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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.

Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Further, he 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 decades of 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.

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This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from December 20<sup>th</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A total of 807 registered voters in Maryland who vote regularly 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.

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## Synopsis

“It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.”

– Mark Twain

As he continues to sink in the national polls, President Joe Biden is keeping his head above water in Maryland...mostly.

Statewide, 54% approve of the overall job Biden is doing as president, while 43% disapprove of his performance in office. Biden’s majority approval is grounded in the two-to-one registration advantage Democrats enjoy over Republicans in the Old Line State: 84% of Democrats approve of the job the president is doing; 86% of Republicans disapprove.

Slogging into their third year coping with covid, a 57% majority of Marylanders say they approve of the job Biden is doing handling the coronavirus pandemic; only 37% “strongly” approve, however. Among African-Americans, 89% still support the president on the job he’s doing handling the pandemic.

With regard to voter perception toward his management of the economy, Biden does not fare as well. Statewide, 45% rate the job he’s doing handling the economy as excellent/good, while 54% rate his performance as fair/poor. Seventy-one percent of Democrats support Biden on the economy; 91% of Republicans differ.

The reactions of Democrats and Republicans are predictable (like sunrise and sunset each day), but independents – those aligned with neither party - can determine the fortunes of a politician...to some extent in deep blue Maryland, much more so in other parts of the country.

Among independents here, only 26% support the president on his handling of the economy, while 72% think he’s is not doing a very good job. Further, a hefty majority of unaffiliated voters currently disapprove of the job Biden is doing across the board – 62% of independents do not think his administration has been competent in running the government.

The bloc of independents showing up at the polls is growing in Maryland, now comprising nearly twenty percent of the electorate.

Among all voters, 49% approve of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice-president, while 45% disapprove, with 6% having no opinion. Seventy-seven percent of Maryland Democrats approve of the job she's doing; 89% of Republicans disapprove. With independents, 27% approve of her performance as vice-president, and 63% disapprove.

It seems like only yesterday when Larry Hogan shocked the state with his upset win for governor. Seven years later, with 74% approval today, Hogan remains the most popular governor in Maryland over the past 60 years (at least).

A quick stroll down memory lane with Gonzales Research and its rating of Governor Hogan since he took office:

<b>Hogan Job Performance</b>	<b>Approve</b>
January 2016	67%
March 2016	70%
January 2018	71%
June 2018	75%
August 2018	71%
October 2018	72%
January 2019	77%
March 2019	78%
May 2019	76%
January 2020	75%
March 2020	78%
May 2020	78%
October 2020	73%
January 2022	74%

With a deft touch, Hogan has navigated the choppy, partisan puddle of politics and kept his ship sailing straight and fast, as others have sputtered and sunk during these turbulent times.

## Gonzales Poll – January 2022 Results

### President Joe Biden

#### Overall Approval

Among voters in Maryland, 54% approve of the job Joe Biden is doing as president (34% “strongly” approve and 20% “somewhat” approve), while 43% disapprove (40% “strongly” disapprove and 3% “somewhat” disapprove), with 3% offering no opinion.

Democrats (84%) support Biden overwhelmingly...with equal (Republicans-**86% disapproval**) and near equal (independents-**62% disapproval**) ferocity, the rest of the state opposes the president.

<b>Biden Job Approval</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	84%	14%
Republican	12%	86%
Unaffiliated	32%	62%
Women	60%	38%
Men	47%	49%
African American	88%	9%
White	40%	57%

Black voters in the Free State back the president mightily.

#### The Economy

Regarding Biden’s management of the economy, Marylanders are in a bit of a malaise. Statewide, 45% rate the job he is doing handling the economy as either “excellent” (15%) or “pretty good” (30%), while 54% rate his job performance on the economy as either “only fair” (13%) or “poor” (41%).

<b>Biden - Economy</b>	<b><u>Excellent/Good</u></b>	<b><u>Fair/Poor</u></b>
Democrat	71%	28%
Republican	8%	91%
Unaffiliated	26%	72%
Women	51%	49%
Men	38%	60%
African American	77%	21%
White	32%	67%

### Coronavirus Pandemic

Entering the third year of covid, 57% of voters approve of the job Joe Biden is doing handling the coronavirus pandemic (37% “strongly” approve and 20% “somewhat” approve), while 41% disapprove (36% “strongly” disapprove and 5% “somewhat” disapprove), with 2% providing no answer.

Again, Democrats (85% **approve**) and Republicans (84% **disapprove**) could not be further apart ...among independents, 40% approve of the job Biden’s doing with the coronavirus, and 55% disapprove.

<b>Biden - Pandemic</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	85%	13%
Republican	15%	84%
Unaffiliated	40%	55%
Women	62%	36%
Men	51%	46%
African American	89%	10%
White	45%	53%

### Running the Government

Overall, 55% of Maryland voters think the Biden administration has been competent in running the government, while 43% say the administration has not been competent.

And - once again - Democrats and Republicans could not be finer examples of yin and yang.

<b>Biden Administration</b>	<b><u>Competent</u></b>	<b><u>Not Competent</u></b>
Democrat	85%	14%
Republican	12%	86%
Unaffiliated	34%	62%
Women	61%	37%
Men	48%	49%
African American	92%	6%
White	40%	58%

## Vice-President Kamala Harris

Among all voters in Maryland, 49% approve of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice-president (25% “strongly” approve and 24% “somewhat” approve), while 45% disapprove (42% “strongly” disapprove and 3% “somewhat” disapprove), with 6% having no opinion.

<b>Harris Job Approval</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	77%	16%
Republican	8%	89%
Unaffiliated	27%	63%
Women	55%	39%
Men	41%	52%
African American	83%	10%
White	36%	59%

## Direction of the State

Fifty-seven percent say things in Maryland are generally headed in the right direction, while 34% feel things in the state are on the wrong track, with 9% not offering a response.

In a state run by a GOP governor, Republicans, interestingly, are more likely to feel things are on the wrong track, while Democrats are much more likely to say things are heading in the right direction

<b>Direction of State</b>	<b><u>Right Direction</u></b>	<b><u>Wrong Track</u></b>
Democrat	72%	21%
Republican	34%	58%
Unaffiliated	49%	35%
Women	60%	30%
Men	53%	38%
African American	70%	22%
White	52%	39%



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## Governor Larry Hogan

### Overall Approval

Moving into his eighth and final year as governor, Republican Larry Hogan enjoys lofty 74% approval among Maryland voters (36% “strongly” approve and 38% “somewhat” approve). Twenty-two percent disapprove of the job Hogan is doing (9% “strongly” disapprove and 13% “somewhat” disapprove), and 4% offer no opinion.

Nearly 8-in-10 Democrats approve of the job Hogan’s doing in elected office, roiling the insatiable impulses of D.C. docents and kingmakers trying to carve out the future.

<b>Hogan Job Approval</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	78%	18%
Republican	69%	29%
Unaffiliated	71%	20%
Women	75%	20%
Men	73%	23%
African American	80%	15%
White	71%	25%

### Coronavirus Pandemic

Statewide, 76% approve of the job Larry Hogan has done handling the coronavirus pandemic over the past 18 months (43% “strongly” approve and 33% “somewhat” approve), while 21% disapprove (9% “strongly” disapprove and 12% “somewhat” disapprove).

Forty-five percent of voters who “somewhat disapprove” of the *overall* job Hogan is doing as governor approve of his handling of covid.

<b>Hogan - Pandemic</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	83%	14%
Republican	68%	28%
Unaffiliated	67%	28%
Women	79%	18%
Men	73%	24%
African American	85%	12%
White	73%	24%

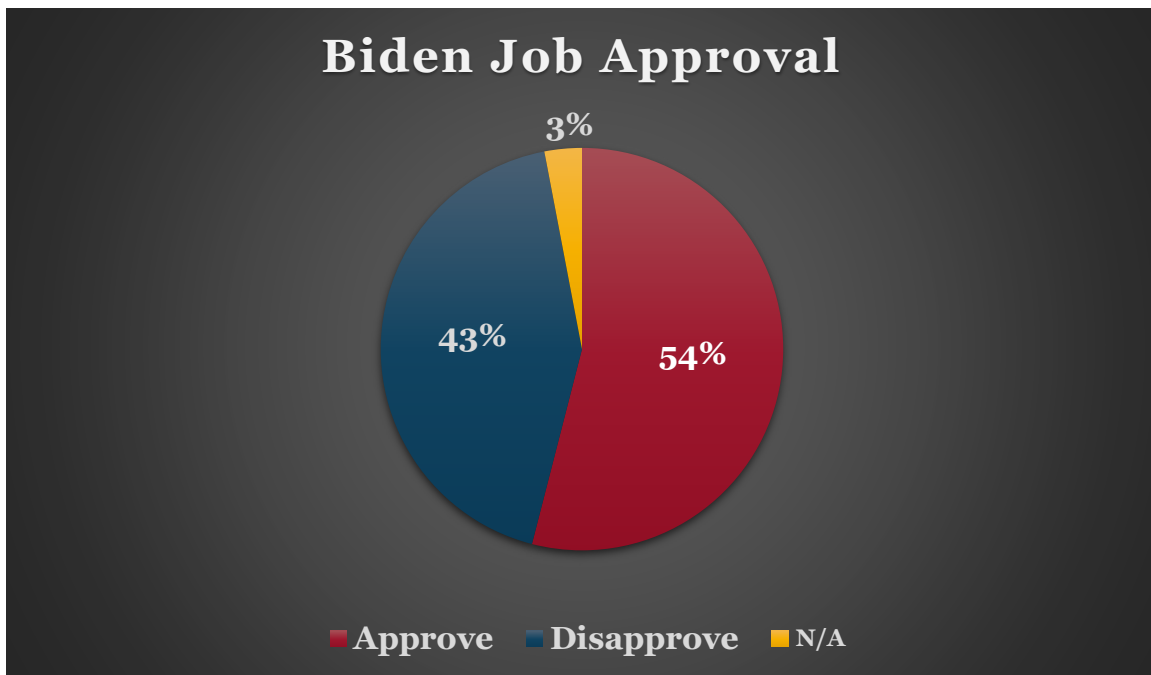
## Appendix A: Data Tables

**QUESTION: Job Approval: President Joe Biden** *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?*

JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN	Number	Percent
Approve	434	53.8 %
Disapprove	349	43.2 %
No answer	24	3.0 %
Total	807	100.0 %

***Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

JOB APPROVAL: BIDEN - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly Approve	277	34.3 %
Somewhat Approve	157	19.5 %
Somewhat Disapprove	27	3.3 %
Strongly Disapprove	322	39.9 %
No answer	24	3.0 %
Total	807	100.0 %



N=807	JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	359 83.5%	61 14.2%	10 2.3%
Republican	26 11.6%	194 86.2%	5 2.2%
Independent	49 32.2%	94 61.8%	9 5.9%

N=807	JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	255 59.6%	163 38.1%	10 2.3%
Male	179 47.2%	186 49.1%	14 3.7%

N=807	JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE

White	203 40.4%	286 56.9%	14 2.8%
African American	207 88.5%	21 9.0%	6 2.6%

N=807	JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGIONAL GROUP

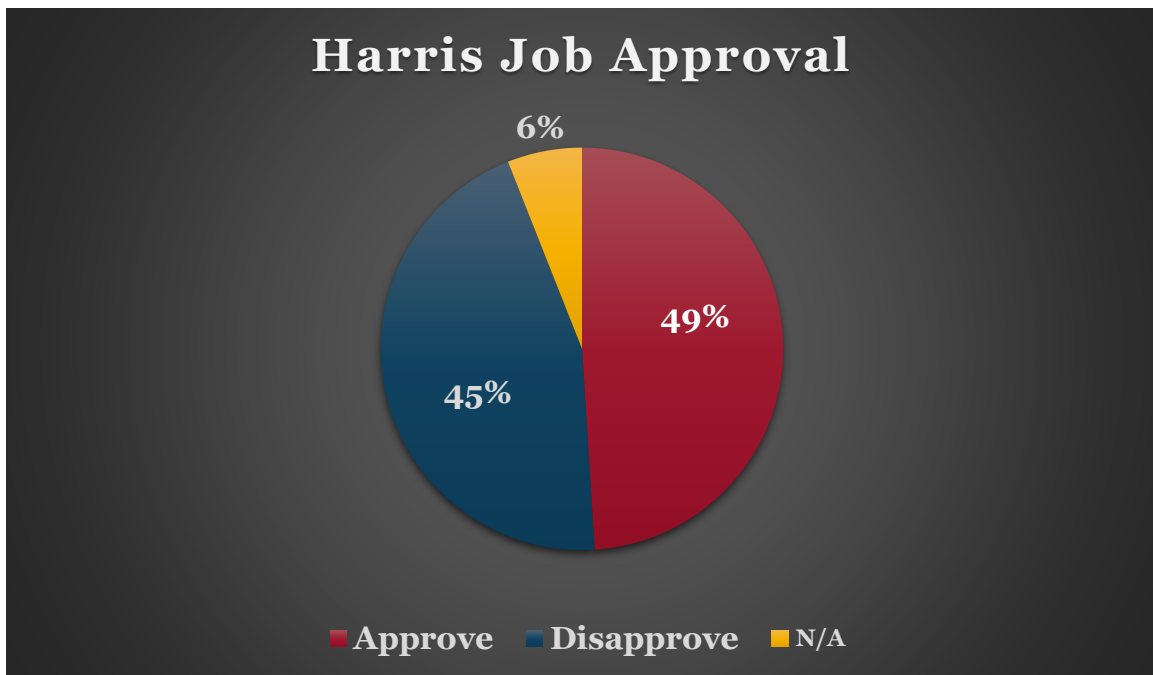
Baltimore Metro	192 55.3%	148 42.7%	7 2.0%
Washington Metro	183 65.8%	84 30.2%	11 4.0%
Rural Maryland	59 32.4%	117 64.3%	6 3.3%

**QUESTION: Job Approval: Vice-President Kamala Harris** *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice-president?*

<u>APPROVAL: VICE-PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Approve	393	48.7 %
Disapprove	364	45.1 %
No answer	50	6.2 %
Total	807	100.0 %

***Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

<u>JOB APPROVAL: HARRIS - INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Approve	202	25.0 %
Somewhat Approve	191	23.7 %
Somewhat Disapprove	26	3.2 %
Strongly Disapprove	338	41.9 %
No answer	50	6.2 %
Total	807	100.0 %



N=807	<u>JOB APPROVAL: VICE-PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	333 77.4%	68 15.8%	29 6.7%
Republican	19 8.4%	200 88.9%	6 2.7%
Independent	41 27.0%	96 63.2%	15 9.9%

N=807	<u>JOB APPROVAL: VICE-PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Female	237 55.4%	166 38.8%	25 5.8%
Male	156 41.2%	198 52.2%	25 6.6%

N=807	<u>JOB APPROVAL: VICE-PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

RACE

White	180 35.8%	297 59.0%	26 5.2%
African American	193 82.5%	24 10.3%	17 7.3%

N=807	<u>JOB APPROVAL: VICE-PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

REGIONAL GROUP

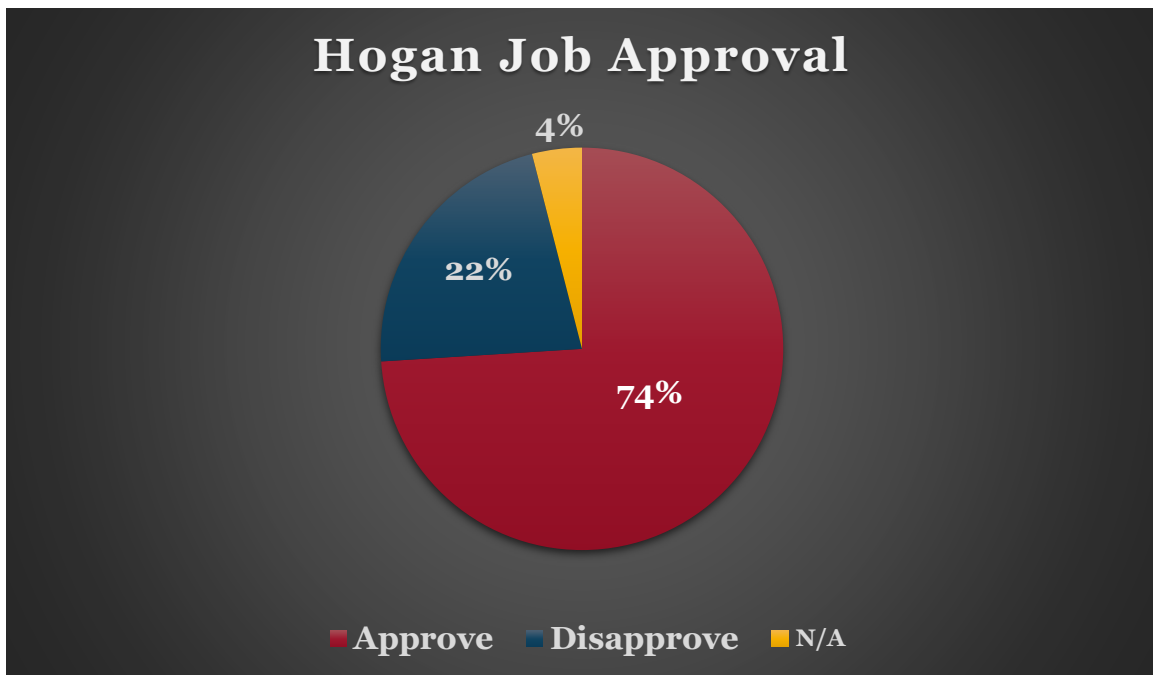
Baltimore Metro	177 51.0%	151 43.5%	19 5.5%
Washington Metro	171 61.5%	87 31.3%	20 7.2%
Rural Maryland	45 24.7%	126 69.2%	11 6.0%

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

JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN	Number	Percent
Approve	598	74.1 %
Disapprove	175	21.7 %
No answer	34	4.2 %
Total	807	100.0 %

***Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

JOB APPROVAL: HOGAN - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly Approve	291	36.1 %
Somewhat Approve	307	38.0 %
Somewhat Disapprove	106	13.1 %
Strongly Disapprove	69	8.6 %
No answer	34	4.2 %
Total	807	100.0 %



N=807	<u>JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN</u>		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	335 77.9%	78 18.1%	17 4.0%
Republican	155 68.9%	67 29.8%	3 1.3%
Independent	108 71.1%	30 19.7%	14 9.2%

N=807	<u>JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN</u>		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	321 75.0%	87 20.3%	20 4.7%
Male	277 73.1%	88 23.2%	14 3.7%

N=807	<u>JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN</u>		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE

White	359 71.4%	125 24.9%	19 3.8%
African American	187 79.9%	35 15.0%	12 5.1%

N=807	<u>JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN</u>		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

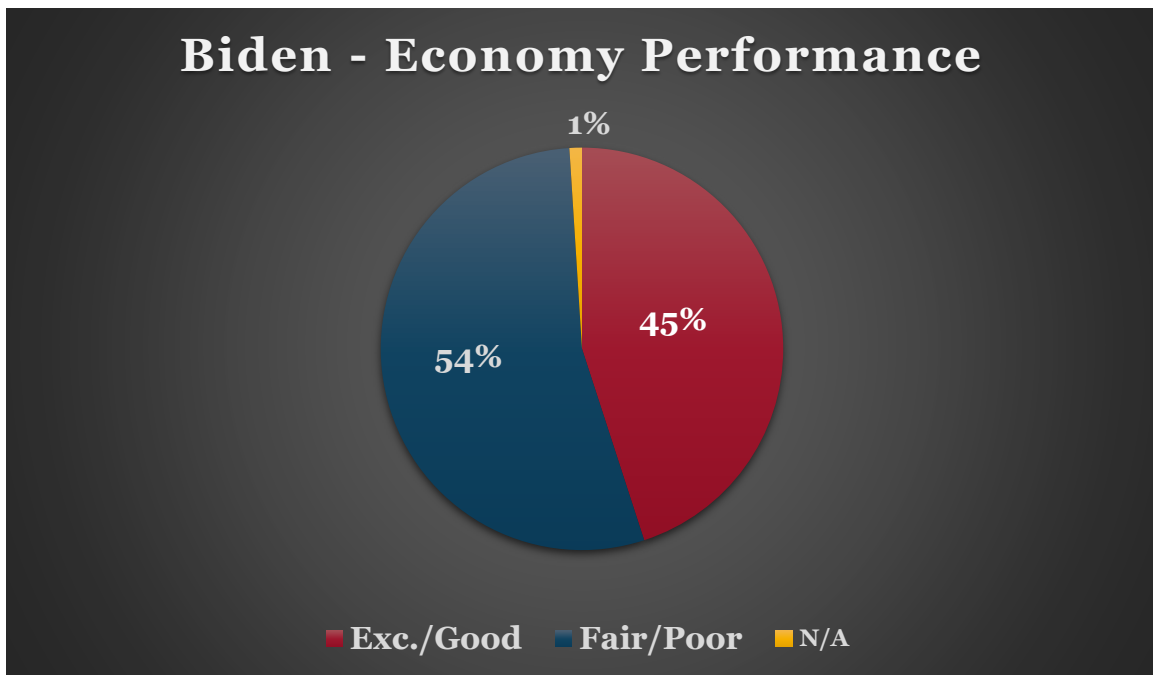
REGIONAL GROUP

Baltimore Metro	251 72.3%	82 23.6%	14 4.0%
Washington Metro	218 78.4%	49 17.6%	11 4.0%
Rural Maryland	129 70.9%	44 24.2%	9 4.9%

**QUESTION: President Biden and the Economy** *How would you rate the job Joe Biden is doing handling the economy: excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?*

<u>BIDEN HANDLING ECONOMY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent/Good	363	45.0 %
Fair/Poor	435	53.9 %
No Answer	9	1.1 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>BIDEN HANDLING ECONOMY - INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	123	15.2 %
Good	240	29.7 %
Fair	104	12.9 %
Poor	331	41.0 %
No Answer	9	1.1 %
Total	807	100.0 %





N=807	BIDEN HANDLING ECONOMY		
	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor	No Answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	306 71.2%	121 28.1%	3 0.7%
Republican	18 8.0%	205 91.1%	2 0.9%
Independent	39 25.7%	109 71.7%	4 2.6%

N=807	BIDEN HANDLING ECONOMY		
	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor	No Answer

GENDER

Female	218 50.9%	208 48.6%	2 0.5%
Male	145 38.3%	227 59.9%	7 1.8%

N=807	BIDEN HANDLING ECONOMY		
	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor	No Answer

RACE

White	160 31.8%	338 67.2%	5 1.0%
African American	181 77.4%	50 21.4%	3 1.3%

N=807	BIDEN HANDLING ECONOMY		
	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor	No Answer

REGIONAL GROUP

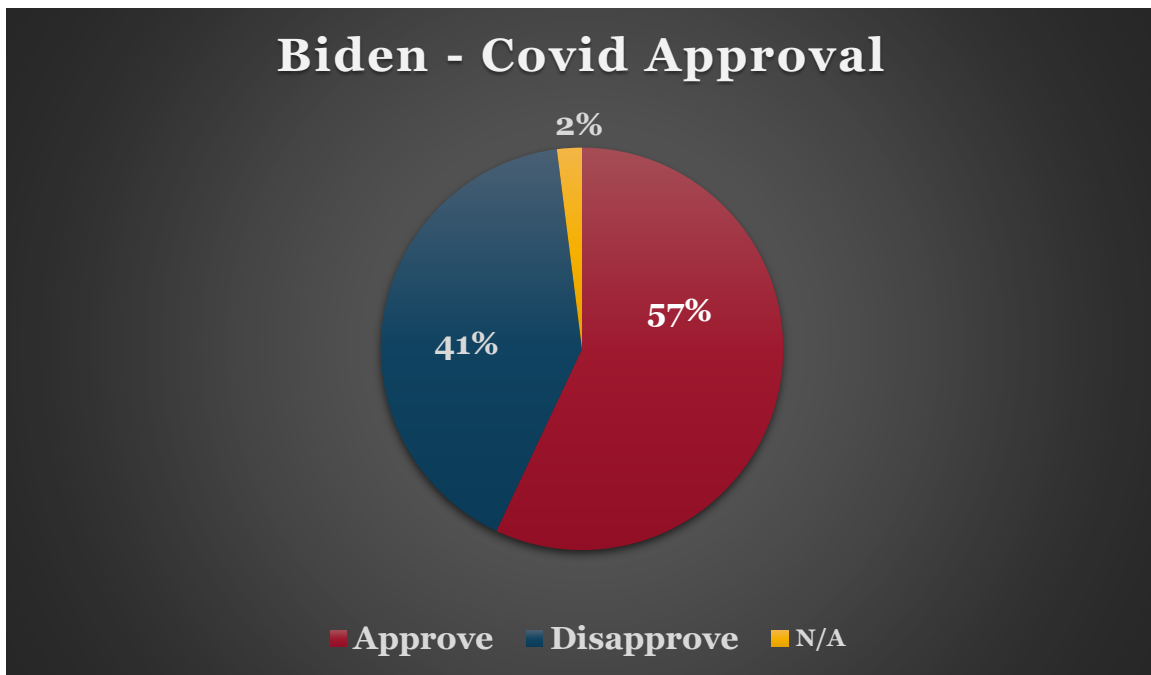
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Washington Metro	147 52.9%	124 44.6%	7 2.5%
Rural Maryland	50 27.5%	132 72.5%	0 0.0%

**QUESTION: President Biden – Coronavirus Pandemic** *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing handling the coronavirus pandemic?*

<u>BIDEN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Approve	458	56.8 %
Disapprove	331	41.0 %
No answer	18	2.2 %
Total	807	100.0 %

***Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

<u>BIDEN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC - INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Approve	295	36.6 %
Somewhat Approve	163	20.2 %
Somewhat Disapprove	44	5.5 %
Strongly Disapprove	287	35.6 %
No answer	18	2.2 %
Total	807	100.0 %



N=807	BIDEN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	364 84.7%	58 13.5%	8 1.9%
Republican	33 14.7%	189 84.0%	3 1.3%
Independent	61 40.1%	84 55.3%	7 4.6%

N=807	BIDEN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	264 61.7%	156 36.4%	8 1.9%
Male	194 51.2%	175 46.2%	10 2.6%

N=807	BIDEN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE

White	225 44.7%	267 53.1%	11 2.2%
African American	207 88.5%	24 10.3%	3 1.3%

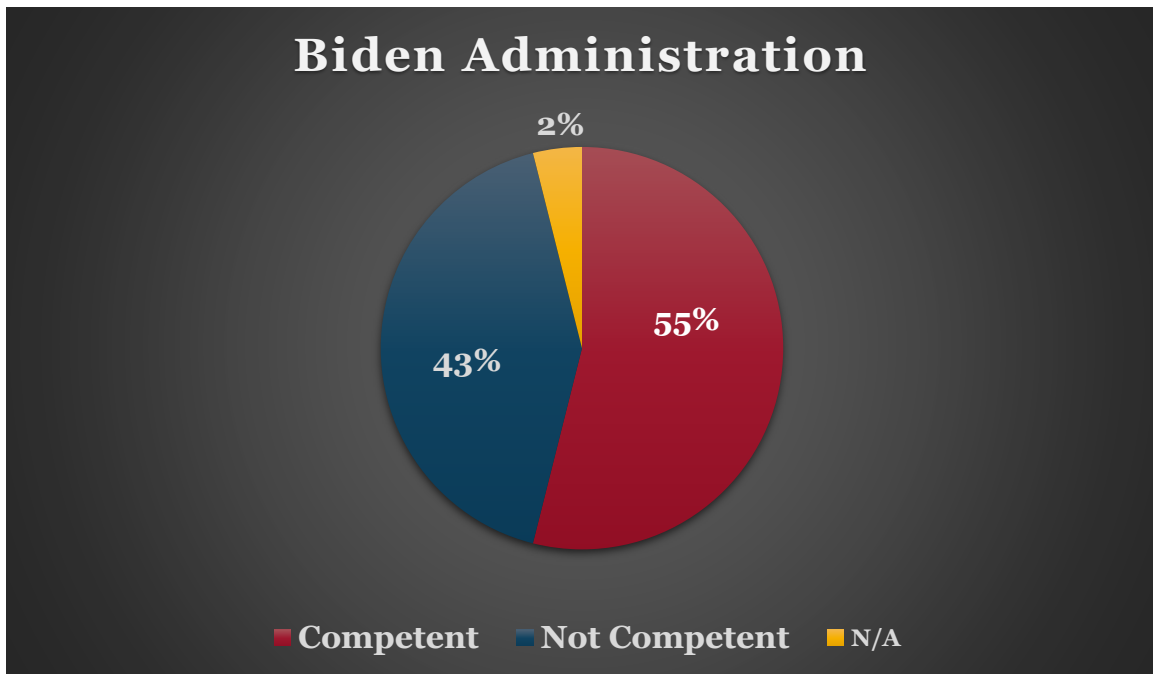
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	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGIONAL GROUP

Baltimore Metro	203 58.5%	138 39.8%	6 1.7%
Washington Metro	190 68.3%	81 29.1%	7 2.5%
Rural Maryland	65 35.7%	112 61.5%	5 2.7%

**QUESTION: Biden Administration** *Overall, do you think the Biden administration has been competent in running the government, or not?*

<u>BIDEN ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes, competent	444	55.0 %
No, not competent	347	43.0 %
<u>No answer</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2.0 %</u>
Total	807	100.0 %



N=807	BIDEN ADMINISTRATION		
	Yes, competent	No, not competent	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	365 84.9%	60 14.0%	5 1.2%
Republican	27 12.0%	193 85.8%	5 2.2%
Independent	52 34.2%	94 61.8%	6 3.9%

N=807	BIDEN ADMINISTRATION		
	Yes, competent	No, not competent	No answer

GENDER

Female	261 61.0%	160 37.4%	7 1.6%
Male	183 48.3%	187 49.3%	9 2.4%

N=807	BIDEN ADMINISTRATION		
	Yes, competent	No, not competent	No answer

RACE

White	203 40.4%	291 57.9%	9 1.8%
African American	216 92.3%	15 6.4%	3 1.3%

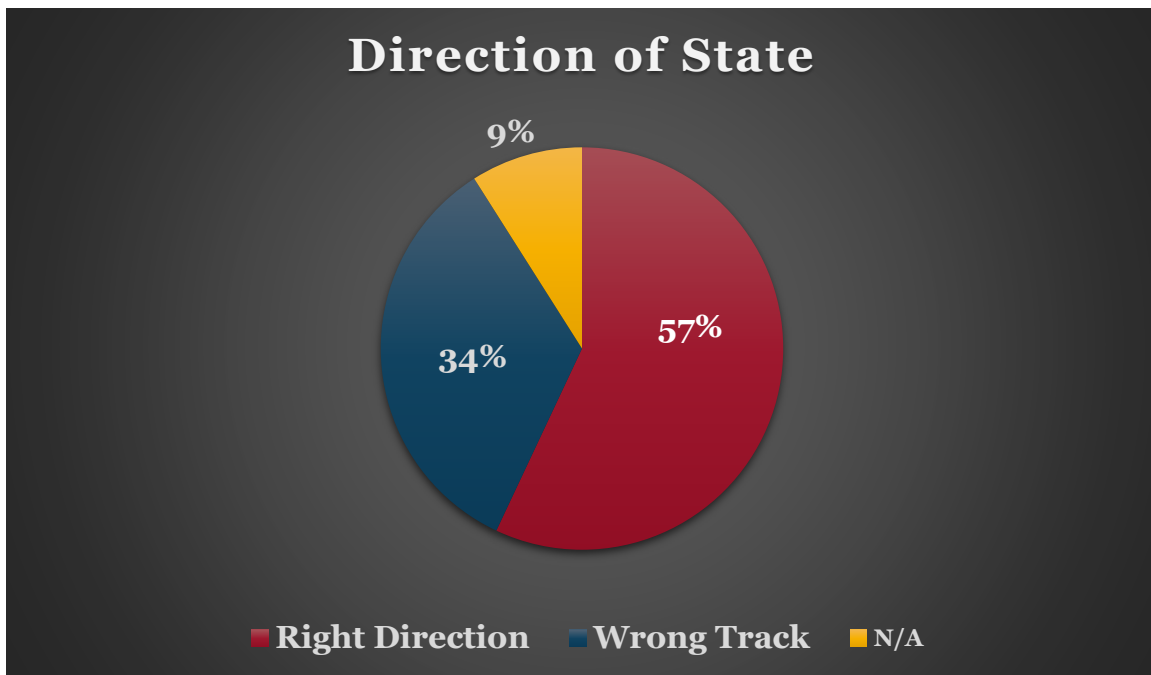
N=807	BIDEN ADMINISTRATION		
	Yes, competent	No, not competent	No answer

REGIONAL GROUP

Baltimore Metro	195 56.2%	144 41.5%	8 2.3%
Washington Metro	190 68.3%	81 29.1%	7 2.5%
Rural Maryland	59 32.4%	122 67.0%	1 0.5%

**QUESTION: Direction of State** *Overall, would you say things in Maryland are generally headed in the right direction or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?*

<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Right Direction	460	57.0 %
Wrong Track	275	34.1 %
No answer	72	8.9 %
Total	807	100.0 %



N=807	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	308 71.6%	92 21.4%	30 7.0%
Republican	77 34.2%	130 57.8%	18 8.0%
Independent	75 49.3%	53 34.9%	24 15.8%

N=807	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer

GENDER

Female	258 60.3%	130 30.4%	40 9.3%
Male	202 53.3%	145 38.3%	32 8.4%

N=807	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer

RACE

White	263 52.3%	195 38.8%	45 8.9%
African American	164 70.1%	51 21.8%	19 8.1%

N=807	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer

REGIONAL GROUP

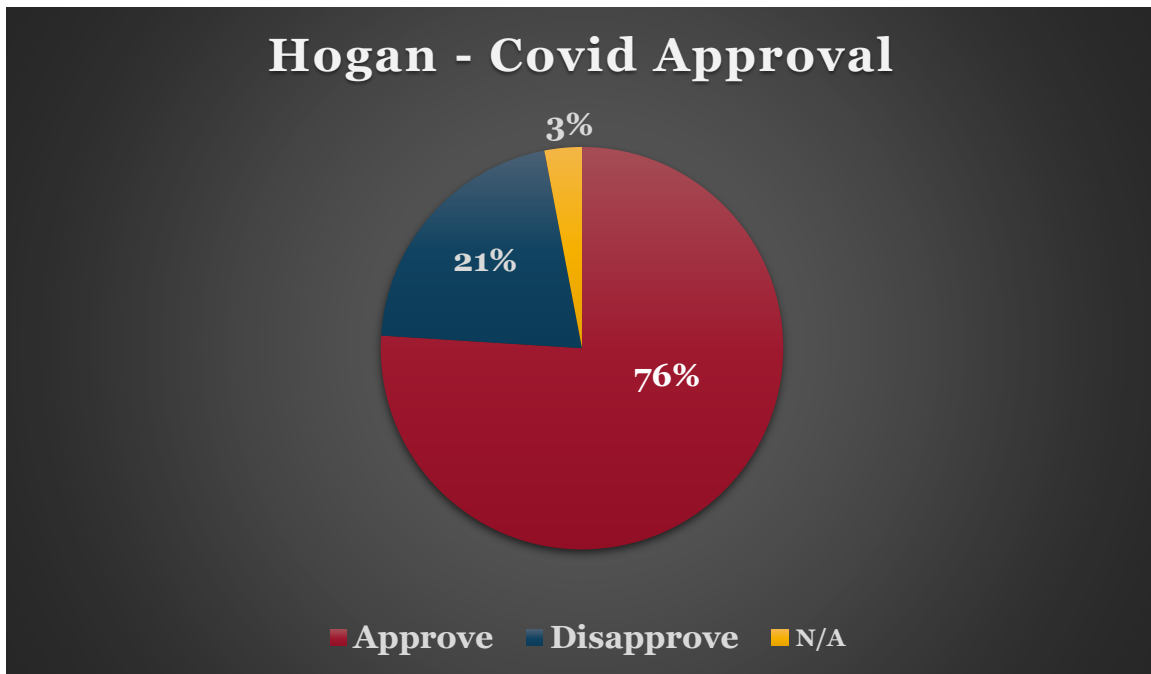
Baltimore Metro	197 56.8%	123 35.4%	27 7.8%
Washington Metro	179 64.4%	75 27.0%	24 8.6%
Rural Maryland	84 46.2%	77 42.3%	21 11.5%

**QUESTION: Governor Hogan – Coronavirus Pandemic** *Do you approve or disapprove of the way Larry Hogan has handled the coronavirus pandemic over the past 18 months?*

HOGAN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC	Number	Percent
Approve	612	75.8 %
Disapprove	167	20.7 %
No answer	28	3.5 %
Total	807	100.0 %

***Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

HOGAN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly Approve	343	42.5 %
Somewhat Approve	269	33.3 %
Somewhat Disapprove	93	11.5 %
Strongly Disapprove	74	9.2 %
No answer	28	3.5 %
Total	807	100.0 %





N=807	HOGAN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	356 82.8%	61 14.2%	13 3.0%
Republican	154 68.4%	63 28.0%	8 3.6%
Independent	102 67.1%	43 28.3%	7 4.6%

N=807	HOGAN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	336 78.5%	77 18.0%	15 3.5%
Male	276 72.8%	90 23.7%	13 3.4%

N=807	HOGAN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE

White	365 72.6%	121 24.1%	17 3.4%
African American	198 84.6%	29 12.4%	7 3.0%

N=807	HOGAN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGIONAL GROUP

Baltimore Metro	265 76.4%	74 21.3%	8 2.3%
Washington Metro	218 78.4%	51 18.3%	9 3.2%
Rural Maryland	129 70.9%	42 23.1%	11 6.0%

**Hogan Handling Pandemic by Overall Approval**

N=807

HOGAN APPROVAL: PANDEMIC

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<b>OVERALL HOGAN JOB APPROVAL</b>			
Strongly Approve	289 99.3%	2 0.7%	0 0.0%
Somewhat Approve	256 83.4%	46 15.0%	5 1.6%
Somewhat Disapprove	48 45.3%	52 49.1%	6 5.7%
Strongly Disapprove	8 11.6%	61 88.4%	0 0.0%
No answer	11 32.4%	6 17.6%	17 50.0%

**45% of voters who “somewhat disapprove” of the overall job Hogan is doing as governor approve of the job he has done handling the coronavirus**

## Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	430	53.3 %
Republican	225	27.9 %
Independent	152	18.8 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	428	53.0 %
Male	379	47.0 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 50	339	42.0 %
50 or older	468	58.0 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 39	165	20.4 %
40 to 49	174	21.6 %
50 to 59	204	25.3 %
60 and older	264	32.7 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	503	62.3 %
African American	234	29.0 %
Other/Refused	70	8.7 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>REGIONAL GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baltimore Metro	347	43.0 %
Washington Metro	278	34.4 %
Rural Maryland	182	22.6 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Eastern Shore	90	11.2 %
Baltimore Suburbs	274	34.0 %
Washington Suburbs	278	34.4 %
Baltimore City	73	9.0 %
Western Maryland	92	11.4 %
Total	807	100.0 %