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# Gonzales Maryland Survey



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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.

Patrick Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, Mr. Gonzales 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 35 years conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct impartial surveys, and analyze the results in an unbiased, evenhanded manner.

Mr. Gonzales frequently appears on radio and television throughout the Baltimore-D.C. region as a guest commentator.

This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A total of 809 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated that they vote regularly in general elections, 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 3.5 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

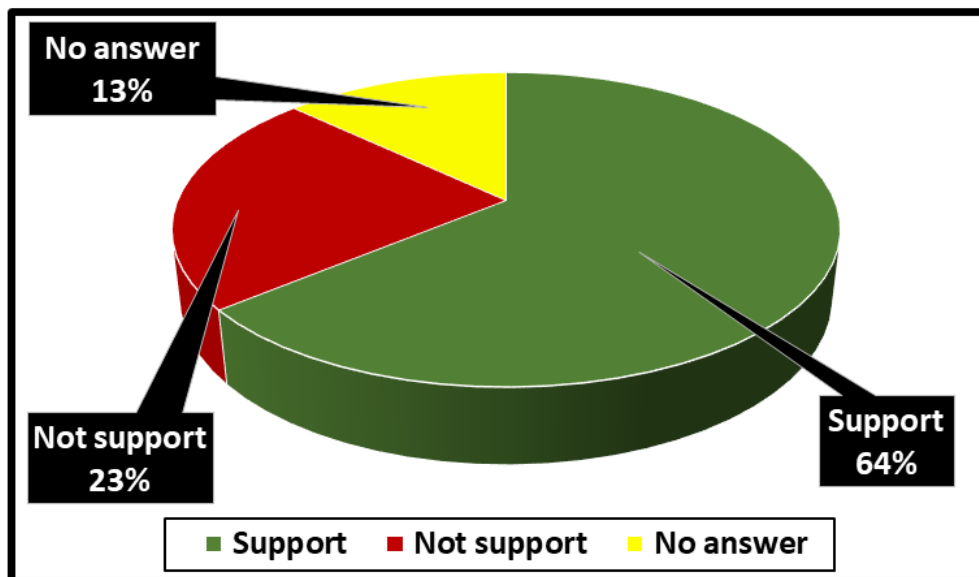
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## Gonzales Poll January 2019 Results

### Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act

Among Maryland voters, a solid 64% majority think that Governor Larry Hogan should support the *Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act* bill (52% think the governor should “strongly support” and 12% think he should “somewhat support”), while 23% think Governor Hogan should not support the *Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act*, with 13% of voters providing no answer to whether or not he should support the bill.

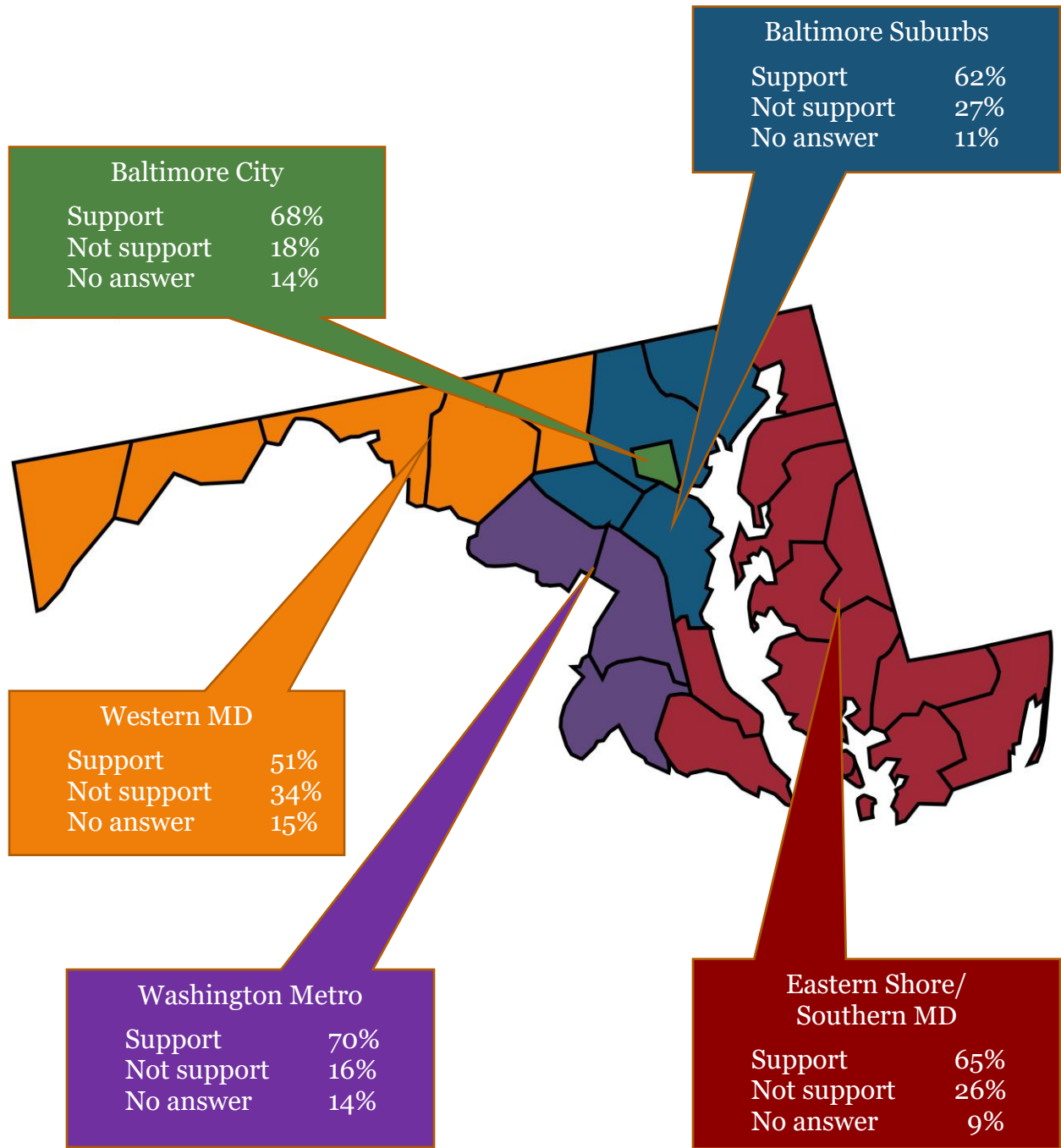
### Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act



By party, 82% of Democrats, 33% of Republicans, and 56% of independents think Governor Larry Hogan should support the *Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act*. Sixty-seven percent of Maryland women and 60% of men think the governor should support the bill.

Further, 82% of young voters and 78% of African-Americans think Governor Hogan should support the *Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act* bill.

**Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act by Region**



## Appendix A: Data Tables

**QUESTION: Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act** Governor Larry Hogan says climate change could “cripple” our economy. A bill before the Maryland General Assembly would move the state to 50% renewable electricity like wind and solar power by 2030, with a path to 100% soon after. The cost to ratepayers would be less than \$2 per month. A big majority of legislators already supports the “Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act.” But Governor Hogan is undecided. Do you think Hogan should support the bill, or not?

MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT	Number	Percent
Yes, Hogan Should Support	519	64.2 %
No, Should Not Support	188	23.2 %
No answer	102	12.6 %
Total	809	100.0 %

**(IF YES), is that strongly or somewhat should support?**

MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT	Number	Percent
Yes, Hogan Strong Support	421	52.0 %
Yes, Hogan Smwht Support	98	12.1 %
No, Should Not Support	188	23.2 %
No answer	102	12.6 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT			
Yes, Hogan Strong Support	Yes, Hogan Smwht Support	No, Should Not Support	No answer

### PARTY

Democrat	317 70.0%	54 11.9%	36 7.9%	46 10.2%
Republican	45 19.8%	31 13.7%	123 54.2%	28 12.3%
Unaffiliated	59 45.7%	13 10.1%	29 22.5%	28 21.7%

N=809

MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT			
Yes, Hogan Strong Support	Yes, Hogan Smwht Support	No, Should Not Support	No answer

### GENDER

Male	174 46.8%	50 13.4%	101 27.2%	47 12.6%
Female	247 56.5%	48 11.0%	87 19.9%	55 12.6%

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MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT

	Yes, Hogan Strong Support	Yes, Hogan Smwht Support	No, Should Not Support	No answer
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AGE

18 to 34	102 68.9%	19 12.8%	15 10.1%	12 8.1%
35 to 44	74 62.2%	10 8.4%	22 18.5%	13 10.9%
45 to 54	80 49.4%	24 14.8%	41 25.3%	17 10.5%
55 to 64	84 46.9%	22 12.3%	47 26.3%	26 14.5%
65 and older	81 40.5%	23 11.5%	62 31.0%	34 17.0%

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MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT

	Yes, Hogan Strong Support	Yes, Hogan Smwht Support	No, Should Not Support	No answer
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AGE GROUP

Under 55	256 59.7%	53 12.4%	78 18.2%	42 9.8%
55 or older	165 43.5%	45 11.9%	109 28.8%	60 15.8%

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MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT

	Yes, Hogan Strong Support	Yes, Hogan Smwht Support	No, Should Not Support	No answer
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RACE

White	242 45.6%	69 13.0%	149 28.1%	71 13.4%
African-American	151 68.3%	22 10.0%	22 10.0%	26 11.8%
Other	28 49.1%	7 12.3%	17 29.8%	5 8.8%

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MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT

	Yes, Hogan Strong Support	Yes, Hogan Smwht Support	No, Should Not Support	No answer
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REGION

Baltimore Metro	175 50.3%	44 12.6%	88 25.3%	41 11.8%
Washington Metro	162 58.3%	32 11.5%	45 16.2%	39 14.0%
Rural Maryland	84 45.9%	22 12.0%	55 30.1%	22 12.0%

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MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT

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COUNTY

Anne Arundel Co.	43 53.8%	7 8.8%	18 22.5%	12 15.0%
Baltimore County	61 53.0%	17 14.8%	28 24.3%	9 7.8%
Harford County	12 31.6%	2 5.3%	18 47.4%	6 15.8%
Howard County	25 50.0%	8 16.0%	12 24.0%	5 10.0%
Montgomery County	79 55.2%	17 11.9%	24 16.8%	23 16.1%
Prince George's Co.	69 61.1%	14 12.4%	16 14.2%	14 12.4%
Charles County	14 63.6%	1 4.5%	5 22.7%	2 9.1%
Baltimore City	34 52.3%	10 15.4%	12 18.5%	9 13.8%
Eastern Shore	45 50.6%	13 14.6%	23 25.8%	8 9.0%
Western Maryland	39 41.5%	9 9.6%	32 34.0%	14 14.9%



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## Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 34	148	18.3 %
35 to 44	119	14.7 %
45 to 54	162	20.0 %
55 to 64	179	22.1 %
65 and older	200	24.7 %
No answer	1	0.1 %
Total	809	100.0 %

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 55	429	53.1 %
55 or older	379	46.9 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	453	56.0 %
Republican	227	28.1 %
Unaffiliated	129	15.9 %
Total	809	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	531	65.6 %
African-American	221	27.3 %
Other	57	7.0 %
Total	809	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	372	46.0 %
Female	437	54.0 %
Total	809	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baltimore Metro	348	43.0 %
Washington Metro	278	34.4 %
Rural Maryland	183	22.6 %
Total	809	100.0 %

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## Regional Classifications

<b>Baltimore Metro</b>	Number	Percent
Baltimore City	65	18.7 %
Anne Arundel County	80	23.0 %
Baltimore County	115	33.0 %
Harford County	38	10.9 %
Howard County	50	14.4 %
Total	348	100.0 %

<b>Washington Metro</b>	Number	Percent
Montgomery County	143	51.4 %
Prince George's County	113	40.6 %
Charles County	22	7.9 %
Total	278	100.0 %

<b>Rural Maryland</b>	Number	Percent
Eastern Shore/Southern Maryland	89	48.6 %
Western Maryland	94	51.4 %
Total	183	100.0 %

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## Appendix C: Questionnaire

1) Governor Larry Hogan says climate change could “cripple” our economy. A bill before the Maryland General Assembly would move the state to 50% renewable electricity like wind and solar power by 2030, with a path to 100% soon after. The cost to ratepayers would be less than \$2 per month. A big majority of legislators already supports the “Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act.” But Governor Hogan is undecided. Do you think Hogan should support the bill, or not? **(IF YES), is that strongly or somewhat should support?**

Yes, Governor Hogan should strongly support	1
Yes, Governor Hogan should somewhat support	2
No, Governor Hogan should not support	3
No answer (DON'T READ)	4