**Survey Says: Don’t Blindside Maryland Citizens, Gov’t Data Needs Improvement**

*66% Not Satisfied, 78% Want to Know About New Laws, Taxes, Regs*

*ANNAPOLIS, MD* - The OpenGov Foundation today released results of a survey in which registered Maryland voters point to three emerging open government and open data opportunities for exploration and further investigation:

1. Improve the quality of public, government data delivered to citizens;
2. Deliver it to impacted individuals and businesses directly, early and often;
3. Low-to-no-cost social media solutions are already in the hands of the people.

614 Marylanders participated in the mobile research survey conducted May 13-15, 2013. It is an initial part of Team OpenGov’s work to learn what the “customers Seamus Kraft” of government - both inside and outside - need to make their lives easier, and their jobs more efficient and effective.

Key Insights - All Registered Maryland Voters

* **66% are not satisfied** with the information they currently receive about new Maryland laws, regulations and taxes that affect them.
* **78% want advance notification about Maryland state government policies** that will impact them, their families and their businesses.
* **56% use** [**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/Opengovfoundation) to engage & communicate
* **19% use** [**Twitter**](https://twitter.com/foundopengov) to engage & communicate

Key Insights - Younger Registered Maryland Voters (18-49)

* **74% (+8%) are not satisfied** with the information they currently receive about new Maryland laws, regulations and taxes that affect them.
* **77% (-1%) want advance notification about Maryland state government policies** that will impact them, their families and their businesses.
* **78% (+18%) use** [**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/Opengovfoundation)to engage & communicate
* **26% (+7%) use** [**Twitter**](https://twitter.com/foundopengov) to engage & communicate

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