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***MARYLANDERS SUPPORT A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE AND LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, VIEW STATE TAXES AS TOO HIGH***

BALTIMORE—The Goucher Poll asked Maryland residents about their opinions toward the direction of the state, taxes, personal financial situations, health care, taxes, Gov. Larry Hogan, President Donald Trump, minimum wage, and the legalization of recreational marijuana. The Goucher Poll surveyed 831 Maryland adults from September 11-16 and has a margin of error of +/-3.4 percent.

**Direction of the State, Taxes, Personal Financial Situation, and the Minimum Wage**

Last September, **55 percent** said Maryland was heading in the right direction and **31 percent** said Maryland is off on the wrong track—the lowest point during Gov. Hogan’s tenure in office. That number rebounded in February, but has since fallen back. **Fifty-four percent** say Maryland is heading in the right direction and **30 percent** say Maryland is off on the wrong track.

Support for increasing the statewide minimum wage to \$15 dollars per hour has risen slightly among Marylanders since last spring. **Seventy-one percent** of Marylanders support raising the statewide minimum wage to \$15 dollars per hour, **25 percent** oppose it. By comparison, in February 2018, **66 percent** supported increasing the minimum wage in Maryland to \$15 per hour.

The majority of Marylanders—**56 percent**—consider the overall amount of state taxes they have to pay as “too high,” while **41 percent** say the amount of state taxes they have to pay is “about right.” Only **2 percent** think they pay “too little” in state taxes.

Residents were also asked what groups of people they think the Maryland tax system favors:

- **48 percent** say it favors the wealthy
- **13 percent** say it treats everyone equally
- **9 percent** say it favors the poor
- **8 percent** say it favors the middle class

Marylanders are divided in their trust in the state government to spend their tax dollars wisely. **Fifty-five percent** have “no” or “a little” trust, while **42 percent** have “some” or “a lot” of trust.

Attitudes toward personal financial situations were also measured. A majority of residents—**51 percent**—expect their current financial situation to get better a year from now. **Thirty-six percent** expect it to stay about the same and **10 percent** expect it to get worse. Looking back, **32 percent** say their financial situation is “better” than it was a year ago, **53 percent** say it’s “about the same,” and **14 percent** say it’s “worse.”

“It’s clear why taxes are a persistent concern for voters—Marylanders think they pay too much in taxes, that the tax system favors the rich, and don’t trust the state government to spend their money wisely,” said Mileah Kromer, director of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center. “But misgivings toward taxes aside, residents hold a positive outlook for their personal financial situations.”

### **Medicare for All and the Affordable Care Act**

Marylanders express similarly favorable opinions toward the Affordable Care Act—commonly known as Obamacare—and Medicare for All, a single payer health care system.

- **60 percent** hold a favorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare and **33 percent** hold an unfavorable opinion of it.
- **54 percent** hold a favorable opinion of Medicare for All/single-payer health system and **33 percent** hold an unfavorable opinion of it.

Respondents were then asked whether they wanted Maryland elected officials to focus on “improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working for Maryland” or “adopting a statewide, single payer Medicare for All plan for Maryland.”

- **46 percent** prefer that Maryland elected officials focus on improving the Affordable Care Act.
- **29 percent** prefer that Maryland elected officials focus on adopting a statewide, single payer Medicare for All plan.

“Support for a state-based Medicare for All plan distinguished Ben Jealous as a candidate for governor from the rest of field during the Democratic primary,” said Mileah Kromer, director of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher College. “However, opinions toward adopting a single-payer health care system are nuanced. Marylanders do view Medicare for All favorably, but a majority still prefers that elected officials focus on improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working for Maryland.”

### **Gov. Larry Hogan and President Donald Trump**

Marylanders have consistently given Larry Hogan good marks during his tenure as governor. **Sixty-four percent** of Marylanders approve of the job Larry Hogan is doing as governor, **17 percent** disapprove, and **17 percent** say they don’t know.

Marylanders continue to give the job performance of President Donald Trump low marks. **Twenty-three percent** of Marylanders approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as president and **71 percent** disapprove.

Maryland residents were asked additional questions about Gov. Hogan, including his ideological leanings and his distance from President Trump; attitudes are consistent with the findings of the April 2018 Goucher Poll.

- **48 percent** of Marylanders think that Gov. Hogan is a moderate, **27 percent** see him as a conservative, and **10 percent** view the governor as a progressive. **Fourteen percent** say they don't know.
- **45 percent** of Maryland residents believe that Gov. Hogan has distanced himself about the right amount from President Trump. **Twenty-four percent** of respondents believe Gov. Hogan has distanced himself too little from President Trump, and **8 percent** think he has distanced himself too much from President Trump. **Twenty-one percent** say they don't know.

## **Legalization of Recreational Marijuana**

The majority of Marylanders—**62 percent**—support the legalization of marijuana for recreational use, and **33 percent** oppose legalization.

## **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 Maryland by providing neutral, unbiased, 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 **Tuesday, September 11, to Sunday, September 16, 2018**. During this time, interviews were conducted noon to 9 p.m. on Monday to Friday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 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. 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 831 Maryland adults. For a sample size of 831, there is a 95 percent probability the survey results have a plus or minus 3.4 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, 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 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 Poll Sample Demographics (in percent)**

		Maryland Adult Population Parameter	Weighted Sample Estimate Adults  (n=831)	Weighted Sample Estimate Registered Voters  (n=696)
<b>Gender</b>				
Male		47	47	46
Female		53	53	54
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 24		12	12	10
25 to 34		18	18	17
35 to 44		16	16	15
45 to 54		18	18	19
55 to 64		17	17	19
65+		19	18	20
<b>Race</b>				
White		61	61	64
Black		30	30	28
Other		9	9	8
<b>Education</b>				
High school or less		35	35	31
Tech school/some college		26	26	27
College degree		21	21	22
Adv./professional degree		18	18	20
<b>Geography</b>				
Central Region		21	21	22
Montgomery County		17	17	17
Prince George's County		15	15	14
Baltimore County		14	14	15
Baltimore City		11	11	11
Western Region		8	8	7
Eastern Shore Region		8	8	8
Southern Region		6	6	6

Counties included in regions:

- 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 **831** Maryland adult residents surveyed, **696** 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 (July 2018)	Weighted Sample Estimate Registered Voters (n=696)
Democratic Party	55	56
Republican Party	26	26
Unaffiliated (Independent)	18	15
Other Party (Green/Libertarian/Other)	2	3
Total=	100	100

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	22	23
Moderate	44	44
Progressive	29	30
Don't know (v)	5	3
Total=	831 +/-3.4	696 +/-3.7

The following questions were asked to the full sample of **831 Maryland adults**. Please refer to **page 16** for the results by registered voter and other key demographics. Results are in percent and may not add up exactly to 100 due to weighting and rounding.

**Q: TRACK**

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

	<b>SEPT 14</b>	<b>OCT 15</b>	<b>SEPT 16</b>	<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>SEPT 17</b>	<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>APR 18</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Wrong track	52	33	19	22	31	29	28	30
Right direction	38	56	65	62	55	62	53	54
Don't know/Refused (v)	10	11	17	16	14	9	18	16
Total=	708 +/-3.7	636 +/-3.9	668 +/-3.8	776 +/-3.5	671 +/-3.8	800 +/-3.5	617 +/-3.9	831 +/-3.4

**Q: HOGANJOB**

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

**PROBE**

	<b>OCT 15</b>	<b>SEPT 16</b>	<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>SEPT 17</b>	<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>APR 18</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Strongly disapprove (p)	3	3	7	6	7	10	8
Disapprove	15	9	10	10	11	11	9
Approve	42	45	36	42	38	41	36
Strongly approve (p)	16	25	27	20	23	28	28
Don't know (v)	23	17	20	20	19	9	17
Refused (v)	1	1	0	1	2	1	3
Total=	636 +/-3.9	668 +/-3.8	776 +/-3.5	671 +/-3.8	800 +/-3.5	617 +/-3.9	831 +/-3.4

**Q: DISTANCE**

Over the past year, has Gov. Larry Hogan distanced himself [too much, about the right amount, or too little] from President Donald Trump?

	<b>SEPT 17</b>	<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>APR 18</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Too little	27	22	27	24
About the right amount	43	47	47	45
Too much	11	10	9	8
Don't know (v)	18	20	16	21
Refused (v)	1	1	1	2
Total=	671 +/-3.8	800 +/-3.5	617 +/-3.9	831 +/-3.4

**Q: HOGANIDEO**

In general, do you think that Gov. Larry Hogan is [a conservative, a moderate, or a progressive]?

	<b>SEPT 17</b>	<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>APR 18</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Conservative	31	29	26	27
Moderate	47	46	51	48
Progressive	7	7	9	10
Don't know (v)	14	17	13	14
Refused (v)	0	1	1	1
Total=	671 +/-3.8	800 +/-3.5	617 +/-3.9	831 +/-3.4



**Q: TRUMPJOB**

Do you [**approve or disapprove**] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

**PROBE**

	<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>SEPT 17</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>	<b>APR 18</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Strongly disapprove (p)	56	56	57	56	61
Disapprove	8	15	11	14	10
Approve	14	13	15	14	13
Strongly approve (p)	15	12	12	11	10
Don't know (v)	7	3	4	3	4
Refused (v)	>1	1	1	2	2
Total=	776 +/-3.5	671 +/-3.8	800 +/-3.5	617 +/-3.9	831 +/-3.4

**Q: ACA**

As you may know, a health reform bill—commonly known as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare—was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a [**favorable or unfavorable**] opinion of it?

**PROBE**

	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Very unfavorable (p)	21
Unfavorable	12
Favorable	30
Very favorable (p)	30
Don't know (v)	7
Refused (v)	1
Total=	831 +/-3.4

**Q: MEDICARE**

Do you have a [**favorable or unfavorable**] opinion of Medicare for all—a single-payer health system in which all individuals would get their insurance from one government plan?

**PROBE**

	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Very unfavorable (p)	19
Unfavorable	14
Favorable	27
Very favorable (p)	27
Don't know (v)	11
Refused (v)	1
Total=	831 +/-3.4

**Q: ACA\_MEDI**

Now thinking specifically about health care in the state, would you prefer that Maryland elected officials focus more on:

**[statements rotated]**

#1 Improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working for Maryland OR

#2 Adopting a statewide, single payer Medicare for All plan for Maryland.

	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Statement #1: Improve ACA	47
Statement #2 Adopt Medicare for all	29
Neither (v)	10
Both (v)	3
Some other opinion (v)	2
Don't know (v)	9
Refused (v)	1
Total=	831 +/-3.4

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

[TAX\_MD1 to TAX\_MD2 Rotated]

**Q: TAX\_MD1**

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

	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Too low	2
About the right amount	41
Too high	56
Don't know (v)	1
Total=	831 +/-3.4

**Q: TAX\_MD2**

How much trust—[a lot, some, a little, or none at all]—do you have in the Maryland state government to spend your tax dollars wisely?

	<b>SEPT 18</b>
None	20
Little	35
Some	34
A lot	8
Don't know (v)	3
Total=	831 +/-3.4

**Q: TAX\_MD3**

Do you think Maryland's tax system:

**[statements rotated]****Favors the wealthy****Favors the middle class****Favors the poor****Treats everyone equally**

	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Wealthy	48
Middle Class	8
Poor	9
Equally	13
Some other opinion (v)	4
Don't know (v)	17
Refused (v)	1
Total=	831 +/-3.4

**Q: MINWAGE**Changing topics, do you **[support or oppose]** raising the state minimum wage to \$15 dollars per hour?**PROBE**

	<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Strongly oppose (p)	22	17	15
Oppose	16	14	10
Support	20	20	22
Strongly support (p)	40	46	49
Don't know (v)	2	2	4
Refused (v)	--	1	1
Total=	776 +/-3.5	800 +/-3.5	831 +/-3.4

**Q: LEGALMJ**Do you [**support or oppose**] making marijuana legal **for recreational use** in Maryland?**PROBE**

	<b>OCT 13</b>	<b>MAR 14</b>	<b>FEB 15</b>	<b>FEB 16</b>	<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Strongly oppose (p)	20	24	24	22	24	22
Oppose	21	15	20	17	12	11
Support	26	26	27	29	26	21
Strongly support (p)	25	24	25	25	32	41
Don't know (v)	8	10	4	6	5	5
Refused (v)	1	1	0	0	1	1
Total=	665 +/-3.8	861 +/-3.3	619 +/-3.9	545 +/-4.2	776 +/-3.5	831 +/-3.4

Note: "For recreational use" was added to question wording in SEPT18.

**Q: ECONPAST**Thinking back, is your current personal financial situation [**better, about the same, or worse**] than it was a year ago?

	<b>OCT 12</b>	<b>OCT 13</b>	<b>OCT 14</b>	<b>OCT 15</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Worse	24	28	31	22	14
About the same	41	45	41	49	53
Better	34	27	26	29	32
Don't know (v)	0	0	1	0	1
Refused (v)	1	1	1	0	--
Total=	667 +/-3.7	665 +/-3.8	708 +/-3.7	636 +/-3.9	831 +/-3.4

**Q: ECONFUT**

Now, thinking ahead, do you expect your current financial situation to [get better, stay about the same, or get worse] a year from now?

	<b>OCT 12</b>	<b>OCT 13</b>	<b>OCT 14</b>	<b>OCT 15</b>	<b>SEPT 18</b>
Worse	11	18	14	11	10
About the same	31	31	34	39	36
Better	50	47	47	47	51
Don't know (v)	8	4	4	3	3
Refused (v)	0	0	1	0	1
Total=	667 +/-3.7	665 +/-3.8	708 +/-3.7	636 +/-3.9	831 +/-3.4

**Part 2 will be released on  
Wednesday, September 19, at 12:01 a.m.**

**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	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Other
	(n=696)	(n=388)	(n=104)	(n=181)	(n=391)	(n=440)	(n=251)	(n=286)	(n=294)	(n=507)	(n=249)	(n=75)
<b>Q: TRACK</b>												
Wrong track	28	36	21	16	25	35	38	31	22	22	46	27
Right direction	56	47	57	74	61	47	41	54	64	62	40	46
<b>Q: HOGANJOB</b>												
Disapprove	17	26	10	3	17	17	24	18	11	14	24	16
Approve	67	56	73	89	66	62	49	63	78	73	47	55
<b>Q: DISTANCE</b>												
Too little	23	32	17	8	22	27	25	24	24	23	24	33
Right amount	46	45	51	46	46	44	37	43	54	46	46	33
Too much	9	4	8	19	10	6	8	9	8	9	8	7
<b>Q: HOGANIDEO</b>												
Conservative	27	27	25	29	28	26	33	26	23	26	27	32
Moderate	50	46	57	56	48	49	41	50	54	54	40	40
Progressive	9	12	5	7	9	10	6	11	12	8	14	8
<b>Q: TRUMPJOB</b>												
Disapprove	71	95	71	20	65	77	75	69	70	60	91	77
Approve	24	5	23	68	30	18	18	26	26	33	5	21

	Maryland Adults							
	College		Region			Ideology		
	>4-year degree	4-year degree +	MG/PG	Central/Balt Metro	Outside Urban Corridor	Cons	Mod	Prog
	(n=507)	(n=324)	(n=266)	(n=381)	(n=183)	(n=185)	(n=368)	(n=240)
<b>Q: TRACK</b>								
Wrong track	34	23	27	34	27	30	28	35
Right direction	52	56	55	49	62	61	54	50
<b>Q: HOGANJOB</b>								
Disapprove	15	20	16	19	15	14	11	30
Approve	64	63	56	66	69	76	69	50
<b>Q: DISTANCE</b>								
Too little	20	31	31	22	20	10	21	42
Right amount	46	43	45	46	44	44	53	36
Too much	10	6	5	9	10	18	7	3
<b>Q: HOGANIDEO</b>								
Conservative	26	28	27	25	30	30	21	35
Moderate	46	53	45	52	45	40	57	48
Progressive	11	7	10	9	9	16	8	7
<b>Q: TRUMPJOB</b>								
Disapprove	68	77	83	70	56	35	77	93
Approve	27	17	13	23	40	59	17	6



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	All	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Other
	(n=696)	(n=388)	(n=104)	(n=181)	(n=391)	(n=440)	(n=251)	(n=286)	(n=294)	(n=507)	(n=249)	(n=75)
<b>Q: ACA</b>												
Unfavorable	34	12	38	80	41	26	28	34	36	45	10	28
Favorable	60	84	53	14	52	66	62	58	58	48	80	69
<b>Q: MEDICARE</b>												
Unfavorable	35	19	27	72	38	30	24	37	38	40	20	32
Favorable	54	69	57	20	54	55	64	52	48	47	70	51
<b>Q: ACA_MEDICARE</b>												
Improve ACA	47	54	46	33	42	52	47	48	46	42	55	49
Adopt Medicare for All	29	31	26	27	29	29	36	26	25	30	27	29
<b>Q: TAX_MD1</b>												
Too low	2	3	3	0	2	3	2	1	3	2	3	1
About right amount	40	46	32	32	36	45	39	40	43	45	34	36
Too high	56	50	63	66	60	52	56	58	52	51	63	60
<b>Q: TAX_MD2</b>												
None/little	53	46	59	64	56	54	62	58	46	50	66	55
Some/a lot	45	52	41	34	41	43	36	39	50	48	31	37
<b>Q: TAX_MD2</b>												
Wealthy	49	58	61	23	46	50	44	54	46	41	62	51
Middle Class	7	7	9	8	10	6	13	5	6	8	7	7
Poor	10	3	6	27	12	7	4	14	9	13	3	5
Equally	14	10	12	23	14	12	10	10	19	14	9	15

	Maryland Adults							
	College		Region			Ideology		
	>4-year degree	4-year degree +	MG/PG	Central/Balt Metro	Outside Urban Corridor	Cons	Mod	Prog
	(n=507)	(n=324)	(n=266)	(n=381)	(n=183)	(n=185)	(n=368)	(n=240)
<b>Q: ACA</b>								
Unfavorable	37	27	16	37	50	67	30	9
Favorable	55	65	75	55	45	22	62	87
<b>Q: MEDICARE</b>								
Unfavorable	34	32	25	36	40	60	33	14
Favorable	54	56	62	53	46	30	54	78
<b>Q: ACA_MEDICARE</b>								
Improve ACA	47	47	52	46	40	44	50	44
Adopt Medicare for All	31	26	28	29	30	19	28	40
<b>Q: TAX_MD1</b>								
Too low	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	3
About right amount	36	48	49	39	33	29	39	53
Too high	60	48	48	58	63	68	57	44
<b>Q: TAX_MD2</b>								
None/little	61	45	49	61	51	64	57	44
Some/a lot	35	53	48	37	44	32	41	54
<b>Q: TAX_MD2</b>								
Wealthy	50	45	49	49	46	33	52	56
Middle Class	10	5	5	8	10	11	7	8
Poor	10	10	6	11	10	20	10	1
Equally	13	13	12	12	16	19	11	11

	Registered Voters				Maryland Adults							
		Party Registration			Gender		Age			Race		
	All	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Other
	(n=696)	(n=388)	(n=104)	(n=181)	(n=391)	(n=440)	(n=251)	(n=286)	(n=294)	(n=507)	(n=249)	(n=75)
<b>Q: MINWAGE</b>												
Oppose	26	9	26	64	32	19	21	28	27	35	10	11
Support	69	88	68	30	63	77	75	69	69	60	87	84
<b>Q: LEGALMJ</b>												
Oppose	33	29	25	47	28	37	19	32	44	34	34	23
Support	62	66	74	47	67	56	75	61	50	60	61	72
<b>Q: ECONPAST</b>												
Worse	14	19	5	7	9	18	10	14	17	11	21	13
About the same	54	58	54	45	47	58	48	48	60	52	54	49
Better	31	22	36	48	43	23	39	36	22	36	25	36
<b>Q: ECONFUT</b>												
Worse	9	12	9	5	8	12	4	9	16	9	11	15
About the same	39	40	39	34	28	42	22	32	50	45	23	12
Better	49	47	44	56	60	42	72	54	29	41	64	72

	Maryland Adults							
	College		Region			Ideology		
	>4-year degree	4-year degree +	MG/PG	Central/Balt Metro	Outside Urban Corridor	Cons	Mod	Prog
	(n=507)	(n=324)	(n=266)	(n=381)	(n=183)	(n=185)	(n=368)	(n=240)
<b>Q: MINWAGE</b>								
Oppose	27	22	12	31	33	47	26	8
Support	68	74	85	65	60	50	69	92
<b>Q: LEGALMJ</b>								
Oppose	35	30	29	32	39	52	33	20
Support	61	63	65	63	52	42	61	76
<b>Q: ECONPAST</b>								
Worse	14	14	13	13	16	9	13	19
About the same	53	52	57	51	48	46	54	55
Better	32	33	28	35	34	45	30	24
<b>Q: ECONFUT</b>								
Worse	10	9	8	11	9	5	10	13
About the same	31	43	34	37	36	30	36	40
Better	54	46	56	49	47	58	50	45