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Goucher College Poll Results: Marylanders recognize need for improvements in public schools but still largely unaware of Kirwan Commission; Residents view state taxes as too high, support progressive income tax structure, divided on the legalization of sports betting; Gov. Hogan remains popular

BALTIMORE (February 24, 2020)—The Goucher College Poll asked Maryland residents their views on various statewide issues, including the direction of and most important issue facing the state, how they viewed Maryland as a place to live and work, and their opinions toward Gov. Larry Hogan, the Maryland General Assembly, the Kirwan Commission, public education, and taxes. Residents were also asked whether they were concerned about an outbreak of a disease like the Coronavirus. The Goucher College Poll surveyed **713** Maryland adults from **February 13-18** and has a margin of error of **+/-3.7 percent**. Results by voter registration and other key demographics are provided.

Views Toward Public Education and the Kirwan Commission

Residents were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with several statements about public education in Maryland.

- **93 percent** agree that “public schools should offer more job or vocational training programs,” **4 percent** disagree.
- **85 percent** agree that “the salaries of public school teachers are too low,” **10 percent** disagree.
- **76 percent** agree that “many public school buildings and facilities in Maryland are run-down,” **16 percent** disagree.
- **69 percent** agree that “public schools in Maryland don’t receive enough state funding,” **18 percent** disagree.
- **64 percent** agree that “state funding for public schools is not spent effectively by school administrators,” **19 percent** disagree.

Marylanders remain largely unaware of the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. **Sixty-nine percent** say they have heard or read “nothing at all” about it.

Views Toward Taxes

Nearly **three-quarters** of Maryland residents say they prefer an income tax system where “people with higher incomes pay a higher tax rate than those with lower incomes.” **Twenty-four percent** think that “people regardless of their income should pay the same tax rate.”

When asked about the relationship between taxes and government services in Maryland:

- **37 percent** would rather keep state services and taxes about the same as we have them now.
- **28 percent** would rather have more or improved state government services if that meant more taxes.
- **28 percent** would rather have fewer state government services in order to reduce taxes.

Fifty-one percent of Marylanders say that the overall amount of state taxes they have to pay is “too high” and **44 percent** say it’s “about right.” Only **3 percent** say it’s “too low.”

“While the public continues to be largely unaware of the Kirwan Commission itself, large majorities of Marylanders recognize that public schools are facing the very problems its recommendations were designed to address. Residents across party lines largely agree that public schools need more vocational training and better-paid public school teachers,” said Mileah Kromer, director of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center. “At the same time, a plurality of residents want to keep state services and taxes at the current level, and a majority believe that state taxes are currently too high. Our results suggest that the costs of the Kirwan recommendations, rather than the merits of the plan, will be of concern to Marylanders.”

Gov. Hogan, the Maryland General Assembly, and Perceptions of Maryland

Gov. Hogan maintains his strong and stable job approval rating. **Sixty-two percent** of Marylanders approve of the job Larry Hogan is doing as governor, **20 percent** disapprove, and **17 percent** say they don’t know. **Forty-one percent** of Marylanders approve of the job the Maryland General Assembly is doing; **27 percent** disapprove, and **29 percent** say they don’t know.

Forty-nine percent say Maryland is heading in the right direction, and **32 percent** say Maryland is off on the wrong track. At this time last year, **59 percent** said Maryland was heading in the right direction.

Twenty percent of Marylanders identify crime and criminal justice as the most important issue facing the state of Maryland today. **Seventeen percent** say education and **15 percent** of Marylanders identify economic issues—jobs, taxes, or economic growth—as the most important.

Residents were also asked to rate Maryland on a variety of different quality of life items:

- **61 percent** rate Maryland as a “good” or “excellent” place to raise a family.
- **58 percent** rate Maryland as a “good” or “excellent” place to find a job.
- **47 percent** rate Maryland as a “good” or “excellent” place to get a quality K-12 education.
- **39 percent** rate Maryland as a “good” or “excellent” place to run a business.
- **27 percent** rate Maryland as a “good” or “excellent” place to retire.

Marylanders are a happy group of folks. **30 percent** and **61 percent** say they are “very happy” or “pretty happy,” respectively. Only **8 percent** say they are “not too happy.”

Opinions Toward the Legalization of Sports Betting in Maryland

Maryland residents are divided over whether to expand gambling to allow for sports betting either online or at locations in Maryland.

Respondents were randomly selected to receive one of two questions about sports betting:

- **47 percent** support expanding gambling to allow sports betting online in Maryland; **43 percent** oppose.
- **45 percent** support expanding gambling to allow sports betting at locations like race tracks, casinos, or stadiums in Maryland; **49 percent** oppose.

Concerns About Coronavirus

Fifty-six percent of Marylanders are “somewhat” or “very” concerned over an outbreak of a disease like the Coronavirus, and **43 percent** of Maryland residents are “not at all” or “a little” concerned.

In October 2014 and September 2016 the Goucher College Poll asked Marylanders how concerned they were about Ebola and Zika virus, respectively.

- **64 percent** were “somewhat” or “very” concerned over an outbreak of a disease like the Zika virus.
- **66 percent** were “somewhat” or “very” concerned over an outbreak of a disease like Ebola.

About the Goucher College Poll

The Goucher College Poll is conducted under the auspices of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher College. The center is directed by Dr. Mileah Kromer, associate professor of political science.

The Goucher College Poll is funded by the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center endowment and does not take additional funding from outside sources. The mission of the Goucher College Poll is to improve public discourse in Maryland by providing neutral, unbiased, and independent information on citizen perceptions and opinions. The data collected by the 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.

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Survey Methodology

To ensure all Maryland residents are represented, the 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 purchased from Dynata (<https://www.dynata.com/>).

The survey was conducted **Thursday, February 13, to Tuesday, February 18**. During this time, interviews were conducted 3 to 9 p.m. on Monday to Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Goucher College Poll uses Voxco Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) software to administer its surveys. A staff of professionally trained, paid student interviewers conducts the interviews.

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. **Eighty-three percent** of the interviews were conducted on a cell phone and **17 percent** were conducted on a landline.

Interviews for this survey were completed with **713** Maryland adults. For a sample size of **713**, there is a **95 percent** probability the survey results have a plus or minus **3.7 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 are weighted by gender, age, race, region, and educational attainment of the state to represent adult population targets established by the most recent American Community Survey (ACS).

Survey Question Design

The Goucher College 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, which maintains question construction integrity by avoiding respondent agreement based on question composition.

Example: [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 respondents if their responses are more intense than initially provided.

Example: 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 the 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 College Poll Sample Demographics (in percent)

	Maryland Adult Population Parameter	Weighted Sample Estimate <i>Adults</i> (n=713)	Weighted Sample Estimate <i>Registered Voters</i> (n=628)
Gender			
Male	47	47	45
Female	53	53	55
Age			
18 to 24	12	12	12
25 to 34	18	18	17
35 to 44	16	16	16
45 to 54	18	18	19
55 to 64	17	17	17
65+	19	18	18
Race			
White	61	61	62
Black	30	30	30
All other	9	9	8
Education			
High school or less	35	35	33
Tech/AA/some college	26	26	26
Four-year college degree	21	21	22
Adv./professional degree	18	18	19
Region			
Montgomery County	17	17	17
Prince George's County	15	15	14
Baltimore City	11	11	12
Baltimore County	14	14	14
Central Region	21	21	22
Southern Region	6	6	6
Eastern Shore Region	8	8	9
Western Region	8	8	7

Counties included in region:

- Central: Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford, and Howard
- Western: Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington
- Eastern Shore: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester
- Southern: Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s

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 **713** Maryland adult residents surveyed, **628** indicated they were registered voters with the Democratic, Republican, or other party or registered unaffiliated (i.e., independent).

Maryland Voter Registration (in percent)

	Party Registration (Jan. 2020)	Weighted Sample Estimate Registered Voters (n=628)
Democratic Party	55	52
Republican Party	25	25
Unaffiliated (i.e. independent)	19	21
Other party	1	2
Total=	100	628 +/-3.9

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

Q: IDEO

Do you consider yourself to be politically [**conservative, moderate, or progressive**]?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Conservative	27	26
Moderate	44	45
Progressive	25	25
Don't know (v)	5	4
Total=	713 +/-3.7	628 +/-3.9

The following questions were asked to the sample of **713 Maryland adults**. Please refer to **page 16** for the results by registered voter and other key demographics. Results are in percentages 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 20
Crime/criminal justice/policing	20
Education	17
Economic issues	15
Environmental issues/concerns	7
Health care	7
Transportation/infrastructure/roads/mass transit	5
Guns/gun control	4
Politics and political leaders/leadership	4
Immigration	3
Housing/cost of living	3
Drugs/heroin	2
Other	6
Don't know (v)	7
Total=	713 +/-3.7

Q: TRACK

In general, do you think things in the state [are heading in the right direction or are off on the wrong track]?

	FEB 17	FEB 18	SEPT 18	FEB 19	SEPT 19	FEB 20
Wrong track	22	29	30	25	35	32
Right direction	62	62	54	59	46	49
Don't know/refused (v)	16	9	16	16	19	19
Total=	776 +/-3.5	800 +/-3.5	831 +/-3.4	808 +/-3.4	763 +/-3.6	713 +/-3.7

Q: HOGANJOB

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

PROBE

	FEB 17	FEB 18	SEPT 18	FEB 19	SEPT 19	FEB 20
Strongly disapprove (p)	7	7	8	4	5	7
Disapprove	10	11	9	10	9	13
Approve	36	38	36	39	39	43
Strongly approve (p)	27	23	28	30	25	19
Don't know (v)	20	19	17	14	21	17
Refused (v)	0	2	3	3	2	1
Total=	776 +/-3.5	800 +/-3.5	831 +/-3.4	808 +/-3.4	763 +/-3.6	713 +/-3.7

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?

PROBE

	FEB 17	FEB 18	FEB 19	FEB 20
Strongly disapprove (p)	11	16	9	15
Disapprove	13	18	21	12
Approve	35	34	33	35
Strongly approve (p)	7	8	8	6
Don't know (v)	33	24	26	29
Refused (v)	1	1	3	2
Total=	776 +/-3.5	800 +/-3.5	808 +/-3.4	713 +/-3.7

RANDOMIZED QUESTIONS

- Half of respondents receive **BET1**
- Half of respondents receive **BET2**

Q: BET1

Do you [**oppose or support**] expanding gambling to allow sports betting online in Maryland?

PROBE

Q: BET2

Do you [**oppose or support**] expanding gambling to allow sports betting at locations like racetracks, casinos, or stadiums in Maryland?

PROBE

	FEB 20 (BET1)	FEB 20 (BET2)	FEB 20 (ALL)
Strongly oppose (p)	22	20	21
Oppose	21	29	25
Support	31	31	31
Strongly support (p)	16	14	15
Don't know (v)	9	6	7
Refused (v)	1	>1	>1
Total=	332 +/-5.3	381 +/-5.0	713 +/-3.7

Q: KIRWAN

How much have you heard or read about the Kirwan Commission? [**nothing at all, only a little, some, a lot**]

	SEPT 19	FEB 20
Nothing at all	77	69
Only a little	14	15
Some	5	9
A lot	3	5
Don't know (v)	1	2
Refused (v)	--	0
Total=	763 +/-3.6	713 +/-3.7

Q: PUBLICSCH

Next, I'm going to read you a list of statements about public schools. Please tell me whether you [**agree or disagree**] with each one. [**statements rotated**]

Q: FACILITIES

Many public school buildings and facilities in Maryland are run-down.

Q: FUNDING

Public schools in Maryland don't receive enough state funding.

Q: TRAINING

Public schools should offer more job or vocational training programs.

Q: SPENT

State funding for public schools is not spent effectively by school administrators.

Q: PAY

The salaries of public school teachers are too low.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	DK/ REF (v)
Many public school buildings and facilities in Maryland are run-down.	2	14	34	42	8
Public schools in Maryland don't receive enough state funding.	5	13	29	40	13
Public schools should offer more job or vocational training programs.	1	3	31	62	3
State funding for public schools is not spent effectively by school administrators.	4	15	26	38	17
The salaries of public school teachers are too low.	3	7	30	55	5

Total=713, +/-3.7

Q: HAPPY

Next, I want to ask you some quality of life questions. Generally, would you say that most days you are [very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy]?

	FEB 20
Not too happy	8
Pretty happy	61
Very happy	30
Don't know (v)	1
Total=	713 +/-3.7

Q: LIVE

I'd like you to rate the state of Maryland on some different things. Please tell me whether you think the state is a(n) [excellent, good, fair, or poor] place for each of the following. [items rotated]

Q: FAMILY

To raise a family

Q: JOB

To find a job

Q: K12

To get a quality K-12 education

Q: RETIRE

To retire

Q: BUSINESS

Run a business

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	DK/ REF (v)
To raise a family	7	30	46	15	2
To find a job	10	30	43	15	3
To get a quality K-12 education	15	36	36	11	2
To retire	36	32	22	5	5
Run a business	16	39	34	5	6

Total=713, +/-3.7

Note: This battery of questions appeared on the [February 2016 Goucher College Poll](#) (results page 19).

Next, I'm going to ask you some questions about taxes.

Q: TAX_PAY

Do you consider the overall amount of state taxes you have to pay in Maryland as [too high, about right, or too low]?

	SEPT 18	FEB 20
Too low	2	3
About right	41	44
Too high	56	51
Don't know (v)	1	2
Refused (v)	--	0
Total=	831 +/-3.4	713 +/-3.7

Q: TAX_SERVICE

Thinking about state taxes and government services, would you rather: [statements rotated]

	FEB 20
Have more or improved state government services if that meant more taxes.	28
Have fewer state government services in order to reduce taxes.	28
Keep state services and taxes about the same as we have them now.	37
It depends (v)	4
Don't know (v)	2
Refused (v)	1
Total=	713 +/-3.7

Q: TAX_SYSTEM

Do you generally prefer an income tax system where: [items rotated]

	FEB 20
People with higher incomes pay a higher tax rate than those with lower incomes	72
People regardless of their income pay the same tax rate.	24
Some other opinion (v)	2
Don't know (v)	2
Refused (v)	>1
Total=	713 +/-3.7

Q: OUTBREAK

Is the outbreak of a disease—like Coronavirus—in the United States something that you are [very, somewhat, a little, or not at all] concerned about?

	OCT 14	SEPT 16	FEB 20
Not at all concerned	15	14	16
A little concerned	18	22	27
Somewhat concerned	26	32	25
Very concerned	40	32	31
Don't know (v)	1	0	>1
Refused (v)	0	0	>1
Total=	708 +/-3.7	668 +/-3.8	713 +/-3.7

OCT14="like Ebola"

SEPT16="like Zika"

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

	Registered Voters				Maryland Adults							
		Party Registration			Gender		Age			Race		
	All (n=628)	Dem (n=325)	Ind (n=134)	Rep (n=158)	Male (n=335)	Female (n=378)	18-34 (n=216)	35-54 (n=245)	55+ (n=252)	White (n=435)	Black (n=214)	Other (n=64)
Q: TRACK												
Wrong track	31	29	27	37	34	30	26	33	36	30	36	27
Right direction	51	55	40	50	47	51	46	52	48	51	40	62
Q: HOGANJOB												
Disapprove	19	23	16	11	22	18	25	20	16	17	26	14
Approve	63	53	65	82	61	62	39	69	74	66	55	55
Q: MDGAJOB												
Disapprove	28	18	28	51	36	21	22	27	34	30	24	27
Approve	42	50	33	32	38	45	31	49	43	42	41	38
Don't know	27	30	38	15	25	32	44	22	21	25	33	36
Q: BETALL (BET1 & BET2)												
Oppose	46	49	47	40	40	52	44	42	52	46	48	45
Support	46	43	47	48	51	41	50	51	37	46	44	48
Q: KIRWAN												
Nothing at all	65	72	83	65	69	69	87	61	61	65	72	83
Little, some, or a lot	33	27	14	33	30	29	13	37	36	33	27	14

	Maryland Adults							
	College		Region			Ideology		
	>4-year degree (n=435)	4-year degree + (n=278)	MG/ PG (n=229)	Central/ Balt Metro (n=372)	Outside Urban Corridor (n=157)	Cons (n=190)	Mod (n=310)	Prog (n=180)
Q: TRACK								
Wrong track	33	30	21	38	34	45	23	33
Right direction	47	52	54	43	53	44	51	54
Q: HOGANJOB								
Disapprove	21	18	17	22	20	19	15	31
Approve	60	65	60	62	64	68	65	49
Q: MDGAJOB								
Disapprove	31	23	17	31	36	48	23	16
Approve	38	47	46	40	38	33	42	52
Don't know	30	26	35	26	24	17	32	31
Q: BETALL (BET1 & BET2)								
Oppose	45	48	52	44	44	49	49	39
Support	49	40	37	50	49	43	46	49
Don't know	45	48	52	44	44	49	49	39
Q: KIRWAN								
Nothing at all	75	59	79	60	73	64	68	75
Little, some, or a lot	23	39	18	39	27	33	31	24

	Registered Voters				Maryland Adults							
		Party Registration			Gender		Age			Race		
	All (n=628)	Dem (n=325)	Ind (n=134)	Rep (n=158)	Male (n=335)	Female (n=378)	18-34 (n=216)	35-54 (n=245)	55+ (n=252)	White (n=435)	Black (n=214)	Other (n=64)
Q: FACILITIES												
Disagree	16	11	16	26	21	11	13	15	20	19	10	19
Agree	77	86	72	62	68	83	82	80	67	71	87	73
Q: FUNDING												
Disagree	18	9	19	32	25	12	10	19	23	23	7	18
Agree	69	80	70	48	62	75	80	69	60	64	82	64
Q: TRAINING												
Disagree	4	2	4	6	3	5	3	4	5	4	4	5
Agree	93	94	92	92	94	93	94	93	93	92	96	92
Q: SPENT												
Disagree	18	20	20	13	18	20	18	20	18	20	18	16
Agree	64	61	57	74	66	62	65	61	65	61	70	63
Q: PAY												
Disagree	10	4	13	20	14	6	4	11	15	15	2	5
Agree	86	93	84	70	81	89	93	84	79	81	95	84

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	College		Region			Ideology		
	>4-year degree (n=435)	4-year degree + (n=278)	MG/ PG (n=229)	Central/ Balt Metro (n=372)	Outside Urban Corridor (n=157)	Cons (n=190)	Mod (n=310)	Prog (n=180)
Q: FACILITIES								
Disagree	18	12	18	10	26	25	12	14
Agree	74	78	72	84	65	66	79	81
Q: FUNDING								
Disagree	17	19	15	17	22	34	14	7
Agree	69	70	66	71	69	47	74	86
Q: TRAINING								
Disagree	4	4	2	4	6	6	2	3
Agree	93	94	92	94	94	92	95	93
Q: SPENT								
Disagree	17	22	21	15	23	11	21	22
Agree	66	59	54	71	63	78	60	59
Q: PAY								
Disagree	8	13	8	9	15	17	11	3
Agree	87	83	89	86	78	76	85	97

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Q: HAPPY												
Not too happy	8	11	6	4	9	8	9	6	10	7	9	11
Pretty happy	61	56	71	61	62	60	64	63	55	63	57	51
Very happy	30	32	22	34	29	32	26	31	33	28	33	39
Q: FAMILY												
Poor/fair	36	35	39	33	40	34	38	38	35	32	45	39
Good/excellent	63	64	59	64	58	65	61	62	62	65	55	59
Q: JOB												
Poor/fair	39	43	40	28	38	41	49	35	37	34	54	31
Good/excellent	59	54	58	71	59	57	51	63	59	63	43	68
Q: K12												
Poor/fair	49	54	54	36	51	51	53	51	49	44	66	45
Good/excellent	49	46	41	62	46	48	45	47	49	54	33	50
Q: RETIRE												
Poor/fair	70	67	69	77	70	67	62	74	68	70	67	63
Good/excellent	26	30	23	20	24	30	31	21	29	26	30	28
Q: BUSINESS												
Poor/fair	53	52	55	54	58	51	52	58	52	53	56	55
Good/excellent	41	41	39	41	38	40	42	37	39	40	38	39

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Q: HAPPY								
Not too happy	10	5	7	9	9	6	9	8
Pretty happy	63	57	59	60	64	62	61	59
Very happy	26	37	32	31	27	32	28	32
Q: FAMILY								
Poor/fair	43	27	31	38	42	42	34	32
Good/excellent	55	72	67	61	56	57	64	67
Q: JOB								
Poor/fair	44	32	34	43	40	30	44	39
Good/excellent	53	65	62	54	61	69	53	59
Q: K12								
Poor/fair	54	46	49	52	54	47	57	45
Good/excellent	43	53	50	46	45	52	41	53
Q: RETIRE								
Poor/fair	69	68	62	71	73	79	71	54
Good/excellent	28	25	33	25	25	20	24	41
Q: BUSINESS								
Poor/fair	59	46	47	58	56	61	55	45
Good/excellent	36	44	44	37	38	36	36	49

	Registered Voters				Maryland Adults							
		Party Registration			Gender		Age			Race		
	All (n=628)	Dem (n=325)	Ind (n=134)	Rep (n=158)	Male (n=335)	Female (n=378)	18-34 (n=216)	35-54 (n=245)	55+ (n=252)	White (n=435)	Black (n=214)	Other (n=64)
Q: TAX_PAY												
Too low	3	4	2	0	3	2	4	1	2	2	3	0
About right	44	56	35	29	39	49	58	36	41	47	39	47
Too high	51	38	60	70	57	46	36	60	55	49	54	50
Q: TAX_SERVICE												
More service/more tax	28	43	15	8	23	32	43	20	23	25	34	22
Fewer services/reduce tax	28	15	31	53	35	22	21	34	29	31	23	27
Keep services/tax same	36	37	41	33	34	39	32	38	40	37	35	41
Q: TAX_SYSTEM												
Higher income/higher tax rate	72	87	76	41	65	78	86	63	68	68	80	69
All income same tax rate	23	11	21	50	30	19	13	30	28	27	18	25
Q: OUTBREAK												
Not at all/a little	44	41	55	44	45	42	49	48	34	46	38	48
Somewhat/very	56	59	46	56	55	58	51	52	66	54	62	52

	Maryland Adults							
	College		Region			Ideology		
	>4-year degree (n=435)	4-year degree + (n=278)	MG/PG (n=229)	Central/Balt Metro (n=372)	Outside Urban Corridor (n=157)	Cons (n=190)	Mod (n=310)	Prog (n=180)
Q: TAX_PAY								
Too low	2	3	4	2	2	0	3	4
About right	39	52	52	37	50	36	41	60
Too high	56	43	42	59	47	64	54	31
Q: TAX_SERVICE								
More service/more tax	28	27	27	27	31	15	22	54
Fewer services/reduce tax	32	23	29	28	28	46	29	11
Keep services/tax same	33	42	36	38	36	33	42	28
Q: TAX_SYSTEM								
Higher income/higher tax rate	68	76	77	73	61	50	77	85
All income same tax rate	27	20	18	24	33	43	18	14
Q: OUTBREAK								
Not/little	41	47	43	39	52	36	48	47
Somewhat/very	59	53	57	61	48	64	52	53