# CSLI Semi-Annual Survey – Fall 2015 (Final)

Last name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Room number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Color of Telephone List: W G Y Check box if incomplete:

**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** | Choose ONE |
| **Crime** (other than drug related – e.g., robbery, burglary, assault) | 1 |
| **Drugs** (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription pain killers for non-medical purposes.) | 2 |
| **Economy** – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses) | 3 |
| **Education**, problems with schools | 4 |
| **Environment** (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay) | 5 |
| **Government ethics** – corrupt, immoral | 6 |
| **Government waste** – inefficient, spends too much | 7 |
| **Government lack resources** –for roads, schools, services | 8 |
| **Growth/overpopulation**- too much development | 9 |
| **Healthcare** (cost, access) | 10 |
| **Taxes** – too high | 11 |
| **Transportation** problems/traffic congestion | 12 |
| **Unsure**/No Answer | 13 |
| **Other** answer - write in: | 0 |

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**2. 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 | 3 | 0 |
| 2.2 **State** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 2.3 **Nation** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

**3. 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. 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 | Don’t know |
| 4.1 Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.2 Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.3 Facing the possibility of unemployment | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.4 Found a new or better job recently | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.5 Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.6 Hard to afford the cost of education | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.7 Taxes are too high in relation to government services provided | 1 | 2 | 0 |

**5.1 Health insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate**

**1. Applies 2. Doesn’t apply 0. Don’t know**

**6. IF RESPONDENT SAID “APPLIES” to question 5.1 about health insurance, ask (otherwise skip to question 7):   
  
“Could you briefly explain why you said “applies” to the last question about health insurance?**

**(DON’T READ THE LIST – WAIT AND LISTEN FOR ANSWER-THEN CIRCLE ALL ANSWERS MENTIONED AND WRITE IN OTHER ANSWERS)**

6.1 Premiums are too high

6.2 Deductibles are too high   
6.3 Doesn’t cover drugs or certain services (e.g., eye, dental)

6.4 Hard to find provider in my area (doctor, specialist, hospital)

6.5 Various “out of pocket expenses are too high”

6.6 Maryland Health care exchange is hard to use or doesn’t offer good choices

6.7 I prefer to be uninsured or have less coverage

**6. Other – write in other answer**:

**ASK ALL RESPONDENTS:**

**7. If you have health insurance, is it obtained through your employer, as an individual or small group, or through government such as Medicaid or Medicare?**

1. Employer (2) Individual (3) Small group (4) Medicaid (5) Medicare

(6) Medicare with supplement (7) Veterans Administration (8) DON’T HAVE INSURANCE

(0) No answer, don’t know

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**8. Thinking about the next twelve months and the county’s economy, please answer the following questions by saying whether a particular condition will be better, the same or worse:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Better | Same | Worse | Don’t Know |
| 8.1 Economic growth | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 8.2 Unemployment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 8.3 Inflation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 8.4 Your personal financial situation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

**9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Agree** | **Disagree** | **Can’t decide** | **No answer** |
| 9.1 County Executive Steve Schuh has favored high schools with 1200 students; the Board of Education commissioned a study which recommended 1600 as the target high school size. Do you agree or disagree with the Board’s larger size? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 9.2 County teachers and the Board of Education are at impasse over contract talks. Teachers believe that they **should be awarded** salary increases even if it means cuts in other areas of school spending. Do you agree or disagree with the teachers? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 9.3 Currently the County imposes no limits over the location of group homes for unrelated individuals with health concerns. Some have advocated restrictions on group homes’ locations. Do you agree or disagree? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 9.4 Anne Arundel County and Annapolis are reviewing ways to combine government services. Do you agree or disagree with these efforts? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 9.5 Do you agree or disagree that Annapolis is doing enough to deal with flooding due to storm surges and sea level rise? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 9.6 Do you agree or disagree with the idea that the federal government establish a cap on carbon emissions, auction carbon permits to energy companies, and return all auction proceeds to citizens as a dividend? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

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**10. County Executive Steve Schuh has proposed to prohibit the planting, processing and sale of medical marijuana in Anne Arundel County. Some members of the County Council have proposed allowing these activities, but with a set of restrictions that limit where these activities can occur. Which position do you favor – total prohibition, or allowing with restrictions?**

(1) Total prohibition (2) Allow with restrictions (3) Can’t decide (0) No answer

**11. I am going to read you a list of challenges facing the County. Please tell me how well you think the County has dealt with these challenges over the last year. Have things gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Problem** | **Gotten better** | **About the same** | **Gotten  worse** | **Unsure/No answer** |
| 11.1 Improving the local economy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 11.2 Improving the water quality of the Bay | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 11.3 Controlling crime | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 11.4 Reducing poverty and homelessness | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 11.5 Keeping taxes low | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 11.6 Planning growth and development | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 11.7 Reducing the backlog in school maintenance and repair | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 11.8 Improving the overall quality of life in our County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

**12.0 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following elected officials are handling their jobs:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Elected official** | **Approve** | **Disapprove** | **No answer/DK** |
| 12.1 County Executive Steve Schuh | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 12.2 Governor Larry Hogan | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 12.3 President Barack Obama | 1 | 2 | 0 |

**13. 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)

(5) Unsure, no answer

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

(1) Democratic

(2) Republican

(3) Unaffiliated (or “independent”)

(4) Other.

(5) None (not registered to vote) (0) No Answer

**15.**  **Which presidential candidate, if any, are you currently leaning in favor of at this time?**   
 (**DON’T** read the list: IF a name is mentioned, circle the choice below otherwise check here 0

**Democrats:**

(1) Hillary Clinton (2) Martin O’Malley (3) Bernie Sanders (4) Other Democrat  
  
**Republicans:**

(5) Jeb Bush (6) Ben Carson (7) Ted Cruz (8) Carly Fiorina (9) Mike Huckabee

(10) John Kasich (11) Marco Rubio (12) Donald Trump (13) Other Republican

**15.Other** Name of “ Other” Democrat or Republican candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**16. What is the most important factor shaping your choice for president at this time?**  
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***We are almost done. The last few questions will help us to better understand your responses.***

**17. Which of the following best describes your political beliefs: Conservative, Moderate or Liberal?**

(1) Conservative

(2) Moderate

(3) Liberal

(4) Unsure, No Answer

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**18. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**19. 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 | (8) No Answer |

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20. 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) $75,001-$100,000

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

1. $150,001-$250,000
2. Over $250,000 (0)  No Answer

**21. Stop me when I reach the employment category that best describes your situation. If you have retired and re-entered the workforce then indicate retired and as well as your current employment category.**

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| --- | --- |
| **Category** | Percentage |
| Retired | 1 |
| Self employed | 2 |
| Employed full time for a company in the private sector | 3 |
| Employed full time for government in a non-defense related activity such as education, public works or public safety | 4 |
| Employed full time in a defense related activity | 5 |
| Employed in a private non-profit organization | 6 |
| Employed part time | 7 |
| Student | 8 |
| Unemployed and seeking a job | 9 |
| Unemployed and not seeking a job | 10 |
| No answer | 0 |

22. Regarding race, how would you describe yourself?

(1) White

(2) Black or African American

(3) Hispanic or Latino

(4) Asian

(0) Other

(9) No answer

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**23. What is your religion, if any?** (check off category that best describes the answer - **DON’T Read**)

(1)  None *(e.g. atheist, agnostic)*

(2) Non-practicing (*e.g. doesn’t go to religious places or celebrate religious holidays)*

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

(4) Catholic

(5) Protestant (e.g. *possibly Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterian, Anglican, Episcopalian)*

(6) Some other Christian (*e.g. possibly Mormon)*

(7) Jewish

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

(0) Something else *(e.g. Hindu, Moslem)*

(9) No Answer

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

(1) Single (2) Married (3) Separated/divorced   
(4) Widowed (5) Living Together (6) Other (0) No answer

**24.1 I have one last request: In an attempt to provide students with more opportunities to survey the public, the Center is asking whether we can contact you occasionally by email to participate in future surveys. Can we count on your help?**

(1) **Yes** (2) **No** (Go to “That concludes our survey…”)

**24.2 IF YES: “What email address shall we use to contact you?”**

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

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**“That concludes our survey, thanks for participating”**

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

**25. Gender of respondent to whom you were speaking:** (1) Male (2) Female (9) Unknown

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