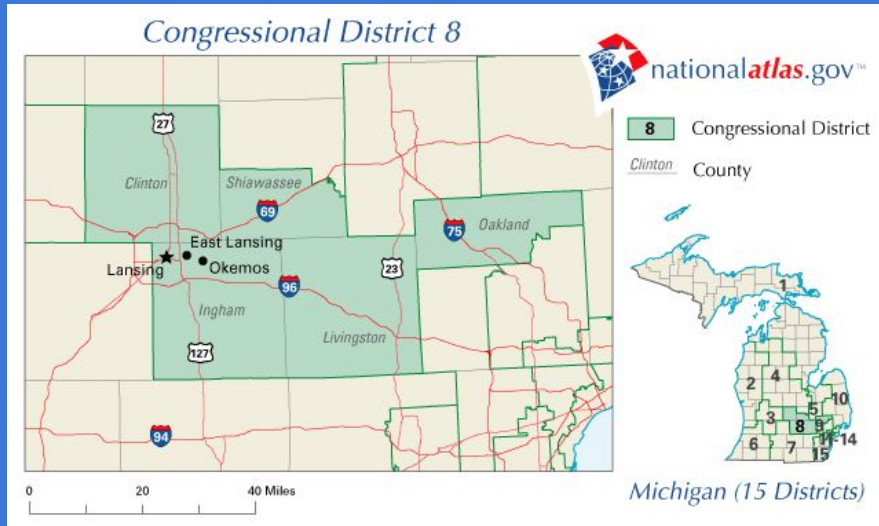


Michigan District 8:



ELISSA SLOTKIN

By Maya Aronoff

~ city & suburbs & rural communities ~

ELECTED

“Together, we will re-establish our politics for the better by returning the core principles of civility and problem-solving!”



ELECTIONS

Year	Elected	Runner-Up	Presidential Election
2018	Slotkin 50.6% *wins primary by 70%	Bishop 46.8%	NA
2016	Bishop 56%	Shkreli 39.2%	Trump 51% (Clinton 44%)
2014	Bishop 54.6%	Schertzing 42.1%	NA
2012	Rogers 58.6%	Enderle 37.3%	Romney 51%
2010	Rogers 64.1%	Enderle 34.3%	NA
2008	Rogers 56.5%	Alexander 40.2%	Obama 53%

https://ballotpedia.org/Michigan%27s_8th_Congressional_District_election_2018

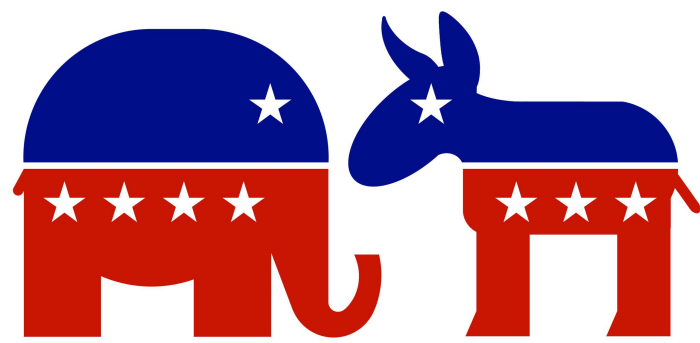
ELECTORATE

- WEALTH: median household income \$71,702
- EDUCATION: 95% of 25+ population has high school diploma +
 - RACE: 85% white; 6% black, 5% Hispanic, 4.4% Asian

<https://censusreporter.org/profiles/50000US2608-congressional-district-8-mi/>

Existing Research:

What Impacts Immigration Policy?



District party voting rates/polarization → mostly Republican voting district correlates w/ restrictive policies (Ramakrishnan et al. 2010; Wong 2012; Casellas and Leal 2013)

Demographics

- % foreign born population → somewhat more accepting policies (Wong 2014)
- % Latino population → higher % Latino population correlates to more accepting policies, unless % Latinos in a Republican district is growing which correlates to more restrictive policies (Wong 2014)

Representative

- Party of representative → R correlates with restrictive policies; D correlates with more accepting policies (Wong 2014; Wong 2017; Casellas and leal 2013)
- First term representative → likely to vote to fund DHS (Valenzuela 2019)
- D representative in a polarized district → likely to vote to fund DHS (Valenzuela 2019)

PREDICTIONS

Literature suggests Slotkin may support moderately restrictive immigration policies, but does not necessarily predict whether she will focus on the issue

CHARACTERISTICS	Correlation with Restrictive/Accepting Policy	CITATION
8.6% Foreign Born Population (50% from Asia, 14% Hispanic)	R	(Wong 2014)
Overall 5% Hispanic population	MIXED IMPLICATIONS	(Wong 2014)
Republican-leaning district but by a small margin	R with MIXED IMPLICATIONS	(Wong 2012, (Ramakrishnan et. al. 2010) (Wong 2012) (Casellas and Leal 2013)
Democratic representative	A	(Wong 2014, Wong 2017, Casellas and Leal 2013)
New representative	R	(Valenzuela 2019)
Democratic representative of a Republican-leaning district	R	(Valenzuela 2019)

Voting Record:

Did not sponsor or vote on any immigration bills, except Voted “yea” HJRes1 (appropriations for DHS, to reopen the government)

Instead: Co-sponsored HR8 (Bipartisan Background Checks) and voted “yea” on a series of Democrat-proposed legislation including rejecting white supremacy, overriding Trump’s national emergency, legislation on transportation, housing, urban development, the environment, and raising pay for government workers (VoteSmart)

Priorities

Campaign website lists 16 priorities (none are immigration-related). The top three are Affordable Healthcare, Affordable Prescription Drugs, and Combating the Opioid Epidemic <https://elissaforcongress.com/priorities/>

“My mom died in 2011 of ovarian cancer and she did not have health care when she was diagnosed...When I watched Mr. Bishop vote to repeal protections for people with pre-existing conditions in May of 2017, that broke me, and I decided to get in this race.”

Social Media:

- 6 tweets on immigration/border security
 - 2 were emphasizing the need to reopen the government for federal workers
 - 1 opposed family separation



Rep. Elissa Slotkin  @RepSlotkin · Mar 6

We must be a country of morals. Separating vulnerable children from their parents and detaining them in cage-like facilities is not consistent with our values. Today, I demanded @SecNielsen account for her department’s separation of children from their parents at our **border**.

Emphasizes immigration as a moral, economic, and security issue, supporting: increased border patrol agents and border control technology; immigration “keyed” to our economy and agricultural labor; pathway to citizenship for DACA kids; and asylum to those fleeing persecution.

–interview for *The Oakland Press*