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EPIC_MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE & LIKELY NOVEMBER VOTERS – MAY 2010

[FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES – 600 SAMPLE – ERROR ±4.0%]

Polling Dates: May 22nd, 2010 through May 26th, 2010

__30. Do you think that members of Congress are being too partisan in how they address important issues, putting politics above the interest of the country, are they showing about the right amount of partisanship, or, are they not being partisan enough in addressing issues? **[IF TOO PARTISAN, ASK: ‘Would that be much or somewhat too partisan?’ AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

58% Much too partisan ----- **ASK Q. 31**
9% Somewhat too partisan ----- **ASK Q. 31**
67% TOTAL TOO PARTISAN
9% About the right amount of partisanship ----- **GO TO Q. 32**
19% Not being partisan enough ----- **GO TO Q. 32**
5% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused----- **GO TO Q. 32**

__31. In your opinion, which congressional party members have been too partisan in addressing issues – the **[ROTATE]** Democrats or Republicans?

23% Democrats
33% Republicans
43% Both (**VOLUNTEERED**)
--- Neither (**VOLUNTEERED**)
1% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused

__32. Do you think that members of the Michigan state legislature are being too partisan in how they address important issues, putting politics above the interest of the state, are they showing about the right amount of partisanship, or, are they not being partisan enough in addressing issues? **[IF TOO PARTISAN, ASK: ‘Would that be much or somewhat too partisan?’ AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

38% Much too partisan ----- **ASK Q. 33**
12% Somewhat too partisan ----- **ASK Q. 33**
50% TOTAL TOO PARTISAN
22% About the right amount of partisanship ----- **GO TO Q. 34**
17% Not being partisan enough ----- **GO TO Q. 34**
11% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused ----- **GO TO Q. 34**

__33. In your opinion, which state legislative party members have been too partisan in addressing issues – the [ROTATE] Democrats or Republicans?

- 21% Democrats
- 30% Republicans
- 47% Both (**VOLUNTEERED**)
- Neither (**VOLUNTEERED**)
- 2% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__34. Based on what you know or have heard or read about the Tea Party movement, do you support the Tea Party movement and what it stands for, or oppose it? [IF SUPPORT/OPOSE, ASK: 'Would that be strongly or mostly?' AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

- 20% Strongly support Tea Party movement ----- **40% TOTAL SUPPORT**
- 20% Mostly support Tea Party movement
- 12% Neither support or oppose Tea Party movement (**VOLUNTEERED**)
- 12% Mostly oppose Tea Party movement
- 21% Strongly oppose Tea Party movement ----- **33% TOTAL OPOSE**
- 15% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__35. Thinking about the following political parties and groups that are getting involved in political issues these days, which group best reflects your views? [READ AND ROTATE 1 TO 5]

- 36% The Democratic Party
- 24% The Republican Party
- 17% The Tea Party movement
- 3% The Green Party
- 8% The Libertarian Party
- 4% Some other group (*volunteered*)
- 8% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__45. Based on what you know or have heard or read about state budget cuts in programs or services, budget cuts in local government services, or budget cuts in your local public school district over the past few years, to what extent have you and your family felt the impact of those state and local budget cuts – a lot, some, only a little or not really at all?

- 23% A lot
- 28% Some
- 22% Only a little
- 26% Not really at all
- 1% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

46. Governor Granholm and the State Legislature must balance the budget for next year by September 30th and eliminate a projected deficit. Which of the following statements best describes how the budget should be balanced? **[READ & ROTATE 1 TO 5 BELOW]**

- 26% By ONLY cutting existing programs or employee wages or benefits, with no increase in state taxes;
- 17% By MOSTLY cutting programs or employee wages and benefits, but also relying on SOME increases in state taxes;
- 43% CUT PROGRAMS**
- 27% By EQUALLY relying on cuts in programs or employee wages and benefits, AND increasing state taxes;
- 19% **INCREASE TAXES**
- 12% By MOSTLY increasing state taxes, but also relying on SOME cuts in programs or employee wages and benefits;
- 7% By ONLY increasing state taxes and fees, with no further cuts in state programs - **GO TO Q. 48**
- 11% Undecided/Don't know/Refused ----- **GO TO Q. 48**

47. If cuts are made, should it mostly be cuts in programs or services, or in employee wages and benefits?

- 34% Programs and services
- 27% Employee wages and benefits
- 28% Both (**OLUNTEERED**)
- 11% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

48. There is a proposal to reduce the current state sales tax from 6 to 5.5 percent, and extend it to cover most services, including haircuts, dry cleaning, lawn services, and auto repair. Food and drugs would continue to be exempt, and other services NOT taxed would include health care, business-to-business services, real estate and insurance commissions. Do you favor or oppose the proposal? **[IF FAVOR/OPOSE, ASK: 'Would that be strongly or somewhat?' AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 14% Strongly favor ----- **42% TOTAL FAVOR**
- 28% Somewhat favor
- 20% Somewhat oppose ----- **51% TOTAL OPOSE**
- 31% Strongly oppose
- 7% Undecided/Don't know/Refused