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Subject: Battleground Voters Disapprove of Trump’s Handling of the Coronavirus Crisis and Trust Governors Far More

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Public Policy Polling’s newest surveys in Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin finds voters think their Governors are doing a much better job of handling the coronavirus than Donald Trump:

-On average the Governors’ net approval for their handling of the virus are 32 points better than Trump’s. The Governors average a +27 approval for it at 58/31, while Trump gets an average -5 rating with only 45% approving and 50% disapproving of the job he’s doing handling the virus:

State	Governor Approval	Trump Approval	Net Difference
Michigan	57/37 (+20)	44/51 (-7)	27
North Carolina	62/22 (+40)	46/49 (-3)	43
Pennsylvania	59/29 (+30)	44/52 (-8)	38
Wisconsin	53/37 (+16)	45/48 (-3)	19

-On the head-to-head question of who voters trust more to protect their state from the coronavirus, **the Governors on average beat Trump out by 21 points at 57-36:**

State	Trust More to Protect State from Virus
Michigan	Whitmer 57-37
North Carolina	Cooper 58-33
Pennsylvania	Wolf 58-35
Wisconsin	Evers 54-39

-On the question of who voters trust more to decide when to reopen their state **the Governors lead Trump by an even wider average margin of 28 points at 61-33:**

State	Trust More to Reopen State
Michigan	Whitmer 61-34
North Carolina	Cooper 62-29
Pennsylvania	Wolf 62-32
Wisconsin	Evers 56-36



The survey also finds that battleground state 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:

-On average only 19% of voters think social distancing measures should be relaxed with 54% believing that the current policies are correct and 26% supporting more aggressive measures than the ones already in place:

State	Social Distancing Measures Should Be Relaxed	We Are Currently Doing The Right Thing	More Aggressive Measures Are Needed
Michigan	18	57	24
North Carolina	16	52	28
Pennsylvania	17	54	27
Wisconsin	23	53	21

Even among Trump voters only 34% think social distancing measures should be relaxed to 63% who think either the status quo or more aggressive measures would be the right approach:

State	Social Distancing Measures Should Be Relaxed	We Are Currently Doing The Right Thing	More Aggressive Measures Are Needed
Michigan	36	53	10
North Carolina	28	56	13
Pennsylvania	32	50	15
Wisconsin	40	48	8

-Only 21% of voters say they support the protests to immediately lift restrictions, compared to 67% of voters who say they oppose them:

State	Support/Oppose Protesters Who Want To Immediately Re-Open The Country
Michigan	21% support, 66% oppose
North Carolina	19% support, 69% oppose
Pennsylvania	21% support, 70% oppose
Wisconsin	24% support, 64% oppose

-By a 20 point margin, 56/36, 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:

State	More Worried About You Or Someone In Family Getting Sick	More Worried About Economic Impact On Your Family
Michigan	59	33
North Carolina	55	35
Pennsylvania	57	36
Wisconsin	52	38

Trump won all of these states in 2016 but is now under water on his approval rating in all of them by anywhere from a net -5 to -9 spread:

State	Trump Approval
Michigan	45% approve, 52% disapprove (-7)
North Carolina	45% approve, 50% disapprove (-5)
Pennsylvania	44% approve, 53% disapprove (-9)
Wisconsin	45% approve, 50% disapprove (-5)

Trump also trails Joe Biden by anywhere from 3 to 7 points in each of the states:

State	Biden vs. Trump
Michigan	Biden 51, Trump 44 (+7)
North Carolina	Biden 49, Trump 46 (+3)
Pennsylvania	Biden 51, Trump 44 (+7)
Wisconsin	Biden 50, Trump 45(+5)

[PPP surveyed 1,277 Michigan voters on April 20th and 21st and the margin of error is +/-2.7%.](#)

[PPP surveyed 1,275 North Carolina voters on April 20th and 21st and the margin of error is +/-2.7%.](#)



[PPP surveyed 1,251 Pennsylvania voters on April 20th and 21st and the margin of error is +/-2.8%](#)

[PPP surveyed 1,415 Wisconsin voters on April 20th and the margin of error is +/-2.6%](#)

The surveys were all conducted on behalf of Protect Our Care and conducted half by calls to landlines and half by texts to cell phones.

