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Subject: Voters Disapprove of Trump's Handling of the Coronavirus Crisis and Trust Whitmer Far More

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Public Policy Polling's newest Michigan survey finds that voters in the state think Gretchen Whitmer is doing a much better job of handling the coronavirus than Donald Trump:

-Whitmer's net approval rating for her handling of the virus is 27 points better than Trump's. Whitmer has a +20 approval for it at 57/37, while Trump gets a -7 rating with only 44% approving and 51% disapproving of the job he's doing handling the virus.

-On the head-to-head question of who voters trust more to protect Michigan from the coronavirus, **Whitmer beats out Trump 57-37**, including a 54-37 spread with independents.

-On the question of who voters trust more to decide when to reopen the state **Whitmer leads Trump by an even wider 27 point margin at 61-34**, including 58-34 with independents.

The survey also finds that Michigan voters think social distancing measures need to stay in place and take a dim view of the protesters pushing for the country to immediately reopen:

-Only 18% of voters think social distancing measures should be relaxed with 57% believing that the current policies are correct and 24% supporting more aggressive measures than the ones already in place. **Even among Trump voters only 36% think social distancing measures should be relaxed** to 63% who think either the status quo or more aggressive measures would be the right approach.

-Only 21% of voters say they support the protests to immediately lift restrictions, compared to 66% of voters who say they oppose them. Among independents, it's a 22/60 spread against the protests.

-By a 26 point margin, 59/33, voters say they're more worried about they or someone in their family getting sick from the virus than they are about the economic impact it's having on their family.



Trump's overall approval rating in the state is 45/52, and he **trails Joe Biden 51-44** in a head-to-head matchup.

PPP surveyed 1,277 Michigan voters on April 20th and 21st on behalf of Protect Our Care. The survey was conducted half by calls to landlines and half by texts to cell phones, and the margin of error is +/-2.7%

