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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.

Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, 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.

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This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from January 9<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A total of 823 registered voters in Maryland were queried by live, person-to-person telephone interviews, including both landline and cell phone numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state.

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.

## Gonzales Maryland Poll – January 2023 Results

### Medical Aid in Dying

Statewide, 71% of Maryland voters think a mentally sound adult with an incurable, terminal illness, who only has six months or less to live, should have the legal option of medical aid in dying. Twenty-two percent do not think medical aid in dying should be a legal option, with 7% offering no opinion.

Support for medical aid in dying is across the board.

<b>Support Medical Aid in Dying</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Democrat	75%	17%
Republican	66%	28%
Independent	67%	27%
White	73%	21%
African American	70%	22%
Women	66%	27%
Men	76%	17%
Pro-choice	82%	11%
Pro-life	49%	44%
Protestant	72%	21%
Catholic	58%	35%

**82% of pro-choice voters in Maryland support medical aid in dying**

Sixty-one percent say that if they had an incurable, terminal illness, still had a sound mind, had less than six months to live, and met the requirements, they would want the legal option of medical aid in dying...29% say they would not.

When told that ten of the 50 states and Washington, D.C. have the option of medical aid in dying, 74% of Free State voters say that Maryland should have this option, also.

<b>Maryland Should Have Legal Option</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Democrat	78%	15%
Republican	69%	21%
Independent	70%	23%
White	77%	15%
African American	71%	20%
Women	69%	21%
Men	80%	14%

## Appendix A: Data Tables

**QUESTION: Medical Aid in Dying** *Do you think a mentally sound adult with an incurable, terminal illness, who only has six months or less to live, should have the legal option of medical aid in dying to get prescription medication they may take to pass peacefully in their sleep...yes or no?*

<u>SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	585	71.1 %
No	180	21.9 %
<u>No answer</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>7.0 %</u>
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

### SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	335 74.9%	76 17.0%	36 8.1%
Republican	146 66.1%	62 28.1%	13 5.9%
Unaffiliated	104 67.1%	42 27.1%	9 5.8%

N=823

### SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	364 72.7%	103 20.6%	34 6.8%
African American	172 70.5%	55 22.5%	17 7.0%
Other/No answer	49 62.8%	22 28.2%	7 9.0%

N=823	SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	288 66.2%	116 26.7%	31 7.1%
Male	297 76.5%	64 16.5%	27 7.0%

N=823	SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	75 78.1%	17 17.7%	4 4.2%
Baltimore City	49 65.3%	13 17.3%	13 17.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	195 70.7%	63 22.8%	18 6.5%
Washington Suburbs	218 71.0%	69 22.5%	20 6.5%
Western Maryland	48 69.6%	18 26.1%	3 4.3%

N=823	SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	135 77.6%	33 19.0%	6 3.4%
40 to 49	127 70.6%	38 21.1%	15 8.3%
50 to 59	133 67.2%	45 22.7%	20 10.1%
60 and older	190 70.1%	64 23.6%	17 6.3%

**QUESTION: Medical Aid in Dying - Personal** *If you had an incurable, terminal illness, still had a sound mind, had less than six months to live, and you met the legal requirements, would you want the option of medical aid in dying...yes or no?*

<u>SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	504	61.2 %
No	239	29.0 %
No answer	80	9.7 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING – PERSONAL

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	281 62.9%	122 27.3%	44 9.8%
Republican	131 59.3%	66 29.9%	24 10.9%
Unaffiliated	92 59.4%	51 32.9%	12 7.7%

N=823

SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING – PERSONAL

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	336 67.1%	123 24.6%	42 8.4%
African American	129 52.9%	85 34.8%	30 12.3%
Other/No answer	39 50.0%	31 39.7%	8 10.3%



N=823	SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	251 57.7%	144 33.1%	40 9.2%
Male	253 65.2%	95 24.5%	40 10.3%

N=823	SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL		
	Yes	No	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	65 67.7%	24 25.0%	7 7.3%
Baltimore City	39 52.0%	24 32.0%	12 16.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	171 62.0%	77 27.9%	28 10.1%
Washington Suburbs	188 61.2%	90 29.3%	29 9.4%
Western Maryland	41 59.4%	24 34.8%	4 5.8%

N=823	SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	108 62.1%	50 28.7%	16 9.2%
40 to 49	106 58.9%	55 30.6%	19 10.6%
50 to 59	121 61.1%	54 27.3%	23 11.6%
60 and older	169 62.4%	80 29.5%	22 8.1%

**QUESTION: Maryland Should Have Option** *Ten of the 50 states and Washington, D.C. have the option of medical aid in dying. Do you think Maryland should have this option...yes or no?*

<u>MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	611	74.2 %
No	148	18.0 %
No answer	64	7.8 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

	<u>MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	350 78.3%	67 15.0%	30 6.7%
Republican	152 68.8%	46 20.8%	23 10.4%
Unaffiliated	109 70.3%	35 22.6%	11 7.1%

N=823

	<u>MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>

RACE/ETHNICITY

White	386 77.0%	77 15.4%	38 7.6%
African American	174 71.3%	48 19.7%	22 9.0%
Other/No answer	51 65.4%	23 29.5%	4 5.1%

N=823	MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	302 69.4%	93 21.4%	40 9.2%
Male	309 79.6%	55 14.2%	24 6.2%

N=823	MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION		
	Yes	No	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	78 81.3%	13 13.5%	5 5.2%
Baltimore City	51 68.0%	17 22.7%	7 9.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	208 75.4%	47 17.0%	21 7.6%
Washington Suburbs	225 73.3%	54 17.6%	28 9.1%
Western Maryland	49 71.0%	17 24.6%	3 4.3%

N=823	MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	139 79.9%	27 15.5%	8 4.6%
40 to 49	133 73.9%	33 18.3%	14 7.8%
50 to 59	144 72.7%	36 18.2%	18 9.1%
60 and older	195 72.0%	52 19.2%	24 8.9%

**QUESTION: Abortion Position** *Which of the following best describes your opinion on the issue of abortion:*

*Abortion should be legal in all cases,  
Abortion should be legal in most cases,  
Abortion should be illegal in most cases,  
Abortion should be illegal in all cases?*

<u>ABORTION POSITION INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Legal in all cases	267	32.4 %
Legal in most cases	279	33.9 %
Illegal in most cases	179	21.7 %
Illegal in all cases	57	6.9 %
No answer	41	5.0 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>ABORTION POSITION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Pro-choice	546	66.3 %
Pro-life	236	28.7 %
No answer	41	5.0 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

ABORTION POSITION INTENSITY

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY

Democrat	206 46.1%	152 34.0%	46 10.3%	22 4.9%	21 4.7%
Republican	24 10.9%	57 25.8%	109 49.3%	20 9.0%	11 5.0%
Unaffiliated	37 23.9%	70 45.2%	24 15.5%	15 9.7%	9 5.8%

N=823

ABORTION POSITION INTENSITY

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	136 27.1%	166 33.1%	136 27.1%	40 8.0%	23 4.6%
African American	109 44.7%	88 36.1%	24 9.8%	11 4.5%	12 4.9%
Other/No answer	22 28.2%	25 32.1%	19 24.4%	6 7.7%	6 7.7%

N=823

## ABORTION POSITION INTENSITY

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	No answer
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GENDER

Female	169 38.9%	129 29.7%	83 19.1%	31 7.1%	23 5.3%
Male	98 25.3%	150 38.7%	96 24.7%	26 6.7%	18 4.6%

N=823

## ABORTION POSITION INTENSITY

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	No answer
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REGION

Eastern Shore	29 30.2%	32 33.3%	26 27.1%	4 4.2%	5 5.2%
Baltimore City	30 40.0%	29 38.7%	8 10.7%	5 6.7%	3 4.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	76 27.5%	97 35.1%	65 23.6%	20 7.2%	18 6.5%
Washington Suburbs	112 36.5%	100 32.6%	63 20.5%	21 6.8%	11 3.6%
Western Maryland	20 29.0%	21 30.4%	17 24.6%	7 10.1%	4 5.8%

N=823

## ABORTION POSITION INTENSITY

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	No answer
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AGE

18 to 39	54 31.0%	75 43.1%	33 19.0%	8 4.6%	4 2.3%
40 to 49	60 33.3%	61 33.9%	41 22.8%	12 6.7%	6 3.3%
50 to 59	67 33.8%	61 30.8%	41 20.7%	17 8.6%	12 6.1%
60 and older	86 31.7%	82 30.3%	64 23.6%	20 7.4%	19 7.0%

**QUESTION: Religious Affiliation** *What is your religious affiliation...are you: Protestant (Baptist, AME); Catholic; Jewish; another faith; or non-religious?*

<u>RELIGION</u>	Number	Percent
Protestant	359	43.6 %
Catholic	144	17.5 %
Jewish	31	3.8 %
Another faith	48	5.8 %
Non-religious	181	22.0 %
No answer	60	7.3 %
Total	823	100.0 %

N=823

RELIGION

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Another faith	Non-religious	No answer
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PARTY

Democrat	223 49.9%	63 14.1%	14 3.1%	25 5.6%	98 21.9%	24 5.4%
Republican	88 39.8%	57 25.8%	12 5.4%	10 4.5%	39 17.6%	15 6.8%
Unaffiliated	48 31.0%	24 15.5%	5 3.2%	13 8.4%	44 28.4%	21 13.5%

N=823

RELIGION

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Another faith	Non-religious	No answer
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	177 35.3%	103 20.6%	25 5.0%	18 3.6%	145 28.9%	33 6.6%
African American	161 66.0%	27 11.1%	5 2.0%	15 6.1%	26 10.7%	10 4.1%
Other/No answer	21 26.9%	14 17.9%	1 1.3%	15 19.2%	10 12.8%	17 21.8%

N=823	RELIGION					
	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Another faith	Non-religious	No answer

GENDER

Female	196 45.1%	81 18.6%	17 3.9%	24 5.5%	91 20.9%	26 6.0%
Male	163 42.0%	63 16.2%	14 3.6%	24 6.2%	90 23.2%	34 8.8%

N=823	RELIGION					
	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Another faith	Non-religious	No answer

REGION

Eastern Shore	38 39.6%	14 14.6%	1 1.0%	3 3.1%	33 34.4%	7 7.3%
Baltimore City	42 56.0%	7 9.3%	3 4.0%	4 5.3%	10 13.3%	9 12.0%
Baltimore Suburbs	125 45.3%	53 19.2%	14 5.1%	18 6.5%	55 19.9%	11 4.0%
Washington Suburbs	126 41.0%	59 19.2%	12 3.9%	18 5.9%	66 21.5%	26 8.5%
Western Maryland	28 40.6%	11 15.9%	1 1.4%	5 7.2%	17 24.6%	7 10.1%

N=823	RELIGION					
	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Another faith	Non-religious	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	62 35.6%	13 7.5%	6 3.4%	11 6.3%	67 38.5%	15 8.6%
40 to 49	73 40.6%	10 5.6%	9 5.0%	12 6.7%	60 33.3%	16 8.9%
50 to 59	95 48.0%	50 25.3%	8 4.0%	11 5.6%	23 11.6%	11 5.6%
60 and older	129 47.6%	71 26.2%	8 3.0%	14 5.2%	31 11.4%	18 6.6%

**BANNER: Medical Aid in Dying by Abortion Position**

N=823

	SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>ABORTION POSITION</u>			
Pro-choice	446 81.7%	61 11.2%	39 7.1%
Pro-life	116 49.2%	105 44.5%	15 6.4%
No answer	23 56.1%	14 34.1%	4 9.8%

**82% of pro-choice voters support medical aid in dying, as do 49% of pro-life voters**



**BANNER: Medical Aid in Dying by Religious Affiliation**

N=823

	SUPPORT MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer
<b>RELIGION</b>			
Protestant	260 72.4%	74 20.6%	25 7.0%
Catholic	83 57.6%	51 35.4%	10 6.9%
Jewish	17 54.8%	13 41.9%	1 3.2%
Another faith	38 79.2%	7 14.6%	3 6.3%
Non-religious	153 84.5%	20 11.0%	8 4.4%
No answer	34 56.7%	15 25.0%	11 18.3%

**72% of Protestant voters support medical aid in dying, as do 58% of Catholic voters**

## Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	447	54.3 %
Republican	221	26.9 %
Unaffiliated	155	18.8 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	501	60.9 %
African American	244	29.6 %
Other/No answer	78	9.5 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	435	52.9 %
Male	388	47.1 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 39	174	21.1 %
40 to 49	180	21.9 %
50 to 59	198	24.1 %
60 and older	271	32.9 %
Total	823	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Eastern Shore/Southern MD	96	11.7 %
Baltimore City	75	9.1 %
Baltimore Suburbs	276	33.5 %
Washington Suburbs	307	37.3 %
Western Maryland	69	8.4 %
Total	823	100.0 %

### **Regional Groupings**

**Eastern Shore/Southern MD** – includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties

**Baltimore City** – includes Baltimore City

**Baltimore Suburbs** – includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Howard counties

**Washington Suburbs** – includes Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties

**Western Maryland** – includes Allegany, Carroll, Garrett, and Washington counties