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In Michigan, Biden remains in the lead a week ahead of the election
Coronavirus and the economy are the most important issues for Michiganders

Topline Findings

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These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between October 20-26, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this study, a total of 1,005 adults age 18+ from Michigan were interviewed online in English, including 652 likely voters. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for all respondents and 4.4 percentage points for likely voters.

Full Annotated Questionnaire

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

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	88%	93%	91%	89%	88%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	10%	6%	7%	9%	10%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
The economy and job creation	19%	20%	19%	21%	23%
Immigration	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Gun violence	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Healthcare	11%	11%	9%	11%	9%
Morality	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Education	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%
Racism	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%
Crime	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%
Environment	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak	44%	44%	44%	39%	36%
Other	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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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

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
I have not voted yet	56%	62%	69%	77%	85%
I have already voted	32%	28%	22%	10%	1%
I do not plan to vote	7%	5%	5%	7%	7%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	6%	7%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
I plan to vote at my polling station on November 3, 2020	37%	40%	36%	41%	42%
I plan to vote early at an early voting location, before November 3, 2020	6%	6%	5%	4%	3%
I plan to vote early via absentee ballot/vote by mail, before November 3, 2020	14%	16%	29%	31%	40%
I have voted at an early voting location already	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%
I have voted via absentee ballot/vote by mail already	29%	26%	20%	9%	1%
I do not plan to vote at all	7%	5%	5%	7%	7%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	6%	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)

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
1 – Completely certain I will not vote	11%	8%	8%	9%	9%
2	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
3	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
4	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
5	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
6	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%
7	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
8	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%
9	5%	7%	6%	6%	6%
10 – Completely certain I will vote	62%	66%	67%	67%	67%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Total Sample Size:	672	707	762	981	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?

Likely Voters					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Donald Trump	43%	44%	43%	43%	44%
Joe Biden	52%	51%	51%	51%	49%
Some other candidate	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%
I would not vote	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%
Total Sample Size:	652	686	620	709	637

6. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** You mentioned you have already voted in the 2020 presidential election; for whom did you vote? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** If the 2020 presidential election were held today, and the candidates were as below, for whom would you vote?

Likely Voters			
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13
Donald Trump	43%	44%	44%
Joe Biden	53%	52%	51%
Kanye West	0%	0%	1%
Jo Jorgensen	1%	2%	2%
Howie Hawkins	0%	0%	1%
Some other candidate	2%	2%	1%
I would not vote	0%	0%	0%
Total Sample Size:	652	686	620

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7. **[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?

Likely Voters					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Gary Peters (Democrat)	50%	50%	52%	50%	49%
John James (Republican)	44%	45%	44%	43%	43%
Some other candidate	4%	3%	2%	3%	1%
I would not vote	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Not sure / Prefer not to answer	2%	2%	2%	3%	6%
Total Sample Size:	652	686	620	709	637

8. **[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?

Likely Voters					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Democratic candidate	50%	51%	51%	49%	47%
Republican candidate	44%	43%	43%	46%	43%
Candidate from another political party	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Will not vote / Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Prefer not to answer / Refused	3%	3%	3%	4%	7%
Total Sample Size:	652	686	620	709	637

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

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Strongly approve	27%	24%	24%	25%	24%
Somewhat approve	15%	19%	18%	16%	17%
Lean towards approve	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Lean towards disapprove	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	10%	8%	9%	9%
Strongly disapprove	44%	43%	45%	45%	45%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Approve (Net)	*44%*	*44%*	*44%*	*43%*	*42%*
Disapprove (Net)	*54%*	*53%*	*54%*	*54%*	*54%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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10. **[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?

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Strong on the economy and job creation	22%	19%	19%	20%	20%
Strong on healthcare	12%	11%	11%	11%	11%
Strong on immigration	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Has a robust plan to help the nation recover from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	31%	33%	31%	30%	30%
Ability to restore trust in American government	16%	17%	21%	19%	18%
Strong on civil rights	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%
Tough on crime and civil unrest	7%	7%	7%	9%	8%
Strong on the environment/climate change	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%
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11. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue.

Summary

All Respondents									
	Joe Biden					Donald Trump			
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16	**Oct 20-26**	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
The economy and job creation	41%	42%	44%	42%	41%	46%	46%	45%	47%	44%
Healthcare	50%	50%	51%	49%	47%	37%	35%	34%	36%	34%
Immigration	41%	42%	43%	42%	41%	44%	44%	42%	45%	43%
National recovery from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	49%	48%	48%	47%	47%	38%	38%	37%	40%	38%
Ability to restore trust in American government	47%	46%	47%	47%	45%	35%	34%	33%	36%	35%
Strong on civil rights	51%	48%	49%	48%	47%	34%	34%	33%	33%	31%
Tough on crime and civil unrest	39%	40%	39%	37%	38%	44%	44%	41%	45%	43%
Strong on the environment/climate change	53%	50%	51%	52%	48%	26%	28%	24%	24%	26%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

a. The economy and job creation

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Joe Biden	41%	42%	44%	42%	41%
Donald Trump	46%	46%	45%	47%	44%
Some other candidate	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Not sure	9%	8%	8%	7%	11%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

b. Healthcare

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Joe Biden	50%	50%	51%	49%	47%
Donald Trump	37%	35%	34%	36%	34%
Some other candidate	5%	4%	4%	6%	6%
Not sure	8%	11%	11%	10%	13%
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c. Immigration

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All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Joe Biden	41%	42%	43%	42%	41%
Donald Trump	44%	44%	42%	45%	43%
Some other candidate	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%
Not sure	10%	9%	11%	9%	12%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Joe Biden	49%	48%	48%	47%	47%
Donald Trump	38%	38%	37%	40%	38%
Some other candidate	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Not sure	9%	9%	10%	10%	12%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

e. Ability to restore trust in American government

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Joe Biden	47%	46%	47%	47%	45%
Donald Trump	35%	34%	33%	36%	35%
Some other candidate	7%	6%	7%	7%	7%
Not sure	11%	13%	13%	10%	13%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

f. Strong on civil rights

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Joe Biden	51%	48%	49%	48%	47%
Donald Trump	34%	34%	33%	33%	31%
Some other candidate	6%	5%	7%	7%	6%
Not sure	9%	13%	12%	12%	17%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

g. Tough on crime and civil unrest

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Joe Biden	39%	40%	39%	37%	38%
Donald Trump	44%	44%	41%	45%	43%
Some other candidate	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Not sure	12%	11%	14%	12%	15%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

h.   Strong on the environment/climate change

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Joe Biden	53%	50%	51%	52%	48%
Donald Trump	26%	28%	24%	24%	26%
Some other candidate	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%
Not sure	14%	15%	17%	16%	18%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

12. In your opinion, who is going to win the upcoming presidential election?

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
Donald Trump	38%	39%
Joe Biden	45%	43%
Not Sure	17%	18%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

13. **[ASKED IF Q12 = DONALD TRUMP OR JOE BIDEN]** How likely do you think **[INSERT RESPONSE FROM Q12]** is to win the upcoming presidential election?

Total Likely Summary

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
Donald Trump	(N=387) 96%	(N=383) 97%
Joe Biden	(N=450) 96%	(N=431) 98%

a.   Donald Trump

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
Very likely	71%	72%
Somewhat likely	26%	25%
Not very likely	2%	2%
Not at all likely	0%	0%
Not sure	2%	1%
Likely (Net)	*96%*	*97%*
Not Likely (Net)	*2%*	*2%*
Total Sample Size:	387	383

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b. Joe Biden

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**
Very likely	64%	70%
Somewhat likely	32%	28%
Not very likely	2%	1%
Not at all likely	1%	1%
Not sure	1%	0%
Likely (Net)	*96%*	*98%*
Not Likely (Net)	*3%*	*2%*
Total Sample Size:	450	431

14. How likely are you to vote for each of the following parties…where 10 means you are completely certain you would vote for the specific party and 1 means you are completely certain you would NOT?

9 or 10 – Completely Certain I Will Vote Summary

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**
The Democratic Party	39%	37%
The Republican Party	30%	33%
The Libertarian Party	6%	5%
The Green Party	6%	5%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

a. The Democratic Party

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**
1 – Completely certain I will not vote	26%	28%
2	4%	4%
3	3%	3%
4	2%	2%
5	5%	6%
6	4%	3%
7	3%	3%
8	4%	6%
9	6%	5%
10 – Completely certain I will vote	33%	33%
I have never heard of this party	2%	1%
Not sure	8%	6%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

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b. The Republican Party

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
1 – Completely certain I will not vote	33%	32%
2	5%	5%
3	3%	4%
4	3%	3%
5	5%	4%
6	4%	3%
7	3%	3%
8	5%	4%
9	4%	5%
10 – Completely certain I will vote	26%	27%
I have never heard of this party	3%	1%
Not sure	8%	7%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

c. The Libertarian Party

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
1 – Completely certain I will not vote	46%	47%
2	6%	7%
3	5%	4%
4	3%	3%
5	5%	7%
6	4%	4%
7	2%	3%
8	1%	1%
9	1%	2%
10 – Completely certain I will vote	5%	4%
I have never heard of this party	8%	6%
Not sure	13%	11%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

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d. The Green Party

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**
1 – Completely certain I will not vote	45%	47%
2	7%	7%
3	4%	4%
4	2%	3%
5	6%	5%
6	3%	4%
7	2%	3%
8	2%	2%
9	1%	1%
10 – Completely certain I will vote	5%	4%
I have never heard of this party	11%	9%
Not sure	12%	12%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree (6/7) Summary

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**
I will regret it if I don't vote in the upcoming presidential election	73%	73%
I have a duty/personal responsibility to vote in the upcoming presidential election	76%	76%
I have a great deal of interest in following the news and information about the upcoming presidential election	57%	58%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

a. I will regret it if I don't vote in the upcoming presidential election

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**
1 – Strongly disagree	8%	7%
2	3%	3%
3	3%	3%
4	7%	8%
5	6%	6%
6	9%	10%
7 – Strongly agree	64%	63%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

b. I have a duty/personal responsibility to vote in the upcoming presidential election

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
1 – Strongly disagree	6%	4%
2	2%	1%
3	3%	3%
4	7%	7%
5	6%	7%
6	10%	9%
7 – Strongly agree	66%	67%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

c. I have a great deal of interest in following the news and information about the upcoming presidential election

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
1 – Strongly disagree	7%	7%
2	4%	4%
3	6%	5%
4	13%	14%
5	12%	13%
6	14%	15%
7 – Strongly agree	43%	43%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

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

Total Familiar Summary

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Donald Trump	92%	94%	93%	93%	94%
Joe Biden	90%	89%	90%	89%	88%
Kamala Harris	72%	75%	74%	66%	66%
Mike Pence	78%	83%	80%	77%	79%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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a. Donald Trump

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**	**Sept 11-16**
Very familiar	75%	75%	76%	75%	74%
Somewhat familiar	17%	19%	17%	18%	19%
Not very familiar	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Have heard of them, but that's it	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Have not heard of them	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Familiar (Net)	*92%*	*94%*	*93%*	*93%*	*94%*
Not familiar (Net)	*8%*	*6%*	*7%*	*7%*	*6%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

b. Joe Biden

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**	**Sept 11-16**
Very familiar	61%	60%	62%	59%	58%
Somewhat familiar	28%	29%	28%	30%	30%
Not very familiar	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%
Have heard of them, but that's it	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%
Have not heard of them	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Familiar (Net)	*90%*	*89%*	*90%*	*89%*	*88%*
Not familiar (Net)	*10%*	*11%*	*10%*	*11%*	*12%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

c. Kamala Harris

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**	**Sept 11-16**
Very familiar	35%	39%	36%	31%	32%
Somewhat familiar	37%	36%	38%	35%	34%
Not very familiar	17%	15%	17%	20%	19%
Have heard of them, but that's it	7%	7%	6%	8%	9%
Have not heard of them	4%	3%	3%	6%	6%
Familiar (Net)	*72%*	*75%*	*74%*	*66%*	*66%*
Not familiar (Net)	*28%*	*25%*	*26%*	*34%*	*34%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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d. Mike Pence

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Very familiar	47%	46%	47%	42%	44%
Somewhat familiar	31%	37%	33%	35%	35%
Not very familiar	13%	10%	12%	13%	12%
Have heard of them, but that's it	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%
Have not heard of them	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%
Familiar (Net)	*78%*	*83%*	*80%*	*77%*	*79%*
Not familiar (Net)	*22%*	*17%*	*20%*	*23%*	*21%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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

Total Favorable Summary

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Donald Trump	(N=994) 44%	(N=989) 46%	(N=978) 44%	(N=1087) 45%	(N=989) 44%
Joe Biden	(N=991) 56%	(N=990) 57%	(N=974) 57%	(N=1085) 55%	(N=994) 53%
Kamala Harris	(N=967) 55%	(N=973) 55%	(N=959) 55%	(N=1036) 54%	(N=945) 53%
Mike Pence	(N=976) 49%	(N=978) 48%	(N=967) 47%	(N=1059) 50%	(N=980) 48%

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a.   Donald Trump

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Very favorable	27%	26%	25%	26%	25%
Somewhat favorable	12%	13%	14%	14%	12%
Lean towards favorable	5%	7%	6%	6%	6%
Lean towards unfavorable	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%
Very unfavorable	44%	43%	45%	43%	44%
Favorable (Net)	*44%*	*46%*	*44%*	*45%*	*44%*
Unfavorable (Net)	*56%*	*54%*	*56%*	*55%*	*56%*
Total Sample Size:	994	989	978	1087	989

b. Joe Biden

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Very favorable	30%	30%	30%	27%	25%
Somewhat favorable	17%	18%	17%	18%	16%
Lean towards favorable	9%	9%	9%	10%	11%
Lean towards unfavorable	10%	10%	10%	11%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%	8%	8%	7%	9%
Very unfavorable	26%	25%	25%	27%	28%
Favorable (Net)	*56%*	*57%*	*57%*	*55%*	*53%*
Unfavorable (Net)	*44%*	*43%*	*43%*	*45%*	*47%*
Total Sample Size:	991	990	974	1085	994

c. Kamala Harris

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Very favorable	25%	24%	25%	23%	22%
Somewhat favorable	17%	18%	16%	17%	17%
Lean towards favorable	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Lean towards unfavorable	10%	10%	11%	13%	11%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%	8%	8%	6%	9%
Very unfavorable	27%	28%	26%	27%	27%
Favorable (Net)	*55%*	*55%*	*55%*	*54%*	*53%*
Unfavorable (Net)	*45%*	*45%*	*45%*	*46%*	*47%*
Total Sample Size:	967	973	959	1036	945

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d. Mike Pence

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**	**Sept 11-16**
Very favorable	23%	22%	22%	22%	23%
Somewhat favorable	14%	16%	15%	16%	14%
Lean towards favorable	12%	10%	9%	12%	10%
Lean towards unfavorable	11%	14%	10%	14%	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	9%	11%	11%	10%
Very unfavorable	31%	28%	32%	25%	29%
Favorable (Net)	*49%*	*48%*	*47%*	*50%*	*48%*
Unfavorable (Net)	*51%*	*52%*	*53%*	*50%*	*52%*
Total Sample Size:	976	978	967	1059	980

18. 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

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**	**Sept 11-16**
Right direction	36%	36%	33%	37%	34%
Wrong track	54%	53%	56%	53%	55%
Don't know	10%	11%	10%	10%	11%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

b.   Employment and jobs

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**	**Sept 11-16**
Right direction	39%	39%	38%	39%	39%
Wrong track	52%	52%	51%	51%	50%
Don't know	9%	9%	10%	10%	11%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

c.   Michigan's economy

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**
Right direction	31%	33%
Wrong track	54%	51%
Don't know	16%	16%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

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19. What comes closer to your opinion?

All Respondents			
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13
Donald Trump has been paying his fair share of income taxes	30%	29%	28%
Donald Trump has NOT been paying his fair share of income taxes	51%	53%	53%
Don't know	18%	19%	19%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985

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

Total Agree Summary

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
President Donald Trump is helping to ease racial tensions	36%	35%	32%	33%	32%
Joe Biden supports defunding the police	45%	47%	44%	44%	43%
President Donald Trump lies regularly for personal political gain	61%	60%	62%	60%	59%
The high number of coronavirus cases in the United States is a result of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump	59%	56%	56%	54%	55%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

a. President Donald Trump is helping to ease racial tensions

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Strongly agree	19%	17%	15%	16%	15%
Somewhat agree	17%	17%	16%	16%	17%
Somewhat disagree	13%	13%	12%	13%	12%
Strongly disagree	44%	46%	47%	45%	46%
Not sure	7%	7%	10%	9%	10%
Agree (Net)	*36%*	*35%*	*32%*	*33%*	*32%*
Disagree (Net)	*57%*	*58%*	*58%*	*58%*	*58%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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b. Joe Biden supports defunding the police

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Strongly agree	26%	26%	27%	25%	26%
Somewhat agree	19%	20%	17%	19%	17%
Somewhat disagree	13%	13%	13%	13%	12%
Strongly disagree	25%	25%	26%	25%	25%
Not sure	17%	15%	17%	18%	20%
Agree (Net)	*45%*	*47%*	*44%*	*44%*	*43%*
Disagree (Net)	*38%*	*38%*	*39%*	*38%*	*37%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

c. President Donald Trump lies regularly for personal political gain

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Strongly agree	48%	47%	49%	47%	47%
Somewhat agree	13%	13%	13%	13%	12%
Somewhat disagree	9%	11%	10%	12%	10%
Strongly disagree	23%	23%	20%	23%	24%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%
Agree (Net)	*61%*	*60%*	*62%*	*60%*	*59%*
Disagree (Net)	*32%*	*34%*	*31%*	*34%*	*34%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

d. The high number of coronavirus cases in the United States is a result of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Strongly agree	44%	43%	44%	42%	43%
Somewhat agree	14%	13%	12%	11%	12%
Somewhat disagree	9%	10%	11%	10%	10%
Strongly disagree	27%	30%	28%	31%	29%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%
Agree (Net)	*59%*	*56%*	*56%*	*54%*	*55%*
Disagree (Net)	*37%*	*41%*	*39%*	*41%*	*39%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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

Total Agree Summary

All Respondents				
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**
Abortion should be legal in most cases	55%	53%	54%	54%
Young people who were brought into the country as children should be allowed to apply for deportation deferrals and work permits	72%	72%	70%	69%
The Affordable Care Act (ACA, or sometimes called Obamacare) should be repealed completely	41%	42%	40%	40%
The winner of the election should be able to appoint Ruth Bader Ginsburg's replacement on the Supreme Court	59%	58%	58%	55%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098

a. Abortion should be legal in most cases

All Respondents				
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**
Strongly agree	34%	31%	34%	34%
Somewhat agree	21%	22%	21%	21%
Somewhat disagree	16%	14%	13%	13%
Strongly disagree	21%	25%	22%	23%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	9%
Agree (Net)	*55%*	*53%*	*54%*	*54%*
Disagree (Net)	*36%*	*39%*	*35%*	*36%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098

b. Young people who were brought into the country as children should be allowed to apply for deportation deferrals and work permits

All Respondents				
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**
Strongly agree	41%	38%	39%	39%
Somewhat agree	31%	34%	31%	30%
Somewhat disagree	8%	10%	9%	11%
Strongly disagree	9%	7%	8%	7%
Not sure	11%	11%	14%	13%
Agree (Net)	*72%*	*72%*	*70%*	*69%*
Disagree (Net)	*17%*	*17%*	*17%*	*17%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098

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c. The Affordable Care Act (ACA, or sometimes called Obamacare) should be repealed completely

All Respondents				
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6
Strongly agree	24%	25%	23%	24%
Somewhat agree	17%	17%	16%	16%
Somewhat disagree	14%	15%	13%	15%
Strongly disagree	32%	33%	35%	33%
Not sure	13%	10%	12%	12%
Agree (Net)	*41%*	*42%*	*40%*	*40%*
Disagree (Net)	*47%*	*48%*	*49%*	*48%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098

d. The winner of the election should be able to appoint Ruth Bader Ginsburg's replacement on the Supreme Court

All Respondents				
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6
Strongly agree	42%	41%	43%	41%
Somewhat agree	17%	16%	15%	14%
Somewhat disagree	9%	10%	10%	10%
Strongly disagree	17%	18%	17%	19%
Not sure	15%	15%	15%	17%
Agree (Net)	*59%*	*58%*	*58%*	*55%*
Disagree (Net)	*26%*	*27%*	*27%*	*28%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098

22. How much, if at all, do you support or oppose the following policies?

Total Support Summary

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
Congress' overall response to the coronavirus	38%	38%
Giving all Americans stimulus checks to counter the coronavirus' economic damage	84%	84%
Additional loans to small businesses for coronavirus-related economic relief	87%	86%
Eviction postponement for coronavirus-related economic relief	82%	76%
Additional unemployment payments for people who lost jobs due to the coronavirus pandemic	81%	77%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

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a. Congress' overall response to the coronavirus

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
Strongly support	14%	13%
Somewhat support	24%	25%
Somewhat oppose	27%	25%
Strongly oppose	20%	23%
Not sure	15%	13%
Support (Net)	*38%*	*38%*
Oppose (Net)	*47%*	*48%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

b. Giving all Americans stimulus checks to counter the coronavirus' economic damage

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
Strongly support	57%	56%
Somewhat support	27%	28%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%
Strongly oppose	3%	3%
Not sure	5%	6%
Support (Net)	*84%*	*84%*
Oppose (Net)	*11%*	*11%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

c. Additional loans to small businesses for coronavirus-related economic relief

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
Strongly support	53%	50%
Somewhat support	34%	36%
Somewhat oppose	6%	5%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%
Not sure	5%	6%
Support (Net)	*87%*	*86%*
Oppose (Net)	*8%*	*8%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

d. Eviction postponement for coronavirus-related economic relief

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20
Strongly support	50%	49%
Somewhat support	31%	28%
Somewhat oppose	8%	8%
Strongly oppose	3%	6%
Not sure	7%	9%
Support (Net)	*82%*	*76%*
Oppose (Net)	*11%*	*14%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

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e. Additional unemployment payments for people who lost jobs due to the coronavirus pandemic

All Respondents		
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**
Strongly support	50%	49%
Somewhat support	31%	28%
Somewhat oppose	9%	10%
Strongly oppose	5%	6%
Not sure	5%	7%
Support (Net)	*81%*	*77%*
Oppose (Net)	*14%*	*16%*
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001

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

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	**Oct 14-20**	**Oct 7-13**	**Sept 29 – Oct 6**	**Sept 11-16**
FOX News	23%	22%	22%	23%	23%
CNN	18%	17%	18%	14%	14%
MSNBC	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%
ABC	10%	13%	10%	9%	10%
CBS	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%
NBC	10%	10%	11%	11%	10%
Public Television	6%	5%	4%	6%	5%
Other	10%	9%	9%	12%	8%
None of the above	12%	12%	15%	13%	17%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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24. Did you happen to vote in any of these other elections? (Select all that apply)

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
2008 presidential election (Obama vs. McCain)	60%	63%	64%	62%	64%
2010 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	43%	44%	48%	41%	42%
2012 presidential election (Obama vs. Romney)	61%	67%	67%	63%	65%
2014 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	45%	47%	49%	44%	45%
2018 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	50%	52%	55%	50%	51%
None of these	25%	22%	22%	24%	22%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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

All Respondents					
	Oct 20-26	Oct 14-20	Oct 7-13	Sept 29 – Oct 6	Sept 11-16
Democrat	43%	43%	46%	44%	45%
Republican	40%	41%	40%	42%	39%
Independent	11%	10%	10%	9%	11%
Other / Don't know	6%	6%	4%	5%	6%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1001	985	1098	1005

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About the Study

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted October 20-26, 2020, on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this study, a total of 1,005 adults age 18+ from Michigan were interviewed online in English, including 652 likely voters. The first wave of this poll was conducted September 11-16, 2020, among 1,005 adults age 18+ from Michigan, including 637 likely voters. The second wave of this poll was conducted September 29 – October 6, 2020, among 1,098 adults age 18+ from Michigan, including 709 likely voters. The third wave of this poll was conducted from October 7-13, 2020 among 985 adults age 18+ from Michigan, including 620 likely voters. The fourth wave of this poll was conducted from October 14-20, 2020 among 1,001 adults age 18+ from Michigan, including 686 likely voters.

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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