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Gonzales Poll, Part 3 - 6th Congressional District



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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 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 31st, 2024. A total of 317 registered voters in Maryland’s 6th Congressional District, 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 5.6 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

Synopsis

The ensuing 2 months will determine who controls Congress next year and it looks like Maryland's Sixth District is going to play a role.

If the election were held today, 41% of CD 6 voters would back Republican Neil Parrott, 39% would vote for Democrat April Delaney, and 20% are undecided. Seventy-three percent of Democrats support Delaney, while 72% of Republicans are voting for Parrott. Among independents, Parrott is up, 34% to 31%.

By county, Delaney has a wide lead in Montgomery, 61%-19%, while Parrott enjoys an even more commanding 75%-15% advantage in the three counties contained in western Maryland...Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. In Frederick County, where this election will likely be decided, Delaney currently is up 44% to 29%.

Forty percent of the district's vote comes out of Frederick County. Once a reliably red county, it has evolved over the past 20 years into a much more competitive jurisdiction. Democrat Delaney is currently receiving a substantial reflexive party vote, contributing to her margin in Frederick.

Parrott is performing very well with his GOP voters and is dipping into Delaney's base at twice the rate she's snatching Republicans from him.

Who wins? Like so much in life, that is yet to be determined. However, each candidate has within her and his hands the ability to communicate with district voters over the next eight weeks to persuade, encourage, and convince them to cast their ballot in a way that serves Maryland and the country. May the best person win.

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6th Congressional District Race

April Delaney Name ID

In Maryland’s 6th congressional district, 19% have a favorable opinion of April Delaney (9% “very” favorable and 10% “somewhat” favorable), while only 4% have an unfavorable opinion of her (2% “very” unfavorable and 2% “somewhat” unfavorable), 26% are neutral, and a determinant 51% do not yet recognize her name.

By party, 33% of Democrats have a favorable opinion of Delaney and 38% don’t recognize her name; among independents, 20% have a favorable opinion of her and 42% don’t yet recognize her name. She is least known by GOP voters in the district, among whom 69% don’t know the name.

Delaney Name ID	<u>FAV</u>	<u>UNFAV</u>	<u>NEUT</u>	<u>D/R</u>
Districtwide	19%	4%	26%	51%
Democrat	33%	2%	26%	38%
Republican	2%	5%	24%	69%
Independent	20%	5%	32%	42%
Women	23%	2%	24%	52%
Men	15%	6%	29%	51%
WAG Counties	7%	4%	33%	56%
Montgomery County	38%	5%	18%	39%
Frederick County	14%	3%	27%	56%

Neil Parrott Name ID

Districtwide, 33% have a favorable opinion of Neil Parrott (17% “very” favorable and 16% “somewhat” favorable), while 10% have an unfavorable opinion of him (6% “very” unfavorable and 4% “somewhat” unfavorable), 22% are neutral, and 34% do not yet recognize Parrott’s name.

Parrott Name ID	<u>FAV</u>	<u>UNFAV</u>	<u>NEUT</u>	<u>D/R</u>
Districtwide	33%	10%	22%	34%
Democrat	14%	17%	28%	41%
Republican	52%	4%	22%	22%
Independent	37%	9%	10%	44%
Women	30%	10%	23%	37%
Men	36%	11%	22%	11%
WAG Counties	55%	2%	23%	20%
Montgomery County	16%	17%	22%	45%
Frederick County	28%	13%	21%	38%

2024 CD 6 Election

Maryland’s 6th Congressional contest is going to be decided over the next 2 months. Districtwide today, 41% say they would vote for Neil Parrott “*if the election were held today,*” 39% would vote for April Delaney, and 20% are undecided.

CD 6 Election	<u>Delaney</u>	<u>Parrott</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
Districtwide	39%	41%	20%
Democrat	73%	16%	11%
Republican	7%	72%	21%
Independent	31%	34%	35%
Women	41%	39%	20%
Men	38%	44%	18%
WAG Counties	15%	75%	10%
Montgomery County	61%	19%	20%
Frederick County	44%	29%	27%

Appendix A: Data Tables – Frequencies & Crosstabs

QUESTION: NAME ID April Delaney *Do you recognize the name April Delaney? (IF YES) Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neutral opinion of April Delaney?*

NAME ID: APRIL DELANEY	Number	Percent
Favorable	59	18.6 %
Unfavorable	12	3.8 %
Neutral	84	26.5 %
Don't Recognize	162	51.1 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Is that very or somewhat favorable/unfavorable

ID: DELANEY - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Very favorable	28	8.8 %
Somewhat favorable	31	9.8 %
Neutral	84	26.5 %
Somewhat unfavorable	7	2.2 %
Very unfavorable	5	1.6 %
Don't Recognize	162	51.1 %
Total	317	100.0 %

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	NAME ID: APRIL DELANEY			
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize

RESULTS

Districtwide	59 18.6%	12 3.8%	84 26.5%	162 51.1%
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	NAME ID: APRIL DELANEY			
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	44 33.1%	3 2.3%	35 26.3%	51 38.3%
Republican	3 2.4%	6 4.8%	30 24.0%	86 68.8%
Unaffiliated	12 20.3%	3 5.1%	19 32.2%	25 42.4%

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NAME ID: APRIL DELANEY

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize
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GENDER

Female	35 22.6%	3 1.9%	37 23.9%	80 51.6%
Male	24 14.8%	9 5.6%	47 29.0%	82 50.6%

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NAME ID: APRIL DELANEY

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize
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AGE

18 to 34	15 24.6%	0 0.0%	21 34.4%	25 41.0%
35 to 49	9 13.2%	1 1.5%	20 29.4%	38 55.9%
50 to 64	16 16.5%	3 3.1%	25 25.8%	53 54.6%
65 and older	19 20.9%	8 8.8%	18 19.8%	46 50.5%

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NAME ID: APRIL DELANEY

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize
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CD 6 REGION

WAG Counties	7 6.9%	4 3.9%	34 33.3%	57 55.9%
Montgomery County	34 38.2%	4 4.5%	16 18.0%	35 39.3%
Frederick County	18 14.3%	4 3.2%	34 27.0%	70 55.6%

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QUESTION: NAME ID Neil Parrott *Do you recognize the name Neil Parrott? (IF YES) Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neutral opinion of Neil Parrott?*

NAME ID: NEIL PARROTT	Number	Percent
Favorable	105	33.1 %
Unfavorable	33	10.4 %
Neutral	71	22.4 %
Don't Recognize	108	34.1 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Is that very or somewhat favorable/unfavorable

ID: PARROTT - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Very favorable	53	16.7 %
Somewhat favorable	52	16.4 %
Neutral	71	22.4 %
Somewhat unfavorable	13	4.1 %
Very unfavorable	20	6.3 %
Don't Recognize	108	34.1 %
Total	317	100.0 %

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	NAME ID: NEIL PARROTT			
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize

RESULTS

Districtwide	105 33.1%	33 10.4%	71 22.4%	108 34.1%
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	NAME ID: NEIL PARROTT			
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	18 13.5%	23 17.3%	37 27.8%	55 41.4%
Republican	65 52.0%	5 4.0%	28 22.4%	27 21.6%
Unaffiliated	22 37.3%	5 8.5%	6 10.2%	26 44.1%

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NAME ID: NEIL PARROTT

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize
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GENDER

Female	46 29.7%	16 10.3%	35 22.6%	58 37.4%
Male	59 36.4%	17 10.5%	36 22.2%	50 30.9%

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NAME ID: NEIL PARROTT

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize
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AGE

18 to 34	18 29.5%	11 18.0%	11 18.0%	21 34.4%
35 to 49	20 29.4%	7 10.3%	21 30.9%	20 29.4%
50 to 64	34 35.1%	6 6.2%	19 19.6%	38 39.2%
65 and older	33 36.3%	9 9.9%	20 22.0%	29 31.9%

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NAME ID: NEIL PARROTT

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Don't Recognize
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CD 6 REGION

WAG Counties	56 54.9%	2 2.0%	24 23.5%	20 19.6%
Montgomery County	14 15.7%	15 16.9%	20 22.5%	40 44.9%
Frederick County	35 27.8%	16 12.7%	27 21.4%	48 38.1%

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QUESTION: 2024 6th District Congressional Election *If the 2024 election were held today, for whom would you vote for Congress: April Delaney, the Democrat **or** Neil Parrott, the Republican?*

<u>6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Delaney	124	39.1 %
Parrott	131	41.3 %
<u>Undecided</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>19.6 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

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<u>6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION</u>		
<u>Delaney</u>	<u>Parrott</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

RESULTS

Districtwide	124 39.1%	131 41.3%	62 19.6%
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<u>6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION</u>		
<u>Delaney</u>	<u>Parrott</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	97 72.9%	21 15.8%	15 11.3%
Republican	9 7.2%	90 72.0%	26 20.8%
Unaffiliated	18 30.5%	20 33.9%	21 35.6%

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<u>6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION</u>		
<u>Delaney</u>	<u>Parrott</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

GENDER

Female	63 40.6%	60 38.7%	32 20.6%
Male	61 37.7%	71 43.8%	30 18.5%

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6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION			
	Delaney	Parrott	Undecided

AGE

18 to 34	31 50.8%	19 31.1%	11 18.0%
35 to 49	20 29.4%	34 50.0%	14 20.6%
50 to 64	33 34.0%	39 40.2%	25 25.8%
65 and older	40 44.0%	39 42.9%	12 13.2%

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6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION			
	Delaney	Parrott	Undecided

CD 6 REGION

WAG Counties	15 14.7%	77 75.5%	10 9.8%
Montgomery County	54 60.7%	17 19.1%	18 20.2%
Frederick County	55 43.7%	37 29.4%	34 27.0%

Democrats Who Don't Recognize the Name April Delaney - Vote

6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION	Number	Percent
Delaney	30	58.8 %
Parrott	12	23.5 %
Undecided	9	17.6 %
Total	51	100.0 %

Delaney is getting a large reflexive party vote...58% of Democrats who don't recognize her name are voting for April Delaney, the Democrat.

Appendix B: CD 6 Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	133	42.0 %
Republican	125	39.4 %
Unaffiliated	59	18.6 %
Total	317	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	155	48.9 %
Male	162	51.1 %
Total	317	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 34	61	19.2 %
35 to 49	68	21.5 %
50 to 64	97	30.6 %
65 and older	91	28.7 %
Total	317	100.0 %

<u>CD 6 REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
WAG Counties	102	32.2 %
Montgomery County	89	28.1 %
Frederick County	126	39.7 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Regional Groupings

WAG Counties – includes Washington, Allegany, and Garrett counties.

Montgomery County – includes Montgomery County.

Frederick County – includes Frederick County.