

Grand Rapids Press Coverage of the 2010 Elections

A Report from the Grand Rapids Institute
for Information Democracy (GRIID)

Methodology

We tracked the Grand Rapids Press coverage from September 7, 2010 through November 1st, 2010 for all stories about anything that would appear on the November 2nd ballot for those living in West Michigan.

We began on this date since for many political strategists the day after Labor Day is when candidates and campaigns make their “big push” before Election Day. We did not include November 2, Election Day, as many people would have already voted before they saw the paper and there were no additional articles about the Election.

We tracked the number of stories for each race and for all ballot initiatives, both statewide and local ballot initiatives. Whenever a story was printed we looked at sources cited in the story and the focus of each story, such as polling numbers, campaign finance, candidate platforms, endorsements or political ads.

For our study we only monitored the print version of the Grand Rapids Press. Our reasons for doing so is that there are still sectors of the community that only read the print edition and do not have easy access to the Internet.

We also did a comparative study and looked at the amount of ArtPrize coverage during the same 56-day period.

The Grand Rapids Institute for Information Democracy (GRIID) has been tracking election coverage in the West Michigan news media since 1998.

Summary of Findings

- *There were a total of 87 Election articles during the 56-day study period.*
- *The races that received the most article were: 3rd Congressional (21), Governor's race (19) and Proposal to have a Constitutional Convention (9)*
- *Area State races received limited coverage: 29th District Senate race (4 articles), 75th District House race (3) and no articles about the 28th and 30th Senate races or the 72nd, 73rd, 76th, 77th or 86th District House races.*
- *There was only 1 article about Proposal 2, 1 article about the Michigan Supreme Court candidates, 1 article about Secretary of State candidates and 1 article about the Attorney General candidates.*
- *Most of the stories about candidates focused on polling, political ads, debate schedules, public appearances, endorsements and personal attacks.*
- *Consequently, most of the stories had very little information on candidate platforms, issues or voting records for those running as incumbents or a higher office.*
- *Comparatively, there were 153 articles about ArtPrize during the same 56-day study period and 87 election articles.*
- *Election stories appeared on the front page of the Press 18 times during the study period, whereas ArtPrize stories were on the front page 35 times.*

Content Analysis

Governor's Race

The 2010 Governor's race featured a battle between Republican candidate Rick Snyder and Democratic candidate Virg Bernero. There were a total of 19 articles about this race from September 7 through November 1st.

The bulk of the articles deal with candidate visits, polling and the debate schedule. Of all 19 stories only four articles focused on candidate positions on the issues and two of these were short summary statements on Right to Work (9/12) and government consolidation (9/19).

The other two article focus on the economy (10/24) and public education (10/30). Even when candidates made local public appearance the articles were soft on issues. Here is a chronological listing of the articles for the Governor's race:

- 9/7 Governor's race: Control starts here – redistricting, money
- 9/11 [Bernero at Kent Dems event](#)
- 9/12 [The candidates on right-to-work](#)
- 9/18 [Snyder, Bernero assemble generalities](#)
- 9/19 [The candidates on consolidation](#)
- 9/19 [Economic fear may drive gubernatorial vote](#)
- 9/23 [Showdown: 2 candidates, 1 debate](#)
- 10/1 [Running mate lays out Bernero's agenda](#)
- 10/2 [Snyder takes his politics to Aquinas](#)
- 10/8 Snyder to talk at GOP dinner
- 10/9 [Bernero, Snyder finally will duel](#)
- 10/11 [Snyder, Bernero true to form in debate](#)
- 10/20 [Snyder urges action, not talk](#)
- 10/21 [Poll: Bernero trails with time running out](#)
- 10/22 [Balancing the Budget: Who pays?](#)
- 10/24 [Fixing Michigan's economy](#)
- 10/28 [Bernero rallies against poll numbers](#)

10/30 [Gov. candidates turn eyes to education](#)

11/1 [As election nears, Snyder drives home message](#)

3rd Congressional Race

There were a total of 21 articles on the 3rd Congressional race between Republican Justin Amash and Democrat Patrick Miles. Nine of those stories were about political endorsements, 6 dealt with the candidate's claims about personal finance in China, 2 were profile pieces, 2 were about debates, one article was about campaign finances and the last article the Press published on this matter was a mix of campaign finances, candidate claims and endorsements.

Most of the article did not deal with where the candidates stood on issues. For instance, on September 18 the Press ran a story ([Congressional candidates debate senior issues](#)) about a candidate debate at Meijer Gardens, which was hosted a group that does advocacy around senior issues. The article does cite claims by both Miles and Amash, particularly on Amash's voting record as a State Representative. However, the Press reporter does not verify any of the claims made by either candidate or look at actual legislation that Amash voted on so that voters could have a more complete understanding of what was at issue.

Considering that candidates running for Congress will be dealing with major economic issues, health care, environmental issues and foreign policy matters, one would think that the Press would report on where the candidates stood on these matters. While it is true that some of these questions were posed to the candidates in their online voter guide and a few of them were part of the [October 26 print Voter Guide](#), these critical domestic and foreign policies issues did not receive the attention that voters require in order to make an informed decision.

Here is a chronological break down of the Press articles for the 3rd Congressional race:

9/18 [Congressional candidates debate senior issues](#)

9/20 [Longtime GOP backers favor Miles](#)

9/25 [Congressional candidates debate over debates](#)

9/26 [Amash camp says air attack off-target](#)

9/30 [Ehlers throws support to Amash](#)

10/4 [Miles lands education support](#)

10/6 [Business practices help fuel debate](#)

10/7 [China connections](#)

- 10/7 [Miles carries fight to Amash's home turf](#)
- 10/7 [Paul Henry's widow backs Miles](#)
- 10/9 [Hoekstra endorses Amash](#)
- 10/12 [Miles sells China fund, issues challenge](#)
- 10/15 [Amash named rising star](#)
- 10/17 [Amash keeps financing edge over Miles](#)
- 10/17 [Pat Miles - profile](#)
- 10/20 [Miles touts more GOP supporters](#)
- 10/21 [Congressional candidates spar over TV claims](#)
- 10/24 [Justin Amash - profile](#)
- 10/27 [Republicans question Miles' list of GOP support](#)
- 10/29 [Amash, Ehlers appear as legislative duo](#)
- 10/31 [Amash, Miles bring fireworks](#)

2nd Congressional Race

There were only two articles about the 2nd Congressional race between Democrat Fred Johnson and Republican Bill Huizenga. The October 19 article was merely an announcement about campaign finance data and four upcoming debates between the two candidates.

The second story (10/31) also had some campaign finance data, but mostly focused on which candidate was "better known" in the district. Like the 3rd Congressional race, the coverage of this race did not provide voters with any substantive information on where the candidates stood on issues.

- 10/19 [Congressional candidates to debate](#)
- 10/31 [Republican stronghold is no sure bet](#)

29th District Senate Race

There were a total of four articles on the race between Republican Dave Hildenbrand and Democrat David LaGrand. One article focused on an endorsement for LaGrand and another dealt with campaign advertising. The October 16 article

was a summary of a debate between LaGrand and Hildenbrand where the only issues were raised was some of Hildenbrand's voting record and their respective positions on state funding for the Pure Michigan campaign. Again, the Press reporter did not verify claims made or provide readers with concrete information on Hildenbrand's voting record. The October 24 article was a mix of information on campaign finances, get the vote out efforts and a brief comment from both candidates on the state budget.

9/29 [Public safety officers to rally for LaGrand](#)

10/14 [Candidates spare over advertising dollars](#)

10/16 [Senate candidates pull no punches](#)

10/24 [Possible for either to win the 29th](#)

75th State House Race

The 75th State House race featured Democrat Brandon Dillon and Republican Bing Goei. The Press ran a total of three stories on this race with the first one on political attacks, the second one on a dispute over an endorsement and the third article that provided some candidate profile information and where they both stood on taxes. Again, very limited information on where the candidates stood on issues.

9/25 [Candidates each deny negative attacks](#)

9/28 [Endorsement claim riles House candidate](#)

10/17 [75th House race could be close](#)

State Proposals

In many ways this issue received the best coverage of any issue on the ballot. There were a total of nine articles on the ballot proposal to hold another State Constitutional Convention. The articles not only provided reasons to support or oppose such a convention, the Press ran several historical pieces about the last constitutional convention, which provided additional context for the current proposal. The only problem with these articles is that they were bunched together over a four-day period, so if readers missed them they would not have been able to easily access this kind of information.

10/10 [Back to Square One?](#)

10/10 [How We Got Here](#)

10/10 [Don't be on it](#)

- 10/10 [State's last convention produced a governor](#)
- 10/10 [Convention firsts in 1961 – 62: Women, black delegates included](#)
- 10/11 [All Con, No Pro](#)
- 10/11 [Yes & No](#)
- 10/12 [Con-con low on voters' radar](#)
- 10/13 [Former mayor urges support for constitutional convention](#)

In contrast there was only one article on Proposal 2, which would bar felons from holding public office in the future.

- 10/17 [Voters asked to ban felons from all state, local offices](#)

General Election Coverage

The bulk of the remaining stories dealt with broad election elements, such as various get out the vote strategies by the political parties, re-districting, debate announcements, local ballot initiatives and local judicial races.

All of these articles can be viewed along with all election stories that we have included in chronological order. Besides the date we also list the page location for each article and the headline. Following these articles are a listing of all the ArtPrize stories that appeared in the Press during the same 56-day study period.

Election Articles

- 9/7 A10 Governor's race: Control starts here – redistricting, money
- 9/9 A5 County Democrats rally support for fall campaigns
- 9/9 A5 Chamber (Grandville) hosts candidates event (\$25)
- 9/11 A3 Bernero at Kent Dems event http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/09/virg_bernero_accuses_rick_snyd.html
- 9/12 A20 The candidates on right-to-work
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9/19 A16 The candidates on consolidation
http://www.mlive.com/opinion/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/09/how_they_stand_rick_snyder_vir_2.html

9/19 A17 Economic fear may drive gubernatorial vote
http://www.mlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2010/09/peter_luke_economic_fear_may_d.html

9/20 A3 Longtime GOP backers favor Miles
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9/23 A3 Showdown: 2 candidates, 1 debate
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9/25 A3 Congressional candidates debate over debates
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9/25 A4 Candidates each deny negative attacks
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9/26 B1 Amash camp says air attack off-target
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/09/justin_amashs_camp_says_patric.html

9/28 A10 Endorsement claim riles House candidate
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/09/bing_goei_campaign_says_it_acc.html

9/29 A6 Public safety officers to rally for LaGrand
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/09/police_firefighters_to_rally_f.html

9/30 A4 Ehlers throws support to Amash
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/09/vern_ehlers_endorses_justin_am.html

10/1 A2 Running mate lays out Bernero's agenda
http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/09/at_visit_with_kalama_zoo_colleg.html

10/2 A4 Snyder takes his politics to Aquinas
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/aquinas_college_students_quiz.html

10/3 A1 State Dems hope to ride out storm
http://www.mlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2010/10/how_michigan_democrats_are_try.html

10/4 A3 Miles lands education support http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/congressional_candidate_patric_1.html

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10/7 A1 Miles carries fight to Amash's home turf
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/press_conference_turns_into_de.html

10/7 A1 Ballot goof costs Ottawa \$48,570
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/proofreading_error_in_ottawa_c.html

10/7 A2 Paul Henry's widow backs Miles http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/karen_henry_stokes_endorses_de.html

10/8 A5 Snyder to talk at GOP dinner

10/9 A1 Bernero, Snyder finally will duel
http://www.mlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2010/10/is_sundays_debate_virg_bernero.html

10/9 A7 Hoekstra endorses Amash http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/retiring_congressman_pete_hoek.html

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http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/10/michigan_voters_face_decision.html

10/10 A12 How We Got Here
http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/10/how_we_got_here_review_of_mich.html

10/10 A13 Don't be on it
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10/11 A1 All Con, No Pro
http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/10/peter_luke_michigan_does_not_n.html

10/11 A1 Snyder, Bernero true to form in debate
http://www.mlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2010/10/in_only_governors_race_debate.html

10/11 A8 Yes & No
http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/10/qa_michigan_chamber_of_commerce.html

10/12 A1 Con-con low on voters' radar
http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/10/poll_most_voters_undecided_about.html

10/12 A9 Miles sells China fund, issues challenge
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/congressional_candidate_pat_miles.html

10/13 A7 Former mayor urges support for constitutional convention
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/should_we_fear_constitutional.html

10/14 A5 Candidates spar over advertising dollars
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/should_lawmakers_spend_unexpected.html

10/15 A6 Amash named rising star http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/justin_amash_makes_time_magazine.html

10/16 A3 Senate candidates pull no punches
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/political_records_pure_michigan.html

10/16 A3 Brenda Lawrence chips at Snyder's stances
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/virg_bernero_running_mate_bren.html

10/17 A1 Who's at root of all that money?
http://www.mlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2010/10/sketchy_groups_secret_donors_u.html

10/17 A12 Voters asked to ban felons from all state, local offices
http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2010/10/michigan_proposal_would_ban_cr.html

10/17 A13 This time, surprise is if justices get along
<http://www.themorningsun.com/articles/2010/10/06/news/politics/doc4caca32a7d0e721963291.txt>

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10/17 I1 Pat Miles – profile http://www.mlive.com/living/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/profile_3rd_congressional_dist.html

10/18 A3 Judicial race pits court veterans (Allegan)
http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/10/prosecutor_margaret_bakker_sol.html

10/19 A3 Lt. Gov. hopeful goes to school http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/byron_superintendent_to_rick_s.html

10/19 A8 Congressional candidates to debate
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10/21 A1 Congressional candidates spar over TV claims
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/recap_congressional_candidates.html

10/21 A1 Poll: Bernero trails with time running out
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/poll_virg_bernero_still_trails.html

- 10/21 A7 Bill Clinton to campaign
http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/10/bill_clinton_coming_to_battle.html
- 10/22 A7 Vote may change more than seats for Kent County Board
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- 10/22 A12 Balancing the Budget: Who pays?
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- 10/24 A1 Fixing Michigan's economy
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- 10/24 A6 Secretary of state hopefuls talk elections, efficiency
<http://www.wjv.com/news/2010/10/03/elections-campaign-finance-issues-in-secretary-of-state-race/>
- 10/24 A7 Candidates talk reform, but mean different things
<http://record-eagle.com/statenews/x839571080/AG-candidates-spar-over-federal-lawsuits>
- 10/24 B1 Possible for either to win the 29th
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/tight_race_between_david_hilde.html
- 10/24 B3 Georgetown voters to reconsider liquor licenses
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/georgetown_voters_to_decide_wh.html
- 10/24 B3 Proposal would make Wyoming's money more flexible
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/millage_consolidation_on_wyomi.html
- 10/24 B4 Allegan residents again will vote on tax for new jail
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- 10/24 B4 Dillon gets late infusion of cash
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/democrats_give_brandon_dillon.html
- 10/24 B5 Wealth of experience among Rockford candidates
- 10/24 B5 Crowded council race in Sparta
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10/25 A9 Two vie for family court seat [http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/assistant prosecutor attorney.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/assistant_prosecutor_attorney.html)

10/26 A1 Quiet run for office is not by choice
[http://www.mlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2010/10/libertarian party candidate fr.html](http://www.mlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2010/10/libertarian_party_candidate_fr.html)

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10/30 A1 Dems put out call to black voters
[http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/without obama on ballot democr.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/without_obama_on_ballot_democr.html)

10/30 A3 Ottawa voters to decide 9 ballot proposals
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10/30 A5 State GOP candidates push for voter turnout
<http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/index.ssf/story/state-gop-candidates-push-for-high-voter/6c90b9c232f54df0ab5a93e0350c30ab>

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11/1 A1 Our time has come http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/11/kent_county_clerks_expect_55_p.html

11/1 A3 As election nears, Snyder drives home message
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/10/grand_rapids_snyder_supporters.html

ArtPrize Articles

9/7 A1 Tech-savy ArtPrize aims to be even tech-savvier

9/8 A1 The Rapid unveils its ArtPrize express

9/10 A3 4 Pictures w/caption

9/11 B1 ArtPrize award manufactured locally

9/12 A1 Public Museum is prime exhibit

9/12 A2 Key to Touring ArtPrize? Start at Center

9/12 E1 Art Song: Organizers see concerts as way to unify ArtPrize experience

9/12 E3 Calvin hopes shows encourages students to explore ArtPrize

9/13 A1 Grand Valley goes for sculpture

9/14 A1 At UICA, expect the unexpected

9/15 A1 Looking for variety? Join the Club

9/15 A13 Elephants – Artistic and Actual – Make their way into downtown GR
(pics & caption)

9/16 A1 Interesting stuff hangs out at GRAM

9/16 A3 3 pics and caption

9/16 A10 2 pics and caption

9/17 A1 Church offers plenty to contemplate

9/17 A4 City opens parking ramp (because of ArtPrize)

9/18 A1 Our Town becoming Art Town

9/18 A1 Meijer Gardens offer bumper crop

9/18 A2 Why wait for ArtPrize's official opening?

9/19 A1 Here's what's new this year as organizers tweak second edition to expand visitors' involvement (whole front page)

9/19 A7/8 Photos (14) with captions

9/19 A16 GR Press Editorial on ArtPrize

9/19 B5 ArtPrize makes planetarium a sight better

9/19 E1 Art reprise

9/19 E5-8 ArtPrize guide

9/20 A1 Piano Exhibit can be accompanied by you

9/20 A8 Pics (1) and caption

9/21 A1 You can't rush art - until the deadline approaches

9/21 A2 Cameras are no help

9/21 A3 Pics (3) and caption

9/21 B1 KidPrize

9/22 A1 Special ArtPrize Cover - full page

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