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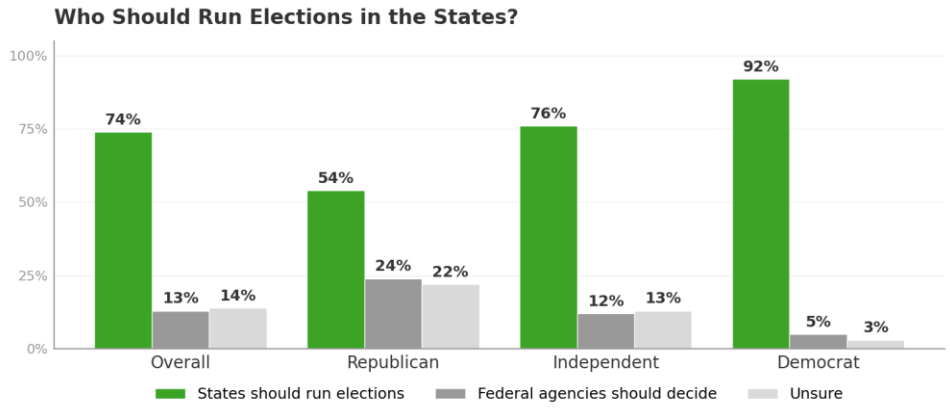
From:	DEEP ROOT ANALYTICS
To:	INTERESTED PARTIES
Date:	MAY 7, 2026
Subject:	MICHIGAN VOTERS WANT MICHIGAN, NOT WASHINGTON, TO RUN THEIR ELECTIONS

Deep Root Analytics conducted a statewide survey of 636 likely Michigan general election voters from April 20-24, 2026, on behalf of Right Count. Michigan voters are divided on most political questions but united on one: when it comes to running elections, voters trust the states, not the federal government. The data also reveals shared anxieties that span party lines and a competitive political environment with no clear partisan advantage.

VOTERS WANT STATES, NOT WASHINGTON, TO RUN ELECTIONS

By a wide and bipartisan margin, Michigan voters say states should run their own elections with limited federal oversight. This is the clearest consensus finding in the survey and it cuts across every demographic group tested.

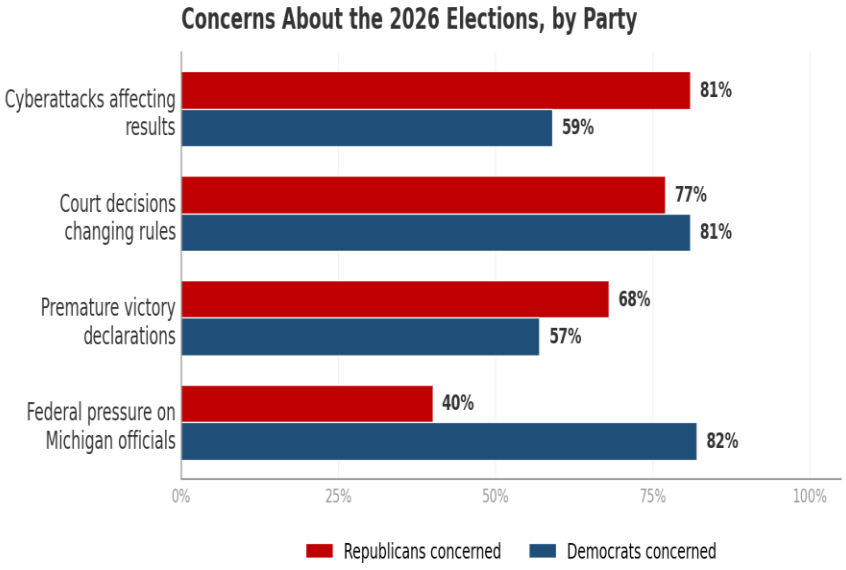
- **Majorities in every party support state control.** Solid majorities in every party group surveyed say states should run their own elections, with only a small minority preferring federal agencies as the ultimate decision-makers.
- **Cross-partisan agreement is clear.** 92% of Democrats, 76% of Independents, and 54% of Republicans support state control.
- **Federal control has no real constituency.** Trump voters strongly back the states' role with only 25% favoring federal control. Among Harris voters, support for federal control collapses to 2%.



SHARED CONCERNS ABOUT THE 2026 ELECTION

Voters across the political spectrum are worried about a similar set of risks heading into November. The concerns that earn broad support across party lines are the ones driving the shared conversation on ballot integrity.

- **Court interference tops the list.** 74% of Michigan voters are concerned about court decisions changing election rules close to Election Day, including 77% of Republicans and 81% of Democrats.
- **Cyberattacks rank second.** 63% overall are concerned about cyberattacks affecting results, including 81% of Republicans and 59% of Democrats. Focusing efforts on keeping bad actors away from our ballots would be welcomed by voters across the state.
- **Premature victory declarations.** 60% are concerned about candidates or media outlets declaring victory before all votes are counted, including 68% of Republicans and 57% of Democrats.
- F**ederal pressure on Michigan election officials.** 82% of Democrats and 40% of Republicans are concerned, underling the broader federalism finding.



TRUST IS FRAGILE BUT IMPROVING

- **Trust is not universal.** 56% say they are elections are becoming more trustworthy or are as trustworthy now as they have been in the past. Yet 35% say elections are becoming less trustworthy. There is much work left to be done to assure Michiganders that they can have full faith in our vote counting.
- **2024 softened concerns from 2020.** Belief in widespread fraud fell from 31% when asked about 2020 to 17% when asked about 2024, while "no significant issues" rose to 43%. Confidence is moving in the right direction but has not been fully restored.
- **Uncertainty defines 2026.** Only 36% expect no major issues, 25% anticipate widespread problems, and 19% are unsure.