

Survey Ties Issues, Not Shooting, to Wallace Victory

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Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama won the Michigan primary yesterday largely because of his opposition to busing, welfare and taxes and not because of a sudden sympathy vote after the attempt on his life Monday.

This was a major finding of a survey by The New York Times/Daniel Yankelovich, Inc., of a cross-section of Democrats, Republicans and independents who voted on the Democratic ballot in the open Michigan primary.

Stand on Issues Cited

The survey showed that virtually all voters had heard of the Wallace assassination attempt but only a handful said it affected their vote, and only half of this number switched their votes to the Alabama Governor.

Large numbers of Wallace voters said, however, that they voted for him because of his stand on the issues. For example, more than half said they

voted for Mr. Wallace at least in part because of his opposition to busing to overcome school segregation. Nearly as many cited his position on what they called the "welfare mess" and the need for tax reform as reasons for their Wallace votes.

The Times/Yankelovich survey was conducted among 411 persons as they left their voting booths in 41 scientifically selected precincts across the state. Among other preliminary findings of the survey were the following:

¶Mr. Wallace appeared to benefit most from the cross-over vote. Fully half his support, the survey indicated, came from persons who do not regard themselves as Democrats.

¶About a third of the persons who voted for Senator George McGovern described themselves as independents. Past surveys have indicated that this description is favored by many young first-time voters.

¶Senator Hubert H. Humphrey secured almost no inde-

pendent or Republican cross-over voters.

¶Despite these cross-over effects, the order of finish would not have changed had the election been limited solely to registered Democrats. But the percentage differences between the three men would have been considerably closer.

As in past Times/Yankelovich surveys, voters cited the Vietnam war as the single most important issue. And a majority of those citing the war voted for Senator McGovern, who has long been one of its most outspoken critics.

Busing Issue Second

The volatile issue of school busing was cited by the Michigan voters interviewed as the second most important issue, coming close to the war on their list of concerns.

Mr. Humphrey, whom many have favored because of his long governmental experience, was not identified closely with any issue by his supporters. But he appeared to have won

as much as two-thirds of Michigan's substantial black vote.

The survey suggested some lingering support for Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, who abandoned active campaigning three weeks ago. Although he received only a fraction of the total vote, Mr. Muskie remains the second choice of about one voter in nine.

About one in four voters interviewed named Senator McGovern as their second choice. Nearly one in four named Senator Humphrey.

Although the findings are still preliminary, the survey cast some new light on the principal Democratic contest between Senators McGovern and Humphrey.

As in the past, Senator McGovern continued to run substantially stronger among white-collar voters than did the former Vice President. In Michigan, the McGovern margin in this category was more than 2 to 1 over the Humphrey vote.

Humphrey Slips

But Senator Humphrey did not appear to hold his past relative strength among blue-collar voters. The survey suggested that there were slightly more blue-collar votes for Mr. McGovern.

By contrast, Governor Wallace continued to show working-class support, winning about half the blue-collar vote. And the survey indicated that he has made inroads into the white-collar vote.

This is a category in which Mr. Wallace has appeared relatively weak in the past. His strong white-collar showing in Michigan follows a campaign in which he won substantial attention in middle-class suburbs for his antibusing stand.