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# Gonzales Maryland Poll

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## Background and Methodology

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

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

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

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

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This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A total of 809 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated that they vote regularly in general elections, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and cell phone numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state, reflecting general election voting patterns.

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

## Synopsis

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...” To heck with the French Revolution, Dickens could’ve written a *Reader’s Digest* Life in These United States, circa 2019! This, however, is the tale of two politicians, with President Donald Trump playing the part of Paris and Governor Larry Hogan as London.

Among Maryland voters, a mere 34% approve of the job Trump is doing as president, while a rather-close-to-two-thirds 63% disapprove of the job Trump is doing...58% *strongly* disapprove. Eighty-three percent of Democrats; 82% of black voters; 68% in the Metro Washington Region; 65% of those under the age of fifty-five; and 63% of women **strongly disapprove** of the job Donald Trump is doing as president.

What are we to do?

Well, since they haven’t (as far as I know) built a guillotine in a while, 50% of Maryland voters say that they approve of Democrats in the United States House of Representatives initiating impeachment proceedings against Trump, in an attempt to remove him from office. Fifty-eight percent of blacks; 58% of Democrats; and 52% of voters under the age of thirty-five **strongly approve** of Democrats in the House beginning the impeachment process.

We’ve invested well over \$20 million in the Robert Mueller Russian collusion investigation, and while he and his team have done a splendid job of demonstrating Stalin’s “show me the man, and I’ll show you the crime” dictum, perhaps we should wait for Mueller’s final report on collusion before trying to remove Trump from office.

On the other hand, Larry Hogan, I suspect, is having a delightful time at the mansion straddling Church and State Circles, preparing for his fifth Legislative Session as governor of Maryland. Statewide, 77% of voters approve of the job Hogan is doing (48% “strongly approve”), while only 18% disapprove. Seventy percent of Democrats, 86% of Republicans, and 88% of independents approve of the job he is doing as governor.

It doesn’t get any better than this for Hogan...of course, we’ve been saying that for three years now.

Linked to Hogan's high approval, 67% of voters think that things in Maryland are moving in the right direction, while only 20% say that things in the state are on the wrong track. Eighty-nine percent of voters who "strongly approve" of the job Hogan is doing think things in the state are moving in the right direction, while 59% who "strongly disapprove" think things in the state are on the wrong track.

Against the spread, bad beat, backdoor cover...wanna take some sweet action we'll be placing a wager on the Ravens and Redskins soon? Statewide, 49% of Maryland voters favor making sports betting legal in Maryland (22% "strongly favor" and 27% "somewhat favor"), while 36% oppose sports betting in the state (22% "strongly oppose" and 14% "somewhat oppose").

Gender and age are the two demographics steering the dispute at present. Fifty-seven percent of men favor sports betting, while 45% of women oppose it; 62% of voters under the age of forty-five favor sports betting, while 48% of voters fifty-five and older oppose making sports betting legal in the state of Maryland.

Attitude toward gambling, notwithstanding, a sweeping majority of Maryland voters want the issue of sports betting decided by voters. Statewide, 83% say the issue of sports betting should be put to referendum to let Maryland voters decide, while only 12% think that lawmakers should decide whether or not to make sports wagering legal.

Eighty-one percent who favor the legalization of sports betting in the state want the issue put to referendum, and 90% of voters who oppose sports betting want voters to decide the issue at referendum.

Now that marijuana is legal in Maryland for medicinal purposes, rollin' a blunt just to get mellow is next on the agenda. Among state voters, 58% favor making the sale of marijuana legal for recreational purposes (41% "strongly favor" and 17% "somewhat favor"), while 38% oppose legalizing recreational marijuana (28% "strongly oppose").

Even more so than gambling, age is the driving force on weed...69% of voters under the age of fifty-five favor recreational marijuana, while 48% of voters 55 and older oppose it.

As we find ourselves in the swirling maze of instant information, we asked

Maryland voters their opinion on changing the law to allow for news cameras in criminal court during the sentencing phase of a trial to make our judicial system more transparent.

Statewide, 59% favor news cameras in court during the sentencing phase of a trial (35% “strongly favor” and 24% “somewhat favor”), while 30% oppose news cameras in court (19% “strongly oppose” and 11% “somewhat oppose”), with 11% giving no response.

Among voters under the age of forty-five, 68% favor cameras in the courtroom, while among those sixty-five and older, 42% oppose cameras in criminal court.

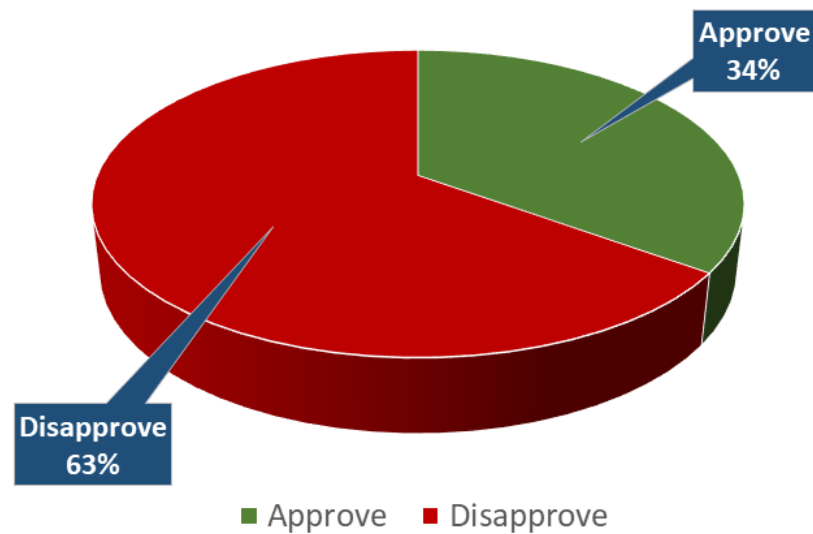
## Gonzales January 2019 Poll Results

### President Donald Trump

#### Job Approval

Among Maryland voters, only 34% approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as president (29% “strongly approve” and 5% “somewhat approve”), while 63% disapprove of the job Trump is doing (58% “strongly disapprove” and 5% “somewhat disapprove”), with 3% offering no judgment.

### Trump Job Approval Rating



Trump Job Rating	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Democrat	9%	90%
Republican	81%	16%
Unaffiliated	38%	54%
Men	40%	58%
Women	29%	69%
White	45%	53%
African-American	11%	88%
Under 55	27%	70%
55 and older	42%	56%

**70% of voters under the age of 55 disapprove of Trump**

## Impeachment

We asked Maryland voters, now that the Democrats have gained power in the U.S. House of Representatives, if they approve or disapprove of the House beginning the impeachment process against President Trump, in an attempt to remove him from office.

Statewide, 50% approve of Democrats in the House beginning the impeachment process against Trump (39% “strongly approve” and 11% “somewhat approve”), while 44% disapprove of House Democrats attempting to impeach the president (38% “strongly disapprove” and 4% “somewhat disapprove”), with 6% providing no answer to the question.

<b>Impeach Trump</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>
Democrat	76%	20%
Republican	6%	87%
Unaffiliated	40%	54%
Men	44%	50%
Women	56%	39%
White	40%	54%
African-American	73%	22%
18 to 34	67%	31%
35 to 44	62%	32%
45 to 54	48%	44%
55 to 64	43%	50%
65 and older	40%	56%
Baltimore Metro	49%	46%
Washington Metro	61%	32%
Rural Maryland	37%	58%

**73% of black voters in the Free State endorse the U.S. House of Representatives beginning the impeachment process against President Trump, in an attempt to remove him from office**



In Maryland, 76% of Democrats; 73% of blacks; 65% of voters under the age of forty-five; 61% in the D.C. metro region; and 56% of women approve of the House of Representatives beginning the impeachment process, in an effort to remove President Donald Trump from the White House 2 years into his term of office.

### Governor Larry Hogan

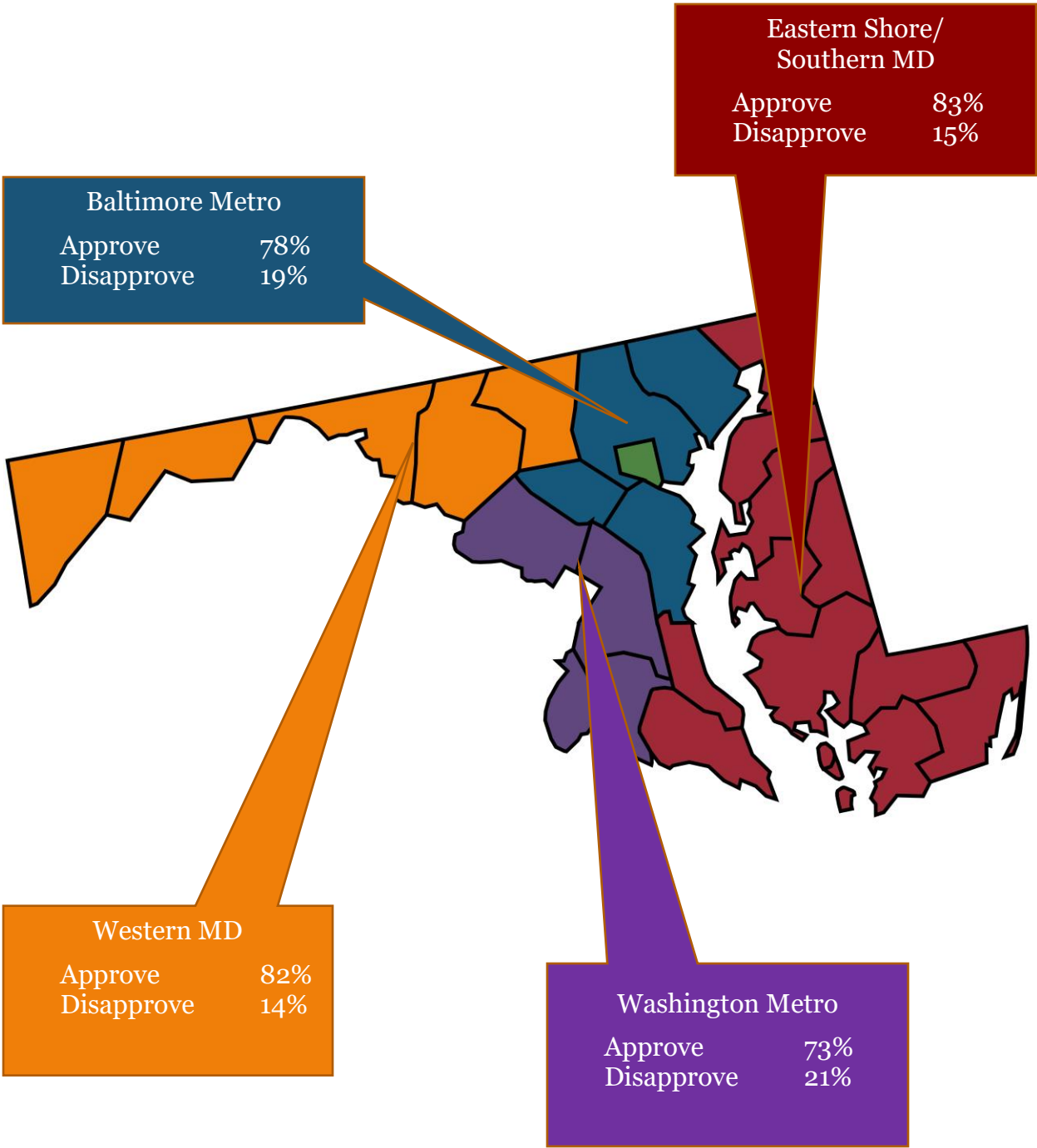
At the other end of the spectrum, 77% of Maryland voters approve of the job Governor Larry Hogan is doing (48% “strongly approve” and 29% “somewhat approve”), while 18% disapprove (5% “strongly disapprove” and 13% “somewhat disapprove”), with 5% giving no response.

Hogan Job Approval	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Democrat	70%	25%
Republican	86%	12%
Unaffiliated	88%	7%
Men	78%	18%
Women	76%	18%
18 to 34	71%	25%
35 to 44	76%	18%
45 to 54	76%	20%
55 to 64	79%	14%
65 and older	81%	15%
White	79%	17%
African-American	72%	22%

Approval of Hogan falls under 70% nowhere

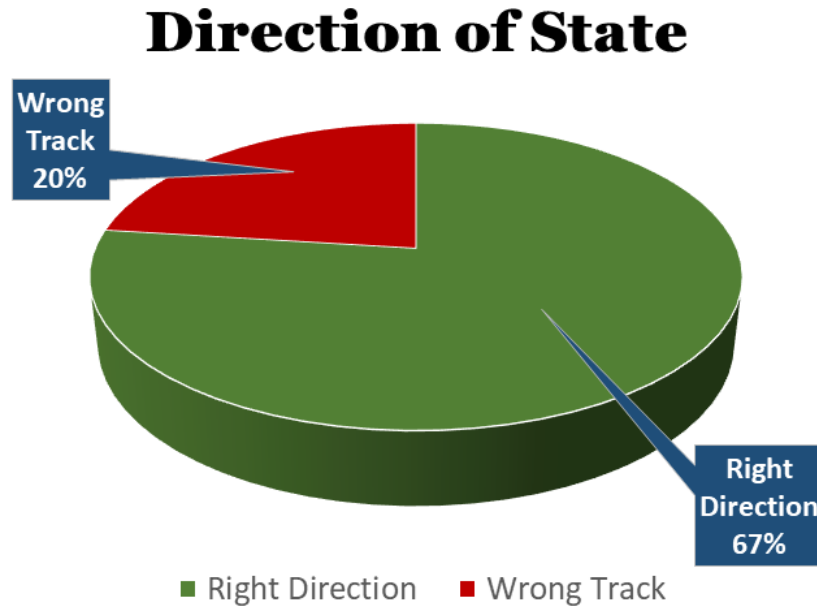
Larry Hogan won a resounding, unambiguous victory two months ago, becoming the first Republican in 64 years to be reelected governor of Maryland. He garnered over 1.2 million votes on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018...a member of the GOP getting more votes for governor than any Democrat in Maryland ever has. His particularly impressive standing with state voters continues as he heads into his fifth legislative session as Maryland’s executive.

**Governor Hogan Job Approval *by* Region**



## Direction of the State

Among state voters, 67% think that things in Maryland are moving in the right direction, while 20% say things are off on the wrong track, with 13% offering no answer.



Direction of State	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>
Democrat	63%	22%
Republican	75%	15%
Unaffiliated	65%	23%
Men	69%	19%
Women	65%	21%
White	67%	20%
African-American	65%	21%
Baltimore Metro	68%	18%
Washington Metro	63%	22%
Rural Maryland	71%	20%

Eighty-nine percent of voters who “strongly approve” of the job Hogan is doing think things in the state are moving in the right direction, while 59% who “strongly disapprove” of the job he’s doing think things in the state are on the wrong track.

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## Sports Betting

Forty-nine percent of Maryland voters favor making sports betting legal in Maryland (22% “strongly favor” and 27% “somewhat favor”), while 36% oppose sports betting (22% “strongly oppose” and 14% “somewhat oppose”), and 15% offer no opinion on sports betting.

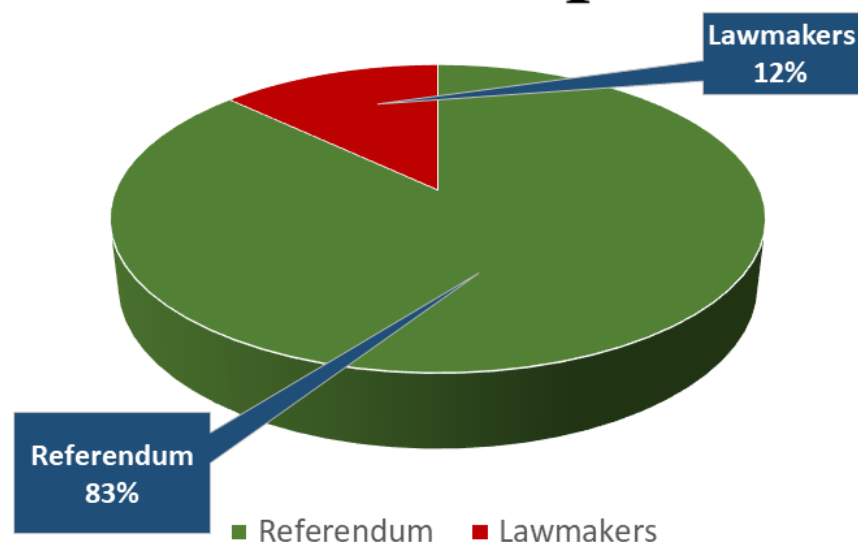
Currently, gender and age are the two compelling demographics on legalizing sports betting in the state...57% of men favor having sports betting legalized in the state, while 45% of women oppose it; 57% of voters under the age of fifty-five favor sports betting being legalized in the state, while 48% of voters 55 and older oppose sports betting.

## Referendum

Regardless of one’s position on sports gambling in Maryland, nearly everyone wants the issue decided by voters, not lawmakers in Annapolis. Statewide, 83% say the issue of sports betting should be put to referendum to let Maryland voters decide, while only 12% think that lawmakers should decide whether or not to make sports betting legal.

***Eighty-one percent of voters who favor*** the legalization of sports betting in the state want the issue put to referendum, and ***90% of voters who oppose*** sports betting want voters to decide the issue at referendum.

## Who Should Decide Sports Betting



## Recreational Marijuana

Support in Maryland for legalizing recreational marijuana is high...(get it?)

Statewide, 58% favor making the sale of marijuana legal for recreational purposes (41% “strongly favor” and 17% “somewhat favor”), while 38% oppose legalizing recreational marijuana (28% “strongly oppose” and 10% “somewhat oppose”), with 4% providing no opinion.

Even more so than gambling, age is the driving force on weed...69% of voters under the age of fifty-five favor recreational marijuana, while 48% of voters 55 and older oppose it.

<b>Recreational Pot</b>	<b><u>Favor</u></b>	<b><u>Oppose</u></b>
Men	57%	38%
Women	59%	37%
White	57%	40%
African-American	63%	30%
Democrat	66%	29%
Republican	44%	52%
Unaffiliated	58%	41%

## News Cameras in Court

As the country and culture hurtle inexorably forward in the information age, we wanted to gauge Maryland voter opinion on allowing news cameras in criminal court during the sentencing phase to make our judicial system more transparent.

Statewide, 59% favor news cameras in court during the sentencing phase of a trial (35% “strongly favor” and 24% “somewhat favor”), while 30% oppose news cameras in court (19% “strongly oppose” and 11% “somewhat oppose”), and 11% give no response.

<b>Cameras in Court</b>	<b><u>Favor</u></b>	<b><u>Oppose</u></b>
Under 55	65%	24%
55 and older	52%	37%
White	61%	29%
African-American	54%	33%
Democrat	57%	28%
Republican	63%	31%
Unaffiliated	59%	35%

## Appendix A: Data Tables

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

JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP	Number	Percent
Approve	275	34.0 %
Disapprove	514	63.5 %
No answer	20	2.5 %
Total	809	100.0 %

*Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?*

JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP	Number	Percent
Strongly Approve	235	29.0 %
Somewhat Approve	40	4.9 %
Somewhat Disapprove	44	5.4 %
Strongly Disapprove	470	58.1 %
No answer	20	2.5 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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### JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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### PARTY

Democrat	29 6.4%	13 2.9%	30 6.6%	377 83.2%	4 0.9%
Republican	173 76.2%	11 4.8%	5 2.2%	32 14.1%	6 2.6%
Unaffiliated	33 25.6%	16 12.4%	9 7.0%	61 47.3%	10 7.8%

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### JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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### GENDER

Male	127 34.1%	20 5.4%	21 5.6%	193 51.9%	11 3.0%
Female	108 24.7%	20 4.6%	23 5.3%	277 63.4%	9 2.1%

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## JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	25 16.9%	7 4.7%	9 6.1%	102 68.9%	5 3.4%
35 to 44	27 22.7%	4 3.4%	6 5.0%	79 66.4%	3 2.5%
45 to 54	41 25.3%	13 8.0%	7 4.3%	97 59.9%	4 2.5%
55 to 64	63 35.2%	7 3.9%	11 6.1%	92 51.4%	6 3.4%
65 and older	79 39.5%	9 4.5%	11 5.5%	99 49.5%	2 1.0%
No answer	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%

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## JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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AGE GROUP

Under 55	93 21.7%	24 5.6%	22 5.1%	278 64.8%	12 2.8%
55 or older	142 37.5%	16 4.2%	22 5.8%	191 50.4%	8 2.1%

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## JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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RACE

White	211 39.7%	27 5.1%	25 4.7%	255 48.0%	13 2.4%
African-American	16 7.2%	8 3.6%	14 6.3%	181 81.9%	2 0.9%
Other	8 14.0%	5 8.8%	5 8.8%	34 59.6%	5 8.8%

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JOB APPROVAL: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Baltimore Metro	114 32.8%	13 3.7%	15 4.3%	197 56.6%	9 2.6%
Washington Metro	42 15.1%	15 5.4%	25 9.0%	190 68.3%	6 2.2%
Rural Maryland	79 43.2%	12 6.6%	4 2.2%	83 45.4%	5 2.7%



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

JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN	Number	Percent
Approve	623	77.0 %
Disapprove	147	18.2 %
No answer	39	4.8 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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

JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN	Number	Percent
Strongly Approve	389	48.1 %
Somewhat Approve	234	28.9 %
Somewhat Disapprove	106	13.1 %
Strongly Disapprove	41	5.1 %
No answer	39	4.8 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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

**PARTY**

Democrat	180 39.7%	135 29.8%	83 18.3%	28 6.2%	27 6.0%
Republican	134 59.0%	61 26.9%	20 8.8%	7 3.1%	5 2.2%
Unaffiliated	75 58.1%	38 29.5%	3 2.3%	6 4.7%	7 5.4%

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

**GENDER**

Male	188 50.5%	101 27.2%	46 12.4%	22 5.9%	15 4.0%
Female	201 46.0%	133 30.4%	60 13.7%	19 4.3%	24 5.5%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	64 43.2%	41 27.7%	23 15.5%	14 9.5%	6 4.1%
35 to 44	50 42.0%	40 33.6%	16 13.4%	6 5.0%	7 5.9%
45 to 54	83 51.2%	40 24.7%	27 16.7%	5 3.1%	7 4.3%
55 to 64	93 52.0%	49 27.4%	21 11.7%	5 2.8%	11 6.1%
65 and older	99 49.5%	63 31.5%	19 9.5%	11 5.5%	8 4.0%
No answer	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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AGE GROUP

Under 55	197 45.9%	121 28.2%	66 15.4%	25 5.8%	20 4.7%
55 or older	192 50.7%	112 29.6%	40 10.6%	16 4.2%	19 5.0%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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RACE

White	274 51.6%	144 27.1%	65 12.2%	27 5.1%	21 4.0%
African-American	84 38.0%	76 34.4%	38 17.2%	10 4.5%	13 5.9%
Other	31 54.4%	14 24.6%	3 5.3%	4 7.0%	5 8.8%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Baltimore Metro	172 49.4%	101 29.0%	45 12.9%	14 4.0%	16 4.6%
Washington Metro	116 41.7%	88 31.7%	37 13.3%	20 7.2%	17 6.1%
Rural Maryland	101 55.2%	45 24.6%	24 13.1%	7 3.8%	6 3.3%

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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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COUNTY

Anne Arundel Co.	38 47.5%	26 32.5%	7 8.8%	4 5.0%	5 6.3%
Baltimore County	60 52.2%	36 31.3%	10 8.7%	4 3.5%	5 4.3%
Harford County	22 57.9%	12 31.6%	2 5.3%	1 2.6%	1 2.6%
Howard County	26 52.0%	11 22.0%	9 18.0%	2 4.0%	2 4.0%
Montgomery County	63 44.1%	34 23.8%	24 16.8%	12 8.4%	10 7.0%
Prince George's Co.	31 27.4%	45 39.8%	22 19.5%	8 7.1%	7 6.2%
Charles County	8 36.4%	9 40.9%	4 18.2%	1 4.5%	0 0.0%
Baltimore City	30 46.2%	21 32.3%	9 13.8%	2 3.1%	3 4.6%
Eastern Shore	48 53.9%	26 29.2%	9 10.1%	4 4.5%	2 2.2%
Western Maryland	63 67.0%	14 14.9%	10 10.6%	3 3.2%	4 4.3%

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

<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Right Direction	541	66.9 %
Wrong Track	162	20.0 %
No answer	106	13.1 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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	<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>		
	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	287 63.4%	99 21.9%	67 14.8%
Republican	170 74.9%	34 15.0%	23 10.1%
Unaffiliated	84 65.1%	29 22.5%	16 12.4%

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	<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>		
	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>GENDER</u>			
Male	258 69.4%	72 19.4%	42 11.3%
Female	283 64.8%	90 20.6%	64 14.6%

N=809	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	95 64.2%	36 24.3%	17 11.5%
35 to 44	75 63.0%	28 23.5%	16 13.4%
45 to 54	106 65.4%	34 21.0%	22 13.6%
55 to 64	130 72.6%	26 14.5%	23 12.8%
65 and older	134 67.0%	38 19.0%	28 14.0%
No answer	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

N=809	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>			
Under 55	276 64.3%	98 22.8%	55 12.8%
55 or older	264 69.7%	64 16.9%	51 13.5%

N=809	DIRECTION OF STATE		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
White	358 67.4%	105 19.8%	68 12.8%
African-American	144 65.2%	47 21.3%	30 13.6%
Other	39 68.4%	10 17.5%	8 14.0%

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DIRECTION OF STATE

Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
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REGION

Baltimore Metro	236 67.8%	64 18.4%	48 13.8%
Washington Metro	176 63.3%	61 21.9%	41 14.7%
Rural Maryland	129 70.5%	37 20.2%	17 9.3%

**Direction of State by Hogan Job Approval**

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DIRECTION OF STATE

Right Direction	Wrong Track	No answer
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JOB APPROVAL: GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

Strongly Approve	333 85.6%	27 6.9%	29 7.5%
Somewhat Approve	149 63.7%	49 20.9%	36 15.4%
Somewhat Disapprove	40 37.7%	60 56.6%	6 5.7%
Strongly Disapprove	6 14.6%	24 58.5%	11 26.8%
No answer	13 33.3%	2 5.1%	24 61.5%

**86% of voters who “strongly approve” of the job Hogan is doing think things in the state are moving in the right direction, while 59% who “strongly disapprove” think things in the state are on the wrong track**

**QUESTION 4: Sports Betting** *As you may know, the Supreme Court decided earlier this year to allow individual states to legalize sports betting. Do you favor or oppose making sports betting legal in Maryland?*

<u>SPORTS BETTING</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Favor	398	49.2 %
Oppose	292	36.1 %
No answer	119	14.7 %
Total	809	100.0 %

**Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?**

<u>SPORTS BETTING</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Favor	179	22.1 %
Somewhat Favor	219	27.1 %
Somewhat Oppose	117	14.5 %
Strongly Oppose	175	21.6 %
No answer	119	14.7 %
Total	809	100.0 %

N=809

<u>SPORTS BETTING</u>				
<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	100 22.1%	113 24.9%	76 16.8%	105 23.2%	59 13.0%
Republican	50 22.0%	70 30.8%	31 13.7%	42 18.5%	34 15.0%
Unaffiliated	29 22.5%	36 27.9%	10 7.8%	28 21.7%	26 20.2%

N=809

<u>SPORTS BETTING</u>				
<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Male	103 27.7%	107 28.8%	54 14.5%	41 11.0%	67 18.0%
Female	76 17.4%	112 25.6%	63 14.4%	134 30.7%	52 11.9%

N=809

SPORTS BETTING

Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	59 39.9%	37 25.0%	9 6.1%	18 12.2%	25 16.9%
35 to 44	31 26.1%	38 31.9%	14 11.8%	12 10.1%	24 20.2%
45 to 54	34 21.0%	47 29.0%	32 19.8%	27 16.7%	22 13.6%
55 to 64	31 17.3%	45 25.1%	34 19.0%	52 29.1%	17 9.5%
65 and older	24 12.0%	51 25.5%	28 14.0%	66 33.0%	31 15.5%
No answer	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

N=809

SPORTS BETTING

Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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AGE GROUP

Under 55	124 28.9%	122 28.4%	55 12.8%	57 13.3%	71 16.6%
55 or older	55 14.5%	96 25.3%	62 16.4%	118 31.1%	48 12.7%

N=809

SPORTS BETTING

Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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RACE

White	131 24.7%	151 28.4%	74 13.9%	89 16.8%	86 16.2%
African-American	41 18.6%	54 24.4%	32 14.5%	70 31.7%	24 10.9%
Other	7 12.3%	14 24.6%	11 19.3%	16 28.1%	9 15.8%



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## SPORTS BETTING

REGION

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
Baltimore Metro	85 24.4%	90 25.9%	45 12.9%	76 21.8%	52 14.9%
Washington Metro	50 18.0%	81 29.1%	50 18.0%	63 22.7%	34 12.2%
Rural Maryland	44 24.0%	48 26.2%	22 12.0%	36 19.7%	33 18.0%

**QUESTION 5: Sports Betting Referendum** *Should Maryland lawmakers decide whether or not to make sports betting legal, or should the issue of sports betting be put to referendum to let Maryland voters decide?*

<u>SPORTS BETTING DECISION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Lawmakers	98	12.1 %
Voter Referendum	673	83.2 %
No answer	38	4.7 %
Total	809	100.0 %

N=809

SPORTS BETTING DECISION

<u>Lawmakers</u>	<u>Voter Referendum</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY

Democrat	67 14.8%	364 80.4%	22 4.9%
Republican	11 4.8%	206 90.7%	10 4.4%
Unaffiliated	20 15.5%	103 79.8%	6 4.7%

N=809

SPORTS BETTING DECISION

<u>Lawmakers</u>	<u>Voter Referendum</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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GENDER

Male	53 14.2%	303 81.5%	16 4.3%
Female	45 10.3%	370 84.7%	22 5.0%

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SPORTS BETTING DECISION

	Lawmakers	Voter Referendum	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	19 12.8%	123 83.1%	6 4.1%
35 to 44	19 16.0%	96 80.7%	4 3.4%
45 to 54	26 16.0%	128 79.0%	8 4.9%
55 to 64	18 10.1%	154 86.0%	7 3.9%
65 and older	15 7.5%	172 86.0%	13 6.5%
No answer	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

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SPORTS BETTING DECISION

	Lawmakers	Voter Referendum	No answer
<u>AGE GROUP</u>			
Under 55	64 14.9%	347 80.9%	18 4.2%
55 or older	33 8.7%	326 86.0%	20 5.3%

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SPORTS BETTING DECISION

	Lawmakers	Voter Referendum	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
White	62 11.7%	445 83.8%	24 4.5%
African-American	25 11.3%	187 84.6%	9 4.1%
Other	11 19.3%	41 71.9%	5 8.8%

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## SPORTS BETTING DECISION

Lawmakers	Voter Referendum	No answer
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REGION

Baltimore Metro	30 8.6%	298 85.6%	20 5.7%
Washington Metro	47 16.9%	219 78.8%	12 4.3%
Rural Maryland	21 11.5%	156 85.2%	6 3.3%

**Sports Betting Referendum by Attitude on Sports Betting**

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## SPORTS BETTING DECISION

Lawmakers	Voter Referendum	No answer
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SPORTS BETTING

Strongly Favor	28 15.6%	150 83.8%	1 0.6%
Somewhat Favor	45 20.5%	172 78.5%	2 0.9%
Somewhat Oppose	6 5.1%	102 87.2%	9 7.7%
Strongly Oppose	11 6.3%	161 92.0%	3 1.7%

**Voters who favor legalizing sports betting and those who oppose it...both voter blocs, by huge margins, want the issue decided at referendum**

**QUESTION 6: Recreational Marijuana** *As you may know, the sale of marijuana in Maryland is currently legal for medical purposes. Do you favor or oppose making the sale of marijuana legal for recreational purposes?*

<u>LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Favor	471	58.2 %
Oppose	304	37.6 %
No answer	34	4.2 %
Total	809	100.0 %

**Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?**

<u>LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Favor	334	41.3 %
Somewhat Favor	137	16.9 %
Somewhat Oppose	78	9.6 %
Strongly Oppose	226	27.9 %
No answer	34	4.2 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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	<u>LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA</u>				
	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	223 49.2%	76 16.8%	43 9.5%	90 19.9%	21 4.6%
Republican	55 24.2%	44 19.4%	20 8.8%	98 43.2%	10 4.4%
Unaffiliated	56 43.4%	17 13.2%	15 11.6%	38 29.5%	3 2.3%

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	<u>LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA</u>				
	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Male	149 40.1%	62 16.7%	39 10.5%	104 28.0%	18 4.8%
Female	185 42.3%	75 17.2%	39 8.9%	122 27.9%	16 3.7%

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## LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	99 66.9%	15 10.1%	11 7.4%	20 13.5%	3 2.0%
35 to 44	59 49.6%	21 17.6%	17 14.3%	14 11.8%	8 6.7%
45 to 54	65 40.1%	35 21.6%	16 9.9%	43 26.5%	3 1.9%
55 to 64	69 38.5%	22 12.3%	16 8.9%	63 35.2%	9 5.0%
65 and older	42 21.0%	43 21.5%	18 9.0%	86 43.0%	11 5.5%
No answer	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

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## LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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AGE GROUP

Under 55	223 52.0%	71 16.6%	44 10.3%	77 17.9%	14 3.3%
55 or older	111 29.3%	65 17.2%	34 9.0%	149 39.3%	20 5.3%

N=809

## LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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RACE

White	212 39.9%	91 17.1%	52 9.8%	159 29.9%	17 3.2%
African-American	104 47.1%	36 16.3%	22 10.0%	44 19.9%	15 6.8%
Other	18 31.6%	10 17.5%	4 7.0%	23 40.4%	2 3.5%

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LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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REGION

Baltimore Metro	137 39.4%	61 17.5%	33 9.5%	101 29.0%	16 4.6%
Washington Metro	123 44.2%	55 19.8%	28 10.1%	57 20.5%	15 5.4%
Rural Maryland	74 40.4%	21 11.5%	17 9.3%	68 37.2%	3 1.6%

**QUESTION 7: Cameras in Court** *Under current law, news cameras are prohibited in Maryland Criminal Courts, keeping the proceedings out of widespread public view. Would you favor or oppose a change in Maryland Law to allow news cameras in courts during the sentencing phase of a trial, making the judicial system more transparent?*

NEWS CAMERAS IN COURT	Number	Percent
Favor	477	59.0 %
Oppose	244	30.2 %
No answer	88	10.9 %
Total	809	100.0 %

**Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?**

NEWS CAMERAS IN COURT	Number	Percent
Strongly Favor	283	35.0 %
Somewhat Favor	194	24.0 %
Somewhat Oppose	90	11.1 %
Strongly Oppose	154	19.0 %
No answer	88	10.9 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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NEWS CAMERAS IN COURT				
Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer

#### PARTY

Democrat	157 34.7%	101 22.3%	59 13.0%	70 15.5%	66 14.6%
Republican	75 33.0%	68 30.0%	16 7.0%	54 23.8%	14 6.2%
Unaffiliated	51 39.5%	25 19.4%	15 11.6%	30 23.3%	8 6.2%

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NEWS CAMERAS IN COURT				
Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer

#### GENDER

Male	133 35.8%	93 25.0%	40 10.8%	71 19.1%	35 9.4%
Female	150 34.3%	101 23.1%	50 11.4%	83 19.0%	53 12.1%



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NEWS CAMERAS IN COURT				
Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer

AGE

18 to 34	61 41.2%	39 26.4%	18 12.2%	12 8.1%	18 12.2%
35 to 44	55 46.2%	25 21.0%	10 8.4%	14 11.8%	15 12.6%
45 to 54	52 32.1%	48 29.6%	19 11.7%	29 17.9%	14 8.6%
55 to 64	66 36.9%	36 20.1%	23 12.8%	34 19.0%	20 11.2%
65 and older	49 24.5%	46 23.0%	20 10.0%	64 32.0%	21 10.5%
No answer	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%

N=809

NEWS CAMERAS IN COURT				
Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer

AGE GROUP

Under 55	168 39.2%	112 26.1%	47 11.0%	55 12.8%	47 11.0%
55 or older	115 30.3%	82 21.6%	43 11.3%	98 25.9%	41 10.8%

N=809

NEWS CAMERAS IN COURT				
Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer

RACE

White	193 36.3%	132 24.9%	45 8.5%	107 20.2%	54 10.2%
African-American	72 32.6%	47 21.3%	38 17.2%	34 15.4%	30 13.6%
Other	18 31.6%	15 26.3%	7 12.3%	13 22.8%	4 7.0%

N=809

NEWS CAMERAS IN COURT

Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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REGION

Baltimore Metro	130 37.4%	79 22.7%	38 10.9%	62 17.8%	39 11.2%
Washington Metro	96 34.5%	69 24.8%	35 12.6%	46 16.5%	32 11.5%
Rural Maryland	57 31.1%	46 25.1%	17 9.3%	46 25.1%	17 9.3%

**QUESTION 8: Impeachment of Trump** As you may know, Democrats gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives in the recent election. Would you approve or disapprove of Democrats in the House of Representatives beginning the impeachment process against President Donald Trump, in an attempt to remove him from office?

PRESIDENT TRUMP IMPEACHMENT	Number	Percent
Approve	407	50.3 %
Disapprove	357	44.1 %
No answer	45	5.6 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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

PRESIDENT TRUMP IMPEACHMENT	Number	Percent
Strongly Approve	313	38.7 %
Somewhat Approve	94	11.6 %
Somewhat Disapprove	47	5.8 %
Strongly Disapprove	310	38.3 %
No answer	45	5.6 %
Total	809	100.0 %

N=809

PRESIDENT TRUMP IMPEACHMENT				
Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer

#### PARTY

Democrat	264 58.3%	78 17.2%	28 6.2%	63 13.9%	20 4.4%
Republican	5 2.2%	8 3.5%	6 2.6%	191 84.1%	17 7.5%
Unaffiliated	44 34.1%	8 6.2%	13 10.1%	56 43.4%	8 6.2%

N=809

PRESIDENT TRUMP IMPEACHMENT				
Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer

#### GENDER

Male	121 32.5%	43 11.6%	19 5.1%	168 45.2%	21 5.6%
Female	192 43.9%	51 11.7%	28 6.4%	142 32.5%	24 5.5%

N=809

## PRESIDENT TRUMP IMPEACHMENT

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	77 52.0%	22 14.9%	8 5.4%	38 25.7%	3 2.0%
35 to 44	58 48.7%	16 13.4%	4 3.4%	34 28.6%	7 5.9%
45 to 54	64 39.5%	14 8.6%	13 8.0%	59 36.4%	12 7.4%
55 to 64	53 29.6%	23 12.8%	9 5.0%	80 44.7%	14 7.8%
65 and older	61 30.5%	19 9.5%	13 6.5%	98 49.0%	9 4.5%
No answer	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%

N=809

## PRESIDENT TRUMP IMPEACHMENT

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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AGE GROUP

Under 55	199 46.4%	52 12.1%	25 5.8%	131 30.5%	22 5.1%
55 or older	114 30.1%	42 11.1%	22 5.8%	178 47.0%	23 6.1%

N=809

## PRESIDENT TRUMP IMPEACHMENT

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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RACE

White	165 31.1%	50 9.4%	31 5.8%	254 47.8%	31 5.8%
African-American	127 57.5%	34 15.4%	15 6.8%	35 15.8%	10 4.5%
Other	21 36.8%	10 17.5%	1 1.8%	21 36.8%	4 7.0%

N=809

PRESIDENT TRUMP IMPEACHMENT

Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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REGION

Baltimore Metro	136 39.1%	34 9.8%	20 5.7%	142 40.8%	16 4.6%
Washington Metro	125 45.0%	45 16.2%	20 7.2%	69 24.8%	19 6.8%
Rural Maryland	52 28.4%	15 8.2%	7 3.8%	99 54.1%	10 5.5%

## Gonzales Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 34	148	18.3 %
35 to 44	119	14.7 %
45 to 54	162	20.0 %
55 to 64	179	22.1 %
65 and older	200	24.7 %
No answer	1	0.1 %
Total	809	100.0 %

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 55	429	53.1 %
55 or older	379	46.9 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	453	56.0 %
Republican	227	28.1 %
Unaffiliated	129	15.9 %
Total	809	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	531	65.6 %
African-American	221	27.3 %
Other	57	7.0 %
Total	809	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	372	46.0 %
Female	437	54.0 %
Total	809	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baltimore Metro	348	43.0 %
Washington Metro	278	34.4 %
Rural Maryland	183	22.6 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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## Regional Classifications

<b>Baltimore Metro</b>	Number	Percent
Baltimore City	65	18.7 %
Anne Arundel County	80	23.0 %
Baltimore County	115	33.0 %
Harford County	38	10.9 %
Howard County	50	14.4 %
Total	348	100.0 %

<b>Washington Metro</b>	Number	Percent
Montgomery County	143	51.4 %
Prince George's County	113	40.6 %
Charles County	22	7.9 %
Total	278	100.0 %

<b>Rural Maryland</b>	Number	Percent
Eastern Shore/Southern Maryland	89	48.6 %
Western Maryland	94	51.4 %
Total	183	100.0 %