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Gonzales Poll, Part 1 - 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. Currently, his *"Politics With Patrick"* segment appears on WBAL's C4 & Bryan Nehman Show every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am.

This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services, Inc.*** from August 24th through August 30th, 2024. A total of 820 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated they are likely to vote in the 2024 general 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.

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Synopsis

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high
and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."
- **Michelangelo**

Exactly nine weeks until Election Day in America, with the excitement and energy generated by the 2 Parties' summer conventions now being tempered by concern over enough supplies in the backpack for another school year and beer in the fridge for a 17-week season...and playoffs, of course.

Democrat Kamala Harris has seen a boost in her approval numbers here in Maryland since our poll in February. Statewide, 55% approve of the job Vice-President Harris is doing, compared to 37% who disapprove. Her approval ratio today is 19-points ahead of the 46%-47% job rating she had eight months ago.

Former President Donald Trump has a 57% disapproval rating for the job he did in the White House, while 42% approve. Being underwater with voters is something no politician wants, but this is blue Maryland, after all, and Trump's approval rating today is 8-points better than the 38%-61% number he had in the winter.

Statewide, if the election for president were held today, 56% would vote for Vice-President Harris, 35% would vote for former president Trump, and 9% are undecided. The party split is as expected: 84% of Democrats support the Kamala Harris/Tim Walz ticket, while 80% of Republicans support the Donald Trump/JD Vance ticket.

Among independents, the Harris/Walz ticket is up by only 2 points, 38% to 36%. This, coupled with the fact that the Democrat's 21-point margin in Maryland today is identical to the 21-point margin Joe Biden had over Trump in February are cautionary signs.

Governor Wes Moore comes out of the convention in Chicago with a head of steam. Statewide, 64% approve of the job Moore is doing as governor, while 24% disapprove, with 12% not yet providing an opinion.

By party, 82% of Democrats, 52% of unaffiliated voters, and 35% of Republicans say they approve of the job Wes Moore is doing as governor. Admittedly, it's

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mostly *soft* approval (7% "strongly" approve and 28% "somewhat" approve), but 35% percent approval for Moore among Republicans is a number any Democratic officeholder would gladly take.

Moore's 40-point positive job rating (64%-24%) is a 33-percent bump since this past winter. No Democratic governor in Maryland has had approval in the mid-60s since William Donald Schafer's first term in office nearly 40 years ago.

An overwhelming 95% of Marylanders think that it is important for the State to invest in improving its transportation infrastructure…61% "very" important and 34% "somewhat" important.

The debate on how parents and society can best raise and instill in its youth traits and strength necessary to become productive, contented adults is as old as time itself. Accordingly, we asked Maryland voters if, to better help our children under 18 who commit crimes, they prefer laws that are strict, holding these juveniles responsible and accountable for their behavior…or laws that are lenient, recognizing that society is responsible for much of juvenile offender's unhealthy behavior.

Overall in Maryland, 58% favor laws that are strict, which hold juveniles responsible and accountable for their behavior, while only 34% desire laws that are lenient. A majority of nearly every demographic group backs strict laws to inspire a sense of personal responsibility and to best assist our juvenile offenders ultimately realize at least a chance at a successful, happy life.

Gonzales Poll, Part 1 - Maryland Statewide Results

President Joe Biden Job Approval

Among Maryland voters, 53% approve of the job Joe Biden is doing as president (34% "strongly" approve and 19% "somewhat" approve), while 45% disapprove of the job he's doing (36% "strongly" disapprove and 9% "somewhat" disapprove), with 2% offering no opinion.

By party, 76% of Democrats approve of the job President Biden is doing, while 84% of Republicans disapprove. Among independents, 40% approve and 58% disapprove.

President Biden Job Approval	Approve	Disapprove
Statewide	53%	45%
Democrat	76%	20%
Republican	14%	84%
Independent	40%	58%
White	41%	58%
African-American	76%	21%
Women	55%	41%
Men	51%	48%

Vice-President Kamala Harris Job Approval

Vice-President and Democratic nominee Kamala Harris's approval rating in the Free State has improved since our poll in February. Statewide, 55% approve of the job Harris is doing as vice-president (43% "strongly" approve and 12% "somewhat" approve), compared to 37% who disapprove of the job she is doing (31% "strongly" disapprove and 6% "somewhat" disapprove), with 8% giving no response.

Her overall approval ratio today, 55%-37%, is 19 points ahead of the 46%-47% job rating she had eight months ago in Maryland.

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By party, 81% of Democrats approve of the job Vice-President Harris is doing, while 84% of Republicans disapprove. Among independents, 44% approve and 44% disapprove.

Vice-President Harris Job Approval	Approve	Disapprove
Statewide	55%	37%
Democrat	81%	12%
Republican	10%	84%
Independent	44%	44%
White	39%	53%
African-American	84%	8%
Women	60%	33%
Men	50%	42%

Vice-President Harris Job Approval

8%

37%

55%

■ Approve   ■ Disapprove   ■ N/A

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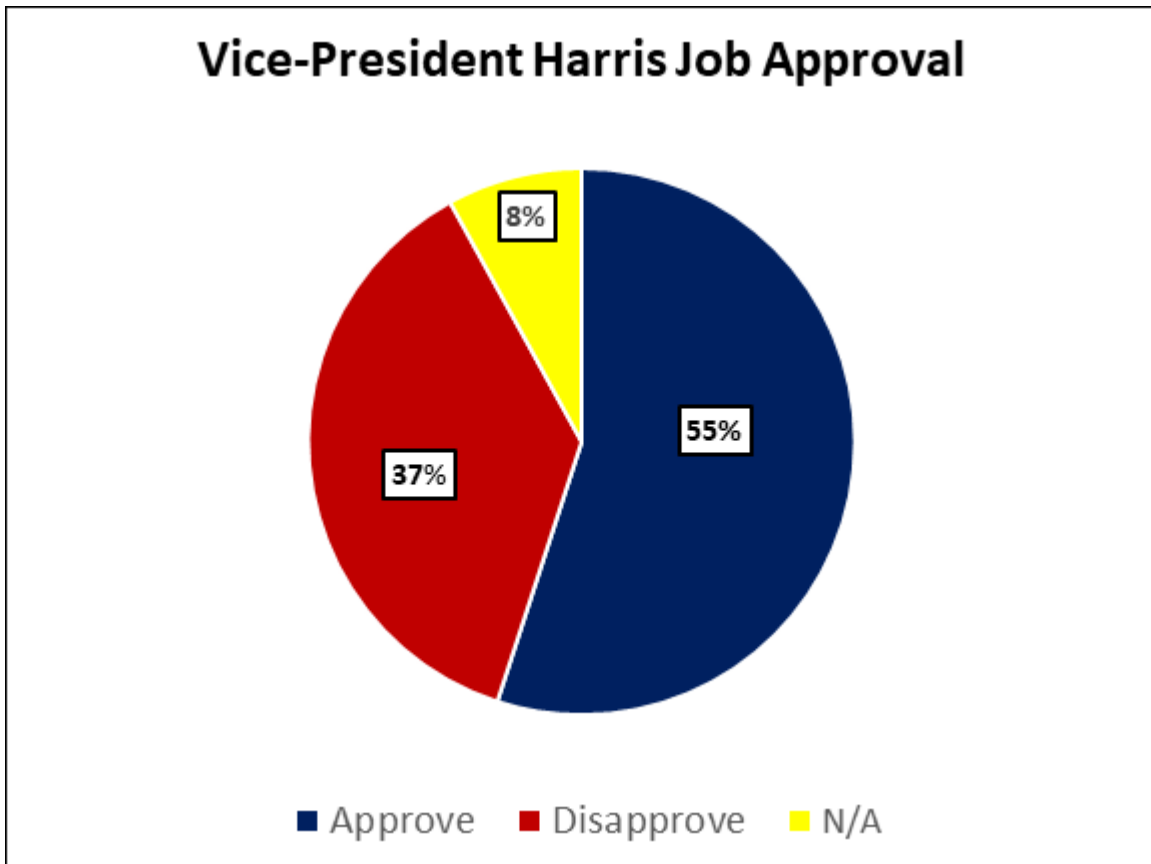
Former President Donald Trump Approval

Among voters statewide, 42% approve of the job Former President Donald Trump did as president (33% "strongly" approve and 9% "somewhat" approve), while 57% disapprove of the job he did (53% "strongly" disapprove and 4% "somewhat" disapprove). By party, 86% of Republicans approve of the job Donald Trump did while in office, contrasted against the 82% of Democrats who disapprove. Among independents, 49% approve of the job Trump did as president, and a like 49% disapprove.

President Trump Job Approval	Approve	Disapprove
Statewide	42%	57%
Democrat	17%	82%
Republican	86%	13%
Independent	49%	49%
White	54%	45%
African-American	17%	81%
Women	37%	62%
Men	47%	52%

2024 Presidential Election

Nine weeks until Election Day. In Maryland today, 56% of voters say they would vote for the Democratic ticket of Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, while 35% state they'd vote for the Republican ticket of Donald Trump and JD Vance, with 9% undecided. By party, 84% of Democrats support the Harris/Walz ticket, while 80% of Republicans back the Trump/Vance ticket. Among independents, 38% favor Harris/Walz and 36% prefer Trump/Vance.

President Election	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
Statewide	56%	35%	9%
Democrat	84%	13%	2%
Republican	10%	80%	9%
Independent	38%	36%	26%
White	41%	48%	11%
African-American	83%	11%	6%
Women	60%	32%	8%
Men	51%	38%	11%

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Direction of Country

The mood of voters in Maryland vis-à-vis how they perceive things overall going in the country is a tad less grumpy than it was in winter.

Statewide, 50% today say things in the country are moving in the right direction, while 45% say things are moving in the wrong direction. In February, only 41% said right direction and 54% said things were off the tracks.

By party, 71% of Democrats say things are moving in the right direction, while 82% of Republicans feel like things are moving in the wrong direction. Among unaffiliated voters, 41% say right direction and 54% say wrong direction.

Direction of Country	Right Direction	Wrong Direction
Statewide	50%	45%
Democrat	71%	24%
Republican	14%	82%
Independent	41%	54%
White	38%	60%
African-American	73%	19%
Women	54%	41%
Men	47%	49%

Direction of Country by 2024 Election

The reason politicos and pundits follow the *Right Direction/Wrong Track* question so closely is illustrated here…

- 93% of Maryland voters who think the country is moving in the right direction are voting for the Harris/Walz ticket,

- 70% of voters who think the country is moving in the wrong direction are voting for the Trump/Vance ticket.

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Governor Wes Moore Job Approval

Wes Moore is one pol headin' north comin' outta the Windy City. Among Old Line voters, 64% approve **(up 6)** of the job he is doing as governor (39% "strongly" approve **(up 11)** and 25% "somewhat" approve), while 24% disapprove of the job he's doing (15% "strongly" disapprove and 9% "somewhat" disapprove), with 12% providing no answer.

Governor Moore Job Approval	Approve	Disapprove
Statewide	64%	24%
Democrat	82%	8%
Republican	35%	48%
Independent	52%	39%
White	51%	38%
African-American	88%	2%
Women	66%	22%
Men	61%	28%

Moore's 40-point positive job rating (64%-24%) is a 33-percent bump since winter.

Granted, it's mostly "soft" approval, but 35% percent approval for Moore among the loyal opposition GOP electorate is a number any Dem officeholder would happily take.

Transportation Infrastructure Funding in Maryland

An overwhelming 95% of Marylanders think that it is important for the State to invest in improving its transportation infrastructure...61% say it's "very" important and 34% say it is "somewhat" important to invest in transportation.

Transportation Funding	Important	Not Important
Statewide	95%	5%
Democrat	99%	1%
Republican	85%	15%
Independent	99%	1%
White	93%	7%
African-American	99%	1%
Women	95%	5%
Men	95%	5%

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Juvenile Justice Reform

The debate on how best to raise and teach our children to become productive, happy adults is as old as time itself. We're nearly 200 years removed from the days of *Oliver Twist* and 75 years from *The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*, Benjamin Spock's tome advocating ideas about child rearing initially considered out of the mainstream, but, which over time, brought about major changes in parenting.

We've come a long way, but we've still a long way to go.

Accordingly, we asked voters the following: "*What type of laws, in your opinion, ultimately better help our children under 18 who commit crimes - Laws that are strict, which include things such as juvenile detention and boot camps. This hold individuals responsible and accountable for their behavior; or Laws that are lenient, which include social programs and counseling. This recognizes that society is responsible for much of this behavior?*"

Overall in Maryland, 58% favor laws that are strict, which hold juveniles responsible and accountable for their behavior, while 34% desire laws that are lenient, determining that society is at fault for much of the objectionable behavior of juveniles, with 8% providing no response.

A majority of nearly every demographic group backs strict laws to best assist our juvenile offenders ultimately realize at least a chance at a successful, happy life.

Best Approach to Help Our Kids	Strict Laws	Lenient Laws
Statewide	58%	34%
Democrat	52%	43%
Republican	82%	12%
Independent	45%	39%
White	57%	33%
African-American	63%	37%
Women	49%	43%
Men	69%	24%
18-34	54%	40%
35-49	53%	41%
50-64	65%	26%
65 and older	58%	34%

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There is a glaring disagreement between Black and White Democrats:

- 57% of white Democrats favor lenient laws to deal with juveniles who've committed crimes

- 63% of black Democrats favor strict laws to deal with juveniles who've committed crimes

And among African Americans, there is a bright difference by gender:

- 47% of African American women favor lenient laws to deal with juveniles who've committed crimes

- 79% of African American men favor strict laws to deal with juveniles who've committed crimes

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Appendix A: Data Tables – Frequencies & Crosstabs

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

JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN	Number	Percent
Approve	435	53.0 %
Disapprove	364	44.4 %
No answer	21	2.6 %
Total	820	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove

BIDEN APPROVAL - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	276	33.7 %
Somewhat approve	159	19.4 %
Somewhat disapprove	71	8.7 %
Strongly disapprove	293	35.7 %
No answer	21	2.6 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
RESULTS			
Statewide	435	364	21
	53.0%	44.4%	2.6%

N=820	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
PARTY REGISTRATION			
Democrat	338	90	15
	76.3%	20.3%	3.4%
Republican	31	180	3
	14.5%	84.1%	1.4%
Unaffiliated	66	94	3
	40.5%	57.7%	1.8%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
White	190 40.6%	269 57.5%	9 1.9%
African American	187 75.7%	51 20.6%	9 3.6%
Other/No answer	58 55.2%	44 41.9%	3 2.9%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

AGE

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
18 to 34	80 57.6%	53 38.1%	6 4.3%
35 to 49	114 58.8%	72 37.1%	8 4.1%
50 to 64	121 46.4%	136 52.1%	4 1.5%
65 and older	120 53.1%	103 45.6%	3 1.3%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
Female	240 55.2%	180 41.4%	15 3.4%
Male	195 50.6%	184 47.8%	6 1.6%

N=820	JOB APPROVAL: JOE BIDEN		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGION

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
East Shore	38 41.8%	52 57.1%	1 1.1%
Baltimore City	45 67.2%	19 28.4%	3 4.5%
Baltimore Suburbs	130 45.6%	148 51.9%	7 2.5%
Washington Suburbs	185 66.5%	84 30.2%	9 3.2%
Western Maryland	37 37.4%	61 61.6%	1 1.0%

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

JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP	Number	Percent
Approve	340	41.5 %
Disapprove	471	57.4 %
No answer	9	1.1 %
Total	820	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove

DONALD TRUMP APPROVAL - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	268	32.7 %
Somewhat approve	72	8.8 %
Somewhat disapprove	36	4.4 %
Strongly disapprove	435	53.0 %
No answer	9	1.1 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
RESULTS			
Statewide	340 / 41.5%	471 / 57.4%	9 / 1.1%

N=820

JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
PARTY REGISTRATION			
Democrat	77 / 17.4%	363 / 81.9%	3 / 0.7%
Republican	184 / 86.0%	28 / 13.1%	2 / 0.9%
Unaffiliated	79 / 48.5%	80 / 49.1%	4 / 2.5%

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	JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
White	254	209	5
	54.3%	44.7%	1.1%
African American	42	201	4
	17.0%	81.4%	1.6%
Other/No answer	44	61	0
	41.9%	58.1%	0.0%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

AGE

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
18 to 34	51	87	1
	36.7%	62.6%	0.7%
35 to 49	72	121	1
	37.1%	62.4%	0.5%
50 to 64	122	134	5
	46.7%	51.3%	1.9%
65 and older	95	129	2
	42.0%	57.1%	0.9%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
Female	159	270	6
	36.6%	62.1%	1.4%
Male	181	201	3
	47.0%	52.2%	0.8%

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	JOB APPROVAL: DONALD TRUMP		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

<u>REGION</u>

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
East Shore	52 57.1%	37 40.7%	2 2.2%
Baltimore City	19 28.4%	47 70.1%	1 1.5%
Baltimore Suburbs	141 49.5%	143 50.2%	1 0.4%
Washington Suburbs	76 27.3%	199 71.6%	3 1.1%
Western Maryland	52 52.5%	45 45.5%	2 2.0%

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

JOB APPROVAL: KAMALA HARRIS	Number	Percent
Approve	453	55.2 %
Disapprove	303	37.0 %
No answer	64	7.8 %
Total	820	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove

KAMALA HARRIS APPROVAL - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	351	42.8 %
Somewhat approve	102	12.4 %
Somewhat disapprove	50	6.1 %
Strongly disapprove	253	30.9 %
No answer	64	7.8 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: KAMALA HARRIS		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
RESULTS			
Statewide	453 55.2%	303 37.0%	64 7.8%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: KAMALA HARRIS		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
PARTY REGISTRATION			
Democrat	360 81.3%	52 11.7%	31 7.0%
Republican	22 10.3%	180 84.1%	12 5.6%
Unaffiliated	71 43.6%	71 43.6%	21 12.9%

N=820

JOB APPROVAL: KAMALA HARRIS

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
RACE/ETHNICITY			
White	184	247	37
	39.3%	52.8%	7.9%
African American	208	19	20
	84.2%	7.7%	8.1%
Other/No answer	61	37	7
	58.1%	35.2%	6.7%

N=820

JOB APPROVAL: KAMALA HARRIS

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
AGE			
18 to 34	81	48	10
	58.3%	34.5%	7.2%
35 to 49	116	59	19
	59.8%	30.4%	9.8%
50 to 64	130	113	18
	49.8%	43.3%	6.9%
65 and older	126	83	17
	55.8%	36.7%	7.5%

N=820

JOB APPROVAL: KAMALA HARRIS

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
GENDER			
Female	260	143	32
	59.8%	32.9%	7.4%
Male	193	160	32
	50.1%	41.6%	8.3%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: KAMALA HARRIS		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

REGION

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
East Shore	37 40.7%	47 51.6%	7 7.7%
Baltimore City	44 65.7%	16 23.9%	7 10.4%
Baltimore Suburbs	144 50.5%	122 42.8%	19 6.7%
Washington Suburbs	196 70.5%	61 21.9%	21 7.6%
Western Maryland	32 32.3%	57 57.6%	10 10.1%

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	522	63.7 %
Disapprove	202	24.6 %
No answer	96	11.7 %
Total	820	100.0 %

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove

WES MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	317	38.7 %
Somewhat approve	205	25.0 %
Somewhat disapprove	79	9.6 %
Strongly disapprove	123	15.0 %
No answer	96	11.7 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
RESULTS			
Statewide	522	202	96
	63.7%	24.6%	11.7%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
PARTY REGISTRATION			
Democrat	362	36	45
	81.7%	8.1%	10.2%
Republican	76	102	36
	35.5%	47.7%	16.8%
Unaffiliated	84	64	15
	51.5%	39.3%	9.2%

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	JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
White	237 50.6%	176 37.6%	55 11.8%
African American	217 87.9%	5 2.0%	25 10.1%
Other/No answer	68 64.8%	21 20.0%	16 15.2%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

AGE

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
18 to 34	90 64.7%	35 25.2%	14 10.1%
35 to 49	124 63.9%	39 20.1%	31 16.0%
50 to 64	158 60.5%	79 30.3%	24 9.2%
65 and older	150 66.4%	49 21.7%	27 11.9%

N=820

	JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
Female	287 66.0%	96 22.1%	52 12.0%
Male	235 61.0%	106 27.5%	44 11.4%

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	JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
REGION			
East Shore	49 53.8%	27 29.7%	15 16.5%
Baltimore City	53 79.1%	10 14.9%	4 6.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	173 60.7%	77 27.0%	35 12.3%
Washington Suburbs	197 70.9%	50 18.0%	31 11.2%
Western Maryland	50 50.5%	38 38.4%	11 11.1%

Moore Approval by Party Intensity

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	WES MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer
PARTY REGISTRATION					
Democrat	275 62.1%	87 19.6%	7 1.6%	29 6.5%	45 10.2%
Republican	16 7.5%	60 28.0%	45 21.0%	57 26.6%	36 16.8%
Unaffiliated	26 16.0%	58 35.6%	27 16.6%	37 22.7%	15 9.2%

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

DIRECTION OF COUNTRY	Number	Percent
Right direction	413	50.4 %
Wrong direction	368	44.9 %
No answer	39	4.8 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

RESULTS

	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
Statewide	413 / 50.4%	368 / 44.9%	39 / 4.8%

N=820

	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
Democrat	316 / 71.3%	104 / 23.5%	23 / 5.2%
Republican	30 / 14.0%	176 / 82.2%	8 / 3.7%
Unaffiliated	67 / 41.1%	88 / 54.0%	8 / 4.9%

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	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
White	176 / 37.6%	280 / 59.8%	12 / 2.6%
African American	179 / 72.5%	48 / 19.4%	20 / 8.1%
Other/No answer	58 / 55.2%	40 / 38.1%	7 / 6.7%

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	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

AGE

	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
18 to 34	72 51.8%	63 45.3%	4 2.9%
35 to 49	110 56.7%	72 37.1%	12 6.2%
50 to 64	117 44.8%	134 51.3%	10 3.8%
65 and older	114 50.4%	99 43.8%	13 5.8%

N=820

	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

GENDER

	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
Female	234 53.8%	179 41.1%	22 5.1%
Male	179 46.5%	189 49.1%	17 4.4%

N=820

	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

REGION

	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer
East Shore	33 36.3%	55 60.4%	3 3.3%
Baltimore City	38 56.7%	23 34.3%	6 9.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	135 47.4%	138 48.4%	12 4.2%
Washington Suburbs	177 63.7%	87 31.3%	14 5.0%
Western Maryland	30 30.3%	65 65.7%	4 4.0%

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QUESTION: 2024 Presidential Election   *If the 2024 election were held today, for whom would you vote for president: the Democratic ticket of Kamala Harris and Tim Walz **or** the Republican ticket of Donald Trump and JD Vance?*

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION	Number	Percent
Harris/Walz	456	55.6 %
Trump/Vance	286	34.9 %
Undecided	78	9.5 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		
	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided

RESULTS

	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
Statewide	456	286	78
	55.6%	34.9%	9.5%

N=820

	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		
	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
Democrat	372	56	15
	84.0%	12.6%	3.4%
Republican	22	172	20
	10.3%	80.4%	9.3%
Unaffiliated	62	58	43
	38.0%	35.6%	26.4%

N=820

	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		
	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
White	192	226	50
	41.0%	48.3%	10.7%
African American	206	27	14
	83.4%	10.9%	5.7%
Other/No answer	58	33	14
	55.2%	31.4%	13.3%

N=820	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		
	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided

AGE

	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
18 to 34	81	40	18
	58.3%	28.8%	12.9%
35 to 49	116	60	18
	59.8%	30.9%	9.3%
50 to 64	131	106	24
	50.2%	40.6%	9.2%
65 and older	128	80	18
	56.6%	35.4%	8.0%

N=820	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		
	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided

GENDER

	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
Female	259	141	35
	59.5%	32.4%	8.0%
Male	197	145	43
	51.2%	37.7%	11.2%

N=820	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		
	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided

REGION

	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
East Shore	36	49	6
	39.6%	53.8%	6.6%
Baltimore City	46	16	5
	68.7%	23.9%	7.5%
Baltimore Suburbs	138	117	30
	48.4%	41.1%	10.5%
Washington Suburbs	199	59	20
	71.6%	21.2%	7.2%
Western Maryland	37	45	17
	37.4%	45.5%	17.2%

Presidential Election by Direction of Country

N=820	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		
	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
DIRECTION OF COUNTRY			
Right direction	382 92.5%	24 5.8%	7 1.7%
Wrong direction	57 15.5%	258 70.1%	53 14.4%
No answer	17 43.6%	4 10.3%	18 46.2%

93% of voters who say the country is moving in the right direction are voting for Harris/Walz...

while 70% of voters who think the country is moving in the wrong direction are voting for Trump/Vance.

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QUESTION: RFK, Jr. Endorsement   *Robert F. Kennedy, Junior has suspended his campaign for president and endorsed Donald Trump. Does this make you more likely or less likely to vote for Trump, or does it have no effect on your vote?*

IMPACT OF RFK, JR. ENDORSEMENT	Number	Percent
More likely	105	12.8 %
Less likely	109	13.3 %
No effect	606	73.9 %
Total	820	100.0 %

Is that much or somewhat more likely/less likely

ENDORSEMENT IMPACT - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Much more likely	85	10.4 %
Somewhat more likely	20	2.4 %
Somewhat less likely	12	1.5 %
Much less likely	97	11.8 %
No effect	606	73.9 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820	IMPACT OF RFK, JR. ENDORSEMENT		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect
RESULTS			
Statewide	105	109	606
	12.8%	13.3%	73.9%

N=820	IMPACT OF RFK, JR. ENDORSEMENT		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect
PARTY REGISTRATION			
Democrat	15	91	337
	3.4%	20.5%	76.1%
Republican	61	6	147
	28.5%	2.8%	68.7%
Unaffiliated	29	12	122
	17.8%	7.4%	74.8%

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	IMPACT OF RFK, JR. ENDORSEMENT		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect

RACE/ETHNICITY

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
White	83 17.7%	40 8.5%	345 73.7%
African American	12 4.9%	57 23.1%	178 72.1%
Other/No answer	10 9.5%	12 11.4%	83 79.0%

N=820

	IMPACT OF RFK, JR. ENDORSEMENT		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect

AGE

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
18 to 34	15 10.8%	24 17.3%	100 71.9%
35 to 49	28 14.4%	25 12.9%	141 72.7%
50 to 64	38 14.6%	33 12.6%	190 72.8%
65 and older	24 10.6%	27 11.9%	175 77.4%

N=820

	IMPACT OF RFK, JR. ENDORSEMENT		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect

GENDER

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
Female	54 12.4%	60 13.8%	321 73.8%
Male	51 13.2%	49 12.7%	285 74.0%

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N=820	IMPACT OF RFK, JR. ENDORSEMENT		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect

REGION

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
East Shore	12	7	72
	13.2%	7.7%	79.1%
Baltimore City	6	11	50
	9.0%	16.4%	74.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	36	37	212
	12.6%	13.0%	74.4%
Washington Suburbs	32	46	200
	11.5%	16.5%	71.9%
Western Maryland	19	8	72
	19.2%	8.1%	72.7%

Presidential Election by Impact of RFK, Jr. Endorsement

N=820	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		
	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided

IMPACT OF RFK, JR. ENDORSEMENT

	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance	Undecided
More likely	3	80	22
	2.9%	76.2%	21.0%
Less likely	91	1	17
	83.5%	0.9%	15.6%
No effect	362	205	39
	59.7%	33.8%	6.4%

76% of voters who say they are more likely to vote for President Trump because of RFK, Jr.'s endorsement are already voting for the Trump/Vance ticket.

QUESTION: Improving Transportation Infrastructure *In your opinion, how important is it for Maryland to invest in improving its transportation infrastructure: very important, somewhat important, or not important?*

TRANSPORTATION - LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE	Number	Percent
Very important	503	61.3 %
Somewhat important	277	33.8 %
Not important	37	4.5 %
No answer	3	0.4 %
Total	820	100.0 %

TRANSPORTATION - LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE	Number	Percent
Important	780	95.1 %
Not important/NA	40	4.9 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	TRANSPORTATION - LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE			
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer

RESULTS

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer
Statewide	503	277	37	3
	61.3%	33.8%	4.5%	0.4%

N=820

	TRANSPORTATION - LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE			
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer
Democrat	319	118	5	1
	72.0%	26.6%	1.1%	0.2%
Republican	101	80	31	2
	47.2%	37.4%	14.5%	0.9%
Unaffiliated	83	79	1	0
	50.9%	48.5%	0.6%	0.0%

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	TRANSPORTATION - LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE			
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer
White	237 50.6%	198 42.3%	31 6.6%	2 0.4%
African American	201 81.4%	43 17.4%	2 0.8%	1 0.4%
Other/No answer	65 61.9%	36 34.3%	4 3.8%	0 0.0%

N=820

	TRANSPORTATION - LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE			
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer

AGE

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer
18 to 34	83 59.7%	53 38.1%	3 2.2%	0 0.0%
35 to 49	117 60.3%	73 37.6%	3 1.5%	1 0.5%
50 to 64	161 61.7%	82 31.4%	18 6.9%	0 0.0%
65 and older	142 62.8%	69 30.5%	13 5.8%	2 0.9%

N=820

	TRANSPORTATION - LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE			
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer

GENDER

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer
Female	227 52.2%	186 42.8%	19 4.4%	3 0.7%
Male	276 71.7%	91 23.6%	18 4.7%	0 0.0%

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TRANSPORTATION - LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer
REGION				
East Shore	55 60.4%	26 28.6%	10 11.0%	0 0.0%
Baltimore City	45 67.2%	20 29.9%	2 3.0%	0 0.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	164 57.5%	106 37.2%	15 5.3%	0 0.0%
Washington Suburbs	186 66.9%	86 30.9%	5 1.8%	1 0.4%
Western Maryland	53 53.5%	39 39.4%	5 5.1%	2 2.0%

QUESTION: Juvenile Justice Reform What type of laws, in your opinion, ultimately better help our children under 18 who commit crimes? **(ORDER ROTATED)**

Laws that are strict, which include things such as juvenile detention and boot camps. This hold individuals responsible and accountable for their behavior,
or,

Laws that are lenient, which include social programs and counseling.
This recognizes that society is responsible for much of this behavior.

STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS	Number	Percent
Strict laws	478	58.3 %
Lenient laws	280	34.1 %
No answer	62	7.6 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS		
	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer

RESULTS

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer
Statewide	478	280	62
	58.3%	34.1%	7.6%

N=820

	STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS		
	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer
Democrat	229	192	22
	51.7%	43.3%	5.0%
Republican	176	25	13
	82.2%	11.7%	6.1%
Unaffiliated	73	63	27
	44.8%	38.7%	16.6%

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STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer
White	266 56.8%	156 33.3%	46 9.8%
African American	155 62.8%	91 36.8%	1 0.4%
Other/No answer	57 54.3%	33 31.4%	15 14.3%

N=820

STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer

AGE

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer
18 to 34	75 54.0%	56 40.3%	8 5.8%
35 to 49	103 53.1%	79 40.7%	12 6.2%
50 to 64	169 64.8%	69 26.4%	23 8.8%
65 and older	131 58.0%	76 33.6%	19 8.4%

N=820

STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer

GENDER

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer
Female	212 48.7%	186 42.8%	37 8.5%
Male	266 69.1%	94 24.4%	25 6.5%

N=820

	STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS		
	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer

REGION

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer
East Shore	60 65.9%	24 26.4%	7 7.7%
Baltimore City	45 67.2%	19 28.4%	3 4.5%
Baltimore Suburbs	172 60.4%	89 31.2%	24 8.4%
Washington Suburbs	140 50.4%	117 42.1%	21 7.6%
Western Maryland	61 61.6%	31 31.3%	7 7.1%

Democrats – Juvenile Justice Reform by Race

N=443

	STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS		
	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer
White	61 35.3%	98 56.6%	14 8.1%
African American	137 63.1%	79 36.4%	1 0.5%
Other/No answer	31 58.5%	15 28.3%	7 13.2%

63% of black Democrats support strict laws to better help our youth under 18 who commit crimes…

while 57% of white Democrats favor lenient laws.

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African Americans – Juvenile Justice Reform by Gender

N=247

STRICT LAWS or LENIENT LAWS

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer

GENDER

	Strict laws	Lenient laws	No answer
Female	83	73	0
	53.2%	46.8%	0.0%
Male	72	18	1
	79.1%	19.8%	1.1%

79% of black male voters support strict laws to better help our youth under 18 who commit crimes...

while 47% of African American women espouse lenient laws.

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Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

AGE	Number	Percent
18 to 34	139	17.0 %
35 to 49	194	23.7 %
50 to 64	261	31.8 %
65 and older	226	27.6 %
Total	820	100.0 %

PARTY REGISTRATION	Number	Percent
Democrat	443	54.0 %
Republican	214	26.1 %
Unaffiliated	163	19.9 %
Total	820	100.0 %

RACE/ETHNICITY	Number	Percent
White	468	57.1 %
African American	247	30.1 %
Other/No answer	105	12.8 %
Total	820	100.0 %

GENDER	Number	Percent
Female	435	53.0 %
Male	385	47.0 %
Total	820	100.0 %

REGION	Number	Percent
Eastern Shore/Southern Maryland	91	11.1 %
Baltimore City	67	8.2 %
Baltimore Suburbs	285	34.8 %
Washington Suburbs	278	33.9 %
Western Maryland	99	12.1 %
Total	820	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, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.

Western Maryland – includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties.