

EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF LIKELY NOVEMBER 2026 VOTERS
[FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR ±4.0 pts.]

Polling Dates: June 15, 2026, through June 20, 2026
Conducted by live interviewers – included 80% cell phones

__29. The Western Upper Peninsula has a rich history of mining. Since the region's copper mine closed in the 1990s, the population has drastically declined and there is an urgent need for jobs and opportunities. Now, demand for copper in the U.S. is surging because of its importance to energy, infrastructure, advanced manufacturing and national defense. In fact, it is estimated that there will be a 30% supply shortfall by 2035, making us rely on foreign countries for this critical mineral. To meet this demand, a company wants to construct and open a mine, called the Copperwood Project, near Ironwood that will create 700 direct and indirect good-paying jobs while meeting all of Michigan's stringent environmental standards. Based on what you may know or have heard or read about the proposed copper mine, do you support or oppose the project? **[IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: "Would that be strongly or somewhat (*support/oppose*)?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

42%	Strongly support
29%	Somewhat support
71%	TOTAL SUPPORT
16%	TOTAL OPPOSE
5%	Somewhat oppose
11%	Strongly oppose
13%	Undecided/Refused

__30. A group called Protect the Porkies opposes the Copperwood Project because they believe it is located too close to Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park. They also claim mining activity will put Lake Superior and local wildlife at risk. Does this make you more likely to support the proposed copper mine, less likely to support it, or will this not influence you one way or the other? **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: "Would that be much more or somewhat?" AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

4%	Much more likely
7%	Somewhat more likely
11%	TOTAL MORE LIKELY
36%	Would not influence me
46%	TOTAL LESS LIKELY
22%	Somewhat less likely
24%	Much less likely
7%	Undecided/Refused

__31. Which of the following statements about the Copperwood Mining Project comes closest to your view and is the most compelling message? **[READ AND ROTATE 1 THROUGH 3 BELOW – CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 29% The Copperwood Project will create good paying jobs and opportunities in a community that has faced decades of challenges, from industry and hospital closures to shrinking school populations and deteriorating infrastructure, which have made it difficult to retain workers and attract new families.
- 22% Michigan has some of the most stringent mining regulations in the nation. The Copperwood Project meets all of Michigan’s mining regulations and permitting standards and will not draw water from Lake Superior.
- 23% The Copperwood Project has strong support from people who live in the Western U.P., while most of the opposition does not live in the region.
- 12% Does not support the copper mining project (**VOLUNTEERED – DO NOT READ**)
- 14% Undecided/Refused

__32. People sometimes change their mind while taking surveys. Thinking about the information you have heard in favor of the Copperwood Project and against it, do you support or oppose the copper mine project? **[IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat (*support/oppose*)?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 30% Strongly support
- 31% Somewhat support
- 61% TOTAL SUPPORT**
- 25% TOTAL OPPOSE**
- 10% Somewhat oppose
- 15% Strongly oppose
- 14% Undecided/Refused

__33. The state of Michigan is considering an infrastructure grant of \$50 million that will pave the way for the Copperwood Project while also providing lasting infrastructure that will benefit safety and reliability for local businesses and residents and supporting key industries like timber and tourism. Do you support or oppose this funding proposal? **[IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat (*support/oppose*)?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 31% Strongly support
- 27% Somewhat support
- 58% TOTAL SUPPORT**
- 28% TOTAL OPPOSE**
- 10% Somewhat oppose
- 18% Strongly oppose
- 14% Undecided/Refused

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29.Copperwood-1										
Support.....	71%	67%	59%	73%	73%	87%	84%	70%	74%	
Oppose.....	16%	17%	26%	16%	11%	8%	9%	16%	15%	
Undec.....	14%	16%	15%	11%	16%	5%	7%	14%	11%	
Total.....	600	224	88	74	120	39	55	504	96	
.....	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
30.Protect Porkies										
More Likely.....	11%	12%	5%	15%	14%	5%	7%	11%	9%	
No Influence.....	36%	32%	31%	41%	33%	46%	55%	36%	35%	
Less Likely.....	46%	50%	58%	39%	46%	41%	29%	46%	50%	
Undec.....	7%	7%	7%	5%	7%	8%	9%	7%	5%	
Total.....	600	224	88	74	120	39	55	504	96	
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31.View Copperwood										
Will Create Jobs.....	29%	26%	24%	35%	29%	31%	36%	29%	26%	
No Lake Water.....	23%	29%	14%	15%	21%	28%	22%	23%	21%	
Local Support.....	23%	20%	30%	20%	23%	26%	24%	21%	31%	
Not Support.....	12%	11%	15%	15%	10%	13%	9%	12%	9%	
Undec.....	14%	15%	18%	15%	17%	3%	9%	15%	13%	
Total.....	600	224	88	74	120	39	55	504	96	
.....	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
32.Copperwood-2										
Support.....	61%	56%	50%	69%	65%	69%	69%	59%	67%	
Oppose.....	25%	30%	28%	24%	18%	18%	20%	26%	22%	
Undec.....	15%	14%	22%	7%	17%	13%	11%	15%	11%	
Total.....	600	224	88	74	120	39	55	504	96	
.....	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
33.Copperwood Grant										
Support.....	58%	53%	48%	65%	66%	72%	60%	56%	71%	
Oppose.....	28%	28%	41%	27%	20%	21%	29%	29%	21%	
Undec.....	14%	19%	11%	8%	14%	8%	11%	15%	8%	
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