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Methodology

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This survey was conducted by *Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies* from January 9th through January 15th, 2012. A total of 808 registered voters in Maryland who vote regularly 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>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	455	56.3 %
Republican	246	30.4 %
Independent	107	13.2 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	389	48.1 %
Female	419	51.9 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	591	73.1 %
African-American	194	24.0 %
Other/Refused	23	2.8 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Eastern Sh/So MD	112	13.9 %
Baltimore City	75	9.3 %
Baltimore Suburbs	286	35.4 %
Washington Suburbs	246	30.4 %
Western MD	89	11.0 %
Total	808	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.	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.				

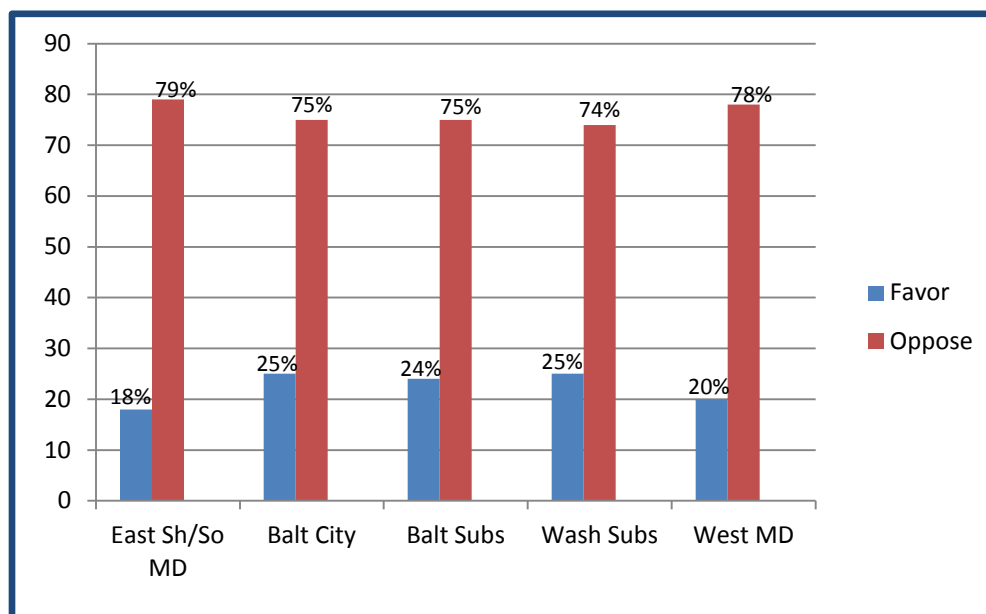
Summary

Statewide, 76% of Maryland voters oppose a ten cents increase in the state's gas tax (62% "strongly" oppose and 14% "somewhat" oppose), while 23% favor a ten cents increase to fund transportation projects (11% "strongly" favor and 12% "somewhat" favor).

The results by party:

	<u>FAVOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>
Democrats	31%	68%
Republicans	9%	90%
Independents	22%	74%

Figure 1 10 cents increase in gas tax by Region



Ninety-six percent of voters would oppose a law that would automatically increase the gas tax rate each year without Legislative review or approval (84% "strongly" oppose and 12% "somewhat" oppose), while only 3% would favor such a law.

QUESTION: *Would you favor or oppose 10 cents per gallon increase in Maryland's gas tax rate to be used for transportation projects?*

<u>10 CENTS INCREASE IN GAS TAX</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Favor	187	23.1 %
Oppose	612	75.7 %
No answer	9	1.1 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>10 CENTS INCREASE IN GAS TAX</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly favor	90	11.1 %
Somewhat favor	97	12.0 %
Somewhat oppose	111	13.7 %
Strongly oppose	501	62.0 %
No answer	9	1.1 %
Total	808	100.0 %

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	<u>10 CENTS INCREASE IN GAS TAX</u>				
	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>					
Democrat	73 16.0%	68 14.9%	85 18.7%	226 49.7%	3 0.7%
Republican	10 4.1%	12 4.9%	18 7.3%	204 82.9%	2 0.8%
Independent	7 6.5%	17 15.9%	8 7.5%	71 66.4%	4 3.7%

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	<u>10 CENTS INCREASE IN GAS TAX</u>				
	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>GENDER</u>					
Male	38 9.8%	41 10.5%	38 9.8%	267 68.6%	5 1.3%
Female	52 12.4%	56 13.4%	73 17.4%	234 55.8%	4 1.0%

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10 CENTS INCREASE IN GAS TAX

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
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RACE

White	65 11.0%	69 11.7%	71 12.0%	382 64.6%	4 0.7%
African-American	22 11.3%	25 12.9%	39 20.1%	103 53.1%	5 2.6%

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10 CENTS INCREASE IN GAS TAX

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
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REGION

Eastern Sh/So MD	12 10.7%	8 7.1%	9 8.0%	80 71.4%	3 2.7%
Baltimore City	9 12.0%	10 13.3%	18 24.0%	38 50.7%	0 0.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	35 12.2%	33 11.5%	38 13.3%	177 61.9%	3 1.0%
Washington Suburbs	23 9.3%	39 15.9%	37 15.0%	146 59.3%	1 0.4%
Western MD	11 12.4%	7 7.9%	9 10.1%	60 67.4%	2 2.2%

QUESTION: *Would you favor or oppose a law in Maryland that would automatically increase the gas tax rate each year without Legislative review or approval?*

AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE GAS TAX RATE EACH YEAR		
	Number	Percent
Favor	24	3.0 %
Oppose	780	96.5 %
No answer	4	0.5 %
Total	808	100.0 %

AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE GAS TAX RATE EACH YEAR		
	Number	Percent
Strongly favor	8	1.0 %
Somewhat favor	16	2.0 %
Somewhat oppose	99	12.3 %
Strongly oppose	681	84.3 %
No answer	4	0.5 %
Total	808	100.0 %

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AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE GAS TAX RATE EACH YEAR					
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	5 1.1%	13 2.9%	70 15.4%	365 80.2%	2 0.4%
Republican	1 0.4%	3 1.2%	18 7.3%	223 90.7%	1 0.4%
Independent	2 1.9%	0 0.0%	11 10.3%	93 86.9%	1 0.9%

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AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE GAS TAX RATE EACH YEAR					
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

GENDER

Male	3 0.8%	9 2.3%	38 9.8%	338 86.9%	1 0.3%
Female	5 1.2%	7 1.7%	61 14.6%	343 81.9%	3 0.7%

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AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE GAS TAX RATE EACH YEAR

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
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RACE

White	6 1.0%	10 1.7%	66 11.2%	506 85.6%	3 0.5%
African-American	2 1.0%	5 2.6%	31 16.0%	155 79.9%	1 0.5%

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AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE GAS TAX RATE EACH YEAR

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
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REGION

Eastern Sh/So MD	1 0.9%	1 0.9%	14 12.5%	95 84.8%	1 0.9%
Baltimore City	0 0.0%	2 2.7%	10 13.3%	62 82.7%	1 1.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	5 1.7%	5 1.7%	35 12.2%	239 83.6%	2 0.7%
Washington Suburbs	2 0.8%	6 2.4%	32 13.0%	206 83.7%	0 0.0%
Western MD	0 0.0%	2 2.2%	8 9.0%	79 88.8%	0 0.0%