# CSLI Semi-Annual Survey – Spring, 2014 Final (2-26-14)

**1. What do you think is the most important problem facing the residents of Anne Arundel County at the present time? (**DON’T READ THE LIST! Have them *volunteer* an answer**)**

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| **Problem** | Circle ONE |
| Crime/Drugs | 1 |
| Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses) | 2 |
| Education, problems with schools | 3 |
| Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay) | 4 |
| Government – corrupt, unethical | 5 |
| Government – inefficient, wasteful, spends too much | 6 |
| Government – lacks resources for roads, schools, services | 7 |
| Growth/overpopulation- too much development | 8 |
| Healthcare (cost, access) | 9 |
| Taxes – too high | 10 |
| Transportation problems/traffic congestion | 11 |
| Other answer - write in: | 12 |
| Unsure/No Answer | 13 |

**2.0 The next questions ask you to say whether things are going in the right or wrong direction. First, would you say that the county is headed in the right direction or in the wrong direction? How about the state of Maryland? How about the nation as a whole?**

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|  | **Right** | **Wrong** | **Unsure/Don’t know** |
| 2.1 **County** | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 2.2 **State** | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 2.3 **Nation** | 1 | 2 | 0 |

**3.0 Next, I would like to know how you would rate economic conditions in Anne Arundel County, in Maryland, and in the United States generally. First how would you rate economic conditions in Anne Arundel County -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor? How about the state? How about the nation?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Excellent** | **Good** | **Only fair** | **Poor** | **Unsure/Don’t know** |
| 3.1 **County** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| 3.2 **State** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| 3.3 **Nation** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 |

**4.0 Thinking now about your personal circumstances, please tell me whether any of these economic conditions apply to you or your household.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Applies | Doesn’t apply | Unsure, no answer |
| 4.1 Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.1a Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.2 Facing the possibility of unemployment | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.2a Found a new or better job recently | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.3 Significant losses in your stock or retirement accounts | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.4 Facing the possibility of house foreclosure or loss | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.5 Unable to find affordable housing | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.6 Hard to afford the cost of transportation | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.7 Hard to afford the cost of utilities such as electricity or gas | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.8 Delay in making a major purchase such as a home or car | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.9 Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.10 Taxes are too high in relation to government services provided | 1 | 2 | 0 |

**5.0 Thinking about the next twelve months and the county’s economy, indicate whether the following economic conditions will be better, the same or worse:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Better | Same | Worse | Unsure/NA |
| 5.1 Economic growth | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 5.2 Unemployment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 5.3 Inflation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 5.4 Your personal financial situation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

**6.0 The following items are proposals that the state and county are considering or may consider in the future. When I read a proposal to you, indicate whether you support, oppose or are unsure about it.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Support** | **Oppose** | **Unsure** | **NA/Won’t say** |
| 6.1 Legalization of marijuana for recreational use, with a high tax and restrictions against the sale to minors | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.2 Leaving unchanged the county’s storm-water fee meant to help clean up the Bay. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.3 An increase in the state minimum wage to $10.10 by 2016 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.4 A decrease in Maryland’s corporate income tax | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.5 Reducing the estate tax in Maryland so that it only applies to estates over $5 million | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.6 Having a later start time for students in high school | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.7 Increasing the availability of pre-kindergarten schooling for low income families | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.8 Changing gun control laws to make the purchase of shotguns as strictly regulated as the purchase of handguns | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.9 The construction of a new high school in the Crofton area. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

**7. Have you tried to log on to Maryland’s health insurance exchange Web site to look at health insurance options?**

(1) Yes (GO TO 8) (2) No (GO TO #9) (0) No answer (GO TO #9)

**8. IF YES: How would you describe your experience?**

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**9. Do you generally support or oppose the effort to extend health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act?**

1. Support
2. Oppose
3. Undecided

(0) No answer

**10. With which political party, if any, are you registered?**

(1) Democratic (go to #11)

(2) Republican (go to #11)

(3) Unaffiliated (or “independent”) (go to #13)

(4) Other (e.g., Green, Libertarian parties) (go to #13)

(5) None (NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE) (go to #13)

(0) No Answer (go to #13)

**11. The primary elections for state and local offices will take place in June. Are you very, somewhat or not very likely to vote at that time?**

1. Very likely (2) Somewhat likely (3) Not very likely (0) Unsure/No answer *go to question 13*

*IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS EITHER* ***1, 2*** *ASK****:*** *(Otherwise go to question 13* *)*

**12. Thinking about the race for governor, which candidate, if any, are you currently favoring or are you mostly undecided?** *(let respondent volunteer a choice,* ***don’t read list*** *– circle number of candidate)*

**(1) Brown, Anthony (D)**

**(2) Craig, David (R)**

**(3) Gansler, Doug (D)**

**(4) George, Ron (R)**

**(5) Lollar, Charles (R)**

**(6) Hogan, Larry (R)**

**(7) Mizeur, Heather (D)**

**(8) UNDECIDED, other (0) No answer**

**12.1 Thinking now about the race for county executive, there are three candidates running: Republicans Laura Neuman and Steve Schuh, and Democrat George Johnson. Which candidate are you currently favoring or are you undecided at this time?**

(1) Laura Neuman (2) Steve Schuh (3) George Johnson (4) Undecided/None (0) No answer

**13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Martin O’Malley is handling his job as governor?**

(1) Approve (2) Disapprove (0) No answer

**13.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Laura Neuman is handling her job as county executive?** (1) Approve (2) Disapprove (0) No answer

**13. 2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?** (1) Approve (2) Disapprove (0) No answer

**13.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?**

(1) Approve (2) Disapprove (0) No answer

**14. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?**

(1) Democrats (2) Republicans (3) Neither (volunteered) (4) Other (volunteered) (0) No answer

*The last set of questions asks about some of your views and background characteristics that help us better understand our respondents.*

**15. Which of the following best describes your political beliefs: Conservative, Moderate or Liberal?** (1) Conservative (2) Moderate  (3) Liberal (0) Other, No Answer

**16. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***(Write in)*

**17. I am going to read some categories relating to education. Please stop me when I reach the category in which the highest level of your formal education falls.**

|  |  |
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| (1) less than a high school diploma | (5) Completed a 4 year bachelor’s degree |
| (2) a high school diploma | (6) post graduate work |
| (3) some college | (7) Something else? |
| (4) Completed a 2 year associate college degree | (0) No Answer |

**18. I am going to read some categories relating to income. Please stop me when I reach the category in which your household income falls.**

(1) Less than $30,000

(2) $30,000 to $50,000

(3) $50,001 to $75,000

(4) $75,001to$100,000

(5) $100,001 to $150,000

1. $150,001 to $250,000
2. Over $250,000

(0)  No Answer

**19. Stop me when I reach the employment category that best describes your situation**

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| --- | --- |
| **Answer choice** | **Choose one** |
| Retired and not working | 1 |
| Retired and working | 2 |
| Self-employed and/or business owner | 3 |
| Employed full time for a company in the private sector | 4 |
| Employed full time for government in a non-defense related activity such as education, public works or public safety | 5 |
| Employed full time in a defense related activity | 6 |
| Employed in a private non-profit organization | 7 |
| Employed part time | 8 |
| Student (and possibly working part-time) | 9 |
| Unemployed and seeking a job | 10 |
| Unemployed and not seeking a job | 11 |
| No answer | 12 |

**20. Regarding race or ethnicity, how would you describe yourself?**

(1) Asian

(2) Black or African American

(3) Hispanic or Latino

(4) White

(5) Other or “mixed”

(0) No answer

**21. Regarding religion, how would you describe yourself**?

(1)  None (e*.g., atheist, agnostic*)

(2) Non-practicing

(3)  Evangelical or born again Christian (*possibly Baptist, Pentecostal*)

(4) Catholic

(5) Jewish

(6) Protestant (*possibly Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterian, Anglican, Episcopalian*)

(7) Some other Christian (*possibly Mormon*)

(8) A ‘spiritual person’ not associated with an organized religion

(9) Other (*e.g., Hindu, Muslim*)

(0) No Answer

**22. What is your current marital status?**

(1) Single (2) Married (3) Separated/divorced (4) Widowed (5) Other (0) No answer

**23. I have one request: To provide students with more opportunities to survey the public, the Center is asking respondents if they would like to be contacted no more than once or twice a semester by email to participate in short surveys. Can we count on your help?** (1) Yes (2) No

**26.1 *IF YES*: What email address shall we use to contact you?**

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**(CLEAR SPELLING/HANDWRITING PLEASE!)**

***SAY:* That concludes our survey, thanks for participating.**

**(UNLESS YOU ARE ASKING ABOUT A REPORTER FOLLOW-UP –   
IF SO READ THE FOLLOWING:**

“The Center for the Study of Local Issues has partnered with the Capital-Gazette newspapers during this survey. As a result, we are asking a select number of randomly chosen participants like yourself whether they would permit us to share their responses to all questions other than the personal demographic information to a reporter who might call for some follow-up questions.  We would then need your name, daytime telephone number and zip code.”  
  
“Would you be willing to speak to a reporter?"

  (1) No => *say* “Thank you for your time.” (*Go to gender and zip code*)

(2) Yes => “Thanks” (go to name/telephone fields below)

=>Can I please have your name?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
=> What is the best daytime number to reach you?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*=>Zip code:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Say “Thanks again”.* Hang-up and go to gender and zipcode (if not already entered)

*Once the respondent hangs up, make sure to enter GENDER and ZIP CODE*

**24. Gender of respondent to whom you were speaking:** (1) Male (2) Female (0) Unknown

**25**. **Zipcode** (from calling sheet) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_