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Maryland Poll

President Obama Job Approval
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Methodology

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This survey was conducted by *Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies* from October 1st through October 14th, 2013. A total of 819 registered voters in Maryland who indicated they were likely to vote in the 2014 general election were interviewed by telephone. A cross-section of interviews was conducted in each jurisdiction within the state to reflect general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), according to customary statistical standards, is no more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. There is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figures would fall within this range if the entire survey universe were sampled. The margin for error is higher for any demographic subgroup, such as gender or race.

This survey also includes an oversampling of 403 registered Democrats who indicated they were likely to vote in the June 2014 primary election. A cross-section of interviews was conducted in each jurisdiction within the state to reflect Democratic primary election voting patterns. The margin of error on this group is plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Maryland Statewide Poll Sample Demographics

GENDER	Number	Percent
Male	392	47.9 %
Female	427	52.1 %
Total	819	100.0 %
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PARTY AFFILIATION	Number	Percent
Democrat	466	56.9 %
Republican	253	30.9 %
Independent	100	12.2 %
Total	819	100.0 %
RACE	Number	Percent
White	591	72.2 %
African-American	202	24.7 %
Other/Refused	26	3.1 %
Total	819	100.0 %
REGION	NY 1	ъ.
REGION	Number	Percent
Eastern Sh/So MD	97	11.8 %
Baltimore City	75	9.2 %
Baltimore Suburbs	299	36.5 %
Washington Suburbs	254	31.0 %
Western MD	94	11.5 %
Total	819	100.0 %

Regional Groupings are as follows:

Eastern Shore/		Baltimore	Washington	Western
Southern Md	Baltimore City	Suburbs	Suburbs	Maryland
Calvert Co.	Baltimore City	Anne Arundel Co.	Charles Co.	Allegany Co.
Caroline Co.		Baltimore Co.	Montgomery Co.	Carroll Co.
Cecil Co.		Harford Co.	Prince George's Co.	Frederick Co.
Dorchester Co.		Howard Co.		Garrett Co.
Kent Co.				Washington Co.
Queen Anne's Co.				
Somerset Co.				
St. Mary's Co.				
Talbot Co.				
Wicomico Co.				
Worcester Co.				

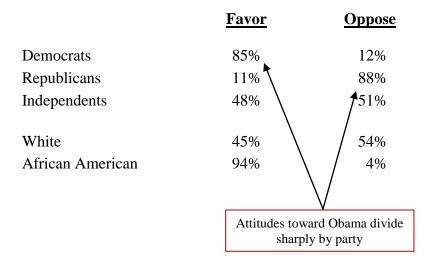
Summary

President Barack Obama Job Approval

Among Maryland voters, 58% approve of the job Barack Obama is doing as president (38% "strongly" approve and 20% "somewhat" approve), while 40% disapprove (31% "strongly" disapprove and 9% "somewhat" disapprove), with 2% offering no response.

Obama Job Approval	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
September 2013	58%	40%	2%
January 2013	64%	35%	1%
January 2012	55%	41%	4%
September 2011	49%	47%	4%
January 2011	54%	40%	6%
October 2010	52%	43%	5%
July 2010	51%	38%	11%
January 2010	56%	30%	14%
September 2009	58%	31%	11%
January 2009	80%	11%	9%

President Obama job approval by party and race:

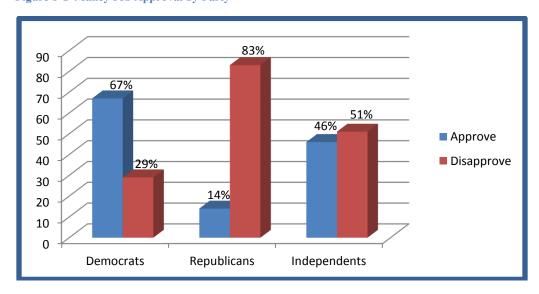


Governor Martin O'Malley Job Approval

It appears Governor O'Malley spent some political capital during this past legislative session, as his job rating has dropped since January. Statewide, 48% of voters approve of the job O'Malley is doing as governor (19% "strongly" approve and 29% "somewhat" approve), while a similar 48% disapprove (34% "strongly" disapprove and 14% "somewhat" disapprove), with 4% having no opinion.

O'Malley Job			
Approval	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
September 2013	48%	48%	4%
January 2013	54%	41%	5%
January 2012	53%	40%	7%
September 2011	52%	40%	8%
January 2011	58%	30%	13%
October 2010	48%	44%	8%
July 2010	48%	39%	13%
January 2010	46%	36%	18%
September 2009	48%	37%	15%
January 2009	49%	37%	14%
September 2008	45%	35%	20%
March 2008	37%	48%	15%
January 2008	39%	49%	12%
October 2007	46%	31%	23%
March 2007	52%	21%	27%

Figure 1 O'Malley Job Approval by Party



Legislative Initiatives

We asked Maryland voters about Governor O'Malley's major initiatives during this past General Assembly session.

Statewide, 58% approve of the gun control laws that were enacted (47% "strongly" approve and 11% "somewhat" approve), while 40% disapprove of the gun control laws that were enacted (30% "strongly" disapprove and 10% "somewhat" disapprove).

Gun Control by party affiliation and race:

	Approve	Disapprove
Democrats	76%	23%
Republicans	28%	71%
Independents	52%	44%
White	51%	48%
African-American	77%	21%

Among voters, 49% approve of the death penalty repeal in the state (33% "strongly" approve and 16% "somewhat" approve), while 44% disapprove of the death penalty repeal (27% "strongly" disapprove and 17% "somewhat" disapprove).

Death Penalty Repeal by party and race:

	Approve	Disapprove
Democrats	63%	31%
Republicans	24%	68%
Independents	45%	49%
White	42%	52%
African-American	68%	23%

Only 21% of voters approve of the gas tax being raised in the state during the past legislative session (8% "strongly" approve and 13% "somewhat" approve), while an overwhelming 76% disapprove of the gas tax being raised (59% "strongly" disapprove and 17% "somewhat" disapprove).

Gas Tax by party and race:

	Approve	Disapprove	
_			59% of Maryland voters
Democrats	28%	68%	"strongly" disapprove of the
Republicans	9%	90%	gas tax being increased
Independents	23%	76%	
White	19%	79%	
African-American	29%	68%	

Disapproval of the gas tax spans all groups.

Among these three major initiatives of O'Malley during the 2013 session, the gas tax, by far, is the most unpopular.

Obamacare

Among Maryland voters, 57% favor "Obamacare," the law enacted several years ago that made major changes to the country's health care system (36% "strongly" favor and 21% "somewhat" favor), while 39% oppose Obamacare (29% "strongly" oppose and 10% "somewhat" oppose).

Obamacare by party and race:

	<u>Favor</u>	Oppose
Democrats	82%	12%
Republicans	17%	82%
Independents	43%	54%
White	46%	51%
African American	87%	6%

Iran

Statewide, 36% of Maryland voters would favor the U. S. taking military action against Iran in order to prevent them from producing a nuclear weapon (19% "strongly" favor and 17% "somewhat" favor), while 56% oppose taking military action against Iran (33% "strongly" oppose and 23% "somewhat" oppose).

Iran by party and race:

	<u>Favor</u>	Oppose
Democrats	35%	57%
Republicans	37%	53%
Independents	37%	55%
White	34%	56%
African American	39%	55%

There is no partisan divide here as there is on so many other issues facing Maryland voters.

Government Shutdown

Among voters, 87% are concerned about the government shutdown's effect on the United States economy (63% "very" concerned and 24% "somewhat" concerned), while only 13% are not concerned (4% "not at all" concerned and 9% "not too" concerned).

Government Shutdown by party:

	Concerned	Not Concerned
Democrats	90%	10%
Republicans	81%	18%
Independents	84%	16%

Democratic Primary

Forty percent of Maryland Democratic primary voters have a favorable opinion of Anthony Brown, 4% have an unfavorable opinion, 38% are neutral toward him, and 18% don't recognize his name.

Among primary voters, 24% have a favorable opinion of Doug Gansler, 4% have an unfavorable opinion of him, 35% are neutral, and 37% don't recognize his name.

Six percent of Maryland Democratic primary voters have a favorable opinion of Heather Mizeur, less than 1% has an unfavorable opinion, 15% are neutral, and 79% don't recognize her name.

In an election match-up, 41% say they'd vote for Brown if the election were held today, 21% support Gansler, 5% back Mizeur, and 33% are undecided.

The results by race and region:

	Brown	Gansler	<u>Mizeur</u>
White	29%	28%	5%
African American	56%	12%	6%
Baltimore Region	35%	17%	4%
Washington Suburbs	45%	27%	7%
Rest of State	48%	18%	5%

In the Attorney General contest, 25% of Democratic primary voters say they'll vote for Jon Cardin, 13% support Brian Frosh, 8% back Aisha Braveboy, 5% support Bill Frick, and 48% are undecided.

Early in this contest, Delegate Cardin seems to be benefitting from his popular uncle, Senator Ben Cardin.

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA	Number	Percent
Approve	475	58.0 %
Disapprove	330	40.3 %
No answer	14	1.7 %
Total	819	100.0 %
JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	314	38.3 %
Somewhat approve	161	19.7 %
Somewhat disapprove	71	8.7 %
Strongly disapprove	259	31.6 %
No answer	14	1.7 %
Total	819	100.0 %

_	JOB	APPROVAL:	PRESIDENT I	BARACK OBA	AMA
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
_	approve	approve	disapprove	disapprove	No answer
PARTY AFFILIATION					
Democrat	279	119	25	31	12
	59.9%	25.5%	5.4%	6.7%	2.6%
Republican	6	23	34	189	1
	2.4%	9.1%	13.4%	74.7%	0.4%
Independent	29	19	12	39	1
	29.0%	19.0%	12.0%	39.0%	1.0%
_		APPROVAL:			AMA
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
-	approve	approve	disapprove	disapprove	No answer
RACE					
White	148	115	66	253	9
	25.0%	19.5%	11.2%	42.8%	1.5%
African-American	155	35	5	3	4
	76.7%	17.3%	2.5%	1.5%	2.0%

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Martin O'Malley is doing as governor?

JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY	Number	Percent
Approve	391	47.7 %
Disapprove	394	48.1 %
No answer	34	4.2 %
Total	819	100.0 %
JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	156	19.0 %
Somewhat approve	235	28.7 %
Somewhat disapprove	115	14.0 %
Strongly disapprove	279	34.1 %
No answer	34	4.2 %
Total	819	100.0 %

JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY				
Strongly	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
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132 28.3%	178 38.2%	53 11.4%	81 17.4%	22 4.7%
9 3.6%	26 10.3%	40 15.8%	169 66.8%	9 3.6%
15 15.0%	31 31.0%	22 22.0%	29 29.0%	3 3.0%
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	JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
RACE					
White	95 16.1%	148 25.0%	91 15.4%	238 40.3%	19 3.2%
African-American	56 27.7%	77 38.1%	20 9.9%	34 16.8%	15 7.4%

QUESTION: During this past legislative session, Maryland government raised the gas tax in the state 21 cents over the next 3 years. Do you approve or disapprove of this?

GAS TAX	Number	Percent
Approve	177	21.6 %
Disapprove	621	75.8 %
No answer	21	2.6 %
Total	819	100.0 %
GAS TAX	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	68	8.3 %
Somewhat approve	109	13.3 %
Somewhat disapprove	138	16.8 %
Strongly disapprove	483	59.0 %
No answer	21	2.6 %
Total	819	100.0 %

_			GAS TAX		
_	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
PARTY AFFILIATION					
Democrat	56 12.0%	76 16.3%	82 17.6%	234 50.2%	18 3.9%
Republican	3 1.2%	19 7.5%	43 17.0%	186 73.5%	2 0.8%
Independent	9 9.0%	14 14.0%	13 13.0%	63 63.0%	1 1.0%
			GAS TAX		
- -	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
RACE					
White	35 5.9%	75 12.7%	95 16.1%	373 63.1%	13 2.2%
African-American	28 13.9%	30 14.9%	39 19.3%	99 49.0%	6 3.0%

QUESTION: During this past legislative session, Maryland government abolished the death penalty in the state. Do you approve or disapprove of this?

DEATH PENALTY REPEAL	Number	Percent
Approve	399	48.7 %
Disapprove	364	44.4 %
No answer	56	6.8 %
Total	819	100.0 %
DEATH PENALTY REPEAL	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	268	32.7 %
Somewhat approve	131	16.0 %
Somewhat disapprove	141	17.2 %
Strongly disapprove	223	27.2 %
No answer	56	6.8 %
Total	819	100.0 %

	DEATH PENALTY REPEAL				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
PARTY AFFILIATION					
Democrat	216 46.4%	77 16.5%	68 14.6%	74 15.9%	31 6.7%
Republican	23 9.1%	38 15.0%	50 19.8%	123 48.6%	19 7.5%
Independent	29 29.0%	16 16.0%	23 23.0%	26 26.0%	6 6.0%
		DEATH	I PENALTY R	EPEAL	
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
RACE					
White	146 24.7%	102 17.3%	119 20.1%	187 31.6%	37 6.3%
African-American	113 55.9%	25 12.4%	17 8.4%	30 14.9%	17 8.4%

QUESTION: During this past legislative session, Maryland government passed strict gun control laws in the state. Do you approve or disapprove of this?

GUN CONTROL	Number	Percent
Approve	477	58.2 %
Disapprove	329	40.2 %
No answer	13	1.6 %
Total	819	100.0 %
GUN CONTROL	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	384	46.9 %
Somewhat approve	93	11.4 %
Somewhat disapprove	82	10.0 %
Strongly disapprove	247	30.2 %
No answer	13	1.6 %
Total	819	100.0 %

GUN CONTROL

10.3%

19

9.4%

37.2%

23

11.4%

1.4%

4

2.0%

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
PARTY AFFILIATION					
Democrat	307	48	34	71	6
	65.9%	10.3%	7.3%	15.2%	1.3%
Republican	36	34	31	149	3
	14.2%	13.4%	12.3%	58.9%	1.2%
Independent	41	11	17	27	4
	41.0%	11.0%	17.0%	27.0%	4.0%
		C	GUN CONTRO	L	
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	approve	approve	disapprove	disapprove	No answer
RACE					
White	230	72	61	220	8

12.2%

19

9.4%

38.9%

137

67.8%

African-American

QUESTION: As you may know, a bill that made major changes to the country's health care system became law in 2010. Based on what you know about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?

OBAMACARE	Number	Percent
Favor	467	57.0 %
Oppose	320	39.1 %
No answer	32	3.9 %
Total	819	100.0 %
OBAMACARE	Number	Percent
Strongly favor	293	35.8 %
Somewhat favor	174	21.2 %
Somewhat oppose	79	9.6 %
Strongly oppose	241	29.4 %
No answer	32	3.9 %
Total	819	100.0 %

	OBAMACARE				
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	_
	favor	favor	oppose	oppose	No answer
PARTY AFFILIATION					
Democrat	252	130	17	41	26
	54.1%	27.9%	3.6%	8.8%	5.6%
Republican	17	25	47	161	3
	6.7%	9.9%	18.6%	63.6%	1.2%
Independent	24	19	15	39	3
	24.0%	19.0%	15.0%	39.0%	3.0%
		(OBAMACARE		
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	favor	favor	oppose	oppose	No answer
RACE					
White	150	119	77	226	19
	25.4%	20.1%	13.0%	38.2%	3.2%
African-American	133	44	1	11	13
	65.8%	21.8%	0.5%	5.4%	6.4%

QUESTION: Would you favor or oppose the United States taking military action against Iran in order to prevent them from producing a nuclear weapon?

MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAN	Number	Percent
Favor	296	36.1 %
Oppose	456	55.7 %
No answer	67	8.2 %
Total	819	100.0 %
MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAN	Number	Percent
Strongly favor	156	19.0 %
Somewhat favor	140	17.1 %
Somewhat oppose	188	23.0 %
Strongly oppose	268	32.7 %
No answer	67	8.2 %
Total	819	100.0 %

		MILITARY	ACTION AGA	INST IRAN	
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	favor	favor	oppose	oppose	No answer
PARTY AFFILIATION					
Democrat	88	77	98	168	35
	18.9%	16.5%	21.0%	36.1%	7.5%
Republican	46	48	74	61	24
Republican	18.2%	19.0%	29.2%	24.1%	9.5%
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Independent	22	15	16	39	8
	22.0%	15.0%	16.0%	39.0%	8.0%
			ACTION AGA		
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	N.T.
	favor	favor	oppose	oppose	No answer
RACE					
White	105	98	147	186	55
	17.8%	16.6%	24.9%	31.5%	9.3%
African-American	43 21.3%	37	38	73 36.1%	11
	21.5%	18.3%	18.8%	36.1%	5.4%

QUESTION: How concerned are you about the government shutdown's effect on the United States economy: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN	Number	Percent
Concerned	709	86.6 %
Not concerned	105	12.8 %
No answer	5	0.6 %
Total	819	100.0 %
GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN	Number	Percent
Very concerned	516	63.0 %
Somewhat concerned	193	23.6 %
Not too concerned	76	9.3 %
Not at all concerned	29	3.5 %
No answer	5	0.6 %
Total	819	100.0 %

		GOVER	NMENT SHU'	TDOWN	
	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	
	concerned	concerned	concerned	concerned	No answer
PARTY AFFILIATION					
Democrat	344	75	33	11	3
	73.8%	16.1%	7.1%	2.4%	0.6%
Republican	110	96	29	16	2
	43.5%	37.9%	11.5%	6.3%	0.8%
Independent	62	22	14	2	0
	62.0%	22.0%	14.0%	2.0%	0.0%

******* 403 Democratic Primary Voters ********

Gubernatorial Name Recognition

QUESTION: Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neutral opinion of Anthony Brown?

NAME IDENTIFICATION: ANTHONY BROWN	Number	Percent
Favorable	161	40.0 %
Unfavorable	17	4.2 %
Neutral	152	37.7 %
Don't Recognize	73	18.1 %
Total	403	100.0 %

QUESTION: Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neutral opinion of Doug Gansler?

NAME IDENTIFICATION: DOUG GANSLER	Number	Percent
Favorable	97	24.1 %
Unfavorable	14	3.5 %
Neutral	142	35.2 %
Don't Recognize	150	37.2 %
Total	403	100.0 %

QUESTION: Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neutral opinion of Heather Mizeur?

NAME IDENTIFICATION: HEATHER MIZEUR	Number	Percent
Favorable	24	6.0 %
Unfavorable	1	0.2 %
Neutral	61	15.1 %
Don't Recognize	317	78.7 %
Total	403	100.0 %

QUESTION: If the 2014 Democratic primary election were held today, for whom would you vote for Governor if the candidates were Anthony Brown, Doug Gansler, and Heather Mizeur?

2014 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - GOVERNOR	Number	Percent
Brown	164	40.7 %
Gansler	85	21.1 %
Mizeur	21	5.2 %
Undecided	133	33.0 %
Total	403	100.0 %

	2014 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - GOVERNOR			
	Brown	Gansler	Mizeur	Undecided
GENDER				
Male	69 40.8%	34 20.1%	8 4.7%	58 34.3%
Female	95 40.6%	51 21.8%	13 5.6%	75 32.1%
	2014 I	DEMOCRATIC PE	RIMARY - GOV	ERNOR
	Brown	Gansler	Mizeur	Undecided
RACE				

	Brown	Gansler	Mizeur	Undecided
RACE				
White	66	63	11	85
	29.3%	28.0%	4.9%	37.8%
African-American	91	20	9	42
	56.2%	12.3%	5.6%	25.9%

	2014 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - GOVERNOR			
	Brown	Gansler	Mizeur	Undecided
REGION				
Baltimore Region	64	31	7	82
	34.8%	16.8%	3.8%	44.6%
Washington Suburbs	70	43	11	33
	44.6%	27.4%	7.0%	21.0%
Rest of State	30	11	3	18
	48.4%	17.7%	4.8%	29.0%

QUESTION: If the 2014 Democratic primary election were held today, for whom would you vote for Attorney General if the candidates were Aisha Braveboy, Jon Cardin, Bill Frick and Brian Frosh?

2014 DEMOCR	ATIC PRIMARY	- ATTORNEY
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GENERAL	Number	Percent	
Braveboy	33	8.2 %	
Cardin	101	25.1 %	
Frick	21	5.2 %	
Frosh	53	13.2 %	
Undecided	195	48.4 %	
Total	403	100.0 %	

	2014 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - ATTORNEY GENERAL					
	Braveboy	Cardin	Frick	Frosh	Undecided	
<u>GENDER</u>						
Male	15 8.9%	37 21.9%	9 5.3%	23 13.6%	85 50.3%	
Female	18 7.7%	64 27.4%	12 5.1%	30 12.8%	110 47.0%	
	2014 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - ATTORNEY GENERAL					
	Braveboy	Cardin	Frick	Frosh	Undecided	
RACE						
White	11 4.9%	72 32.0%	10 4.4%	36 16.0%	96 42.7%	
African-American	20 12.3%	27 16.7%	10 6.2%	15 9.3%	90 55.6%	
	2014 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - ATTORNEY GENERAL					
	Braveboy	Cardin	Frick	Frosh	Undecided	
REGION						
Baltimore Region	13 7.1%	56 30.4%	7 3.8%	13 7.1%	95 51.6%	
Washington Suburbs	18 11.5%	26 16.6%	13 8.3%	27 17.2%	73 46.5%	
Rest of State	2 3.2%	19 30.6%	1 1.6%	13 21.0%	27 43.5%	