# GOUCHER POLL

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**Baltimore**—The Goucher Poll asked Maryland residents about their opinions toward Governor Larry Hogan and various statewide policy issues. The Goucher Poll surveyed 776 Maryland residents from February 18-21 and has a margin of error of +/-3.5 percent.

**Views toward Larry Hogan, Maryland General Assembly, and the Direction of the State**

Sixty-three percent of Maryland adults approve of the job Larry Hogan is doing as governor, 17 percent disapprove, and 20 percent don't know. This is the identical approval rating Governor Hogan earned from Marylanders at this time last year and slightly lower than his rating on the September 2016 Goucher Poll.

Residents were also probed on the main reason why they either approve or disapprove of the job Hogan is doing.

Top reasons for approval among those who approve:
34 percent say his leadership and/or how he runs the government
18 percent say they like him personally or his personal attributes
14 percent say how he handles the economy/budget/state finances

Top reasons for disapproval among those who disapprove:
29 percent say he hasn't done enough or the right things
14 percent say how he handles education/educational issues.
12 percent mentioned an issue related to President Donald Trump

Forty-two percent of residents approve of the job the Maryland General Assembly is doing, 24 percent disapprove, and 33 percent don't know.

Marylanders remain positive about the direction of the state. Sixty-two percent say Maryland is heading in the right direction, 22 percent say Maryland is going down the wrong track, and 16 percent don't know.

Residents were divided over whether Governor Hogan or the Maryland Democrats have better policies for economic growth and development in the state. Thirty-six percent said Governor Hogan has better policies, 27 percent said the Maryland Democrats do, and 22 percent didn't know who had the better policies.

**Governor Hogan and the "Trump Effect"**

Registered voters who indicated they were at least somewhat interested in the 2018 electoral cycle were asked about Governor Hogan's reelection prospects and whether their opinion toward President Trump would influence how they vote in the 2018 election.

Fifty-seven percent of Marylanders say they will either definitely vote for or are leaning toward voting to reelect Governor Hogan. Thirty-three percent will either definitely vote for another candidate or are leaning toward voting for another candidate.

Maryland voters are divided over how much their views toward President Trump will influence how they vote in the 2018 gubernatorial election. Forty-two percent say that their opinion toward President Trump will not influence their vote at all or only a little and 55 percent say their views toward President Trump will influence their vote a lot or some.

"*Speculation over a 'Trump effect' on Governor Hogan's approval ratings and reelection efforts has certainly ramped up over the last month. Although there have been direct efforts to attach Governor Hogan to President Trump and the majority of Maryland voters say that their views toward President Trump will influence their vote in 2018, the governor remains largely unaffected by national politics*," said Mileah Kromer, director of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center. "*He continues to earn high approval ratings and the majority of Maryland voters are at least leaning toward giving Governor Hogan another term in office.*"

**Time Spent Addressing National Politics and President Trump's Executive Actions**

Marylanders were asked about the time both Governor Hogan and the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly spend addressing national issues and, specifically, President Trump's executive actions.

Perceptions of time spent addressing *national politics and issues*:
30 percent say Governor Hogan spends too little time
33 percent say the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly spend too little time

44 percent say Governor Hogan spends about the right amount of time
27 percent say the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly spend about the right amount of time

3   percent say Governor Hogan spends too much time
19 percent say the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly spend too much time

22 percent don't know how much time Governor Hogan is spending
20 percent don't know how much time the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly are
      spending

Perceptions of time spent addressing *President Donald Trump's executive actions*:
34 percent say Governor Hogan spends too little time
26 percent say the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly spend too little time

33 percent say Governor Hogan spends about the right amount of time
30 percent say the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly about the right amount of time

8   percent say Governor Hogan spends too much time
26 percent say the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly spend too much time

24 percent don't know how much time Governor Hogan is spending
17 percent don't know how much time the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly are
      spending


**Paid Sick Leave and the Minimum Wage**

Requiring businesses to provide paid sick leave for their employees is a popular policy proposal among Marylanders.  Eighty percent support a law that would require businesses with <u>fifteen</u> or more workers to provide paid sick leave for their employees. Eighty-four percent support a law that would require businesses with <u>fifty</u> or more workers to provide paid sick leave for their employees

Sixty percent of residents support raising the state minimum wage to $15 per hour and 38 percent oppose it.

At the same time Baltimore City is considering raising its minimum wage to $15 per hour, a bill restricting the ability of individual localities to raise their minimum wage higher than that of the state is being considered in Annapolis.  Sixty-three percent of residents agree and 32 percent disagree that cities should be allowed to set their minimum wage higher than the state's minimum wage.

Thirty-three percent of Marylanders agree that Baltimore City is the economic engine of the state and 58 percent disagree.

**Other Statewide Policy Issues—Legalization of Marijuana, Redistricting, Fracking, Education Funding, and Transportation Focus**

When asked about the most important issue facing the state, residents chose education (18 percent), jobs and unemployment (11 percent), taxes (9 percent) and crime and criminal justice (8 percent).

Opinions toward the legalization of marijuana in Maryland remain consistent. Fifty-eight percent of Maryland residents support the legalization of marijuana, 36 percent oppose it—similar to the Goucher Poll findings in February 2015 and 2016.

Redistricting reform continues to be popular among Marylanders. Seventy-three percent prefer a system where districts are determined by an independent commission and 20 percent prefer a system where districts are determined by the state's elected officials. Currently, district lines in Maryland are determined by the state's elected officials and are readjusted after each US Census.

Residents were divided and unsure over whether the state should ban hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking, in Maryland; 40 percent oppose a ban on fracking, 36 percent support a ban on fracking, and 24 percent don't know.

When asked to give their preference on where the government should focus its spending in regard to transportation, 59 percent of residents indicate the state government should focus more on improving roads and highways and 35 percent say the focus should be on improving public transportation.

Sixty-six percent of Marylanders think the state government spends "too little" to fund public education in the state and 23 percent think the state spends "about the right amount." Only 7 percent think the state spends "too much."

**About the Goucher Poll**

The Goucher Poll is conducted under the auspices of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher College. Directed by Dr. Mileah Kromer, the Goucher Poll conducts surveys on public policy, economic, and social issues in Maryland.

Goucher College supports the Goucher Poll as part of its mission to instill in its students a sense of community where discourse is valued and practiced. The Goucher Poll is fully funded by the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center endowment and does not take additional funding from outside sources. The Goucher Poll seeks to improve public discourse in the state by providing neutral, nonbiased, and independent information on citizen perceptions and opinions. The data collected by the Goucher Poll are used to support faculty and student research.

The Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center is a member of the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations and the American Association for Public Opinion Research Transparency Initiative.



**Survey Methodology**

To ensure all Maryland residents are represented, the Goucher Poll is conducted using random digit dialing (RDD) of a county-level stratified random sample using landline and cellular telephone numbers. The sample of telephone numbers for the survey is obtained from Survey Sampling International, LLC (http://www.surveysampling.com/).

The survey was conducted Saturday, February 18, to Tuesday, February 21, 2017. During this time, interviews were conducted 12p.m-9p.m on Saturday and Sunday and 5-9 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The Goucher Poll uses Voxco Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) software to administer its surveys. Interviews are conducted by a staff of professionally trained, paid, student interviewers.

Interviewers attempted to reach respondents with working phone numbers a maximum of five times. Only Maryland adults—residents aged 18 years or older—were eligible to participate. Interviews were not conducted with adults who were reached at business or work numbers. Sixty-eight percent of the interviews were conducted on a cell phone, and 32 percent were conducted on a landline.

Interviews for this survey were completed with 776 Maryland residents. For a sample size of 776, there is a 95 percent probability the survey results have a plus or minus 3.5 percentage point sampling error from the actual population distribution for any given survey question. Margins of error are higher for subsamples.

In addition to sampling error, all surveys are subject to sources of non-sampling error including question wording effects, question order effects, and non-response bias. Margin of error is not adjusted for design effects. Data is weighted by gender, age, race, and region of the state to represent adult population targets established by the American Community Survey (ACS).

**Survey Question Design**
The Goucher Poll provides the questions as worded and the order in which they are administered to respondents.

**BRACKETED ITEMS [ ]:** Items and statements in brackets are rotated to ensure respondents do not receive a set order of response options presented to them, which maintains question construction integrity by avoiding respondent agreement based on question composition.

      <u>Example</u>: [agree or disagree] or [disagree or agree]

**PROBE (p)**: Some questions contain a "probe" maneuver to determine a respondent's intensity of opinion/perspective. Probe techniques used in this questionnaire mainly consist of asking a respondent if his or her response is more intense than initially provided.

      <u>Example</u>: Do you have a [favorable or unfavorable] opinion of President Obama?
              **PROBE**: Would you say very favorable/unfavorable?

**OPEN-ENDED**: No response options are provided for an open-ended question, i.e., it is entirely up to the respondent to provide the response information. Any response options provided to the interviewer are not read to respondent; they are only used to help reduce interviewer error and time in coding the response.

**VOLUNTEER (v)**: Volunteer responses means the interviewer did not offer that response option in the question as read to the interviewer. Interviewers are instructed not to offer "don't know" or "refused" or "some other opinion" to the respondent, but the respondent is free to volunteer that information for the interviewer to record.

**Goucher Poll Sample Demographics (in percent)**

| | Maryland Adult Population Parameter (Census Estimates) | Goucher Poll Weighted Sample Estimate Maryland Adults (n=776) | Goucher Poll Weighted Sample Estimate Maryland Registered Voters (n=698) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gender | | | |
| Male | 48 | 51 | 51 |
| Female | 52 | 49 | 49 |
| Age | | | |
| 18 to 24 | 13 | 12 | 11 |
| 25 to 34 | 18 | 16 | 15 |
| 35 to 44 | 17 | 17 | 18 |
| 45 to 54 | 20 | 21 | 21 |
| 55 to 64 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| 65+ | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Race | | | |
| White | 63 | 61 | 63 |
| Black | 29 | 30 | 29 |
| Other | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| Region | | | |
| Capitol | 36 | 35 | 33 |
| Central | 46 | 47 | 49 |
| Eastern | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Southern | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Western | 4 | 4 | 4 |

**Distribution of Regions**

Capitol–Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's
Central–Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard
Eastern–Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester
Southern–Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's
Western–Allegany, Garrett, Washington

**Registered Voters**

Registered voter screen question:

**Q: REGVOTE**
Are you registered to vote at your current address?
> If "**Yes**" follow up: Are you registered as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, unaffiliated or something else?

Of the **776** Maryland residents surveyed, **698** indicated they were registered voters with the Democratic, Republican, or other party or registered unaffiliated (i.e. independent).

**Maryland Voter Registration/Likely Voters (in percent)**

| | Maryland Board of Elections Registration (January 2017) | Weighted Sample Estimate **Registered Voters** (n=698) |
|---|---|---|
| Democratic Party | 55 | 54 |
| Republican Party | 26 | 28 |
| Unaffiliated (Independent) | 18 | 16 |
| Other Party (Green/Libertarian/Other) | 2 | 2 |
| Total= | 100 | 698 +/-3.7 |

*Information on voter registration in Maryland from the Board of Elections can be found at http://www.elections.state.md.us.*

The following questions were asked to the full sample of **776 Maryland adults**. Results are in percent and may not add up exactly to 100 due to weighting and rounding.

**Q: IMPISSUE**
What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Maryland today?
**[OPEN-ENDED]**

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Education | 18 |
| Jobs/unemployment | 11 |
| Taxes | 9 |
| Crime/criminal justice/police | 8 |
| Economy/economic growth/development | 7 |
| Environmental issues or concerns | 6 |
| Drugs/specifically heroin | 5 |
| Donald Trump related issue or concern | 4 |
| Immigration/undocumented immigrants | 4 |
| Transportation/roads/mass transit | 3 |
| Politicians in office/running the country | 3 |
| Healthcare | 3 |
| Housing Issues | 2 |
| Other: | 8 |
| Don't Know (v) | 9 |
| Total= | 776 +/-3.5 |

**Q: HOGANJOB**

Do you **[approve or disapprove]** of the way Larry Hogan is handling his job as governor?
PROBE

|  | FEB 15 | OCT 15 | FEB 16 | SEPT 16 | FEB 17 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly disapprove (p) | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Disapprove | 13 | 15 | 13 | 9 | 10 |
| Approve | 32 | 42 | 43 | 45 | 36 |
| Strongly approve (p) | 8 | 16 | 20 | 25 | 27 |
| Don't know (v) | 43 | 23 | 21 | 17 | 20 |
| Refused (v) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total= | 619 +/-3.9 | 636 +/-3.9 | 545 +/-4.2 | 668 +/-3.8 | 776 +/-3.5 |

**If respondent indicates they "strongly approve" or "approve" they received:**

**Q: HOGANAPP**

Since you said you **approve** of the job Larry Hogan is doing as governor, what would you say is the main reason for your approval?
**[OPEN-ENDED]**

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Leadership/How he runs or manages government | 34 |
| His personal attributes or like him personally | 18 |
| How he handles the economy/budget/state finances | 14 |
| He lowered/will lower taxes/tolls | 9 |
| How he handles education/education issues | 5 |
| Moderate/Bipartisan/Cooperative | 5 |
| OTHER: | 5 |
| Don't Know/Refused (v) | 10 |
| Total | 489 +/-4.4 |

**If respondent indicates they "strongly disapprove" or "disapprove" they received:**

**Please note that HOGANDIS has only 128 respondents. The margin of error associated with 128 respondents is +/-8.6.**

**Q: HOGANDIS**
Since you said you **disapprove** of the job Larry Hogan is doing as governor, what would you say is the main reason for your disapproval?
**[OPEN-ENDED]**

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| He hasn't done enough or the right things | 29 |
| How he handles education/education issues | 14 |
| President Trump related issue | 12 |
| Leadership style or personal attributes | 10 |
| He is a Republican or conservative | 9 |
| Handling of economy or budget | 7 |
| Lack of care about Baltimore/other specific geographic areas | 6 |
| Handling of environmental issues | 5 |
| Other | 3 |
| Don't know / Refused (v) | 5 |
| Total= | 128 +/-8.6 |

**Q: TRACK**
In general, do you think things in the state **[are headed in the right direction or are off on the wrong track]?**

|  | OCT 13 | SEPT 14 | OCT 15 | SEPT 16 | FEB 17 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wrong track | 46 | 52 | 33 | 19 | 22 |
| Right direction | 45 | 38 | 56 | 65 | 62 |
| Don't know/Refused (v) | 10 | 10 | 11 | 17 | 16 |
| Total= | 665 +/-3.8 | 708 +/-3.7 | 636 +/-3.9 | 668 +/-3.8 | 776 +/-3.5 |

**Q: MDGAJOB**

Now, thinking about the Maryland state legislature—the legislature located in Annapolis—do you [**approve or disapprove**] of the way the Maryland General Assembly is handling its job?
<span style="color:red">PROBE</span>

| | MAR 13 | MAR 14 | FEB 15 | FEB 16 | FEB 17 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly disapprove (p) | 15 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 11 |
| Disapprove | 23 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 13 |
| Approve | 32 | 34 | 38 | 37 | 35 |
| Strongly Approve (p) | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Don't know (v) | 25 | 23 | 21 | 23 | 33 |
| Refused (v) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total= | 791 +/-3.4 | 861 +/-3.3 | 619 +/-3.9 | 545 +/-4.2 | 776 +/-3.5 |

**Q: ECONPOL**

[**Does Governor Larry Hogan or do the Maryland Democrats**] have better policies for economic growth and development in the state?

| | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Governor Larry Hogan | 36 |
| Maryland Democrats | 27 |
| Both have good policies (v) | 7 |
| Neither have good policies (v) | 7 |
| Don't know (v) | 22 |
| Refused (v) | 1 |
| Total= | 776 +/-3.5 |

**SPLIT SAMPLE**
- **½ of respondents receive HGN1**
- **½ of respondents receive HGN2**

**Q: HGN1**
Is Governor Larry Hogan spending [**too much, too little, or about the right amount**] of time addressing **national politics and issues**?

**Q: HGN2**
Is Governor Larry Hogan spending [**too much, too little, or about the right amount**] addressing **President Donald Trump's executive actions**?

**Note: HGNALL combines the responses from HGN1 and HGN2.**

|  | FEB 17 HGN1 | FEB 17 HGN2 | FEB 17 HGNALL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Too little | 30 | 34 | 32 |
| About the right amount | 44 | 33 | 38 |
| Too much | 3 | 8 | 6 |
| Don't know (v) | 22 | 24 | 23 |
| Refused (v) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total= | 383 +/-5.0 | 393 +/-4.9 | 776 +/-3.5 |

**SPLIT SAMPLE**
**½ Respondents get DEM1**
**½ Respondents get DEM2**

**Q: DEM1**
Are the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly spending [**too much, too little, or about the right amount**] of time addressing **national politics and issues**?

**Q: DEM2**
Are the Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly spending [**too much, too little, or about the right amount**] of time addressing **President Donald Trump's executive actions**?

**Note: DEMALL combines the responses from DEM1 and DEM2.**

|  | FEB 17 DEM1 | FEB 17 DEM2 | FEB 17 DEMALL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Too little | 33 | 26 | 29 |
| About the right amount | 27 | 30 | 28 |
| Too much | 19 | 26 | 23 |
| Don't know (v) | 20 | 17 | 19 |
| Refused (v) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total= | 374 +/-5.1 | 402 +/-4.8 | 776 +/-3.5 |

**[EDUCFUND to BALT rotated]**

**Q: EDUCFUND**
Do you think the state government spends [**too much, too little, or about the right amount**] to fund public education in Maryland?

|  | FEB 15 | FEB 16 |
|---|---|---|
| Too little | 66 | 66 |
| About the right amount | 24 | 23 |
| Too much | 8 | 7 |
| Don't know (v) | 3 | 4 |
| Total= | 545 +/-4.2 | 776 +/-3.5 |

## Q: TRANSFOCUS

Next, I'm going to read you two statements about where the state government should focus their spending in regard to transportation in the state. . .please tell me which one comes closest to your opinion:

[**Statements Rotated**]

Statement #1: The state government should focus more on improving roads and highways.
Statement #2: The state government should focus more on improving public transportation.

|  | FEB 15 | FEB 16 | FEB 17 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Statement #1 (roads and highways) | 50 | 56 | 59 |
| Statement #2 (public transportation) | 45 | 39 | 35 |
| Some other opinion/focus on both (v) | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Don't know/Refused (v) | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total= | 619 +/-3.9 | 545 +/-4.2 | 776 +/-3.5 |

## Q: REDISTRICT

As you may know, every 10 years Maryland is required to adjust voting districts based on the results of the US Census. I'm going to read you two ways in which the state could determine these district lines, please tell me which one you think is the best approach. . .

[**Statements Rotated**]

#1: A system where districts are determined by the state's elected officials.
#2: A system where districts are determined by an independent commission.

|  | FEB 15 | FEB 16 | FEB 17 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Statement #1 | 23 | 20 | 20 |
| Statement #2 | 72 | 75 | 73 |
| Some other opinion/approach (v) | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Don't know (v) | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Total= | 619 +/-3.9 | 545 +/-4.2 | 776 +/-3.5 |

**Q: POTLEG**
Do you [**support or oppose**] making the use of marijuana legal in Maryland?

|  | OCT 13 | MAR 14 | FEB 15 | FEB 16 | FEB 17 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly oppose (p) | 20 | 24 | 24 | 22 | 24 |
| Oppose | 21 | 15 | 20 | 17 | 12 |
| Support | 26 | 26 | 27 | 29 | 26 |
| Strongly support (p) | 25 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 32 |
| Don't know (v) | 8 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Refused (v) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total= | 665 +/-3.8 | 861 +/-3.3 | 619 +/-3.9 | 545 +/-4.2 | 776 +/-3.5 |

**Q: BALT**
Do you [**agree or disagree**] with this statement: Baltimore City is the economic engine of the state.

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Strongly disagree (p) | 25 |
| Disagree | 33 |
| Agree | 19 |
| Strongly agree (p) | 14 |
| Don't know (v) | 9 |
| Refused (v) | 0 |
| Total= | 776 +/-3.5 |

**Q: FRACK**

Do you [**support or oppose**] a ban on hydraulic fracturing--commonly known as fracking--in Maryland?

<span style="color:red">PROBE</span>

| | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Strongly oppose (p) | 24 |
| Oppose | 16 |
| Support | 15 |
| Strongly support (p) | 21 |
| Don't know (v) | 24 |
| Refused (v) | 0 |
| Total= | 776 +/-3.5 |

Note: The Goucher Poll has asked about fracking on previous surveys, but with different question wording. Please see:

http://www.goucher.edu/Documents/Poli_Sci/hughes/Fall%202016%20Goucher%20Poll%20Release%202%20Final.pdf

**SPLIT SAMPLE**

**½ Respondents get SICK1**
**½ Respondents get SICK2**

**Q: SICK1**
Do you [**support or oppose**] a law that would require businesses with **FIFTEEN** (ONE-FIVE) or more workers to provide paid sick leave for their employees?
PROBE

**Q: SICK2**
Do you [**support or oppose**] a law that would require businesses with **FIFTY** (FIVE-ZERO) or more workers to provide paid sick leave for their employees?
PROBE

**Note: SICKALL combines the responses from SICK1 and SICK2.**

| | FEB 17 SICK1 | FEB 17 SICK2 | FEB 17 SICKALL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly oppose (p) | 9 | 4 | 6 |
| Oppose | 10 | 8 | 9 |
| Support | 28 | 27 | 28 |
| Strongly support (p) | 52 | 57 | 54 |
| Don't know (v) | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Total= | 386 +/-4.9 | 390 +/-4.9 | 776 +/-3.5 |

Note: The Goucher Poll has asked about paid sick leave on a previous survey, but used different question wording. See results here:
http://www.goucher.edu/Documents/Poli_Sci/hughes/March%202014%20Goucher%20Poll%20Results%20WEDNESDAY.pdf

**[MINWAGE1 and MINWAGE2 rotated]**

**Q: MINWAGE**
Do you [**agree or disagree**] with the following statement:  Individual cities should be able to set their minimum wage higher than the state minimum wage.
PROBE

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Strongly disagree (p) | 16 |
| Disagree | 16 |
| Agree | 28 |
| Strongly agree (p) | 35 |
| Don't know (v) | 4 |
| Refused (v) | 1 |
| Total= | 776 +/-3.5 |

**Q: MINWAGE2**
Do you [**support or oppose**] raising the state minimum wage to $15 dollars per hour?
PROBE

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Strongly oppose (p) | 22 |
| Oppose | 16 |
| Support | 20 |
| Strongly support (p) | 40 |
| Don't know (v) | 2 |
| Total= | 776 +/-3.5 |

**To receive GENINT the respondent indicated they were a registered voter on REGVOTE.**

**Q: GENINT**
As you know, Maryland will hold statewide elections in 2018 where Governor Hogan will run for reelection.

How interested would you say you are in this election: **extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested, or not interested**?

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Not very interested | 7 |
| Somewhat interested | 25 |
| Very interested | 29 |
| Extremely interested | 38 |
| Don't Know (v) | 1 |
| Total= | 698 +/-3.7 |

To receive **GEN14**, **REELECT** and **TRUMPEFF** respondent must indicate the following:
- **Currently a registered voter**
- **Somewhat, very, or extremely interested in the 2018 election**

**Q: GEN14**

Thinking back to the last statewide election in 2014, did you vote in the 2014 Maryland elections or did something keep you from voting?

> If "**Yes**" follow up: Did you vote for the Republican Larry Hogan, the Democrat Anthony Brown, or some other candidate?

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Yes—I voted for Larry Hogan | 37 |
| Yes—I voted for Anthony Brown | 29 |
| Yes—I voted for other candidate | 3 |
| Yes—I voted but can't remember for who or won't disclose | 2 |
| No—I didn't vote | 25 |
| Don't know / Can't remember (v) | 3 |
| Refused (v) | 1 |
| Total= | 644 +/-3.8 |

**Q: REELECT**

As you may know, Governor Larry Hogan is up for reelection next year. If the election were held today, what statement best describes you:

[**Statements rotated--inversion**]

|  | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| I'd definitely vote for Governor Hogan. | 28 |
| I'm leaning toward Governor Hogan, but could vote for another candidate. | 29 |
| I'm leaning toward another candidate, but could vote for Governor Hogan. | 18 |
| I'd definitely vote for another candidate. | 15 |
| It depends (v) | 5 |
| Don't know (v) | 4 |
| Refused (v) | 1 |
| Total= | 644 +/-3.8 |

**Q: TRUMPEFF**

Okay, still thinking about this election, how much—[**not at all, a little, some, or a lot**]—do you think your views toward President Donald Trump will influence how you will vote?

| | FEB 17 |
|---|---|
| Not at all | 31 |
| A little | 11 |
| Some | 10 |
| A lot | 45 |
| It depends (v) | 2 |
| Don't know (v) | 1 |
| Total= | 644 +/-3.8 |

Results by Demographics (in percent)
- Column percentages
- Unless specified, "Don't Know," "Refused," and other volunteered responses are not included below
- Margin of error is higher for subsamples
- Refer to tables above for questions as worded

| | All (n=698) | Registered Voters | | | | | Maryland Adults | | | | | |
| | | Party Registration | | | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | |
| | | Dem (n=375) | Ind (n=114) | Rep (n=195) | Male (n=399) | Female (n=377) | 18-34 (n=219) | 35-54 (n=295) | 55+ (n=262) | White (n=469) | Black (n=234) | Other (n=73) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hogan Approval** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Disapprove | 16 | 23 | 16 | 3 | 13 | 21 | 12 | 22 | 14 | 13 | 22 | 19 |
| Approve | 65 | 52 | 61 | 91 | 68 | 57 | 56 | 62 | 70 | 71 | 51 | 51 |
| **Direction of State** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wrong Track | 21 | 24 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 18 | 27 | 32 |
| Right Direction | 64 | 60 | 63 | 72 | 66 | 57 | 57 | 64 | 63 | 68 | 55 | 51 |
| **MDGA Approval** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Disapprove | 25 | 18 | 24 | 39 | 29 | 19 | 16 | 26 | 31 | 26 | 21 | 26 |
| Approve | 42 | 50 | 38 | 30 | 41 | 44 | 39 | 43 | 44 | 41 | 45 | 41 |
| Don't Know | 32 | 31 | 38 | 30 | 30 | 37 | 45 | 32 | 25 | 33 | 34 | 32 |
| **Better Econ Policy** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Larry Hogan | 38 | 17 | 44 | 73 | 44 | 28 | 31 | 35 | 41 | 48 | 18 | 15 |
| Maryland Dems | 27 | 43 | 20 | 1 | 24 | 30 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 22 | 35 | 34 |
| **Hogan time on national politics/Trump (HGNALL)** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Too little | 33 | 41 | 34 | 16 | 28 | 36 | 36 | 31 | 29 | 26 | 40 | 46 |
| About the right amount | 39 | 30 | 40 | 57 | 43 | 33 | 33 | 38 | 43 | 47 | 25 | 25 |
| Too much | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Don't Know | 22 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 25 | 23 | 25 | 22 | 21 | 27 | 24 |

| | | Registered Voters | | | Maryland Adults | | | | | | | |
| | | Party Registration | | | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | |
| | All | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | Other |
| | (n=698) | (n=375) | (n=114) | (n=195) | (n=399) | (n=377) | (n=219) | (n=295) | (n=262) | (n=469) | (n=234) | (n=73) |
| **MD Dems time on national politics/Trump (DEMALL)** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Too little | 30 | 36 | 27 | 18 | 26 | 33 | 31 | 30 | 28 | 22 | 42 | 37 |
| About the right amount | 29 | 39 | 22 | 15 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 31 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Too much | 23 | 8 | 26 | 52 | 28 | 18 | 22 | 22 | 25 | 30 | 10 | 16 |
| Don't Know | 17 | 17 | 24 | 15 | 17 | 21 | 21 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 16 |
| **Transportation Focus** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roads and highways | 60 | 53 | 69 | 72 | 55 | 62 | 56 | 60 | 60 | 62 | 55 | 48 |
| Public Transit | 34 | 40 | 26 | 23 | 38 | 31 | 39 | 35 | 31 | 33 | 36 | 45 |
| **Education spending** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Too little | 66 | 75 | 71 | 49 | 61 | 72 | 75 | 70 | 55 | 57 | 84 | 71 |
| About the right amount | 23 | 20 | 13 | 33 | 27 | 18 | 20 | 19 | 30 | 28 | 12 | 21 |
| Too much | 7 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 4 |
| **Redistricting** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elected Officials | 19 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 18 | 22 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 30 | 21 |
| Independent Commission | 75 | 73 | 77 | 76 | 77 | 69 | 63 | 77 | 76 | 78 | 64 | 69 |
| **Marijuana legalization** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oppose | 36 | 30 | 27 | 55 | 33 | 39 | 19 | 37 | 48 | 37 | 35 | 27 |
| Support | 57 | 62 | 67 | 41 | 61 | 55 | 76 | 56 | 46 | 57 | 58 | 69 |

| | Registered Voters | | | | | | Maryland Adults | | | | | |
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| | Party Registration | | | | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | |
| | All (n=698) | Dem (n=375) | Ind (n=114) | Rep (n=195) | Male (n=399) | Female (n=377) | 18-34 (n=219) | 35-54 (n=295) | 55+ (n=262) | White (n=469) | Black (n=234) | Other (n=73) |
| **Baltimore City economic engine** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Disagree | 59 | 54 | 58 | 67 | 57 | 59 | 47 | 62 | 64 | 63 | 48 | 60 |
| Agree | 32 | 34 | 33 | 29 | 35 | 31 | 45 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 41 | 30 |
| **Fracking ban** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oppose | 41 | 39 | 35 | 46 | 41 | 39 | 42 | 36 | 44 | 42 | 37 | 39 |
| Support | 37 | 40 | 39 | 33 | 40 | 32 | 34 | 39 | 34 | 40 | 28 | 31 |
| Don't Know | 21 | 21 | 25 | 21 | 19 | 29 | 25 | 25 | 21 | 17 | 35 | 31 |
| **Cities can set min wage** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Disagree | 34 | 25 | 38 | 47 | 37 | 27 | 32 | 34 | 30 | 36 | 25 | 34 |
| Agree | 62 | 71 | 57 | 49 | 60 | 67 | 65 | 60 | 65 | 61 | 67 | 64 |
| **Min wage to $15** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oppose | 38 | 17 | 44 | 75 | 45 | 29 | 42 | 36 | 34 | 52 | 11 | 25 |
| Support | 60 | 81 | 53 | 23 | 53 | 68 | 56 | 60 | 65 | 46 | 86 | 74 |
| **Paid sick leave (SICKALL)** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oppose | 16 | 8 | 13 | 31 | 19 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 20 | 22 | 3 | 14 |
| Support | 82 | 89 | 84 | 67 | 78 | 86 | 86 | 84 | 76 | 75 | 94 | 86 |

| | | Maryland Adults | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Registered Voters** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | **Party Registration** | | | **Gender** | | **Age** | | | **Race** | | |
| | **All** (n=698) | **Dem** (n=375) | **Ind** (n=114) | **Rep** (n=195) | **Male** (n=399) | **Female** (n=377) | **18-34** (n=219) | **35-54** (n=295) | **55+** (n=262) | **White** (n=469) | **Black** (n=234) | **Other** (n=73) |
| **Vote to reelect Hogan** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Definitely/lean Hogan | 57 | 37 | 68 | 88 | 63 | 51 | 55 | 56 | 60 | 64 | 45 | 43 |
| Definitely/lean other candidate | 33 | 51 | 25 | 6 | 29 | 38 | 34 | 35 | 31 | 27 | 44 | 46 |
| **Trump effect on 2018 vote** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not at all or a little | 42 | 31 | 53 | 56 | 51 | 33 | 42 | 48 | 36 | 48 | 32 | 32 |
| Some or a lot | 55 | 66 | 44 | 39 | 45 | 65 | 54 | 51 | 59 | 50 | 64 | 65 |