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## Methodology

Patrick E. Gonzales graduated from the University of Baltimore in 1981 with a degree in political science. He began his career as an analyst with *Mason-Dixon Opinion Research* and is the former president of *Mason-Dixon Campaign Polling*.

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This survey was conducted by *Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies* from September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. A total of 833 registered voters in Maryland 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, party affiliation or race.



## Maryland Statewide Poll Sample Demographics

Gender		Race		Region	
Male	409 (49%)	White	617 (74%)	Eastern Shore/S Md	113 (13%)
Female	424 (51%)	Black	198 (24%)	Baltimore City	73 (9%)
		Other/Ref	18	Baltimore Suburbs	308 (37%)
				Washington Subs	241 (29%)
				Western Maryland	98 (12%)
<b>Party Registration</b>					
Democrat	458 (55%)				
Republican	265 (32%)				
Independent	110 (13%)				

**Regional Groupings are as follows:**

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



# Summary

## Campaign Finance “Problem” Perceptions

*“Large campaign contributions from Constellation Energy, BGE, Pepco and big electric utilities are maintaining policies that drive up electricity costs in Maryland?”*

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>No answer</b>	<b>20%</b>

68% of white voters and 73% of black voters agree with this statement

*“I am worried that large political contributions will prevent lawmakers in Annapolis from tackling the important issues facing Maryland today, like the recession, rising energy costs, reforming health care, and protecting the Chesapeake Bay?”*

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>No answer</b>	<b>11%</b>

63% of Democrats “strongly agree” with this statement

*“Right now, would you say elected officials in Maryland:*

- *Are looking out for the needs of everyone, or*
- *Are mostly concerned with the needs of those who pay for their campaigns?”*

<b>Looking out for the needs of everyone</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Mostly concerned the needs of those who pay</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>No answer</b>	<b>20%</b>

65% of voters in the Baltimore suburbs say that elected officials in Maryland are mostly concerned with the needs of those who pay for their campaigns

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*“Do you agree or disagree that lawmakers in Annapolis are more likely to vote the way their political contributors want them to vote, not how their constituents want them to vote?”*

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>No answer</b>	<b>12%</b>

52% of men “strongly agree” with this statement

*“Do you agree or disagree that big campaign contributions have a corrupting influence on state lawmakers in Annapolis?”*

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>No answer</b>	<b>10%</b>

67% of Republicans “strongly agree” with this statement

### **Campaign Finance “Solutions” Perceptions**

*“When it comes to the way we finance election campaigns, do you think we need to make major changes, minor changes, or should we not make any changes to the way election campaigns are financed, or aren’t you sure?”*

<b>Major Changes</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Minor Changes</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>No Changes</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>No Answer</b>	<b>13%</b>

71% of registered independents think “major changes” are needed



*“Some states have passed laws that provide a limited amount of public financing to qualified candidates who agree to take no or little private money and who agree to limit their campaign spending. Do you favor or oppose Maryland passing a campaign finance reform law like this?”*

<b>Strongly Favor</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Somewhat Favor</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Somewhat Oppose</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>No Answer</b>	<b>15%</b>

55% of women are “strongly” in favor

*“Would you be more likely to vote for a member of the state legislature who supported this reform, less likely, or wouldn’t it make a difference?”*

<b>More likely</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>No difference</b>	<b>35%</b>

*“The recession has helped create a budget deficit for the Maryland state government. Do you agree or disagree that enacting a campaign finance reform law like the one I just described is still important to do even though such a system would use public funding?”*

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>No Answer</b>	<b>20%</b>

52% of voters in Baltimore City “strongly agree” that campaign finance reform is important even in a recession



## DETAILED STATISTICAL REPORT

*Large campaign contributions from Constellation Energy, BGE, Pepco and big electric utilities are maintaining policies that drive up electricity costs in Maryland?*

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTRIC UTILITIES DRIVE UP ELECTRICITY COSTS		
	Number	Percent
Strongly agree	369	44.3 %
Somewhat agree	203	24.4 %
Somewhat disagree	52	6.2 %
Strongly disagree	43	5.2 %
No answer	166	19.9 %
Total	833	100.0 %

### CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTRIC UTILITIES DRIVE UP ELECTRICITY COSTS

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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#### GENDER

Male	190 46.5%	107 26.2%	38 9.3%	21 5.1%	53 13.0%
Female	179 42.2%	96 22.6%	14 3.3%	22 5.2%	113 26.7%

### CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTRIC UTILITIES DRIVE UP ELECTRICITY COSTS

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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#### PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	214 46.7%	111 24.2%	26 5.7%	14 3.1%	93 20.3%
Republican	100 37.7%	63 23.8%	20 7.5%	25 9.4%	57 21.5%
Independent	55 50.0%	29 26.4%	6 5.5%	4 3.6%	16 14.5%

### CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTRIC UTILITIES DRIVE UP ELECTRICITY COSTS

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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#### RACE

White	260 42.1%	161 26.1%	43 7.0%	28 4.5%	125 20.3%
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African-American	105 53.0%	40 20.2%	7 3.5%	7 3.5%	39 19.7%
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**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTRIC UTILITIES  
DRIVE UP ELECTRICITY COSTS**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**REGION**

Eastern Shore/South MD	49 43.4%	17 15.0%	9 8.0%	12 10.6%	26 23.0%
Baltimore City	40 54.8%	22 30.1%	2 2.7%	1 1.4%	8 11.0%
Baltimore suburbs	152 49.4%	66 21.4%	20 6.5%	17 5.5%	53 17.2%
Washington suburbs	82 34.0%	81 33.6%	13 5.4%	12 5.0%	53 22.0%
Western Maryland	46 46.9%	17 17.3%	8 8.2%	1 1.0%	26 26.5%



***I am worried that large political contributions will prevent lawmakers in Annapolis from tackling the important issues facing Maryland today, like the recession, rising energy costs, reforming health care, and protecting the Chesapeake Bay?***

CONTRIBUTIONS PREVENT LAWMAKERS FROM TACKLING IMPORTANT ISSUES		
	Number	Percent
Strongly agree	477	57.3 %
Somewhat agree	163	19.6 %
Somewhat disagree	52	6.2 %
Strongly disagree	53	6.4 %
No answer	88	10.6 %
Total	833	100.0 %

CONTRIBUTIONS PREVENT LAWMAKERS FROM TACKLING IMPORTANT ISSUES

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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GENDER

Male	214 52.3%	113 27.6%	35 8.6%	16 3.9%	31 7.6%
Female	263 62.0%	50 11.8%	17 4.0%	37 8.7%	57 13.4%

CONTRIBUTIONS PREVENT LAWMAKERS FROM TACKLING IMPORTANT ISSUES

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	289 63.1%	69 15.1%	25 5.5%	32 7.0%	43 9.4%
Republican	137 51.7%	59 22.3%	21 7.9%	12 4.5%	36 13.6%
Independent	51 46.4%	35 31.8%	6 5.5%	9 8.2%	9 8.2%



**CONTRIBUTIONS PREVENT LAWMAKERS FROM TACKLING  
IMPORTANT ISSUES**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**RACE**

White	349 56.6%	146 23.7%	45 7.3%	30 4.9%	47 7.6%
African-American	122 61.6%	14 7.1%	5 2.5%	17 8.6%	40 20.2%

**CONTRIBUTIONS PREVENT LAWMAKERS FROM TACKLING  
IMPORTANT ISSUES**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**REGION**

Eastern Shore/South MD	66 58.4%	24 21.2%	4 3.5%	7 6.2%	12 10.6%
Baltimore City	45 61.6%	14 19.2%	4 5.5%	1 1.4%	9 12.3%
Baltimore suburbs	182 59.1%	64 20.8%	13 4.2%	26 8.4%	23 7.5%
Washington suburbs	126 52.3%	50 20.7%	17 7.1%	12 5.0%	36 14.9%
Western Maryland	58 59.2%	11 11.2%	14 14.3%	7 7.1%	8 8.2%



***Right now, would you say elected officials in Maryland: (ORDER ROTATED)***

- *Are looking out for the needs of everyone, or*
- *Are mostly concerned with the needs of those who pay for their campaigns?*

MARYLAND ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED WITH NEEDS OF:	Number	Percent
Everyone	195	23.4 %
Those who pay	472	56.7 %
No answer	166	19.9 %
Total	833	100.0 %

MARYLAND ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED WITH NEEDS OF:			
	Those who		
	Everyone	pay	No answer

**GENDER**

Male	105 25.7%	229 56.0%	75 18.3%
Female	90 21.2%	243 57.3%	91 21.5%

MARYLAND ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED WITH NEEDS OF:			
	Those who		
	Everyone	pay	No answer

**PARTY AFFILIATION**

Democrat	128 27.9%	236 51.5%	94 20.5%
Republican	43 16.2%	176 66.4%	46 17.4%
Independent	24 21.8%	60 54.5%	26 23.6%



**MARYLAND ELECTED OFFICIALS  
ARE CONCERNED WITH NEEDS OF:**

	Those who		
Everyone	pay	No answer	

**RACE**

White	144 23.3%	361 58.5%	112 18.2%
African-American	48 24.2%	99 50.0%	51 25.8%

**MARYLAND ELECTED OFFICIALS  
ARE CONCERNED WITH NEEDS OF:**

	Those who		
Everyone	pay	No answer	

**REGION**

Eastern Shore/South MD	25 22.1%	65 57.5%	23 20.4%
Baltimore City	16 21.9%	46 63.0%	11 15.1%
Baltimore suburbs	56 18.2%	199 64.6%	53 17.2%
Washington suburbs	73 30.3%	110 45.6%	58 24.1%
Western Maryland	25 25.5%	52 53.1%	21 21.4%



***Do you agree or disagree that lawmakers in Annapolis are more likely to vote the way their political contributors want them to vote, not how their constituents want them to vote?***

ANNAPOLIS LAWMAKERS MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR CONTRIBUTORS, NOT CONSTITUENTS		
	Number	Percent
Strongly agree	391	46.9 %
Somewhat agree	200	24.0 %
Somewhat disagree	81	9.7 %
Strongly disagree	57	6.8 %
No answer	104	12.5 %
Total	833	100.0 %

**ANNAPOLIS LAWMAKERS MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR CONTRIBUTORS, NOT CONSTITUENTS**

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**GENDER**

Male	211 51.6%	82 20.0%	56 13.7%	29 7.1%	31 7.6%
Female	180 42.5%	118 27.8%	25 5.9%	28 6.6%	73 17.2%

**ANNAPOLIS LAWMAKERS MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR CONTRIBUTORS, NOT CONSTITUENTS**

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**PARTY AFFILIATION**

Democrat	195 42.6%	99 21.6%	40 8.7%	53 11.6%	71 15.5%
Republican	140 52.8%	67 25.3%	25 9.4%	3 1.1%	30 11.3%
Independent	56 50.9%	34 30.9%	16 14.5%	1 0.9%	3 2.7%

**ANNAPOLIS LAWMAKERS MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR CONTRIBUTORS, NOT CONSTITUENTS**

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**RACE**

White	315 51.1%	150 24.3%	55 8.9%	36 5.8%	61 9.9%
African-American	70 35.4%	48 24.2%	19 9.6%	19 9.6%	42 21.2%



**ANNAPOLIS LAWMAKERS MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR  
CONTRIBUTORS, NOT CONSTITUENTS**

<u>REGION</u>	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
Eastern Shore/South MD	49 43.4%	30 26.5%	11 9.7%	1 0.9%	22 19.5%
Baltimore City	37 50.7%	16 21.9%	4 5.5%	7 9.6%	9 12.3%
Baltimore suburbs	164 53.2%	73 23.7%	23 7.5%	12 3.9%	36 11.7%
Washington suburbs	92 38.2%	67 27.8%	26 10.8%	30 12.4%	26 10.8%
Western Maryland	49 50.0%	14 14.3%	17 17.3%	7 7.1%	11 11.2%



***Do you agree or disagree that big campaign contributions have a corrupting influence on state lawmakers in Annapolis?***

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE		
	Number	Percent
Strongly agree	479	57.5 %
Somewhat agree	165	19.8 %
Somewhat disagree	37	4.4 %
Strongly disagree	72	8.6 %
No answer	80	9.6 %
Total	833	100.0 %

**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE**

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**GENDER**

Male	237 57.9%	84 20.5%	25 6.1%	46 11.2%	17 4.2%
Female	242 57.1%	81 19.1%	12 2.8%	26 6.1%	63 14.9%

**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE**

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**PARTY AFFILIATION**

Democrat	250 54.6%	98 21.4%	11 2.4%	49 10.7%	50 10.9%
Republican	177 66.8%	39 14.7%	20 7.5%	4 1.5%	25 9.4%
Independent	52 47.3%	28 25.5%	6 5.5%	19 17.3%	5 4.5%

**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE**

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
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**RACE**

White	356 57.7%	134 21.7%	34 5.5%	46 7.5%	47 7.6%
African-American	112 56.6%	27 13.6%	2 1.0%	25 12.6%	32 16.2%



CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE CORRUPTING  
INFLUENCE

<u>REGION</u>	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
Eastern Shore/South MD	72 63.7%	21 18.6%	8 7.1%	7 6.2%	5 4.4%
Baltimore City	40 54.8%	14 19.2%	4 5.5%	10 13.7%	5 6.8%
Baltimore suburbs	203 65.9%	46 14.9%	16 5.2%	22 7.1%	21 6.8%
Washington suburbs	106 44.0%	70 29.0%	4 1.7%	26 10.8%	35 14.5%
Western Maryland	58 59.2%	14 14.3%	5 5.1%	7 7.1%	14 14.3%



***When it comes to the way we finance election campaigns, do you think we need to make major changes, minor changes, or should we not make any changes to the way election campaigns are financed, or aren't you sure?***

<u>NEEDED TO FINANCE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Major changes	457	54.9 %
Minor changes	228	27.4 %
No changes	42	5.0 %
No answer	106	12.7 %
Total	833	100.0 %

NEEDED TO FINANCE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

	<u>Major changes</u>	<u>Minor changes</u>	<u>No changes</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>GENDER</u>				
Male	238 58.2%	122 29.8%	19 4.6%	30 7.3%
Female	219 51.7%	106 25.0%	23 5.4%	76 17.9%

NEEDED TO FINANCE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

	<u>Major changes</u>	<u>Minor changes</u>	<u>No changes</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>				
Democrat	236 51.5%	132 28.8%	22 4.8%	68 14.8%
Republican	143 54.0%	72 27.2%	19 7.2%	31 11.7%
Independent	78 70.9%	24 21.8%	1 0.9%	7 6.4%

NEEDED TO FINANCE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

	<u>Major changes</u>	<u>Minor changes</u>	<u>No changes</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>RACE</u>				
White	363 58.8%	151 24.5%	24 3.9%	79 12.8%
African-American	86 43.4%	73 36.9%	12 6.1%	27 13.6%



NEEDED TO FINANCE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

<u>REGION</u>	Major changes	Minor changes	No changes	No answer
Eastern Shore/South MD	62 54.9%	30 26.5%	8 7.1%	13 11.5%
Baltimore City	46 63.0%	16 21.9%	1 1.4%	10 13.7%
Baltimore suburbs	188 61.0%	75 24.4%	15 4.9%	30 9.7%
Washington suburbs	124 51.5%	77 32.0%	7 2.9%	33 13.7%
Western Maryland	37 37.8%	30 30.6%	11 11.2%	20 20.4%



***Some states have passed laws that provide a limited amount of public financing to qualified candidates who agree to take no or little private money and who agree to limit their campaign spending. Do you favor or oppose Maryland passing a campaign finance reform law like this?***

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LAW	Number	Percent
Strongly favor	408	49.0 %
Somewhat favor	179	21.5 %
Somewhat oppose	57	6.8 %
Strongly oppose	65	7.8 %
No answer	124	14.9 %
Total	833	100.0 %

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LAW				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

**GENDER**

Male	177 43.3%	114 27.9%	35 8.6%	42 10.3%	41 10.0%
Female	231 54.5%	65 15.3%	22 5.2%	23 5.4%	83 19.6%

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LAW				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

**PARTY AFFILIATION**

Democrat	235 51.3%	82 17.9%	27 5.9%	35 7.6%	79 17.2%
Republican	118 44.5%	63 23.8%	16 6.0%	26 9.8%	42 15.8%
Independent	55 50.0%	34 30.9%	14 12.7%	4 3.6%	3 2.7%

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LAW				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

**RACE**

White	307 49.8%	150 24.3%	42 6.8%	45 7.3%	73 11.8%
African-American	92 46.5%	26 13.1%	13 6.6%	17 8.6%	50 25.3%



**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LAW**

<u>REGION</u>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Eastern Shore/South MD	48 42.5%	23 20.4%	9 8.0%	12 10.6%	21 18.6%
Baltimore City	40 54.8%	13 17.8%	7 9.6%	7 9.6%	6 8.2%
Baltimore suburbs	154 50.0%	67 21.8%	25 8.1%	29 9.4%	33 10.7%
Washington suburbs	129 53.5%	47 19.5%	11 4.6%	13 5.4%	41 17.0%
Western Maryland	37 37.8%	29 29.6%	5 5.1%	4 4.1%	23 23.5%



***Would you be more likely to vote for a member of the state legislature who supported this reform, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?***

<u>LEGISLATOR SUPPORTS REFORM, EFFECT ON VOTE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
More likely	484	58.1 %
Less likely	57	6.8 %
No Difference	292	35.1 %
Total	833	100.0 %

**LEGISLATOR SUPPORTS REFORM,  
EFFECT ON VOTE**

			No Difference
	More likely	Less likely	

**GENDER**

Male	227 55.5%	39 9.5%	143 35.0%
Female	257 60.6%	18 4.2%	149 35.1%

**LEGISLATOR SUPPORTS REFORM,  
EFFECT ON VOTE**

			No Difference
	More likely	Less likely	

**PARTY AFFILIATION**

Democrat	255 55.7%	18 3.9%	185 40.4%
Republican	164 61.9%	29 10.9%	72 27.2%
Independent	65 59.1%	10 9.1%	35 31.8%

**LEGISLATOR SUPPORTS REFORM,  
EFFECT ON VOTE**

			No Difference
	More likely	Less likely	

**RACE**

White	374 60.6%	33 5.3%	210 34.0%
African-American	101 51.0%	19 9.6%	78 39.4%



LEGISLATOR SUPPORTS REFORM,  
EFFECT ON VOTE

<u>REGION</u>	More likely	Less likely	No Difference
Eastern Shore/South MD	70 61.9%	15 13.3%	28 24.8%
Baltimore City	46 63.0%	5 6.8%	22 30.1%
Baltimore suburbs	185 60.1%	22 7.1%	101 32.8%
Washington suburbs	131 54.4%	10 4.1%	100 41.5%
Western Maryland	52 53.1%	5 5.1%	41 41.8%



***The recession has helped create a budget deficit for the Maryland state government. Do you agree or disagree that enacting a passing a campaign finance reform law like the one I just described is still important to do even though such a system would use public funding?***

<u>REFORM STILL IMPORTANT DURING RECESSION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly agree	360	43.2 %
Somewhat agree	169	20.3 %
Somewhat disagree	65	7.8 %
Strongly disagree	70	8.4 %
No answer	169	20.3 %
Total	833	100.0 %

<u>REFORM STILL IMPORTANT DURING RECESSION</u>				
<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Male	187 45.7%	92 22.5%	28 6.8%	42 10.3%	60 14.7%
Female	173 40.8%	77 18.2%	37 8.7%	28 6.6%	109 25.7%

<u>REFORM STILL IMPORTANT DURING RECESSION</u>				
<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	221 48.3%	80 17.5%	32 7.0%	28 6.1%	97 21.2%
Republican	90 34.0%	58 21.9%	26 9.8%	30 11.3%	61 23.0%
Independent	49 44.5%	31 28.2%	7 6.4%	12 10.9%	11 10.0%

<u>REFORM STILL IMPORTANT DURING RECESSION</u>				
<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>

RACE

White	276 44.7%	130 21.1%	50 8.1%	37 6.0%	124 20.1%
African-American	80 40.4%	31 15.7%	13 6.6%	30 15.2%	44 22.2%



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<u>REGION</u>	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
Eastern Shore/South MD	44 38.9%	11 9.7%	4 3.5%	19 16.8%	35 31.0%
Baltimore City	38 52.1%	18 24.7%	6 8.2%	4 5.5%	7 9.6%
Baltimore suburbs	142 46.1%	57 18.5%	19 6.2%	31 10.1%	59 19.2%
Washington suburbs	99 41.1%	63 26.1%	28 11.6%	9 3.7%	42 17.4%
Western Maryland	37 37.8%	20 20.4%	8 8.2%	7 7.1%	26 26.5%

