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## Gonzales Poll – Part 2: Maryland Statewide



Gonzales 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.

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

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*** from September 18<sup>th</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A total of 818 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 Maryland 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

On a chilly 20° January day in Washington D.C. back in 1961, John Fitzgerald Kennedy uttered these words:

*“Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans...”*

With an almost 81 year-old incumbent president, and a 77 year-old former president as the leading challenger, there are some who believe it is time, once again, to pass the torch to a new generation. But, for now, we’ve got what we’ve got.

Accordingly, we tested President Joe Biden against former President Donald Trump in a 2024 match-up. Statewide, President Biden leads former President Trump, 56% to 30%, with 13% undecided. Eighty-seven percent of Democrats support President Biden and 77% of Republicans back former President Donald Trump. Among independents, President Biden leads 38% to 31%.

In a match-up between President Biden and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, President Biden again captures 56%, with 35% backing Ron DeSantis. Among general election Republicans, Governor DeSantis captures nine points more than former President Trump - 86% compared to 77%.

Of the Republican candidates we tested, former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley keeps it closest against President Biden in the Free State. In this match-up, President Biden’s support drops to 53% compared to 36% for former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, with 11% undecided.

Former Governor Haley leads President Biden by 18 points among Maryland’s independent voter bloc, 46% to 28%.

Looking back, 48% of Marylanders say they approve of the job the government did handling the coronavirus pandemic a couple of years ago, while 49% disapprove.

Sixty percent of Democrats approve of the job done, while 69% of Republicans disapprove. Among independents, 42% approve of the overall job the federal government did, while a clear 56% majority disapprove.

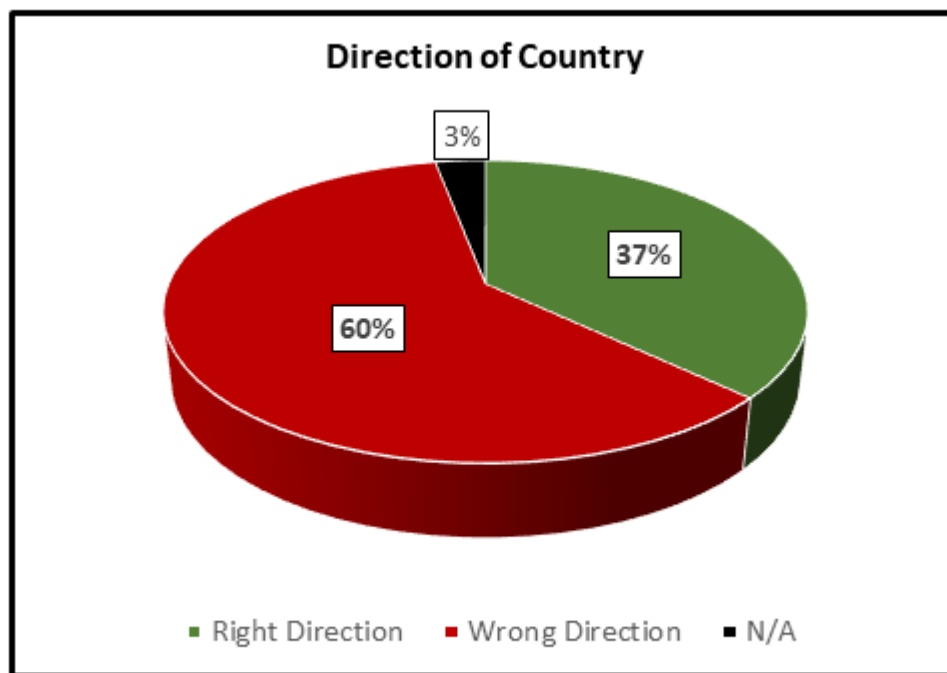
Among survey respondents, 52% say plan on getting a Covid-19 booster shot this year, compared to 42% who say they are not.

Most significantly, 77% of those who approve of the government’s handling of the pandemic a couple of years ago say they plan on getting a booster...compared to 66% of those who disapprove of the government’s handling of the pandemic saying they are *not* going to get a booster shot.

## Gonzales Poll - Maryland Statewide Results

### Direction of the Country

Among Maryland voters today, 37% say things in the country overall are moving in the right direction, while 60% say things in the country are moving in the wrong direction, with 3% offering no opinion. Thirty-seven percent “right direction” is no cause to break out the champagne, but it’s 8 points higher than it was in June.



Direction of Country	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Direction</u>
Statewide	37%	60%
Democrat	57%	40%
Republican	7%	90%
Independent	22%	76%
White	29%	68%
African-American	53%	45%
Other	34%	63%

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## 2024 Presidential Match-ups

Looking ahead to several possible choices Marylanders may be faced with next year, we matched up incumbent Democrat Joe Biden with 4 Republican candidates currently ahead in national polls...one, of course, being *way* ahead.

### **Biden vs. Trump**

In a match-up of heavyweights, President Joe Biden leads former President Donald Trump, 56% to 30%, with 13% undecided.

Eighty-seven percent of Democrats support President Biden and 77% of Republicans back former President Donald Trump.

Among independents, President Biden leads 38% to 31%.

<b>Biden vs. Trump</b>	<b><u>Biden</u></b>	<b><u>Trump</u></b>
Statewide	56%	30%
Democrat	87%	7%
Republican	7%	77%
Independent	38%	31%
White	45%	41%
African-American	82%	9%
Other	46%	34%
Women	62%	23%
Men	50%	39%

### **Biden vs. DeSantis**

In a match-up between President Joe Biden and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, President Biden remains at 56%, with 35% of Marylanders saying they'd vote for Ron DeSantis, and 9% are undecided.

Among general election Republicans, Governor DeSantis captures nine points more than former President Trump, 86% compared to 77%.

Among independents, Governor DeSantis leads President Biden with a 43% to 34% plurality.

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<b>Biden vs. DeSantis</b>	<b><u>Biden</u></b>	<b><u>DeSantis</u></b>
Statewide	56%	35%
Democrat	88%	7%
Republican	8%	86%
Independent	34%	43%
White	45%	47%
African-American	82%	8%
Other	45%	43%
Women	61%	28%
Men	50%	42%

**Biden vs. Ramaswamy**

In a hypothetical contest with entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, President Biden again snares 56% of the vote overall, compared to 29% for Ramaswamy, with 15% not choosing either one.

Eighty-seven percent of Democrats support President Biden and 7% of Republicans, while Mr. Ramaswamy has the backing of 69% of Republicans and 7% of Democrats

Among independents, Mr. Ramaswamy leads 36% to 37%.

<b>Biden vs. Trump</b>	<b><u>Biden</u></b>	<b><u>Ramaswamy</u></b>
Statewide	56%	29%
Democrat	87%	7%
Republican	9%	69%
Independent	33%	37%
White	45%	39%
African-American	82%	8%
Other	43%	38%
Women	61%	22%
Men	50%	37%



**Biden vs. Haley**

Among the 4 GOP candidates we tested, former South Carolina Governor (and UN Ambassador) Nikki Haley keeps it closest against President Biden in the Free State. In this match-up, President Biden’s support drops to 53% compared to 36% for former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, with 11% undecided.

Eighty-five percent of Democrats favor President Biden and 83% of Republicans back Nikki Haley. Among independents, Amb. Haley leads by 18 points, 46% to 28%.

<b>Biden vs. Trump</b>	<b><u>Biden</u></b>	<b><u>Haley</u></b>
Statewide	53%	36%
Democrat	85%	9%
Republican	8%	83%
Independent	28%	46%
White	41%	49%
African-American	80%	10%
Other	45%	40%
Women	57%	31%
Men	49%	42%

	<b>President Biden</b>	<b>GOP Candidate</b>	<b>President Biden Margin</b>
<b>Biden vs. Haley</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>+ 17</b>
<b>Biden vs. DeSantis</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>+ 21</b>
<b>Biden vs. Trump</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>+ 26</b>
<b>Biden vs. Ramaswamy</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>+ 27</b>

## Pandemic

### Federal Government’s Handling of Covid-19 Pandemic

We asked Marylanders, “*Looking back, do you approve or disapprove of the overall job the federal government did handling the coronavirus pandemic a couple of years ago?*”

Statewide, 48% approve of the overall job the federal government did handling the coronavirus pandemic a couple of years ago (23% “strongly” approve and 25% “somewhat” approve), while 49% disapprove of the job the feds did dealing with the pandemic (34% “strongly” disapprove and 15% “somewhat” disapprove), with 3% offering no opinion.

Sixty percent of Democrats approve of the job the government did, while 69% of Republicans disapprove.

Among Maryland independent voters, 42% approve of the overall job the federal government did, while a clear 56% majority disapprove.

Covid-19 Approval	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Statewide	48%	49%
Democrat	60%	36%
Republican	29%	69%
Independent	42%	56%
White	41%	56%
African-American	63%	35%
Other	45%	50%
Women	50%	47%
Men	46%	51%

### Covid-19 Booster Shot

We then asked, “*Do you plan on getting a Covid-19 booster shot this year, or not?*”

Among respondents, 52% say plan on getting (already have gotten) a booster shot this year, compared to 42% who say they are not going to get a booster shot, with 6% withholding an answer.

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<b>Booster Shot This Year</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Statewide	52%	42%
Democrat	71%	24%
Republican	24%	70%
Independent	38%	52%
White	52%	41%
African-American	52%	43%
Other	53%	39%
Women	58%	36%
Men	46%	48%
18 to 34	67%	28%
35 to 49	47%	47%
50 to 64	45%	48%
65 and older	53%	40%

Most interestingly, 77% of respondents who said they approve of the government’s handling of the pandemic say they plan on getting a booster shot, compared to 66% who said they disapprove of the government’s handling of the pandemic say they are not going to get a booster shot.

### **Masks in Maryland Public Schools**

Finally we asked respondents, “*Would you support or oppose Maryland public schools requiring students, teachers, and staff to wear masks this year?*”

Among all voters, 47% support requiring masks in public schools this year (27% “strongly” support and 20% “somewhat” support), compared to 48% of Marylanders who oppose masks in public schools this year (35% “strongly” oppose and 13% “somewhat” oppose), with 5% giving no answer.

Democrats stoutly want masks (64% support), Republicans completely reject masks (80% oppose). Independents break the standoff: 39% support...56% oppose.

<b>Masks in School</b>	<b><u>Support</u></b>	<b><u>Oppose</u></b>
Statewide	47%	48%
Democrat	64%	29%
Republican	19%	80%
Independent	39%	56%
White	38%	56%
African-American	67%	31%
Other	38%	55%
Women	53%	42%
Men	40%	55%

## Appendix A: Data Tables – Frequencies and Crosstabs

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

<u>DIRECTION OF COUNTRY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Right direction	303	37.0 %
Wrong direction	491	60.0 %
No answer	24	2.9 %
Total	818	100.0 %

N=818

<u>DIRECTION OF COUNTRY</u>		
<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No answer</u>

### RESULTS

Statewide	303 37.0%	491 60.0%	24 2.9%
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<u>DIRECTION OF COUNTRY</u>		
<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No answer</u>

### PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	253 57.2%	175 39.6%	14 3.2%
Republican	15 6.8%	198 90.0%	7 3.2%
Unaffiliated	35 22.4%	118 75.6%	3 1.9%

N=818

<u>DIRECTION OF COUNTRY</u>		
<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No answer</u>

### RACE/ETHNICITY

White	136 29.2%	315 67.6%	15 3.2%
African American	132 52.8%	112 44.8%	6 2.4%
Other/No answer	35 34.3%	64 62.7%	3 2.9%

N=818

	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

GENDER

Female	166 37.6%	261 59.2%	14 3.2%
Male	137 36.3%	230 61.0%	10 2.7%

N=818

	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

AGE

18 to 34	69 45.4%	79 52.0%	4 2.6%
35 to 49	71 34.8%	130 63.7%	3 1.5%
50 to 64	74 34.4%	132 61.4%	9 4.2%
65 and older	89 36.0%	150 60.7%	8 3.2%

N=818

	DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	25 26.6%	66 70.2%	3 3.2%
Baltimore City	35 53.0%	29 43.9%	2 3.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	87 31.1%	183 65.4%	10 3.6%
Washington Suburbs	124 44.6%	149 53.6%	5 1.8%
Western Maryland	32 32.0%	64 64.0%	4 4.0%

**QUESTION: Biden versus Trump** *If the 2024 general election were held today, for whom would you vote for president if the candidates were Joe Biden, the Democrat and Donald Trump, the Republican?*

<u>BIDEN vs TRUMP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Biden	459	56.1 %
Trump	249	30.4 %
Undecided	110	13.4 %
Total	818	100.0 %

N=818

	<u>BIDEN vs TRUMP</u>		
	<u>Biden</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

**RESULTS**

Statewide	459 56.1%	249 30.4%	110 13.4%
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	<u>BIDEN vs TRUMP</u>		
	<u>Biden</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

**PARTY REGISTRATION**

Democrat	385 87.1%	30 6.8%	27 6.1%
Republican	15 6.8%	170 77.3%	35 15.9%
Unaffiliated	59 37.8%	49 31.4%	48 30.8%

N=818

	<u>BIDEN vs TRUMP</u>		
	<u>Biden</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

White	208 44.6%	192 41.2%	66 14.2%
African American	204 81.6%	22 8.8%	24 9.6%
Other/No answer	47 46.1%	35 34.3%	20 19.6%

N=818

	BIDEN vs TRUMP		
	Biden	Trump	Undecided
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	272 61.7%	102 23.1%	67 15.2%
Male	187 49.6%	147 39.0%	43 11.4%

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	BIDEN vs TRUMP		
	Biden	Trump	Undecided
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	100 65.8%	30 19.7%	22 14.5%
35 to 49	110 53.9%	61 29.9%	33 16.2%
50 to 64	118 54.9%	68 31.6%	29 13.5%
65 and older	131 53.0%	90 36.4%	26 10.5%

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	BIDEN vs TRUMP		
	Biden	Trump	Undecided
<u>REGION</u>			
Eastern Shore	36 38.3%	43 45.7%	15 16.0%
Baltimore City	53 80.3%	7 10.6%	6 9.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	134 47.9%	103 36.8%	43 15.4%
Washington Suburbs	197 70.9%	50 18.0%	31 11.2%
Western Maryland	39 39.0%	46 46.0%	15 15.0%



**QUESTION: Biden versus DeSantis** *If the 2024 general election were held today, for whom would you vote for president if the candidates were Joe Biden, the Democrat and Ron DeSantis, the Republican?*

<u>BIDEN vs DESANTIS</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Biden	460	56.2 %
DeSantis	284	34.7 %
Undecided	74	9.0 %
Total	818	100.0 %

N=818

<u>BIDEN vs DESANTIS</u>		
<u>Biden</u>	<u>DeSantis</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

**RESULTS**

Statewide	460 56.2%	284 34.7%	74 9.0%
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<u>BIDEN vs DESANTIS</u>		
<u>Biden</u>	<u>DeSantis</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

**PARTY REGISTRATION**

Democrat	389 88.0%	29 6.6%	24 5.4%
Republican	18 8.2%	188 85.5%	14 6.4%
Unaffiliated	53 34.0%	67 42.9%	36 23.1%

N=818

<u>BIDEN vs DESANTIS</u>		
<u>Biden</u>	<u>DeSantis</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

White	208 44.6%	220 47.2%	38 8.2%
African American	206 82.4%	20 8.0%	24 9.6%
Other/No answer	46 45.1%	44 43.1%	12 11.8%

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	BIDEN vs DESANTIS		
	Biden	DeSantis	Undecided
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	271 61.5%	125 28.3%	45 10.2%
Male	189 50.1%	159 42.2%	29 7.7%

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	BIDEN vs DESANTIS		
	Biden	DeSantis	Undecided
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	101 66.4%	32 21.1%	19 12.5%
35 to 49	109 53.4%	77 37.7%	18 8.8%
50 to 64	118 54.9%	75 34.9%	22 10.2%
65 and older	132 53.4%	100 40.5%	15 6.1%

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	BIDEN vs DESANTIS		
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Eastern Shore	35 37.2%	49 52.1%	10 10.6%
Baltimore City	54 81.8%	8 12.1%	4 6.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	135 48.2%	113 40.4%	32 11.4%
Washington Suburbs	194 69.8%	63 22.7%	21 7.6%
Western Maryland	42 42.0%	51 51.0%	7 7.0%

**QUESTION: Biden versus Ramaswamy** *If the 2024 general election were held today, for whom would you vote for president if the candidates were Joe Biden, the Democrat and Vivek Ramaswamy, the Republican?*

<u>BIDEN vs RAMASWAMY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Biden	457	55.9 %
Ramaswamy	239	29.2 %
Undecided	122	14.9 %
Total	818	100.0 %

N=818

<u>BIDEN vs RAMASWAMY</u>		
<u>Biden</u>	<u>Ramaswamy</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

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<u>BIDEN vs RAMASWAMY</u>		
<u>Biden</u>	<u>Ramaswamy</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

**PARTY REGISTRATION**

Democrat	385 87.1%	30 6.8%	27 6.1%
Republican	20 9.1%	152 69.1%	48 21.8%
Unaffiliated	52 33.3%	57 36.5%	47 30.1%

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<u>BIDEN vs RAMASWAMY</u>		
<u>Biden</u>	<u>Ramaswamy</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

White	209 44.8%	180 38.6%	77 16.5%
African American	204 81.6%	20 8.0%	26 10.4%
Other/No answer	44 43.1%	39 38.2%	19 18.6%

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	BIDEN vs RAMASWAMY		
	Biden	Ramaswamy	Undecided
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	269 61.0%	98 22.2%	74 16.8%
Male	188 49.9%	141 37.4%	48 12.7%

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	BIDEN vs RAMASWAMY		
	Biden	Ramaswamy	Undecided
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18 to 34	98 64.5%	32 21.1%	22 14.5%
35 to 49	109 53.4%	62 30.4%	33 16.2%
50 to 64	118 54.9%	64 29.8%	33 15.3%
65 and older	132 53.4%	81 32.8%	34 13.8%

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	BIDEN vs RAMASWAMY		
	Biden	Ramaswamy	Undecided
<u>REGION</u>			
Eastern Shore	36 38.3%	38 40.4%	20 21.3%
Baltimore City	54 81.8%	7 10.6%	5 7.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	133 47.5%	96 34.3%	51 18.2%
Washington Suburbs	194 69.8%	55 19.8%	29 10.4%
Western Maryland	40 40.0%	43 43.0%	17 17.0%

**QUESTION: Biden versus Haley** *If the 2024 general election were held today, for whom would you vote for president if the candidates were Joe Biden, the Democrat and Nikki Haley, the Republican?*

<u>BIDEN vs HALEY</u>	Number	Percent
Biden	437	53.4 %
Haley	295	36.1 %
Undecided	86	10.5 %
Total	818	100.0 %

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<u>BIDEN vs HALEY</u>		
Biden	Haley	Undecided

RESULTS

Statewide	437 53.4%	295 36.1%	86 10.5%
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<u>BIDEN vs HALEY</u>		
Biden	Haley	Undecided

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	376 85.1%	40 9.0%	26 5.9%
Republican	17 7.7%	183 83.2%	20 9.1%
Unaffiliated	44 28.2%	72 46.2%	40 25.6%

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<u>BIDEN vs HALEY</u>		
Biden	Haley	Undecided

RACE/ETHNICITY

White	190 40.8%	229 49.1%	47 10.1%
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Other/No answer	46 45.1%	41 40.2%	15 14.7%

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N=818	BIDEN vs HALEY		
	Biden	Haley	Undecided
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	252 57.1%	136 30.8%	53 12.0%
Male	185 49.1%	159 42.2%	33 8.8%

N=818	BIDEN vs HALEY		
	Biden	Haley	Undecided
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	95 62.5%	36 23.7%	21 13.8%
35 to 49	102 50.0%	80 39.2%	22 10.8%
50 to 64	112 52.1%	78 36.3%	25 11.6%
65 and older	128 51.8%	101 40.9%	18 7.3%

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Eastern Shore	34 36.2%	46 48.9%	14 14.9%
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Baltimore Suburbs	125 44.6%	122 43.6%	33 11.8%
Washington Suburbs	187 67.3%	66 23.7%	25 9.0%
Western Maryland	38 38.0%	52 52.0%	10 10.0%

**QUESTION: Government’s Handling of Covid-19 Pandemic** *Looking back, do you approve or disapprove of the overall job the federal government did handling the coronavirus pandemic a couple of years ago?*

HANDLING PANDEMIC APPROVAL	Number	Percent
Approve	395	48.3 %
Disapprove	401	49.0 %
No answer	22	2.7 %
Total	818	100.0 %

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

PANDEMIC APPROVAL - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly approve	190	23.2 %
Somewhat approve	205	25.1 %
Somewhat disapprove	121	14.8 %
Strongly disapprove	280	34.2 %
No answer	22	2.7 %
Total	818	100.0 %

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HANDLING PANDEMIC APPROVAL		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

**RESULTS**

Statewide	395 48.3%	401 49.0%	22 2.7%
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HANDLING PANDEMIC APPROVAL		
Approve	Disapprove	No answer

**PARTY REGISTRATION**

Democrat	267 60.4%	161 36.4%	14 3.2%
Republican	63 28.6%	152 69.1%	5 2.3%
Unaffiliated	65 41.7%	88 56.4%	3 1.9%

N=818	HANDLING PANDEMIC APPROVAL		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

White	191 41.0%	263 56.4%	12 2.6%
African American	158 63.2%	87 34.8%	5 2.0%
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N=818	HANDLING PANDEMIC APPROVAL		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

GENDER

Female	220 49.9%	208 47.2%	13 2.9%
Male	175 46.4%	193 51.2%	9 2.4%

N=818	HANDLING PANDEMIC APPROVAL		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer

AGE

18 to 34	74 48.7%	75 49.3%	3 2.0%
35 to 49	97 47.5%	99 48.5%	8 3.9%
50 to 64	106 49.3%	103 47.9%	6 2.8%
65 and older	118 47.8%	124 50.2%	5 2.0%



N=818

HANDLING PANDEMIC APPROVAL

	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Eastern Shore	33 35.1%	59 62.8%	2 2.1%
Baltimore City	39 59.1%	25 37.9%	2 3.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	129 46.1%	143 51.1%	8 2.9%
Washington Suburbs	151 54.3%	120 43.2%	7 2.5%
Western Maryland	43 43.0%	54 54.0%	3 3.0%

**QUESTION: Handling of Covid-19 Pandemic - INTENSITY**

N=818	PANDEMIC APPROVAL - INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

**RESULTS**

Statewide	190 23.2%	205 25.1%	121 14.8%	280 34.2%	22 2.7%
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N=818	PANDEMIC APPROVAL – INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

**PARTY REGISTRATION**

Democrat	144 32.6%	123 27.8%	68 15.4%	93 21.0%	14 3.2%
Republican	16 7.3%	47 21.4%	27 12.3%	125 56.8%	5 2.3%
Unaffiliated	30 19.2%	35 22.4%	26 16.7%	62 39.7%	3 1.9%

N=818	PANDEMIC APPROVAL – INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

White	90 19.3%	101 21.7%	58 12.4%	205 44.0%	12 2.6%
African American	74 29.6%	84 33.6%	52 20.8%	35 14.0%	5 2.0%
Other/No answer	26 25.5%	20 19.6%	11 10.8%	40 39.2%	5 4.9%

## Gonzales Poll – Part 2: Maryland Statewide

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N=818	PANDEMIC APPROVAL - INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

### GENDER

Female	110 24.9%	110 24.9%	67 15.2%	141 32.0%	13 2.9%
Male	80 21.2%	95 25.2%	54 14.3%	139 36.9%	9 2.4%

N=818	PANDEMIC APPROVAL - INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

### AGE

18 to 34	42 27.6%	32 21.1%	28 18.4%	47 30.9%	3 2.0%
35 to 49	40 19.6%	57 27.9%	30 14.7%	69 33.8%	8 3.9%
50 to 64	50 23.3%	56 26.0%	27 12.6%	76 35.3%	6 2.8%
65 and older	58 23.5%	60 24.3%	36 14.6%	88 35.6%	5 2.0%

N=818	PANDEMIC APPROVAL - INTENSITY				
	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer

### REGION

Eastern Shore	16 17.0%	17 18.1%	16 17.0%	43 45.7%	2 2.1%
Baltimore City	24 36.4%	15 22.7%	10 15.2%	15 22.7%	2 3.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	57 20.4%	72 25.7%	41 14.6%	102 36.4%	8 2.9%
Washington Suburbs	77 27.7%	74 26.6%	44 15.8%	76 27.3%	7 2.5%
Western Maryland	16 16.0%	27 27.0%	10 10.0%	44 44.0%	3 3.0%

**QUESTION: Covid-19 Booster Shot** *Do you plan on getting a Covid-19 booster shot this year, or not?*

GET BOOSTER SHOT THIS YEAR	Number	Percent
Yes (have already gotten one)	426	52.1 %
No	341	41.7 %
No answer	51	6.2 %
Total	818	100.0 %

N=818

GET BOOSTER SHOT THIS YEAR		
Yes	No	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	426 52.1%	341 41.7%	51 6.2%
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N=818

GET BOOSTER SHOT THIS YEAR		
Yes	No	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	314 71.0%	105 23.8%	23 5.2%
Republican	53 24.1%	155 70.5%	12 5.5%
Unaffiliated	59 37.8%	81 51.9%	16 10.3%

N=818

GET BOOSTER SHOT THIS YEAR		
Yes	No	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

White	241 51.7%	193 41.4%	32 6.9%
African American	131 52.4%	108 43.2%	11 4.4%
Other/No answer	54 52.9%	40 39.2%	8 7.8%

N=818	GET BOOSTER SHOT THIS YEAR		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	254 57.6%	160 36.3%	27 6.1%
Male	172 45.6%	181 48.0%	24 6.4%

N=818	GET BOOSTER SHOT THIS YEAR		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 34	102 67.1%	43 28.3%	7 4.6%
35 to 49	95 46.6%	95 46.6%	14 6.9%
50 to 64	97 45.1%	104 48.4%	14 6.5%
65 and older	132 53.4%	99 40.1%	16 6.5%

N=818	GET BOOSTER SHOT THIS YEAR		
	Yes	No	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	38 40.4%	52 55.3%	4 4.3%
Baltimore City	39 59.1%	22 33.3%	5 7.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	149 53.2%	113 40.4%	18 6.4%
Washington Suburbs	162 58.3%	102 36.7%	14 5.0%
Western Maryland	38 38.0%	52 52.0%	10 10.0%

Booster Shot **by** Approval of Gov’t’s Handling of Pandemic

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GET BOOSTER SHOT THIS YEAR		
Yes	No	No answer

HANDLING PANDEMIC APPROVAL

Approve	303 76.7%	69 17.5%	23 5.8%
Disapprove	112 27.9%	264 65.8%	25 6.2%
No answer	11 50.0%	8 36.4%	3 13.6%

**77% of those who approve of the Government’s Handling of the pandemic say they are getting the booster shot.**

**66% of those who disapprove of the Government’s Handling of the pandemic say they are not getting the booster shot.**

**QUESTION: Require Masks in Schools** *Would you support or oppose Maryland public schools requiring students, teachers, and staff to wear masks this year?*

REQUIRE MASK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Number	Percent
Support	383	46.8 %
Oppose	394	48.2 %
No answer	41	5.0 %
Total	818	100.0 %

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

REQUIRE MASK - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly support	222	27.1 %
Somewhat support	161	19.7 %
Somewhat oppose	108	13.2 %
Strongly oppose	286	35.0 %
No answer	41	5.0 %
Total	818	100.0 %

N=818

REQUIRE MASK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Support	Oppose	No answer

**RESULTS**

Statewide	383 46.8%	394 48.2%	41 5.0%
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N=818

REQUIRE MASK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Support	Oppose	No answer

**PARTY REGISTRATION**

Democrat	282 63.8%	130 29.4%	30 6.8%
Republican	41 18.6%	176 80.0%	3 1.4%
Unaffiliated	60 38.5%	88 56.4%	8 5.1%

N=818	REQUIRE MASK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

White	177 38.0%	261 56.0%	28 6.0%
African American	167 66.8%	77 30.8%	6 2.4%
Other/No answer	39 38.2%	56 54.9%	7 6.9%

N=818	REQUIRE MASK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

Female	234 53.1%	186 42.2%	21 4.8%
Male	149 39.5%	208 55.2%	20 5.3%

N=818	REQUIRE MASK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

AGE

18 to 34	79 52.0%	64 42.1%	9 5.9%
35 to 49	91 44.6%	108 52.9%	5 2.5%
50 to 64	95 44.2%	110 51.2%	10 4.7%
65 and older	118 47.8%	112 45.3%	17 6.9%



N=818	REQUIRE MASK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Eastern Shore	32 34.0%	59 62.8%	3 3.2%
Baltimore City	38 57.6%	21 31.8%	7 10.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	125 44.6%	142 50.7%	13 4.6%
Washington Suburbs	158 56.8%	107 38.5%	13 4.7%
Western Maryland	30 30.0%	65 65.0%	5 5.0%

**QUESTION: Require Masks in Schools - INTENSITY**

N=818

REQUIRE MASK - INTENSITY				
Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

**RESULTS**

Statewide	222 27.1%	161 19.7%	108 13.2%	286 35.0%	41 5.0%
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N=818

REQUIRE MASK – INTENSITY				
Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

**PARTY REGISTRATION**

Democrat	167 37.8%	115 26.0%	47 10.6%	83 18.8%	30 6.8%
Republican	20 9.1%	21 9.5%	34 15.5%	142 64.5%	3 1.4%
Unaffiliated	35 22.4%	25 16.0%	27 17.3%	61 39.1%	8 5.1%

N=818

REQUIRE MASK – INTENSITY				
Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

White	107 23.0%	70 15.0%	55 11.8%	206 44.2%	28 6.0%
African American	89 35.6%	78 31.2%	35 14.0%	42 16.8%	6 2.4%
Other/No answer	26 25.5%	13 12.7%	18 17.6%	38 37.3%	7 6.9%

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REQUIRE MASK - INTENSITY					
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

GENDER

Female	137 31.1%	97 22.0%	52 11.8%	134 30.4%	21 4.8%
Male	85 22.5%	64 17.0%	56 14.9%	152 40.3%	20 5.3%

N=818

REQUIRE MASK - INTENSITY					
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

AGE

18 to 34	51 33.6%	28 18.4%	24 15.8%	40 26.3%	9 5.9%
35 to 49	46 22.5%	45 22.1%	32 15.7%	76 37.3%	5 2.5%
50 to 64	55 25.6%	40 18.6%	26 12.1%	84 39.1%	10 4.7%
65 and older	70 28.3%	48 19.4%	26 10.5%	86 34.8%	17 6.9%

N=818

REQUIRE MASK - INTENSITY					
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	19 20.2%	13 13.8%	8 8.5%	51 54.3%	3 3.2%
Baltimore City	18 27.3%	20 30.3%	7 10.6%	14 21.2%	7 10.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	73 26.1%	52 18.6%	39 13.9%	103 36.8%	13 4.6%
Washington Suburbs	93 33.5%	65 23.4%	43 15.5%	64 23.0%	13 4.7%
Western Maryland	19 19.0%	11 11.0%	11 11.0%	54 54.0%	5 5.0%

## Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Statewide	818	100.0 %
Total	818	100.0 %

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	442	54.0 %
Republican	220	26.9 %
Unaffiliated	156	19.1 %
Total	818	100.0 %

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	466	57.0 %
African American	250	30.6 %
Other/No answer	102	12.5 %
Total	818	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	441	53.9 %
Male	377	46.1 %
Total	818	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 34	152	18.6 %
35 to 49	204	24.9 %
50 to 64	215	26.3 %
65 and older	247	30.2 %
Total	818	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Eastern Shore	94	11.5 %
Baltimore City	66	8.1 %
Baltimore Suburbs	280	34.2 %
Washington Suburbs	278	34.0 %
Western Maryland	100	12.2 %
Total	818	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.