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MI against gay marriage, for Democrats on legislative ballot

Raleigh, N.C. – Despite Democrats outnumbering Republicans 40-30 in Michigan, only 33% of voters feel same-sex marriage should be legal compared to 53% of voters who feel it should be illegal. Michigan has the lowest support for same-sex marriage among Democrats of any state PPP has polled. Democrats only support same-sex marriage 48-36 compared to 10-78 among Republicans. Independents also come out against same-sex marriage with support at only 36-50. However, a strong majority of Michiganians support some form of recognition. When civil unions are included as an option, 35% oppose all recognition compared to 33% who favor civil unions and 29% who favor marriage.

Michigan's Republican majorities elected in 2010 may have already overstayed their welcome as Michigan gives a 47-36 edge to the Democrats on the generic legislative ballot. While Democrats trail with Independents 24-30, Democrats have a larger lead their own voters, 94-3, than their deficit with Republicans, 8-88.

While Michigan has turned against Rick Snyder, they dislike his predecessor just as much. Only 39% view Granholm favorably compared to 54% who view her unfavorably. Nevertheless, this is an improvement over her 34-57 approval in January. Republicans are more united in their opposition, 7-89, than Democrats are in their support, 69-24, while Independents rate Granholm a very poor 31-58.

As for Detroit's Mayors, current Mayor Dave Bing, is quite popular among those who express an opinion, rating 36-15. Though he is a Democrat, Bing actually rates better among Republicans, 37-9, than among Democrats, 31-21. Similarly, former Mayor Dennis Archer rates 36-16 with a 37-20 rating among Democrats and a 32-12 rating among Republicans. On the other hand, former Mayor Coleman Young rates only 17-49, and is even underwater with Democrats 32-33. However, this is nothing compared to Kwame Kilpatrick's miserable 4-77 rating. With his -73 spread, Kilpatrick edges out John Edwards as the second least popular figure PPP has polled.

PPP surveyed 593 Michigan voters from July 21th to 24th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 33%
Illegal 53%
Not sure 14%

Q2 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry 29%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry 33%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship 35%
Not sure 3%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jennifer Granholm?

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 54%
Not sure 8%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dave Bing?

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 15%
Not sure 49%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Kwame Kilpatrick?

Favorable..... 4%
Unfavorable 77%
Not sure 19%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dennis Archer?

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 16%
Not sure 49%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Coleman Young?

Favorable..... 17%
Unfavorable 49%
Not sure 34%

Q8 If there was an election for the state legislature today, do you think you would vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate from your district?

Democratic candidate 47%
Republican candidate 36%
Not sure 16%

Q9 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 42%
Barack Obama..... 53%
Someone else/Don't remember 4%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal 18%
Moderate..... 30%
Somewhat conservative..... 26%
Very conservative 14%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%





Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 40%
Republican..... 30%
Independent/Other..... 30%

Q13 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 82%
African-American 13%
Other..... 5%

Q14 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 10%
30 to 45..... 20%
46 to 65..... 46%
Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal				
Legal	33%	13%	51%	12%
Illegal	53%	75%	34%	64%
Not sure	14%	12%	15%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	11%	44%	20%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	34%	32%	26%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	35%	51%	22%	47%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Granholm Favorability				
Favorable	39%	8%	64%	28%
Unfavorable	54%	87%	27%	60%
Not sure	8%	5%	9%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bing Favorability				
Favorable	36%	39%	35%	22%
Unfavorable	15%	8%	20%	6%
Not sure	49%	53%	45%	71%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kilpatrick Favorability				
Favorable	4%	2%	5%	4%
Unfavorable	77%	79%	77%	57%
Not sure	19%	19%	18%	39%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Archer Favorability				
Favorable	36%	34%	38%	24%
Unfavorable	16%	14%	17%	12%
Not sure	49%	52%	45%	63%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Young Favorability				
Favorable	17%	6%	26%	10%
Unfavorable	49%	63%	39%	39%
Not sure	34%	31%	35%	51%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democratic candidate	47%	7%	81%	32%
Republican candidate	36%	80%	3%	22%
Not sure	16%	13%	16%	46%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal						
Legal	33%	59%	56%	42%	10%	5%
Illegal	53%	23%	29%	41%	79%	87%
Not sure	14%	18%	15%	17%	11%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	54%	47%	37%	8%	6%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	20%	28%	38%	40%	26%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	35%	23%	24%	23%	47%	65%
Not sure	3%	3%	1%	3%	6%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Granholm Favorability						
Favorable	39%	72%	67%	45%	13%	8%
Unfavorable	54%	17%	25%	44%	81%	92%
Not sure	8%	11%	8%	11%	5%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bing Favorability						
Favorable	36%	31%	36%	33%	41%	41%
Unfavorable	15%	32%	12%	14%	13%	5%
Not sure	49%	37%	52%	53%	46%	54%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kilpatrick Favorability						
Favorable	4%	7%	3%	3%	4%	2%
Unfavorable	77%	76%	76%	74%	78%	85%
Not sure	19%	17%	20%	24%	18%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Archer Favorability						
Favorable	36%	35%	36%	35%	38%	34%
Unfavorable	16%	24%	21%	10%	14%	15%
Not sure	49%	41%	44%	55%	47%	51%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Young Favorability						
Favorable	17%	33%	26%	16%	11%	4%
Unfavorable	49%	35%	36%	46%	57%	70%
Not sure	34%	32%	38%	39%	31%	27%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Leg. Ballot						
Democratic candidate	47%	86%	85%	54%	18%	5%
Republican candidate	36%	6%	7%	19%	65%	83%
Not sure	16%	8%	8%	27%	17%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	33%	39%	27%
Illegal	53%	48%	58%
Not sure	14%	13%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	35%	23%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	34%	32%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	35%	30%	42%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Granholm Favorability			
Favorable	39%	38%	40%
Unfavorable	54%	54%	54%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bing Favorability			
Favorable	36%	31%	42%
Unfavorable	15%	15%	14%
Not sure	49%	54%	44%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kilpatrick Favorability			
Favorable	4%	4%	4%
Unfavorable	77%	74%	81%
Not sure	19%	23%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Archer Favorability			
Favorable	36%	32%	40%
Unfavorable	16%	14%	17%
Not sure	49%	54%	43%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Young Favorability			
Favorable	17%	19%	14%
Unfavorable	49%	43%	56%
Not sure	34%	38%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Leg. Ballot			
Democratic candidate	47%	51%	43%
Republican candidate	36%	33%	41%
Not sure	16%	17%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal				
Legal	33%	48%	10%	36%
Illegal	53%	36%	78%	50%
Not sure	14%	16%	12%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	43%	8%	32%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	30%	37%	33%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	35%	25%	53%	31%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Granholtz Favorability				
Favorable	39%	69%	7%	31%
Unfavorable	54%	24%	89%	58%
Not sure	8%	7%	4%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bing Favorability				
Favorable	36%	31%	37%	42%
Unfavorable	15%	21%	9%	11%
Not sure	49%	48%	54%	47%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kilpatrick Favorability				
Favorable	4%	7%	2%	1%
Unfavorable	77%	72%	76%	85%
Not sure	19%	20%	22%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Archer Favorability				
Favorable	36%	37%	32%	38%
Unfavorable	16%	20%	12%	14%
Not sure	49%	44%	56%	48%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Young Favorability				
Favorable	17%	32%	6%	7%
Unfavorable	49%	33%	62%	57%
Not sure	34%	34%	32%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democratic candidate	47%	94%	8%	24%
Republican candidate	36%	3%	88%	30%
Not sure	16%	3%	5%	46%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal				
Legal	33%	34%	33%	19%
Illegal	53%	52%	49%	72%
Not sure	14%	14%	18%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	30%	30%	17%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	32%	38%	35%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	35%	35%	31%	44%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Granholm Favorability				
Favorable	39%	35%	64%	39%
Unfavorable	54%	58%	32%	47%
Not sure	8%	8%	4%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bing Favorability				
Favorable	36%	34%	46%	42%
Unfavorable	15%	13%	24%	14%
Not sure	49%	53%	30%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kilpatrick Favorability				
Favorable	4%	2%	10%	12%
Unfavorable	77%	78%	74%	69%
Not sure	19%	20%	16%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Archer Favorability				
Favorable	36%	34%	46%	42%
Unfavorable	16%	15%	22%	15%
Not sure	49%	52%	32%	43%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Young Favorability				
Favorable	17%	11%	47%	28%
Unfavorable	49%	52%	30%	49%
Not sure	34%	37%	23%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democratic candidate	47%	43%	75%	44%
Republican candidate	36%	42%	4%	38%
Not sure	16%	16%	21%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal					
Legal	33%	38%	37%	36%	24%
Illegal	53%	48%	48%	50%	63%
Not sure	14%	14%	15%	14%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	38%	35%	30%	17%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	28%	27%	34%	38%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	35%	34%	33%	32%	43%
Not sure	3%	-	5%	4%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Granholm Favorability					
Favorable	39%	48%	40%	38%	36%
Unfavorable	54%	41%	55%	55%	54%
Not sure	8%	10%	5%	7%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bing Favorability					
Favorable	36%	24%	28%	39%	42%
Unfavorable	15%	28%	13%	14%	12%
Not sure	49%	48%	58%	47%	46%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kilpatrick Favorability					
Favorable	4%	7%	5%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	77%	76%	77%	78%	76%
Not sure	19%	17%	18%	19%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Archer Favorability					
Favorable	36%	28%	38%	37%	34%
Unfavorable	16%	21%	13%	14%	17%
Not sure	49%	52%	48%	48%	48%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Young Favorability					
Favorable	17%	14%	15%	18%	17%
Unfavorable	49%	41%	42%	48%	61%
Not sure	34%	45%	43%	34%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Leg. Ballot					
Democratic candidate	47%	62%	43%	47%	44%
Republican candidate	36%	21%	35%	36%	44%
Not sure	16%	17%	22%	16%	12%

