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MICHIGAN SENATE AND GOVERNOR

Methodology

Conducted August 6-10, 2026 under the joint direction of Beacon Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R), this Fox News Poll includes interviews with a sample of 1,006 Michigan registered voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file. Respondents spoke with live interviewers on landlines (103) and cellphones (654) or completed the survey online by following a link received via text message (249).

Telephone numbers were randomly selected from a statewide voter file of registered Michigan voters using a probability proportionate to size method, which means phone numbers are proportionally representative to the number of voters in all regions across the state. Telephone fieldwork conducted by Braun Research, Inc. of Princeton, NJ.

Results based on the full sample have a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points. Sampling error associated with subgroup results is higher. In addition to sampling error, question wording and order can influence results. Results among subgroups are only shown when the sample size is at least N=100.

When necessary, weights are generally applied to age, race, education, and area variables to ensure the demographics of survey respondents are representative of the registered voter population. Sources for developing weight targets include the most recent American Community Survey, Fox News Voter Analysis, and voter file data.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

Web-based survey wording may differ slightly from telephone wording for improved clarity.

An asterisk () is used for percentages of less than one-half percent. A dash (-) represents a value of zero.*

Some percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. In the same way, percentages in "total" columns may be one point more or less than the sum of their parts due to rounding.

1.	How interested are you in the 2026 midterm elections? Are you:	-----Interested----- -----Not interested----- (Don't know)					
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
6-10 Aug 26		80%	50	30	20	16	4

For reference: How interested are you in the 2024 presidential election? Are you:

		<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(Don't know)
24-28 Oct 24		68%	18	12	3	-
11-16 Apr 24		54%	22	18	6	*
8-12 Feb 24		52%	23	17	7	1
18-20 July 20		53%	28	14	4	*
18-21 Apr 20		50%	27	18	5	1

2. There are a range of reasons why people do or do not vote. Thinking about November's election for senate, governor, and other offices, please tell me how likely it is that you will vote on a scale from zero to 10, where 10 means you're certain you will vote and zero means there is no chance you will vote.

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>
10 – Certain to vote	66%
9	6
8	7
7	5
6	3
5	6
4	2
3	1
2	1
1	1
0 – No chance will vote	2
(Don't know / Refused)	*

3. How motivated are you to vote in the November election? Are you:

	-----Motivated----- -----Not motivated----- (Don't know)					
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
6-10 Aug 26	84%	57	26	16	13	3

For reference: How motivated do you feel about voting in the presidential election? Are you:

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(Don't know)
22-24 July 24	69%	17	9	5	*

4. If the Michigan election for U.S. Senator were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]** **[RANDOMIZE NAMES]**

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>
Democrat Abdul El-Sayed	47%
Republican Mike Rogers	51
(Other)	-
(Wouldn't vote)	*
(Don't know)	2

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q4 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q4 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [EL-SAYED SUPPORTERS $\pm 4.5\%$, ROGERS SUPPORTERS $\pm 4\%$]

5. Are you certain to support **[Q4 ANSWER: El-Sayed / Rogers]**, or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]**

	<u>Certain to support</u>	<u>May change mind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	75%	23	2
El-Sayed supporters	77%	22	1
Rogers supporters	76%	24	-

6. **[IF EL-SAYED IN Q4]** Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Abdul El-Sayed or AGAINST Mike Rogers?

	<u>For El-Sayed</u>	<u>Against Rogers</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	65%	33	1

7. **[IF ROGERS IN Q4]** Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Mike Rogers or AGAINST Abdul El-Sayed?

	<u>For Rogers</u>	<u>Against El-Sayed</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	62%	37	1

[ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

8. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Abdul El-Sayed's positions on the issues are too extreme?

	<u>-----Concerned-----</u>			<u>-----Not concerned-----</u>			<u>(Don't know)</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	54%	33	21	45	27	19	1

9. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Mike Rogers is too close to Donald Trump?

	<u>-----Concerned-----</u>			<u>-----Not concerned-----</u>			<u>(Don't know)</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	51%	36	15	48	22	26	1

10. Which one of the following issues will be the MOST important to your vote for Senate?
[IF DON'T KNOW / ALL / OTHER: Well, if you HAD to pick one...]
[RANDOMIZE LIST]

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>
Inflation and high prices	38%
Immigration and border security	14
Healthcare	14
Political divisions within the country	11
Jobs and unemployment	8
The conflict in Iran	6
Abortion	5
Crime	4
(Other)	*
(All/Mix)	1
(Don't know)	*

11. Do you favor or oppose the United States continuing to provide military aid to the Israeli government? **[IF FAVOR / OPPOSE: Is that strongly (favor / oppose) or only somewhat?]**

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(Don't know)
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>know</u>
6-10 Aug 26	44%	18	27	55	27	28	1

For reference:

On the war in the Middle East, do you think the Biden administration is too supportive of the Israelis, too supportive of the Palestinians, or is its support of each about right?

	<i>Too supportive of the Israelis</i>	<i>Too supportive of the Palestinians</i>	<i>About right</i>	<i>(Don't know)</i>
11-16 Apr 24	24%	21	40	15

In the Middle East conflict, do you side more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

	<u>Israelis</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	<u>(Neither)</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
8-12 Feb 24	53%	25	8	13

Moving on...

12. If the Michigan election for governor were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]** **[ROTATE NAMES]**

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>
Democrat Jocelyn Benson	52%
Republican John James	47
(Other)	-
(Wouldn't vote)	-
(Don't know)	1

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q12 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q12 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [BENSON SUPPORTERS ±4%, JAMES SUPPORTERS ±4.5%]

13. Are you certain to support **[Q12 ANSWER: Benson / James]**, or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]**

	<u>Certain to support</u>	<u>May change mind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	77%	22	1
Benson supporters	79%	20	*
James supporters	76%	24	-

14. Thinking about your personal financial situation, do you feel like you are getting ahead financially, holding steady, or falling behind?

	<u>Getting ahead</u>	<u>Holding steady</u>	<u>Falling behind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	12%	48	40	*
24-28 Oct 24	14%	42	45	*
22-24 July 24	13%	37	49	1
11-16 Apr 24	13%	39	48	1
8-12 Feb 24	12%	43	44	1
18-21 Apr 20	6%	63	29	2

- 15.-23. Please tell me if you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following. If you've never heard of one, please just say so. **[IF FAVORABLE/ UNFAVORABLE: Is that strongly (favorable / unfavorable) or only somewhat?]**
[RANDOMIZE]

	<u>-----Favorable-----</u>			<u>-----Unfavorable-----</u>			<u>(Can't</u>	<u>Never</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>say)</u>	<u>heard of</u>
Jocelyn Benson								
6-10 Aug 26	49%	24	26	42	18	24	1	8
Mike Rogers								
6-10 Aug 26	45%	22	23	51	18	33	1	3
The Republican Party								
6-10 Aug 26	43%	21	23	55	17	38	1	-
The Democratic Party								
6-10 Aug 26	43%	19	24	56	21	35	1	-
Abdul El-Sayed								
6-10 Aug 26	42%	21	21	55	17	38	1	2
John James								
6-10 Aug 26	41%	17	24	44	18	26	1	13

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(Can't Never say) heard of	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>		
Donald Trump								
6-10 Aug 26	40%	24	17	59	10	48	1	-
MOST RECENT TREND								
24-28 Oct 24	44%	31	13	56	9	47	*	-
22-24 July 24	47%	32	15	52	6	46	2	-
11-16 Apr 24	45%	30	15	53	8	46	1	*
17-20 Oct 20	42%	30	12	57	7	49	1	-
18-20 July 20	44%	28	16	54	8	46	2	-
18-21 Apr 20	44%	29	15	52	8	44	4	-
The Make America Great Again, or MAGA, movement								
6-10 Aug 26	40%	21	19	59	14	45	1	-
The Democratic Socialists of America, or DSA								
6-10 Aug 26	30%	11	19	55	18	37	1	14

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

	-----Democrat-----			-----Republican-----			Independent / Other
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Solid</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Solid</u>	<u>Lean</u>	
6-10 Aug 26	44%	36	8	43	36	7	13
PAST TREND							
24-28 Oct 24	43%	33	10	43	34	9	14
22-24 July 24	44%	35	9	42	32	11	14
11-16 Apr 24	41%	33	8	42	33	9	16
8-12 Feb 24	43%	35	8	40	32	8	16
17-20 Oct 20	45%	38	7	40	32	8	15
18-20 July 20	44%	36	8	40	31	9	16
18-21 Apr 20	44%	36	8	41	33	8	16