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## Survey shows that high school students support auto bailout or "loan"



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The auto companies should receive government loans, according to most of the 250 high school students polled in a recent survey. Almost all of the students polled were from Michigan.

The results of the poll were a bit confusing, as 64% of respondents felt that the US auto industry was "very important" to the economy. On the other hand, a high percentage of Michigan youths also said that they would buy foreign automobiles rather than good old American made cars.



There was a big difference between male and female responses, as 17% more boys than girls said that they would buy a foreign car. In addition, 16% more girls think Congress should give the auto companies a \$25 billion bridge loan.

America's Marketing High School Web site conducts surveys to encourage students to be more engaged in what is going on in the news about the world around them.

The site is provided to high school business and marketing classrooms locally and throughout the United States. Founders of the website are Paul Galbenski, Oakland Schools intermediate district technology center instructor, and Mike Bernacchi, University of Detroit marketing professor.

These exercises are great, but I wonder how much these young respondents really understand what's going on. They don't even pay the taxes that will provide the loans. And if they are so concerned, why are they still likely to buy foreign vehicles?

For that matter, how much do any of us know about the Big 3's request for loans? It's so complicated and political that even I don't know how I feel.

I've lived in Michigan my whole life, but just don't like the government constantly doling out cash.

However, unlike many of the high school students, I have never bought a foreign car, nor do I intend to.

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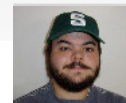
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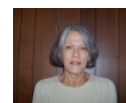
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