13%
Not sure	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>64%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>
Total Sample Size:	1005

e. It is increasingly hard for someone like me to get ahead in America

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree	28%
Somewhat disagree	20%
Strongly disagree	16%
Not sure	10%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>54%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>36%</i>
Total Sample Size:	1005

16. Of the choices listed below, which is your main source of television news about current events and politics? (Select one)

	<b>Total</b>
FOX News	23%
CNN	14%
MSNBC	5%
ABC	10%
CBS	7%
NBC	10%
Public Television	5%
Other	8%
None of the above	17%
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17. Did you happen to vote in any of these other elections? (Select all that apply)

	<b>Total</b>
2008 presidential election (Obama vs. McCain)	64%
2010 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	42%
2012 presidential election (Obama vs. Romney)	65%
2014 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	45%
2018 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	51%
None of these	22%
Total Sample Size:	1005

18. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat	45%
Republican	39%
Independent	11%
Other / Don't know	6%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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### About the Study

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The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2018 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

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