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ICYMI: Overwhelming Majority of Michiganders Blame Republicans for Pain of Government Shutdown

*In a recent MLive survey, more than two-thirds of Michiganders feel that
Republicans are the party most responsible for the federal shutdown*

LANSING — In case you missed it, yesterday, MLive [reported](#) that **68% of Michiganders polled place the blame on Republicans** for causing the ongoing government shutdown. The longer that Republicans continue this shutdown, millions of Americans and Michiganders are left in limbo, waiting for it to end.

Despite controlling the White House, the Senate, and the House, Trump and Republicans in Congress decided to shut down the government rather than address the cost-of-living crisis their reckless agenda created—threatening SNAP benefits and ACA tax credits in the process. As much as Mike Rogers, John James, Bill Huizenga, and Tom Barrett try to convince voters otherwise, Michiganders see exactly how their reckless agenda is holding the country hostage.

MLive reader Dave described it best: “Republicans are creating a ‘Sophie’s Choice: either go without food and services now, or pay more for healthcare later.’”

Read more about Michiganders’ disapproval of the Republican government shutdown below:

[MLive](#): **‘A horrible game of tug-of-war:’ Michiganders weigh in on government shutdown**

- *An ongoing federal government shutdown has nearly reached a record number of days, as federal employees continue to miss paychecks and those receiving food benefits face delays...*

- *MLive reader Krissy said government has always been a give and take, and she believes Republicans have to make some compromises in order to make progress without a Senate supermajority.*
- *Of survey respondents, around 21% said they believe Democrats are most responsible, while **68% said they feel like Republicans are the party most responsible...***
- *The federal government shut down on Oct. 1, when Congress failed to pass a full spending bill. Legislation to temporarily fund the government so negotiations can continue has also been held up.*
- *The standoff is in part over an extension of healthcare subsidies through the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare, which are set to expire at the end of the year...*
- *MLive reader Linda said both parties are to blame to some degree, "but the Republicans seem least willing to negotiate and compromise at this time.*
- *"If someone were to offer you a contract and said, 'just sign it, we will work on those differences later,' would you sign? **The Democrats are correct in pushing back to this nonsense.** Both need to come to the table."*
- *Tom from Portage said he feels that Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-Louisiana, is responsible because the House hasn't yet returned to session after passing the continuation resolution on Sept. 19.*
- *"He claims to be willing to negotiate health care subsidies, but is blocking negotiations by not calling the House back," Tom said...*
- *MLive reader Dave described it as Republicans creating a "Sophie's Choice: either go without food and services now, or pay more for healthcare later."*

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