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Background and Methodology

Patrick E. Gonzales graduated magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore with a degree in political science.

His career in the field of public opinion research began in the mid-1980s as an analyst with *Mason-Dixon Opinion Research*. During this time, Mr. Gonzales helped develop, craft and implement election surveys and exit polls for television and radio in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. metro area.

Patrick Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, Mr. Gonzales and his associates have conducted numerous market research projects, crafting message development plans and generating strategy blueprints for businesses and organizations throughout the state.

Over his 35 years conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct unbiased surveys, and analyze the results in an impartial, evenhanded manner.

Mr. Gonzales frequently appears on radio and television in the Baltimore-D.C. region as a guest commentator.

This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from February 22nd through March 1st, 2019. A total of 817 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated that they vote regularly in general elections, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and cell phone numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state, reflecting general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

Synopsis

Freshly home from Vietnam, President Donald Trump can now get back to more pressing matters in the Oval Office...sparring with the fourth estate, brawling with the loyal opposition, and trying to avoid being sucker-punched by his own cornermen in Congress.

Here in Maryland, 38% approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as president (29% “strongly approve”), while 60% disapprove of the job he’s doing (56% “strongly disapprove”).

Trump’s paltry performance rating has hung over his presidency since tears started flooding the halls of the Javits Convention Center in the wee hours of election night, 2016. Additionally, Trump seems incapable of preventing his sometimes peevish personality from engulfing his administration in political self-immolation...akin to what we witnessed with the Buddhist monk in Saigon 55 years ago.

Only 30% of voters approve of Trump declaring a national emergency to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, while 67% disapprove, including 89% of Democrats and 90% of African-Americans. Figures don’t lie (but liars figure); this is a serious policy issue we as a country should be having in a serious way. Many immigrants have successfully crossed our southern border illegally over the past 30 years. Is this a problem, or is this not a problem?

If 67% of Marylanders reject Trump’s declaration of a national emergency to build a wall - are they disputing the necessity of a wall, saying it’s not a national emergency, rebuffing Trump...or all three? And what about the 30% who approve, what is it they want? A poll cannot adequately resolve these questions...leaders need to. Our political culture has waned to a point where serious discussion about serious issues involving serious people appears as antiquated as sharing, being kind to one another, cleaning up after ourselves, and everything else we once learned in kindergarten.

Fifty-nine percent of Maryland voters approve of the 2-year special counsel investigation into whether or not Donald Trump colluded with the Russians during the 2016 presidential election (52% “strongly approve”), while 37% disapprove of the special counsel investigation (30% “strongly disapprove”). Among Democrats, 80% approve of the investigation.

Larry Hogan keeps defying Newton's third law of motion, which states, "what goes up must come down." Statewide, 78% of voters approve of the job Hogan is doing as governor (48% "strongly approve"), while only 16% disapprove.

I don't think political parties were around when that apple fell on Sir Isaac's head in the 17th century, but he might have reconsidered his third law upon seeing that 72% of Democrats approve of the job GOP Hogan is doing; not to mention the 73% of African-Americans approving of a Republican governor. Eighty-five percent of Republican voters, and 85% of independents approve of the job the Governor is doing.

If Hogan keeps going like this, $E = mc^2$ might be rendered obsolete, also.

Fifty-eight percent of Maryland voters say that things in Maryland are moving in the right direction, while 25% say that things in Maryland are on the wrong track.

Among Maryland voters, 60% favor the idea of a law requiring all employers in the state to pay their workers a minimum salary of \$15 per hour (43% "strongly favor" and 17% "somewhat favor"), while 35% oppose a law requiring a \$15 per hour minimum wage (27% "strongly oppose" and 8% "somewhat oppose"), with 5% offering no response.

Seventy-nine percent of Democrats favor the concept of a \$15 minimum wage.

Politicians are laboring over Labor Day school openings. Among voters, 56% say that all public schools in Maryland should stay closed through Labor Day, while 40% believe that local school jurisdictions should decide when the school year begins. Voters between the ages of 35 and 54 are the only bloc in which a majority don't think schools should be mandated to remain closed through the holiday that marks the end of summer.

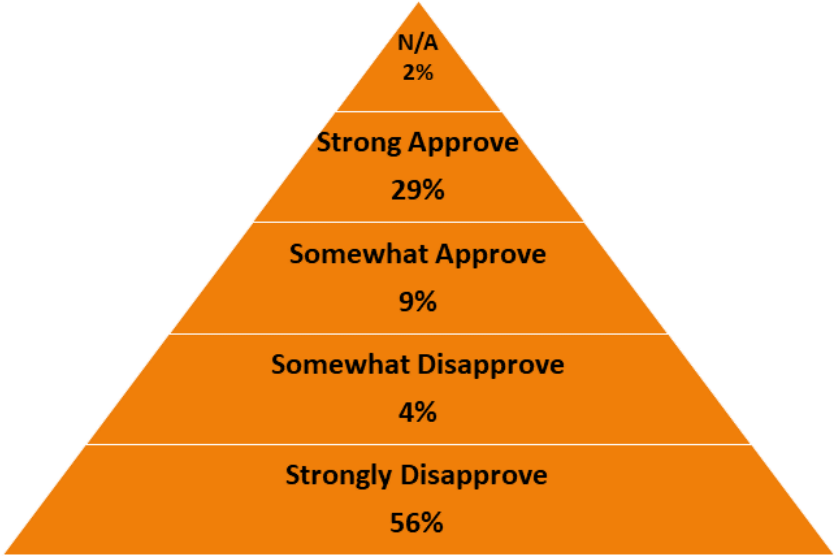
In Maryland today, a bill is under consideration that would allow individuals to put an "X" on their driver's license, to designate their gender as "unspecified." Statewide, 37% of voters favor allowing individuals to designate their gender as "unspecified" on a driver's license, while 51% oppose allowing individuals to put an "X" on their license, in lieu of selecting either male or female.

Gonzales March 2019 Poll Results

President Donald Trump

Stunted approval numbers for the president persist. Statewide, 38% approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as president (29% “strongly approve” and 8% “somewhat approve”), while 60% disapprove of the job he’s doing (56% “strongly disapprove” and 4% “somewhat disapprove”), with 2% giving no opinion.

Trump Job Approval

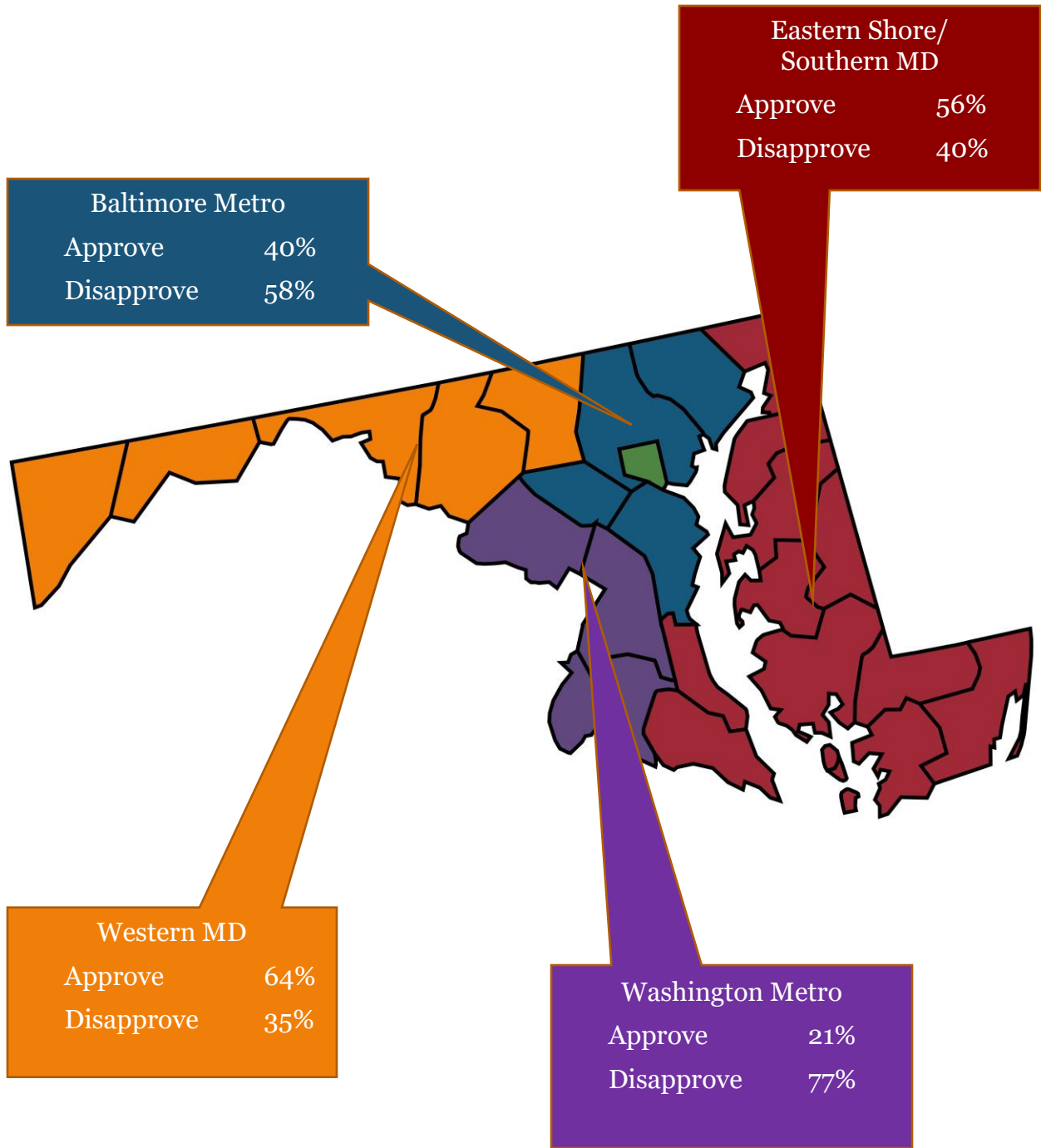


The results by party, gender, and race:

Trump Job Rating	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Democrat	13%	85%
Republican	86%	12%
Unaffiliated	42%	54%
Men	44%	54%
Women	33%	65%
White	49%	49%
African-American	10%	88%

9 out of 10 African-Americans take a dim view of the president

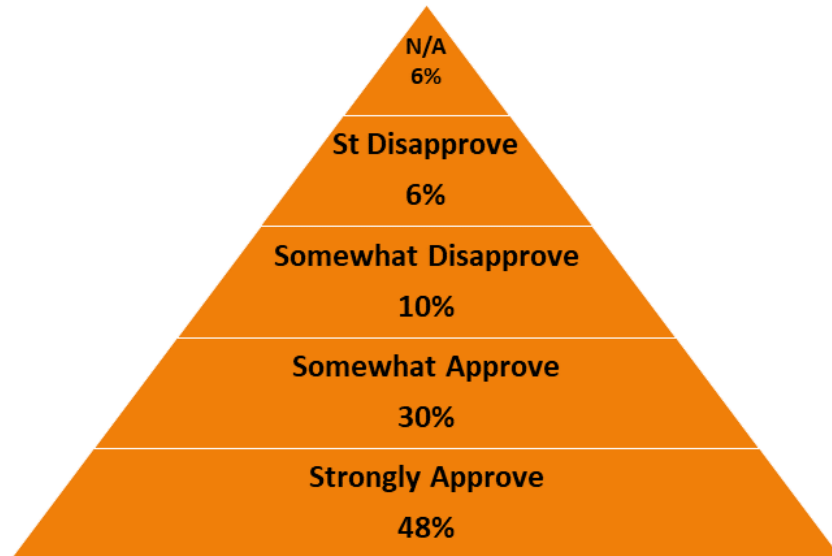
President Trump Job Approval by Region



Governor Larry Hogan

Robust approval numbers for the governor endure. Statewide, 78% approve of the job Larry Hogan is doing as governor (48% “strongly approve” and 30% “somewhat approve”), while only 16% disapprove of the job Hogan is doing (6% “strongly disapprove” and 10% “somewhat disapprove”), with 6% giving no opinion.

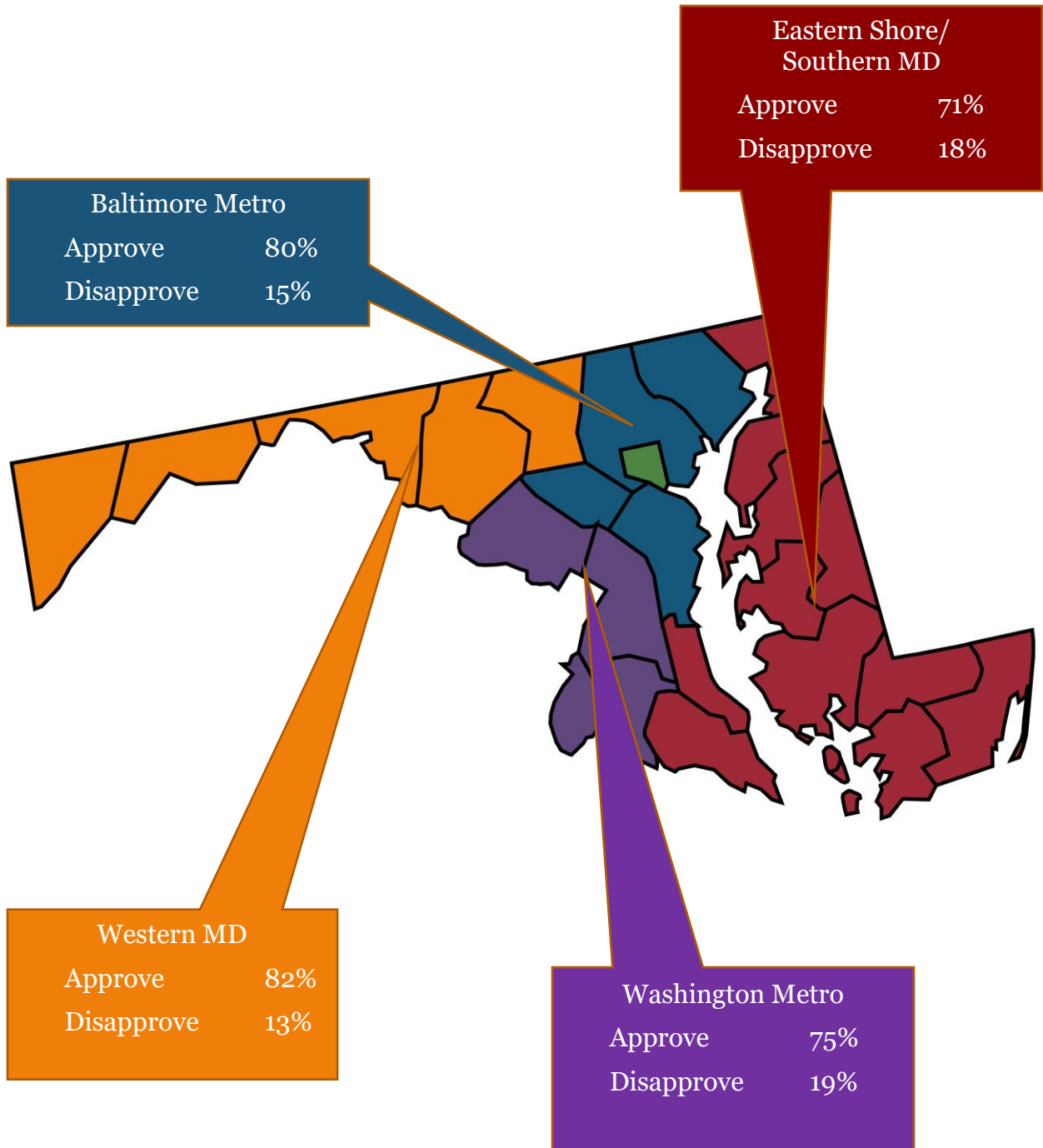
Hogan Job Approval



The results by party, gender, and race:

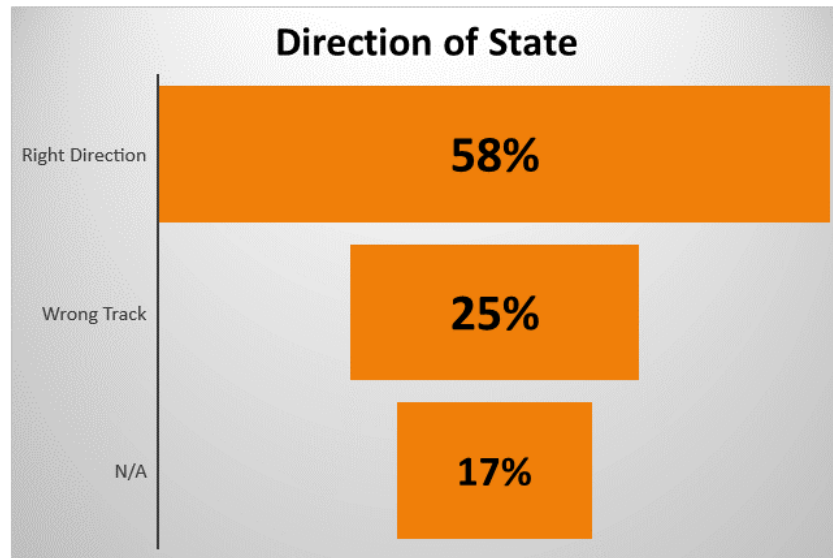
Hogan Job Approval	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Democrat	72%	20%
Republican	85%	13%
Unaffiliated	85%	8%
Men	81%	15%
Women	75%	18%
White	80%	14%
African-American	73%	21%

Governor Hogan Job Approval **by** Region



Direction of the State

Statewide, 58% of voters say that things in Maryland are moving in the right direction, while 25% say things are off on the wrong track, with 17% offering no answer.



The results by party, gender, race, and region:

Direction of State	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>
Democrat	58%	26%
Republican	57%	26%
Unaffiliated	58%	24%
Men	58%	25%
Women	58%	26%
White	57%	25%
African-American	63%	24%
Baltimore Metro	59%	27%
Washington Metro	58%	26%
Rural Maryland	55%	21%

\$15 Minimum Wage

Among voters, 60% say they favor the idea of a law requiring all employers in Maryland to pay their workers a minimum salary of \$15 per hour (43% “strongly favor” and 17% “somewhat favor”), while 35% oppose a law requiring a \$15 per hour minimum wage (27% “strongly oppose” and 8% “somewhat oppose”), with 5% offering no response.

The results by party, gender, and race:

\$15 Minimum Wage	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Democrat	79%	14%
Republican	25%	74%
Unaffiliated	54%	43%
Men	51%	43%
Women	67%	29%
White	49%	46%
African-American	85%	11%

79% of Democrats favor the concept of a \$15 per hour minimum wage

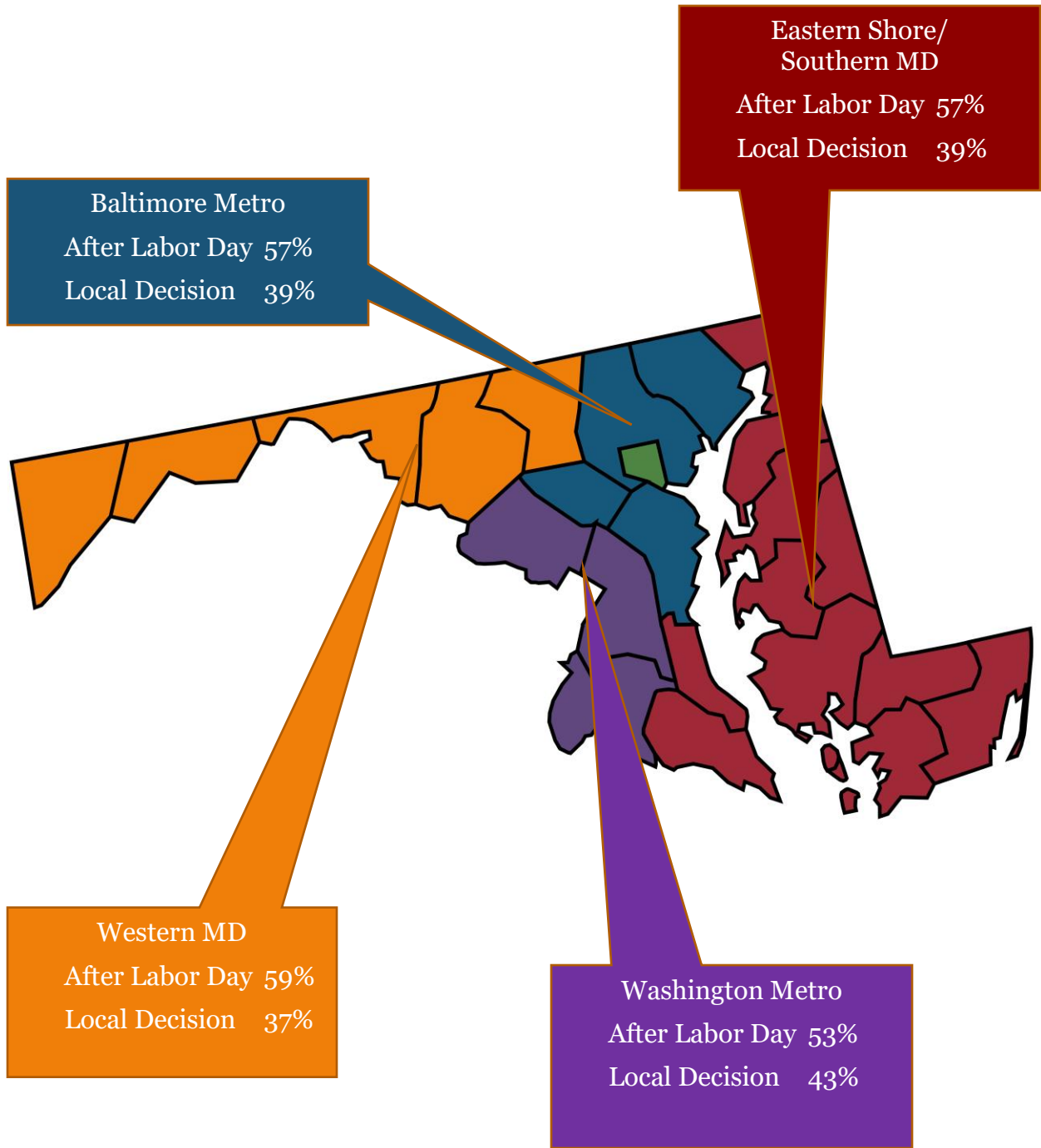
Labor Day School Opening

We explained to respondents that for the past several years an executive order has mandated that public schools in Maryland begin after Labor Day. We then offered aims for advocates on both sides of the issue. Finally, we asked voters their opinion on whether all public schools in Maryland should stay closed through Labor Day, or should each local jurisdiction and school board be autonomous and decide when the school year begins.

Statewide, 56% say that all public schools in Maryland should stay closed through Labor Day, 40% say that local school jurisdictions should decide when the school year begins, and 4% provide no opinion.

Labor Day School Opening	<u>After Labor Day</u>	<u>Local Decision</u>
Democrat	53%	43%
Republican	60%	36%
Unaffiliated	60%	39%
Men	51%	45%
Women	60%	36%

Labor Day School Opening **by** Region



Driver's License Gender

Among Maryland voters, 37% say they favor a bill that is under consideration allowing individuals to put an “X” on their driver’s license, to designate their gender as “unspecified” (19% “strongly favor” and 18% “somewhat favor”), while 51% oppose allowing individuals to designate their gender as “unspecified” (45% “strongly oppose” and 6% “somewhat oppose”), with 12% providing no response.

The results by party, gender, race, and region:

Unspecified Gender	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Democrat	50%	35%
Republican	12%	80%
Unaffiliated	36%	55%
Men	34%	55%
Women	40%	47%
White	34%	55%
African-American	45%	40%
Metro Baltimore	38%	50%
Metro Washington	44%	44%
Rural Maryland	24%	65%

50% of Democrats favor an “unspecified” designation

National Emergency Declaration for Southern Border Wall

Statewide, 30% approve of President Donald Trump declaring a national emergency to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border (26% “strongly approve” and 4% “somewhat approve”), while 67% of Maryland voters disapprove (61% “strongly disapprove” and 6% “somewhat disapprove”), with 3% giving no answer.

The results by party, gender, and race:

National Emergency	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Democrat	9%	89%
Republican	68%	29%
Unaffiliated	37%	60%
Men	35%	62%
Women	25%	72%
White	39%	58%
African-American	8%	90%

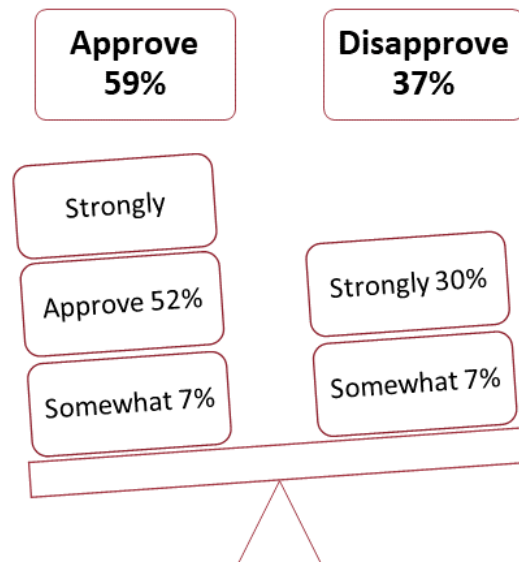
Russian Collusion Investigation

Among Maryland voters, 59% approve of the 2-year special counsel investigation into whether or not Donald Trump colluded with the Russians during the 2016 presidential election (52% “strongly approve” and 7% “somewhat approve”), while 37% disapprove of the special counsel investigation into Russian collusion (30% “strongly disapprove” and 7% “somewhat disapprove”), with 4% offering no response.

The results by party, gender, and race:

Collusion Investigation	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Democrat	80%	17%
Republican	21%	75%
Unaffiliated	52%	43%
Men	54%	42%
Women	63%	33%
White	49%	47%
African-American	81%	17%

Russian Collusion Investigation



Appendix A: Data Tables

QUESTION 1: Trump Job Approval *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?*

JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP	Number	Percent
Approve	309	37.8 %
Disapprove	491	60.1 %
No answer	17	2.1 %
Total	817	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP	Number	Percent
Strongly Approve	238	29.1 %
Somewhat Approve	71	8.7 %
Somewhat Disapprove	32	3.9 %
Strongly Disapprove	459	56.2 %
No answer	17	2.1 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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	JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP				
	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
PARTY					
Democrat	38 8.3%	22 4.8%	18 3.9%	374 81.5%	7 1.5%
Republican	153 67.7%	40 17.7%	7 3.1%	21 9.3%	5 2.2%
Unaffiliated	47 35.6%	9 6.8%	7 5.3%	64 48.5%	5 3.8%

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	JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP				
	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
GENDER					
Male	131 34.6%	34 9.0%	17 4.5%	190 50.1%	7 1.8%
Female	107 24.4%	37 8.4%	15 3.4%	269 61.4%	10 2.3%

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JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	49 28.3%	11 6.4%	12 6.9%	97 56.1%	4 2.3%
35 to 44	37 29.8%	13 10.5%	4 3.2%	69 55.6%	1 0.8%
45 to 54	44 28.9%	13 8.6%	7 4.6%	86 56.6%	2 1.3%
55 to 64	48 28.6%	18 10.7%	4 2.4%	94 56.0%	4 2.4%
65 and older	60 30.0%	16 8.0%	5 2.5%	113 56.5%	6 3.0%

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JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>					
Under 55	130 29.0%	37 8.2%	23 5.1%	252 56.1%	7 1.6%
55 or older	108 29.3%	34 9.2%	9 2.4%	207 56.3%	10 2.7%

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JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	211 39.3%	53 9.9%	22 4.1%	240 44.7%	11 2.0%
African-American	12 5.3%	11 4.9%	9 4.0%	188 83.6%	5 2.2%
Other	15 27.3%	7 12.7%	1 1.8%	31 56.4%	1 1.8%

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JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Metro Baltimore	108 30.6%	32 9.1%	10 2.8%	196 55.5%	7 2.0%
Metro Washington	46 16.3%	14 5.0%	9 3.2%	208 73.8%	5 1.8%
Rural Maryland	84 46.2%	25 13.7%	13 7.1%	55 30.2%	5 2.7%

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JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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RURAL MD

Eastern Shore	35 38.9%	15 16.7%	7 7.8%	29 32.2%	4 4.4%
Western Maryland	49 53.3%	10 10.9%	6 6.5%	26 28.3%	1 1.1%

QUESTION 2: Hogan Job Approval *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Larry Hogan is doing as governor?*

JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN	Number	Percent
Approve	634	77.6 %
Disapprove	133	16.3 %
No answer	50	6.1 %
Total	817	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN	Number	Percent
Strongly Approve	389	47.6 %
Somewhat Approve	245	30.0 %
Somewhat Disapprove	84	10.3 %
Strongly Disapprove	49	6.0 %
No answer	50	6.1 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN				
Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer

PARTY

Democrat	184 40.1%	146 31.8%	64 13.9%	29 6.3%	36 7.8%
Republican	136 60.2%	57 25.2%	16 7.1%	13 5.8%	4 1.8%
Unaffiliated	69 52.3%	42 31.8%	4 3.0%	7 5.3%	10 7.6%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN				
Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Male	189 49.9%	118 31.1%	38 10.0%	18 4.7%	16 4.2%
Female	200 45.7%	127 29.0%	46 10.5%	31 7.1%	34 7.8%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	73 42.2%	57 32.9%	22 12.7%	8 4.6%	13 7.5%
35 to 44	55 44.4%	36 29.0%	12 9.7%	11 8.9%	10 8.1%
45 to 54	78 51.3%	43 28.3%	10 6.6%	13 8.6%	8 5.3%
55 to 64	91 54.2%	48 28.6%	14 8.3%	4 2.4%	11 6.5%
65 and older	92 46.0%	61 30.5%	26 13.0%	13 6.5%	8 4.0%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>					
Under 55	206 45.9%	136 30.3%	44 9.8%	32 7.1%	31 6.9%
55 or older	183 49.7%	109 29.6%	40 10.9%	17 4.6%	19 5.2%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	274 51.0%	153 28.5%	47 8.8%	30 5.6%	33 6.1%
African-American	94 41.8%	69 30.7%	34 15.1%	14 6.2%	14 6.2%
Other	21 38.2%	23 41.8%	3 5.5%	5 9.1%	3 5.5%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Metro Baltimore	185 52.4%	98 27.8%	29 8.2%	24 6.8%	17 4.8%
Metro Washington	99 35.1%	113 40.1%	36 12.8%	16 5.7%	18 6.4%
Rural Maryland	105 57.7%	34 18.7%	19 10.4%	9 4.9%	15 8.2%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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RURAL MD

Eastern Shore	51 56.7%	13 14.4%	10 11.1%	6 6.7%	10 11.1%
Western Maryland	54 58.7%	21 22.8%	9 9.8%	3 3.3%	5 5.4%

QUESTION 3: Direction of State Overall, would you say things in Maryland are moving in the right direction, or would you say things are off on the wrong track?

<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Right Direction	472	57.8 %
Wrong Track	207	25.3 %
No answer	138	16.9 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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	<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>		
	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	267 58.2%	118 25.7%	74 16.1%
Republican	128 56.6%	58 25.7%	40 17.7%
Unaffiliated	77 58.3%	31 23.5%	24 18.2%

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	<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>		
	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>GENDER</u>			
Male	220 58.0%	95 25.1%	64 16.9%
Female	252 57.5%	112 25.6%	74 16.9%

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	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	99 57.2%	44 25.4%	30 17.3%
35 to 44	71 57.3%	31 25.0%	22 17.7%
45 to 54	96 63.2%	37 24.3%	19 12.5%
55 to 64	97 57.7%	37 22.0%	34 20.2%
65 and older	109 54.5%	58 29.0%	33 16.5%

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	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>			
Under 55	266 59.2%	112 24.9%	71 15.8%
55 or older	206 56.0%	95 25.8%	67 18.2%

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	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
White	304 56.6%	137 25.5%	96 17.9%
African-American	142 63.1%	53 23.6%	30 13.3%
Other	26 47.3%	17 30.9%	12 21.8%

N=817	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Metro	209	95	49
Baltimore	59.2%	26.9%	13.9%
Metro	163	74	45
Washington	57.8%	26.2%	16.0%
Rural	100	38	44
Maryland	54.9%	20.9%	24.2%

QUESTION 4: Minimum Wage *Would you favor or oppose a law requiring all employers in Maryland to pay their workers a minimum salary of \$15 per hour?*

<u>\$15 MINIMUM WAGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Favor	490	60.0 %
Oppose	288	35.2 %
No answer	39	4.8 %
Total	817	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

<u>\$15 MINIMUM WAGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Favor	349	42.7 %
Somewhat Favor	141	17.3 %
Somewhat Oppose	69	8.4 %
Strongly Oppose	219	26.8 %
No answer	39	4.8 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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<u>\$15 MINIMUM WAGE</u>				
<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	270 58.8%	92 20.0%	25 5.4%	40 8.7%	32 7.0%
Republican	26 11.5%	31 13.7%	19 8.4%	147 65.0%	3 1.3%
Unaffiliated	53 40.2%	18 13.6%	25 18.9%	32 24.2%	4 3.0%

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<u>\$15 MINIMUM WAGE</u>				
<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Male	143 37.7%	52 13.7%	36 9.5%	127 33.5%	21 5.5%
Female	206 47.0%	89 20.3%	33 7.5%	92 21.0%	18 4.1%

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	\$15 MINIMUM WAGE				
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	73 42.2%	34 19.7%	14 8.1%	44 25.4%	8 4.6%
35 to 44	63 50.8%	19 15.3%	12 9.7%	29 23.4%	1 0.8%
45 to 54	63 41.4%	28 18.4%	12 7.9%	38 25.0%	11 7.2%
55 to 64	66 39.3%	24 14.3%	13 7.7%	57 33.9%	8 4.8%
65 and older	84 42.0%	36 18.0%	18 9.0%	51 25.5%	11 5.5%

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	\$15 MINIMUM WAGE				
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>					
Under 55	199 44.3%	81 18.0%	38 8.5%	111 24.7%	20 4.5%
55 or older	150 40.8%	60 16.3%	31 8.4%	108 29.3%	19 5.2%

N=817

	\$15 MINIMUM WAGE				
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	176 32.8%	88 16.4%	49 9.1%	196 36.5%	28 5.2%
African-American	151 67.1%	41 18.2%	15 6.7%	9 4.0%	9 4.0%
Other	22 40.0%	12 21.8%	5 9.1%	14 25.5%	2 3.6%

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\$15 MINIMUM WAGE

	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>REGION</u>					
Metro Baltimore	151 42.8%	49 13.9%	38 10.8%	100 28.3%	15 4.2%
Metro Washington	139 49.3%	65 23.0%	16 5.7%	46 16.3%	16 5.7%
Rural Maryland	59 32.4%	27 14.8%	15 8.2%	73 40.1%	8 4.4%

QUESTION 5: Labor Day Schools *For the past 3 years, an executive order has mandated that public schools in Maryland begin after Labor Day.*

- *Some say that keeping schools closed through Labor Day gives families more vacation opportunities and helps businesses in the state.*
- *Others say that a statewide executive order interferes with local autonomy, and that local school jurisdictions should determine their school-year calendar.*

In your opinion, should all public schools in Maryland stay closed through Labor Day, or should each local school jurisdiction decide when the school year begins?

<u>POST-LABOR DAY SCHOOL OPENING</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Closed Through Labor Day	457	55.9 %
Local Board Decides	328	40.1 %
No answer	32	3.9 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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<u>POST-LABOR DAY SCHOOL OPENING</u>		
<u>Closed Through Labor Day</u>	<u>Local Board Decides</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	242 52.7%	196 42.7%	21 4.6%
Republican	136 60.2%	81 35.8%	9 4.0%
Unaffiliated	79 59.8%	51 38.6%	2 1.5%

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<u>POST-LABOR DAY SCHOOL OPENING</u>		
<u>Closed Through Labor Day</u>	<u>Local Board Decides</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Male	194 51.2%	171 45.1%	14 3.7%
Female	263 60.0%	157 35.8%	18 4.1%

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POST-LABOR DAY SCHOOL OPENING			
	Closed Through Labor Day	Local Board Decides	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	97 56.1%	70 40.5%	6 3.5%
35 to 44	61 49.2%	59 47.6%	4 3.2%
45 to 54	75 49.3%	74 48.7%	3 2.0%
55 to 64	115 68.5%	48 28.6%	5 3.0%
65 and older	109 54.5%	77 38.5%	14 7.0%

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POST-LABOR DAY SCHOOL OPENING			
	Closed Through Labor Day	Local Board Decides	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>			
Under 55	233 51.9%	203 45.2%	13 2.9%
55 or older	224 60.9%	125 34.0%	19 5.2%

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POST-LABOR DAY SCHOOL OPENING			
	Closed Through Labor Day	Local Board Decides	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
White	293 54.6%	223 41.5%	21 3.9%
African- American	123 54.7%	93 41.3%	9 4.0%
Other	41 74.5%	12 21.8%	2 3.6%

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POST-LABOR DAY SCHOOL OPENING

Closed Through

Labor Day

Local Board Decides

No answer

REGION

Metro	202	137	14
Baltimore	57.2%	38.8%	4.0%
Metro	150	122	10
Washington	53.2%	43.3%	3.5%
Rural	105	69	8
Maryland	57.7%	37.9%	4.4%

N=192

POST-LABOR DAY SCHOOL OPENING

Closed Through

Labor Day

Local Board Decides

No answer

RURAL MD

Eastern Shore	51	35	4
	56.7%	38.9%	4.4%
Western	54	34	4
Maryland	58.7%	37.0%	4.3%

QUESTION 6: Unspecified Gender on Driver's License *In Maryland, there is a bill under consideration that would allow individuals to put an X on their driver's license, to designate their gender as "unspecified." Do you favor or oppose allowing individuals to designate their gender as "unspecified" on their driver's license?*

UNSPECIFIED GENDER ON DRIVER'S LICENSE	Number	Percent
Favor	303	37.1 %
Oppose	416	50.9 %
No answer	98	12.0 %
Total	817	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

UNSPECIFIED GENDER ON DRIVER'S LICENSE	Number	Percent
Strongly Favor	154	18.8 %
Somewhat Favor	149	18.2 %
Somewhat Oppose	46	5.6 %
Strongly Oppose	370	45.3 %
No answer	98	12.0 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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	UNSPECIFIED GENDER ON DRIVER'S LICENSE				
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>					
Democrat	112 24.4%	117 25.5%	19 4.1%	144 31.4%	67 14.6%
Republican	17 7.5%	9 4.0%	16 7.1%	165 73.0%	19 8.4%
Unaffiliated	25 18.9%	23 17.4%	11 8.3%	61 46.2%	12 9.1%

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	UNSPECIFIED GENDER ON DRIVER'S LICENSE				
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>					
Male	72 19.0%	57 15.0%	27 7.1%	181 47.8%	42 11.1%
Female	82 18.7%	92 21.0%	19 4.3%	189 43.2%	56 12.8%

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UNSPECIFIED GENDER ON DRIVER'S LICENSE					
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	45 26.0%	37 21.4%	11 6.4%	66 38.2%	14 8.1%
35 to 44	27 21.8%	23 18.5%	6 4.8%	54 43.5%	14 11.3%
45 to 54	34 22.4%	18 11.8%	8 5.3%	73 48.0%	19 12.5%
55 to 64	31 18.5%	29 17.3%	10 6.0%	83 49.4%	15 8.9%
65 and older	17 8.5%	42 21.0%	11 5.5%	94 47.0%	36 18.0%

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UNSPECIFIED GENDER ON DRIVER'S LICENSE					
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>					
Under 55	106 23.6%	78 17.4%	25 5.6%	193 43.0%	47 10.5%
55 or older	48 13.0%	71 19.3%	21 5.7%	177 48.1%	51 13.9%

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UNSPECIFIED GENDER ON DRIVER'S LICENSE					
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	99 18.4%	86 16.0%	37 6.9%	257 47.9%	58 10.8%
African-American	46 20.4%	55 24.4%	7 3.1%	84 37.3%	33 14.7%
Other	9 16.4%	8 14.5%	2 3.6%	29 52.7%	7 12.7%

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UNSPECIFIED GENDER ON DRIVER'S LICENSE

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>					
Metro Baltimore	66 18.7%	69 19.5%	21 5.9%	154 43.6%	43 12.2%
Metro Washington	68 24.1%	56 19.9%	16 5.7%	107 37.9%	35 12.4%
Rural Maryland	20 11.0%	24 13.2%	9 4.9%	109 59.9%	20 11.0%

QUESTION 7: National Emergency Declaration *Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump declaring a national emergency to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border?*

<u>PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Approve	243	29.8 %
Disapprove	551	67.4 %
No answer	23	2.8 %
Total	817	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

<u>PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Approve	208	25.5 %
Somewhat Approve	35	4.3 %
Somewhat Disapprove	51	6.2 %
Strongly Disapprove	500	61.2 %
No answer	23	2.8 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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<u>PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY</u>				
<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	34 7.4%	6 1.3%	17 3.7%	389 84.7%	13 2.8%
Republican	132 58.4%	22 9.7%	25 11.1%	41 18.1%	6 2.7%
Unaffiliated	42 31.8%	7 5.3%	9 6.8%	70 53.0%	4 3.0%

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<u>PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY</u>				
<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Male	114 30.1%	19 5.0%	28 7.4%	208 54.9%	10 2.6%
Female	94 21.5%	16 3.7%	23 5.3%	292 66.7%	13 3.0%

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	PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY				
	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	45 26.0%	8 4.6%	10 5.8%	105 60.7%	5 2.9%
35 to 44	35 28.2%	2 1.6%	10 8.1%	75 60.5%	2 1.6%
45 to 54	41 27.0%	8 5.3%	8 5.3%	92 60.5%	3 2.0%
55 to 64	42 25.0%	7 4.2%	10 6.0%	104 61.9%	5 3.0%
65 and older	45 22.5%	10 5.0%	13 6.5%	124 62.0%	8 4.0%

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	PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY				
	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>					
Under 55	121 26.9%	18 4.0%	28 6.2%	272 60.6%	10 2.2%
55 or older	87 23.6%	17 4.6%	23 6.3%	228 62.0%	13 3.5%

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	PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY				
	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	179 33.3%	28 5.2%	38 7.1%	275 51.2%	17 3.2%
African-American	15 6.7%	4 1.8%	11 4.9%	191 84.9%	4 1.8%
Other	14 25.5%	3 5.5%	2 3.6%	34 61.8%	2 3.6%

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PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Metro Baltimore	93 26.3%	21 5.9%	17 4.8%	214 60.6%	8 2.3%
Metro Washington	40 14.2%	5 1.8%	17 6.0%	213 75.5%	7 2.5%
Rural Maryland	75 41.2%	9 4.9%	17 9.3%	73 40.1%	8 4.4%

National Emergency Declaration by President Trump Job Approval

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PRESIDENT TRUMP NATIONAL EMERGENCY

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Strongly Approve	190 79.8%	18 7.6%	9 3.8%	17 7.1%	4 1.7%
Somewhat Approve	16 22.5%	15 21.1%	13 18.3%	23 32.4%	4 5.6%
Somewhat Disapprove	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	22 68.8%	9 28.1%	0 0.0%
Strongly Disapprove	1 0.2%	0 0.0%	6 1.3%	449 97.8%	3 0.7%
No answer	1 5.9%	1 5.9%	1 5.9%	2 11.8%	12 70.6%

QUESTION 8: Russian Collusion Investigation *Do you approve or disapprove of the 2-year special counsel investigation into whether or not Donald Trump colluded with the Russians during the 2016 presidential election?*

<u>SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Approve	481	58.9 %
Disapprove	304	37.2 %
No answer	32	3.9 %
Total	817	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

<u>SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Approve	426	52.1 %
Somewhat Approve	55	6.7 %
Somewhat Disapprove	57	7.0 %
Strongly Disapprove	247	30.2 %
No answer	32	3.9 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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<u>SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION</u>				
<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	336 73.2%	29 6.3%	16 3.5%	63 13.7%	15 3.3%
Republican	30 13.3%	17 7.5%	28 12.4%	141 62.4%	10 4.4%
Unaffiliated	60 45.5%	9 6.8%	13 9.8%	43 32.6%	7 5.3%

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<u>SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION</u>				
<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Male	182 48.0%	22 5.8%	29 7.7%	130 34.3%	16 4.2%
Female	244 55.7%	33 7.5%	28 6.4%	117 26.7%	16 3.7%

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SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION					
	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	90 52.0%	17 9.8%	11 6.4%	46 26.6%	9 5.2%
35 to 44	67 54.0%	6 4.8%	10 8.1%	39 31.5%	2 1.6%
45 to 54	79 52.0%	10 6.6%	14 9.2%	42 27.6%	7 4.6%
55 to 64	85 50.6%	10 6.0%	9 5.4%	59 35.1%	5 3.0%
65 and older	105 52.5%	12 6.0%	13 6.5%	61 30.5%	9 4.5%

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SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION					
	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>					
Under 55	236 52.6%	33 7.3%	35 7.8%	127 28.3%	18 4.0%
55 or older	190 51.6%	22 6.0%	22 6.0%	120 32.6%	14 3.8%

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SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION					
	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	228 42.5%	37 6.9%	45 8.4%	204 38.0%	23 4.3%
African-American	171 76.0%	12 5.3%	8 3.6%	29 12.9%	5 2.2%
Other	27 49.1%	6 10.9%	4 7.3%	14 25.5%	4 7.3%

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SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Metro Baltimore	179 50.7%	24 6.8%	36 10.2%	104 29.5%	10 2.8%
Metro Washington	187 66.3%	17 6.0%	9 3.2%	57 20.2%	12 4.3%
Rural Maryland	60 33.0%	14 7.7%	12 6.6%	86 47.3%	10 5.5%

Special Counsel Investigation by President Trump Job Approval

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SPECIAL COUNSEL COLLUSION INVESTIGATION

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Strongly Approve	7 2.9%	10 4.2%	26 10.9%	188 79.0%	7 2.9%
Somewhat Approve	7 9.9%	14 19.7%	14 19.7%	32 45.1%	4 5.6%
Somewhat Disapprove	11 34.4%	14 43.8%	2 6.3%	4 12.5%	1 3.1%
Strongly Disapprove	400 87.1%	17 3.7%	14 3.1%	18 3.9%	10 2.2%
No answer	1 5.9%	0 0.0%	1 5.9%	5 29.4%	10 58.8%

Gonzales Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 34	173	21.2 %
35 to 44	124	15.2 %
45 to 54	152	18.6 %
55 to 64	168	20.6 %
65 and older	200	24.5 %
Total	817	100.0 %

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 55	449	55.0 %
55 or older	368	45.0 %
Total	817	100.0 %

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	459	56.2 %
Republican	226	27.7 %
Unaffiliated	132	16.2 %
Total	817	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	537	65.7 %
African-American	225	27.5 %
Other	55	6.7 %
Total	817	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	379	46.4 %
Female	438	53.6 %
Total	817	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Metro Baltimore	353	43.2 %
Metro Washington	282	34.5 %
Rural Maryland	182	22.3 %
Total	817	100.0 %

Regional Classifications

Baltimore Metro	Number	Percent
Baltimore City	68	19.3 %
Anne Arundel County	82	23.2 %
Baltimore County	116	32.9 %
Harford County	40	11.3 %
Howard County	47	13.3 %
Total	353	100.0 %

Washington Metro	Number	Percent
Montgomery County	141	50.0 %
Prince George's County	118	41.8 %
Charles County	23	8.2 %
Total	282	100.0 %

Rural Maryland	Number	Percent
Eastern Shore/Southern Maryland	90	49.5 %
Western Maryland	92	50.5 %
Total	182	100.0 %