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Gonzales Poll - Maryland Statewide



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Background and Methodology

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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 thousands of elections in Maryland and across the country over the past forty years. 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.

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

This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services, Inc.*** from March 5th through March 9th, 2025. A total of 804 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated they are likely to vote in the next election, 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

“Courage is being scared to death... and saddling up anyway.”

— John Wayne

Aristotle said nearly 2,400 years ago, “We cannot learn without pain.” In America today, we all too often seek out the path of least resistance, the painless solution. Knowing full well that if it’s easy, there will be no resolution.

Maryland Governor Wes Moore’s job approval among voters has dropped visibly since the beginning of the legislative session two months ago. Statewide, 55% approve of the job Governor Moore is doing (down from 61% in early January), while 36% disapprove (up from 28%). His plus 19-point positive ratio now (55%-36%) is fourteen points lower from his + 33-point ratio in January.

Among his base Democrats, a creditable 83% approve of the job the governor is doing. Things have taken a turn for the worse, however, with independents, among whom he’s now underwater - 34% approve of the job Governor Moore is doing and 42% disapprove. In our January poll, 53% of independents approved.

President Donald Trump’s rating in blue Maryland is what one would expect: barely one-in-three (36%) approve of the job he’s doing, while a hefty 62% disapprove. His Swamp Draining Consigliere, Elon Musk, is perceived in an even more unfavorable light. A mere 30% approve of the job Musk is doing as boss of the Department of Government Efficiency, while 66% disapprove (62% **“strongly”**).

NOTE: Seldom do we see numbers that leave a look of astonishment on our face akin to a child’s on Christmas morning, but such occurred herein...**98%** of the those who strongly disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing also strongly disapprove of the job Elon Musk is doing as head of DOGE. Such a lockstep attitude requires a heavy dose of reflexive emotion.

Voters in Maryland are feeling dispirited. Only 41% say that things in the state are moving in the right direction, while 50% say the state is moving in the wrong direction. Additionally, only 42% rate economic conditions for them and their family as “excellent” (5%) or “pretty good” (37%), while fifty-eight percent rate economic conditions as “only fair” (40%) or “poor” (18%).

Hitting real close to home and further disheartening Marylanders is their monthly electric bill. Seventy-six percent say that their electric bill today compared to one year ago is either *much* higher (57%) or *somewhat* higher (19%).

Fifty-three percent of voters across the state are *very* concerned about this “power surge.”

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Governor Wes Moore Job Approval

Governor Wes Moore's job approval among Maryland voters is down from our poll at the beginning of the year two months ago. Statewide, 55% approve of the job Moore is doing (28% "strongly" approve and 27% "somewhat" approve), while 36% disapprove of the job he's doing (23% "strongly" disapprove and 13% "somewhat" disapprove), with 9% offering no opinion.

His plus 19-point ratio today (55-36) is down fourteen points from his plus 33-point ratio (61% approve/28% disapprove) in early January.

Among Democrats, 83% approve of the job Governor Moore is doing. With independents, however, he's now underwater...34% approve of the job he's doing and 42% disapprove. Seventy-six percent of Republicans disapprove of the job Wes Moore is doing as governor

Governor Moore Job Approval	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Statewide	55%	36%
Democrat	83%	13%
Republican	17%	76%
Independent	34%	42%
Women	57%	33%
Men	53%	39%
White	43%	46%
African American	83%	11%
Other	44%	50%
Rural Maryland	41%	50%
Baltimore City	69%	23%
Baltimore Suburbs	50%	43%
Washington Suburbs	63%	26%
18-34	54%	36%
35-49	52%	38%
50-64	53%	35%
65 and older	60%	35%

President Donald Trump Job Approval

In Maryland, only 36% approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as president (25% “strongly” approve and 11% “somewhat” approve), while a portly 62% disapprove (56% “strongly” disapprove and 6% “somewhat” disapprove).

President Trump Job Approval	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Statewide	36%	62%
Democrat	11%	87%
Republican	84%	15%
Independent	37%	59%
Women	30%	67%
Men	43%	55%
White	42%	55%
African American	23%	77%
Other	39%	59%

DOGE Head Elon Musk Job Approval

And so it goes. A trifle 30% of Old Line voters say they approve of the job President Trump-fixer Elon Musk is doing leading the Department of Government Efficiency (21% “strongly” approve and 9% “somewhat” approve), while 66% disapprove (62% “strongly” disapprove and 4% “somewhat” disapprove).

Elon Musk Job Approval	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Statewide	30%	66%
Democrat	9%	89%
Republican	72%	23%
Independent	28%	64%
Women	25%	70%
Men	36%	61%
White	36%	58%
African American	14%	85%
Other	40%	58%

Direction of State

Forty-one percent of Maryland voters say that, overall, the state is moving in the right direction, while 50% voice the opinion that things are moving in the wrong direction, with 9% giving no response.

Among Democrats, 53% think Maryland is heading in the right direction, while 77% of Republicans say wrong direction.

Direction of State	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Direction</u>
Statewide	41%	50%
Democrat	53%	37%
Republican	16%	77%
Independent	42%	46%
Women	39%	52%
Men	43%	47%
White	30%	59%
African American	65%	27%
Other	33%	62%

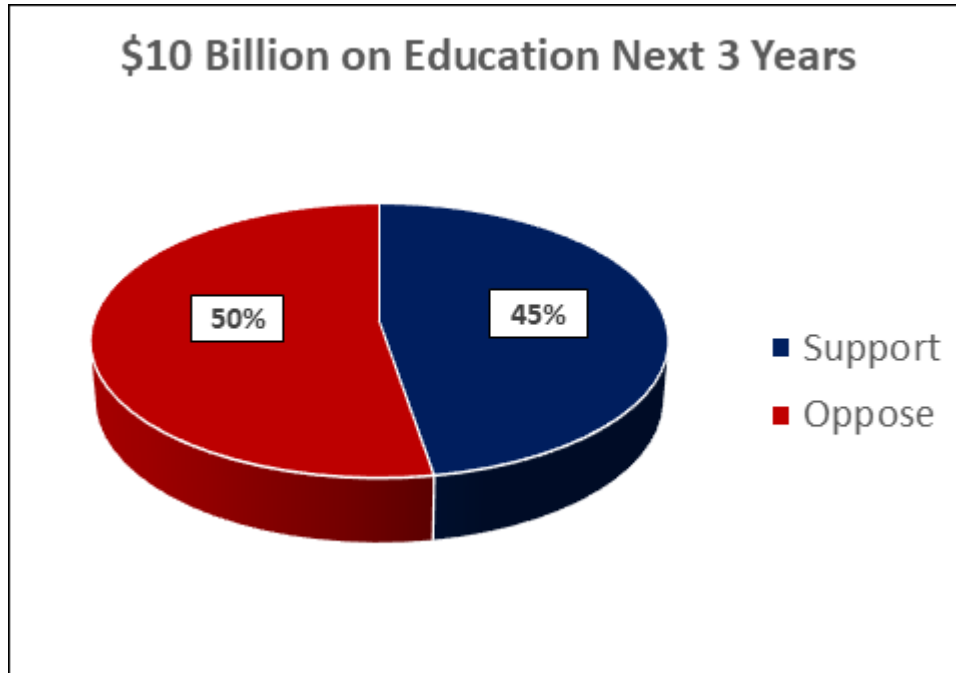
Ten Billion for Education Over Next 3 Years

We told voters that Maryland is facing a \$3 billion deficit and is mandated by current law to spend \$10 billion on public education over the next 3 years. We then asked how much skin they were willing to invest in this legislated outcome.

Statewide, 45% say they'd support an increase in their state and local taxes to insure that \$10 billion is spent on public education in Maryland over the next 3 years (25% strongly support and 20% somewhat support), while 50% oppose an increase in their state and local taxes for this (40% strongly oppose and 10% somewhat oppose).

Among Democrats, 63% support an increase in their state and local taxes to insure that \$10 billion is spent on public education in Maryland over the next 3 years, while 87% of Republicans oppose an increase in their state and local taxes.

Among unaffiliated voters, 44% support an increase in their state and local taxes to insure the \$10 billion Blueprint mandate is sustained, while 48% oppose.



Tax Increase to Cover Blueprint	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Statewide	45%	50%
Democrat	63%	32%
Republican	10%	87%
Independent	44%	48%
Women	43%	50%
Men	47%	51%
White	38%	58%
African American	58%	34%
Other	42%	55%
Rural Maryland	33%	63%
Baltimore City	57%	34%
Baltimore Suburbs	41%	55%
Washington Suburbs	50%	45%
18-34	46%	49%
35-49	46%	51%
50-64	39%	56%
65 and older	48%	46%

Economic Conditions For Marylanders

Among Marylanders today, only 5% rate economic conditions for their family today as excellent, 37% rate conditions as pretty good, 40% assess them as only fair, and 18% say economic conditions today are poor. Maryland is not what one would describe as a competitive state, politically, but these are not numbers incumbents like seeing.

Economic Conditions Today	<u>Excellent/Good</u>	<u>Fair/Poor</u>
Statewide	42%	58%
Democrat	49%	51%
Republican	31%	69%
Independent	37%	62%
Women	42%	57%
Men	41%	58%
White	41%	58%
African American	44%	56%
Other	39%	60%

Electric Bill

Compared To One Year Ago

A stout 57% of Free State voters say that their electric bill today is ***much*** higher than it was a year ago, 19% say their electric bill is ***somewhat*** higher than it was a year ago, and 19% say it is about the same today as a year ago.

Electric Bill Today	<u>Much higher</u>	<u>Somewhat higher</u>	<u>Same</u>
Statewide	57%	19%	19%
Democrat	60%	19%	20%
Republican	62%	22%	10%
Independent	43%	18%	30%
Women	57%	21%	19%
Men	58%	18%	20%
White	57%	19%	19%
African American	57%	20%	20%
Other	55%	21%	16%

Level of Concern

Seventy-eight percent are either **very** concerned (53%) or **somewhat** concerned (25%) about their monthly electric bill, while only 21% say they are not concerned.

Unsurprisingly, 92% of voters who say their bill is higher today than 12 months ago are concerned about the upsurge.

Appendix A: Data Tables – Frequencies & Crosstabs

(Questions are presented in the order they were asked)

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

JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP	Number	Percent
Approve	289	35.9 %
Disapprove	498	61.9 %
No answer	17	2.1 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	289 35.9%	498 61.9%	17 2.1%
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JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	45 10.6%	370 87.3%	9 2.1%
Republican	186 83.8%	34 15.3%	2 0.9%
Unaffiliated	58 36.7%	94 59.5%	6 3.8%

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JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	132 30.1%	296 67.4%	11 2.5%
Male	157 43.0%	202 55.3%	6 1.6%

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N=804	JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

White	197 42.2%	256 54.8%	14 3.0%
African American	56 22.9%	188 76.7%	1 0.4%
Other/No answer	36 39.1%	54 58.7%	2 2.2%

N=804	JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGION

Rural Maryland	65 52.8%	55 44.7%	3 2.4%
Baltimore City	9 13.8%	53 81.5%	3 4.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	131 41.7%	178 56.7%	5 1.6%
Washington Suburbs	84 27.8%	212 70.2%	6 2.0%

N=804	JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

AGE

18 to 34	48 31.0%	103 66.5%	4 2.6%
35 to 49	64 33.7%	124 65.3%	2 1.1%
50 to 64	87 38.5%	133 58.8%	6 2.7%
65 and older	90 38.6%	138 59.2%	5 2.1%

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove

<u>TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	202	25.1 %
Somewhat approve	87	10.8 %
Somewhat disapprove	50	6.2 %
Strongly disapprove	448	55.7 %
No answer	17	2.1 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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<u>TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	202 25.1%	87 10.8%	50 6.2%	448 55.7%	17 2.1%
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<u>TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	17 4.0%	28 6.6%	14 3.3%	356 84.0%	9 2.1%
Republican	154 69.4%	32 14.4%	13 5.9%	21 9.5%	2 0.9%
Unaffiliated	31 19.6%	27 17.1%	23 14.6%	71 44.9%	6 3.8%

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<u>TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	95 21.6%	37 8.4%	24 5.5%	272 62.0%	11 2.5%
Male	107 29.3%	50 13.7%	26 7.1%	176 48.2%	6 1.6%

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TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	158 33.8%	40 8.6%	32 6.9%	223 47.8%	14 3.0%
African American	16 6.5%	39 15.9%	13 5.3%	176 71.8%	1 0.4%
Other/No answer	28 30.4%	8 8.7%	5 5.4%	49 53.3%	2 2.2%

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TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	50 40.7%	15 12.2%	7 5.7%	48 39.0%	3 2.4%
Baltimore City	1 1.5%	8 12.3%	4 6.2%	49 75.4%	3 4.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	105 33.4%	27 8.6%	22 7.0%	155 49.4%	5 1.6%
Washington Suburbs	46 15.2%	37 12.3%	17 5.6%	196 64.9%	6 2.0%

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TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	35 22.6%	14 9.0%	8 5.2%	94 60.6%	4 2.6%
35 to 49	47 24.7%	17 8.9%	15 7.9%	109 57.4%	2 1.1%
50 to 64	57 25.2%	30 13.3%	13 5.8%	120 53.1%	6 2.7%
65 and older	63 27.0%	26 11.2%	14 6.0%	125 53.6%	5 2.1%

QUESTION: Governor Moore Job Approval *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Wes Moore is doing as Governor?*

JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE	Number	Percent
Approve	443	55.1 %
Disapprove	289	35.9 %
No answer	72	9.0 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	443 55.1%	289 35.9%	72 9.0%
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JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	351 82.8%	55 13.0%	18 4.2%
Republican	38 17.1%	168 75.7%	16 7.2%
Unaffiliated	54 34.2%	66 41.8%	38 24.1%

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JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	249 56.7%	146 33.3%	44 10.0%
Male	194 53.2%	143 39.2%	28 7.7%

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JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	199 42.6%	215 46.0%	53 11.3%
African American	204 83.3%	28 11.4%	13 5.3%
Other/No answer	40 43.5%	46 50.0%	6 6.5%

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JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	51 41.5%	61 49.6%	11 8.9%
Baltimore City	45 69.2%	15 23.1%	5 7.7%
Baltimore Suburbs	157 50.0%	135 43.0%	22 7.0%
Washington Suburbs	190 62.9%	78 25.8%	34 11.3%

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JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	83 53.5%	56 36.1%	16 10.3%
35 to 49	99 52.1%	72 37.9%	19 10.0%
50 to 64	121 53.5%	80 35.4%	25 11.1%
65 and older	140 60.1%	81 34.8%	12 5.2%

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove

<u>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly approve	229	28.5 %
Somewhat approve	214	26.6 %
Somewhat disapprove	103	12.8 %
Strongly disapprove	186	23.1 %
No answer	72	9.0 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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<u>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

RESULTS

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<u>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	199 46.9%	152 35.8%	22 5.2%	33 7.8%	18 4.2%
Republican	7 3.2%	31 14.0%	37 16.7%	131 59.0%	16 7.2%
Unaffiliated	23 14.6%	31 19.6%	44 27.8%	22 13.9%	38 24.1%

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<u>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Female	127 28.9%	122 27.8%	53 12.1%	93 21.2%	44 10.0%
Male	102 27.9%	92 25.2%	50 13.7%	93 25.5%	28 7.7%

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MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY

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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	74 15.8%	125 26.8%	73 15.6%	142 30.4%	53 11.3%
African American	134 54.7%	70 28.6%	13 5.3%	15 6.1%	13 5.3%
Other/No answer	21 22.8%	19 20.7%	17 18.5%	29 31.5%	6 6.5%

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MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	21 17.1%	30 24.4%	24 19.5%	37 30.1%	11 8.9%
Baltimore City	24 36.9%	21 32.3%	5 7.7%	10 15.4%	5 7.7%
Baltimore Suburbs	82 26.1%	75 23.9%	47 15.0%	88 28.0%	22 7.0%
Washington Suburbs	102 33.8%	88 29.1%	27 8.9%	51 16.9%	34 11.3%

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MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	42 27.1%	41 26.5%	18 11.6%	38 24.5%	16 10.3%
35 to 49	43 22.6%	56 29.5%	27 14.2%	45 23.7%	19 10.0%
50 to 64	72 31.9%	49 21.7%	30 13.3%	50 22.1%	25 11.1%
65 and older	72 30.9%	68 29.2%	28 12.0%	53 22.7%	12 5.2%

QUESTION: DOGE Head Musk Job Approval *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Elon Musk is doing heading up the Department of Government Efficiency?*

JOB APPROVAL: ELON MUSK		Number	Percent
Approve		241	30.0 %
Disapprove		532	66.2 %
No answer		31	3.9 %
Total		804	100.0 %

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JOB APPROVAL: ELON MUSK		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	241 30.0%	532 66.2%	31 3.9%
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JOB APPROVAL: ELON MUSK		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	37 8.7%	379 89.4%	8 1.9%
Republican	160 72.1%	52 23.4%	10 4.5%
Unaffiliated	44 27.8%	101 63.9%	13 8.2%

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JOB APPROVAL: ELON MUSK		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	109 24.8%	309 70.4%	21 4.8%
Male	132 36.2%	223 61.1%	10 2.7%

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JOB APPROVAL: ELON MUSK

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	170 36.4%	270 57.8%	27 5.8%
African American	34 13.9%	209 85.3%	2 0.8%
Other/No answer	37 40.2%	53 57.6%	2 2.2%

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JOB APPROVAL: ELON MUSK

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	52 42.3%	63 51.2%	8 6.5%
Baltimore City	7 10.8%	56 86.2%	2 3.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	119 37.9%	183 58.3%	12 3.8%
Washington Suburbs	63 20.9%	230 76.2%	9 3.0%

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JOB APPROVAL: ELON MUSK

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AGE

18 to 34	40 25.8%	107 69.0%	8 5.2%
35 to 49	56 29.5%	126 66.3%	8 4.2%
50 to 64	70 31.0%	149 65.9%	7 3.1%
65 and older	75 32.2%	150 64.4%	8 3.4%

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove

<u>MUSK APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	170	21.1 %
Somewhat approve	71	8.8 %
Somewhat disapprove	37	4.6 %
Strongly disapprove	495	61.6 %
No answer	31	3.9 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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<u>MUSK APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	170 21.1%	71 8.8%	37 4.6%	495 61.6%	31 3.9%
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<u>MUSK APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	22 5.2%	15 3.5%	8 1.9%	371 87.5%	8 1.9%
Republican	128 57.7%	32 14.4%	22 9.9%	30 13.5%	10 4.5%
Unaffiliated	20 12.7%	24 15.2%	7 4.4%	94 59.5%	13 8.2%

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<u>MUSK APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	78 17.8%	31 7.1%	16 3.6%	293 66.7%	21 4.8%
Male	92 25.2%	40 11.0%	21 5.8%	202 55.3%	10 2.7%

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<u>MUSK APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	129 27.6%	41 8.8%	28 6.0%	242 51.8%	27 5.8%
African American	16 6.5%	18 7.3%	5 2.0%	204 83.3%	2 0.8%
Other/No answer	25 27.2%	12 13.0%	4 4.3%	49 53.3%	2 2.2%

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MUSK APPROVAL - INTENSITY

Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	38 30.9%	14 11.4%	8 6.5%	55 44.7%	8 6.5%
Baltimore City	3 4.6%	4 6.2%	1 1.5%	55 84.6%	2 3.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	90 28.7%	29 9.2%	15 4.8%	168 53.5%	12 3.8%
Washington Suburbs	39 12.9%	24 7.9%	13 4.3%	217 71.9%	9 3.0%

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MUSK APPROVAL - INTENSITY

Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	32 20.6%	8 5.2%	8 5.2%	99 63.9%	8 5.2%
35 to 49	41 21.6%	15 7.9%	6 3.2%	120 63.2%	8 4.2%
50 to 64	46 20.4%	24 10.6%	17 7.5%	132 58.4%	7 3.1%
65 and older	51 21.9%	24 10.3%	6 2.6%	144 61.8%	8 3.4%

Elon Musk Job Approval by Donald Trump Job Approval

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	MUSK APPROVAL - INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
<u>TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u>					
Strongly approve	157 77.7%	29 14.4%	5 2.5%	6 3.0%	5 2.5%
Somewhat approve	5 5.7%	29 33.3%	18 20.7%	28 32.2%	7 8.0%
Somewhat disapprove	4 8.0%	9 18.0%	12 24.0%	18 36.0%	7 14.0%
Strongly disapprove	1 0.2%	2 0.4%	1 0.2%	439 98.0%	5 1.1%
No answer	3 17.6%	2 11.8%	1 5.9%	4 23.5%	7 41.2%

Talk about guilt by association...98% of those who “strongly” disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president “strongly” disapprove of the job Elon Musk is doing as head of DOGE

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

DIRECTION OF STATE	Number	Percent
Right direction	328	40.8 %
Wrong direction	398	49.5 %
No answer	78	9.7 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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DIRECTION OF STATE		
Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	328 40.8%	398 49.5%	78 9.7%
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DIRECTION OF STATE		
Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	226 53.3%	155 36.6%	43 10.1%
Republican	35 15.8%	170 76.6%	17 7.7%
Unaffiliated	67 42.4%	73 46.2%	18 11.4%

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DIRECTION OF STATE		
Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

GENDER

Female	170 38.7%	228 51.9%	41 9.3%
Male	158 43.3%	170 46.6%	37 10.1%

Gonzales Poll - Maryland Statewide

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	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	139 29.8%	274 58.7%	54 11.6%
African American	159 64.9%	67 27.3%	19 7.8%
Other/No answer	30 32.6%	57 62.0%	5 5.4%

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	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Rural Maryland	36 29.3%	75 61.0%	12 9.8%
Baltimore City	29 44.6%	29 44.6%	7 10.8%
Baltimore Suburbs	122 38.9%	164 52.2%	28 8.9%
Washington Suburbs	141 46.7%	130 43.0%	31 10.3%

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	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	54 34.8%	81 52.3%	20 12.9%
35 to 49	75 39.5%	99 52.1%	16 8.4%
50 to 64	93 41.2%	115 50.9%	18 8.0%
65 and older	106 45.5%	103 44.2%	24 10.3%

Wes Moore Job Approval by Direction of State

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JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>			
Right direction	302 92.1%	15 4.6%	11 3.4%
Wrong direction	101 25.4%	251 63.1%	46 11.6%
No answer	40 51.3%	23 29.5%	15 19.2%

92% of voters who think the state is moving in the right direction approve of the job Governor Moore is doing; while 63% who think the state is moving in the wrong direction disapprove of the job he is doing

QUESTION: Tax Increase for Education *Maryland is facing a \$3 billion deficit, and is mandated by the Blueprint to spend \$10 billion on public education over the next 3 years. Would you support or oppose an increase in your state and local taxes to insure that \$10 billion is spent on public education in Maryland over the next 3 years?*

TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION NEXT 3 YRS.	Number	Percent
Support	359	44.7 %
Oppose	405	50.4 %
No answer	40	5.0 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION NEXT 3 YRS.		
Support	Oppose	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	359 44.7%	405 50.4%	40 5.0%
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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION NEXT 3 YRS.		
Support	Oppose	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	267 63.0%	136 32.1%	21 5.0%
Republican	23 10.4%	193 86.9%	6 2.7%
Unaffiliated	69 43.7%	76 48.1%	13 8.2%

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION NEXT 3 YRS.		
Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

Female	189 43.1%	220 50.1%	30 6.8%
Male	170 46.6%	185 50.7%	10 2.7%

Gonzales Poll - Maryland Statewide

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION NEXT 3 YRS.

	Support	Oppose	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	177 37.9%	272 58.2%	18 3.9%
African American	143 58.4%	82 33.5%	20 8.2%
Other/No answer	39 42.4%	51 55.4%	2 2.2%

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION NEXT 3 YRS.

	Support	Oppose	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	41 33.3%	77 62.6%	5 4.1%
Baltimore City	37 56.9%	22 33.8%	6 9.2%
Baltimore Suburbs	130 41.4%	171 54.5%	13 4.1%
Washington Suburbs	151 50.0%	135 44.7%	16 5.3%

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION NEXT 3 YRS.

	Support	Oppose	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	71 45.8%	76 49.0%	8 5.2%
35 to 49	88 46.3%	96 50.5%	6 3.2%
50 to 64	88 38.9%	126 55.8%	12 5.3%
65 and older	112 48.1%	107 45.9%	14 6.0%

Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose

<u>TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION - INTENSITY</u>		Number	Percent
Strongly support		202	25.1 %
Somewhat support		157	19.5 %
Somewhat oppose		83	10.3 %
Strongly oppose		322	40.0 %
No answer		40	5.0 %
Total		804	100.0 %

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<u>TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	202 25.1%	157 19.5%	83 10.3%	322 40.0%	40 5.0%
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<u>TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	156 36.8%	111 26.2%	54 12.7%	82 19.3%	21 5.0%
Republican	11 5.0%	12 5.4%	16 7.2%	177 79.7%	6 2.7%
Unaffiliated	35 22.2%	34 21.5%	13 8.2%	63 39.9%	13 8.2%

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<u>TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION - INTENSITY</u>				
Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

GENDER

Female	108 24.6%	81 18.5%	47 10.7%	173 39.4%	30 6.8%
Male	94 25.8%	76 20.8%	36 9.9%	149 40.8%	10 2.7%

Gonzales Poll - Maryland Statewide

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION - INTENSITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	95 20.3%	82 17.6%	52 11.1%	220 47.1%	18 3.9%
African American	87 35.5%	56 22.9%	22 9.0%	60 24.5%	20 8.2%
Other/No answer	20 21.7%	19 20.7%	9 9.8%	42 45.7%	2 2.2%

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION - INTENSITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	23 18.7%	18 14.6%	15 12.2%	62 50.4%	5 4.1%
Baltimore City	22 33.8%	15 23.1%	3 4.6%	19 29.2%	6 9.2%
Baltimore Suburbs	69 22.0%	61 19.4%	31 9.9%	140 44.6%	13 4.1%
Washington Suburbs	88 29.1%	63 20.9%	34 11.3%	101 33.4%	16 5.3%

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION - INTENSITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	42 27.1%	29 18.7%	15 9.7%	61 39.4%	8 5.2%
35 to 49	48 25.3%	40 21.1%	16 8.4%	80 42.1%	6 3.2%
50 to 64	45 19.9%	43 19.0%	26 11.5%	100 44.2%	12 5.3%
65 and older	67 28.8%	45 19.3%	26 11.2%	81 34.8%	14 6.0%

\$10 Billion for Education next 3 Years by Direction of State

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TEN BILLION ON EDUCATION NEXT 3 YRS.

	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>			
Right direction	238 72.6%	76 23.2%	14 4.3%
Wrong direction	93 23.4%	292 73.4%	13 3.3%
No answer	28 35.9%	37 47.4%	13 16.7%

73% of voters who say the state is moving in the right direction support an increase in their state and local taxes to insure \$10 billion is spent on education over the next 3 years.

An identical 73% who say the state is moving in the wrong direction oppose an increase in their state and local taxes.

However, seventy-three percent of wrong direction is 10 points more than seventy-three percent of right direction.

QUESTION: Economic Conditions *How would you rate the economic conditions for you and your family today: excellent; pretty good; only fair; or poor?*

PERSONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS	Number	Percent
Excellent	40	5.0 %
Good	295	36.7 %
Fair	320	39.8 %
Poor	145	18.0 %
No answer	4	0.5 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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PERSONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	40 5.0%	295 36.7%	320 39.8%	145 18.0%	4 0.5%
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PERSONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	15 3.5%	192 45.3%	141 33.3%	74 17.5%	2 0.5%
Republican	12 5.4%	57 25.7%	101 45.5%	51 23.0%	1 0.5%
Unaffiliated	13 8.2%	46 29.1%	78 49.4%	20 12.7%	1 0.6%

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PERSONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No answer

GENDER

Female	17 3.9%	168 38.3%	172 39.2%	80 18.2%	2 0.5%
Male	23 6.3%	127 34.8%	148 40.5%	65 17.8%	2 0.5%

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PERSONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	26 5.6%	166 35.5%	194 41.5%	79 16.9%	2 0.4%
African American	9 3.7%	98 40.0%	90 36.7%	47 19.2%	1 0.4%
Other/No answer	5 5.4%	31 33.7%	36 39.1%	19 20.7%	1 1.1%

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PERSONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	6 4.9%	38 30.9%	61 49.6%	17 13.8%	1 0.8%
Baltimore City	3 4.6%	30 46.2%	15 23.1%	16 24.6%	1 1.5%
Baltimore Suburbs	15 4.8%	106 33.8%	133 42.4%	59 18.8%	1 0.3%
Washington Suburbs	16 5.3%	121 40.1%	111 36.8%	53 17.5%	1 0.3%

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PERSONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	15 9.7%	54 34.8%	54 34.8%	31 20.0%	1 0.6%
35 to 49	5 2.6%	71 37.4%	82 43.2%	31 16.3%	1 0.5%
50 to 64	12 5.3%	82 36.3%	89 39.4%	42 18.6%	1 0.4%
65 and older	8 3.4%	88 37.8%	95 40.8%	41 17.6%	1 0.4%

QUESTION: Electric Bill Compared to a Year Ago *Compared to a year ago, would you say your monthly electric bill today is: **much higher** than it was; **somewhat higher** than it was; or **about the same** as it was?*

<u>ELECTRIC BILL COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Much higher	458	57.0 %
Somewhat higher	156	19.4 %
Same	154	19.2 %
No answer	36	4.5 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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<u>ELECTRIC BILL COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO</u>			
<u>Much higher</u>	<u>Somewhat higher</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>No answer</u>

RESULTS

Statewide	458 57.0%	156 19.4%	154 19.2%	36 4.5%
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<u>ELECTRIC BILL COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO</u>			
<u>Much higher</u>	<u>Somewhat higher</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	253 59.7%	79 18.6%	84 19.8%	8 1.9%
Republican	137 61.7%	48 21.6%	22 9.9%	15 6.8%
Unaffiliated	68 43.0%	29 18.4%	48 30.4%	13 8.2%

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<u>ELECTRIC BILL COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO</u>			
<u>Much higher</u>	<u>Somewhat higher</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Female	248 56.5%	91 20.7%	82 18.7%	18 4.1%
Male	210 57.5%	65 17.8%	72 19.7%	18 4.9%

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ELECTRIC BILL COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO

	Much higher	Somewhat higher	Same	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	267 57.2%	88 18.8%	89 19.1%	23 4.9%
African American	140 57.1%	49 20.0%	50 20.4%	6 2.4%
Other/No answer	51 55.4%	19 20.7%	15 16.3%	7 7.6%

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ELECTRIC BILL COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO

	Much higher	Somewhat higher	Same	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	63 51.2%	26 21.1%	23 18.7%	11 8.9%
Baltimore City	39 60.0%	16 24.6%	8 12.3%	2 3.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	179 57.0%	65 20.7%	58 18.5%	12 3.8%
Washington Suburbs	177 58.6%	49 16.2%	65 21.5%	11 3.6%

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ELECTRIC BILL COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO

	Much higher	Somewhat higher	Same	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	88 56.8%	34 21.9%	27 17.4%	6 3.9%
35 to 49	100 52.6%	38 20.0%	41 21.6%	11 5.8%
50 to 64	129 57.1%	39 17.3%	48 21.2%	10 4.4%
65 and older	141 60.5%	45 19.3%	38 16.3%	9 3.9%

QUESTION: Electric Bill Level of Concern *How concerned would you say you are about your monthly electric bill: **very** concerned; **somewhat** concerned; or **not that** concerned?*

ELECTRIC BILL - LEVEL OF CONCERN	Number	Percent
Very concerned	426	53.0 %
Somewhat concerned	202	25.1 %
Not concerned	167	20.8 %
No answer	9	1.1 %
Total	804	100.0 %

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ELECTRIC BILL - LEVEL OF CONCERN			
Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	426 53.0%	202 25.1%	167 20.8%	9 1.1%
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ELECTRIC BILL - LEVEL OF CONCERN			
Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	226 53.3%	108 25.5%	88 20.8%	2 0.5%
Republican	131 59.0%	55 24.8%	33 14.9%	3 1.4%
Unaffiliated	69 43.7%	39 24.7%	46 29.1%	4 2.5%

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ELECTRIC BILL - LEVEL OF CONCERN			
Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned	No answer

GENDER

Female	226 51.5%	119 27.1%	89 20.3%	5 1.1%
Male	200 54.8%	83 22.7%	78 21.4%	4 1.1%

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ELECTRIC BILL - LEVEL OF CONCERN

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	246 52.7%	114 24.4%	102 21.8%	5 1.1%
African American	129 52.7%	64 26.1%	49 20.0%	3 1.2%
Other/No answer	51 55.4%	24 26.1%	16 17.4%	1 1.1%

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ELECTRIC BILL - LEVEL OF CONCERN

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned	No answer
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REGION

Rural Maryland	67 54.5%	26 21.1%	27 22.0%	3 2.4%
Baltimore City	36 55.4%	14 21.5%	13 20.0%	2 3.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	162 51.6%	89 28.3%	62 19.7%	1 0.3%
Washington Suburbs	161 53.3%	73 24.2%	65 21.5%	3 1.0%

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ELECTRIC BILL - LEVEL OF CONCERN

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	78 50.3%	42 27.1%	32 20.6%	3 1.9%
35 to 49	96 50.5%	50 26.3%	42 22.1%	2 1.1%
50 to 64	121 53.5%	53 23.5%	50 22.1%	2 0.9%
65 and older	131 56.2%	57 24.5%	43 18.5%	2 0.9%

Level of Concern by Electric Bill a Year Ago

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ELECTRIC BILL - LEVEL OF CONCERN			
Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned	No answer

ELECTRIC BILL COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO

Much higher	358 78.2%	94 20.5%	5 1.1%	1 0.2%
Somewhat higher	47 30.1%	66 42.3%	42 26.9%	1 0.6%
Same	15 9.7%	31 20.1%	107 69.5%	1 0.6%
No answer	6 16.7%	11 30.6%	13 36.1%	6 16.7%

78% of voters who say their electric bill is “much” higher than a year ago are “very” concerned about it; while 69% of those who say their bill is the same are not concerned

Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	424	52.7 %
Republican	222	27.6 %
Unaffiliated	158	19.7 %
Total	804	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	439	54.6 %
Male	365	45.4 %
Total	804	100.0 %

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	467	58.1 %
African American	245	30.5 %
Other/No answer	92	11.4 %
Total	804	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 34	155	19.3 %
35 to 49	190	23.6 %
50 to 64	226	28.1 %
65 and older	233	29.0 %
Total	804	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Rural Maryland	123	15.3 %
Baltimore City	65	8.1 %
Baltimore Suburbs	314	39.1 %
Washington Suburbs	302	37.6 %
Total	804	100.0 %

Regional Groupings

Rural Maryland – includes Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

Baltimore City – includes Baltimore City.

Baltimore Suburbs – includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties.

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