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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 January 9<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A total of 823 registered voters in Maryland were queried by live, person-to-person telephone interviews, including both landline and cell phone numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state.

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

“All good things must come to an end.”  
– **Geoffrey Chaucer (mid-14<sup>th</sup> century)**

A new administration is shaping up in Annapolis as Governor Larry Hogan gets ready to say goodbye after eight years in office.

Statewide, 77% approve of the job Hogan has done as Maryland’s governor, while 21% disapprove of his performance in office. This is the fifteenth, and final time we will have rated Hogan’s job approval, and only once has it failed to reach seventy percent.

Our first survey assessing Governor Hogan’s standing with Maryland voters was January of 2016. He was a year into office. His approval was a curiously high 67% - and he was a Republican. Never in our three plus decades of rating Maryland governors had any approached this level...again, in a state which had elected only three Republican candidates for statewide office since 1980.

We remember thinking at the time that the dignity with which Hogan conducted himself when confronted with a personal health issue in the summer of 2015 had to have played a role in his high standing with Maryland voters. And he’s never looked back.

President Joe Biden’s approval rating in Maryland is up four points from a year ago. Statewide, 58% approve of the job he’s doing, while 41% disapprove. Not surprisingly, Democrats overwhelmingly approve of the job Biden’s doing and Republicans massively disapprove. Independents, at 51% approval (up 20 points from a year ago), account for Biden’s four point bump in the past 12 months.

For us, the most fascinating finding in this survey is that Republican Larry Hogan leaves office with the same approval as Democrat Joe Biden among black voters in the Free State of Maryland.


## Gonzales Poll – January 2023 Results

### Governor Larry Hogan

Republican Governor Larry Hogan leaves Annapolis Wednesday after 8 years in office, and he’s departing on a high note.

For the 15<sup>th</sup> time since he became governor, we asked Maryland voters to judge his performance in office. Statewide, 77% say they approve of the job he’s done as governor (42% “strongly” approve and 35% “somewhat” approve), while 21% disapprove of the job Hogan has done (8% “strongly” disapprove and 13% “somewhat” disapprove), with 2% offering no response.

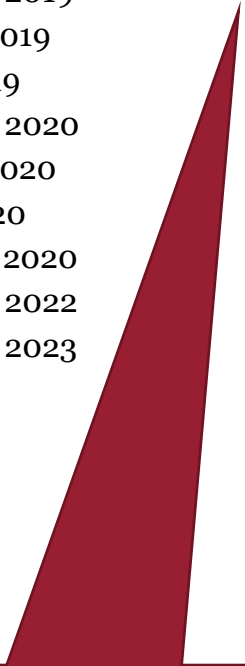
<b>Hogan Job Approval</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	81%	17%
Republican	68%	29%
Unaffiliated	76%	19%
Women	75%	20%
Men	73%	23%
White	76%	23%
African American	81%	17%



We would reckon there’s scant few Republican officeholders in America who have eighty-one percent approval among African American voters

### Timeline of Hogan’s Approval Rating

Hogan Job Performance	Approve
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%
January 2023	77%



**Over his 8 years as governor,  
Hogan’s approval rating  
averages 74%**

## President Joe Biden

Among voters in Maryland, 58% approve of the job Joe Biden is doing as president (31% “strongly” approve and 27% “somewhat” approve), while 41% disapprove of the job Biden’s performance in the oval office (33% “strongly” disapprove and 8% “somewhat” disapprove).

President Joe Biden’s approval with Maryland voters is up 4 points from a year ago.

<b>Biden Job Approval</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	81%	18%
Republican	14%	84%
Unaffiliated	51%	48%
Women	62%	37%
Men	52%	46%
White	48%	50%
African American	78%	21%

## Congress

Only 19% of Marylanders say they approve of the job the United States Congress is doing (6% “strongly” approve and 13% “somewhat” approve), while a crushing 73% disapprove of the job congress is doing (44% “strongly” disapprove and 29% “somewhat” disapprove), with 8% giving no response.

<b>Congress Job Approval</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	25%	66%
Republican	11%	83%
Unaffiliated	13%	79%
Women	23%	71%
Men	14%	76%
White	14%	75%
African American	29%	70%

## Direction of Country

Maryland voters are very happy with Governor Hogan and fairly happy with President Biden, but they're not pleased with congress, and that seems to be driving their opinion of which way they think the country is headed.

Statewide, only 31% say things in the country is moving in the right direction, while 59 say things are moving in the wrong direction, with 10% offering no opinion.

<b>Direction of Country</b>	<b><u>Right Direction</u></b>	<b><u>Wrong Direction</u></b>
Democrat	43%	43%
Republican	10%	85%
Unaffiliated	26%	66%
Women	38%	55%
Men	24%	63%
White	29%	62%
African American	39%	50%

## Most Important Issue

As a new administration settles in at the State House, inflation and crime dominate Marylanders' concerns.

When asked the most important issue facing Maryland today, 29% say the economy and inflation, 24% say crime and public safety, 10% say education, 10% say roads and transportation, 8% say affordable housing, 7% say climate change and the environment, and 6% say the immigration problems being created by the chaos at our southern border.

For black voters, crime is number one at 35%; among Republicans, inflation and the economy are atop at 46%.

Democrats overall are split between crime (26%) and inflation (24%).



## Appendix A: Data Tables

**QUESTION: Most Important Issue** *What is the most important issue facing Maryland today?*

<u>MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Economy and Inflation	240	29.2 %
Crime and Public Safety	198	24.1 %
Schools and Education	86	10.4 %
Roads and Transportation	82	10.0 %
Affordable Housing	67	8.1 %
Environment/Climate Change	61	7.4 %
Southern Border Chaos	45	5.5 %
Other/NA	44	5.3 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

	<u>Econ</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Roads</u>	<u>Enviro</u>	<u>Afford</u>	<u>Border</u>	<u>Other/NA</u>
<u>PARTY</u>								
Democrat	107 23.9%	115 25.7%	51 11.4%	37 8.3%	53 11.9%	53 11.9%	9 2.0%	22 4.9%
Republican	102 46.2%	39 17.6%	20 9.0%	24 10.9%	2 0.9%	5 2.3%	20 9.0%	9 4.1%
Unaffiliated	31 20.0%	44 28.4%	15 9.7%	21 13.5%	6 3.9%	9 5.8%	16 10.3%	13 8.4%

N=823

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

	<u>Econ</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Roads</u>	<u>Enviro</u>	<u>Afford</u>	<u>Border</u>	<u>Other/NA</u>
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>								
White	159 31.7%	90 18.0%	50 10.0%	59 11.8%	41 8.2%	39 7.8%	35 7.0%	28 5.6%
African American	62 25.4%	86 35.2%	24 9.8%	19 7.8%	17 7.0%	24 9.8%	6 2.5%	6 2.5%
Other/No answer	19 24.4%	22 28.2%	12 15.4%	4 5.1%	3 3.8%	4 5.1%	4 5.1%	10 12.8%

N=823	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE							
	Econ	Crime	Schools	Roads	Enviro	Afford	Border	Other/ NA

GENDER

Female	119 27.4%	108 24.8%	45 10.3%	46 10.6%	42 9.7%	31 7.1%	23 5.3%	21 4.8%
Male	121 31.2%	90 23.2%	41 10.6%	36 9.3%	19 4.9%	36 9.3%	22 5.7%	23 5.9%

N=823	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE							
	Econ	Crime	Schools	Roads	Enviro	Afford	Border	Other/ NA

REGION

Eastern Shore	30 31.3%	10 10.4%	18 18.8%	11 11.5%	11 11.5%	6 6.3%	5 5.2%	5 5.2%
Baltimore City	7 9.3%	37 49.3%	8 10.7%	5 6.7%	8 10.7%	6 8.0%	1 1.3%	3 4.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	82 29.7%	71 25.7%	24 8.7%	23 8.3%	20 7.2%	20 7.2%	22 8.0%	14 5.1%
Washington Suburbs	99 32.2%	74 24.1%	27 8.8%	36 11.7%	16 5.2%	26 8.5%	9 2.9%	20 6.5%
Western Maryland	22 31.9%	6 8.7%	9 13.0%	7 10.1%	6 8.7%	9 13.0%	8 11.6%	2 2.9%

N=823	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE							
	Econ	Crime	Schools	Roads	Enviro	Afford	Border	Other/ NA

AGE

18 to 39	51 29.3%	31 17.8%	28 16.1%	18 10.3%	16 9.2%	14 8.0%	10 5.7%	6 3.4%
40 to 49	68 37.8%	40 22.2%	20 11.1%	10 5.6%	13 7.2%	12 6.7%	6 3.3%	11 6.1%
50 to 59	52 26.3%	51 25.8%	12 6.1%	21 10.6%	14 7.1%	27 13.6%	11 5.6%	10 5.1%
60 and older	69 25.5%	76 28.0%	26 9.6%	33 12.2%	18 6.6%	14 5.2%	18 6.6%	17 6.3%

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

<u>JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN</u>	Number	Percent
Approve	474	57.6 %
Disapprove	339	41.2 %
No answer	10	1.2 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	364 81.4%	79 17.7%	4 0.9%
Republican	31 14.0%	186 84.2%	4 1.8%
Unaffiliated	79 51.0%	74 47.7%	2 1.3%

N=823

JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	242 48.3%	254 50.7%	5 1.0%
African American	191 78.3%	51 20.9%	2 0.8%
Other/No answer	41 52.6%	34 43.6%	3 3.8%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	271 62.3%	160 36.8%	4 0.9%
Male	203 52.3%	179 46.1%	6 1.5%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	54 56.3%	40 41.7%	2 2.1%
Baltimore City	57 76.0%	17 22.7%	1 1.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	142 51.4%	133 48.2%	1 0.4%
Washington Suburbs	182 59.3%	120 39.1%	5 1.6%
Western Maryland	39 56.5%	29 42.0%	1 1.4%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	97 55.7%	75 43.1%	2 1.1%
40 to 49	100 55.6%	78 43.3%	2 1.1%
50 to 59	113 57.1%	82 41.4%	3 1.5%
60 and older	164 60.5%	104 38.4%	3 1.1%

**QUESTION: Job Approval: President Joe Biden - Intensity *Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

<u>JOB APPROVAL: BIDEN INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly approve	253	30.7 %
Somewhat approve	221	26.9 %
Somewhat disapprove	70	8.5 %
Strongly disapprove	269	32.7 %
No answer	10	1.2 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

	<u>JOB APPROVAL: BIDEN INTENSITY</u>				
	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY</u>					
Democrat	210 47.0%	154 34.5%	31 6.9%	48 10.7%	4 0.9%
Republican	3 1.4%	28 12.7%	24 10.9%	162 73.3%	4 1.8%
Unaffiliated	40 25.8%	39 25.2%	15 9.7%	59 38.1%	2 1.3%

N=823

	<u>JOB APPROVAL: BIDEN INTENSITY</u>				
	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>					
White	136 27.1%	106 21.2%	42 8.4%	212 42.3%	5 1.0%
African American	101 41.4%	90 36.9%	19 7.8%	32 13.1%	2 0.8%
Other/No answer	16 20.5%	25 32.1%	9 11.5%	25 32.1%	3 3.8%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: BIDEN INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	156 35.9%	115 26.4%	35 8.0%	125 28.7%	4 0.9%
Male	97 25.0%	106 27.3%	35 9.0%	144 37.1%	6 1.5%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: BIDEN INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	26 27.1%	28 29.2%	7 7.3%	33 34.4%	2 2.1%
Baltimore City	32 42.7%	25 33.3%	5 6.7%	12 16.0%	1 1.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	77 27.9%	65 23.6%	29 10.5%	104 37.7%	1 0.4%
Washington Suburbs	98 31.9%	84 27.4%	26 8.5%	94 30.6%	5 1.6%
Western Maryland	20 29.0%	19 27.5%	3 4.3%	26 37.7%	1 1.4%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: BIDEN INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	57 32.8%	40 23.0%	20 11.5%	55 31.6%	2 1.1%
40 to 49	53 29.4%	47 26.1%	15 8.3%	63 35.0%	2 1.1%
50 to 59	57 28.8%	56 28.3%	17 8.6%	65 32.8%	3 1.5%
60 and older	86 31.7%	78 28.8%	18 6.6%	86 31.7%	3 1.1%

**QUESTION: Job Approval: Governor Larry Hogan** *Governor Larry Hogan is getting ready to leave after 8 years in office. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Larry Hogan has done as governor?*

<u>JOB APPROVAL: LARRY HOGAN</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Approve	633	76.9 %
Disapprove	172	20.9 %
No answer	18	2.2 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

JOB APPROVAL: LARRY HOGAN

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY

Democrat	364 81.4%	77 17.2%	6 1.3%
Republican	151 68.3%	65 29.4%	5 2.3%
Unaffiliated	118 76.1%	30 19.4%	7 4.5%

N=823

JOB APPROVAL: LARRY HOGAN

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	380 75.8%	114 22.8%	7 1.4%
African American	198 81.1%	41 16.8%	5 2.0%
Other/No answer	55 70.5%	17 21.8%	6 7.7%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: LARRY HOGAN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	341 78.4%	86 19.8%	8 1.8%
Male	292 75.3%	86 22.2%	10 2.6%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: LARRY HOGAN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	79 82.3%	16 16.7%	1 1.0%
Baltimore City	56 74.7%	15 20.0%	4 5.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	215 77.9%	58 21.0%	3 1.1%
Washington Suburbs	239 77.9%	60 19.5%	8 2.6%
Western Maryland	44 63.8%	23 33.3%	2 2.9%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: LARRY HOGAN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	135 77.6%	38 21.8%	1 0.6%
40 to 49	138 76.7%	37 20.6%	5 2.8%
50 to 59	156 78.8%	39 19.7%	3 1.5%
60 and older	204 75.3%	58 21.4%	9 3.3%



**QUESTION: Job Approval: Governor Larry Hogan - Intensity *Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

<u>JOB APPROVAL: HOGAN INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly approve	346	42.0 %
Somewhat approve	287	34.9 %
Somewhat disapprove	105	12.8 %
Strongly disapprove	67	8.1 %
No answer	18	2.2 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

JOB APPROVAL: HOGAN INTENSITY

<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY

Democrat	201 45.0%	163 36.5%	56 12.5%	21 4.7%	6 1.3%
Republican	79 35.7%	72 32.6%	31 14.0%	34 15.4%	5 2.3%
Unaffiliated	66 42.6%	52 33.5%	18 11.6%	12 7.7%	7 4.5%

N=823

JOB APPROVAL: HOGAN INTENSITY

<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	194 38.7%	186 37.1%	70 14.0%	44 8.8%	7 1.4%
African American	125 51.2%	73 29.9%	27 11.1%	14 5.7%	5 2.0%
Other/No answer	27 34.6%	28 35.9%	8 10.3%	9 11.5%	6 7.7%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: HOGAN INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	192 44.1%	149 34.3%	54 12.4%	32 7.4%	8 1.8%
Male	154 39.7%	138 35.6%	51 13.1%	35 9.0%	10 2.6%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: HOGAN INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	37 38.5%	42 43.8%	9 9.4%	7 7.3%	1 1.0%
Baltimore City	34 45.3%	22 29.3%	9 12.0%	6 8.0%	4 5.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	115 41.7%	100 36.2%	35 12.7%	23 8.3%	3 1.1%
Washington Suburbs	137 44.6%	102 33.2%	35 11.4%	25 8.1%	8 2.6%
Western Maryland	23 33.3%	21 30.4%	17 24.6%	6 8.7%	2 2.9%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: HOGAN INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	60 34.5%	75 43.1%	28 16.1%	10 5.7%	1 0.6%
40 to 49	70 38.9%	68 37.8%	20 11.1%	17 9.4%	5 2.8%
50 to 59	103 52.0%	53 26.8%	27 13.6%	12 6.1%	3 1.5%
60 and older	113 41.7%	91 33.6%	30 11.1%	28 10.3%	9 3.3%

**QUESTION: Job Approval: Congress** *Do you approve or disapprove of the job the United States congress is doing?*

<u>JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS</u>	Number	Percent
Approve	157	19.1 %
Disapprove	603	73.3 %
No answer	63	7.7 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	111 24.8%	297 66.4%	39 8.7%
Republican	25 11.3%	184 83.3%	12 5.4%
Unaffiliated	21 13.5%	122 78.7%	12 7.7%

N=823

JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	72 14.4%	377 75.2%	52 10.4%
African American	70 28.7%	171 70.1%	3 1.2%
Other/No answer	15 19.2%	55 70.5%	8 10.3%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	101 23.2%	308 70.8%	26 6.0%
Male	56 14.4%	295 76.0%	37 9.5%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	15 15.6%	73 76.0%	8 8.3%
Baltimore City	18 24.0%	53 70.7%	4 5.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	47 17.0%	207 75.0%	22 8.0%
Washington Suburbs	64 20.8%	219 71.3%	24 7.8%
Western Maryland	13 18.8%	51 73.9%	5 7.2%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	31 17.8%	134 77.0%	9 5.2%
40 to 49	34 18.9%	131 72.8%	15 8.3%
50 to 59	29 14.6%	149 75.3%	20 10.1%
60 and older	63 23.2%	189 69.7%	19 7.0%

**QUESTION: Job Approval: Congress - Intensity *Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	46	5.6 %
Somewhat approve	111	13.5 %
Somewhat disapprove	241	29.3 %
Strongly disapprove	362	44.0 %
No answer	63	7.7 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

	JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

PARTY

Democrat	29 6.5%	82 18.3%	147 32.9%	150 33.6%	39 8.7%
Republican	10 4.5%	15 6.8%	41 18.6%	143 64.7%	12 5.4%
Unaffiliated	7 4.5%	14 9.0%	53 34.2%	69 44.5%	12 7.7%

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	JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

White	26 5.2%	46 9.2%	123 24.6%	254 50.7%	52 10.4%
African American	14 5.7%	56 23.0%	97 39.8%	74 30.3%	3 1.2%
Other/No answer	6 7.7%	9 11.5%	21 26.9%	34 43.6%	8 10.3%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	33 7.6%	68 15.6%	139 32.0%	169 38.9%	26 6.0%
Male	13 3.4%	43 11.1%	102 26.3%	193 49.7%	37 9.5%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	3 3.1%	12 12.5%	33 34.4%	40 41.7%	8 8.3%
Baltimore City	5 6.7%	13 17.3%	30 40.0%	23 30.7%	4 5.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	10 3.6%	37 13.4%	67 24.3%	140 50.7%	22 8.0%
Washington Suburbs	23 7.5%	41 13.4%	97 31.6%	122 39.7%	24 7.8%
Western Maryland	5 7.2%	8 11.6%	14 20.3%	37 53.6%	5 7.2%

N=823	JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	13 7.5%	18 10.3%	55 31.6%	79 45.4%	9 5.2%
40 to 49	12 6.7%	22 12.2%	53 29.4%	78 43.3%	15 8.3%
50 to 59	7 3.5%	22 11.1%	63 31.8%	86 43.4%	20 10.1%
60 and older	14 5.2%	49 18.1%	70 25.8%	119 43.9%	19 7.0%

**QUESTION: Direction of Country** *Overall, would you say things in the country are moving in the right direction or moving in the wrong direction?*

<u>DIRECTION OF COUNTRY</u>	Number	Percent
Right direction	257	31.2 %
Wrong direction	483	58.7 %
No answer	83	10.1 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

	<u>DIRECTION OF COUNTRY</u>		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	194 43.4%	193 43.2%	60 13.4%
Republican	23 10.4%	187 84.6%	11 5.0%
Unaffiliated	40 25.8%	103 66.5%	12 7.7%

N=823

	<u>DIRECTION OF COUNTRY</u>		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	145 28.9%	309 61.7%	47 9.4%
African American	94 38.5%	123 50.4%	27 11.1%
Other/No answer	18 23.1%	51 65.4%	9 11.5%

N=823

	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	166 38.2%	238 54.7%	31 7.1%
Male	91 23.5%	245 63.1%	52 13.4%

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	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Eastern Shore	32 33.3%	56 58.3%	8 8.3%
Baltimore City	26 34.7%	37 49.3%	12 16.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	78 28.3%	172 62.3%	26 9.4%
Washington Suburbs	100 32.6%	177 57.7%	30 9.8%
Western Maryland	21 30.4%	41 59.4%	7 10.1%

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	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	55 31.6%	105 60.3%	14 8.0%
40 to 49	59 32.8%	98 54.4%	23 12.8%
50 to 59	70 35.4%	112 56.6%	16 8.1%
60 and older	73 26.9%	168 62.0%	30 11.1%



**BANNER: Biden Approval by Direction of Country**

N=823

**JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN**

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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DIRECTION OF COUNTRY

Right direction	244 94.9%	11 4.3%	2 0.8%
Wrong direction	167 34.6%	312 64.6%	4 0.8%
No answer	63 75.9%	16 19.3%	4 4.8%

**BANNER: Hogan Approval by Direction of Country**

N=823

**JOB APPROVAL: LARRY HOGAN**

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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DIRECTION OF COUNTRY

Right direction	213 82.9%	38 14.8%	6 2.3%
Wrong direction	352 72.9%	121 25.1%	10 2.1%
No answer	68 81.9%	13 15.7%	2 2.4%

**BANNER: Congress Approval by Direction of Country**

N=823

**JOB APPROVAL: CONGRESS**

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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DIRECTION OF COUNTRY

Right direction	64 24.9%	175 68.1%	18 7.0%
Wrong direction	73 15.1%	376 77.8%	34 7.0%
No answer	20 24.1%	52 62.7%	11 13.3%

## Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	447	54.3 %
Republican	221	26.9 %
Unaffiliated	155	18.8 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	501	60.9 %
African American	244	29.6 %
Other/No answer	78	9.5 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	435	52.9 %
Male	388	47.1 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 39	174	21.1 %
40 to 49	180	21.9 %
50 to 59	198	24.1 %
60 and older	271	32.9 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Eastern Shore/Southern MD	96	11.7 %
Baltimore City	75	9.1 %
Baltimore Suburbs	276	33.5 %
Washington Suburbs	307	37.3 %
Western Maryland	69	8.4 %
Total	823	100.0 %

### **Regional Groupings**

**Eastern Shore/Southern MD** – includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties

**Baltimore City** – includes Baltimore City

**Baltimore Suburbs** – includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Howard counties

**Washington Suburbs** – includes Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties

**Western Maryland** – includes Allegany, Carroll, Garrett, and Washington counties