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## **New Poll: El-Sayed Leads Stevens by Double-Digits; AIPAC Deeply Unpopular with MI Democrats**

American Priorities (AP) today released a new poll conducted by Data for Progress of likely Democratic primary voters in Michigan, gauging their preference between Senate candidates Dr. Abdul El-Sayed and U.S. Representative Haley Stevens.

The poll finds El-Sayed leading Stevens by 13 points (54% to 41%), with 5% undecided.

Further, the survey finds that AIPAC is deeply unpopular with Michigan Democratic primary voters, with a net -46 favorability rating. Seventy-eight percent say they would be less likely to vote for a US Senate candidate backed by AIPAC, and 86% say they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who supports continued funding for Israel's war in Gaza.

Seventy-six percent agree that a candidate who doesn't have the courage to call what's happening in Gaza a genocide loses credibility as a fighter willing to stand up to Donald Trump.

In sum, it has become clear that, despite AIPAC-affiliated United Democracy Project funneling nearly \$15 million to prop up Washington's preferred candidate, grassroots enthusiasm has delivered Dr. El-Sayed a commanding lead. Michigan's Senate race has become a direct contest between AIPAC's checkbook and the mainstream Democratic position.

The survey of 614 likely voters was conducted from July 10 to July 14, 2026, and has a margin of error of  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

### **Michigan Senate Primary**

The poll finds Michigan Democratic primary voters favor Dr. Abdul El-Sayed (54%) in a head-to-head contest with Rep. Haley Stevens (41%) by 13 points. Five percent of voters remain undecided.

El-Sayed has a net favorability rating of +52, with 69% of voters having a favorable opinion of him, 17% viewing him unfavorably, and 14% not having heard enough to say. Stevens has a net favorability rating of +22, with 55% viewing her favorably, 33% viewing her unfavorably, and 12% not having heard enough to say.

### **MI Primary Voter Views on AIPAC and Candidate Approach to Policy in the Middle East**

view the organization unfavorably versus just 7% who view it favorably.

Seventy-eight percent say they would be less likely to vote for a US Senate candidate who accepts endorsements and/or financial backing of pro-Israel organizations such as AIPAC, while only 8% say such support would make them more likely to vote for a candidate. Fourteen percent say it wouldn't affect their vote.

Eighty-six percent say they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who supports continued funding for Israel's war in Gaza, compared to 6% who would be more likely to vote for the candidate. Only 8% say it wouldn't affect their vote.

Voters were presented with two competing statements on how a candidate might approach foreign policy in the Middle East (drawn from language and positions articulated by El-Sayed and Stevens, respectively) and asked which came closest to their view. By a 76-15 margin, voters said that a candidate who won't honestly address the situation in Gaza would also be less likely to stand up to Donald Trump and special interests.

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