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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 December 20th through December 30th, 2021. A total of 807 registered voters in Maryland who vote regularly 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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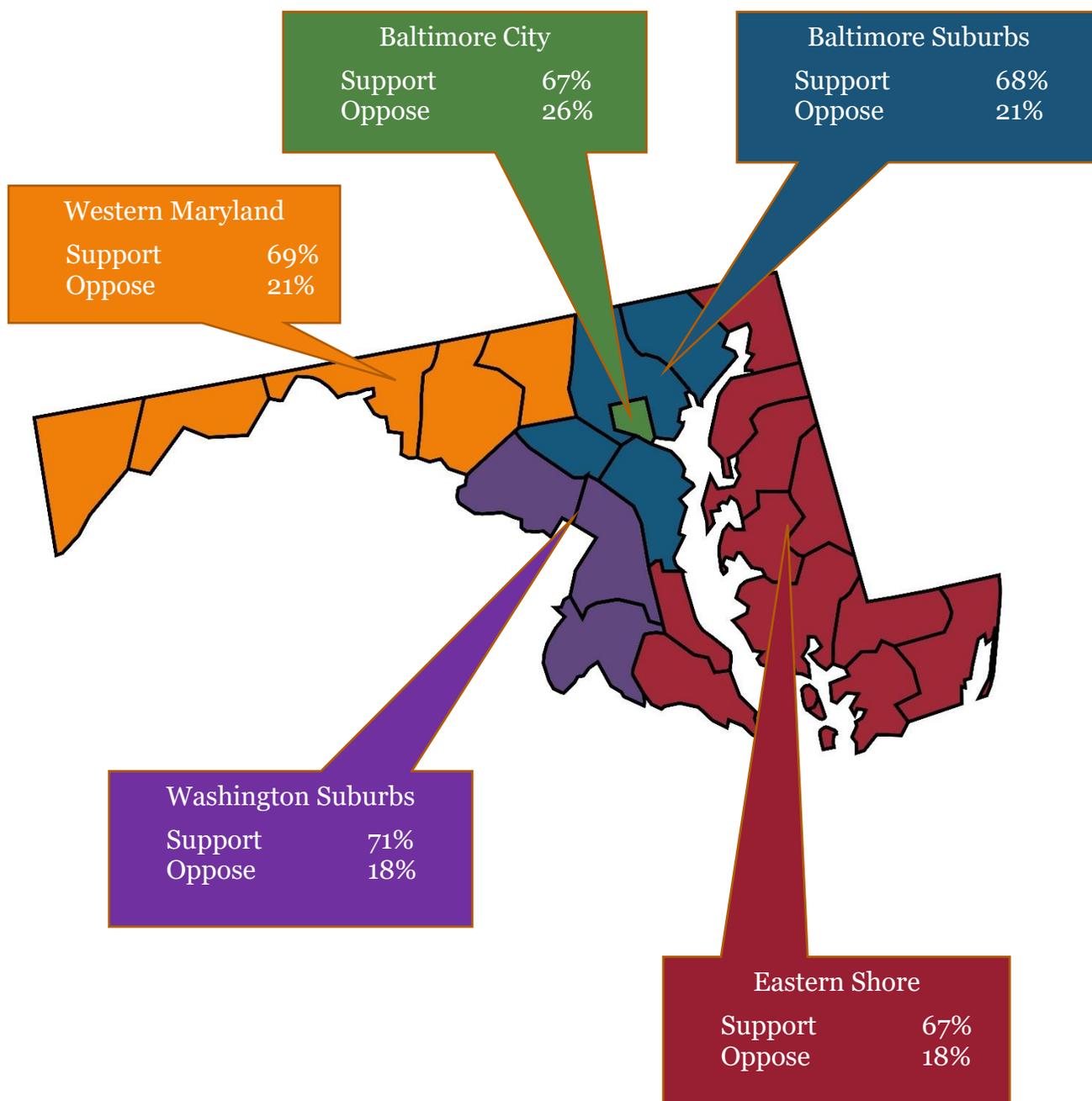
Medical Aid in Dying

Among Maryland voters, 69% believe that 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, while 20% oppose this, with 11% offering no opinion.

Marylanders within every demographic group support the legal option of medical aid in dying to get the prescription medication to take to pass peacefully:

Medical Aid in Dying	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Party		
Democrat	73%	16%
Republican	65%	26%
Unaffiliated	63%	23%
Gender		
Women	63%	26%
Men	76%	13%
Age		
18 to 39	74%	11%
40 to 49	78%	10%
50 to 59	71%	18%
60 and older	58%	33%
Race		
White	71%	17%
African American	64%	24%

Medical Aid In Dying **by** Region



Fifty-seven percent of Free State voters say they would want the option of medical aid in dying if they had an incurable, terminal illness, and had less than six months to live, 35% say they would not, and 8% provide no response.

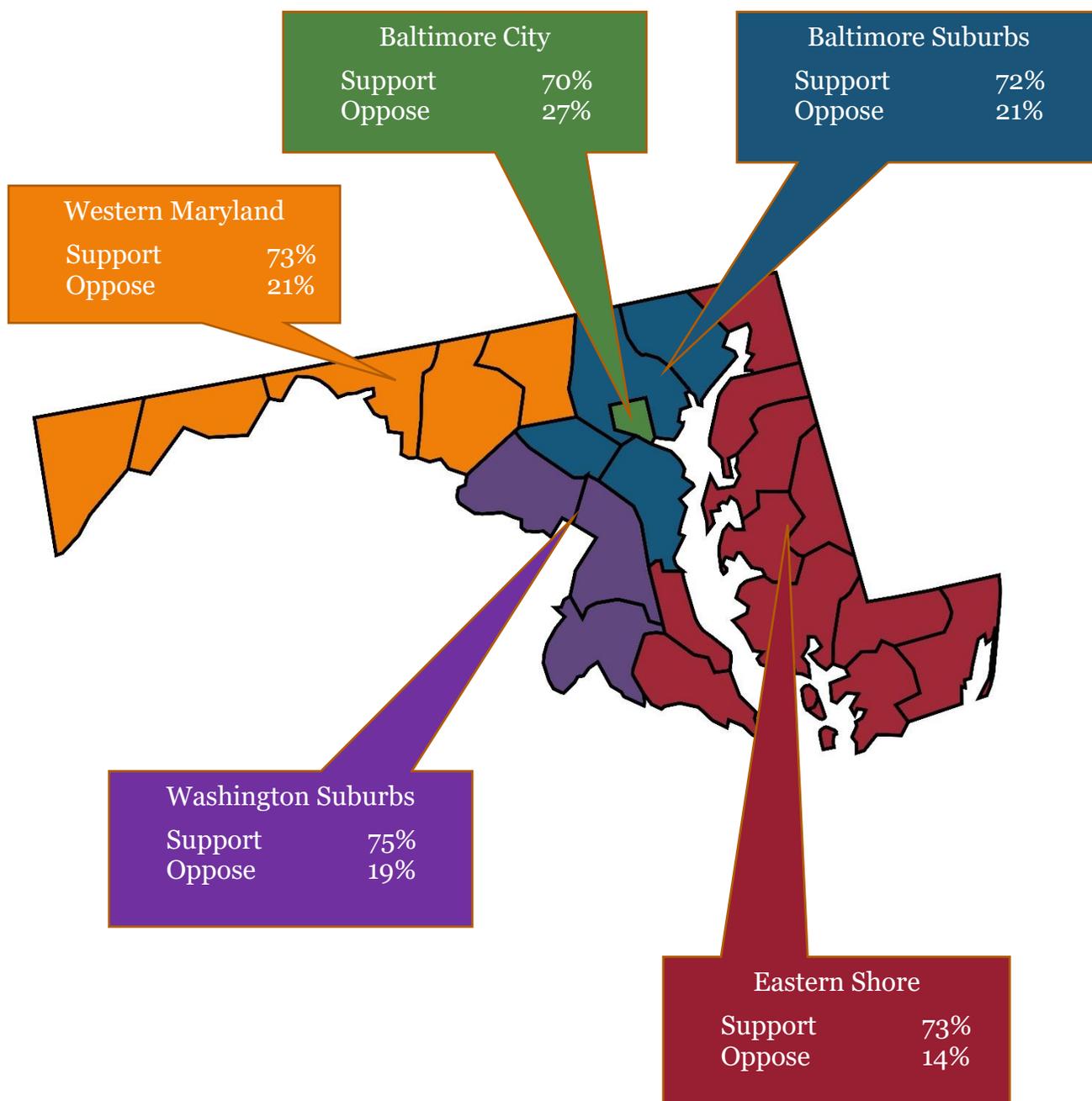
Sixty-one percent of men and 54% of women would want the legal option of medical aid in dying, if they had an incurable, terminal illness, and had less than six months to live.

When told that 10 of the 50 states and Washington, D.C. have the option of medical aid in dying, 73% support Maryland having this legal option, also.

Voters within every demographic group think that Maryland should join the 10 other states and Washington, D.C. in having the legal option of medical aid in dying by allowing mentally sound adults with an incurable, terminal illness, who have only six months or less to live, to get prescription medication they may take to pass peacefully in their sleep.

Maryland Should Have Option	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Party		
Democrat	77%	16%
Republican	70%	24%
Unaffiliated	66%	24%
Gender		
Women	67%	25%
Men	80%	14%
Age		
18 to 39	79%	14%
40 to 49	82%	12%
50 to 59	76%	18%
60 and older	61%	30%
Race		
White	76%	17%
African American	68%	26%

Maryland Should Have Option **by** Region



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?*

MEDICAL AID IN DYING	Number	Percent
Yes	557	69.0 %
No	160	19.8 %
No answer	90	11.2 %
Total	807	100.0 %

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	MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	315 73.3%	67 15.6%	48 11.2%
Republican	146 64.9%	58 25.8%	21 9.3%
Independent	96 63.2%	35 23.0%	21 13.8%

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	MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	268 62.6%	110 25.7%	50 11.7%
Male	289 76.3%	50 13.2%	40 10.6%

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	MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE GROUP

Under 50	258 76.1%	36 10.6%	45 13.3%
50 or older	299 63.9%	124 26.5%	45 9.6%

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N=807	MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	122 73.9%	18 10.9%	25 15.2%
40 to 49	136 78.2%	18 10.3%	20 11.5%
50 to 59	145 71.1%	36 17.6%	23 11.3%
60 and older	154 58.3%	88 33.3%	22 8.3%

N=807	MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
White	359 71.4%	87 17.3%	57 11.3%
African American	151 64.5%	56 23.9%	27 11.5%
Other/ Refused	47 67.1%	17 24.3%	6 8.6%

N=807	MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>REGIONAL GROUP</u>			
Baltimore Metro	236 68.0%	76 21.9%	35 10.1%
Washington Metro	198 71.2%	49 17.6%	31 11.2%
Rural Maryland	123 67.6%	35 19.2%	24 13.2%

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N=807	MEDICAL AID IN DYING		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Eastern Shore	60 66.7%	16 17.8%	14 15.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	187 68.2%	57 20.8%	30 10.9%
Washington Suburbs	198 71.2%	49 17.6%	31 11.2%
Baltimore City	49 67.1%	19 26.0%	5 6.8%
Western Maryland	63 68.5%	19 20.7%	10 10.9%

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>MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL</u>	Number	Percent
Yes	461	57.1 %
No	281	34.8 %
No answer	65	8.1 %
Total	807	100.0 %

N=807

	<u>MEDICAL AID IN DYING – PERSONAL</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	257 59.8%	139 32.3%	34 7.9%
Republican	127 56.4%	83 36.9%	15 6.7%
Independent	77 50.7%	59 38.8%	16 10.5%

N=807

	<u>MEDICAL AID IN DYING – PERSONAL</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	230 53.7%	159 37.1%	39 9.1%
Male	231 60.9%	122 32.2%	26 6.9%

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	<u>MEDICAL AID IN DYING – PERSONAL</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE GROUP

Under 50	221 65.2%	90 26.5%	28 8.3%
50 or older	240 51.3%	191 40.8%	37 7.9%

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N=807	MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	99 60.0%	48 29.1%	18 10.9%
40 to 49	122 70.1%	42 24.1%	10 5.7%
50 to 59	117 57.4%	66 32.4%	21 10.3%
60 and older	123 46.6%	125 47.3%	16 6.1%

N=807	MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
White	314 62.4%	149 29.6%	40 8.0%
African American	109 46.6%	104 44.4%	21 9.0%
Other/ Refused	38 54.3%	28 40.0%	4 5.7%

N=807	MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>REGIONAL GROUP</u>			
Baltimore Metro	209 60.2%	117 33.7%	21 6.1%
Washington Metro	149 53.6%	109 39.2%	20 7.2%
Rural Maryland	103 56.6%	55 30.2%	24 13.2%

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MEDICAL AID IN DYING - PERSONAL

	Yes	No	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Eastern Shore	51 56.7%	27 30.0%	12 13.3%
Baltimore Suburbs	163 59.5%	93 33.9%	18 6.6%
Washington Suburbs	149 53.6%	109 39.2%	20 7.2%
Baltimore City	46 63.0%	24 32.9%	3 4.1%
Western Maryland	52 56.5%	28 30.4%	12 13.0%

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?*

MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION	Number	Percent
Yes	589	73.0 %
No	161	20.0 %
No answer	57	7.1 %
Total	807	100.0 %

N=807

MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION

Yes	No	No answer
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PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	332 77.2%	70 16.3%	28 6.5%
Republican	157 69.8%	54 24.0%	14 6.2%
Independent	100 65.8%	37 24.3%	15 9.9%

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MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION

Yes	No	No answer
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GENDER

Female	286 66.8%	108 25.2%	34 7.9%
Male	303 79.9%	53 14.0%	23 6.1%

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MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION

Yes	No	No answer
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AGE GROUP

Under 50	273 80.5%	44 13.0%	22 6.5%
50 or older	316 67.5%	117 25.0%	35 7.5%

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N=807	MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	130 78.8%	23 13.9%	12 7.3%
40 to 49	143 82.2%	21 12.1%	10 5.7%
50 to 59	155 76.0%	37 18.1%	12 5.9%
60 and older	161 61.0%	80 30.3%	23 8.7%

N=807	MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION		
	Yes	No	No answer

RACE

White	380 75.5%	84 16.7%	39 7.8%
African American	160 68.4%	60 25.6%	14 6.0%
Other/ Refused	49 70.0%	17 24.3%	4 5.7%

N=807	MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION		
	Yes	No	No answer

REGIONAL GROUP

Baltimore Metro	249 71.8%	77 22.2%	21 6.1%
Washington Metro	207 74.5%	52 18.7%	19 6.8%
Rural Maryland	133 73.1%	32 17.6%	17 9.3%

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N=807	MARYLAND SHOULD HAVE OPTION		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Eastern Shore	66 73.3%	13 14.4%	11 12.2%
Baltimore Suburbs	198 72.3%	57 20.8%	19 6.9%
Washington Suburbs	207 74.5%	52 18.7%	19 6.8%
Baltimore City	51 69.9%	20 27.4%	2 2.7%
Western Maryland	67 72.8%	19 20.7%	6 6.5%

Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	430	53.3 %
Republican	225	27.9 %
Independent	152	18.8 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	428	53.0 %
Male	379	47.0 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 50	339	42.0 %
50 or older	468	58.0 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 39	165	20.4 %
40 to 49	174	21.6 %
50 to 59	204	25.3 %
60 and older	264	32.7 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	503	62.3 %
African American	234	29.0 %
Other/Refused	70	8.7 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>REGIONAL GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baltimore Metro	347	43.0 %
Washington Metro	278	34.4 %
Rural Maryland	182	22.6 %
Total	807	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Eastern Shore	90	11.2 %
Baltimore Suburbs	274	34.0 %
Washington Suburbs	278	34.4 %
Baltimore City	73	9.0 %
Western Maryland	92	11.4 %
Total	807	100.0 %