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Background and Methodology

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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.

Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed thousands of elections in Maryland and across the country over the past forty years. Further, he 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 decades of conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct unbiased surveys, and analyze the results in an impartial, evenhanded manner.

Mr. Gonzales appears frequently on radio and television in the Baltimore-D.C. region as a guest commentator.
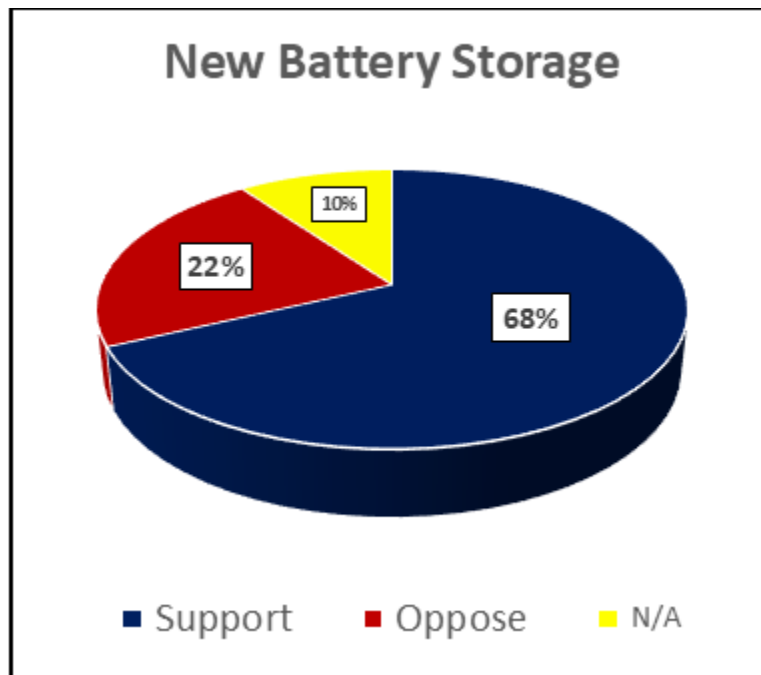
This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services, Inc.*** from December 27th, 2024 through January 4th, 2025. A total of 811 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated they are likely to vote in the next election, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and 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.

Considerable backing for wind and solar to help Maryland meet it's energy needs is across the board.

Wind and Solar	Support	Oppose
Statewide	81%	17%
Democrat	96%	3%
Republican	61%	35%
Independent	71%	27%
White	78%	20%
African American	93%	6%
Other	73%	25%
Women	84%	14%
Men	79%	19%

Among Maryland voters, 68% support "increasing grid reliability" by building new battery storage (33% strongly support and 35% somewhat support), while 22% oppose building new battery storage.

New Battery Storage

Marylanders are split on building a new fossil fuel powered gas plant in Maryland. Statewide, 45% support having a fossil fuel gas plant built in the state (20% strongly support and 25% somewhat support), while a 48% plurality oppose building a new fossil fuel powered gas plant (27% strongly oppose and 21% somewhat oppose), with 7% furnishing no opinion.

New Fossil Fuel Gas Plant	Support	Oppose
Statewide	45%	48%
Democrat	33%	61%
Republican	70%	25%
Independent	44%	44%
White	49%	45%
African American	38%	53%
Other	46%	48%
Women	43%	49%
Men	48%	46%
18-34	25%	66%
35-49	44%	50%
50-64	51%	41%
65 and older	54%	42%
Rural Maryland	58%	34%
Baltimore City	42%	52%
Baltimore Suburbs	45%	48%
Washington Suburbs	41%	53%

Voters also have a difference of opinion on whether or not to build a new nuclear reactor power plant in Maryland communities.

Statewide, 50% support building a new nuclear power plant in Maryland (32% strongly support and 18% somewhat support), while 45% oppose building a new nuclear facility (33% strongly oppose and 12% somewhat oppose), with 5% providing no view.

Lawmakers in Annapolis are considering various proposals to meet Maryland's growing energy needs and ensure we can keep our utility bills low. After hearing each of the following, please tell me if you support or oppose the proposal. The first (next) is .... (Questions 2-5 ROTATED)

QUESTION 2: New Wind and Solar *Would you support or oppose building new clean energy sources such as wind and solar?*

WIND AND SOLAR	Number	Percent
Support	661	81.5 %
Oppose	134	16.5 %
No answer	16	2.0 %
Total	811	100.0 %

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	WIND AND SOLAR		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Statewide	661	134	16
	81.5%	16.5%	2.0%

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	WIND AND SOLAR		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Democrat	413	13	5
	95.8%	3.0%	1.2%
Republican	137	79	8
	61.2%	35.3%	3.6%
Unaffiliated	111	42	3
	71.2%	26.9%	1.9%

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	WIND AND SOLAR		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Support	Oppose	No answer
White	369	96	11
	77.5%	20.2%	2.3%
African American	226	15	3
	92.6%	6.1%	1.2%
Other/No answer	66	23	2
	72.5%	25.3%	2.2%

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	WIND AND SOLAR		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Female	367 84.0%	61 14.0%	9 2.1%
Male	294 78.6%	73 19.5%	7 1.9%

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	WIND AND SOLAR		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

AGE

	Support	Oppose	No answer
18 to 34	117 80.7%	25 17.2%	3 2.1%
35 to 49	163 81.9%	34 17.1%	2 1.0%
50 to 64	187 78.2%	44 18.4%	8 3.3%
65 and older	194 85.1%	31 13.6%	3 1.3%

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	WIND AND SOLAR		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

REGION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	89 70.6%	34 27.0%	3 2.4%
Baltimore City	56 90.3%	5 8.1%	1 1.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	251 78.9%	61 19.2%	6 1.9%
Washington Suburbs	265 86.9%	34 11.1%	6 2.0%

INTENSITY - *Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?*

WIND AND SOLAR - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly support	478	58.9 %
Somewhat support	183	22.6 %
Somewhat oppose	29	3.6 %
Strongly oppose	105	12.9 %
No answer	16	2.0 %
Total	811	100.0 %

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	WIND AND SOLAR - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Statewide	478 58.9%	183 22.6%	29 3.6%	105 12.9%	16 2.0%

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	WIND AND SOLAR - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Democrat	332 77.0%	81 18.8%	5 1.2%	8 1.9%	5 1.2%
Republican	66 29.5%	71 31.7%	11 4.9%	68 30.4%	8 3.6%
Unaffiliated	80 51.3%	31 19.9%	13 8.3%	29 18.6%	3 1.9%

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	WIND AND SOLAR - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
White	256 53.8%	113 23.7%	15 3.2%	81 17.0%	11 2.3%
African American	172 70.5%	54 22.1%	6 2.5%	9 3.7%	3 1.2%
Other/No answer	50 54.9%	16 17.6%	8 8.8%	15 16.5%	2 2.2%

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WIND AND SOLAR - INTENSITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
GENDER					
Female	267	100	16	45	9
	61.1%	22.9%	3.7%	10.3%	2.1%
Male	211	83	13	60	7
	56.4%	22.2%	3.5%	16.0%	1.9%

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WIND AND SOLAR - INTENSITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
AGE					
18 to 34	96	21	10	15	3
	66.2%	14.5%	6.9%	10.3%	2.1%
35 to 49	113	50	8	26	2
	56.8%	25.1%	4.0%	13.1%	1.0%
50 to 64	130	57	7	37	8
	54.4%	23.8%	2.9%	15.5%	3.3%
65 and older	139	55	4	27	3
	61.0%	24.1%	1.8%	11.8%	1.3%

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WIND AND SOLAR - INTENSITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
REGION					
Rural Maryland	60	29	6	28	3
	47.6%	23.0%	4.8%	22.2%	2.4%
Baltimore City	40	16	1	4	1
	64.5%	25.8%	1.6%	6.5%	1.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	176	75	14	47	6
	55.3%	23.6%	4.4%	14.8%	1.9%
Washington Suburbs	202	63	8	26	6
	66.2%	20.7%	2.6%	8.5%	2.0%

QUESTION 3: New Battery Storage *Would you support or oppose increasing grid reliability by building new battery storage?*

BATTERY STORAGE	Number	Percent
Support	551	67.9 %
Oppose	174	21.5 %
No answer	86	10.6 %
Total	811	100.0 %

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	BATTERY STORAGE		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Statewide	551	174	86
	67.9%	21.5%	10.6%

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	BATTERY STORAGE		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Democrat	313	67	51
	72.6%	15.5%	11.8%
Republican	120	84	20
	53.6%	37.5%	8.9%
Unaffiliated	118	23	15
	75.6%	14.7%	9.6%

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	BATTERY STORAGE		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Support	Oppose	No answer
White	323	103	50
	67.9%	21.6%	10.5%
African American	167	50	27
	68.4%	20.5%	11.1%
Other/No answer	61	21	9
	67.0%	23.1%	9.9%

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	BATTERY STORAGE		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Female	306 70.0%	77 17.6%	54 12.4%
Male	245 65.5%	97 25.9%	32 8.6%

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	BATTERY STORAGE		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

AGE

	Support	Oppose	No answer
18 to 34	115 79.3%	20 13.8%	10 6.9%
35 to 49	154 77.4%	29 14.6%	16 8.0%
50 to 64	143 59.8%	62 25.9%	34 14.2%
65 and older	139 61.0%	63 27.6%	26 11.4%

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	BATTERY STORAGE		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

REGION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	77 61.1%	30 23.8%	19 15.1%
Baltimore City	45 72.6%	10 16.1%	7 11.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	218 68.6%	71 22.3%	29 9.1%
Washington Suburbs	211 69.2%	63 20.7%	31 10.2%

INTENSITY - *Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?*

BATTERY STORAGE - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly support	268	33.0 %
Somewhat support	283	34.9 %
Somewhat oppose	89	11.0 %
Strongly oppose	85	10.5 %
No answer	86	10.6 %
Total	811	100.0 %

N=811

BATTERY STORAGE - INTENSITY	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
RESULTS					
Statewide	268 33.0%	283 34.9%	89 11.0%	85 10.5%	86 10.6%

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BATTERY STORAGE - INTENSITY	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
PARTY REGISTRATION					
Democrat	175 40.6%	138 32.0%	41 9.5%	26 6.0%	51 11.8%
Republican	57 25.4%	63 28.1%	41 18.3%	43 19.2%	20 8.9%
Unaffiliated	36 23.1%	82 52.6%	7 4.5%	16 10.3%	15 9.6%

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BATTERY STORAGE - INTENSITY	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
RACE/ETHNICITY					
White	157 33.0%	166 34.9%	52 10.9%	51 10.7%	50 10.5%
African American	81 33.2%	86 35.2%	25 10.2%	25 10.2%	27 11.1%
Other/No answer	30 33.0%	31 34.1%	12 13.2%	9 9.9%	9 9.9%

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	BATTERY STORAGE - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

GENERAL

__GENDER__

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Female	143 32.7%	163 37.3%	44 10.1%	33 7.6%	54 12.4%
Male	125 33.4%	120 32.1%	45 12.0%	52 13.9%	32 8.6%

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	BATTERY STORAGE - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

__AGE__

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
18 to 34	61 42.1%	54 37.2%	19 13.1%	1 0.7%	10 6.9%
35 to 49	75 37.7%	79 39.7%	12 6.0%	17 8.5%	16 8.0%
50 to 64	68 28.5%	75 31.4%	32 13.4%	30 12.6%	34 14.2%
65 and older	64 28.1%	75 32.9%	26 11.4%	37 16.2%	26 11.4%

N=811

	BATTERY STORAGE - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

__REGION__

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	38 30.2%	39 31.0%	12 9.5%	18 14.3%	19 15.1%
Baltimore City	25 40.3%	20 32.3%	5 8.1%	5 8.1%	7 11.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	111 34.9%	107 33.6%	37 11.6%	34 10.7%	29 9.1%
Washington Suburbs	94 30.8%	117 38.4%	35 11.5%	28 9.2%	31 10.2%

QUESTION 4: New Fossil Fuel Gas Plant *Would you support or oppose building a new fossil fuel powered gas plant in Maryland?*

FOSSIL FUEL PLANT	Number	Percent
Support	368	45.4 %
Oppose	388	47.8 %
No answer	55	6.8 %
Total	811	100.0 %

N=811

	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Statewide	368	388	55
	45.4%	47.8%	6.8%

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	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Democrat	143	264	24
	33.2%	61.3%	5.6%
Republican	156	56	12
	69.6%	25.0%	5.4%
Unaffiliated	69	68	19
	44.2%	43.6%	12.2%

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	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Support	Oppose	No answer
White	234	215	27
	49.2%	45.2%	5.7%
African American	92	129	23
	37.7%	52.9%	9.4%
Other/No answer	42	44	5
	46.2%	48.4%	5.5%

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	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Female	187 42.8%	215 49.2%	35 8.0%
Male	181 48.4%	173 46.3%	20 5.3%

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	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

AGE

	Support	Oppose	No answer
18 to 34	37 25.5%	96 66.2%	12 8.3%
35 to 49	87 43.7%	100 50.3%	12 6.0%
50 to 64	121 50.6%	97 40.6%	21 8.8%
65 and older	123 53.9%	95 41.7%	10 4.4%

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	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

REGION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	73 57.9%	43 34.1%	10 7.9%
Baltimore City	26 41.9%	32 51.6%	4 6.5%
Baltimore Suburbs	144 45.3%	153 48.1%	21 6.6%
Washington Suburbs	125 41.0%	160 52.5%	20 6.6%

INTENSITY - *Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?*

FOSSIL FUEL PLANT - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly support	164	20.2 %
Somewhat support	204	25.2 %
Somewhat oppose	173	21.3 %
Strongly oppose	215	26.5 %
No answer	55	6.8 %
Total	811	100.0 %

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	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Statewide	164 20.2%	204 25.2%	173 21.3%	215 26.5%	55 6.8%

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	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Democrat	65 15.1%	78 18.1%	100 23.2%	164 38.1%	24 5.6%
Republican	65 29.0%	91 40.6%	36 16.1%	20 8.9%	12 5.4%
Unaffiliated	34 21.8%	35 22.4%	37 23.7%	31 19.9%	19 12.2%

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	FOSSIL FUEL PLANT - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
White	102 21.4%	132 27.7%	98 20.6%	117 24.6%	27 5.7%
African American	42 17.2%	50 20.5%	57 23.4%	72 29.5%	23 9.4%
Other/No answer	20 22.0%	22 24.2%	18 19.8%	26 28.6%	5 5.5%

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GENDER	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Female	88 20.1%	99 22.7%	96 22.0%	119 27.2%	35 8.0%
Male	76 20.3%	105 28.1%	77 20.6%	96 25.7%	20 5.3%

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AGE	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
18 to 34	8 5.5%	29 20.0%	28 19.3%	68 46.9%	12 8.3%
35 to 49	46 23.1%	41 20.6%	48 24.1%	52 26.1%	12 6.0%
50 to 64	57 23.8%	64 26.8%	58 24.3%	39 16.3%	21 8.8%
65 and older	53 23.2%	70 30.7%	39 17.1%	56 24.6%	10 4.4%

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REGION	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	28 22.2%	45 35.7%	26 20.6%	17 13.5%	10 7.9%
Baltimore City	11 17.7%	15 24.2%	10 16.1%	22 35.5%	4 6.5%
Baltimore Suburbs	73 23.0%	71 22.3%	67 21.1%	86 27.0%	21 6.6%
Washington Suburbs	52 17.0%	73 23.9%	70 23.0%	90 29.5%	20 6.6%