Who Goes Blue?
U-M Sophomores on Civic Engagement

The year before coming to Michigan, students reported that they frequently:

- 45% discussed politics
- 14% raised money for a cause or campaign
- 43% performed volunteer work
- 3% demonstrated for/against a cause
- 16% publicly communicated their opinion about a cause

They think it is essential to:

- 16% keep up to date with politics
- 14% be a community leader
- 29% help others in difficulty
- 7% influence political structure
- 11% influence social values

Overall, 71% plan on voting in a local, state, or national election.

Among Conservative Students:

- Very Good Chance (78%)
- Some Chance (11%)
- Very Little Chance (4%)
- No Chance (2%)
- No Response (6%)

Among Middle-of-the-Road Students:

- Very Good Chance (65%)
- Some Chance (20%)
- Very Little Chance (5%)
- No Chance (2%)
- No Response (8%)

Among Liberal Students:

- Very Good Chance (77%)
- Some Chance (12%)
- Very Little Chance (3%)
- No Chance (1%)
- No Response (8%)

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