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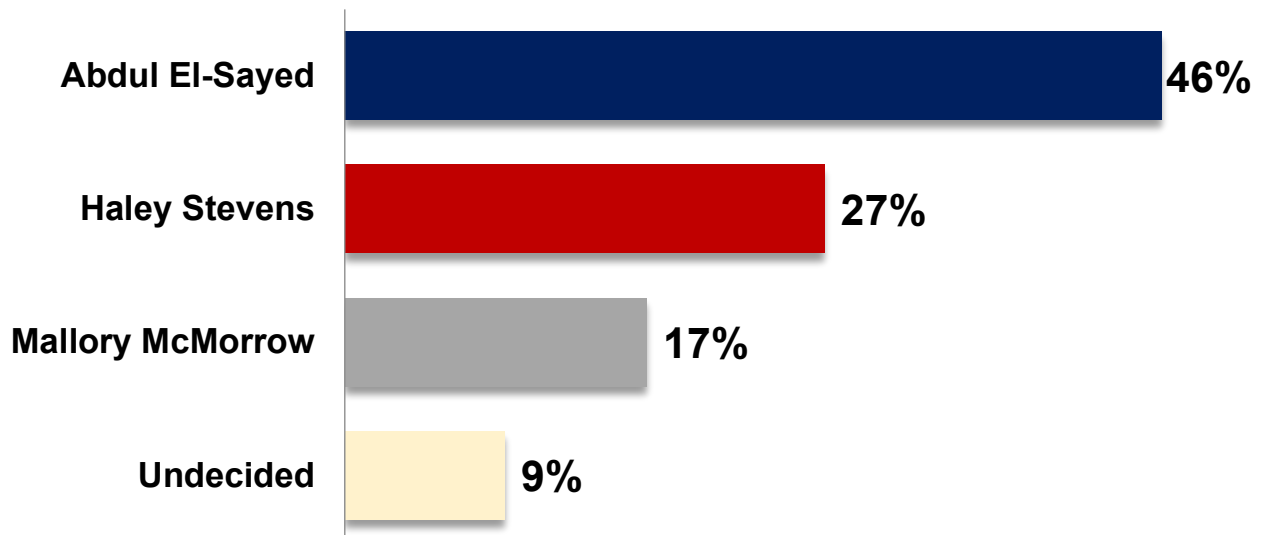
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Michigan Poll: Abdul El-Sayed Well-Positioned to Win Head-to-Head Primary

With the breaking news of Mallory McMorrow's departure from the race today, the Michigan Democratic primary for U.S. Senate has officially become a two-person contest. A recent Tulchin Research poll of 500 likely Democratic primary voters demonstrates that Dr. Abdul El-Sayed enters this new phase of the campaign as the strong frontrunner and is well-positioned to secure the nomination against Haley Stevens. El-Sayed already held a wide lead over Stevens in the multi-candidate field and key underlying metrics reveal that he is uniquely poised to consolidate the primary electorate.

Abdul El-Sayed Carries Powerful Momentum into Head-to-Head Matchup

Even prior to today's shake-up of the race, El-Sayed held a commanding lead over the field, capturing 46% of the vote compared to Haley Stevens at 27% and Mallory McMorrow at 17%, with only 9% undecided.



This reflected a powerful baseline of support across a multi-racial and cross-generational coalition.

- **By Gender:** El-Sayed led among both women (44% to Stevens's 29%) and men (48% to Stevens's 23%).
- **By Race:** El-Sayed maintained strong leads among both Black voters (41% to Stevens's 35%) and white voters (46% to Stevens's 26%).

- **By Age:** El-Sayed dominated among voters under 65, leading by wide margins among voters ages 18-39 (El-Sayed 70% to Stevens's 15%), ages 40-49 (El-Sayed 51% to Stevens's 19%), and ages 50-64 (El-Sayed 49% to Stevens's 22%).

El-Sayed Emerges as Clear Consensus Candidate

As primary voters now contemplate a two-person race, our findings about second-choice preference and personal feelings toward the candidates indicate that El-Sayed has a significantly higher ceiling and a much wider path to victory than Stevens.

1. **El-Sayed Outpaces Stevens Among McMorrow Supporters to Grow Lead:** El-Sayed is the clear beneficiary of McMorrow's departure from the race. **Among voters who chose McMorrow in our poll, El-Sayed leads Stevens as the top second-choice by a 47%-42% margin.** When McMorrow's support is re-allocated based on these explicit voter preferences, **El-Sayed leads Stevens by a 20-point margin, 54% to 34%** (with 12% undecided).
2. **Strong Personal Brand:** El-Sayed enjoys deep popularity and broad goodwill among the Democratic electorate, giving him a massive advantage in candidate image.
 - **Abdul El-Sayed:** Viewed positively by an overwhelming **71% favorable to 9% unfavorable** margin, yielding an extraordinary **+62 net favorable** rating.
 - **Haley Stevens:** Enters the two-person race with a much softer image profile, viewed favorably by **55%** and unfavorably by **28%**. With a net **+27 net favorable rating**, she trails El-Sayed's net popularity by **35 points**.

Conclusion

The consolidation of the Democratic primary into a two-person race cements Dr. Abdul El-Sayed's position as the definitive frontrunner. Entering this head-to-head matchup with a 19-point baseline lead, a simulated 54%-34% majority after re-allocating McMorrow voters, and a vastly superior net favorability (+62 vs. +27), El-Sayed holds all the momentum. Haley Stevens faces an incredibly narrow and uphill climb to alter the trajectory of this race.

Survey Methodology: From June 24-28, 2026, Tulchin Research conducted a survey among 500 likely 2026 Democratic primary voters in Michigan. The margin of error for the survey is ± 4.38 percentage points.