# CSLI Semi-Annual Survey – Fall, 2012 9-11-12

**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** | Code |
| 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. 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. 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 | 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. 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 | 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 |

**5.5 Thinking your personal financial situation, is it better, the same or worse than four years ago?**

1. Better (2) Same (3) Worse (0) Unsure, don’t know

**5.6 How about the US economy – is it better, the same or worse than four years ago?**

1. Better (2) Same (3) Worse (0) Unsure, don’t know

**5.7 The county’s Health Department is asking the public to help it identify approaches to having people achieve and maintain a healthy weight. Do you have any recommendations?**

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**5.8 The Health Department is also looking for input about ways in which it can work with disadvantaged groups in the county to improve health outcomes for all residents. Do you have any suggestions in this regard?**

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**6. The upcoming November elections will feature a variety of state and local ballot items for citizens to consider. When I read a proposal to you, indicate whether you support or oppose it.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Support | Oppose | Unsure | No answer |
| 6.1 Legalizing same sex marriage | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.2 Making it possible for the children of illegal immigrants to attend Maryland community colleges and universities paying “in-state” tuition | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.3 Force the state legislature to reconsider the congressional districts it created last year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.4 Allowing the creation of a sixth casino in Prince George’s County, table games at all casinos, and changes in the tax rates charged to casinos. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| *The next two proposals apply to the county.*  6.5 Allowing the county council to replace the county executive if convicted of a crime – without waiting for any appeals. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 6.6 Allowing the central committee of the affected party to break a tie when the county council cannot pick a replacement county executive or council member. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

**7.0 A state commission is interested in expanding the availability of low-cost spaying and neutering programs to low income pet owners in order to lessen Maryland’s problem of unwanted dogs and cats. Today we are asking pet owners if they would support or oppose the various means for financing such a program. Do you currently own a dog or a cat?**

1. Yes (2) No (0) No answer If “No” or “No answer” skip to question 8.

If yes: **Do you support or oppose the following ideas for financing this program…**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Paying an extra… | Support | *Maybe* | Oppose | N.A. |
| 7.1. Dollar or two when getting the dog or cat’s rabies shot? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 7.2. Penny or two when buying the dog or cat’s food? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 7.3. Dollar or two added to your annual state income tax? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 7.4. Dollar or two when renewing the dog or cat’s license? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

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

**9. 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

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

(1) Democratic

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(2) Republican (5) None (NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE)

(3) Unaffiliated (or “independent”) (0) No Answer

(4) Other (e.g., Green, Libertarian parties)

**11. How likely are you to vote in November -** (1) very likely (2) somewhat likely (3) not very likely? (0) No answer

**12. For whom would you vote if presidential elections were today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney?**(1) Barack Obama   
(2) Mitt Romney =>  
(3) Undecided

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(4) Someone else (volunteered)   
(5) Wouldn’t vote (volunteered) **Go to question 15**=> (bottom of page)  
(0) No answer **Go to question 15**=> (bottom of page)

**13. What is the most important issue shaping your vote in November? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *(write in)*

**14. Thinking about your choice for president, please say whether the following items are very important, somewhat important or not very important…**

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| **Item** | **Very important** | **Somewhat important** | **Not very important** | **No opinion, don’t know** |
| 14.1 The ability of the candidate to work with Congress | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 14.2 The candidate has the right ideas for improving the economy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 14.3 The candidate will better defend America’s national interests | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 14.4 The candidate’s personal background is appealing | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 14.5 The candidate’s ability to relate to people like yourself | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 14.6 My dislike for the other candidate | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 14.7 The candidate’s choice for vice president | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

**=>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.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| (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) $75,001-$100,000

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

1. Over $150,000

(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 employed | 1 |
| Retired and working | 2 |
| Self-employed | 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 | 9 |
| Unemployed and seeking a job | 10 |
| Unemployed and not seeking a job | 11 |
| No answer | 12 |

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

(1) White

(2) Black or African American

(3) Hispanic or Latino

(4) Asian

(5) Other

(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 last request: In an attempt 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

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

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

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

*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) \_\_\_ \_­\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_