Majorities of Both Michigan Republicans and Democrats Agree on 100 Policy Proposals

This sheet shows bipartisan common ground on 100 policy proposals statewide — and on nearly as many in the 4th, 7th, 8th and 10th Congressional Districts — across 14 issue areas. Most of these proposals were drawn from Congressional legislation and some from the Executive Branch. Michiganders also agree that Congress would be more likely to find common ground if it were more influenced by *We the People*. The findings come from the *Common Ground in the Battlegrounds?* Survey Series, conducted by the University of Maryland's Program for Public Consultation (PPC) in the run-up to the 2026 midterm elections. Numbers are the percent of **Republicans** and **Democrats** in support. Questions are abbreviated here — full question wording and more detail are at **vop.org/battlegrounds-michigan**.

THE MICHIGAN COMMON GROUND

Policies supported by majorities of both Republicans and Democrats

100	91	97	92	96
Michigan statewide	MI-4	MI-7	MI-8	MI-10

Of the 106 policy questions, a policy is counted as receiving bipartisan support when at least 51% of both Republicans and Democrats take the same position. Medicaid spending is listed twice, but counted once; Role of We the People questions are not counted.

HEALTHCARE COSTS Fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Cap prescription drug prices to what other developed countries pay (would reduce prices by about half)	91	87	86	85	89	91	95	81	87	82
Ban drug companies from paying generic makers to delay putting cheaper drugs on to the market	84	79	72	82	80	84	86	69	75	82
When a drug is unaffordable and was developed with federal funds, let the government override the patent and license other drug companies to make it	82	75	68	74	76	86	77	79	82	79
Reinstate the expired enhanced ACA subsidies to lower premiums and deductibles	74	86	68	92	72	90	67	87	81	86
Increase federal Medicaid spending to cover more low-income people *Also listed under Low-Income Assistance; counted once in the tally.*	74	83	53	85	62	79	59	77	68	77
Let people 55–64 buy into Medicare	76	83	71	85	74	91	83	78	75	85
Create a government-run public health insurance option anyone can buy into	78	84	69	86	75	87	74	80	69	91
Spend $13 billion more on substance-use treatment so nearly everyone who needs and wants it can get it	75	88	63	81	68	86	62	83	70	80
Make it a high priority for the government to ensure that everyone who needs and wants substance-use treatment can get it (very or somewhat high priority)	88	94	84	92	85	93	75	93	85	93
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	9		9		9		9		9	

SOCIAL SECURITY Fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON THE BUDGET SHORTFALL)*	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Subject income over $400,000 to the payroll tax (-61%)	76	80	73	88	72	82	77	87	72	86
Gradually raise the payroll tax from 6.2% to 6.5% (-15%)	63	68	58	70	59	59	58	56	*46*	64

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON THE BUDGET SHORTFALL)*	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Reduce benefits for the top 20% of lifetime earners (-11%)	66	66	61	72	61	*49*	54	70	60	69
Gradually raise the full retirement age from 67 to 68 (-15%)	56	53	58	*45*	*49*	*39*	59	*49*	*46*	54
Raise the minimum monthly benefit to $1,630 (125% of the poverty line) (+8%)	74	82	73	78	75	83	70	80	73	83
Base cost-of-living adjustments to what older adults actually buy (+12%)	67	66	69	69	79	66	64	77	67	71
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		5		4		5		4	

FAMILIES & CHILDREN Fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Provide $25 billion to states and cities for to create or expand free universal preschool programs	68	86	59	89	73	92	65	84	59	89
Subsidize childcare so low- and middle-income families pay no more than 7% of income	78	88	65	89	72	90	68	87	64	90
Raise the Child Tax Credit to $3,600 and make it fully refundable for all income levels	73	82	65	88	81	87	64	88	74	82
Create a national 12-week paid family and medical leave program for all workers, funded by a 0.2% payroll tax	69	81	58	85	72	81	62	88	63	81
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	4		4		4		4		4	

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY Fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Tax incentives for builders to build or repair homes affordable to low- and middle-income households	81	82	81	87	74	87	80	79	76	85
Invest $40 billion to build high-density housing affordable to very low- and low-income households	61	81	*49*	79	63	82	56	76	55	80
Provide $25 billion to local governments to build affordable high-density housing for low- and middle-income households	66	83	*49*	84	62	91	59	84	66	80
Increase funding for rental vouchers for the very low-income, elderly and disabled by $24 billion	69	88	61	89	66	90	66	82	67	88
Prohibit large corporations from owning single-family homes	77	81	70	80	78	83	64	81	75	86
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		3		5		5		5	

LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE Fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Raise monthly SNAP benefits for individuals living alone above the current $170 (allowed to choose the amount)	73	90	63	92	70	92	65	82	70	86
…for single mothers above the current $530	55	64	52	74	60	64	*45*	62	*44*	60
Offer discounts on fruits and vegetables bought with SNAP	92	91	86	93	79	94	85	89	88	92
Increase federal Medicaid spending to cover more people (allowed to increase, keep the same, or decrease) *Also listed under Healthcare Costs; counted once in the tally.*	74	83	53	85	62	79	59	77	68	77

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Raise the federal minimum wage above $7.25 (allowed to choose the amount) *Median Democrat: $15 everywhere. Median Republican: $12 statewide and MI-7; $11 in MI-10; $10 in MI-4 and MI-8.*	91	98	87	97	92	96	84	98	88	98
Raise the maximum Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for workers without children from $630 to $1,300	74	81	74	79	79	83	68	83	70	83
Raise the savings limit for EITC eligibility	76	87	76	84	76	81	70	84	72	83
Lower the EITC eligibility age from 25 to 21	61	77	60	75	68	74	52	79	60	72
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	8		8		8		7		7	

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Create a federal agency to monitor and regulate AI	74	81	78	85	66	85	75	79	73	81
Require new AI programs that make critical decisions (e.g. review health insurance claims) to pass a government test to: ensure they follow the law, are unbiased, have security protections	78	78	81	82	76	83	73	69	74	74
For critical decision-making AI programs already in use, let the government audit them	70	70	78	67	69	77	59	60	61	68
Require deepfakes to be labeled as AI-generated	89	90	90	88	90	90	86	84	81	92
Prohibit campaigns and PACs from using deepfakes in ads	85	81	84	89	84	86	86	82	84	87
Work toward an international treaty regulating large-scale AI	82	79	76	78	70	84	77	70	74	80
Work toward an international treaty banning fully autonomous weapons (use AI to fire on targets without human command)	74	80	77	78	82	86	79	62	59	80
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	7		7		7		7		7	

IMMIGRATION Fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Deport undocumented immigrants convicted of a crime	91	77	87	80	90	70	95	75	95	77
Offer legal status to long-term undocumented immigrants with no criminal record who pay a penalty and back taxes	70	80	58	81	66	84	55	78	59	83
Offer a path to citizenship to those brought here illegally as children	73	84	71	85	73	84	60	81	72	91
Require E-Verify for all new hires AND increase the number of work visas to match labor demand	77	81	85	90	82	81	78	78	67	85
Hire hundreds more asylum judges and staff to cut wait times (which are currently several years on average)	68	83	74	80	73	81	69	81	66	83
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		5		5		5		5	

ABORTION & BIRTH CONTROL Fielded July 21 – Aug. 3, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Do not make abortion a crime before fetal viability (chose between multiple options for criminalization)	70	91	75	94	67	92	77	94	79	96

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Fund clinics to provide free or low-cost birth control to women who can't afford it	68	86	59	87	64	90	61	87	68	89
Prohibit states from restricting access to birth control	66	83	58	84	66	78	72	81	72	86
Continue to require that health insurance cover birth control	71	87	72	85	78	90	73	79	76	85
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	4		4		4		4		4	

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT Fielded July 21 – Aug. 3, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Make reducing air pollution a high priority	81	95	70	92	71	95	68	95	78	95
Make reducing greenhouse gas emissions a high priority	76	95	55	89	65	92	60	95	68	92
Adopt a goal of cutting U.S. emissions 2% a year	70	84	54	87	61	92	57	85	67	88
Provide tax credits for producing energy that has not greenhouse gas emissions (solar, wind, geothermal, nuclear)	74	88	63	85	65	90	57	83	66	85
Require electric companies to get a minimum share of power from zero-carbon sources	58	82	51	84	67	82	*48*	84	69	89
Tax credits for making homes and buildings more energy-efficient	75	86	70	86	70	82	77	79	68	88
Require new cars to get more miles per gallon	69	80	62	83	74	79	67	78	70	83
Commit with other countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	68	88	64	92	64	88	62	84	68	89
Take part in international efforts to study and share climate and energy data	65	88	64	85	65	85	58	83	74	86
Provide financial assistance and job training to fossil-fuel workers who lose their jobs in the transition to clean energy	67	87	73	85	74	84	77	84	71	89
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	10		10		10		9		10	

FEDERAL TAXES Fielded July 21 – Aug. 3, 2026

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON FEDERAL REVENUE)*	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Wealth tax of 2% on wealth over $50 million and 3% over $1 billion (+$200B)	69	90	64	87	72	88	61	88	68	89
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $200,000–$500,000 (+$26B)	57	71	*43*	63	61	70	57	71	*50*	69
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $500,000–$1 million (+$18B)	59	74	*49*	71	58	78	*49*	74	54	74
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $1 million or more (+$120B)	60	77	55	75	63	78	59	79	58	85
Raise the effective income tax rate on households with $200,000–$500,000 income from 21% to at least 24% (allowed to increase, keep same or decrease tax rate) (+$145B)	*45*	63	*37*	60	*49*	73	*37*	62	*39*	68
Raise the effective income tax rate on households with $500,000–$1 million income from 25% to at least 28% (allowed to increase, keep same or decrease tax rate) (+$48B)	*39*	65	*44*	64	*41*	71	*43*	66	*45*	70

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON FEDERAL REVENUE)*	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Raise the effective income tax rate on households with $1 million+ income from 27% to at least 29% (allowed to increase, keep same or decrease tax rate) (+$73B)	*40*	**69**	*45*	**67**	**52**	**77**	*41*	**67**	*49*	**72**
Tax hedge fund managers' income like ordinary income (end the carried-interest break) (+$1B)	**73**	**84**	**74**	**77**	**57**	**79**	**75**	**81**	**64**	**79**
Apply the estate tax to more inherited wealth, by lowering the tax exemption from $15 million to $5 million (chose between multiple options, including eliminating the tax) (+$17B)	**54**	**70**	*49*	**67**	**54**	**76**	*39*	**67**	*46*	**65**
Raise the effective corporate tax rate from 12% to at least 14% (allowed to increase, keep same, or decrease) (+$41B)	*45*	**67**	*42*	**68**	*42*	**71**	*45*	**67**	*43*	**68**
Impose a 0.01% tax on stock purchases (+$30B)	**65**	**68**	*47*	**68**	*45*	**54**	*49*	**66**	*40*	**62**
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	**7**		**3**		**7**		**4**		**4**	

GOVERNMENT REFORM Fielded July 21 – Aug. 3, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Require that all Congressional redistricting be done by non-partisan citizen commissions (equal numbers of Republicans, Democrats and independents)	**67**	**84**	**82**	**81**	**83**	**78**	**79**	**88**	**84**	**87**
Pass a Constitutional amendment setting term limits for Congress (four terms in the House, two in the Senate)	**68**	**83**	**88**	**82**	**86**	**76**	**84**	**77**	**77**	**82**
Use ranked choice voting in Congressional elections with three or more candidates	*49*	**69**	*50*	**66**	**52**	**71**	*47*	**60**	**51**	**67**
Prohibit members of Congress from trading stocks in individual companies	**67**	**80**	**72**	**72**	**72**	**75**	**81**	**65**	**75**	**76**
Prohibit the President, Vice President and Supreme Court Justices from trading stocks in individual companies	**58**	**75**	**73**	**73**	**68**	**73**	**65**	**66**	**70**	**69**
Require Supreme Court Justices to follow the same ethics standards as all other federal judges	**67**	**85**	**80**	**86**	**76**	**85**	**82**	**86**	**83**	**86**
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	**5**		**5**		**6**		**5**		**6**	

CAMPAIGN FINANCE Fielded July 21 – Aug. 3, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Pass a Constitutional amendment allowing Congress and state legislatures to restrict corporate and PAC spending on elections (overturning Citizens United)	**73**	**86**	**79**	**86**	**84**	**80**	**81**	**83**	**89**	**89**
Encourage small donors by making half of small campaign contributions refundable as a tax credit	**64**	**72**	**58**	**71**	**55**	**71**	**54**	**58**	**61**	**66**
Require corporations, unions and other groups to immediately report campaign-related spending to their shareholders and members, the public and the FEC	**75**	**85**	**91**	**86**	**85**	**86**	**84**	**86**	**90**	**89**

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Require the FEC to publicly disclose the names of significant donors paying for TV or radio ads about candidates or controversial issues	74	78	83	85	79	81	76	76	80	85
Require federal contractors to publicly disclose donations to groups that spend on campaign-related activities	71	79	89	87	83	80	80	78	78	86
Keep the prohibition on nonprofits that receive tax-deductible donations (e.g. churches, universities) from endorsing or funding candidates	63	81	81	78	78	77	74	78	79	80
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6		6		6		6	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE Fielded July 21 – Aug. 3, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Require police officers to intervene when another officer is using excessive force, and train them to do so	84	88	82	87	79	93	76	87	82	90
Prohibit chokeholds that cut off breathing or blood flow to the brain	61	79	*46*	81	52	83	55	81	61	82
Require police departments to have body cameras and officers to wear them and turn them on when responding to calls or interacting with suspects	71	83	87	85	75	87	79	85	84	89
Require law enforcement agencies to report officer misconduct to a national database available to other agencies making hiring decisions	75	85	77	91	79	89	77	84	80	86
Fund states to hire independent prosecutors when an officer is charged with using deadly force	69	85	63	85	62	82	66	80	65	85
Lower the mandatory minimum sentence for major drug offenses from 10 years to 5, and let the judge decide whether it should be more	56	78	*45*	75	59	79	*49*	73	66	68
Let federal judges release prisoners convicted as juveniles who have served at least 20 years, with 5 years of supervised release	67	84	55	80	52	78	54	76	64	76
Restrict solitary confinement so it cannot be used as punishment for minor violations, or for no more than 30 days in a row	85	93	69	90	65	92	81	91	77	90
Prohibit employers and licensing boards from disqualifying someone who was arrested but never charged or convicted	70	80	66	74	75	80	69	69	66	72
…or convicted of a petty, nonviolent crime (e.g. littering, jaywalking, loitering)	65	71	63	67	60	79	58	57	66	66
…or convicted of a crime unrelated to their ability to do the job	54	70	53	60	*46*	64	56	58	56	63
Limit how long employers and licensing boards can disqualify a person: one year after a misdemeanor sentence, five years after a felony	73	80	71	79	75	79	67	74	71	84
Automatically seal the record of a non-violent drug conviction five years after the sentence is completed	58	83	62	77	55	76	66	74	74	79
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	13		11		12		12		13	

AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD Fielded July 21 – Aug. 3, 2026

PROPOSAL	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Make upholding collective security a high priority — contributing to collective military operations or using economic sanctions in response to aggression	68	78	75	75	75	76	71	70	80	72
Continue to be part of NATO	58	83	66	86	70	87	60	79	75	84
Continue to provide military assistance to Ukraine (equipment, ammunition, training and intelligence)	52	75	52	73	*39*	69	*44*	62	57	71
Have nuclear arms control treaties with Russia that limit both arsenals and require inspections	65	83	78	79	79	79	77	75	83	80
Continue to abide by the moratorium on testing nuclear weapons	62	75	84	78	73	77	74	76	74	79
Require the President to get a Congressional declaration of war before using nuclear weapons first (sole authority kept for responding to a nuclear attack)	63	75	69	59	81	70	63	68	80	63
Automatically cut off funding for a military action started by the President if Congress does not approve it within 60 days (except in response to a direct attack)	*49*	76	*41*	85	*48*	75	*45*	74	58	85
Provide foreign aid for humanitarian relief (food, medical care and shelter for victims of famine, floods or war)	80	85	80	89	76	89	81	87	74	95
…for global health (treating and preventing disease, training doctors and nurses, clean water)	74	88	76	90	71	84	73	89	80	92
…for economic development (food production, infrastructure, private enterprise and financial systems)	70	83	63	80	69	84	68	77	63	85
…for education (training teachers, school attendance, literacy)	68	87	66	90	68	88	62	88	67	89
…for the environment (reducing pollution, cleaner energy, preparing for natural disasters)	69	84	56	88	63	86	64	86	70	85
…for democracy (free and fair elections, human rights, a free press and the rule of law)	71	80	78	87	76	87	76	83	79	86
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	12		12		11		11		13	

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THE ROLE OF "WE THE PEOPLE" Fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026

POSITIONS	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
If Congress were more influenced by the people, it would be more likely to find common ground	88	89	93	89	92	88	91	82	81	89
…more likely to serve the common good	85	83	90	94	90	88	89	77	90	81
Listening to the people would help break the logjam in Congress, because the people are less polarized than members of Congress	75	73	68	78	79	75	75	79	66	71
News stories on policy should include relevant public opinion data most of the time or always	78	76	67	71	78	77	80	75	70	78

POSITIONS	MICHIGAN		MI-4		MI-7		MI-8		MI-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
When Congress is going to vote on a bill, it's very important for news to report whether a majority favors the law	71	68	73	67	68	73	60	70	63	74
Estimated share of the time federal elected officials do what the majority of the public wants (*mean %)*	*38*	*32*	*38*	*34*	*33*	*31*	*31*	*38*	*36*	*32*

ABOUT THE SURVEYS

The surveys were conducted by the University of Maryland's Program for Public Consultation (PPC) as part of the *Common Ground in the Battlegrounds?* series covering 11 competitive states and 28 competitive U.S. House districts.

The 106 policy proposals included in these surveys were chosen because national surveys by PPC and others had found majorities of both Republicans and Democrats in support. The battleground survey series sought to see whether that common ground holds in competitive states and districts. Project partners are PPC, the Civic Innovation Center at the University of Maryland, and Voice of the People. None advocates for policy positions or endorses candidates.

Michigan was surveyed in two waves. Wave 1 (Healthcare, Social Security, Families & Children, Housing, Low-Income Assistance, Artificial Intelligence, Immigration, The Role of *We the People*) was fielded May 27 – June 25, 2026, to 600 adults statewide and 461 in MI-4, 469 in MI-7, 451 in MI-8 and 494 in MI-10; confidence intervals range from ±4.2 to 7.2%.

Wave 2 (Abortion & Birth Control, Energy & Environment, Federal Taxes, Government Reform, Campaign Finance, Criminal Justice, America's Role in the World) was fielded July 21 – August 3, 2026, to 600 adults statewide and 509 in MI-4, 505 in MI-7, 516 in MI-8 and 499 in MI-10; confidence intervals range from ±5.2 to 6.6%.

Samples were drawn from multiple online opt-in panels, including Cint, Dynata, and Prodege. Samples were pre-stratified and/or weighted to match the adult population of each geography by key demographics (gender, age, race/ethnicity, income and education). The distributions of partisan affiliation were within expectations based on voter registration for non-leaners or the Cook Partisan Voting Index for leaners, or weighted to be so.

Michigan press releases and questionnaires: **vop.org/battlegrounds-michigan**
All states and districts surveyed: **vop.org/battlegrounds-aggregate**