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Methodology

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This survey was conducted by *Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies* from October 1st through October 9th, 2013. A total of 819 registered voters in Maryland who indicated they were likely to vote in the 2014 election were interviewed by telephone. A cross-section of interviews was conducted in each jurisdiction within the state to reflect general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), according to customary statistical standards, is no more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. There is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figures would fall within this range if the entire survey universe were sampled. The margin for error is higher for any demographic subgroup, such as gender or race.

Maryland Statewide Poll Sample Demographics

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	392	47.9 %
Female	427	52.1 %
Total	819	100.0 %

<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	466	56.9 %
Republican	253	30.9 %
Independent	100	12.2 %
Total	819	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	591	72.2 %
African-American	202	24.7 %
Other/Refused	26	3.1 %
Total	819	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Eastern Sh/So MD	97	11.8 %
Baltimore City	75	9.2 %
Baltimore Suburbs	299	36.5 %
Washington Suburbs	254	31.0 %
Western MD	94	11.5 %
Total	819	100.0 %

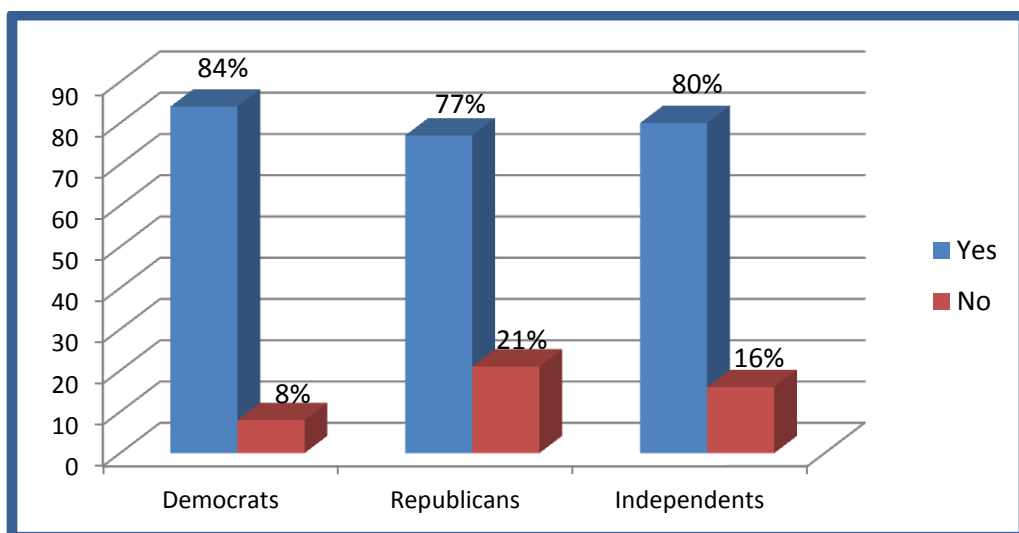
Regional Groupings are as follows:

Eastern Shore/ Southern Md	Baltimore City	Baltimore Suburbs	Washington Suburbs	Western Maryland
Calvert Co.	Baltimore City	Anne Arundel Co.	Charles Co.	Allegany Co.
Caroline Co.		Baltimore Co.	Montgomery Co.	Carroll Co.
Cecil Co.		Harford Co.	Prince George's Co.	Frederick Co.
Dorchester Co.		Howard Co.		Garrett Co.
Kent Co.				Washington Co.
Queen Anne's Co.				
Somerset Co.				
St. Mary's Co.				
Talbot Co.				
Wicomico Co.				
Worcester Co.				

Summary

Among Maryland voters, 81% say an updated environmental impact statement should be required before a facility to liquefy and export natural gas along the shore of the Chesapeake Bay in southern Maryland can be built, while 13% oppose requiring an updated environmental impact statement before the facility can be built, with 6% offering no opinion.

Figure 1 Require Environmental Impact Statement by Party



The results by gender and race:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Men	82%	12%
Women	81%	14%
White	80%	15%
African-American	83%	8%

QUESTION: *A company headquartered outside of Maryland wants to build a facility to liquefy and export natural gas along the shore of the Chesapeake Bay in southern Maryland. This project could accelerate fracking, a technique for drilling for gas, across the Mid-Atlantic region. The company does not want to conduct a comprehensive “Environmental Impact Statement” before construction of the gas export plant, saying more limited and less cumulative environmental assessments are sufficient. Do you believe an updated and cumulative environmental impact statement should be required before this facility can be built, or not?*

<u>REQUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	665	81.2 %
No	105	12.8 %
No answer	49	6.0 %
Total	819	100.0 %

N=819

REQUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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GENDER

Male	321 81.9%	47 12.0%	24 6.1%
Female	344 80.6%	58 13.6%	25 5.9%

N=819

REQUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	391 83.9%	37 7.9%	38 8.2%
Republican	194 76.7%	52 20.6%	7 2.8%
Independent	80 80.0%	16 16.0%	4 4.0%

N=819

REQUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT

Yes	No	No answer
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RACE

White	472 79.9%	89 15.1%	30 5.1%
African-American	168 83.2%	16 7.9%	18 8.9%

N=819

REQUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT

Yes	No	No answer
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REGION

Eastern Sh/So MD	75 77.3%	17 17.5%	5 5.2%
Baltimore City	64 85.3%	7 9.3%	4 5.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	242 80.9%	36 12.0%	21 7.0%
Washington Suburbs	213 83.9%	25 9.8%	16 6.3%
Western MD	71 75.5%	20 21.3%	3 3.2%