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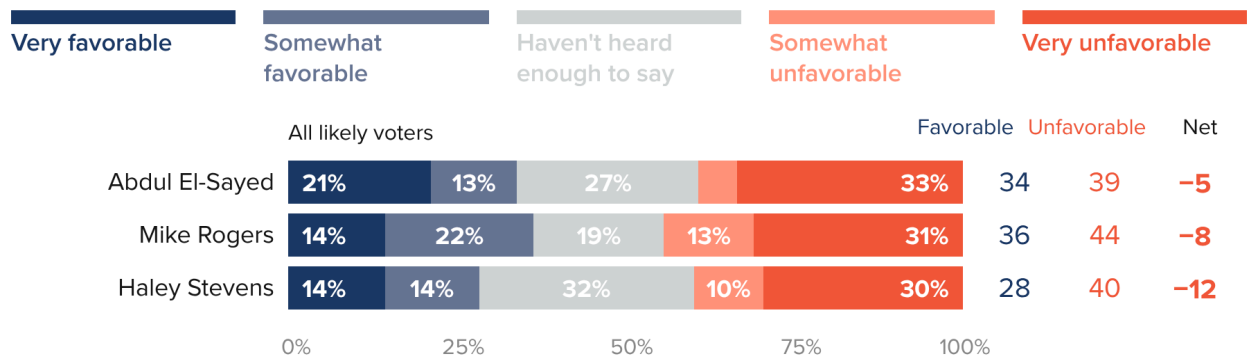
**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Data for Progress  
**Date:** July 10th, 2026  
**RE:** General Election Poll Shows Abdul El-Sayed Democrats' Strongest Option Against Mike Rogers

From June 15th to 22nd, 2026, Data for Progress conducted a survey of likely voters in Michigan. The survey found Abdul El-Sayed best positioned in a general election against Mike Rogers, leading narrowly 47-46% versus Haley Stevens, who trails 45-46%. Among general election voters, El-Sayed has stronger favorability, intensity of support, is more well known, and is more resilient after negative messaging than Haley Stevens.

First, the poll asked respondents of their views on each candidate running for the U.S. Senate seat in Michigan. Haley Stevens is the least popular candidate in the race, with a net favorability of -12, followed by Republican Mike Rogers at -8, with a plurality of voters saying they have an unfavorable view of both Stevens (40%) and Rogers (44%). El-Sayed, meanwhile, is viewed more favorably overall (34% favorable, 39% unfavorable – net -5%), and posts the highest share of voters with a very favorable opinion of him (21%), compared with 14% for Stevens and Rogers.

## A Plurality of MI Voters Hold an Unfavorable View of Haley Stevens and Mike Rogers

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?



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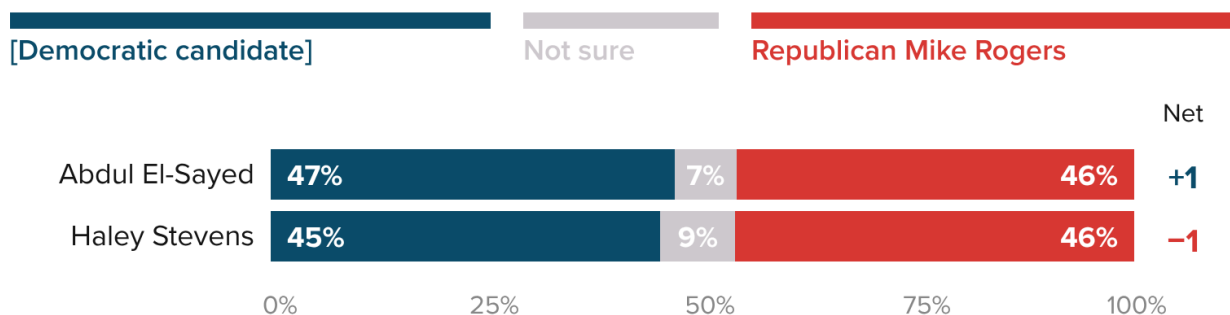
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In a blind horse race ballot test, El-Sayed leads Rogers by one point, while Stevens trails the Republican by one point.

In addition to outperforming Stevens in the initial ballot, El-Sayed also holds advantages among key demographics: Independents (48% to 39% El-Sayed, 43% to 42% Stevens), young voters (59% to 35% El-Sayed, 50% to 38% Stevens), and Black voters (75% to 22% El-Sayed, 67% to 25% Stevens).

## El-Sayed Posts Slight Edge Over Rogers; Stevens Narrowly Trails in Michigan Senate Matchups

If the November 2026 general election for the U.S. Senator from Michigan was being held tomorrow, and **these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?



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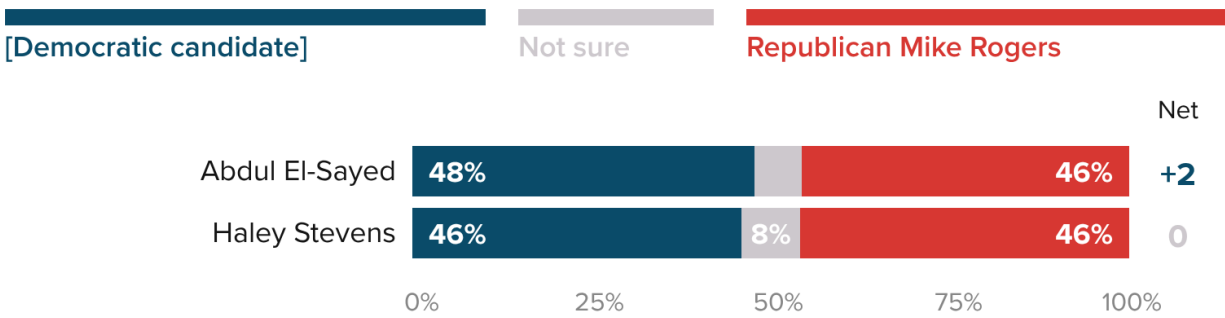
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Following this, voters were provided with short biographies of each candidate running in the race. After reading through each biography, a majority of voters view both El-Sayed and Rogers favorably (53% and 52%, respectively). Meanwhile, Stevens is the only candidate viewed unfavorably by a slim majority (51%) of voters.

After reading candidates' biographies, El-Sayed maintains a narrow lead over Rogers, 48% to 46%, while Stevens is now tied at 46% to 46% with the Republican candidate. El-Sayed continues to overperform with Independents (52% to 38% El-Sayed, 44% to 40% Stevens), young voters (59% to 36% El-Sayed, 53% to 35% Stevens), and Black voters (75% to 22% El-Sayed, 70% to 22% Stevens).

# El-Sayed Widens Lead Over Rogers After Voters Learn More About Each Candidate

Knowing what you know now, if the **November 2026 general election** for the U.S. **Senator from Michigan** was being held tomorrow, and **these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?



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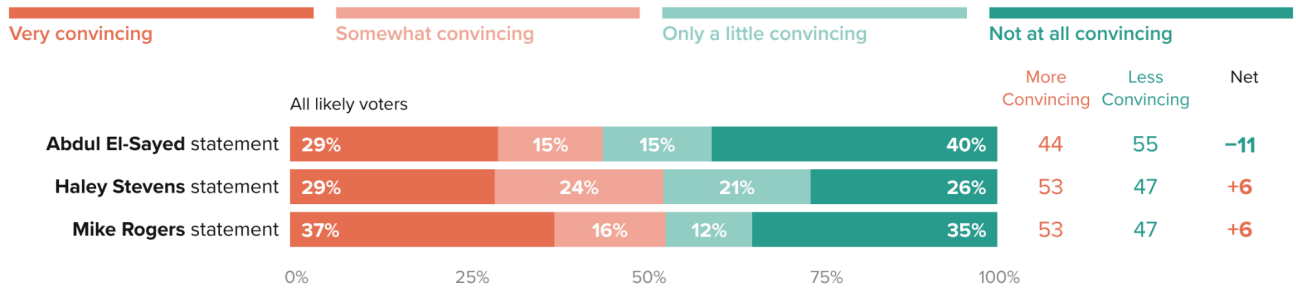
Next, voters were provided with likely attacks against each candidate and asked to rate each statement’s convincingness. El-Sayed’s statement attacked him for being a far-left radical with ties to Hasan Piker, and being a candidate who would make headlines for the wrong reasons, not achieving results. Stevens showcased her as an establishment politician with ties to AIPAC, and Rogers showcased his affiliation with Donald Trump, branding him as a MAGA Republican.

A majority of voters found Stevens’ (53%) and Rogers’ (53%) statements very or somewhat convincing reasons to vote against each. Negative messaging against Abdul El-Sayed, meanwhile, is viewed as less convincing by a majority of voters (55%) as a reason to vote against him.

## A Majority of MI Voters View Opponent Messaging Against El-Sayed as Unconvincing

Below is a list of statements regarding some candidates running for U.S. Senator from Michigan that opponents say are reasons they would vote against them.

For each, please indicate how convincing or not convincing that statement is regarding that candidate.



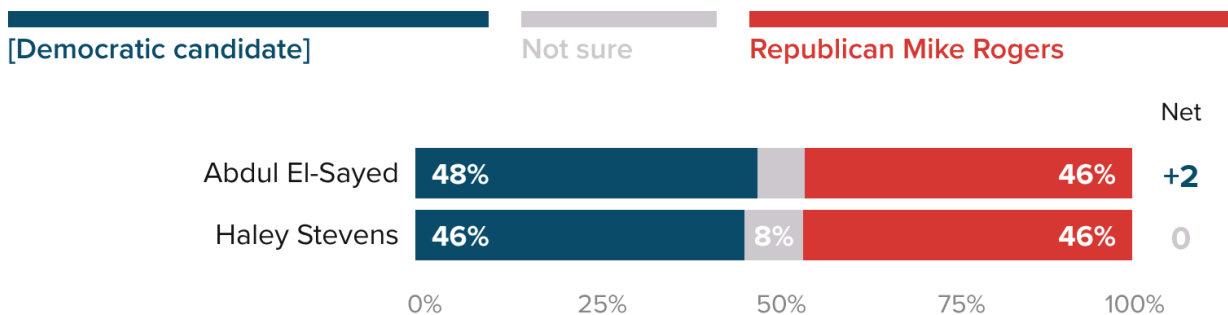
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Finally, voters were provided with a final set of horse race questions and asked which candidate they would vote for. After attacks, El-Sayed maintains his lead over Rogers and continues to outperform Stevens in a head-to-head against Rogers overall and with Independents (51% to 39% El-Sayed, 45% to 41% Stevens), young voters (61% to 35% El-Sayed, 52% to 34% Stevens), and Black voters (71% to 23% El-Sayed, 70% to 22% Stevens).

## El-Sayed Maintains Lead Over Rogers After Negative Messaging

If the November 2026 general election for the U.S. Senator from Michigan was being held tomorrow, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?



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These findings indicate El-Sayed is the strongest candidate to defeat Rogers in November’s general election and that he is best positioned to withstand negative messaging.

## Survey Methodology

From June 15 to 22, 2026, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 709 likely voters in Michigan using SMS and webpanel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and recalled presidential vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is  $\pm 4$  percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit [dataforprogress.org/our-methodology](https://dataforprogress.org/our-methodology).

## Appendix

### Biographies

**Abdul El-Sayed** grew up in Michigan, where he attended the University of Michigan before earning his medical degree from Columbia University. Following his education, El-Sayed went on to serve as director of the Detroit Health Department and Wayne County Department of Health, cancelling medical debt for hundreds of thousands of Michiganders, providing eyeglasses for kids in need, and fighting the opioid epidemic. Now, he is running for U.S. Senate to fight for healthcare expansion and take corporate money out of politics.

**Haley Stevens** currently serves as U.S. representative for Michigan's 11th congressional district, covering Wayne and Oakland counties. Before Congress, she served on Barack Obama's presidential campaign, and later served as a chief of staff for the President Auto Task Force, helping to save over 200,000 Michigan jobs. The Lansing State Journal has called her "the most effective Michigan Democrat in Congress". Now, Stevens is running for U.S. Senate to continue that efficiency and will work to make the economy work for every Michigander.

**Mike Rogers** recently served as a U.S. Representative for Michigan's 8th congressional district, which encompasses several counties. Before his political career, Rogers graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and sociology from Adrian College, served in the U.S. Army, and also worked in the FBI as a special agent. During his political tenure, he served as the Chairman of the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and following his retirement, he worked at CNN as a national security commentator. Now, Roger is running for U.S. Senate to keep every community in Michigan safe and to work to make life more affordable for every Michigander.

### Negative Statements

**Abdul El-Sayed** is too radical to be trusted as our Senator. Backed by another leftist radical, Bernie Sanders, El-Sayed has touted his relationship with Hasan Piker, a left-wing political commentator, throughout the campaign trail, even after Piker was accused of anti-semitism and

saying America deserved 9/11. He has also pushed for extreme policies like abolishing ICE and Medicare for All. We need someone who will be focused on results, not making headlines for the wrong reason.

**Haley Stevens** is an establishment politician who won't listen to the needs of everyday Michiganders but will instead listen to corporate and foreign interests who are funding her Senate campaign. She's taken money from the pro-Israel lobby AIPAC, and has received thousands of dollars in campaign donations to run advertisements across the state, something we've seen time and time again from those politicians who want our vote yet will do nothing for us while in office. Michigan deserves a Senator who fights for working families, not one who bows down to corporate donors and foreign lobbyists.

**Mike Rogers** is just another MAGA candidate who is advocating for policies that will hurt our state. He is endorsed by Trump, and if elected to office, Rogers will continue the president's awful policies that have pushed the affordability crisis to another level and will be a rubber stamp for the president's agenda. We need a Senator who will stand up to Trump and his authoritarian agenda, not one who will continue to support it.