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Residents More Optimistic about Coronavirus According to County Survey

A survey of 474 Anne Arundel County residents conducted March 6-12 by Anne Arundel Community College found compared to last fall (October), twice as many people agreed that the “COVID-19 situation is getting better (70 percent this spring, 35 percent last fall). Only five percent felt that the situation was getting worse, compared to 20 percent last fall.

About one-fifth (19 percent) disagreed with the statement, “FDA approved vaccines are sufficiently safe and effective for me to obtain as soon as possible” – this level of “vaccine hesitancy” seems roughly in keeping with that reported March 9 by a Monmouth University national poll which found 25 percent still unwilling to be vaccinated. That poll reported sharp differences along party lines, with Republicans more likely to avoid the vaccine (36 percent) than Democrats (6 percent).¹ The AACC poll found some partisan polarization with Democrats a bit less likely (11 percent) than Republicans (19 percent) to shun the vaccine.

Overall, the public’s concern about the coronavirus remains high. Last fall 50 percent placed it among the top two “most important problems faced by residents of Anne Arundel County”; the percentage was nearly unchanged (53 percent) this spring.

The poll found respondents to be more impatient about the pace of reopening – with far more saying that the pace of reopening was “too slow” (38 percent for the county; 28 percent for the state) than was true last fall (28 and 16 percent).

Regarding the reopening of public schools, the poll found a variety of sometimes conflicting opinions. No single instructional mode was favored by a majority. Nineteen percent favored “online only until the COVID situation settles down more” while 30 percent favored “more in-person instruction at this time.” Regarding the options that the Anne Arundel County Public School system has currently pursued – a hybrid system with the option to continue with online only instruction – 27 percent liked this combined option, while another 18 percent would have favored a hybrid system even without the option for online only. A separate question asked about agreement with the statement, “Have ‘online only’ instruction until all school staff is vaccinated.” Respondents were offered a five-point scale of agreement: the top two (agree a “great deal” or a “good amount”) generated a combined 52 percent – signaling some continuing concern about the safety of even a partial return to in-person instruction.

The survey found that over half agreed (56 percent) with continuing “having businesses such as restaurants, gyms or theaters be open at least at 50 percent capacity.” A different question found another 40 percent who concurred that it would be prudent to “limit any further reopening of businesses until more people are vaccinated” while a nearly identical 41 percent said “not much” or “not at all.”

The incidence of COVID-19 in the public seems to have risen sharply since last fall when only two percent reported having contracted the illness; it was eight percent this spring – perhaps due to the sharp spike in infection from November through January. There was also a spike from

¹ See <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/03/poll-1-4-americans-will-refuse-covid-19-vaccine>

28 to 47 percent saying, “a family member or close friend has come down with it.” There was a ten-point rise (from 20 to 30 percent) in the percentage saying, “someone you know has died from the effects of the virus.”

A host of questions was asked about vaccinations. A majority (56 percent) tried to obtain a vaccination appointment, but only 42 percent of them succeeded. Among those who had tried to obtain an appointment, the county website was the most used (45 percent) followed by a “hospital or health system website” (37 percent). Asked about which method proved the most successful – defined as able to get an appointment and/or vaccination – the survey found “mass vaccination centers” to be the most highly rated (29 percent) followed by the county website (19 percent). Another 39 percent said they were “very successful” in a volunteered answer, mentioning public schools, specific employers, or the Veterans’ Administration. Most people agreed (88 percent said “agree completely and/or agreed somewhat” on a five-point scale) that “a single sign-up website that provides a master sign-up list would help greatly.” Another 77 percent agreed that “it helps to use text messages, email or social media to find out about possible locations for appointments.”

More details about the poll’s findings regarding COVID-19 can be found starting on page 32 in this press release.

The spring survey covered goals related to the **General Development Plan** that the county is currently reviewing. Goals receiving the highest “very important” scores included less road congestion (58 percent), improved public schools in my area (54 percent), better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces (49 percent), improved public safety in my area (43 percent), better access to parks and senior centers (32 percent), and more affordable housing in my area (31 percent).

Also focusing on other county issues, there was a slight decrease from last fall in the percentage of people saying “very serious” when asked about the possibility of COVID-19 spreading more widely into Maryland (from 46 percent to 41 percent). There was also a decrease in the percentage agreeing that “having easy access to opioids in the county” – from 52 to 45 percent.

The survey asked about some national issues such as the “\$1.9 trillion bill meant to provide COVID relief” that was approved strongly or somewhat by 59 percent. Another 77 percent approved of efforts to prosecute those who were involved in illegal acts on January 6 in overtaking the Capitol.” Another three-quarters of the sample (74 percent) did not agree with the proposition that former President Trump had actually won the last election. Fifty-seven percent believed that Trump incited the mob that overtook the Capitol. Regarding the accuracy of the vote count in Maryland, 79 percent were at least somewhat confident that the vote was accurately counted compared to only 64 percent who were convinced of the same for the United States as a whole.

Other benchmark questions included right vs. wrong direction for the county, state and country. Economic conditions ratings were included as well as questions about personal economic circumstances such as facing the possibility of unemployment, the cost of education and health care. The summary of main findings outlines the other survey specific issues and results found in this press release. A detailed review of these issues and results follows the summary. The actual questionnaire and percentages can be found in Appendix A at the end of the press release. Open-ended comments offered by online respondents can be found in Appendices B-S.

Summary of Main Findings

Most Important Problem Facing County Residents: Additional details are available in the text (pp. 7-9).

Right Direction/Wrong Direction: The percentage of those saying that the **county** was moving in the right direction stabilized at 42 percent this spring – up a single point from last fall. Regarding the **state**, there had been a decrease from 70 to 50 percent from spring 2020 to fall 2020. This spring the percentage declined further to 45 percent. The percentage applicable to the **country** stayed in the same general range for the last few surveys – but rose a bit to 35 percent approve. A detailed analysis shows the impact of differences regarding perceptions and policies dealing with coronavirus as well as partisanship – and how these affect the “direction” attitude (pp. 10-16).

Rating Economic Conditions - County, State and Country: For the county, the percentage saying “excellent” or “good” dropped from 57 to 54 percent. At the state level, this spring there was another drop from 55 to 50 percent. The federal level continued a downward swing, down from 44 in spring 2020 to 37 percent in fall 2020 – and now at 23 percent. There is an analysis of the impact of partisanship upon this attitude (pp. 17-22).

Expectations for the National Economy: The percentage of those saying that the economy will get better in the future decreased from 46 percent last fall to 40 percent this spring. Another 20 percent expected the economy to stay the same (pp. 23-28)

Economic Conditions Applying to Respondents: While there had been a steady reduction in concern about high taxes by spring 2020 when it reached an all-time low (46 percent), there has been a climb recently - to 51 percent in fall 2020 and 57 percent in spring 2021. The concern about inflation was expressed in a rising fear that wages would not keep up with expenses. The percentage expressing a fear of unemployment was steady at 12 percent, just a single point higher than last fall. An analysis shows the disproportionate adverse economic impact upon lower income people; another analysis shows the impact of party registration (pp. 29-31).

Coronavirus Section: This section starts by highlighting the prominent position that concern for the coronavirus has among the “**most important problems** facing the residents of Anne Arundel County” (p. 32). It is then compared to other problems where this concern drops once a listing of other issues is presented (pp. 33-35). The quality of public education, management of run-off into the Chesapeake Bay and easy access to opioids all ranked higher. Some partisan differences are presented there as well.

The discussion then moves to that mentioned earlier – **the perception that the coronavirus situation is improving** (p. 35). The pace of reopening is examined in detail, with a comparison between Democrats – who are more likely to favor a slower reopening – and Republicans.

The section then moves to a **review of proposals meant to deal with COVID-19** – such as making vaccinations mandatory for employees in essential jobs (57 percent agreed), or

“continuing to have businesses such as restaurants, gyms or theaters be open at least at 50 percent capacity” (56 percent agreed). Partisan differences are reviewed and highlight the sharply contrasting approaches favored by Democrats and Republicans (pp. 35-39).

The reopening of schools is discussed by presenting four options ranging from more in-person instruction (30 percent agreed) to preferring to have “online only” instruction for the moment (19 percent) (pp. 40-41).

Personal experience with COVID is reviewed and the results show increases from last fall in the percentage who have contracted the illness (from 2 to 8 percent), or “someone you know has died from effects of the virus” which rose from 20 to 30 percent. Some analysis of the experience with COVID by age is presented (pp. 41-42).

The COVID impact on lifestyles, work practices, health and emotional consequences as well as the vaccination situation are reviewed. Testing appears to have gotten easier, but there are numerous problems with the vaccination situation – with individuals trying a variety of different approaches/websites, with varying but never great success. Individuals were more likely than six months ago to say that they were working more online, had seen a reduction of hours or had to manage day care or home schooling. Unhappiness or emotional distress due to social isolation nearly doubled over a one-year period from 34 percent to 58 percent. Some of these lifestyle/work related issues are analyzed by some social variables such as race, gender and income (pp.43-45).

The **vaccination issue** is examined in terms of willingness to get vaccinated – 19 percent express hesitancy, with a left/right element shaping the willingness to embrace a COVID vaccine. The same political dimension affected the percentage of people saying that they had been vaccinated: Biden voters – 50 percent; Trump voters – 34 percent.

Respondents were in general agreement that the **proliferation of websites** that must be searched for vaccination appointments was less than ideal – and that a central website would be a great improvement (pp. 46-50).

Governor Larry Hogan (56 percent) and President Joe Biden (50 percent) had some credibility regarding “**trust about the coronavirus.**” The survey also asked about **other ways of gaining information such as print or online new sites** – with some analysis of political and social variables regarding trust in such sites (pp. 50-53).

The Future of Work: The survey asked about respondents’ expectations regarding the future of work – specifically their preferences and concerns about more online work practices. For example, 37 percent said that they preferred to work mostly or entirely online, while 34 percent did not. A nearly equal number felt that their future work would be increasingly online – or not (39 vs. 38 percent) (pp. 54-55).

County and the General Development Plan – Goals for the Future: The survey asked about priorities to be highlighted in the review of the General Development Plan currently undergoing revision by the county. Top priorities were less road congestion (58 percent saying “very

important”), improved public schools (54 percent), “Better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces” (49 percent) and “Improved public safety in my area” (43 percent). An analysis of differing priorities is offered by county council district (pp. 56-57).

County’s Most Serious Issues: This was a listing of issues asking respondents to indicate how serious each issue was – for example, 40 percent said the “high cost of housing” was a “very serious” issue. An analysis of how political and demographic variables affect perceptions is presented (pp. 58-60).

National and International Issues and Policies: How Serious/Approve: The same analysis is presented for a range of national and international issues – from illegal immigration and climate change to America’s military strength and threats from China and Russia. A separate analysis of some issues such as approval of the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill or a possible infrastructure bill is also presented (pp. 61-66).

Elections, Voting, “Stolen elections,” “Inciting the mob on January 6”: There is a comparison of voters’ expressed votes in 2020 vs. 2016 in order to try and explain Biden’s success last November in Anne Arundel County. An analysis is made of how voters changed their votes between 2016 and 2020 – emphasizing that Biden benefited from Republican defections from Trump as well as a consolidation to Biden and away from third party candidates. A separate section deals with the perceived accuracy of ballot counting – the public’s confidence in vote counts is discussed both for Maryland and the country as a whole. Dramatic differences by party registration are identified: 91 percent of Democrats are very confident that the vote was accurately counted in Maryland, but only 33 percent of Republicans agree. There is a review of the idea that the 2020 election was “stolen” from Trump – 26 percent agreed with this view; 43 percent of Republicans agreed compared to only four percent of Democrats. Asked if Trump incited the mob on January 6, 57 percent agreed – 91 percent of Democrats and 27 percent of Republicans (pp. 67-71).

Job Approval for the President, Governor and County Executive: The survey has asked about job approval for major executive positions for many years. Joe Biden received a boost in job approval compared to Donald Trump: the score increased from 43 percent last fall to 52 percent this spring.

For Governor Larry Hogan, while remaining high, his job approval declined from 79 to 70 percent this spring, hurt mostly by lower scores among Republicans and unaffiliated voters. County Executive Steuart Pittman dropped a couple of points to 49 mostly due to a ten-point drop among Republicans (pp. 72-76)

Job Approval for County Council, Maryland General Assembly and Congress: The survey extended the job approval question to these three legislative bodies. The Anne Arundel County Council (48 percent approve) and Maryland General Assembly (49 percent approve) had similar scores. The Congress had a much lower score: 28 percent approve. Democrats were more likely in each case to approve of the legislative unit (p. 77).

Trust in Political Parties: Democrats experienced a small two-point decline in trust, but the Republicans fell 11 points, from 38 to 27 percent. This was mostly explained by a sharp drop in trust in the Republican Party among Republicans themselves – from 67 to 51 percent. The shift was largely to “trust neither” among Republicans, rising from 20 to 36 percent (pp. 78-79).

Open-ended Comments: Note that some questions had an opportunity for open-ended responses. Check the appendices at the end of the press release for verbatim citations (starts on page 97). **The questionnaire with frequency distributions starts on page 80.**

Methodology

The survey polled a random sample of 474 county residents who were at least 18 years old. Interviewing was conducted primarily using a database of members of the CSLI/AACC web panel who have been recruited when conducting previous telephone interviews. The survey was in the field from March 6 to 12. There was about a 4.5 percent statistical margin of error; the error rate was higher for subgroups such as “Democrats” or “men.” The dataset was weighted by gender, political party, age and education to better represent the general population. Students participated in the selection of topics and analysis of results.

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Detailed Review of Survey Findings

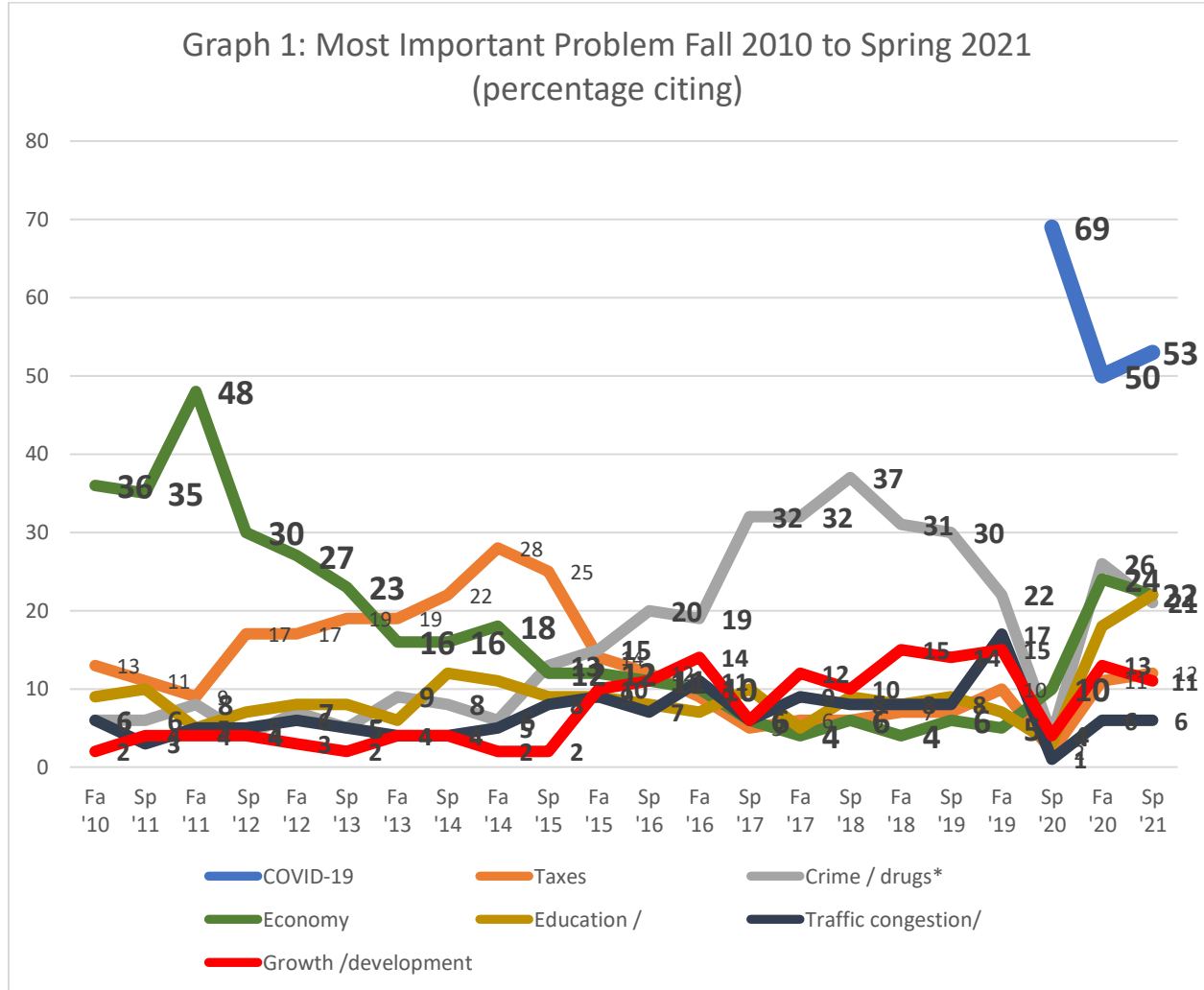
The Most Important Problem Facing Residents – Coronavirus and the Economy Top the List

In the recent past, surveys have only asked respondents to identify a single “most important problem facing residents of Anne Arundel County at the present time.” Given the inevitable primary of the coronavirus as a key concern, starting in fall 2020 the survey branched out and asked respondents to identify the top *two* most important problems. Table 1 shows how the spring and fall results differed since the start of this new format.

Table 1: Most Important Problems Facing County Residents

Problem	Fall '20	Spring '21	Spring-Fall
Coronavirus – spread, treatment, testing	50	53	+3
Crime (other than drug related)	11	10	-1
Drugs (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription painkillers for non-medical purposes.)	15	11	-3
Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses)	24	22	-2
Education , problems with schools, quality, facilities, staff, discipline	18	22	+4
Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay)	8	11	+3
Government ethics – corrupt, immoral	7	9	+2
Government waste – inefficient, spends too much	7	12	+5
Government lack resources –for roads, schools, services	4	3	-1
Growth/overpopulation - too much development, poorly planned	13	11	-2
Healthcare (cost, access)	3	4	+1
Housing cost	6	7	+1
Racism, hate crimes, discrimination	6	6	0
Taxes – too high	11	12	+1
Transportation problems/traffic congestion, lack of public transit	6	6	0
No answer, don't know	2	0	-2
Other answer - write in: (See Appendix B)	9	5	-4

There weren't many differences over the period between the two surveys. The only difference outside of the margin of error was found in the rise in the percentage saying “government waste” from 7 to 12 percent. All other answers were within the 4.5-point margin of error.



Graph 1 depicts the collapse of all concerns in spring 2020 to just the coronavirus when it obtained 69 percent of all citations. With the addition of the “second most important item” option in fall 2020, other underlying issues besides the virus resurfaced with “crime/drugs” regaining the prominence it previously had, but other issues such as the economy and education also rising. In fact, it is useful to note that the current percentage for the economy – 22 percent – is within the range for spring 2013 – when the country was still emerging from The Great Recession.

Some respondents mentioned other problems as their most important. Open-ended comments about this can be found in Appendix B.

Table 1a: “Most Important Problem Facing Residents” – Spring 2010 to Spring 2021²

	Fa '10	Sp '11	Fa '11	Sp '12	Fa '12	Sp '13	Fa '13	Sp '14	Fa '14	Sp '15	Fa '15	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Avg.
Taxes	13	11	9	17	17	19	19	22	28	25	14	12	9	5	6	6	7	7	10	2	11	12	13
Crime / drugs*	6	6	8	4	7	5	9	8	6	13	15	20	19	32	32	37	31	30	22	4	26	21	15
Economy	36	35	48	30	27	23	16	16	18	12	12	11	10	6	4	6	4	6	5	10	24	22	20
Education / school problems	9	10	5	7	8	8	6	12	11	9	9	8	7	10	5	9	8	9	7	3	18	22	8
Traffic congestion/ problems	6	3	5	5	6	5	4	4	5	8	9	7	11	6	9	8	8	8	17	1	6	6	6
Growth / development	2	4	4	4	3	2	4	4	2	2	10	11	14	6	12	10	15	14	15	4	13	11	7
Unsure/no answer	8	12	8	9	9	10	12	11	12	10	6	8	7	10	1	0	5	3	4	0	2	0	7
Other answer	21	19	13	24	23	29	30	23	19	21	25	24	24	24	21	24	22	23	21	76	50	45	22
Total	101	100	100	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	--	--	100

Note: In this and other tables, totals may not equal 100 percent due to rounding. Unless otherwise noted, all numeric values included in tables and graphs are percentages. The total for fall 2020 does not equal 100 due to the option to select two items.

² From spring 2007 to spring 2010, surveys’ answer categories for “most important problem” included “lack of affordable housing” for interviewers to check off. Previously, that answer to the open-ended question would have been categorized under “economy” a practice which was resumed in fall 2010. By spring 2020, a separate break out of “housing cost” started – leading to the reduction of the value of “economy” insofar as housing would have been inserted within the economy percentage.

County, State and Nation – Right or Wrong Direction?

Anne Arundel County

Each survey includes a variety of benchmark questions – the “most important problem” has existed since the start of CSLI/AACC community surveys.³ Other questions have been more recent – the “right or wrong direction” questions for the county, state and country are among this group. Shown on Table 2 and Graph 2 are the results just for the county: “Overall, would you say that the county is headed in the right direction or in the wrong direction?”

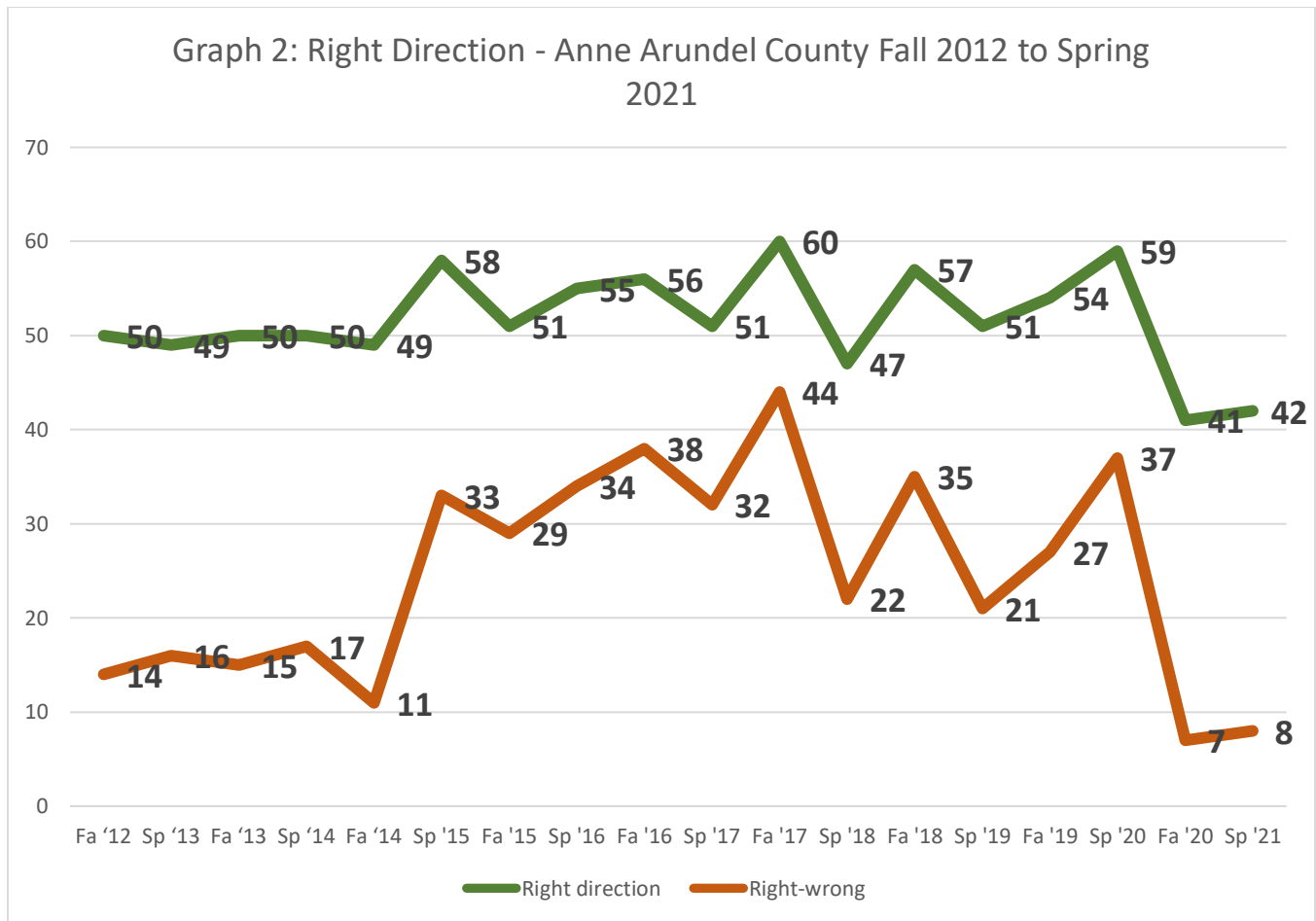
The impact of COVID-19 upon perceptions of government has been strongly negative. For the county, the onset of coronavirus had barely registered at the time of the spring 2020 survey – and the county basked in near record high “right direction” percentages. By fall 2020, the county was clearly in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, with government at all levels struggling to deal with its many ramifications.

The scores for the county’s right direction question dropped from 59 to 41 percent from spring 2020 to fall 2020. By spring 2021 there were still sufficient coronavirus concerns to keep the right direction score at just 42. Moreover, graph 2 shows that scores were getting increasingly polarized with a narrowing of differences between right and wrong direction scores – and high “don’t know” scores possibly indicating uncertainty about the future.

Table 2: Anne Arundel County - Right vs. Wrong Direction Fall 2012 to Spring 2021

	Fa '12	Sp '13	Fa '13	Sp '14	Fa '14	Sp '15	Fa '15	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Avg.
Right direction	50	49	50	50	49	58	51	55	56	51	60	47	57	51	54	59	41	42	52
Wrong direction	36	33	35	33	38	25	22	21	18	19	16	25	22	30	27	22	34	34	27
DK/NA	14	18	16	17	13	17	27	24	26	31	24	28	21	19	19	20	25	24	21
Right-wrong	14	16	15	17	11	33	29	34	38	32	44	22	35	21	27	37	7	8	25
Total	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	101	100	100	100

³ The Center for the Study of Local Issues (CSLI) conducted these surveys from 1980 to 2020 – so all historical references to previous surveys refer to “CSLI surveys.”



The search for relationships between the county right direction scores and experiences with the coronavirus yield a few interesting outcomes. Among those who have come down with the illness, only 25 percent said “right direction” compared to the 41 percent overall county score.

Table 2a brings together several variables and shows the variability in “right direction” scores. The first four questions shown on Table 2a make clear that those who do not like the direction of the county are those who are least likely to want a slow(er) reopening of the county. While 57 percent of those who agreed “a great deal” with the proposition to “Limit any further reopening of businesses until more people are vaccinated” the score dropped to only 18 percent among those who did not agree “at all” with this idea. Those who felt that the pace of reopening of the county was “about right” rather than too fast or slow were generally quite content with the direction of the county – 65 percent saying “right direction.” Those who believed it was too slow – 15 percent: this was the largest gap of all those shown on Table 2a – 50 points.

There is also some evidence that those able to get vaccinated were more likely to say that the county was going the right direction (49 percent) compared to those who had not yet been vaccinated (36 percent). Those who appeared likely to get vaccinated were more inclined to say right direction (44 percent) compared to those who expressed greater vaccine hesitancy (29 percent).

Table 2a: “Right direction” Score for County by Other Variables

(Great deal/Not at all - agree categories)	Great deal agree	Not at all agree	Difference	
Have "online only" instruction until all school staff is vaccinated	53	12	41	
Make vaccinations mandatory for employees in essential jobs	46	22	24	
Mandatory mask wearing in public indoor venues and where social distancing isn't possible	56	18	38	
Limit any further reopening of businesses until more people are vaccinated	57	18	39	
	Too fast	About right	Too slow	Difference
Opening of AAC	49	65	15	50
	Yes	No	Difference	
Faced serious economic consequences such as loss of housing or significant loss of income	32	43	11	
Unhappiness or emotional distress due to social isolation (“social distancing”)	42	40	2	
You have been vaccinated against COVID-19	49	36	13	
FDA approved vaccines are sufficiently safe and effective for me to obtain as soon as possible	44	29	15	

Table 2b: Party and Ideology with Right Direction

	Right	Wrong	Difference
Registered political party			
Democrat	59	16	31 (D-R)
Republican	28	53	-25
Unaffiliated	35	31	4
	“Right” left	“Right”/right	
Strong Democrat / Strong Republican	67	25	42
Somewhat strong Democrat/ Somewhat strong Republican	61	22	39
Not strong Democrat / Not strong Republican	38	44	-6
Ideology			
Very liberal / Very conservative	63	18	45
Somewhat Liberal / Somewhat Conservative	64	28	36
Moderate	39	37	-2

While some of these differences in perceptions of the severity of coronavirus and the pace of reopening were surely based on personal experiences and analytical conclusions, there were also clear partisan and ideological dimensions as well. Table 2b show how these are arrayed. Overall, between Democrats who say right direction (59 percent) and Republicans who agree (28 percent), there is a 31-point difference. There is also a significant difference between Democrats and unaffiliated respondents (59 vs. 35 percent – a 24-point gap).

Table 2c and Graph 3 show the relationship between partisanship and the direction of the county for three surveys: fall 2019, fall 2020 and spring 2021. Looking just at the changes among partisans, the erosion of support among Democrats was much less acute (down only five points from fall 2019) than it was among Republicans (down 21 points).

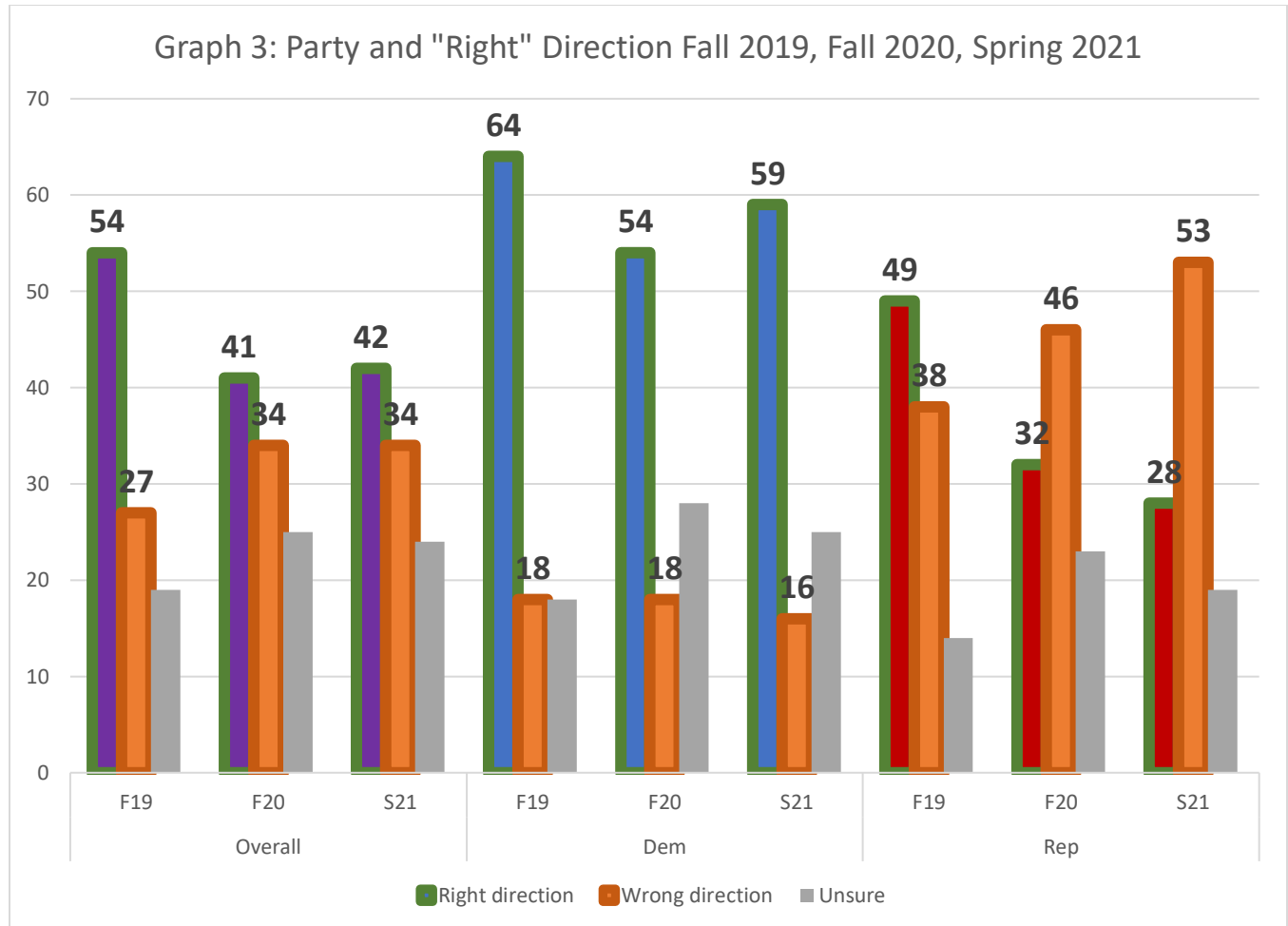


Table 2c: Party and County's Direction – Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Direction	Overall			Dem			Rep		
	F19	F20	S21	F19	F20	S21	F19	F20	S21
Right direction	54	41	42	64	54	59	49	32	28
Wrong direction	27	34	34	18	18	16	38	46	53
Unsure	19	25	24	18	28	25	14	23	19

Looking at ideological groupings it is obvious that the largest gaps were between “very” liberal or conservative respondents – a gap of 45 points. This lessened somewhat to only 36 points among

“somewhat” liberals or conservatives – still a sizable difference. Among moderates, their scores reverted to close to the average at 39 percent.⁴

Right Direction: Maryland and United States

Focusing next on the state and nation as shown on Table 3 (which includes county just for comparison), the state received the highest “right” direction scores of any jurisdiction: 45 percent, but this score was 25 points lower than in spring 2020 – exceeding the fall for the county (17 points). While the right direction scores for the country/nation trailed in all three surveys, the gap narrowed from 38 points in spring 2020 to only ten points by spring 2021. To a minor degree, this was accounted for by a slight rise in the “right direction” score for the national unit, but mostly the gap narrowed by a fall in the score for the state. Graph 3a shows the right/wrong direction for all three levels from fall 2012 to spring 2021.

Table 3: Right/Wrong Direction for County, State and Nation, Spring/Fall 2020, Spring 2021

	Spring 2020	Fall 2020	Spring 2021			
	Right	Right	Right	Wrong	Unsure/ D.K.	Total
County	59	41	42	34	24	100
State	70	50	45	33	22	101
Nation	32	30	35	51	14	100

Graph 3a shows the longer-term trend for all three levels. The graph shows the small long-term improvement in right direction scores for the federal government while also depicting the dramatic fall in scores for both the county and state since the full weight of the pandemic struck by fall 2020.

⁴ It is important to highlight that the composition of the unaffiliated registration was further explored by asking whether the respondent considered themselves to be leaning more to the Democratic or Republican parties. A much larger number (40 percent) said the Republican rather than the Democratic party (15 percent). The remainder (45 percent) said “neither.”

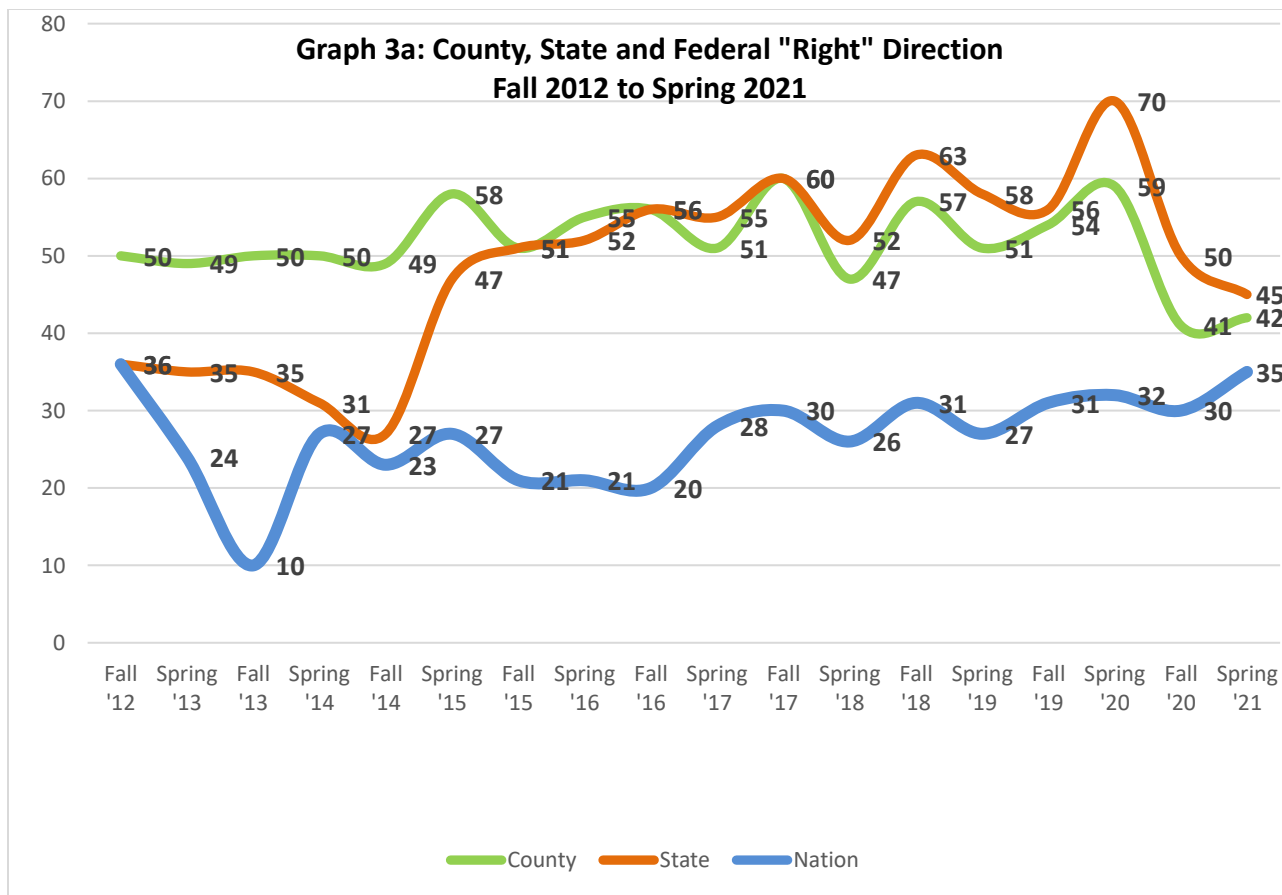
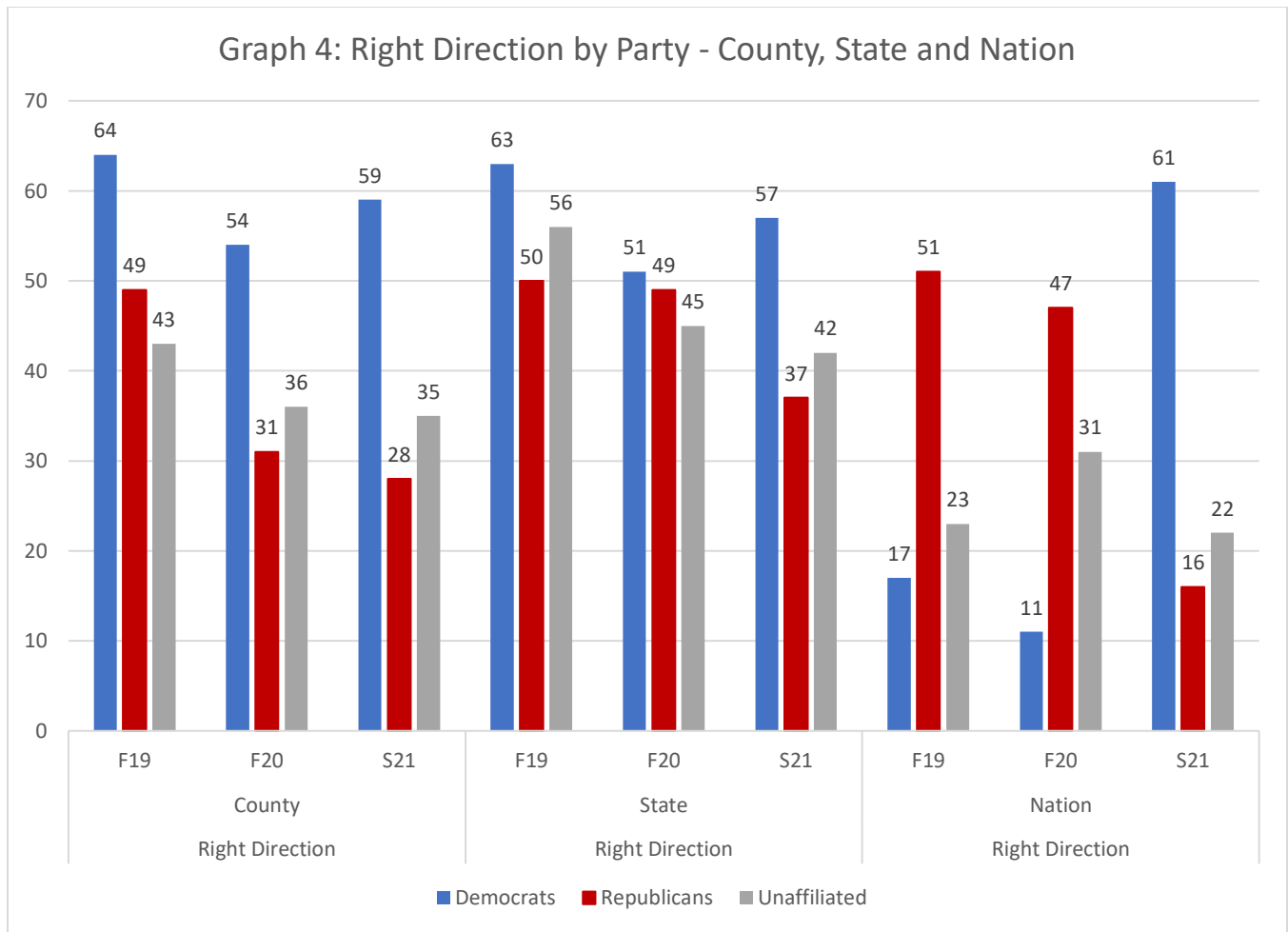


Table 3a and Graph 4 show that Democrats have remained more positive about the direction of both the state and the county than Republicans or unaffiliated voters. The gap is particularly surprising for the state of Maryland, since the governor is Republican – albeit not a “Trump Republican.” The partisan slant becomes the most obvious at the national level, where the gap between Republicans and Democrats was 36 points in fall 2020, with Republicans having the higher score. By spring 2021, Donald Trump had been replaced by Joe Biden and the Republicans “right” direction score dropped 31 points, while Democrats’ score rose 50 points. The overall picture that comes from looking at Graph 4 is that when Democrats hold the executive office, they are predictably optimistic; when Republicans hold executive offices, they are less enthusiastic as they are likely to be divided by Trump and anti-Trump feelings within the party.

**Table 3a: Right/Wrong Direction for County, State and Nation by Party Registration,
Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021**

	Right Direction County			Right Direction State			Right Direction Nation		
	F19	F20	S21	F19	F20	S21	F19	F20	S21
Democrats	64	54	59	63	51	57	17	11	61
Republicans	49	31	28	50	49	37	51	47	16
Unaffiliated	43	36	35	56	45	42	23	31	22



This conclusion is further confirmed by looking at the ideological pattern for spring 2021. Table 3b shows that the “right direction” score for the state is very low for “very conservative” individuals (17 percent) but reaches its highest level for “very liberal” respondents (68 percent). The same seems true for the county level – which has Democratic majority in the county council and a Democratic county executive. Thus, for the state level, having Governor Larry Hogan in office – with Democratic supermajorities in both houses of the Maryland General Assembly – is an arrangement that is more fulfilling for liberals than for conservatives. The latter might feel unhappily resigned to the notion that Hogan has to govern as a “Republican in name only” by avoiding the appearance of extremism and obstructionism associated with Congress and the national level.

Table 3b: Right Direction and Ideology – Spring 2021

	Very cons.	Somewhat cons.	Moderate	Somewhat lib.	Very lib
County	18	28	39	64	63
State	17	33	45	64	68
Country	3	8	33	70	72

Rating Economic Conditions – Anne Arundel County

Since March 2002, the CSLI semi-annual survey has asked a benchmark question about the economy: “How would you rate economic conditions in Anne Arundel County – ‘excellent,’ ‘good,’ ‘only fair’ or ‘poor’?”

As shown on Table 4 (p. 18) and Graph 5 (p. 19), it is now clear to see that the onset of the coronavirus pandemic has resulted in a nearly 20-point decline in the combined “excellent+good” scores based on a fall 2019 starting percentage. The drop from fall 2019 to spring 2020 was relatively mild - only five points, as this was probably too soon for respondents to judge how badly the economy would ultimately be hurt. By fall 2020, the drop was greater – another 11 points; by spring 2021, the drop continued and showed a 19 point drop overall. Nevertheless, the overall score exceeded 50 percent and reached a level like fall 2013 rather than spring 2010 (44 percent) – which was in the heart of the Great Recession.

Graph 5 shows the overall pattern for all three levels. Using the same time as mentioned above, the county and state had very similar drops in combined excellent+good scores (19 and 20 points). By contrast, the national level experienced a broader drop of 30 points, reaching a level not seen since fall 2016.

Table 4: Perceptions of County Economic Conditions – Spring 2010 to Spring 2021

	Sp '10	Fa '10	Sp '11	Fa '11	Sp '12	Fa '12	Sp '13	Fa '13	Sp '14	Fa '14	Sp '15	Fa '15	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa 19	Sp' 20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Avg.
Excellent+ Good	44	45	49	48	51	48	49	53	50	44	57	64	65	60	65	71	68	75	71	73	68	57	54	58
Excellent	3	3	3	4	2	5	3	6	8	4	5	7	8	8	5	9	10	15	12	14	11	7	6	7
Good	41	42	46	44	49	43	46	47	42	40	52	57	57	52	60	62	58	60	59	59	57	50	48	51
Fair	41	45	38	40	37	39	38	35	40	41	33	27	27	34	29	25	27	19	22	20	24	29	38	33
Poor	13	8	12	11	11	12	11	10	9	12	7	6	5	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	4	9	7	7
Don't know	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	5	2	3
Total	100	100	101	101	100	101	101	101	101	99	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100	101	100

Graph 5: County, State and Nation - Excellent+Good Scores Spring 2009 to Spring 2021

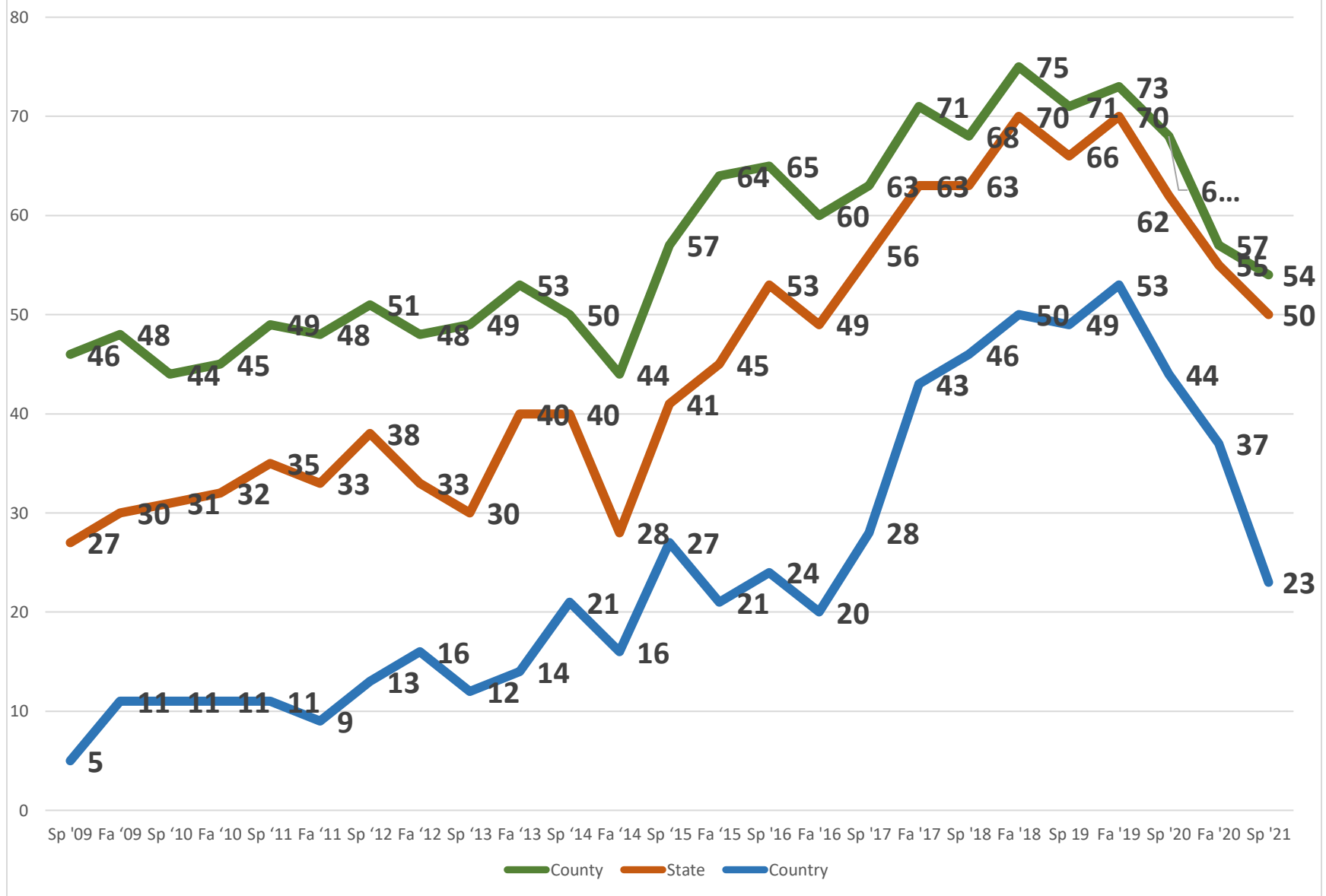


Table 4a shows that as in prior years, there was relatively little partisan differentiation regarding the percentages saying that the county’s economy was excellent or good. The major difference is the Democrats were actually more optimistic than in fall 2020 (although not as much as in fall 2019) while Republicans and unaffiliated voters featured a continued decline in their scores.

Table 4a: Economy as Excellent+Good by Party Registration – Anne Arundel County, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

	Excellent+Good			
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Democrats	71	55	59	+4
Republicans	79	62	55	-7
Unaffiliated	73	56	46	-10

Rating Economic Conditions – Maryland

Since spring 2009, the question about rating economic conditions has been extended to the state of Maryland and the country overall.

The combined “excellent+good” score for spring 2021 was down five points to 50 percent from fall 2020 and down 20 points from fall 2019. The spring 2021 results are the lowest since fall 2016 (see Table 5 and Graph 5).

Table 5: Perceptions of State Economic Conditions – Spring 2012 to Spring 2021

	Sp '12	Fa '12	Sp '13	Fa '13	Sp '14	Fa '14	Sp '15	Fa '15	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Avg.
Excellent+ Good	38	33	30	40	40	28	41	45	53	49	56	63	63	70	66	70	62	55	50	50
Excellent	4	3	1	4	4	1	3	2	5	5	3	4	6	11	9	10	10	6	3	5
Good	34	30	29	36	36	27	38	43	48	44	53	59	57	59	57	60	52	49	47	45
Fair	40	42	41	36	40	40	39	41	36	39	34	29	29	24	25	22	28	32	40	34
Poor	21	23	24	21	18	30	16	11	9	9	7	4	5	4	5	5	6	9	7	13
Don't know	2	2	4	4	2	2	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	3	3
Total	100	101	101	101	101	99	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	99	100	100	100

Table 5a shows that there are large differences in perceptions of the state economy along partisan grounds. Democrats were relatively optimistic about the state's economy – rising eight points. Republican perceptions were the opposite – dropping 18 points since last fall and 24 points from fall 2019. Unaffiliated respondents had already experienced the largest drop from fall 2019 to fall 2020 (23 points) and in spring 2021 rebounded a bit by rising three points.

Table 5a: Economy as Excellent+Good by Party Registration – Maryland, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

	Excellent+Good			
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Democrats	69	47	55	+8
Republicans	73	67	49	-18
Unaffiliated	68	45	48	+3

Rating Economic Conditions –The National Economy

As shown on Graph 5, the appraisal of the *national* economy has always lagged significantly behind both the *county* and *state*.

As mentioned above and shown on Table 6a, the national level experienced a broader drop of 30 points since fall 2019, reaching a level not seen since fall 2016.

As shown on Table 6 partisan differences moved considerably since fall 2020. Democrats remained less optimistic than other partisan categories – but did move their scores up from nine last fall to 19 this spring. The lack of enthusiasm seems unusual since Democrats won both the presidency and both houses of Congress in November 2020. What was less unexpected was the massive 35-point drop shown by Republicans as well as the 22 point drop among the unaffiliated (who predominantly lean Republican). Oddly, both of the latter had a five-point higher score than Democrats.

Table 6: Economy as Excellent+Good by Party Registration – USA

	Excellent+Good			
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Democrats	40	9	19	+10
Republicans	72	59	24	-35
Unaffiliated	48	46	24	-22

Table 6a: Perceptions of National Economic Conditions– Spring 2012 to Spring 2021

	Sp '12	Fa '12	Sp '13	Fa '13	Sp '14	Fa '14	Sp '15	Fa '15	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Avg.
Excellent+Good	13	16	12	14	21	16	27	21	24	20	28	43	46	50	49	53	44	37	23	29
Excellent	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	7	13	12	16	9	8	2	4
Good	12	14	10	13	20	15	24	20	23	19	27	40	39	37	37	37	35	28	21	25
Fair	47	37	38	31	41	42	32	40	40	38	46	40	36	33	33	30	31	30	45	37
Poor	39	46	47	55	37	40	37	36	34	40	23	17	17	13	16	12	20	32	27	31
Don't know	2	1	3	1	1	2	4	3	2	3	4	1	2	3	3	5	6	3	4	3
	101	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	101	101	101	101	99	101	100	101	101	100	100

Expectations for the National Economy

The question for this section was: “**Thinking ahead for the next few years, do you expect the national economy to improve, stay the same or get worse?**”

The uncertainty regarding the national economy witnessed in fall 2020 had shifted into pessimism by spring 2021 as the “unsure” score dropped from 21 to 6 points, and the “worse” score rose from 17 to 34 points. The combined “improve+stay the same” score has hardly changed since spring 2020 when it was 64 – it was 62 in fall 2020 and 60 in spring 2021 (see Table 7).

Table 7: Expectations for National Economy

	Scores			
	Spring 2020	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Improve	41	46	40	-6
Stay the same	23	16	20	+4
Worse	27	17	34	+17
Unsure	9	21	6	-15
Total	100	100	100	

In the fall 2020 survey – which was conducted in October and thus prior to the November election - the split in the population along partisan lines featured supporters of Donald Trump having an “improve” score of 65 percent; among Biden supporters that figure dipped to just 38 percent. By spring 2021 the situation had reversed: Biden voters’ improve score was 65 percent – exactly what it had been for Trump voters in fall 2020. However, among those who voted for Trump in 2020, the improve score was only 10 percent, much lower than Biden voters in fall 2020. Moreover the combined scores for Biden voters was 85 percent while for Trump voters it was just 26. Thus, while the overall improve+stay the same scores didn’t change much, the partisan composition was vastly different.

Economic Conditions Applying to Respondents

Respondents were asked: **“Thinking about your personal circumstances, please tell me whether any of these economic conditions apply to you or your household.”**

Two tables (7a and 7b) show the results for recent CSLI/AACC surveys. Table 7a (as well as Graph 6) shows a longer time period and includes the fall 2014 survey modifications in the list of items included – two new items were added (“Hard to afford the cost of education” and “Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries”), while several previous items were dropped. Other modifications have occurred over the years, such as the inclusion of questions asking about a “salary increase or other increase in income recently” and whether the respondent had “found a new or better job recently” – these items were introduced in fall 2011. In fall 2016, the healthcare question was changed from “healthcare insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate” to “unable to afford healthcare or medicine during the last year.” The rationale for this change was to make the question accord with a question asked by Gallup Inc., which claimed to measure healthcare insecurity.⁵ Since fall 2018, the survey reverted to prior form to note whether there have been changes in the value of this measure over time. In addition, in spring 2020 the question about the cost of education was amended to say “beyond high school.”

Table 7a shows the results over the last four surveys. While the results indicate a modicum of optimism as there was a rise in the percentage saying, “Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently” – the main conclusion is that economic conditions were mostly worsening. Perceptions of inflation – the burden of taxes, the idea that income wasn’t rising as fast as the cost of living – were both up. The same was true for “hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school” and hard to afford the cost of food and groceries. “Fear of unemployment” had been around eight percent in 2018 – rose to 12 percent in spring 2021.

Table 7b and Graph 6 illustrate long-term trends, which reinforce the comments above. For example, there had been a steady reduction in concern about high taxes, which continued to drop into spring 2020 when it reached an all-time low (46 percent) – but there was a rise to 51 percent in fall 2020 and a further rise to 57 percent in spring 2021. There had been a steady drop in the percentage fearing unemployment, but a rise in that percentage started in fall 2019 reaching a peak in spring 2020 (at 15 percent) before dropping somewhat to 12 in spring 2021.

⁵ See <http://www.gallup.com/poll/192914/healthcare-insecurity-record-low.aspx> for more information about this measure. The most recent Gallup measure for this question had a value of 15.5 percent, similar to average CSLI value of 17 percent. However, one might question how well it actually measures “healthcare insecurity” since the more general framing of the question in our previous surveys usually produced a score about twice as high as this measure. Unfortunately, Gallup no longer appears to be including this question in its Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index so we have reverted back to the original phrasing. See <http://www.well-beingindex.com/>

Table 7a: Economic Perceptions Fall 2019 to Spring 2021
(Percent saying, “applies”)

	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '20- Sp '21
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	53	46	51	57	+6
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	47	37	38	45	+7
Hard to afford the cost of education (from spring 2020 – “beyond high school”)	42	21	25	34	+11
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	41	40	30	37	+7
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	24	19	19	22	+3
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate/	33	25	19	23	+4
Facing the possibility of unemployment	10	15	11	12	+1
Found a new or better job recently	15	15	9	7	-2

Graph 6: Select Economic Perceptions/Conditions for Individuals Fall 2012 to Spring 2021

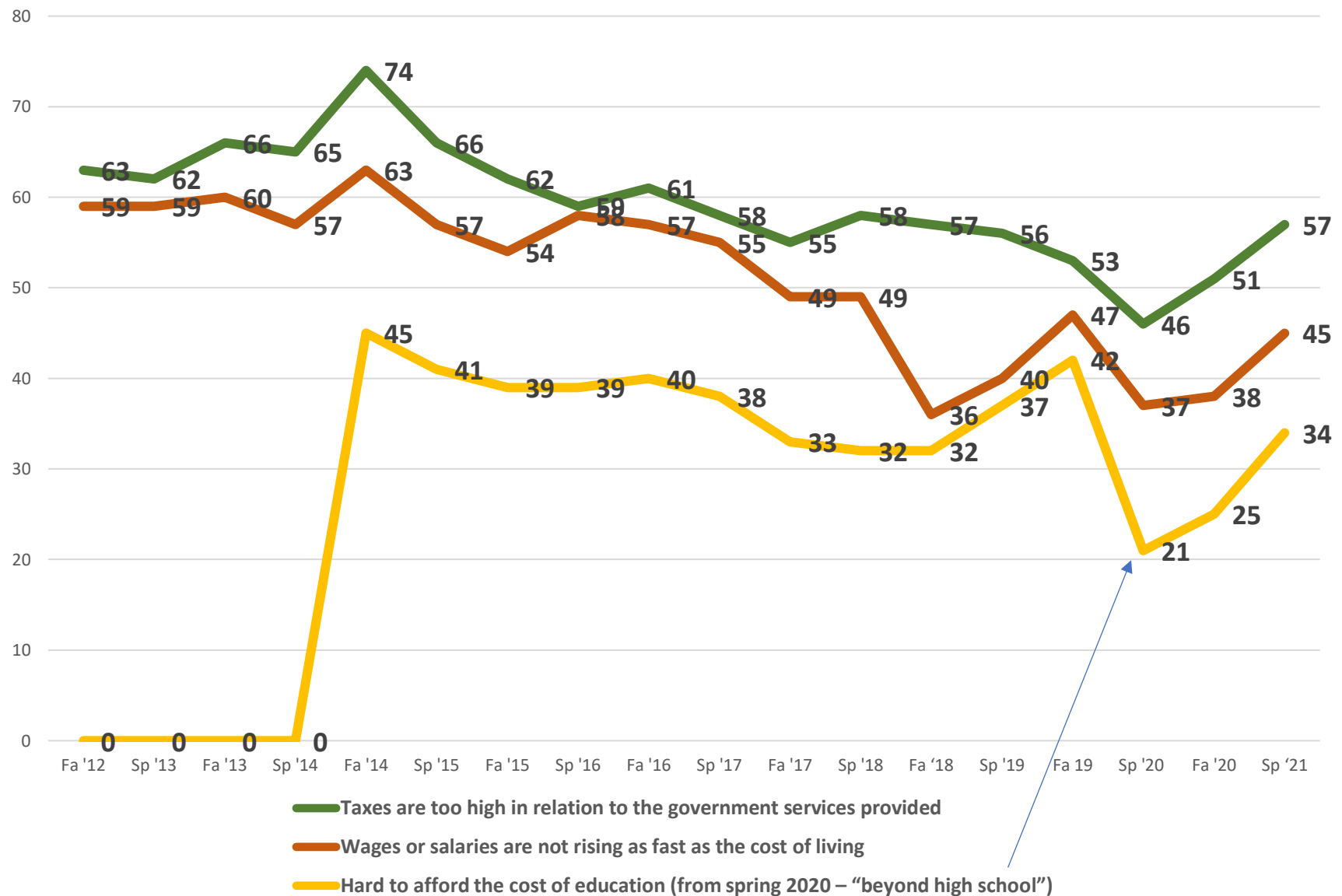


Table 7b: Economic Conditions Applying to Personal Circumstances – Fall 2012 to Spring 2021

Condition	Fa '12	Sp '13	Fa '13	Sp '14	Fa '14	Sp '15	Fa '15	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Avg.
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	63	62	66	65	74	66	62	59	61	58	55	58	57	56	53	46	51	57	61
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	59	59	60	57	63	57	54	58	57	55	49	49	36	40	47	37	38	45	55
Hard to afford the cost of education (from spring 2020 – “beyond high school”)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	45	41	39	39	40	38	33	32	32	37	42	21	25	34	38
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	31	34	29	36	33	37	34	32	29	31	26	41	36	45	41	40	30	37	33
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	33	31	28	30	29	27	25	24	20	25	24	19	19	22	27
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate/ Unable to afford healthcare or medicine during the last year (starts fall 2016 ends spring 2018)	27	32	29	26	40	38	33	38	14	16	18	18	35	32	33	25	19	23	31/ 17
Facing the possibility of unemployment	14	19	17	16	17	12	12	9	11	14	11	8	7	8	10	15	11	12	14
Found a new or better job recently	11	14	16	14	12	11	13	10	8	10	10	13	13	12	15	15	9	7	12
Significant losses in your stock or retirement accounts	38	32	32	26	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	51
Delay in making a major purchase such as a home or car	38	42	38	43	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	45
Hard to afford cost of utilities such as electricity or gas	32	31	29	37	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40
Hard to afford cost of transportation	30	27	24	24	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	27
Unable to find affordable housing	9	12	14	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12
Facing the possibility of house foreclosure or loss	4	7	7	4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7

Party based differences were apparent among some of these measures (see Tables 7c and 7d). In both fall 2020 and spring 2021, the clearest partisan differences appeared on taxes, with Republicans much more likely to say that they were too high – and the gaps exceeding 30 percentage points in both surveys. Also consistent between both surveys were the gaps in two inflation measures: “Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living” and “Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school” – in both surveys, Democrats were more likely to cite these than were Republicans by around 12 points each time. The two surveys differed on the issue of “Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently” – Republicans were much more likely to agree to this in fall 2020, a difference which closed to nearly nothing in spring 2021.

Table 7c: Party and Economic Conditions/Experiences Fall 2020

Condition	Overall	Dem	Rep	Unaff.	Gap F20 D-R
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	51	32	66	61	-34
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	38	42	30	46	12
Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school	25	30	17	25	13
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	30	22	38	32	-16
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	19	19	17	27	2
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate	19	23	15	36	8
Facing the possibility of unemployment	11	12	9	17	3
Found a new or better job recently	9	9	8	12	1

Table 7d: Party and Economic Conditions/Experiences Spring 2021

Condition	Overall	Dem	Rep	Unaff.	Gap S21 D-R
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	57	35	76	57	-41
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	45	50	38	47	12
Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school	34	38	26	36	12
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	37	38	37	35	1
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	22	19	23	27	-4
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate	23	24	19	26	5
Facing the possibility of unemployment	12	14	9	15	5
Found a new or better job recently	7	4	9	12	-5

Economic Conditions Applying to Individuals/Households – Influence of Income

Table 8 shows the impact of income on the indicators of economic conditions applying to personal circumstances both for the current survey as well as the gap between higher and lower income groups over time. Dividing the sample of respondents into those earning \$75,000 or less into one group and those earning over \$75,000 into a second group, most desirable outcomes favor the higher income group. Graph 7 shows just the percentages obtained by each group for spring 2021.

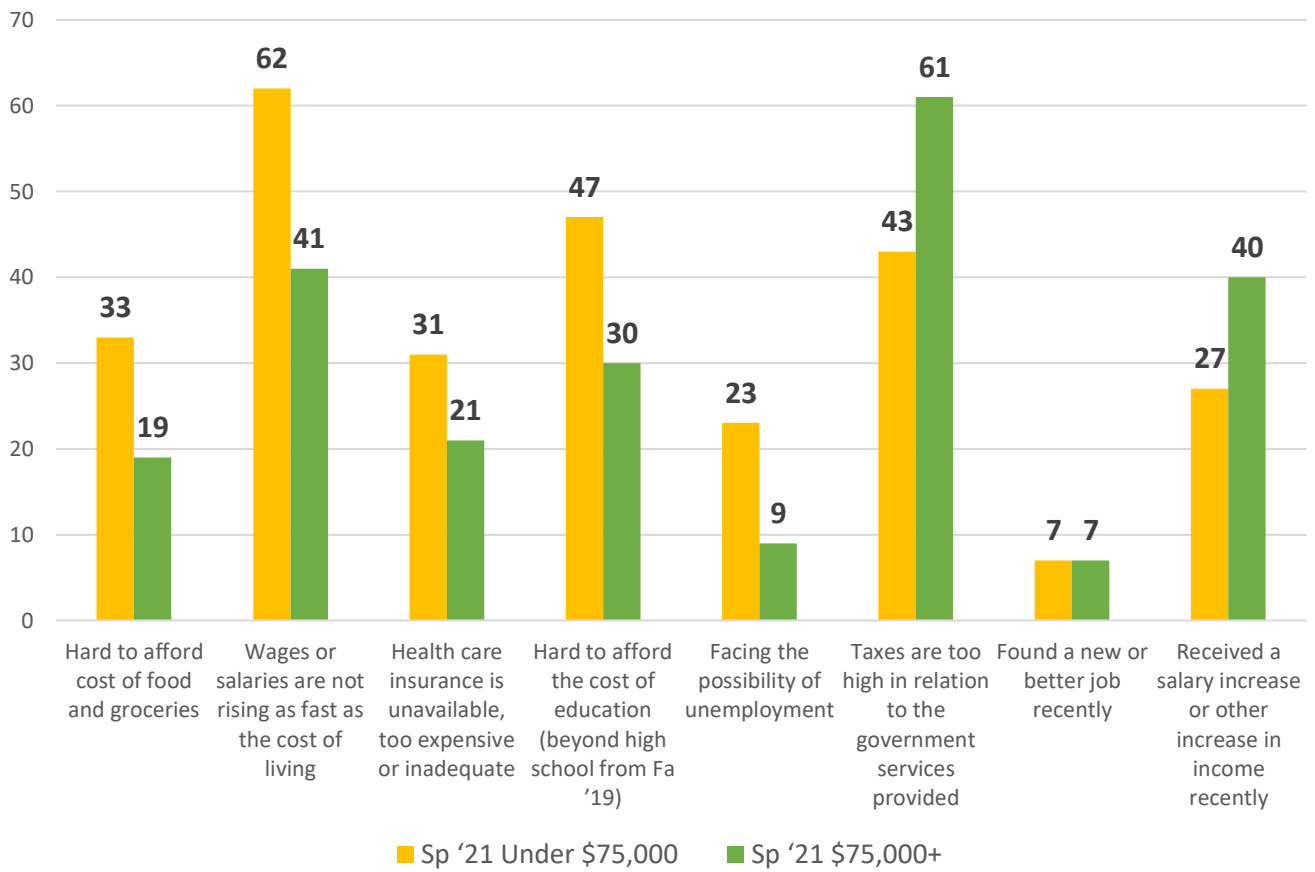
As in all previous analyses of this relationship, it is clear that the desirable outcomes – fewer problems affording goods and services, less concern with unemployment, receiving increases in income – tended to fall predominantly on the side of those with incomes over \$75,000. The only item that seems to have shifted much in the recent past is with regard to the item, “Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided” which had generally not shown much difference or had inconsistent differences. By contrast, the last two surveys have shown a growing split between the two income groups, with the lower income group being less likely to agree with this statement than the higher income group.

Table 8: Income Groups and Economic Indicators Spring 2017 to Spring 2021

			Under \$75k- Over 75K									
	Sp '21 Under \$75,000	Sp '21 \$75,000+	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Avg
Hard to afford cost of food and groceries	33	19	32	26	27	21	36	26	28	29	14	28
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	62	41	8	19	11	8	9	25	29	18	21	16
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate	31	21	11	26	14	14	19	11	16	10	10	15
Hard to afford the cost of education (beyond high school from Fa '19)	47	30	5	2	10	10	4	16	15	14	17	15
Facing the possibility of unemployment	23	9	12	5	0	2	3	7	6	10	14	6
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	43	61	8	-1	-8	2	3	6	4	-7	-18	1
Found a new or better job recently	7	7	-6	-3	2	1	1	8	-7	-3	0	-1
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	27	40	-29	-18	-10	-23	-23	-10	-13	-15	-13	-18

Note: Desirable outcomes are bolded.

Graph 7: Economic Conditions by Income, Spring 2021



Coronavirus Section

The first part of the press release covered many findings pertinent to the COVID-19 situation. This section will present a more detailed analysis with tables and graphs.

Within the survey questionnaire, the coronavirus issue was first raised when asking about the “most important problem facing the residents of Anne Arundel County.” This is a benchmark question asked at the beginning of each survey. Table 8a highlights the continuing impact of the pandemic upon residents’ concerns. Concern for the pandemic is more than twice as commonly mentioned than any other item such as the economy or education.

Table 8a: Most Important Problem Spring ‘20 to Spring ‘21

Problem	Fall ‘20	Spring ‘21
Coronavirus (spread, treatment, testing)	50	53
Crime (other than drug related)	11	10
Drugs (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription painkillers for non-medical purposes.)	15	11
Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses)	24	22
Education (problems with schools, quality, facilities, staff, discipline)	18	22
Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay)	8	11
Government ethics (corrupt, immoral)	7	9
Government waste (inefficient, spends too much)	7	12
Government lack resources (for roads, schools, services)	4	3
Growth/overpopulation (too much development, poorly planned)	13	11
Healthcare (cost, access)	3	4
Housing cost	6	7
Racism, hate crimes, discrimination	6	6
Taxes – too high	11	12
Transportation (problems/traffic congestion, lack of public transit)	6	6
No answer, don’t know	2	0
Other answer - write in: (See Appendix B)	9	5

The next ranking of the coronavirus situation comes further into the survey when respondents were asked to identify the seriousness of a variety of problems. Table 8b shows the results.

The dominant position of the coronavirus concern among respondents was already highlighted when mentioning the results for the “most important problem” variable – where 53 percent mentioned the virus.

Table 8b shows that the percentage of respondents saying that an item was “very serious” varied from a low of 33 percent to a high of 63. The item, “The possibility of coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading more widely into Maryland,” was 41 - a bit below average. It was down five points from fall 2020.

Table 8b: How Serious are Various Problems

	Fall 2020	Spring 2021			
	Very serious	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Don't know
Having easy access to opioids in the county	52	45	26	17	12
The possibility of coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading more widely into Maryland	46	41	34	23	2
The management of run-off into the Chesapeake Bay	49	51	35	11	4
High cost of housing in the county	45	40	39	18	3
The growth in income and wealth inequality in the county	32	36	31	29	4
Hate crimes in the county	33	33	30	34	3
Domestic violence	n.a.	34	43	19	5
The quality of public education	n.a.	63	28	7	2
Focusing now on international affairs: How serious to you consider the rising economic and military threat posed by China	46	56	32	9	3
The threat to American democracy posed by Russia	43	38	38	21	3
The threat posed by climate change	53	51	17	29	3
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	n.a.	48	35	15	3
Reducing illegal immigration into the United States	n.a.	49	23	25	3
Working with the World Health Organization to fight pandemics	n.a.	49	23	26	3
Avg.	44	45	31	20	4

(The international affairs questions will be discussed in detail in a later section.)

The severity of problems is often filtered through the lens of partisanship – already seen in the discussion of the “right direction” question. Other polls have raised the idea that Republicans do not see the COVID-19 issue with the same level of concern as Democrats. For example, a Pew survey from January 2021 showed a 30-point difference between Republicans and Democrats regarding the importance of “dealing with the coronavirus outbreak.” Other major partisan differences were identified on climate change (45 points), issues around race (48 points), or strengthening the military (23 points).⁶

Table 9 compares Democrats with Republicans in terms of the percentage saying “very serious” to each of the listed items and compares the results for spring 2021 with those from fall 2020. That comparison is limited to noting the size of the gap when subtracting Republican registered respondents from Democratic ones.

Table 9: Percentage Saying “Very Serious” by Party Registration

	Spring 2021				Dems-Reps	
	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.	Sp ‘21	Fall ‘20
The threat posed by climate change	51	81	24	42	57	59
Working with the World Health Organization to fight pandemics	49	80	25	35	55	n.a.
The growth in income and wealth inequality in the county	36	61	12	34	49	46
Hate crimes in the county	33	52	15	29	37	26
The possibility of coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading more widely into Maryland	41	59	27	34	32	31
The management of run-off into the Chesapeake Bay	51	67	37	48	30	32
High cost of housing in the county	40	51	24	46	27	25
The quality of public education	63	71	55	63	24	n.a.
Domestic violence	34	42	21	34	21	n.a.
The threat to American democracy posed by Russia	38	44	32	35	12	21
Having easy access to opioids	45	46	52	31	-7	-10
Focusing now on international affairs: How serious do you consider the rising economic and military threat posed by China	56	41	70	63	-29	-29
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	48	30	62	56	-32	n.a.
Reducing illegal immigration into the United States	49	19	76	58	-57	n.a.

The items that load up the most with a Democratic “bias” are “the threat posed by climate change,” “Working with the World Health Organization to fight pandemics,” and “The growth in income and wealth inequality in the county.” The gap between the parties on these issues is between 49 and 57 percentage points. The COVID-19 question has a pro-Democratic gap of 32 points – almost identical to the 30-point gap identified by the Pew national poll. The latter found a bit smaller of a gap on climate

⁶ See <https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2021/01/28/economy-and-covid-19-top-the-publics-policy-agenda-for-2021/>.

change – 45 rather than 57 points – but the wording wasn’t identical, perhaps accounting for some of the difference. On illegal immigration, Pew found a 48-point difference compared to the 57-point gap found in our survey. A 38-point difference was found on the item, “Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries” compared to the 32-point Republican tilt found here. The point is that polling consistently finds partisan differences on many issues – so it is not surprising to find them applying to about how people perceive and react to the pandemic.⁷

In looking at the findings on Table 9, the percentage saying “very serious” is listed by party registration. The greatest polarization among partisans is with regard to climate change and economic inequality (gaps of 59 and 46 points). With a 32-point pro-Democratic bias, the coronavirus issue is in fifth place in terms of party polarization – behind hate crimes but ahead of the high cost of housing or the threat posed by China. Thus, while it ranks clearly ahead of all other issues when respondents are asked about “the most important problem facing the residents of Anne Arundel County,” it isn’t as prominent in this listing.

Is the COVID Situation Improving?

The survey asked respondents to generalize about the COVID situation in terms of whether it was improving, staying the same, or getting worse. Table 9a shows the results. Clearly, there was a marked difference between the fall 2020 perception and the spring 2021 with twice as many people saying that the situation was improving. The partisan differences were muted.

Table 9a: Is the COVID Situation Improving?

		Spring ‘21			
	Fall ‘20	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Improving	35	70	73	71	65
Staying the same	42	24	22	26	26
Getting worse	20	5	4	4	6
Unsure, don’t know	3	2	0	1	3
Total	100	101	99	102	100

County Measures about the Pandemic

Some questions in this section focused on Anne Arundel County and Maryland. One question asked, **“Would you say that Anne Arundel County and Maryland have gone too fast, too slow or about right in the pace of reopening businesses, schools and other facilities?”**

Table 10 shows that the mood of the public had changed since fall 2020. At that time, majorities felt that the pace in both Anne Arundel County as well as Maryland was “about right.” Somewhat more felt that the county’s pace was “too slow” (28 percent) rather than “too fast” (14 percent); for Maryland, the opposite was the case with a slightly larger number (20 percent) felt the pace was “too fast” rather than “too slow” (16 percent).

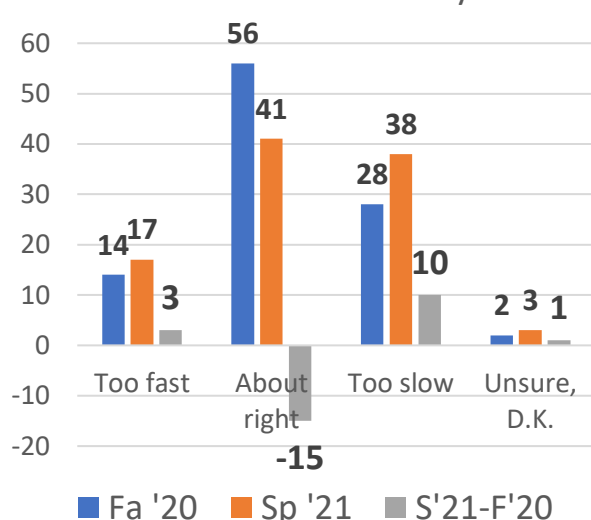
⁷ See <https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2021/02/24/majority-of-americans-confident-in-bidens-handling-of-foreign-policy-as-term-begins/> for more information about foreign policy differences by party affiliation.

By spring 2021, it seemed that impatience had become the more dominant mood in the public. As graphically illustrated on Graphs 8 and 9, the “about right” choice dropped 15 points for the county and 17 points for the state. Most of that drop went into “too slow” – 10 points for the county and 12 points for the state, although more modest amounts went into “too fast” – 3 and 2 points respectively.

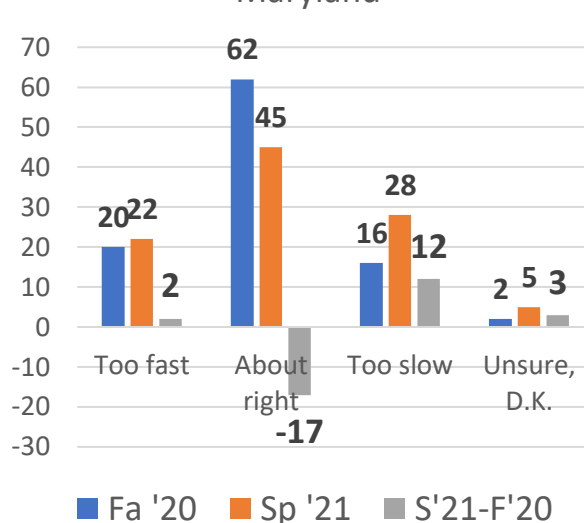
Table 10: Anne Arundel County and Maryland – Pace of Reopening

Anne Arundel County	Fa '20	Sp '21	S'21-F'20
Too fast	14	17	3
About right	56	41	-15
Too slow	28	38	10
Unsure, D.K.	2	3	1
Total	100	99	
Maryland	Fa '20	Sp '21	S'21-F'20
Too fast	20	22	2
About right	62	45	-17
Too slow	16	28	12
Unsure, D.K.	2	5	3
Total	100	100	

Graph 8: Pace of Reopening in Anne Arundel County



Graph 9: Pace of Reopening in Maryland



The difference between views of the county and state fell along predictable lines: Democratic County Executive Stuart Pittman has tried to slow the county’s reopening, occasionally clashing with Governor Larry Hogan’s statewide guidelines.

This difference was also reflected in contrasting partisan views of the pace of reopening. Table 10a shows that far more Democrats felt that the county’s pace was either too fast (29 percent) or about right (57 percent) rather than too slow (12 percent). The opposite was true for Republicans among whom only four percent said that the pace was too fast compared to 61 percent saying “too slow.” Only a third (32 percent) said that the pace was about right – a full 25 points fewer than among Democrats.

While a majority of Democrats (52 percent) felt that the pace of reopening in Maryland was about right – compared to only 45 percent among Republicans – the percentages at the extremes remained strongly divided, with 39 percent of Democrats saying too fast and only seven percent too slow. Among Republicans, only five percent said too fast and 42 percent said too slow. Looking at the combined “too fast+about right” percentages, for the county it was 86 percent Democrats and 34 Republicans; for the state it was 91 percent Democrats and 50 percent Republicans. The latter were eager for a faster reopening – even faster than Hogan’s current pace, which further removed limits on Wednesday, March 10 – in the middle of the survey.⁸

Table 10a: Anne Arundel County and Maryland – Pace of Reopening

Anne Arundel County	Dems	Reps	Dems-Reps
Too fast	29	4	-25
About right	57	32	-25
Too slow	12	61	49
Unsure, D.K.	2	4	2
Total	100	99	
Maryland	Dems	Reps	Dems-Reps
Too fast	39	5	-34
About right	52	45	-7
Too slow	7	42	35
Unsure, D.K.	2	8	6
Total	100	100	

By dividing the sample data into completions prior to March 10 and those from March 10 until March 12, it is possible to see whether there was any difference in scores about reopening. The differences between the two groups do point to a change in views: for the county, the percentage saying too fast rose ten points; for the state, the percentage rose eight points. This suggests that there was some awareness of the change in the pace of reopening signaled by Governor Hogan – with more people concerned that the announced changes now made the pace “too fast” compared to before. Interestingly, there was also a decline in “right direction” values for the state: the pre-March 10 value was 47 percent; the post-March 10 value was only 36 percent. Hogan’s job approval values also declined: strongly+somewhat approve was 73 percent pre-March 10 and dropped to 54 percent post-March 10.

⁸ Hogan removed all capacity limits on bars and restaurants, among other changes. See <https://www.baltimoresun.com/coronavirus/bs-md-hogan-coronavirus-update-20210309-egevuamwdba7dg34pzsy5trwea-story.html>

**Table 10b: Anne Arundel County and Maryland –
Pace of Reopening by March 10/pre-post**

Anne Arundel County	Pre	Mar. 10+	Post-Pre
Too fast	15	25	+10
About right	41	43	+2
Too slow	41	27	-14
Unsure, D.K.	3	5	+2
Total	100	99	
Maryland	Pre	Mar. 10+	Post-Pre
Too fast	20	28	+8
About right	46	45	-1
Too slow	30	19	-11
Unsure, D.K.	4	8	+4
Total	100	100	

Open-ended comments for this section are available in **Appendix C**.

County and State Policies

A part of the survey asked about possible policies that might be taken to cope with the pandemic. Table 11 lists the choices offered to the respondents. The latter were asked, **“To what extent do you agree with the following measures meant to deal with the spread of coronavirus?”** A five-point agreement scale was offered: the choices were ranked by the scores for a combined “great” and “good” deal of agreement.

Table 11: Agreement with Various Proposals for Coping with COVID-19

	Great+Good	Great deal	Good amount	Some	Not much	Not at all
Mandatory mask wearing in public indoor venues and where social distancing isn't possible	72	60	12	13	6	10
Make vaccinations mandatory for employees in essential jobs	57	34	23	14	7	21
Continue having businesses such as restaurants, gyms or theaters be open at least at 50 percent capacity	56	26	30	18	14	13
Have "online only" instruction until all school staff is vaccinated	52	31	21	17	13	19
Limit any further reopening of businesses until more people are vaccinated	40	22	18	20	16	25

Table 11 shows that mandatory mask wearing was still the dominant consensus choice – with nearly three-quarters (72 percent) of the respondents voicing relatively strong agreement, and only 16 percent presenting opposition. However, compared to fall 2020, these results show a reduction in support since at that time 82 percent presented agreement and only 11 percent opposition (as defined above).

Regarding the other measures, a mixed picture was found. Of the choices offered, the most pro-reopening measure was, “Continue having businesses such as restaurants, gyms or theaters be open at least at 50 percent capacity.” It obtained 56 percent favorable and just 27 percent opposed. This was more than the alternative presented, “Limit any further reopening of businesses until more people are vaccinated” (40 percent favor, 41 percent oppose). However, two measures that focused on more restrictions obtained majorities of supporters: “Make vaccinations mandatory for employees in essential jobs” (57 percent support, 28 percent oppose) and “Have ‘online only’ instruction until all school staff is vaccinated” (52 percent support, 32 percent oppose).

Looking again at partisan divisions on Table 11a, there were sizable differences on all the measures except for “Continue having businesses such as restaurants, gyms or theaters be open at least at 50 percent capacity.” Unexpectedly, Democrats favored this more than Republicans – perhaps reading the measure as a ceiling more than a minimum. The other questions produced the expected results based on prior findings: Democrats favor a more restrictive regime than do Republicans.

Table 11a: County Measures and Party Registration – Democrats and Republicans
(percentages for combined “great+good deal”)

	Dems	Reps	Dems-Reps
Mandatory mask wearing in public indoor venues and where social distancing isn't possible	97	54	43
Make vaccinations mandatory for employees in essential jobs	77	41	36
Continue having businesses such as restaurants, gyms or theaters be open at least at 50 percent capacity	64	55	9
Have "online only" instruction until all school staff is vaccinated	75	32	43
Limit any further reopening of businesses until more people are vaccinated	65	19	46

AACPS Reopening

The previous section included a question about measures related to the reopening of the county's public schools: "Have 'online only' instruction until all school staff is vaccinated" – which obtained 52 percent in support. This would imply that a more restrictive reopening was generally favored with less or very little in-person instruction and a general reliance upon online instruction.

The survey probed this issue further in a set of options offered to respondents. The question was, **"The County's school board has decided to reopen public schools in a hybrid format. From your perspective, which of the following best expresses your views?"** Table 12 shows the choices offered and the results. Overall, the sample was closely divided among the various options. The one choice that implied a fast and more extensive reopening was, "Prefer to have more in-person instruction at this time" received a small plurality of support (30 percent) but was the most politically divisive with only 11 percent of Democrats supporting it compared to 51 percent of Republicans. Slightly below a majority (45 percent) accepted a hybrid arrangement, especially when it included an "online only" option. Democrats (33 percent) favored the hybrid with online only alternative by more than a two to one ratio to Republicans (15 percent). The hybrid only option was less supported overall, but with narrow differences along partisan lines. A choice on "online only" without a hybrid choice was more inclined to show partisan differences with about a third of Democrats agreeing, but only eight percent of Republicans.

Table 12: AACPS Reopening – Overall and by Party

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Agree with hybrid (mixed in-person, online) format	18	18	20	18
Agree with hybrid format as long as "online only" option is also available	27	33	15	33
Prefer to have "online only" until the COVID situation settles down more	19	33	8	13
Prefer to have more in-person instruction at this time	30	11	51	28
Something else	7	5	6	7
Total	101	100	100	99

The questionnaire included a request that respondents indicate whether they had children in AACPS, private schools or both. Table 12a shows the results for various categories. The general sample did not differ much with the results for those without children in schools, who constituted about 80 percent of the sample. Among those with children in AACPS, the least favored alternative was the simple hybrid alternative at nine percent. More agreed with the hybrid with online only choice (22 percent). The major area in which those with children in AACPS differed with the overall sample was with regard to the preference for online only – while only 19 percent of the overall sample favored this, 31 percent of those with children in AACPS favored it. The latter also favored the more in-person instruction at this time option slightly more than the general sample (33 vs. 30 percent). The percentage of respondents with children in private schools was only three percent, so the results are only suggestive at best. However, it is interesting that a strong majority (59 percent) favored the more in-person instruction at this time option – since that is a choice that has been more broadly embraced by private schools.

Table 12a: AACPS Reopening – by Children in School

	Overall	No children	Children in AACPS	Private schools	Both
Agree with hybrid (mixed in-person, online) format	18	20	9	6	0
Agree with hybrid format as long as "online only" option is also available	27	28	22	20	17
Prefer to have "online only" until the COVID situation settles down more	19	18	31	0	5
Prefer to have more in-person instruction at this time	30	28	33	59	79
Something else	7	5	5	16	0
Total	101	99	100	101	101

Open-ended comments for this section are available in **Appendix D**.

Experience with COVID-19

The survey asked respondents about their specific experience with COVID-19. Table 13 shows the choices and the percentages for each answer choice – respondents could pick more than one choice.

Table 13: Experience with COVID-19

Answers	Fall '20	Spring '21	Sp '21-Fa '20
Someone you know personally other than family/friend has contracted it	53	57	4
You consider yourself at high risk should you come down with the virus	39	30	-9
A family member or close friend has contracted it	28	47	19
Someone you know has died from effects of the virus	20	30	10
None of these apply	16	10	-6
You have contracted it yourself	2	8	6

As was the case in fall 2020, a majority (57 percent) knew someone other than a family member or friend who had come down with the virus. There was a large increase in the percentage who claimed that a family member or close friend had contracted the illness (47 vs. 28 percent).⁹ There was a notable increase in those who knew someone who has died from the effects of the virus (30 vs. 20 percent). The percentage of respondents saying that they had contracted the virus themselves was four times higher than last fall: moving from two to eight percent. Another 30 percent considering themselves to be at high risk, down nine points from fall.

Looking at these answer choices by age on Table 13a shows that there weren't many differences between the percentages of individuals saying that a particular condition applied to them and their

⁹ When a version of this question was asked in spring 2020, the percentage was just 10 percent.

general representation in the sample. The major departure was regarding the question, “You consider yourself at high risk should you come down with the virus” – those 60 years of age or more represented 43 percent of the sample, but 61 percent of those saying that they considered themselves to be “high risk.”

Table 13a: Experience with COVID-19 by Age, Spring 2021

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
Percent of sample	11	14	11	21	43
Contracted yourself	9	10	10	29	40
Family member contracted	18	15	11	19	36
Other person contracted	8	17	11	22	42
Died from it	5	18	11	23	43
High risk	5	9	10	14	61

Concern about Getting Seriously Ill with COVID

Respondents were asked, “**How concerned are you about the possibility of someone in your family becoming seriously ill with the virus?**” As seen on Table 14, it appeared that by spring 2021, there was a mild lessening of concern about contracting the coronavirus as scores for “very concerned” dropped from 41 to 35 percent. Democrats were more likely to say “very concerned” (52 percent) than Republicans (23 percent). Those who had been vaccinated were more concerned (43 percent) than those who had not been vaccinated (30 percent). Among those expressing a “vaccine hesitancy”, they were more than twice as likely to say “not very concerned” (40 percent) as those without such a hesitancy (21 percent).

Table 14: Experience with COVID-19

Answers	Fall ‘20	Spring ‘21	Sp ‘21- Fa ‘20
Very concerned	41	35	-6
Somewhat concerned	35	39	4
Not very concerned	24	26	2
Unsure, D.K.	0	1	1
Total	100	101	

Lifestyle Changes, Testing, Emotional/Health Consequences, Vaccinations

Another section of the survey asked whether “**you or any members of your household experienced any of the following because of coronavirus?**” The major categories were testing, lifestyle changes and health/emotion consequences. The results are shown on Table 15, which also contrasts results in fall 2020 or spring 2020 when the questions were present in more than the spring 2021 survey.

Regarding testing, in fall 2020 nearly half of the respondents (48 percent) claimed to have taken a test, either with quick, slow or both results.¹⁰ By spring, this figure had increased to 75 percent, suggesting much more of an inclination to get tested and better access to testing sites. There was a small drop in the percentage of those who wanted to get tested but haven’t been able to do so – from nine percent in fall 2020 to just seven percent this spring.

Table 15: Testing, Lifestyle Changes, Emotion/Health Consequences

	Yes			No	Unsure/NA
Testing					
Got tested	75 (48% Fa '20)			25	0
Want to get tested but haven’t been able to do so	7 (9% Fa'20)			89	4
Lifestyle Changes					
	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21		
Are stocking up on goods or supplies more than normal	40	49	n.a.		
Finding it difficult to obtain some key items like toilet paper, masks or gloves	70	39	n.a.		
Changed travel plans	64	86	77	22	1
Changed work routines by working online	43	51	55	41	4
Seen a reduction of hours or been laid off	25	20	29	67	4
Had to manage day care or home schooling	14	22	29	67	4
Moved to more purchase of goods online	46	71	n.a.		
Faced serious economic consequences such as loss of housing or significant loss of income	n.a.	n.a.	18	79	3
Emotion/Health Consequences					
Are suffering from unrelated health problems due to closure of services	9	12	15	81	4
Unhappiness or emotional distress due to social isolation (“social distancing”)	34	47	58	39	3

¹⁰ This figure represents those who took either test or both tests. Some individuals took them both, resulting in a total that is less than 69 percent but only 48 percent.

Regarding lifestyle changes, some of the questions found in previous surveys were dropped. Among those that persisted, there was a small drop in the percentage saying that they had changed travel plans – from 86 in fall 2020 to 77 percent in spring 2021. There was a small increase in the percentage saying:

- Change in work routines by working online – from 51 to 55 percent;
- Seen a reduction of hours or been laid off – from 20 to 29 percent; and,
- Had to manage day care or home schooling – from 22 to 29 percent.

Those who said that they had seen a reduction of hours or been laid off were very likely to also say that they “faced serious economic consequences such as loss of housing or significant loss of income” – 50 percent for those answering yes to reduction of hours vs. only four percent among those answering no. Those with a reduction in hours were more likely to have had to manage day care or home schooling (36 vs. 27 percent).

Table 15a shows how responses varied among different social categories. Examples include:

- Women (23 percent vs. men 13 percent) were more likely to experience a significant loss of income or housing loss as were African Americans (32 percent vs. 16 percent among whites).
- Women were more likely to have to manage day care or home schooling (33 vs 24 percent) than men – which was also true among African Americans (36 percent vs. 28 percent whites).
- Women were more likely to have been laid off or seen a reduction of hours (37 percent vs. 23 percent for men), a pattern even more acute for African Americans (52 percent vs. 27 percent among whites).
- Most adverse consequences were experienced more by those with household incomes under \$75,000 than those with higher incomes.

Table 15a: Lifestyle Changes and Social Categories

	Sp '21	Women	Men	Whites	Afr. Am	Under \$75k	\$75k+
Got tested	75	77	73	75	86	69	77
Want to get tested but haven't been able to do so	7	9	6	7	9	11	6
Changed travel plans	77	75	80	78	70	71	79
Changed work routines by working online	55	60	48	52	66	50	56
Seen a reduction of hours or been laid off	29	37	23	27	52	36	27
Had to manage day care or home schooling	29	33	24	28	36	18	31
Faced serious economic consequences such as loss of housing or significant loss of income	18	23	13	16	32	31	14
Emotion/Health Consequences							
Are suffering from unrelated health problems due to closure of services	15	17	12	14	4	15	15
Unhappiness or emotional distress due to social isolation (“social distancing”)	58	64	52	56	58	62	57

Looking at emotional or health consequences, rises were present. The percentage of those saying they “Are suffering from unrelated health problems due to closure of services (Fall ’20)/fear of going in for health services (Spring ’21) rose a bit from 12 to 15 percent.

A much larger increase was seen in the percentage of those saying, “Unhappiness or emotional distress due to social isolation (‘social distancing’)” – from 47 to 58 percent – a 24-point increase since the first survey in spring 2020. It is not unusual to expect that as the coronavirus pandemic persists, the toll of social distancing would increase as well.

Open-ended Comments

When asked about the most “challenging aspect of adapting to the coronavirus pandemic for you or your household,” commonly mentioned items included (see **Appendix F** for actual comments):

- Social isolation – not being able to see family and friends
- Declining mental health due to lack of contact and face-to-face interaction
- Economic disruption – job or income losses
- Various needs to comply with restrictions such as mask wearing
- Having to adapt to virtual living – meetings, work, education all done online
- Limitations on travel
- The need to watch children and monitor school related activities
- Generalized fear of contracting the virus, concern about bringing it home after being out
- Uncertainty about how long the situation will continue

The survey followed that open-ended statement with another: “Is there anything about lifestyle or work changes that have improved your quality of life and hope to continue after the COVID pandemic ends?”

Commonly mentioned items included:

- Teleworking
- Less commuting, less traffic, lower transportation costs
- More Zoom meetings – that otherwise couldn’t attend
- Online shopping and learning/courses
- Seeing neighbors more often
- Spending more quality time with family, children
- Reconnecting with spouse
- More time for gardening, exercising
- Increased consciousness about hygiene, healthy habits
- Better eating, less eating out
- Some lowered expenses

The complete list of responses is found in **Appendix G**.

Vaccines – Attitudes and Experience

Last fall, the questionnaire asked, “When do you think that a safe and proven vaccine will be available to people like you?” Most people said in less than a year (59 percent). By spring 2021, vaccinations have been distributed based on a prioritization basis, so the spring majority was prescient in its timetable.

For spring, the focus has shifted regarding vaccination – how numerous are those who are still hesitant to obtain the vaccine – once it is available to a given group? What has it been like trying to find and obtain a vaccination appointment?

The questionnaire included a battery of questions dealing with these issues. Table 16 shows the first group of such questions.

The first question taps an attitude rather than an experience: Does the respondent trust the Federal Drug Administration to certify vaccines that are safe and effective – and thus make the respondent willing to take it? A recent Marist/NPR national poll found that some 30 percent of respondents say “no” in answer to the question: “If a vaccine for the coronavirus is made available to you, will you choose to be vaccinated?”¹¹ That poll revealed a stronger vaccine hesitancy among Republican men, Trump voters, white men without college degrees, white evangelical Christians, those under 45, Latinos and rural residents. The overall percentage among whites was 28 percent; among African Americans, it was 25 percent. The question used in the spring survey here was not identical; the demographics of the national poll may not have included similar proportions of some groups.

Table 16: Vaccines – Likelihood of Obtaining, Eligibility, Tried to Get Appointment, Been Vaccinated

	Applies or agree	Does not apply or disagree
FDA approved vaccines are sufficiently safe and effective for me to obtain as soon as possible	81	19
You are currently eligible for vaccination against COVID-19 based on the state eligibility criteria	63	37
You have tried to get an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination	56	44
You have been vaccinated against COVID-19	42	58

¹¹ See <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/03/12/976172586/little-difference-in-vaccine-hesitancy-among-white-and-black-americans-poll-find>

Table 16 shows that 19 percent showed vaccine hesitancy. Table 16a breaks down this question by various social and political categories. The least likely respondent to obtain a vaccination is a person who believes that Trump won the 2020 election and that it was “stolen” from him: only 64 percent intend to get vaccinated – compared to 70 percent of Trump voters overall. Republicans overall are at a higher number yet – 81 percent. One way to understand the impact of party is by looking at the strength of partisanship. Among Republicans, 76 percent of those who say that they are “very strong Republicans” will get the vaccine, compared to 80 percent who are “somewhat strong” and 92 percent who are “not very strong.” The group with the greatest vaccine hesitancy – those who believe Trump won – is composed almost entirely of strong and somewhat strong Republicans, those with the greatest hesitancy. According to the Washington Post, “Anthony S. Fauci, the nation’s top infectious-disease expert, said in interviews Sunday that former president Donald Trump should be enlisted to encourage his supporters to get a [coronavirus](#) vaccine, after recent polling showed Republican men and Trump supporters have the highest rates of vaccine hesitancy.” That article also points out that Trump himself was vaccinated but did not appear in a public service ad featuring live former presidents urging people to get vaccinated. Clearly, a majority of Trump supporters – even those who believe that the election was stolen from him – do intend to get vaccinated – so the impact of a visible and sustained Trump vaccine endorsement would be to move the percentage into the range of “not strong Republicans” – around 90 percent.

Other conclusions from Table 16a include:

- There isn’t much variance among the various categories with regards to vaccine eligibility other than among Black respondents who were well below average.
- Black respondents were also the least likely to have tried to get an appointment or get vaccinated.
- Among those eligible who have been vaccinated, Biden voters led with 78 percent having been vaccinated; Trump voters were at 54 percent with those who felt that the election was stolen at 49 percent. African Americans were lowest overall at 39 percent.
- Those with incomes under \$75,000 were also among those least likely to get vaccinated.

**Table 16a: Vaccines – Likelihood of Obtaining, Eligibility, Tried to Get Appointment,
Been Vaccinated – by Social and Political Categories**

	Overall applies or agree	Dems	Biden Voter	Reps	Trump voter	Trump Won Election	Men	Women	Whites	Afr. Am.	<\$75k	=>\$75k
FDA approved vaccines are sufficiently safe and effective for me to obtain as soon as possible	81	89	91	81	70	64	82	81	83	69	80	81
You are currently eligible for vaccination against COVID-19 based on the state eligibility criteria	63	62	64	65	62	65	58	68	67	46	67	61
You have tried to get an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination	56	64	64	50	47	50	50	64	58	44	57	56
You have been vaccinated against COVID-19	42	48	50	43	34	32	39	46	47	18	35	44
Percentage of those eligible who have been vaccinated	67	77	78	66	54	49	67	68	70	39	52	72

The survey asked those who have tried to get a vaccination appointment to indicate the various ways they might have done so. Table 17 shows that the Anne Arundel County website was the most typically used (45 percent) followed by a hospital or health system (37 percent). Respondents offered “other” as the category with the highest success rate (able to get an appointment or vaccine) – open-ended responses made it clear that this included employers who provided vaccines through special arrangements – essential workers, teachers, first responders. Mass vaccination centers were the second most cited way to successfully obtain a vaccine (29 percent), followed by the county (19 percent), hospital or health system (16 percent) or telephone (16 percent).

Table 17: Ways Used to Get Appointments – Success Rates

	Ways used to try and get an appointment	Very successful (e.g., able to get an appointment and/or vaccination)	Somewhat successful (e.g., put on a waiting list, still no firm appointment)	Not very successful (e.g., no waiting list, no firm appointment)
County website	45	19	29	53
Mass vaccination center	29	29	12	59
Hospital or health system website (e.g. Luminis)	37	16	33	52
Pharmacy (Walgreens, CVS)	28	12	9	79
Grocery store (Giant)	25	9	8	84
Used telephone to get an appoint at one of these	9	16	6	78
Another option (explain below)	9	39	10	51

See **Appendix I** for comments.

Recommendations for Changes to Vaccination System

The last part that dealt with the coronavirus vaccination issue presented the same with three propositions:

- The current system for obtaining an appointment is too complicated because it requires searching through many separate websites;
- A single sign-up website that provides a master sign-up list would help greatly; and,
- It helps to use text messages, email or social media to find out about possible locations for appointments.

A five-point agreement scale was offered. All three statements were strongly endorsed. Combining the first two agreement answer choices (agree completely, agree somewhat) produced the following (see **Appendix J** for comments about getting appointments):

- **83 percent:** The current system for obtaining an appointment is too complicated because it requires searching through many separate websites;
- **88 percent:** A single sign-up website that provides a master sign-up list would help greatly; and,
- **77 percent:** It helps to use text messages, email or social media to find out about possible locations for appointments.

These results show that the public had a great desire for simplification of the appointment setting process. The heavy reliance on electronic personal communication suggests that the formal system was not sufficiently user friendly and responsive.

How Much Do You Trust Information About the Coronavirus Pandemic Coming From...

The previous two surveys asked about “who do you trust” regarding information about the pandemic. For spring 2021, some of the categories were changed such as the removal of federal and state/local officials, the addition of social media, news sites, word of mouth, other sources, and there was obviously a change in the name put forward as president from Donald Trump to Joe Biden.

Table 18a shows the full array of results from the last three surveys while Table 18 combines just the two top categories – great and good deal.

Table 18: How Much Do You Trust Information About the Coronavirus From...
(percentages are for “Great+Good” only)

	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21
President Donald Trump/Joe Biden Sp '21	34	30	50
Governor Larry Hogan	92	69	56
County Executive Steuart Pittman	51	45	38
County and state health officials	77	63	--
Federal health officials	72	51	--
Social media	--	--	8
Online or print news sites	--	--	32
Word of mouth	--	--	10
Other sources of information (See Appendix J1 for comments)	--	--	17

The figures on Table 18 reinforce the idea first expressed when looking at the “right direction” question: trust dissipates with the passage of time accompanying the pandemic. This is clearly true for Governor Hogan – who has dropped 36 points – and County Executive Pittman who has dropped 13 points since spring 2020. The county/state/federal health officials were not included in spring 2021, but it clear that their authority was eroding from spring 2020 to fall 2020. The other sources of information introduced in spring 2021 were all on the low side of the trust spectrum – with only news sites gaining a moderate score of 32 percent. Social media and word of mouth were at the bottom (8 and 10 percent respectively).

The only bright spot was the change in trust for the president – in this case from Donald Trump to Joe Biden. The latter rose 20 points over Trump’s admittedly very low score (among elected officials) from fall 2020.

Table 18a: How Much Do You Trust About the Coronavirus...(all answer categories)

	Great deal			Good deal			Only some			Not very much			Not at all			Unsure, D.K.		
	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21
President Donald Trump/Joe Biden Sp '21	18	19	31	16	11	19	12	12	13	11	7	11	42	51	25	0	1	2
Governor Larry Hogan	58	25	24	34	44	32	7	21	21	1	6	11	0	3	10	0	0	2
County Executive Steuart Pittman	24	13	15	27	32	23	12	17	19	5	12	12	3	13	23	29	13	7
County and state health officials	39	26	n.a.	38	37	n.a.	9	22	n.a.	4	6	n.a.	0	6	n.a.	10	4	n.a.
Federal health officials	33	17	n.a.	39	34	n.a.	21	32	n.a.	5	11	n.a.	2	5	n.a.	1	1	n.a.
Social media	n.a.	n.a.	2	n.a.	n.a.	6	n.a.	n.a.	28	n.a.	n.a.	35	n.a.	n.a.	26	n.a.	n.a.	4
Online or print news sites	n.a.	n.a.	7	n.a.	n.a.	25	n.a.	n.a.	33	n.a.	n.a.	20	n.a.	n.a.	13	n.a.	n.a.	2
Word of mouth	n.a.	n.a.	2	n.a.	n.a.	8	n.a.	n.a.	32	n.a.	n.a.	32	n.a.	n.a.	25	n.a.	n.a.	2
Other sources of information	n.a.	n.a.	7	n.a.	n.a.	10	n.a.	n.a.	33	n.a.	n.a.	16	n.a.	n.a.	11	n.a.	n.a.	23

Table 18b: Trust (Great+Good) by Various Political and Social Categories

	Overall	Dems	Biden Voter	Reps	Trump voter	Trump Won Election	Men	Women	Whites	Afr. Am.	<\$75k	=>\$75k
President Joe Biden	50	85	89	20	4	3	46	54	51	81	51	49
Governor Larry Hogan	56	67	71	51	39	32	59	52	58	63	46	58
County Executive Steuart Pittman	38	63	63	17	8	9	37	40	40	50	44	36
Social media	8	11	11	5	3	3	8	7	6	17	10	6
Online or print news sites	32	56	55	14	9	10	27	36	33	26	36	30
Word of mouth	10	8	10	13	10	13	8	11	10	8	8	10
Other sources of information	17	15	15	17	19	24	15	17	16	3	11	17

Focusing on some relationships among variables, Table 18b shows the percentages expressing great or good deal of trust for the various items included in this question. Some key findings include:

- There is extreme polarization in trust involving Biden and Trump voters – with very high trust for Biden among Democrats (85 percent) and Biden voters (89 percent), and extremely low trust in Biden from Trump voters (4 percent) and to a lesser extent Republicans (20 percent).
- Hogan is more trusted by Democrats (67 percent) and Biden voters (71 percent) than Republicans (51 percent) and Trump voters (39 percent).
- Pittman does not get the level of support going to fellow Democrat Joe Biden, whose voters provided the same level of support received by Republican Hogan (71 percent), lower still among just registered Democrats (67 percent). In part, this is explained by the lower visibility and name recognition of county executives, but also by more respondents falling into the “some trust” category – if the top three categories are included in the calculation of trust, the gap between Biden and Pittman narrows: 63 percent vs. 57 percent.
- Social media is not well trusted by any category but is slightly more trusted by African Americans and lower income people.
- News sites have suffered from the years of Trump calling the mainstream news “fake news.” This is obvious by the fact that Biden voters trusted news sites far more (55 percent) than did Trump voters (9 percent).
- Word of mouth was not seen as a particularly trustworthy source of information, although it was given somewhat higher marks by Trump voters (10 percent) and Republicans (13) than Democrats (8 percent).
- The desire for “other sources of information” was especially strong among those who believe that Trump won the 2020 election. Since that conclusion is certainly not mainstream, it is clear that such believers must find alternative “not fake news” sites that will reinforce the argument that the election was stolen from Trump.

The Future of Work

As part of the focus on the changes in work practices that the pandemic might create, the survey included a section that asked respondents to evaluate a series of statements about how the change to more online work practices might be perceived. The general question asked, “**Thinking about the future of work, indicate your agreement with the following [statements].**” Table 19 shows the results.

Table 19: Future of Work

	Agree completely	Agree somewhat	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree completely
The type of work I do will not allow me to work more or entirely online	33	18	18	11	20
It will be harder to maintain a good work/life separation if I work more or entirely online	19	29	26	12	14
On balance, I prefer to work more or entirely online	15	22	29	17	17
By working more or entirely online, I will be more productive	12	22	36	15	16
My career will be harmed (fewer promotions, recognition) by working more or entirely online	10	16	37	13	25
By working more or entirely online, I will have more childcare or household maintenance obligations	10	18	42	11	19
I expect to work more or entirely online in the future	9	30	23	13	25

See **Appendix H** for comments.

Respondents seemed to be equally divided between around 40 percent who agreed (somewhat or completely) that they expect “to work more or entirely online in the future” and those who disagreed (somewhat or completely). A slight majority (51 percent – completely+somewhat) said that the “type of work I do will not allow me to work more or entirely online.”

In terms of attitudes about working more/entirely online, none of the items received a majority either pro or con – with the “neither agree nor disagree” being the plurality category in many cases. Among pros, “I will be more productive” received 34 percent agreed and 31 percent disagreed. “I prefer to work more or entirely online” received 37 percent agreed and 34 percent disagreed. Among possible cons, “harder to maintain a good work/life separation” obtained 38 percent agreed and 26 percent disagreed. The idea that “My career will be harmed...” received 26 percent agreed and 38 percent disagreed. The notion that “I will have more childcare or household maintenance obligations” was closely divided: 28 percent agreed, 30 percent disagreed.

By splitting the sample into a group that thought that their type of work would or would not allow them to work more or entirely online, it is possible to see whether there is a change in views about

other statements. Focusing just on those who believe that their type of work *does* allow them to work mostly or entirely online, highlights include:

- About 50 percent of those who say that their type of work will allow for it to be done online say that they prefer working that way – only 37 percent said they didn't.
- About a third (37 percent) think that working more or entirely online isn't a preference – but 50 percent said that it is.
- Most (53 percent) of those who say that their work could be done online expect that this will be the case – work will be more or entirely online.
- An identical majority (59 percent) say that by working online they won't be harmed in terms of promotions, although under quarter (23 percent) think that it might harm them.
- About half think (49 percent) that it will be harder to maintain a separation between work and life, although a third (36 percent) don't think so.
- About one third (32 percent) think that working online won't increase childcare or household maintenance obligations, but 41 percent think it will.

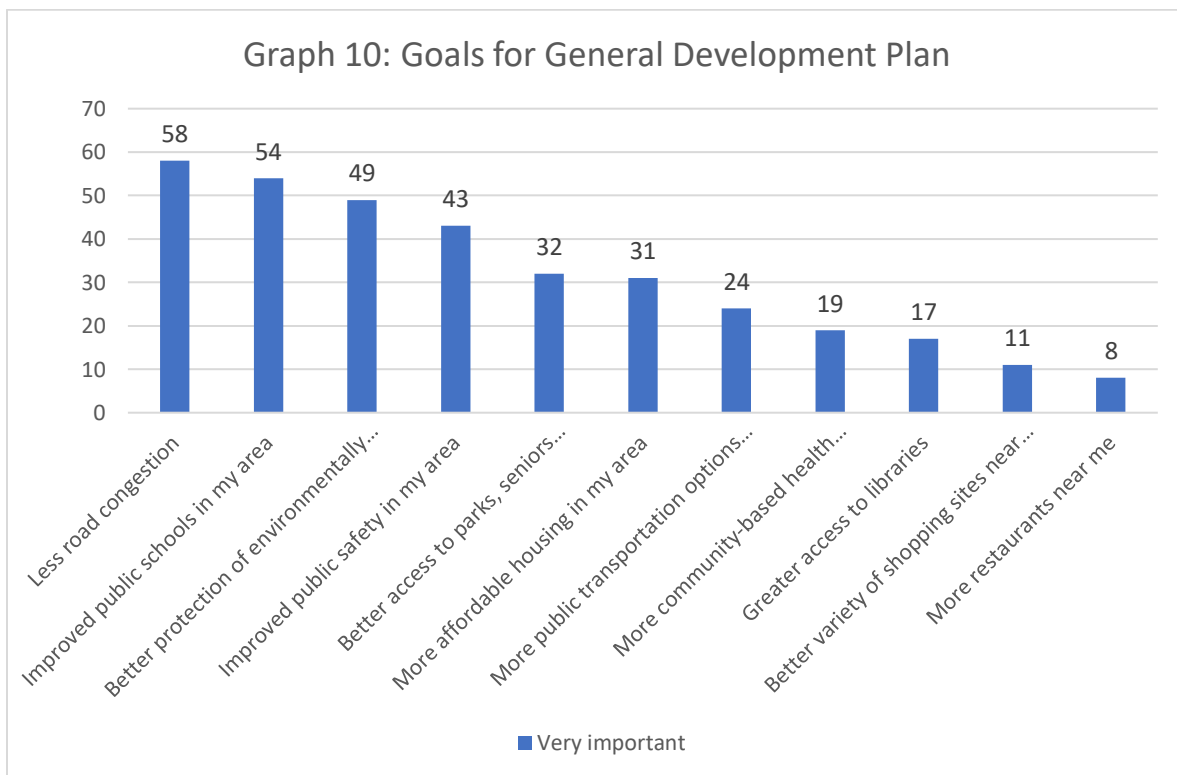
County and the General Development Plan – Goals for the Future

This section tries to identify public goals regarding the priorities that could be built into the General Development Plan, a process that the county undergoes periodically and is currently under way. Table 19a shows the goals and the degree of importance associated with each of them.

Table 19a: Goals – General Development Plan

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Don't know
Less road congestion	58	33	6	3
Improved public schools in my area	54	34	10	2
Better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces	49	33	14	3
Improved public safety in my area	43	42	14	2
Better access to parks, seniors centers in my area	32	44	21	3
More affordable housing in my area	31	33	32	5
More public transportation options near me	24	27	46	2
More community-based health services near me	19	35	41	4
Greater access to libraries	17	33	48	2
Better variety of shopping sites near me	11	22	65	2
More restaurants near me	8	30	60	2

(See **Appendix K** for comments.)



As seen in Table 19a and Graph 10, four goals stand out as top priorities: less road congestion (58 percent saying “very important”), improved public schools in my area (54 percent), better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces (49 percent) and improved public safety in my area (43 percent). A second tier of goals includes better access to parks and senior centers in my area (32 percent) and more affordable housing in my area (31 percent).

On Table 19b, zip codes were recoded into areas roughly equivalent to county council districts. Districts 1 and 2 were combined; all the others were not.

Table 19b: Goals and Council Districts (percentages saying “very important”)

		County Council Districts					
	Overall	1+2	3	4	5	6	7
Less road congestion	58	71	72	61	56	46	39
Improved public schools in my area	54	59	60	50	51	59	40
Better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces	49	46	36	45	56	51	56
Improved public safety in my area	43	53	52	39	36	51	31
Better access to parks, seniors’ centers in my area	32	46	33	33	27	28	26
More affordable housing in my area	31	40	31	27	23	38	30
More public transportation options near me	24	18	16	29	20	36	25
More community-based health services near me	19	17	12	18	21	28	14
Greater access to libraries	17	20	12	10	19	20	17
Better variety of shopping sites near me	11	16	22	3	8	18	9
More restaurants near me	8	16	15	5	4	10	5

Table 19b has higher values bolded making it easier to identify areas in which a particular goal seems to be of greater importance. Highlights by district include:

Districts 1 and 2: less road congestion, improved public schools, improved public safety, more affordable housing and more restaurants.

District 3: less road congestion, improved public schools, improved public safety, better variety of shopping, more restaurants.

District 4: more public transportation.

District 5: better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces.

District 6: improved public schools, better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces, improved public safety, more public transportation, more community-based health services.

District 7: better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces.

County and Most Serious Problems

Table 20 lists a series of items – respondents were asked to evaluate how serious these were as issues for the county to confront. The issue receiving the most concern was “the quality of public education” (63 percent “very serious”) followed by “The management of run-off into the Chesapeake Bay” (51 percent) and “having easy access to opioids in the county” (45 percent). Coronavirus was next at 41 percent, followed by the high cost of housing (40 percent).

Table 20: Public Perception of Seriousness of County Issues

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Don't know
The quality of public education	63	28	7	2
The management of run-off into the Chesapeake Bay	51	35	11	4
Having easy access to opioids in the county	45	26	17	12
The possibility of coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading more widely into Maryland	41	34	23	2
High cost of housing in the county	40	39	18	3
The growth in income and wealth inequality in the county	36	31	29	4
Domestic violence	34	43	19	5
Hate crimes in the county	33	30	34	3

Table 20a: Public Perception of Seriousness of County Issues by Political and Social Categories
(percentages “very serious” cited)

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Whites	Afr Am	Men	Women	<\$75k	>\$75k	<50	=>50	Vy cons	SW cons	Mod	SW lib	Vy lib	<4YR deg.	4YR deg+
The quality of public education	63	71	55	62	79	57	69	69	62	70	59	63	52	63	74	73	64	62
The management of run-off into the Chesapeake Bay	51	67	37	56	34	47	56	58	49	55	48	22	35	55	75	67	51	50
Having easy access to opioids in the county	45	46	52	48	29	41	48	45	45	46	45	36	51	49	54	40	48	42
The possibility of coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading more widely into Maryland	41	59	27	41	75	35	47	52	37	51	35	20	24	40	57	71	47	37
High cost of housing in the county	40	51	24	37	72	29	51	54	35	49	34	34	27	39	45	60	44	36
The growth in income and wealth inequality in the county	36	61	12	35	79	26	47	56	30	52	27	9	19	31	50	80	39	34
Domestic violence	34	42	21	33	49	23	44	55	27	40	30	20	19	36	44	52	47	21
Hate crimes in the county	33	52	15	33	70	24	42	46	29	39	30	9	12	36	53	61	41	26

Table 20a has bolded values that were somewhat or much higher than the overall average. Putting together political and social categories with each of these issue areas yields the analysis below, which highlights those categories that rated high:

The quality of public education: Democrats, African Americans, women, those under 50 and somewhat and very liberal.

The management of run-off into the Chesapeake Bay: Democrats, whites, somewhat and very liberal.

Having easy access to opioids in the county: Republicans, somewhat conservative, somewhat liberal.

The possibility of coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading more widely into Maryland: Democrats, African Americans, incomes under \$75,000, those under 50, somewhat and very liberal.

High cost of housing in the county: Democrats, African Americans, women, incomes under \$75,000, those under 50, and very liberal.

The growth in income and wealth inequality in the county: Democrats, African Americans, incomes under \$75,000, those under 50, somewhat and very liberal.

Domestic violence: Democrats, African Americans, women, no 4-year degree, incomes under \$75,000, those under 50, somewhat and very liberal.

Hate crimes: Democrats, African Americans, incomes under \$75,000, somewhat and very liberal.

Residents’ Perceptions of National and International Issues

The discussion of national and international issues covered a broad spectrum of issues in different sections of the survey. Three issues were also asked in fall 2020 – three other issues were new to spring 2021. Table 21 lists the issues and the percentages on the three-point scale of seriousness used in the previous section.

Table 21: Seriousness of International Issues

	Very serious Fall 2020	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Don’t know
The rising economic and military threat posed by China	46	56	32	9	3
The threat posed by climate change	53	51	17	29	3
Reducing illegal immigration into the United States	n.a.	49	23	25	3
Working with the World Health Organization to fight pandemics	n.a.	49	23	26	3
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	n.a.	48	35	15	3
The threat to American democracy posed by Russia	43	38	38	21	3

The most serious issue listed on Table 21 is “the rising economic and military threat posed by China” – 56 percent said “very serious” and only nine percent said “not very serious.” While the second most cited – “the threat posed by climate change” has a “most serious” value only five points lower than the threat posed by China, the “not very serious” percentage is 20 points greater – 29 vs. 9 for China. Issues other than the “threat to American democracy posed by Russia” had “very serious” scores that were somewhat bunched up between 48 and 49 percent – but again with somewhat higher “not very serious” scores ranging from 15 and 25.

The explanation for the increased variation of scores among these items can be better understood by looking again at the political and social categories. Table 21a lists these for all six issues.

Table 21a: Public Perception of Seriousness of International Issues by Political and Social Categories
(percentages “very serious” cited)

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Whites	Afr Am	Men	Women	<\$75k	>\$75k	<50	=>50	Vy cons	SW cons	Mod	SW lib	Vy lib	<4YR deg.	4YR deg+
The rising economic and military threat posed by China	56	41	70	55	49	68	44	44	60	38	68	88	68	55	51	29	60	51
The threat posed by climate change	51	81	24	52	75	41	61	61	47	58	47	2	21	53	79	95	50	52
Reducing illegal immigration into the United States	49	19	76	48	27	56	41	41	52	34	58	91	78	52	23	1	56	42
Working with the World Health Organization to fight pandemics	49	80	25	52	67	41	57	55	47	55	44	4	19	52	79	93	47	51
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	48	30	62	47	46	54	42	43	50	31	58	85	57	47	47	11	56	40
The threat to American democracy posed by Russia	38	44	32	38	39	36	40	25	41	22	47	34	28	44	46	39	41	34

Table 21a has bolded values that were somewhat or much higher than the overall average. Putting together political and social categories with each of these issue areas yields the analysis below, which highlights those categories that rated somewhat or much higher:

The rising economic and military threat posed by China: Republicans, men, those 50 or more, very and somewhat conservative.

The threat posed by climate change: Democrats, African Americans, women, those under 50, somewhat and very liberal.

Reducing illegal immigration into the United States: Republicans, very and somewhat conservative, those 50 or more.

Working with the World Health Organization to fight pandemics: Democrats, African Americans, somewhat and very liberal.

Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries: Republicans, those 50 or more, very and somewhat conservative.

The threat to American democracy posed by Russia: Those 50 or more, somewhat liberal.

These results underscore differences in the coalitions constituting the left and right sides of the political spectrum – just as was the case for county issues mentioned above. On the left, Democrats, liberals, women and often those under 50 line up on some issues – generally those that emphasize working with others, sympathy for disadvantaged groups and increasing opportunities for advancement. This is similar for national issues like income and wealth inequality or the high cost for housing as it is for international issues such as illegal immigration or working cooperatively with others such as the WHO. On the right, Republicans, conservative, older people and often men tend to focus less on cooperation and more on military strength, the breakdown of law and order (illegal immigration) and short-term economic gains (thus the repudiation of climate change) – with the opposition to China uniting military strength and economic confrontation.

More National and International Issues – Approval of Policies

The next discussion of national and international issues asked respondents whether they “approved” of certain policies. Table 22 shows the results.

Table 22: Approval of Policies

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don’t know
Efforts to prosecute those who were involved in illegal acts on January 6 in overtaking the Capitol	60	17	8	11	4
The idea of large new investments in infrastructure, especially to combat climate change	46	24	10	17	3
The \$1.9 trillion bill meant to provide COVID relief	35	24	11	26	4
The idea of eventually rejoining the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA)	22	23	9	28	18

Respondents were quite united in their approval of “efforts to prosecute those who were involved in illegal acts on January 6 in overtaking the Capitol” since the combined “strongly+somewhat” approve score as 77 percent. While the high percentage for “strongly approve” indicates a broad consensus on this policy, the second highest ranked policy – “The idea of large new investments in infrastructure, especially to combat climate change” received nearly as high a combined approval score: 70 percent. This was 11 points higher than approval for the recently passed and signed “\$1.9 trillion bill meant to provide COVID relief” and much higher than the policy of “eventually rejoining the Iran nuclear deal” whose approval score was only 45 percent.

Table 22a: Public Approval of International and National Policies by Political and Social Categories
(percentages “strongly+somewhat approve” cited)

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Whites	Afr Am	Men	Women	<\$75k	>\$75k	<50	=>50	Vy cons	SW cons	Mod	SW lib	Vy lib	<4YR deg.	4YR deg+
Efforts to prosecute those who were involved in illegal acts on January 6 in overtaking the Capitol	77	95	60	78	87	74	81	74	78	79	77	40	59	84	97	100	73	81
The idea of large new investments in infrastructure, especially to combat climate change	70	95	48	74	78	67	75	78	68	79	65	12	55	76	94	100	67	73
The \$1.9 trillion bill meant to provide COVID relief	59	89	30	61	78	44	71	72	55	67	54	4	34	62	91	97	57	61
The idea of eventually rejoining the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA)	45	71	24	49	53	43	50	43	46	43	47	7	28	47	68	77	43	48

Conclusions from Table 22a include:

Efforts to prosecute those who were involved in illegal acts on January 6 in overtaking the

Capitol: This policy received the highest overall score (77 percent strongly or somewhat approving). Its highest scores were aligned along the left – with Democrats, liberals and African Americans showing the highest scores. Republican and especially “very conservative” categories had the lowest scores.

The idea of large new investments in infrastructure, especially to combat climate change:

The alignments were very similar to those of the previous item, with the addition of those under 50 and to the left. Very conservatives were again very much outside the mainstream on this issue: they were at 12 percent, while “somewhat conservatives” were at 55 percent.

The \$1.9 trillion bill meant to provide COVID relief: Despite its passage without any Republican votes, this bill was still quite popular as it gained 59 percent approval. The left was firmly aligned with it – Democrats at 89 percent, liberals at close to 100 percent. Moderates were the tipping point – 62 percent agreed with this bill. Interestingly, while 55 percent of somewhat conservatives agreed with the infrastructure idea – and for which a specific bill has yet to appear – only 34 percent agreed with the COVID relief bill that has already passed.

The idea of eventually rejoining the Iran nuclear deal:

The idea of rejoining the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action – aka “Iran nuclear deal” – did not obtain a majority of supporters. This was due to a much lower level of support among Democrats – here only 71 percent rather than around 90 percent for the other issues. Moderates were at only 47 percent approving, while conservatives were well below that. Very liberal respondents were at 77 percent – the highest category among all but 20 points lower than the level of approval for the COVID relief bill.

Elections – Results, Accuracy of Count, “Stolen”

The last analytical section of this press release focuses on the 2020 presidential election and covers the results, the perception of accuracy of the counting of votes in both Maryland and the United States generally, and the idea that the election was “stolen” from Trump – and whether he acted to incite the mob that overtook the Capitol on January 6. The press release also includes two sections with longitudinal questions about the job approval of officials and trust in political parties – these follow the sections on election results and accuracy of the vote count below.

Election Results

The questionnaire included a question, **“If you voted for a presidential candidate in 2020, for whom did you vote?”** The survey obtained the following results: Joe Biden -53 percent; Donald Trump 38 percent – 15-point gap. According to the Maryland Board of Elections, the actual vote results were: Joe Biden, 55.8 percent, Donald Trump 41.3 percent – a spread of 14.5 points.¹² This suggests that the survey was quite accurate in measuring the results of the 2020 election.

The point of this section will be first to identify differences between the alignment of voters between the 2016 election and the 2020 election – comparing just Clinton/Trump voters with Biden/Trump voters. The second point will be to disentangle the results by looking at the social and political categories previously used.

Table 22b shows how voters were aligned in the 2016 and 2020 elections.¹³ This table should be read from the top down: for example, 99 percent of Clinton’s voters chose Joe Biden. Thus, only 86 percent of Donald Trump’s 2016 voters chose him again in 2020. Only 11 percent of those who voted in 2016 for “someone else” such as Gary Johnson or Jill Stein voted for Trump in 2020 – the majority swung to Biden. Similarly, among those who didn’t vote in 2016, twice as many voted for Joe Biden as for Donald Trump. The bottom line is clear: Trump could not hold together the voters he obtained in 2016. Some Republicans deserted him, those who had lined up for third party candidates did not unite around him – and new voters or “lazy voters” in 2016 lined up predominantly behind Joe Biden. By contrast, Clinton’s voters were virtually all aligned with Biden. These results make it clear that the election was a referendum on Donald Trump – which is what caused voters to depart from their predilections to choose more perfect third-party candidates and line up behind Trump’s opponent.

Table 22b: Voters in the 2016 and 2020 Elections

2020 Election	2016 election=>	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump	Someone else	Didn’t vote
Joe Biden		99	8	58	45
Donald Trump		1	86	11	21
Someone else		0	5	32	12
Didn’t vote		0	1	0	22

The fact that virtually all of Clinton’s voters opted for Biden in 2020 did not mean that all Democrats voted for Biden; indeed, not all Republicans voted for Trump in 2016. This explains why in

¹² See https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/results/general/gen_results_2020_4_by_county_02-1.html

¹³ A separate question asked about the 2016 vote.

the column for Democrats on Table 22c, eight percent voted for Trump – these were mostly Democrats who voted for Trump in 2016. The same interpretation would apply to Republicans and Biden – some (few) voted for Clinton in 2016. However, the main point is that there was much more Republican defection from Trump than there was Democratic defection from Biden: the latter had a ten percent defection rate; Trump had a 30 percent rate.

The left coalition discussed earlier was clearly in strong form for the 2020 election: African Americans, women and liberals were inclined to support Biden. Younger voters as well as those with incomes under \$75,000 were also leaning more to Biden than Trump. The right coalition was evident but in a somewhat weakened form. Whites went more for Biden than Trump. Men were split evenly. Biden won among higher income people and those with college degrees, but also among those with less than a four-year degree. Moderates gave Biden a 30-point advantage. Thirteen percent of “somewhat conservative” voters defected to Biden; only seven percent of “somewhat liberals” did the same to Trump.

Table 22c: 2020 Election by Political and Social Categories

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Whites	Afr Am	Men	Women	<\$75k	>\$75k	<50	=>50	Vy cons	SW cons	Mod	SW lib	Vy lib	<4YR deg.	4YR deg+
Joe Biden	53	90	20	53	94	46	60	60	50	60	48	2	13	59	89	99	46	59
Donald Trump	38	8	70	38	4	46	30	34	40	29	43	93	72	29	7	0	42	34
Someone else	7	1	8	6	0	6	7	1	8	7	7	4	12	8	3	0	7	6
Didn't vote	3	1	2	2	3	2	3	5	2	4	2	0	3	4	1	1	4	1

Accuracy of the Vote Count – Was the Election “Stolen” from Trump?

The survey asked respondents to indicate whether they thought that the ballots had been accurately counted in both Maryland and the United States generally. Table 23 shows that somewhat more respondents thought that the Maryland vote had been accurately counted (60 percent “very confident”) than was true for the national vote (52 percent). Nearly twice as many were “not very confident” about the national (36 percent) than the Maryland vote (20 percent).

Table 23: Confidence in the Maryland and National Vote Counts

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Unsure, don’t know
Maryland	60	19	20	1
United States generally	52	12	36	1

(See **Appendix L** for comments.)

Table 23a takes just some of the political categories and compares their confidence levels – sticking to just “very confident.” Republicans were very skeptical that ballots had been accurately counted in both Maryland and nationally. Since Maryland has a Republican governor, the relative lack of difference – 33 vs. 25 percent “very confident” – indicates deep questions about the legitimacy and fairness of the state and country’s political institutions. Democrats were much more certain that the ballots were counted accurately in Maryland and nationally, with six points separating the two. The greatest skepticism came from those who felt that the election had been “stolen” from Trump – a view held by 82 percent of “very conservative” respondents. While the highest percentage of those falling into an ideological category that felt that the election was stolen were very conservative, when asked in terms of the percent of each ideological category who agreed that the election was stolen, there are segments from a greater swath: 28 percent were very conservative, 39 percent were somewhat conservative and 29 percent were moderates. (There were virtually no liberals.) Overall, 43 percent of Republicans said that the election was stolen; only four percent of Democrats agreed. (See Table 23b.)

Table 23a: Very Confident and Political Categories

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Election “Stolen”	Very cons	SW cons	Mod	SW lib	Very lib
Maryland	60	91	33	6	7	33	65	88	100
USA	52	85	25	2	2	19	57	81	94

Table 23b: Election Stolen and Political Categories

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Very cons	SW cons	Mod	SW lib	Very lib
Stolen	26	4	43	82	41	23	2	0
Not stolen	74	96	57	18	59	77	98	100

The last two questions in this section of the survey asked, “**Do you agree that former President Trump incited the mob that overtook the Capitol on January 6**” and “**While Donald Trump has said he will not form a new party, if he did would you...**”

Table 24 shows the results for the first question along with the political categories. Table 24a shows the inclination of respondents to join a Trump party (this question was directed mostly at Republican voters, but some others expressed a view as well). A majority of the respondents (57 percent) agreed that Trump had incited the mob on January 6. Not surprisingly, there was a pronounced partisan tilt to those who said “yes”: almost all Democrats and liberals agreed. Over a quarter of Republicans (27 percent) also agreed, but nearly no very conservatives (2 percent) and few somewhat conservatives (22 percent). Only six percent of those who believed the election was stolen agreed that Trump incited the mob.

Table 24: Did Trump Incite Mob and Political Categories

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Election “Stolen”	Very cons	SW cons	Mod	SW lib	Very lib
Yes	57	91	27	6	2	22	64	92	100
No	43	9	74	94	98	79	36	8	0

Table 24a: Join a Trump Party and Political Categories

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.	Election “Stolen”	Very cons	SW cons	Mod	SW lib	Very lib
Join Trump party	14	4	16	13	33	42	14	6	5	0
Stick with Republican Party	36	26	51	11	20	37	28	45	45	25
Consider joining another party	12	19	12	8	8	6	13	12	16	30
Don’t know	38	51	21	69	39	15	45	37	34	45

(See **Appendix M** for comments.)

Looking at Table 24a, it is apparent that none of the political categories provided a hypothetical Trump party with a majority of support. Perhaps this was a moot question since Trump has himself said that he would not set up a new party.¹⁴

¹⁴ See <https://thehill.com/homenews/news/540917-trump-rules-out-starting-a-new-party-at-cpac>

Job Approval for the President, Governor and County Executive

Each CSLI/AACC semi-annual survey asks respondents to indicate approval or disapproval of the job performed by an incumbent in office. Graph 11 shows the percentages saying, “approve” for the county executive, the governor and the president.¹⁵ There are open-ended comments associated with each office – see **Appendices N through S**.

Presidential Job Approval: The first job approval focus will be on the president. This was the first time the AACC Community Survey was able to poll for Joe Biden’s job approval. Last fall, the poll found that Trump’s job approval was 43 percent, just slightly higher than the previous spring when it was 42 percent. This spring, Joe Biden’s job approval registered 52 percent – combining “strong” with “somewhat approve (see Table 25). The latest national results from [realclearpolitics.com](https://www.realclearpolitics.com) had Biden’s job approval at 52.8 percent – virtually identical to the Anne Arundel survey results.

Table 25: Presidential Job Approval – Overall and by Party Registration, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

	Overall		Dems		Reps		Unaffiliated	
	Fa ‘20	Sp ‘21	Fa ‘20	Sp ‘21	Fa ‘20	Sp ‘21	Fa ‘20	Sp ‘21
Strongly+somewhat	43	52	10	86	72	26	53	38
Strongly approve	22	33	6	63	38	8	23	22
Somewhat approve	21	19	4	23	34	18	30	16
Somewhat disapprove	4	10	1	5	7	10	6	20
Strongly disapprove	51	32	89	6	22	58	39	36
Unsure, don’t know	1	5	0	3	0	6	3	7
Total	100	99	100	100	101	100	101	101

Not unexpectedly, not many (10 percent) Democrats approved of Trump’s job performance in the fall 2020 survey; this spring, more Republicans (26 percent) approved of Biden’s job in office.

Presidential job approval – CSLI and Gallup/RealClearPolitics

Since fall 2007, CSLI/AACC polls of county residents have generally tracked national presidential job approval trends as indicated by Gallup surveys.¹⁶ Unfortunately, the Gallup organization now only

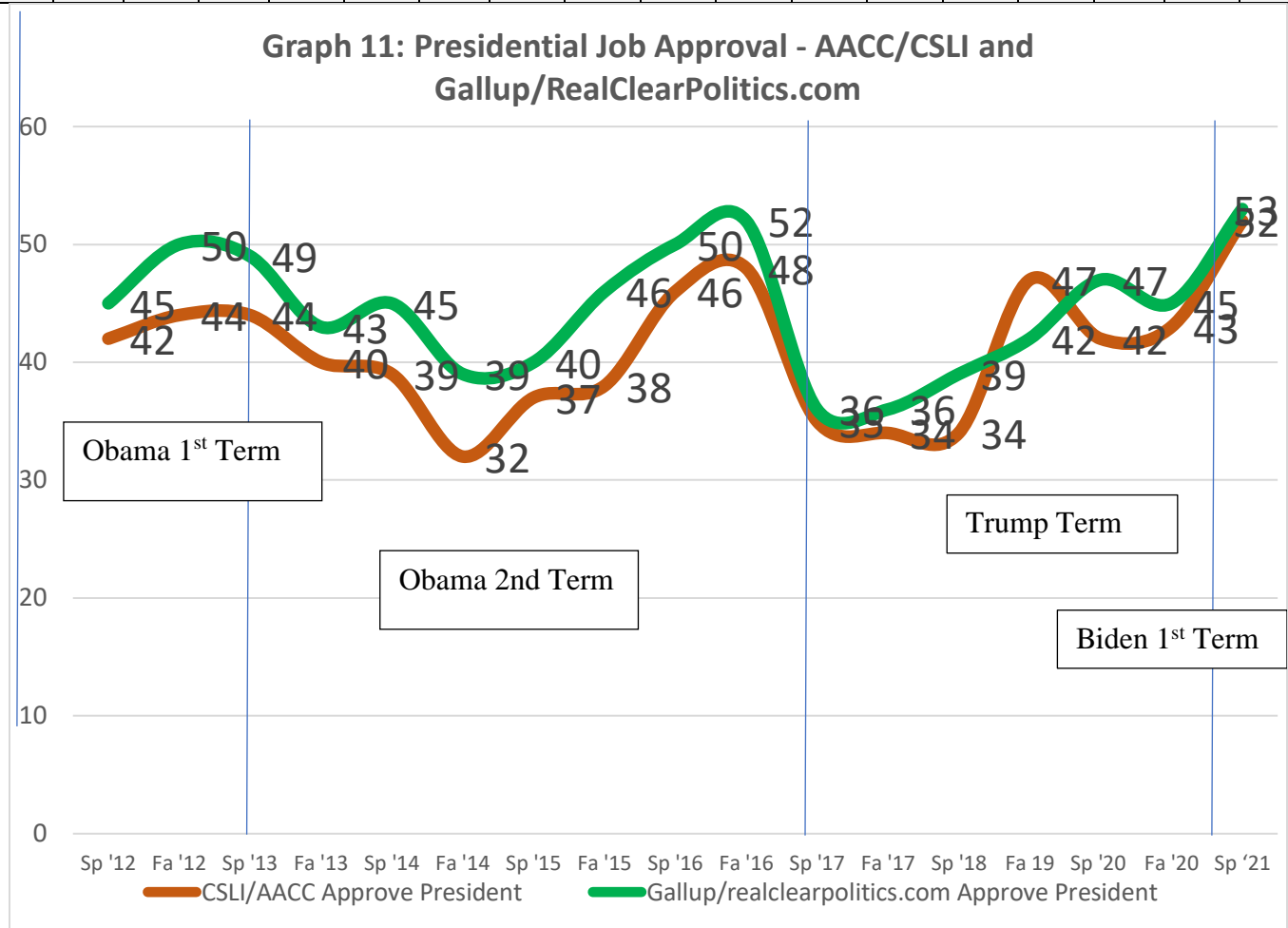
¹⁵ A coding error in combining the online with the telephone samples made the results problematic for Fall 2018. Those results are excluded from Graph 11. For the fall 2018 survey, a change was made in how the question was asked: rather than simply asking the respondent to choose between “approve” and “disapprove,” more choices were offered: strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove and strongly disapprove. To make the results consistent with prior results, the four categories were collapsed into just two in some places such as graphs: approve, disapprove.

¹⁶ See http://www.gallup.com/poll/201617/gallup-daily-trump-job-approval.aspx?g_source=trump+job+approval&g_medium=search&g_campaign=tiles for Trump’s job approval findings cited here prior to spring 2018. Gallup switched to a weekly job approval collection process in 2018, so the new site during the Trump period was <http://news.gallup.com/poll/203207/trump-job-approval-weekly.aspx>. The fall 2020 benchmark can be found at https://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/other/president_trump_job_approval-6179.html. The spring 2021 benchmark can be found at <https://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/other/president-biden-job-approval-7320.html>

tracks presidential job approval on a monthly basis, making it less relevant to the periods when the CSLI/AACC poll is in the field. As a result, our polls now compare results to those listed on realclearpolitics.com which is a survey aggregation service. The “RCP average” will be used in this and future reports. Prior results listed in Table 25a are based on the Gallup findings. Graph 11 shows the pattern for both poll sources – CSLI/AACC as well as Gallup/RCP.

Table 25a: CSLI Presidential Job Approval Spring 2012 to Spring 2021

	Sp '12	Fa '12	Sp '13	Fa '13	Sp '14	Fa '14	Sp '15	Fa '15	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '20
Approve	42	44	44	40	39	32	37	38	46	48	35	34	34	40	47	42	43	52
Disapprove	49	50	51	53	52	58	56	52	47	46	54	55	56	56	56	58	56	42
No answer	8	6	4	7	9	9	7	10	7	6	11	11	11	4	3	0	1	5
Total	99	100	99	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	101	101	99	100	100	99



Job approval for Governor Larry Hogan has historically been quite high: By fall 2017, Governor Hogan was 48 points higher than Governor Martin O’Malley had been in fall 2014. In fall 2019, his job approval was at 81 percent; by fall 2020 it was still at 79 percent, about evenly divided between strongly (38 percent) and somewhat (41 percent) approve. The latest survey shows some erosion of support. Overall approval remains high at 70 percent, but with the growth in “strongly disapprove” from just four percent to 12 percent. Hogan’s reduction in job approval is mostly due to an 11-point decline among Republicans and a 15-point decline among unaffiliated respondents.

Table 25b: Gubernatorial Job Approval – Overall and by Party Registration, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

	Overall		Dems		Reps		Unaffiliated	
	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '20	Sp '21
Strongly+somewhat	79	70	76	74	83	72	77	62
Strongly approve	38	35	32	38	49	36	31	25
Somewhat approve	41	35	44	36	34	36	46	37
Somewhat disapprove	14	16	15	18	13	18	17	16
Strongly disapprove	4	12	5	8	4	8	4	18
Unsure, don’t know	3	3	4	3	1	3	1	3
Total	100	99	100	100	101	100	101	101

Job Approval for County Executive Steuart Pittman: Moving next to the county executive’s job approval, historically a sizable segment of survey participants could not give an answer – in fall 2020, 15 percent were in this camp (compared to 3 percent for Hogan and a single percent for Trump). In spring 2021, that figure was only ten percent. As seen on Table 25c, the difference was mostly that the unsure percentage drifted to the “strongly disapprove” category which grew by seven points. This was especially pronounced among Republicans – where the strongly disapprove percentage went from 32 to 48 percent – probably again a victim of COVID differences regarding the pace of reopening.

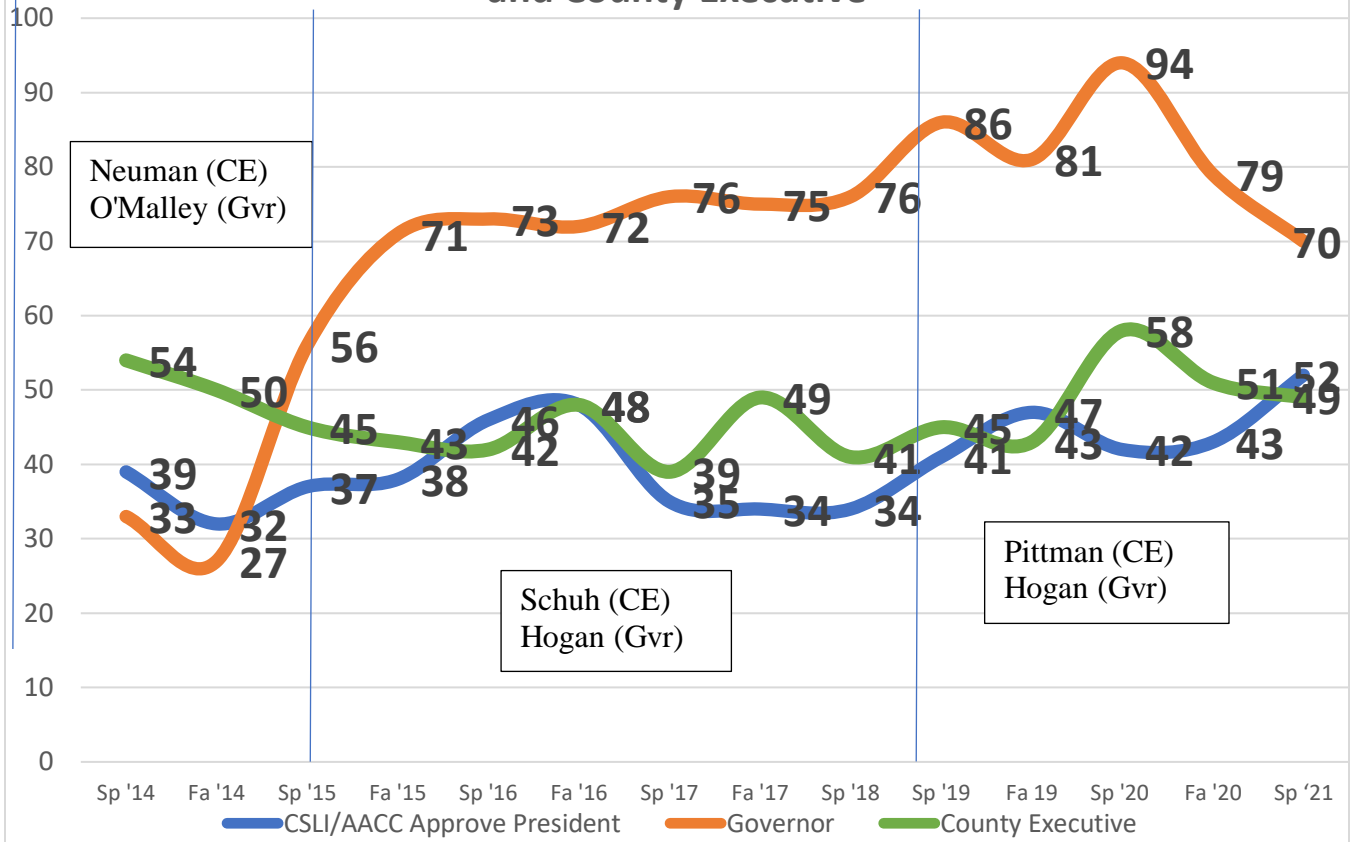
Overall, 51 percent said that they approved with 34 percent disapproving. Only Democrats were likely to say, “strongly approve” for County Executive Steuart Pittman (37 percent), although about a third of Republicans and unaffiliated voters at least offered “somewhat approve.” His standing among Democrats actually increased by three points – to 76 percent – while the figure among unaffiliated respondents was unchanged at 40 percent.

Table 25c: County Executive Job Approval – Overall and by Party Registration, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

	Overall		Dems		Reps		Unaffiliated	
	Fa ‘20	Sp ‘21	Fa ‘20	Sp ‘21	Fa ‘20	Sp ‘21	Fa ‘20	Sp ‘21
Strongly+somewhat	51	49	73	76	36	26	40	40
Strongly approve	17	17	37	33	3	4	8	9
Somewhat approve	34	32	36	43	33	22	32	31
Somewhat disapprove	13	14	4	9	23	19	13	13
Strongly disapprove	21	28	4	7	32	48	30	29
Unsure, don’t know	15	10	19	9	9	8	18	19
Total	100	99	100	100	101	100	101	101

Graph 12 shows the job approval curves for president, governor and county executive.

Graph 12: Job Approval for President, Governor and County Executive



Legislatures – Job Approval

The spring 2021 survey included a first look at legislatures and job approval. The institutions included were the Anne Arundel County Council, the Maryland General Assembly and the U.S. Congress. The results are shown on Table 25d.

Table 25d: Legislatures – Job Approval

	Strongly+ somewhat approve	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No answer, D.K.
Anne Arundel County Council	48	5	43	18	12	23
Maryland General Assembly	49	8	41	13	21	17
U.S. Congress	28	3	25	25	43	5

There was very little difference between overall approval scores for the Anne Arundel County Council and the Maryland General Assembly – 48 and 49 percent respectively. The U.S. Congress had a much lower score: 28 percent. Looking at the combined “strongly+somewhat” scores by party registration on Table 25e, it becomes apparent that there is a partisan spin to the approval values. Since Democrats have majorities in all three legislatures, large differences in the job approval scores fall clearly along party lines: Democrats express scores between 33 and 44 points higher than do Republicans. However, even Democrats cannot find a majority approving the U.S. Congress.

Table 25e: Legislatures – Job Approval by Party

	Overall	Democrats	Republicans	Unaffiliated
Anne Arundel County Council	48	69	36	34
Maryland General Assembly	49	73	29	41
U.S. Congress	28	49	13	12

Trust in Political Parties

Since 2008, CSLI/AACC surveys have asked which party “do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years.” Graph 13 shows that there have been some sharp oscillations on the Republican side, scores as low as 23 percent and as high as 39 percent. Democrats have shown less variation in trust levels, ranging from 32 to 42 percent. Those saying “neither” have varied the most, from a low of 17 to a high of 37 percent.

The fall 2020 figures showed a small rise for Democrats from 39 to 41 percent, but the figure reverted to 39 percent this spring. Republicans had shown a four-point rise from 34 to 38 percent last fall, but fell 11 points to just 27 – the lowest point since spring 2013. The percentage saying “neither” had dropped from 24 in spring 2020 to only 18 percent in fall 2020 but rose to a recent high of 30 percent in spring 2021. Prior to the 2016 elections, the average “neither” score for election periods (fall 2008, fall 2010, fall 2012, fall 2014, fall 2016, fall 2018, fall 2020) was only 21 percent; outside of election periods it averaged 25 percent – a score of 30 is exceptionally high.

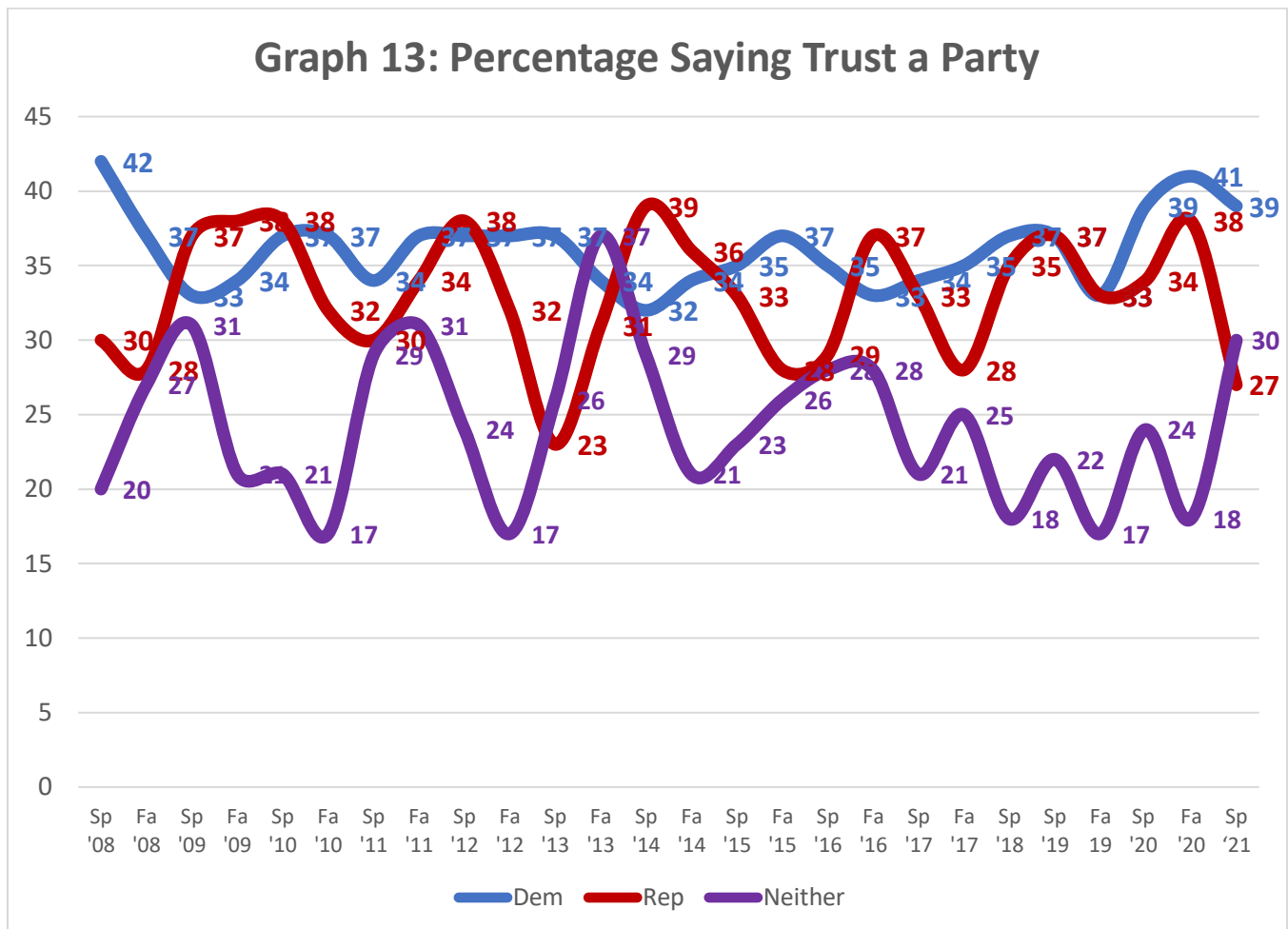


Table 26 includes information about party registration and trust in parties. For Democrats, there was a reversion to the same score one year ago: 77 percent, mostly due to a seven-point rise in the percentage saying “neither.” Among Republicans, there was an unprecedented 16-point decline from 67 to 51 percent. There was a corresponding rise in the percentage saying “neither.” Among unaffiliated respondents, there was an equal drop of four points for both Democrats and Republicans, with a rise in “neither” of five points and a four-point rise in those saying “unsure.” These results show that between the two political parties – there is much less consensus about the future of the Republican Party than for the Democratic Party.

Table 26: Trust Political Parties by Registration

	Democrat						Republican						Unaffiliated					
	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21
Trust Democrats	71	66	73	77	81	77	3	4	8	8	11	8	31	22	34	24	26	22
Trust Republicans	6	13	10	5	8	7	78	67	69	63	67	51	34	28	21	30	35	31
Trust neither	19	16	8	14	8	15	12	21	15	27	20	36	26	38	33	43	34	39
NA/DK/Other party	4	5	9	4	3	2	7	8	9	3	1	5	9	12	12	3	5	9
Total	100	100	100	100	101	101	100	100	101	101	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	101

Methodology

The survey polled a random sample of 474 county residents who were at least 18 years old. Interviewing was conducted primarily using a database of members of the CSLI/AACC web panel who have been recruited when conducting previous telephone interviews. The survey was in the field from March 6 to 12. There was about a 4.5 percent statistical margin of error; the error rate was higher for subgroups such as “Democrats” or “men.” The dataset was weighted by gender, political party, age and education to better represent the general population. Students participated in the selection of topics and analysis of results.

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Appendix A

AACC Semi-Annual Survey – Spring, 2021

- 1. What are the top two most important problems facing the residents of Anne Arundel County at the present time? (Pick your top TWO concerns by checking off two boxes - please no more than just two)**

Problem	Spring '20	Fall '20	Spring '21
Coronavirus (spread, treatment, testing)	69	50	53
Crime (other than drug related)	1	11	10
Drugs (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription pain killers for non-medical purposes.)	3	15	11
Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses)	10	24	22
Education (problems with schools, quality, facilities, staff, discipline)	3	18	22
Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay)	0	8	11
Government ethics (corrupt, immoral)	1	7	9
Government waste (inefficient, spends too much)	2	7	12
Government lack resources (for roads, schools, services)	1	4	3
Growth/overpopulation (too much development, poorly planned)	4	13	11
Healthcare (cost, access)	1	3	4
Housing cost	1	6	7
Racism, hate crimes, discrimination	0	6	6
Taxes – too high	2	11	12
Transportation (problems/traffic congestion, lack of public transit)	1	6	6
No answer, don't know	0	2	0
Other answer - write in: (See Appendix B)	1	9	5

- 2. Are things headed in the right or wrong direction for the county, the state of Maryland and the country as a whole?**

	Right	Wrong	Unsure/Don't know
2.1 Anne Arundel County	42	34	24
2.2 Maryland	45	33	22
2.3 US	35	51	14

3. Next, how do you rate economic conditions in Anne Arundel County, in Maryland, and in the United States generally -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	Unsure/Don't know
3.1 Anne Arundel County	6	48	38	7	2
3.2 Maryland	3	47	40	7	3
3.3 US	2	21	46	27	4

4 Thinking ahead for the next few years, do you expect the national economy to improve, stay the same or get worse?

(1) Improve 40% (2) stay same 20% (3) get worse 34% (0) no answer/unsure 6%

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

	Applies	Doesn't apply	Unsure, no answer
5.1 Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	45	50	5
5.2 Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	37	62	2
5.3 Facing the possibility of unemployment	12	82	6
5.4 Found a new or better job recently	7	91	2
5.5 Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	22	75	2
5.6 Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school	34	60	6
5.7 Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate	23	74	3
5.8 Taxes are too high in relation to government services provided	57	32	12

6. In this section, we will be asking questions about the COVID-19 situation. Overall, would you say that the COVID-19 situation is getting better, staying the same or getting worse?

(1) Getting better 70% (2) Staying about the same 24%
(3) getting worse 5% (0) Unsure, don't know 2%

7. Would you say that Anne Arundel County and Maryland have gone too fast, too slow or about right in the pace of reopening businesses, schools and other facilities?

	Too fast	About right	Too slow	Unsure/Don't know
7.1 Anne Arundel County	17	41	38	3
7.2 Maryland	22	45	28	5

7.1 Option to explain: _____ See Appendix C _____

8. The County's school board has decided to reopen public schools in a hybrid format. From your perspective, which of the following best expresses your views:

1. Agree with hybrid (mixed in-person, online) format 18%
2. Agree with hybrid format as long as "online only" option is also available 27%
3. Prefer to have "online only" until the COVID situation settles down more 19%
4. Prefer to have more in-person instruction at this time 30%
5. Something else 7%

See Appendix D for comments

9. To what extent do you agree with the following measures meant to deal with the spread of coronavirus?

	Great deal	Good amount	Some	Not much	Not at all
9.1 Have "online only" instruction until all school staff is vaccinated	31	21	17	13	19
9.2 Make vaccinations mandatory for employees in essential jobs	34	23	14	7	21
9.3 Continue having businesses such as restaurants, gyms or theaters be open at least at 50 percent capacity	26	30	18	14	13
9.4 Limit any further reopening of businesses until more people are vaccinated	22	18	20	16	25
9.5. Mandatory mask wearing in public indoor venues and where social distancing isn't possible	60	12	13	6	10

9.6 Other comments. **See Appendix E for comments**

10. How concerned are you about the possibility of someone in your family becoming seriously ill with the virus?

- (1) Very concerned 35%
- (2) Somewhat concerned 39%
- (3) Not very concerned 26%
- (0) Unsure, don't know 1%

11. Which of these apply regarding your experience with COVID-19 (check all that apply)

Answers	Percentage
11.3 You have come down with it yourself	8
11.4 A family member or close friend has come down with it	47
11.5 Someone you know personally other than family/friend has come down with it	57
11.5 Someone you know has died from effects of the virus	30
11.6 You consider yourself at high risk should you come down with the virus	30
11.7 None of these apply	10

12. Continuing our focus on the coronavirus (COVID-19), have you or any members of your household experienced any of the following because of coronavirus?

Have you or any members of your household experienced any of the following because of coronavirus?

	Yes	No	Unsure/NA
12.1 Got tested	75	25	0
12.2 Want to get tested but haven't been able to do so	7	89	4
12.3 Changed travel plans	77	22	1
12.4 Faced serious economic consequences such as loss of housing or significant loss of income	18	79	3
12.5 Seen a reduction of hours or been laid off	29	67	4
12.6 Had to manage day care or home schooling	29	67	4
12.7 Are suffering from unrelated health problems due to fear of going in for health services	15	81	4
12.8 Unhappiness or emotional distress due to social isolation ("social distancing")	58	39	3
12.9 Changed work routines by working online	55	41	4

13. Describe the most challenging aspect of adapting to the coronavirus pandemic for you or your household. See Appendix F for comments _____

14. Is there anything about lifestyle or work changes that have improved your quality of life and hope to continue after the COVID pandemic ends? See Appendix G for comments _____

15. Thinking about the future of work, indicate your agreement with the following: (If you are retired, just skip this question)

	Agree completely	Agree somewhat	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree completely
15.1 I expect to work more or entirely online in the future	9	30	23	13	25
15.2 My career will be harmed (fewer promotions, recognition) by working more or entirely online	10	16	37	13	25
15.3 It will be harder to maintain a good work/life separation if I work more or entirely online	19	29	26	12	14
15.4 By working more or entirely online, I will be more productive	12	22	36	15	16
15.5 By working more or entirely online, I will have more childcare or household maintenance obligations	10	18	42	11	19
15.6 On balance, I prefer to work more or entirely online	15	22	29	17	17
15.7 The type of work I do will not allow me to work more or entirely online	33	18	18	11	20

15.1 Option to comment about the future of work:___ See Appendix H for comments _____

16. The next questions deal with vaccines for COVID-19. Which of the following apply to you?

	Applies or agree	Does not apply
16.1 FDA approved vaccines are sufficiently safe and effective for me to obtain as soon as possible	81	19
16.2 You are currently eligible for vaccination against COVID-19 based on the state eligibility criteria	63	37
16.3 You have tried to get an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination	56	44
16.4 You have been vaccinated against COVID-19	42	58

17. If you have tried to get a vaccination appointment - indicate which ways you used to try to obtain an appointment. (Website URLs are examples only and may change at any time)

(If you have not tried to get an appointment, skip to question 20.)

17.1 County website 45%

17.2 Mass vaccination center 29%

17.3 Hospital or health system website (e.g. Luminis) 37%

17.4 Pharmacy (Walgreens, CVS) 28%

17.5 Grocery store (Giant) 25%

17.6 Used telephone to get an appoint at one of these 9%

17.7 Another option (explain below) 9% **See Appendix F for comments**

18. If you have tried to get a vaccination appointment indicate how successful you were for each method. (If you have not tried to get an appointment, skip to question 20.)

	Very successful (e.g., able to get an appointment and/or vaccination)	Somewhat successful (e.g., put on a waiting list, still no firm appointment)	Not very successful (e.g., no waiting list, no firm appointment)
18.1 County website	19	29	53
18.2 Mass vaccination center	29	12	59
18.3 Hospital or health system website (e.g. Luminis)	16	33	52
18.4 Pharmacy (Walgreens, CVS)	12	9	79
18.5 Grocery store (Giant)	9	8	84
18.6 Used telephone to get an appoint at one of these	16	6	78
18.7 Another option (explain below)	39	10	51

19. If you have tried to get a vaccination appointment. Indicate your agreement with the following statements. (Otherwise skip to next question.)

	Agree completely	Agree somewhat	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree completely	Not applicable
19.1 The current system for obtaining an appointment is too complicated because it requires searching through many separate websites	61	22	5	4	3	6
19.2 A single sign-up website that provides a master sign-up list would help greatly	71	17	6	2	1	3
19.3 It helps to use text messages, email or social media to find out about possible locations for appointments	54	23	11	2	5	5

19.4 Comments about the situation regarding finding appointments: See Appendix J for comments

20. How much do you trust information about the coronavirus pandemic and how to cope with it coming from...

	Great deal	Good deal	Only some	Not very much	Not at all	N.A.
20.1 President Joe Biden	31	19	13	11	25	2
20.2 Governor Larry Hogan	24	32	21	11	10	2
20.3 County Executive Steuart Pittman	15	23	19	12	23	7
20.4 Social media	2	6	28	35	26	4
20.5 Online or print news sites	7	25	33	20	13	2
20.6 Word of mouth	2	8	32	32	25	2
20.7 Other sources of information	7	10	33	16	11	23
20.8 Indicate preference source of information about COVID-19 and what you meant by “other sources”	See Appendix J1 for comments					

21. The county is updating the General Development Plan which provides an overall roadmap for the future. How important do you consider the following goals in that light?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Don't know
21.1 Improved public safety in my area	43	42	14	2
21.2 Improved public schools in my area	54	34	10	2
21.3 Better access to parks, seniors centers in my area	32	44	21	3
21.4 More affordable housing in my area	31	33	32	5
21.5 Better protection of environmentally sensitive areas and open spaces	49	33	14	3
21.6 Less road congestion	58	33	6	3
21.7 More public transportation options near me	24	27	46	2
21.8 Better variety of shopping sites near me	11	22	65	2
21.9 More restaurants near me	8	30	60	2
21.10 Greater access to libraries	17	33	48	2
21.11 More community based health services near me	19	35	41	4

See Appendix K for comments

22. How serious – very, somewhat or not very – do you believe the following issues to be?

Focusing first on the situation in Anne Arundel County...

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Don't know
22.1 Having easy access to opioids in the county	45	26	17	12
22.2 The possibility of coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading more widely into Maryland	41	34	23	2
22.3 The management of run-off into the Chesapeake Bay	51	35	11	4
22.4 High cost of housing in the county	40	39	18	3
22.5 The growth in income and wealth inequality in the county	36	31	29	4
22.6 Hate crimes in the county	33	30	34	3
22.7 Domestic violence	34	43	19	5
22.8 The quality of public education	63	28	7	2
22.9 Focusing now on international affairs: How serious to you consider the rising economic and military threat posed by China	56	32	9	3
22.10 The threat to American democracy posed by Russia	38	38	21	3
22.11 The threat posed by climate change	51	17	29	3
22.12 Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	48	35	15	3
22.13 Reducing illegal immigration into the United States	49	23	25	3
22.14 Working with the World Health Organization to fight pandemics	49	23	26	3

23. Thinking about national politics, do you approve of the following policies:

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
23.1 The \$1.9 trillion bill meant to provide COVID relief	35	24	11	26	4
23.2 The idea of large new investments in infrastructure, especially to combat climate change	46	24	10	17	3
23.3 The idea of eventually rejoining the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA)	22	23	9	28	18
23.4 Efforts to prosecute those who were involved in illegal acts on January 6 in overtaking the Capitol	60	17	8	11	4

24. With which political party, if any, are you registered? `

(1) 40% Democratic => ASK: **Do you consider yourself a**

(1.1) Strong 44%

(1.2) Somewhat strong 38%

(1.3) Not a strong Democrat? 17%

(2) 35% Republican => ASK: **Do you consider yourself a**

(2.1) Strong 25%

(2.2) Somewhat strong 45%

(2.3) Not a strong Republican 30%

(3) 20% Unaffiliated (or “independent”)=> ASK: **Do you consider yourself to be leaning more towards the**

(3.1) Democratic 15%

(3.2) Republican 40%

(3.3) Neither party most of the time? 45%

(4) 3% Other

(5) 3% None (not registered to vote) =====>

(Skip from question #24 to #28)

28. If you voted for a presidential candidate in 2016, for whom did you vote?

(1) Hillary Clinton 39% (2) Donald Trump 41% (3) Someone else 11% (4) Didn't vote 10%

29. If you voted for a presidential candidate in 2020, for whom did you vote?

(1) Joe Biden 53% (2) Donald Trump 38% (3) Someone else 7% (4) Didn't vote 3%

30. How confident are you that votes were accurately counted in Maryland and throughout the United States generally?

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Unsure, don't know
30.1 Maryland	60	19	20	1
30.2 United States generally	52	12	36	1

30.3 Option to explain: See Appendix L for comments

31. Do you agree with the former President Trump that he actually won the last election and that it "was stolen" from him?

- 1. Yes 26%
- 2. No 74%

32. Do you agree that former President Trump incited the mob that overtook the Capitol on January 6?

- 1. Yes 57%
- 2. No 43%

33. This question is mostly for those registered as or leaning to the Republican Party: While Donald Trump has said he will not form a new party, if he did would you...

- 1. Join that party 14%
- 2. Stick with the Republican Party 36%
- 3. Consider joining another party 12%
- 4. Don't know 38%

33.1 Option to explain: ____ See Appendix M for comments _____

34. 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 | 39% |
| (2) Republicans | 27% |
| (3) Neither (volunteered) | 30% |
| (4) Other (volunteered) | 1% |
| (0) Unsure, don't know | 4% |

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following elected officials are handling their jobs: “Would that be strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove?”

Elected official	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer/ DK
35.1 County Executive Steuart Pittman	17	32	14	28	10
35.2 Governor Larry Hogan	35	35	16	12	3
35.3 President Joe Biden Trump	33	19	10	32	5
35.4 The Anne Arundel County Council	5	43	18	12	23
35.5 Maryland General Assembly	8	41	13	21	17
35.6 US Congress	3	25	25	43	5

Each of these has a comments sections: **See Appendices N, O, P, Q, R, S**

36. Which of the following best describes your political beliefs?

1. Very conservative 9%
2. Somewhat conservative 24%
3. Moderate 32%
4. Somewhat liberal 17%
5. Very liberal (progressive or democratic socialist) 15%
6. Unsure/don’t know 3%

37. What is your age? _____(weighted)_____

18-39 25%
 40-49 11%
 50-59 21%
 60-69 20%
 70+ 23%

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

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| (1) White or Caucasian | 82% |
| (2) Black or African American | 6% |
| (3) Hispanic or Latino | 1% |
| (4) Asian or Asian American | 1% |
| (5) Mixed | 2% |
| (6) Other _____ | 1% |
| (0) No answer | 7% |

39. Regarding religion, how would you describe yourself?

- | | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| (1) None | 10% | |
| (2) Non-practicing | 17% | |
| (3) Evangelical or born again Christian (possibly Baptist, Pentecostal) | | 10% |
| (4) Catholic | 20% | |
| (5) Protestant (possibly Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterian, Anglican, Episcopalian) | | 22% |
| (6) Some other Christian | 1% | |
| (7) Jewish | 4% | |
| (8) A 'spiritual person' not associated with an organized religion | | 12% |
| (9) Something else (e.g., Muslim, Hindu) | 1% | |
| (0) No Answer | 5% | |

40. What is your current marital status?

- | | |
|------------------------|-----|
| (1) Single | 20% |
| (2) Married | 67% |
| (3) Separated/divorced | 5% |
| (4) Widowed | 5% |
| (5) Living together | 3% |
| (6) Other | 1% |

41. Do you currently have any children in public or private schools (K-12) or both?

1. No children in either public or private schools 81%
2. Children in public schools 16%
3. Children in private schools 3%
4. Children in both public and private schools 0%

42. Which of the following best describes your highest level of formal education? (weighted)

(1) less than a high school diploma 1%	(5) completed a 4 year bachelor's degree 23%
(2) a high school diploma 8%	(6) post graduate work 28%
(3) some college 23%	(7) something else? 1%
(4) completed a 2-year associate college degree 17%	(0) No Answer 0%

43. Which of the following best describes your gross annual household income before taxes.

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|--------------------------|-----|
| (1) Less than \$30,000 | 6% |
| (2) \$30,000 to \$50,000 | 7% |
| (3) \$50,001 to \$75,000 | 10% |
| (4) \$75,001-\$100,000 | 12% |
| (5) \$100,001-\$150,000 | 23% |
| (6) \$150,001-\$250,000 | 17% |
| (7) Over \$250,000 | 10% |
| (0) No Answer | 16% |

44. Which of following best describes your employment situation?

Category	Percentage
Fully or semi retired	35
Self employed or consultant	5
Employed part-time	5
Employed full time	38
Student (mostly or full-time)	4
Unemployed and seeking a job	3
Unemployed and NOT seeking a job	2
Caregiver/parent	1
Unsure due to recent workplace changes caused by coronavirus	2
Other	5
No answer	0

40. Gender (weighted)

- (1) Male 49% (2) Female 50% (3) Other 1%

41. Zip code

Zip	Percentage
No answer	2.2
20711	0.5
20715	0.2
20724	0.6
20733	0.4
20751	0.1
20754	0.2
20755	0.0
20764	2.2
20765	0.2
20774	0.6
20776	1.1
20778	0.2
20779	0.2
21012	5.9
21029	0.0
21032	1.9
21035	1.2
21037	5.2
21054	2.0
21060	3.2
21061	4.3
21076	0.9
21090	1.3
21106	0.3
21108	6.5
21109	0.2
21113	4.5
21114	4.8
21122	10.0
21140	1.5
21144	4.0
21146	4.6
21201	0.6
21222	0.2
21225	1.0
21226	0.1

21307	0.0
21401	11.6
21402	0.3
21403	10.9
21409	3.8
21756	0.2
Total	100.0

Appendix B: “Most important problem facing the residents of Anne Arundel County at this time” – Comments/Other items
(All comments in these appendices are unedited and verbatim.)

"walkability" around the outskirts of Annapolis i.e. Towne Centre to Annapolis Harbour Center
Accepting illegal immigrant children bringing Covid with them.
All of the above
Cancel culture and wokeism
COVID- vaccine distribution equity
Educational Indoctrination
Eroding family values
Government has the wrong focus on social matters that are not their business.
Government support for BLM and Marxism, Cancel culture and censorship through intimidation against conservative perspectives
Gun violence
Having a single easy to use system to schedule an appointment for the vaccine. The multiple ones in place are a nightmare!
I live in Washington County, not AA.
If I could pick a 3rd, it would be government waste.
illegal immigrants
Illegal immigrates
Illegal Immigration
lack of choice in schools for the poor.
Lack of professional opportunities for Blacks that live in the county
Limiting businesses and their ability to stay open and keep people employed due to government infringements.
Mental Health Care and Awareness
Money contributed; Money lost on boondoggles! wish we could name more than two! I really fear for so much indifference to protecting our environment, especially the Chesapeake Bay! Annapolis residents from 1967-77, returning in 2008. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, et al., was new in '67. The Bay was in danger. Returning in 2008 the most impressive thing we noticed was the state-of-the-art headquarters CBF built for itself. Until all 7 jurisdictions join in the effort to "Save the Bay" I fear shortsideness will prevail, just its done with the Bay Bridge!
Next Gen Airplane Noise on the Severn River

not again
Poverty, inequality, lack of affordable housing, racism and homelessness affect many people in our County.
Schools
Schools not being open fully
Since my Covid related layoff, I am desperate to find a job. Feeling depressed and so discouraged.
Taxpayers are not considered when services are limited
Teen suicide
The ghost of Trump is still haunting us.
The lockdowns have done terrible damage. You do not isolate the healthy!!!!
The quality of education in Annapolis Public Schools is lacking & the fact that teachers & other government workers are remote collecting full pay without the burden of expenses of commuting, time to commute, less wardrobe expenses etc they have all reaped financial rewards while imposing extreme restrictions on business/workers in the private sector. Cost of Living Increases should be nixed there cost of living went down when they stopped having to spend time/money to show up at their jobs.
The unsightly condition of our roadsides; too many AA County residents consider our roadsides their personal dumping ground.
This doesn't count as the third - right? Overall I think schools are a big problem, not just because of COVID but because for at least the 3 decades I've lived here there has been so much inequitable distribution of resources among schools in "good" zip codes and schools in "less good" zips. This includes putting poorer-performing teachers in the most at-risk schools, not just books, paper, and school infrastructure.
Trumpers spreading lies and hate
underpaid teachers
Total

Appendix C: Comments about the pace of reopening

100% capacity is misleading. Business. Restaurants & churches can not allow 100% capacity due to 6 foot social distancing requirements & the public likely does not understand this.

15 states have already lifted mandates. I just don't think government should have this much control over people being able to support themselves. If people are afraid at this point to leave the house, then they should stay home. Everyone else can continue taking the precautions they feel are necessary. If the government is ok sending 25,000 American soldiers to the Capitol and shoving them into a parking garage, then why is it not ok for 12 people to get dinner together.

A difficult decision balancing the needs of business and the overall risks

AA County has the worst County Executive & dumbest Health Officer in the State. Even when Science said Schools Were Safe, we kept them closed. The Movie theater restrictions were totally draconian & the bans on outdoor dining ridiculous ! 2522 .2 .2 81.2

AACPS opened schools with unvaccinated teachers. Yes, educators have gone to the clinic, but many are still waiting. It was said that teachers would be given masks, etc.... we've never gotten them. 123 .0 .0 81.2

ALL teachers and schools employees in direct contact with students should be vaccinated immediately!

All essential workers need vaccine now! 132 .0 .0 81.2

Although I believe it was unfair of Gov Hogan to give counties the right to decide and then to criticize their decisions (esp related to school openings) 133 .0 .0 81.2

As an AACPS teacher, there was and is a lot of information we still don't know about how to be safe and successful teaching in a hybrid environment. The schedule is not equitable for teachers or students to receive the balance of work and rest/planning. The schools with the highest return rate if students are the more wealthy schools and even still, they are struggling to keep up with the demands of the CDC while matching the demand of the community to bring students back. 2431 .2 .2 81.4

Bars and restaurants should not be open for indoor seating. Need a universal mask mandate with fines for noncompliance. 108 .0 .0 81.4

C.E. Pittman is trying to protect the citizens of Anne Arundel County by relying on the scientific data and metrics and using that information to protect us. Gov. Hogan is playing politics and opens and closes, or places restrictions depending on which way the wind is blowing. He plans on running for office once he is no longer Governor so he is trying to please everybody, and that doesn't work as you can't please everyone. 3633 .3 .3 81.8

Children should have been in schools months ago. 602 .1 .1 81.8

COVID is real but used politically 971 .1 .1 81.9

From my point of view, small business, including restaurants, nail and hair salons, etc., learned very quickly how to ensure the safety of their clients, and should be permitted to function at at least 50%.

Outdoor dining has been serious lack in AACO, and hopefully those restaurants that HAD to turn to that (where they had not had it before covid) will be allowed to retain them.

Given that the mortality rate of COVID-19 in the state of Maryland is 0.13%, it seems that mask wearing, social distancing, and testing have done a pretty good job at keeping the pandemic in check. Of course, our success is not widely reported, but just the gloom, doom, and fear mongering.

Glad that we have followed the science

Gov. Hogan has done a great job.....especially with him being a Republican! (I am a Democrat)

Governor Hogan made a mistake when he threatened to use legal action to coerce teachers/faculty back to face-to-face instruction.

Hogan wants to do the right thing by reopening but is being blocked by county officials

Hogan's push to re-open schools without vaccinating staff does not make sense.

Hogan's push to reopen schools but encouraging everyone else to stay remote highlights his animosity towards educators. He has a real political problem in that area if he plans to run for President.

I am concerned that the pace of reopening will exceed the rate of vaccinations and a surge in cases will set us back.

i am enjoying be in class meeting new people.

I am eternally grateful to be in Maryland as opposed to a state like TX or Mississippi or Georgia that have opened too soon, or never closed, or never applied the simplest solution (masks) in an effective way.

I believe we should still be pushing masks and social distancing in restaurants and retail.

I do not believe schools should have had a hybrid option.

I don't think it's smart to be too quick in reopening anything until the Covid situation is remarkably better.

I fear that COVID fatigue is beginning to color some of the decisions to reopepon.

I feel we were too slow on schools

I had covid and there is no way we should have anything closed it's ruining peoples lives and business just so the government can have power

I order for our immune system to function we need to be exposed to the environment and all it's germs/viruses. Isolating the population is killing our immune systems. We are going to have some very sick people in a few years from all this isolation. Open things back up and let herd immunity make us stronger and healthier as a community

I think Gov Hogan has paced well & follows expert recommendations. Pittman appears to have a pattern of whatever the Gov recommends Pittman goes 1 step more restrictive. I daily follow state & county Covid data so not sure of pittmams intent. And I did vote for him but may not again.

I think we have been to slow with school openings. I cant imagine the pain of high school junior and seniors with what they have lost over the last year

I think what Pittman is doing to the businesses in this County is beyond terrible!

If wearing masks works, fully open business

Irresponsible governors are opening too fast.

It is different for different people and their circumstances. I believe that we need to start handing out vaccines faster so we can open everything up. We need to be careful, but not doubling on masks careful though. That is a little extensive.

It is not worth the risk

It makes no sense that Anne Arundel County has opened slower than surrounding counties. Once Howard County opened movie theaters, my family enjoyed going to the movies again. Why couldn't the Arundel Mills movie theater have opened at the same time?

It takes time for form good habits, if they had opened up with safety protocols in place in July/August we would likely not have had the spike in the winter. Also students need the structure in person learning provides as there are too many distractions in the home.

It's just difficult to figure out when someone is eligible, because the State might be at different stage than the County. The whole thing is confusing.

It's time to open things up and let citizens decide how best to navigate their environment. Some may still need caution while others can get out more.

Keeping MD in a State of Emergency equals more federal money for the State. It is crazy that Maryland is dead last in the reopening category. State and County has put their budget ahead of the needs of the

residents and businesses in the county. They haven't taken into consideration that business needs to be open and people need to work so that there is money coming in to pay taxes.

Kids need to be in school. Businesses have to open. Economy needs to be energized.

Kids need to get back to school. It took too long. I think there are kids that have families that do not support them enough and that scares me. The kids need to get back to school and have some structure to their lives. Improve their social skills.

Lockdowns should have been lifted long ago. As more data is released by CDC, WHO, and researchers, the actions taken by Governor Hogan and County Executive Pittman have shown little to no interest in examining recommendations of federal level advisors. When the Great Barrington Declaration was issued, both should have done more to examine the recommendations on both sides, however both seemed more interested in continuing the flawed approach they engaged in.

Look at Florida

Lots of upheaval for a total of 32 days in the classroom. Also teachers should have been vaccinated fully before schools reopened

Many decisions based on political 'wind', science touted but not followed. Ex: School reopenings and teachers jumping vaccine line when they are not at high risk.

Many have pushed to open the minute cases have dropped, rather than let cases level off at a lower rate. Inevitably, case rate has risen each time. Pittman has strived to do the right thing, even when under enormous pressure.

Maryland is doing poorly with vaccinations compared to other states.

Mask mandates should remain in place. The expansion of testing and vaccines is going great in the new presidential administration. Grateful to all voters who risked their health to exercise their rights.

More cases of Covid as conditions are relaxed, AA county highest in the state

More vaccines should have been given prior to schools, sports, and places being open or increased.

Movie theaters have been needlessly hurt. Contact tracing has not shown directed evidence of COVID spread in restaurants. Bars are another matter, but there people tend to act more irrationally.

My mother got her first vaccine two weeks ago. She is 95. Not cool. Because I work in mental health I have had mine for a month.

Need to have more time to distribute preventive shots so opening does not produce yet another surge of infection.

Need to think outside the box a little here - ex. the recent loosening of restrictions made it impossible to go to Navy games even though the average attendance at lacrosse is only 10% of stadium capacity it's more than 250 people.

No need to be fully re-opening this Friday. Stats are no better than last Fall. Opening too soon before enough people are vaccinated is going to cause another surge.

Not only too slow to reopen the closures were / are too broad and too restrictive. These measures have not led to any improvement in health/safety, see the results in states that did not close as much and reopened much sooner, e.g., FLA example as explained in WSJ March 2021 showing that FLA governor was more successful and correct vs. CA and NY and similarly, MD.

Not simply the science but negative factors such as anti maskers, anti vaxers and vaccine skeptics are not give enough weight in decisions. Skeptics likely to improve but not the first two.

NY & California which did massive shut downs, have some of the highest cases of the virus. States which didn't go for massive shut downs, didn't experience the high case volumes.

Open now. Fully and completely.

OPEN THE ECONOMY AND THE SCHOOLS NOW.

Open up!!!! It is over!

Our children are at St. Mary's and have been in school since August 30th with limited disruptions due to COVID. The public schools could have gone back sooner just as schools all across the country did.

Our leadership is doing an excellent job trying to save us from ourselves, Problem is 'ourselves' seem too stupid to recognize the danger and cost of opening to soon.

Public schools should have opened in September 2020 not March 22, 2021.

Reopening issues are extremely complicated. It is difficult to predict outcomes.

School should have been opened in the fall, otherwise bars/restaurants should have closed sooner

School should have opened earlier with a blended learning (in school and internet school). My wife is a retired elementary school librarian and basically more than 50 % of children have lost a year. High school children we know said standards were lowered because of internet learning. Restaurants are the business that have closed the most around our area.

Schools are "open" but hybrid. If it's safe to open, it's safe to open. If it's not, it's not. Make up your mind and then implement.

Schools are not prepared well enough

Schools opened too fast.

Schools should have been back sooner.

Schools should have been open long ago.

schools should never have closed. protect the sick, not the healthy. 93.1

Schools should not be open without a safety MOU in place and without all teachers being vaccinated.

Schools should not be rushed to open

Schools should remain virtual. They are unsafe. It is impossible to remain 6 feet apart. It is impossible to teach virtually and hybrid at the same time. The school board has lied to the public and they are sacrificing teachers and students for political gain. Those working at Riva Rd have no idea what is really happening in the trenches so to speak.

Schools: too fast without giving teachers time to get both vaccine shots and build their immunity. It's a strategic error that will push the most experienced teachers out.

Seems like there are positive cases popping up and only that student stays home. Like it's being covered up. Not good.

Should have been coordinated effort to get all teachers vaccinated before hybrid began

Should have opened schools sooner with in the classroom option. Children have suffered needlessly.

Should keep places closed, restaurants pick up or delivery only, same for grocery stores, close bars (ridiculous to keep them open, superspreaders for sure.) No school, everything possible online, arrest mask offenders. Covid over sooner. Then reopen everything except bars til 2 or 3 AM.

Should not send children back to school

Since studies show indoor dining contributes to Covid, I wish the shut down had lasted longer. As for schools, vaccinate the teachers.

Students should not be face to face until teachers are fully vaccinated.

Stupid politicians acting out of ignorance or power greed. Should have never shut down.

Teachers should not have been paid for 1 year to stay home. The children did not receive any benefit/nor could they use money/taxes for school to attend a private school or buy supplies for at home education.

The detriment to students for non-Covid related concerns (mental health, substance abuse, welfare) has far outweighed any impact of the virus on the students

The Governor ordered schools to open but few students are returning to buildings. In most cases small percentages of white students are returning and minorities are staying virtual. Why did they open buildings if no one wants to go back?

The governor's push to open schools in March without adequately vaccinating teachers, providing appropriate PPE for staff, and without guaranteeing HVAC is improved/adequate for an airborne virus has been too quick especially in light of how close we are to having enough vaccines for everyone. Anne Arundel County caved to the lawsuit over indoor dining when it should have continued to be closed, especially with the push to open schools.

The majority need to be vaccinated before schools open. There should be a capacity limit still.

The operation is not level, very difficult to schedule appointments.

The politics between Pittman and Hogan have interfered with the limits in Aaco. I feel as if that has penalized Aaco in the vaccine distribution. The tit for tat needs to stop.

The re-opening has been very uneven and feel arbitrary. For example, casinos and bars are open while schools are not.

The science says open the schools. There was supposed to be a two-week flatten the curve lockdown. It's been a year

The state and counties should have been on same pace. The governor working with counties.

There are many places of businesses that are not sanitizing as they should contributing to the spreading still going on. This is while many places are remaining closed or limited.

There are so many inherent conflicts in any policy for this, it can never be "just right". But I think Hogan and Pittman are honestly trying, so I cut them a lot of slack.

There should be a state wide vaccine effort. Regulations seem to differ by county as to which priority groups (or specific people within priority groups) are currently eligible. If a goal is to get students back in school, a larger amount of vaccines should be allocated to teachers.

They never should have been closed in the first place. If the mask work why shut down the businesses, if they don't work why tell everybody to wear one ?? Please answer that.

They should have stayed closed initially instead of jerking owners around they should make one decision and stick to it so no one is confused.

Things are opening up too fast before the vaccine has made enough of an impact. It seems that too many leaders do not listen to the science experts and they have done nothing to improve getting an appointment for the vaccine.

Though the federal government says it is safe to open schools under the right conditions, many MD schools are opening without those conditions being met. Many school buildings are just too old to meet the needs expected without major retrofitting which can not be done quickly and without funding now (as supposed to promised future funding). On paper some things like PPE are being provided but really it is only on paper. Ex. 5 masks are provided to teachers but these masks are no more than a thin T-shirt in the shape of a mask. No more provided when these cheap masks wear out.

To answer the question, you would need to know more about how individuals in February and March caught COVID-19, and whether schools have installed better ventilation equipment.

Too many people go around without masks only contributing to the problem.

Too quick to increase restaurant capacity with new COVID variants, need to prioritize safe school building reopening

Vaccination rollout has been a "guess which cup the shots are hidden under". You get numerous tries and can waste lots of time. Functional county health departments seem to be functioning in the dark as far as the Governor's rollout is concerned. Politics above all.

Vaccines need to be available for most of the population before reopening fully.

We can't live in a bubble forever. Things need to start opening so we can go about our lives and recover economically.

We did the whole thing wrong from the start, and never did a proper quarantine and pay people to stay home. This is why we are still trying to walk the line between virus and economy management a year later.

We feel the county commissioner has done a VARY POOR JOB with the covid-19 closing and reopening of businesses.

We need to get more people vaccinated before we go opening everything up.

We should have never been locked down! It did not stop the cold from spreading. The lockdowns caused me to lose a job I had for 27 years! The unemployment office is a joke. You can not get in contact with them either by phone or email! More than likely I will be homeless in the very near future. We shut down quickly and had phases of reopening which was good for no one knowing what to do in this situation.

Wear the damn mask!

When the numbers go down because restrictions are being followed, and then reopenings start happening, the numbers go back up. Restrictions need to be in place even if the numbers go down. In addition, the vaccine rollout has been abysmal.

When you can open restaurants but not open schools you know where the priority is in the state and county. I understand the economic impact of not opening business but the impact of not opening schools and recreational activities for the community will come at a much higher cost.

With Hogan's lifting of restrictions and travel restrictions

With the new varieties of covid plus the new rise and the unavailable vaccines it doesn't look good.

With the variants now increasing, it doesn't make sense to reopen further.

You cannot keep the country locked down forever. We need to get back to life.

You will never make everyone happy but our state seems to be handling this past pandemic year fairly well.

Appendix D: Comments about School Reopening

As long as teachers have opportunity to get vaccine

Teachers need to do their jobs in person. MANY, many other jobs require in person to work. It is much simpler for them to work from home on a personal level. However, children in high risk homes and other children from a mental health perspective and a social perspective need to be in school for its services and for social interaction.

100% reopen, the schools and county have had a full year to have planned better use of space, facilities, and related matters to fully open for all education to be in person, even if 7 days a week needed to be used to spread students around.

A better hybrid plan-teaching online AND in person at the SAME TIME isn't working well (coming from a teacher!). It's too difficult to attend to all the students needs.

Agree as long as teachers and staff have shots

Agree with hybrid format as long as "online only" option is also available. Prefer to have more in-person instruction at this time

all 5 days in person instruction

All staff should be vaccinated before schools open.

All teachers should have been vaccinated before schools opened.

allow teachers who are teaching students in person to only teach students in person and allow teachers that teach online to only teach online

Anne Arundel teachers should not be teaching hybrid, meaning in-person and virtual at the same time. It could have waited until the fall with the school year nearing the end.

As a teacher, I like hybrid, but it's really hard. About 10 times the amount of work. And teachers in AACO are so underpaid that it is very frustrating.

As long as all teachers and staff are vaccinated, it should work.

As long as all teachers have access to vaccines easily and quickly.

As much as they want to continue saying it is, social distancing is NOT happening in schools and there is currently only 1 grade level back in the building.

At a minimum, pre-K and elementary-aged children need to be in an environment that teaches proper interactions with other children their age.

Available for teachers, as well

But this option should be for teachers as well as students since they need to be protected or protect their family members as well.

Carter Schools, home schooling.

Children are losing a lot of important socialization skills by having to stay home. I also don't believe they are learning as well.

Children get and transmit all kinds of diseases.

Children need to be in schools, full time, no masks. No dental hygienists have died, teachers need to be back in the classroom!

Children should not be put at risk until people responsible for their learning within our public education 'system' are vaccinated. The school board has a responsibility to protect our children.

Crofton high should have been a test subject school from The start of School as it was only ever going to be 50% capacity this year anyway

Doesn't really apply- our kids are adults now

Don't have kids in school but teachers and support staff need to be vaccinated . . .

Education in general needs to evolve. In-person works great for some and virtual works great for others, especially those children that get bullied in school when in-person is the only option.

Either all in or stay on line

Either all virtual or all in person. Teachers cannot focus needed attention to both groups at the same time. Therefore, neither group is getting an adequate education.

Either full online or full in person. Hybrid is a lot of stress on teachers and families.

Expecting teachers to teach in person students and virtual only students simultaneously is ill-conceived.

for children under 15, they are at almost no risk from covid, and are not spreaders

Fully open schools without masks. What politicians have done to our children is criminal and they should go to jail for child abuse that resulted from their fear mongering and propaganda.

Going to continue homeschooling granddaughter using a homeschool curriculum and not the county

Grandson is 2 days in school & 2 days on line. When the teacher walks around and away from her computer in the classroom, the on-line kids cannot hear her well, making it a frustrating situation for them.

Happy with the reopening plan, but I want my kids back to being in school.

Hard question--I think the students online should have a different teacher than those returning to the classroom. We are asking too much from the teacher to teach online while also teaching in person to students who come to school. It is too much!

Having teachers teach kids in the classroom and remote students simultaneously seems like to downgrade the experience from the current level with virtual-only learning. Might as well wait until all school staff are vaccinated and then offer an in-person option and a virtual-only option (without requiring teachers to cover both populations simultaneously).

However staff must be prioritized for the vaccine.

HR is overwhelmed and forcing vulnerable teachers/families to return, use leave, or quit/retire. Teachers have not yet been prepared and information is scattered or ambiguous for teachers and parents.

Hybrid and online does not work for our kids. The current system in place is a complete failure with kids missing assignments and failing classes. Teachers are too strict and have inconsistent policies about accepting late work. What a disaster. My kids are good students but are failing in this current situation which is causing stress, anxiety and feelings of hopelessness. It is a constant battle to keep them engaged.

Hybrid format would be better if there had been better planning. They rushed the system but had ample time to do it right.

Hybrid is a waste of money. Lots of buses running with just a few students. Buildings are being used with very few people. Teachers are not all vaccinated.

Hybrid only if there's an online option but really should be fully online.

Hybrid or full return to class should have been delayed until teachers were fully vaccinated. If state and local government offices aren't safe to open, why are we sending our children?

Hybrid-simultaneous teaching is horrendous.

I don't have kids in school, so I have a very different opinion. But friends who have children or grandkids they are teaching would like to see more IRL instruction.

I dont have children

I have a niece who has an auto immune condition. She should have the option for her personal health

and safety to be virtual only. Other students should also have options depending on their family situations.

I support what the teachers and school employees want to do based on their personal assessment of risk of getting COVID-19 in the workplace. My office is not opening because they do not have confidence that they can provide a safe workplace for everyone -- ventilation in bathrooms and meeting rooms and hallways.

I think all teachers should be vaccinated and then children could go back to school fulltime. School should be in session this summer to make up for lacking instruction.

I think people should be able to choose their level of comfort. Including the teacher's

I would prefer we have waited to open schools to avoid the numerous changes for our students. My kids had 3 different time schedules in a months time. It would have been better to just hold off for this year and focus on implementing a stable plan for next school year at which time there should still remain a virtual option. That option has saved my child with severe anxiety.

I would refer to have more in person. it is embarrassing that we are as a state are dead last in the amount of public schools that are open. We should have opened in September as hybrid so that we would have been at regular 5 days a week at this point.

I'm amazed teachers don't think in-person education is essential to young children.

In school 4 days a week. Either do in person or virtual. Hybrid in both leaves a gap for the students unable to receive the attention they need on both ends

In the hybrid format, students are still sitting at desks looking at their screen. The in person students don't get anything the online students at home don't get.

It is not in the best interest of all students to have a teachers attention divided between in-person and virtual students. The virtual students are now being shafted as teachers are required to log off sooner to begin dismissal procedures with in-person students and cannot physically give the same level of teaching with their attention divided. This is not fair to teachers or their students. Until we can be certain that the virus will not spread through schools our students should remain virtual.

It is not worth the risk

It is too hard for teachers to reach/teach hybrid and virtual. It doesn't work!

Just glad not to have children in the school system - its just awful what has happened to our once good schools. I have watched family members do such a balancing act with the school situation.

Kids are not vectors for covid. If studies have shown that they do not carry it why not have more kids in school. Kids that want to be there especially if safety protocols are in place.

Kids do need to be in school, but I'm still terrified of getting the virus.

Kids have a fantastic ability to catch up. It is impossible to teach a dead kid.

kids need to be in school need peer interaction. Depression among children n anxiety is growing. suicide on the rise

Kids need to interact with one another; being isolated has definitely taken a toll on kid's mental health, as well as not getting outside for enough exercise. Also, a lot of kids are not doing well with online only schooling. They need the help of their teachers in-person, in the classroom.

Many studies have shown that children in schools do not transmit the virus. Following the science means that schools should be open. Children are being short-changed by not having in-person instruction.

More in person not 2 days a week

Must keep teachers and students safe in the process.

My child goes to private school and they are completely in-person.

My kids are all out of the school system now, so I have no opinion.

My son initially chose hybrid. He's a senior in high school. When it came time to actually go to school, he decided that he was doing fine w/ hybrid learning (only taking 2 HSchool classes and taking 3 Anne Arundel Commy Coll classes) and was getting to see friends enough.

My understanding through teachers I know, the children are not learning in the current environment. This paired with the research like that performed by Professor Ludvigsson in Sweden which shows children are not vectors for Covid has lead me to deeply question why schools remain closed. Also the level of waste associated with school lunches where children are issued meals regardless of desire or need is deeply concerning. The school system as a whole needs a shake up and hybrid seems like a reasonable method of achieving that, but the current method is flawed and should be re-examined.

New variants and long haul effects are affecting more children. We should be very careful not to underestimate their vulnerability as well as teachers and staff.

No children in school. Not a teacher. Does not apply to me.

no opinion because no kids in aaacps anymore

No school aged children

not appropriate expectations for our youngest learners, social distance, no sharing, masks are a barrier to communication

Offer 5 day a week in classroom & at same time allow online option. Two days a week is not effective.

Online only s a disaster for em[plo]yed parents unless the work from home. The kids are distracted by TV and their gamesand do not do their work.

Online should be an option even when things return to "normal".

Open Schools up full time at all levels. Private schools are open. Give Public school students an equal opportuniyy !

Open the schools now.

Or because there are about 60 days left in the school year.

Paying teachers to work. They should stop screwing off and do their jobs.

Please see my comments above. Get teachers actually involved and at the table and LISTEN to them.

Teachers are working 12 hours a day seven days a week and we just keep getting more put on us.

Finally, Governor Hogan is a huge disappointment. He threw teachers under the bus.

Prefer full in person instruction NOW.

Private and parochial schools have been full time for months.

Related to elementary—Agree with hybrid, however the schedule that has been adopted limits instructional opportunities. Strong instruction is difficult with the mid day break requiring less instructional minutes per subject. Also, the minutes devoted to literacy is far less proportional to a normal schedule than other subjects.

School infrastructure is woefully lacking and information from the Board of Education has been lacking or non-existent

schools are not prepared, many cases in elementary school

Schools are so bad near me have to send kid to private school, so been in person the whole time without issue.

Schools should be fully reopened and operate on a pre-COVID basis!

Schools should fully reopen. The teachers union is a disgrace.

schools should not be open without having a vaccine available to students.

Schools should reopen for classes 5 days a week. Children are a lowest risk. These months out of school are nearly a total educational loss. We don't close school each flue season even though thousands die every year. If granny is at risk she should sequester.

See last comment

Seriously screwing over the next generation.

should all be in person. the teachers union does not care about the education of students and not enough teachers spoke up.

Students need the structure in person learning provides as there are too many distractions in the home.

Studies show that children do not carry a sufficient viral load to transmit Covid-19

Teachers have families too. Schools aren't day cares. Vaccinate the teachers and take the temperatures of the children every day as they come to class. Don't test the kids this year.Or at least don't hold it against the schools financially.

Teachers need to be vaccinated first!!

Teachers need to go be mandated to be at the school, unless they are proven to be high risk. Or, they need their salaries reduced as their expenses have been reduced by teaching from home.

Teachers should be allowed to teach and not follow the Zoom lesson. The interaction of students and teacher drives the value of in-person learning.

Teachers should be vaccinated and parents should be made aware of what the return to school currently looks like, not misled into thinking their kids will be returning to school as normal.

Teachers should not be expected to teach both hybrid and virtual students. It takes away from one group. Teachers should be assigned to one or the other so that the students can receive their full attention.

Teachers should not teach in person without being fully vaccinated. This could not be more obvious.

Teachers union has robbed the children of a year of school. They should be decertified as the representative of Teachers

Teaching both online and in person kids is creating so much lost instructional time. Added stress to students and is severely limiting teachers in what they can do with the in person students when many of them are the ones who need help the most. Fine to keep a virtual option but not at the expense of teachers doing both at the same time. Every student loses this way.

The fact that students are not eager to go back to in-person full time in the high schools should raise RED FLAGS - it's a repressive environment where teachers political views are the topic of discussion more than the curriculum. That's feedback from a Class of 2020 graduate who would sit quietly in class listening to political rants & had to weigh his words/opinion knowing that it would impact his grades.

The schools should have never been closed! It seems they wanted to hurt children and family. They did a very good job at that. Young people are taking there' own lives at a rate never seen before. the state and county have ignored the science

The teachers unions are robbing our children of in person learning. Anne Arundel county does not have 1 high school in the top 10 for the state of Maryland. Shame.

The teens I know are almost all chomping at the bit to go back and practice their much-needed social skills. If the family has issues, they should be allowed to avoid the crowds.

The virus is still here and schools will find it difficult to distance students and have the needed ventilation and cleaning.

There has not been a real plan presented by the superintendent or Board of Education. They have done little other than to make themselves look good. They have thrown teachers into an unknown and them

bad mouthed them. It's truly unethical!

There is no blanket answer and what's best for my family may not be right for yours. It's about personal choice.

They should have stayed online this year and opened up fully in fall 2021. Make sure a solid plan was in place. Current hybrid format is going to be a disaster.

This does not personally affect me.

This is mostly based on feedback that I have received about the lack of safety assurances from the Board for educators, as well as the U.S.' generally poor handling of the virus thus far, making reopening schools here dangerous while in other nations it is achievable.

Vaccinate all teachers and go back to classroom for all.

very difficult decisions. It is a no win no matter what, Teachers/educators know better than I.

We feel that the Anne Arundel School district being run as a county, is part of the major problem with the school system. If Anne Arundel County Schools were put into 17 districts (high schools) , the districts could handle each area, for weather, and covid-19 numbers within the district. The county is to large, what happens in Brooklyn Park is much different then what happens in Edgewater, or Lothian. The county school board can still be the higher decision maker for other things. But to make decisions on certain issues should be allowed to be addressed by the district itself.

We need to look back in the next few years to evaluate what worked well and what didn't. Few absolute rights and wrongs. Too much top down without consultation at the state to county level.

While I feel the situation with Covid is getting better I believe it would have been better to keep schools in areas of high infection rates closed until Fall.

Would loke educators leading the return to classroom learning rather than leading the complaint department and giving impression that dhildren's education comes after their irrational demands.

Appendix E: More Reopening Comments

Crack down on bars and pubs that are not agreeing to the federal suggestions.

Again, follow the science. Those who are vaccinated and those who've had COVID have a remote chance of being re-infected. Protect those at risk by social-distancing around them and wearing masks. For the vast majority of people, life should return to normal. Allow people to judge their degree of personal risk.

again, the state and county is ignoring the science

America was a democracy & a capitalist country - business/consumers can evaluate the risks/rewards & make decisions based on their personal tolerance/risk.

Businesses are suffering. If they are able to open, those who wish to go WILL. Masks should be mandated still.

Businesses should be less than 50% capacity until more people are vaccinated

But mandatory in public indoors with social distancing.

Children should not be put at risk until people responsiOur County should re-prioritize by vable for their learning within our public education 'system' are vaccinated. The school board has a responsibility to protect our children. Our County should re-prioritize by vaccinating the 'spreaders' (working population) vs the seniors/elderly (who contribute minimally to our economic vitality).

Citizens can make their own choices

Everyone should have a right to choose. If you are scared of COVID then dont leave your house. The rest of the people should be allowed to move on with life.

Everything should be open, but the whole point of doing this wasn't about health now was it ???

For people that want to mask, mask.

Government mandates, in some cases ,drive people to socialize indoors and therefore may be counterproductive.

Governors Abbott, Reeves and especially DeSantis are taking the right approach.

Have undercover police enforcing the rules for mask wearing.

I 100% accept mask-wearing. While I certainly don't love wearing a mask, it is such a small, no biggie thing to do and I'm glad to do it if it helps us to safely reopen and protects both me and other people.

I agree with wearing masks, but not mandates.

I believe that schools employees should be priority of getting vaccines and that students and employees should be mandated to come back in person. Choosing not to get vaccinated is on the individual but should not put others at risk.

I don't think in person dining should be happening at all until the numbers are much reduced.

I would like to see a recovery rate reported along with the vaccination rate.

In the beginning it was all about flattening the curve, then they said wait for the vaccine. Now the vaccine is here and they seem to be moving the goal post again.

Indoor dining should not be and never have been allowed! It's madness. Restaurants are super spreaders.

It is time to return to normal! This is nothing more than political controls that goes against our Constitution!

Keep indoor mask mandates and 6 foot distancing protocols in place through the summer or until more people are vaccinated.

let people choose. Do not take their rights away. if they are uncomfortable they can wear a mask

Let's follow the Florida Model instead of the Blue State idiocy !

Lifting restrictions is not the answer.

Looking at the numbers and the other cities that have gone back to school four days per week,+ virtual, then seeing that Anne Arundel county and that Maryland is in the last place percentage wise of children back in school is a sad reflection of our administration and leaders of Maryland.

Make it easier to get vaccinated!!!!

Mandatory mask wearing everywhere, penalties for offenders

Mandatory vaccines have a horrible history which resulted in death, sterilization, and spread of disease. If the county engages in this action I will leave especially if it affects children. These vaccines are rushed and at best have one year worth of study. The county and state approach has been a disaster and should be immediately reversed in its entirety. Vaccines and masks should be voluntary to all citizens and open honest conversation should be held with those opposing masks and vaccines. Examination of cdc studies and public data does not support the actions taken.

Maryland is doing a terrible job with getting the vaccines out.

Masking will be important until vaccines have covered a very very large part of the population. If someone still wishes to wear a mask, a campaign to let that be socially encouraged until we see that zero Or so few deaths/infections.

Masking, social distancing and hand washing are proven effective

Masks are essential for some time to come.

My issue with #of people in a space is look at the crowds at Walmart on any given weekend. Just because they have more square footage it doesn't mean people are spacing out. If big box can be open let restaurants open!

Not mandatory but suggested for the elderly and people with health issues.

Not sure why educators are not already vaccinated!

Open everything fully

open the entire economy immediately

Our entire focus should be on kids at school. Gyms, theaters, and casinos are nowhere near as important.

Preserve the executive's emergency powers for their primary purpose of expediting actions and limiting political influence from an emergency management perspective.

Private businesses can set their own rules, government does not need to mandate.

Provide people with a blockchain code once vaccinated that allows them to enter businesses as usual (Israel option)

Remove the mask mandate!!!! Open everything 100%. No one is dying in FL or SD. They have been 100% open with no mask mandate

Restaurants, gyms and theaters need to go back until spread is contained.

Still need for places to continue to sanitize especially those places that have slacked off and continue social distance and mask for a bit longer when inside or large crowds outside. If I can smell someone perfume or cigarette smoke from 10 people away I'm thinking germs can be transferred as well.

Stop all totalitarian "mandates". They are illegal, immoral, and ineffective.

The government should not be mandating these things but rely on citizens to take personal responsibility for their actions and show concern for fellow citizens.

The percent of AACO population that is currently being infected is .0135%. Recovery rate is 98.5%. Politics and fear are driving policy, not common sense.

the questions are too absolute. Teachers and essential employees should be vaccinated now

The social distance requirements are going to limit restaurants et. So the percent capacity isn't really what is important. My guess is that it won't really change anything.

The wearing of a mask does not injury anyone. It is an inconvenience but can become a habit if it was encouraged and supported.

There are too many who just won't wear masks and unless we have the restrictions and mandates, our numbers will continue to rise.

There isn't much science that says lockdowns and masked worked. Giving Governors unlimited executive power and crushing businesses and lives was worse than the virus.

These questions don't account for the imminency of vaccines for all high threat people.

Things could be getting much better by summer if we don't relax too much right now.

This should be a recommendation during every flu season.

To confidently answer some of these questions, one needs to know where individuals are catching COVID-19. I see that YMCA gym near the college has many cars outside indicating lots of people inside. Can we track the people that visit the gym and whether they catch COVID-19 to determine whether there is a correlation?

Universal mandatory masks.

Until vaccines have been offered to everyone. After that, masks can be optional.

Vaccines should never be mandatory. All businesses should be allowed to reopen. Masks should not be mandatory.

You do not isolate the healthy! Every measure they took only made things worse,

You're reopening TOO soon!

Appendix F: More Challenging Aspects of Adapting to COVID

4 adults working at home at same time-supporting and manage another house for hospitalized Covid family member

Ability to travel has been curtailed

Access to internet and dealing with everyone in the same space

Adjusting to work from home & eliminating vacation travel.

All the hype and fear from the media

Always feeling that any person can give me the virus. I've had a hard time trusting strangers and normal human interaction.

Always home.

Am retired Am probably only alive because my child has taken over all external contacts for me

Anger at the government for these ridiculous, ineffective lockdowns.

Avoiding exposure

Balancing school and work. As a teacher it was very difficult keeping my own students and children on task and thriving in a difficult situation

Balancing work and school while being at home

Being afraid to do basic things like shopping and going to the dr. Being scared all the time. Not being able to get with family in person

Being alone

Being alone 95% of the time, unable to travel, unable to be with my family or friends..

Being apart from Family and friends

being around my family 24/7. It has been rough.

Being by ourselves for so long, as well as having kids who crave activities where it's hard to socially distance.

Being forced back into teaching in person.

Being forced to stay home the majority of last year

Being forced to work among a general public that does not care about safety regulations

Being high risk, due to disabilities, and still having to be around others that have it.

Being home always

Being laid off work

being limited in where I can go

Being on lockdown

Being on top of each other in the house all hte time

Being retired, 75 and 80 yrs old, having to stay home and not being able to hug our family members

Being separated from family.

Being severely restricted from visiting my elderly parents who are in a senior living facility.

being stuck inside without being able to see grandkids

Being unable to see family

Being unable to travel and see family

Being unable to visit our children and grandchildren

Biggest challenge has been negotiating levels of freedom for young adult and nearly-adult children. I recognize that ours has not been an existential crisis of life or a critical challenge like housing or job. So, I hesitate to complain. One son is off at college (100% online, living off campus). One is home. Our solution is that when living at home, they both see FAR fewer friends, change habits (e.g., do not eat out in restaurants), and when on main floor of our house we wear masks. It seems extreme, but I have a health condition that could easily make COVID deadly for me. The masks reduce worry and the kids say they'd rather wear than risk. But, I can't wait to not have to wear one at home anymore.

boredom

Boredom

Boredom from social isolation and inability for young people to really look for good jobs.

Boredom of having to stay at home most of the time.

Boredom, isolation, depression, overeating, lack of exercise

Bring stuck at home

Buying food at stores

buying necessities

Cabin fever - too much time cooped up at home.

Can't hug.

Cancellation of school

Cancelling travel both domestic and international.

Caring for the elders.

Change of social life style

Changing schedules

Changing to working fully online

child care + work

Childcare

Children not being physically at school; not being with their friends.

Choosing not to care for grandson because I have needed to provide some care to a 90 year old

Close quarters, house bound, unable to help elderly family

Closure of local businesses

Completely changed my job duties, preventing travel and interaction with clients. Plus working in same room as spouse requiring online meetings.

Completely changed social life.

Concern about the behavior of other people who don't follow CDC recommendations

Concerns that people are not taking it as seriously as they should.

confined to house, was afraid to go out at first

Coronavirus has become the new god that people worship. It's extremely depressing.

Could not visit spouse in ALF without negative covid test within 72 hours, so I only saw him 3 times in the last 2 months of his life.

Daughter it's economic. Rest of house it's socially limiting but we understand the need.

Daycare/loss of income

Dealing with homeschooling with a child with disability

Dealing with inability to see family

Dealing with kids at home while working remotely

Dealing with lack of social contacts

Dealing with mature panicking people

Dealing with other's expecting a certain level of social distancing.....

Dealing with stupid, ignorant lemmings controlled by liberal stooges

Dealing with the ever changing expectations of teachers (I am a teacher).

dealing with the restrictions

Dealing with the tyranny because of the total fraud of this COVID-19 Pandemic!

Decline in mental health due to isolation, stress over constant risk assessment, concern for family and friends, and frustration with those who don't comply with masking/distancing.

Depression and social isolation

Deprived of activities: community theater participation and singing in the Annapolis Chorus

Dining out

Disruption of family routines, especially family in nearby states.

distance from family and friends

Doing many things on line

doing my job online

don't go out as often

Emotional distress of losing out freedoms.

Emotional stress.

Everyone being essential

Everyone being home, depressed children, social isolation, homeschooling, lost my job.

Everyone not listening to the science and not wearing masks, distancing, or wanting to be vaccinated.

fake news

Fear of a government that constantly lies to us while telling us what we can and cannot do, where we can or cannot do it, and when we can or cannot do it.

Fear of kids getting sick in hybrid learning.
Fear of my mother- 81- contracting it.
fear of seeking needed health care
fear of someone close to us getting sick
Feeling anxiety in isolation
Feeling hopeless, lonely, no jobs, lower pay
Fighting the public who are weary, no believing, non compliance in safety measures. We follow the recommendations. Seeing political fights in the midst of fighting a pandemic that are petty between parties.
Financial due to loss of job/income
Forced masking
Freedom to move about
Furloughed some, loss of income.
Get more vaccines
Getting an appointment for the vaccine even though I am 65. It is frustrating that Anne Arundel County is still in 1B while most of the other are in 1C already.
Getting information about what is a health real concern and what is BS.
Getting the shot for this stage 65 or over. Loss of income.
Getting the shots
Go out only for necessary items
Grand parents raising a high school granddaughter and fear of it coming home from school
Groceries. Family time
Grocery shopping
Had to cancel two vacations
Had to have major surgery with no support from my wife
Have been unable to schedule virus vaccination.
have not seen my elderly parents in 15 months
Having a 12th grader at home and unable to have a normal senior year and fear of visiting college campuses
Having lockdowns strips grocery stores and makes it hard for us to get the necessary supplies to live.
Having to be around others (shopping) who don't take is seriously
Having to get along with everyone while adapting and having very little alone time.
Having to go to work every day at high risk jobs.
Having to learn how to teach online with little to no training
having to stay at home all the time, doing online schooling
Having to stay home and not seeing my grandchildren.

Having to teach from home, extremely long hours to transform curriculum and reach out to struggling students. Living and working in 450 square ft apartment. Going back into hybrid learning without being fully vaccinated yet.

Having to wear a mask

Having to wear a mask anytime, I feel it does nothing and if it did shouldn't the number of cases gone down not up?

Having to wear masks with breathing problems

Having to work online

Having to worry about others who are not following safety protocols.

Healthcare

Helping my grandson with online kindergarten.

home school / virtual learning

Homeschooling

How many times a day should I look out front window of our home or the windows in the back of our home.

Husband can't go to cycle class at the Y. I can't volunteer at the MDSPCA. Family scared by the media so won't get together with one another!

Husband cut from 5 days a week to two days a week and no unemployment

I am a teacher, that should answer the questions

I can't visit with my grandchildren when it's cold outside!

I have gone above and beyond to accommodate staff and clients at my workplace with limited support, resources, and no additional financial compensation.

I miss hugging my friends and family. I also am covering the finances for two people now.

I miss my family.

I moved across the country because I lost my job and decided to go back into the military to have a stable income.

I was able to pivot my business to being 100% virtual, but the social isolation has been difficult for the entire family.

i was in the hospital for coronavirus

I would have to be on death's doorstep before I would go to the ER because of the possibility of coming into direct contact with someone with Covid. Also, that Covid test, where they shove that swab way up your nose, I've been told is AWFUL!! I don't even want to THINK about getting that test done to me!!

I'm immunocompromised so worried about getting stuck

I'm involved in Scouting. All Scout activities modified or cancelled in the past year.

I'm teaching online and I want to be back with students. Need ventilation and vaccination for schools and teachers. I had to buy an air purifier for my classroom with my own money.

I'm a teacher and my kids are virtual. It is extremely isolating for all of us but safety is important

In the early months we were afraid to shop for groceries or food .

Inability of family members to visit.

Inability to be with immediate family members

Inability to physically connect with family, friends, and loved ones

Inability to see my son in Asia.

Inability to socialize with family and friends

Inability to socialize. Fear of being with other people even close friends

Inconsistent and nonsensical decisions by government officials

Increases anxiety

Interacting with scared fearful people.

Internet access and lack of social interaction

Isolated

isolation

Isolation

Isolation and agoraphobia

Isolation and cost of groceries

Isolation and depression

Isolation and fear of the virus

Isolation and limited time with family

isolation and no socializing

isolation from family and friends

Isolation from family and friends

Isolation from family, friends and hobbies

Isolation from grandchildren/family

Isolation, childcare. Higher bills due to be at home 24/7.faster internet service. Food delivery

Isolation, fear mongering, conflicting data reporting and politically motivated definitions of virus status

isolation; depression

Isolation.

Isolation. Miss in-person connections with family and friends.

Isolation. Not being together for family events-especially for my father in a nursing home.

Isolation. Not seeing family/friends

Isolation/separation from family in nearby areas

It has been weaponized and people's health is not the focus of the response. If it was you wouldn't see all the silliness going on that you have now. Cashiers wearing mask but touching money and CC's with bare hands, that make sense to you ?

It's hard to deal with the illegal "rules" concerning the virus.

Just social distancing

Keeping kids from socializing with their friends.

Keeping work separate from my personal life while adapting to working at home with minimal contact with people outside of my household

Kids adjusting to online schooling and not seeing friends

Kids at home

Kids being at home rather than at school

Kids not going to school

Kids only being in school part-time.

Lack of "support" from local stores and their web sites to help locate items needed for the household.

Lack of ability to gather with friends and relatives.

Lack of human interaction, social gatherings and performances

Lack of interaction with the community

Lack of opportunities for my daughter

Lack of personal space and time

Lack of public interaction/loss of gym, club programs, lack of business and leisure travel

lack of school

Lack of social contact

lack of social contact and work less productive

lack of social interaction

Lack of social interaction

lack of socialization

Lack of socialization opportunities for preschooler

Lack of travel

Lack of travel to see family. They live out of state. Work stress now due to lack of product availability

Lack of true social interaction, depression, anxiety

lack of work the stress and worry of paying our bills

Laid off. No income

Learning online techniques for teaching, paying for materials, paying for college but having my son home.

Less income, especially with major shutdowns last March

less time with Mom

Life has changed. Many aspects of life. Family members work outside of the home but are very careful about mask wearing and cleaning hands. Keeping away from other family members that are more susceptible to the virus has been difficult. We missed holidays and birthdays together. The emotional stress with these situations have been the most problematic.

Limit shopping and not going out to dinner!

Limited access to essential items.

limited personal contact

limited social interaction

Limited social interaction.

Limited social interactions

Limiting exposure by creating a very small circle of acceptable contacts

Limiting my 93 y/o mothers access to her teenage grandchildren

Limiting what I am able to do in the community and with organizations I am involved.

Living alone and not being able to see anyone else, including family, for their own safety, while others flout restrictions and push us all further back in terms of reopening

loneliness and isolation

Loneliness, lack of activities.

Losing hours and financial compensation early in the pandemic and still not recovering from the loss of income.

Loss of contact with others.

Loss of freedom and missing family members who are scattered long distance from Maryland.

loss of income

Loss of income, isolation, mental health decline

Loss of so many family members and not being able to see them prior to their passing.

Loss of socialization with friends and some family

Loss of time with extended family and isolation.

Lost income

Lost my job

Maintaining social distancing

Making sure my 91 year old Mom did not get exposed

Making sure we do our part by masking and cleaning more often.

Managing my mental health while being isolated and unable to be around others

Managing online school and mental health issues for 3 teens - including rigorous college process, social isolation/social media issues

Managing student workload with both parents working 50+ hours per week.

Mask wearing

Medical experts who provide mixed messages to the public, Pandemic being used for political gain (you choose the party - does not matter) You need to stay home or social distance. But protests in the the streets or rallies are exempt. The changes with COVID where individual rights will be alerted indefinitely

mental health

Mental health

Mental health concerns due to staying home for such a long time

Miss friends and family

Miss seeing my siblings, seeing my grandchildren's sporting events. Miss festivals and vacation

Miss socializing

missing our friends

Mostly past - March-June - church was closed, couldn't see grandchildren

multiple people on wifi in the house while trying to do my job

my children being home and isolated

My daughter and grandson had to move on n with me because she lost her job.

My husband had to create office space in our home and my son is grocery shopping

my husband has stage 4 cancer and I have been unable to be with him for tests, procedures, treatments

My spouse lost their job and our child's daycare permanently closed.

My teenagers have missed important opportunities, milestones, and are suffering anxiety and depression from lack of social contact with friends. We observe social distancing, and many of their friends families behave in ways we would not, so we cannot be with them unless it is warm and an outdoor activity. The winter has been very isolating, sad, and long for these kids at an age where friends are everything.

Navigating working from home with a toddler.

Negligent conduct of others in public places.

No visits with local family or friends. No expendable income. Difficulty gettin groceries. Fear of contacts. 6gro

No challenge

no change

No control of how government decides to respond to virus and feeling like we aren't getting a truthful approach to this.

No family gatherings

No one in govt knows what's going on medical s are giving mixed measages

No outings

No play dates, working from home, children not going on shopping trips so the need for 2 adults.

No significant changes

No social activities, restaurant food only as takeout
No social interaction
No socialization for children
No travel. No work, less work. Miss family, friends
none
none really, we are retired and never went out much anyway
Not able to travel safely to visit family and feel safe staying somewhere
Not be able to visit friends
Not being able to be with family and friends
Not being able to eat out, requirement to wear mask, missing social contact
Not being able to enjoy eating out. Having to work in an unsafe environment. All of us caught COVID.
Not being able to enjoy time together with immediate famil
Not being able to evolve new business
Not being able to gather socially with family and friends.
Not being able to get together with family and friends.
not being able to go out and socialize with my family and friends
Not being able to go out as much - Dinner, movies, with friends
Not being able to go out as often for meals, date days, or to see friends, or to take my son out to play.
not being able to go to church
Not being able to go to restaurants or to go shopping. (Truly a very minor problem when compared to the hardships suffered by so many people,)
Not being able to partake in junior and senior year events for our child.
not being able to see elderly family members prior to them dying (of unrelated covid deaths)
Not being able to see extended family
Not being able to see family
Not being able to see family and friends.
not being able to see family in other states
Not being able to see family outside our immediate household.
Not being able to see family. Doctors office appointments are limited or online/phone which I don't like.No
Not being able to see family.. isolation
Not being able to see friends
Not being able to see my daughter.
Not being able to see my son in Florida for over a year!
Not being able to see people's facial expressions and not being able to hug them.
Not being able to spend time with family and friends

not being able to travel to see son and his family out of state / restricted gathering with local family

Not being able to visit family and friends

Not being able to visit family and friends who live in other states. This has been the most difficult for me.

Not being able to visit family members

Not being able to visit parents.

Not being able to visit with some of our children.

Not being with family

not doing social things, like eating out, going to the movies, or seeing my grandchildren

Not enough socializing

Not getting together with family.

Not going about life as usual, staying home.

Not going anywhere or seeing friends and family

Not going out.

Not going to my preferred gym

Not having as much social contact. Not having the Senior Centers open.

not having family gatherings

Not having our grandchildren around

Not letting our guard down since we have been home most of the year and it is getting tedious.

Not seeing each other

not seeing everyone

Not seeing family

not seeing family and friends

Not seeing family and friends

Not seeing family in other states

Not seeing family members

Not seeing family members or anyone else.

Not seeing family on holidays or special occasions is worse than the virus

Not seeing family.

Not seeing friends and family

Not seeing friends and family and adjusting the to online work

Not seeing friends and family as much

Not seeing friends.

Not seeing grandchildren

Not seeing grandkids and friends.

Not seeing older family members/travel

Not seeing our children and grandchildren very much and not sharing meals regularly.

Not seeing out-of-town family.
Not visiting family
Not visiting family.
Not visiting with family
Not working
nothing really
Nothing really challenging - just have to do what we can
On line college has been much tougher on my children then in person
One person working from home and the other having to physically go to a job.
Online college, college kids home, less social outings
Online school
online school and the lack of instruction. Kids went from 30 hours of instruction a week to less than 10. There is no way they are where they should be.
Online schooling
Online schooling for college and high school.
other peoples fear.
Others disregard of safety
our special needs child has struggled with online learning. We've lost a year of development for him.
Pandemic fatigue... missing in person social interaction
patience
Physical symptoms impact dilly living
Protection
Putting limits on the time spent working; encouraging children to find a balance in the virtual space
putting up with nonsense by government
Quarantine
Quarantining and following CDC guidelines and not seeing family, friends and traveling
Reduced social life
reduction of human interaction
Remembering the maskno
Remembering to wear a mask and wash hands
Remote school
Restricted freedoms, political exploitation, wasted taxpayer funding of unnecessary programs
Restricted social activity & volunteer work
Restricted social interactions with family
Restricted to house. Little or no contact with friends or family living elsewhere.
Restrictions on travel and meeting in person

Returning to work unvaccinated
routine medical visits and social life
routine shopping much more difficult
Sadness, Uncomfortable, worried
School
School for kids and working from home at the same time
School-as I am a teacher.
Schooling
Schools being closed
Seeing family members
Seeing people out w/o masks.
Seeing people who have disregarded the virus and put all of us at more risk and extend the length of time we are dealing with this thing.
Self isolating. I live alone so I've worked hard to stay connected. Tired of cooking for self & not traveling!
Senior Center closed. Miss seeing friends, entertaining.
Separation from family
Severe reduction in socializing.
Sheltering in place
Shortages at the grocery stores
Shutdowns, social distancing
shutting economy down.
Significant decrease in social events and contacts.
Significant time spent online and working from home. Not having space to work from home adequately for my job.
SoCal emotional issues with the younger children
Social activity is severely limited
social distancing
Social distancing love my hugs
Social isolation
Social Isolation and dealing with those that seemingly not taking it seriously
Social isolation for my elderly mother and I find going in to my job at a convenience store increasing stressful dealing with customers who refuse to wear a mask
Social isolation has cause depression
Social isolation is the most challenging aspect of adapting to the pandemic. It makes it extremely difficult to make fresh and meaningful connections.
social isolation, especially due to church closures
Social isolation, especially from son

Socoil life non-existent
Son missing senior year
Spending time with extended family
Spouse was furloughed for a few months.
Staying home and missing family and friends
Staying at home more often
staying away from crowded spaces. grocery stores, big box stores.
Staying away from family and friends.
Staying home
Staying home and being isolated
Staying home and not being able to travel.
Staying home away from crowds. Making sure anyone we deal with wears a mask and complies with guidelines
Staying home except for essentials.
staying home too much
Staying in for almost a year and not seeing anyone in person. Cooking, eating alone. Not being able to shop for food.
Staying safe while working an essential job.
Stress
Stuck at home a lot.
Taking care of 2 aging parents and trying not to bring the virus home to them
Teaching online
Teaching virtually. It's twice as much work yet teachers are the first ones blamed for virtual school. The stress and emotional toll has been significant.
Teleworking
Teleworking without sufficient equipment
Terrible federal response to the crisis; this has totally changed for the better since the election.
The back and forth by the county and Governor about what to do and not to do, as well as the abandonment of Science and logic to fit political agendas
The biased Media. People believing misinformation.
The change to the routines and activities for my children has been tough to manage and it has been challenging for them.
the closing and destruction of businesses and the livelihood of owners and employees
The concern of getting the virus.
The feeling of hopelessness that the situation will end
the isolation
The isolation
the isolation - being unable to visit with family and friends.

The isolation is oppressive sometimes.

The lack of consistent messages from our leaders has created intense anxiety. There is no boundaries between work vs. personal life.

The lack of income followed by overwhelming dread.

The lack of personal contact. Used to know many of the Giant employees and would stop to chat. I have no friends and few family members so that little bit of socializing kept me feeling human. Now I do curbside pickup.

The lack of personal interaction with other people, even while shopping others are fearful

The lack of social gatherings.

The limiting all interaction to be within the family. We have had to reduce time spent volunteering and other business events that helped others in the community. I am looking forward to getting back to working with others once it is safe.

The mental health of me and my children in isolation

The shutdown of sports with children trying play in college and communicate with college coaches.

The stress of providing safe day care in order to go work.

The worry of getting sick

Thinking of ways to protect each other. If I go out, I'm putting my whole house in danger and vise versa. It was difficult learning that factor of the pandemic and adjusting my habits.

To be completely honest, it has not been that hard. I am military dependent so adapting to different circumstances around me is easy to me at this point. Although, I can understand the challenging aspects other individuals hold.

Too much screen time

Total isolation

Transition to online learning

Travel, relocation

Trying to balance working from home and handling 3 kids under the age of 4 at the same time

Trying to find another job. There is no deadly pandemic!

Trying to stay safe

Two essential working parents with two kids who had to adapt to online schooling by themselves

Unable to care for granddaughter

unable to get with family & friends

Unable to participate in enjoyable activities (going to gym, dance classes, in-person church services).

Unable to see children/grandchildren; unable to accompany husband to ER and pet to veterinarian's

Unable to see family

Unable to see family members
Unable to see friends and family
unable to see grandchildren
unable to see most of my family, my son's cancelled wedding plans
Unable to socialize like before
Unable to travel or even visit local venues
unable to visit my grandchildren
Unclear light at the if the tunnel
Vaccine program is a joke. For older adults it's like winning the lottery. We should not have left the programs up to the Governors. Absolutely a sad mess in this state.
Virtual learning
Virtual learning and mental health
Virtual school
Vulnerable spouse means I am sheltering too
Watching my two school-aged children regressing in their academic studies.
Watching our civil liberties be trampled upon & realizing that the elected officials are using this as an excuse to cease power & instill fear
Watching our granddaughter's education interrupted
We did well when guidelines were clear. Being forced back without any resources is traumatizing and there has been no support.
We have an elderly step parent in assisted living and have not been able to take her out or visit in person in months.(window visits only) This has been extremely stressful for us and her.
We have been very fortunate. Work was virtual before Covid.
Wearing a mask sucks
Wearing a mask when I have nasal damage and hard to breath to begin with. Could get medical note but know people around me would get nasty if I don't wear a mask. Being cut off from people socially after having a death (very close family member) just before Covid.
Wearing a Mask.
Wearing the damn mask in stores.
Wholesale revamping of our daily schedules and lifestyles.
Wife is a hair dresser. Her shop was shut down and thus no income.Still limited right now.
Wife working from home and online schooling for sophomore
Window shopping
Witnessing the fear others have even when walking outside or driving alone
Work from home with a toddler
work not agreeing to remote work opportunities
Work online longer hours
working and living in small apartment space - never feels like a break

working from home
Working from home
Working from home and child care
Working from home and the social isolation.
working from home for twonadukts
Working from home has been difficult for my husband; mitigation efforts at my agency still are not fully in place.
Working from home/Not seeing loved ones
Working full time from home while watching a 6 year old and assisting with virtual learning at the same time.
Working Full-time while my sixth grader takes school online
working longer hours and the stress then of doing corona virus related as well as regular job duties with out getting any respite.
Working remotely and loss of income since our work requires most in person contact
Working/school from home
Worry about my son who works in a grocery store.
Worrying about family members safety on a daily basis. Some were deemed essential and had to go to work everyday.
Total

Appendix G: Lifestyle or work changes that have improved your life and hope to continue after the COVID epidemic ends.

Cooking at home
None
Online work has made it easier to get things completed including the half day on Wednesdays. Although teaching online has been difficult and would rather be in person.
50% of work done at home
A slower pace
Ability to telework when necessary.
Ability to work from home and ability to do school virtually if necessary
Ability to work from home occasionally
ability to work from home on occasion
ability to work outside of the work building (virtual)
Able to focus more on hobbies, such as genealogy. I have been able to take online workshops and learn more about DNA.
Adapted positively to more solitude. Discovered online library. Counting my blessings every day. Reducing acquisitions. Editing possessions.
Allow people to telework
Allowing working from home at least some of time, having hearings, public and organization meetings on line.
Almost daily nature walks / exercise and more frequent heart to heart phone calls.
Amazon and Chewy orders have been wonderful.
Appreciating others.
Appreciating what I do have and enjoying nature more
Are retired so need to continue current resources and requirements
As an essential worker, my commute times have improved due to workers and schools off the roads
Beachbody
Because I am a teacher who has been working from home and not school, I haven't had upper respiratory infections from the dirty HVAC system in the schools.
Been able to be more involved in more activities
Been more physically active, walking/etc
Being able to get a medical accommodation to teach from home.
Being able to move at a slower pace.
Being able to slow down the pace. Being reflective and establishing more appropriate priorities
Being home, I was able to spend more time with my daughter

Both of my children have been working from home, which shows some companies that that model does work!

Carry out, drive up pickups

Closer family ties

Commit to being less busy

Confirming my belief that family is more important than work.

Cooking at home more and spending less.

Cost of transportation has reduced

Didn't get cold or flu this winter due to mask wearing and social distancing--probably will continue both next year.

Eating healthier

elimination of commuting

Enjoy working from home

Enjoyed the time with my family during lockdowns

enjoying quiet time

Everyone else Teleworking has greatly improved my commute.

Exercise classes over Zoom have expanded and are very helpful to maintain health and well being.

Exercising more with on-line AACCC senior classes. Hope they stay on-line.

Extended telework capability

Facetime and zoom allowing us to visit with our family

Family connection is very good right now

Family learning to be together 24/7

Family members have more time due to working from home and not commuting

Family time

Family time has been great!!

Family time together.

Far less traffic at rush hour

Fewer commitments and events. Work at home more. Avoid crowds more.

Fewer grocery trips . Better hygiene following going places .

fitness training

Flexibility available for telehealth - I hope that it is here to stay, and that consumers will have options for online visits when appropriate. Insurance companies should cover regular and telehealth services, especially as it allows many to access care.

Focussing on loved ones and making sure we spend time with them post covid

Freedom to work remotely more often. Employees across multiple industries have proven that working remotely is possible and can be highly efficient.

Gained time by not commuting to the office, had time to evaluate priorities, life slowed down just a bit.

Garden looks better

Getting outdoors more

Going outside more to public parks

Got vaccinated

Gotten closer to family

Grocery and product deliveries have been an improvement.

Grocery delivery

Have enjoyed virtual church services and spending more time with my husband.

Have had the opportunity to explore and enjoy online learning activities.

Having family members live with us during CoVid has been a wonderful connection.

hope not

Hope to get back on a regular schedule

hoping job will allow some "zoom" days in place of office

I absolutely love working from home and have been able to be mentally and physically healthy because of it.

I am a better mother now that I don't work. I cook 3 meals per day, manage all household issues from cleaning to scheduling and planning. I try to find ways to keep everyone engaged and entertained. I am totally involved in school- I have watched every school board meeting for the last year!! I need to go back to work, but I will miss being the full time wife, mom, daughter.

I am mostly comfortable with working from home. My car is rarely driven, so my gas costs have dropped dramatically.

I am retired and my quality of life has been doing quite well.

I am walking more and getting more outdoor exercise and spending almost no time commuting.

I clean more. (Housekeeping is not a strength). Also I think wearing masks has helped my asthma a lot.

I decided to retire following surgery. No travel etc... can hardly eat in a restaurant.

I did not get a cold!

I don't mind the online portion of things, I think for some classes it has helped me a ton.

I don't spend 3 hours commuting

I enjoyed going to stores that have limited capacity. It makes it easier to move around the store and shop.

I enjoyed some flexibility and being able to set healthy boundaries while working virtually. This no longer exists with reopening.

I had a lot more time to exercise, enjoy the outdoors, and spend time with my children. For me, the pandemic has been a positive experience. I probably should feel bad, but I am trying to put a personally positive spin on this tragic situation.

I had planned on retiring July 31, 2020 which I did. I will continue to enjoy my retirement and will continue to sleep late all helps relieve my concerns.

I have a better appreciation for nature

I have been able to get more sleep and work out more. I plan to keep a healthy lifestyle after COVID.

I have been walking/hiking more and plan to keep doing so.

I have benefited from access to online continuing education classes at AACC

I have enjoyed being able to work from home with my child being at home

I have enjoyed cooking my own food and trying new recipes

I have had time to organize some at home

I have more time to do school work since I do not have to physically go in & there is not much to do anyway. I like the amount of time I spend doing work and hope to continue the same time management.

I have spent more time with my wife

I have started more creative projects since having to be home more.

I have used my time more wisely

I have written more letters. (Hope the post office delivered them!)

I hope to be able to telework more often/regularly to cut down on time spent commuting.

I will likely wear a mask in the future when I am ill and have to be around other people.

I like having to make reservations to everything such as the MVA

I like not having to commute to Baltimore

I like the flexibility of working at home most days

I like the option to telework sometimes. I also like being less busy doing other things and spending more time on hobbies at home.

I like wide variety of lectures and classes that I've taken via Zoom. Access to people across the US and internationally. Not having to drive to night events.

I think masks are here to stay. Just look at this year's flu numbers. For various reasons I didn't get my usual flu shot but I feel ok about it. Also televisiting my doctor is a nice change.

I think the world should continue to be aware of germs. Stay home when sick, businesses continue to sanitize, social distance of some sort not 6 ft but just not stay shoulder to shoulder where I go out in public. Being able to work from home and care for grandkids.

I usually only shop for groceries every 2 weeks and I might keep that up. We're also better at using up the food we have.

I want to continue to have the option to work from home.

I will wear a mask during flu season.

I work about 85% from home now. This has changed many things. I have to plan my onsite work very carefully. I am much less inclined to eat lunch out now, which is probably a plus for me, but I greatly miss my work friends and social aspects of the work.

I work from home everyday and I hope to have some telework days when we go back to the office. There is no need for us to be in the office 5 days a week.

I would like to continue to work from home but I am not sure that will be able to happen.

I would love to remain virtual, but that isn't going to happen now that schools are opening up again.

I'm home working and less stressed because of it since I'm not out in public. However, I know that it won't continue after covid.

I'm retired. Homeschooling is way better than public school

I've done a lot more reading.

I'm actually pretty happy to stay home most of the time, and very happy not to get dressed up and go to meetings all the time.

I'm gonna be honest with you: to-go 16oz cocktails are pretty great. But contactless curbside everything is good, generally, and telework is possible more than bosses would like to admit.

I've gotten to spend more time with college aged kids

Improved eating habits.

Increased phone calls and zoom meetings, resulting in closer and more sustained connections, with family, friends, and loved ones

Is this a trick question? No

It felt safer knowing family members were not driving in traffic to work every day, it was safer on poor winter weather days, and less work travel to be home more.

It has been good to spend more time at home with my husband and son who is a high school student. We've grown closer as a family, more interested in helping in our community.

It has been great to avoid the long commute.

It's nice to have more time home with my kids. But it is exhausting

ive become more active, doing lots of hiking and outside activities

Keep working on cures

Learned to live without restaurants.

Learning to do things virtually.

Less commuting

Less commuting, traveling to offsite meetings, less interruptions, more productive

Less contact in general, don't need to bring back things that were unnecessary

Less driving.

Less driving. More time at home. More time in nature. More time with my spouse and grandchildren. Slower pace to life. Household maintenance more up to date.

Less hectic schedule

Less money is spent on commuting costs.

Less people in restaurants, dots for social Distancing in stores Option of working at home. Telehealth On line conferences.

Less traffic

Less traffic on Ritchie Highway means we can get out of our neighborhood more easily

Less traffic, less chemical waste in water, seeing doctors online easier than driving to, parking, walking. Restaurants may be cleaner in future. People are more understanding of mental illness.

Less travel

Less travelling for meetings.

Life was too frantic before, may change priorities

live behind middle school. No kids cutting through yard and trampling flowers and grass

Love having the option for some online classes

made improvements to home

Masks. Normally I get sick with a cold every 3 months, however, in 2020, I did not get sick at all and I have masks to thank for that.

More connection with family and friends via Zoom and Google Meet

More disciplined exercise schedule

More emphasis on maintaining aggressive sanitary conditions and staying away from overly crowded areas.

More evening time with family - fewer activities

more exercise

more family time

More family time

More family time at home.

More family time, for sure. My husband daughter and I are gelling

more flex time

more flexibility to work remotely and travel less

More focused and improved Tech skills as well as communicating with others.

More hand washing & more aware of not touching my face.

More health conscious.

More home cooked meals and eating together as a family

More online grocery shopping. Alcohol being delivered.

More online options and at-home work

More online shopping for food.

more restaurants with curb side food pickup.
More sleep
More sleep as a result of working from home
more teleworking
More things available online.
More time at home
More time doing projects
More time for walks
more time outside
More time with family
More time with family.
More time with kids
More use of video conferencing.
More walking,cleaning up clutter
More work at home
More work flexibility
more working from home - love it
Much more efficient shopping for groceries. Much more reading and study.
My discipline for work and school have improved a lot and I hope to maintain it after the pandemic ends.
My dog, lol! She's one of the COVID CANINES. Our neighborhood, and others, exploded with new puppies last spring.
My house is cleaner and more organized
My husband is happy to telework all the time
My husband no longer has to travel for work, which used to be a huge burden. Being able to to work from home has been a blessing, though it has taken a social toll.
My husband was able to work from home and skip his stressful 2-hour commute and it made the quality of everyone's life better. Take out food options and delivery options improved. No contact delivery was great. Learned more about online things like Vidhug which brought people together from all over the world to celebrate my Moms birthday via video clips. There were a few good things.
My partner and I stopped drinking
My wife working from home
N/A
na
new technology skills, learning how to connect with others virtually, replacing in person meetings with virtual ones that are more convenient, learning to utilize contact-less services

no
No
NO
NO !
No ...only want to travel more...
No commute
No commute No brick and mortar location to pay for
No longer rushing home from work to get the kids to evening sports practices. Less hectic, less stress.
No one got the flu - !
No, not really.
No, well, my house is cleaner.
NO!
no.
No.
No. Why would I want to continue a propagandistic power grab?
no. reopen the economy NOW
No. Why would losing rights and freedoms be worth continuing?
none
None
None at all
Nope
Nope!
Not a dang thing
not as heavy of a patient load at work.
Not commuting
Not driving to work in crappy traffic.
Not having to go places.
Not really
not sure, probably that everything has to be sanitized i think that's still a good change especially when flu season/holidays come around
nothing
Nothing
NOTHING AT ALL.
Nothing has improved. We need to go back to normal, not the NWO "new normal"
Nothing improved my life style because of the this virus scare.
Nothing.

Okay working from home...but, the downside, you never leave work. Upside: quality time with our dogs.

on line exercise via AACC senior program

on line training...

One of the problems that I have had is an overwhelming feeling of depression, i was diagnosed when i was younger. But during this pandemic it has gotten worse. As well as having almost losing my job and having been hit by a significant income loss

Online exercise classes

Online senior classes

Online teaching

Option to work remotely

Option to work virtual one day per week

Perhaps more people will continue to work from home, saving time, gas, wear and tear, stress of commuting, traffic congestion.

Physical exercise.

Plan to continue to use virtual meetings to see out of town family

Planning food meals.

Preparing more meals at home

Probably will continue working from home, I don't miss commuting.

Purposeful almost daily exercise outdoors (pickleball)

Quality time with our kids

Reaching out verbally to extended family and long time friends

Read and exercise more

Reading

reading more

realize I don't need to go places for buy things to be happy

Remote work is a benefit

Remote working

Remove all elected officials involved in these unnecessary shutdowns.

Retirement

Save monet and time commuting. Spending time with family

Saving money by not eating out at all. Eating better by cooking at home.

Saving money from not shopping or eating out

School

Seeing more of my fiancé. His work moved online and travel ceased.

Showing the potential and utility of telecommuting; reducing expense of commuting, necessitating adaptations and technologies that reduce need for travel in future.

Slower pace

Slower pace has been nice
slower pace has improved physical health
Slowing down of life
Some aspects of spouse working at home (for part of the week) have been positive.
some zoom calls and food delivery/carry out
Spend more time with family
Spending more time listening to music and sitting in the backyard listening to the birds.
Simple pleasures!
Spending more time with family
Spending more time with my children.
Spent more family time doing things such as puzzles, reading together, and other hobbies.
Spent more time with my immediate family and pets. Spent less money on traveling expenses.
Staying closer to home and enjoying being with family
Taking online zoom classes
Technology access for students
telemedicine
Telemedicine. To go drink option at restaurants Remote work
Telework
Telework and curbside pickups
Telework has worked perfectly. Not as many people in the office. The flexibility to go in for a few hours at a time works great with my family schedule.
Telework is great; never want to go back to working in an office and commuting to work.
Teleworking has been convenient.
Teleworking more frequently or as a option Less likely to go out Shopping on line
The ability to work an office job from home
The amount of time spent together as a family has increased, which is something that I hope to continue.
The opportunity to telework.
The pandemic has forced an evaluation of our educational 'system' and increased the focus on accelerating the benefits of technology. We recognize that our tenured employees are not prepared to educate in an online environment, which creates the challenge of 'educating the educators'. The increased focus on work-life balance is also encouraging.
The reduction in commuting to business and social activities has been lovely.

The silver lining was having high school wrap up in March - provided recovery time from that entitled cliquey environment promoted by county teachers who cater to athletes & friends kids. Thankfully our child was enrolled in classes at AACC - he focused on those & earned better grades than he ever did in high school with professors that provided constructive feedback - so he'll enter college realizing that in many ways high school was rigged to elevate IB students/athletes at the expense of average students.

The use of Zoom and expanding of curbside pickup services

The video conference capability has been a benefit

The zoom classes from AACC are a life saver as is the warmer weather so I can sit and walk outside without fears.

There is no difference

There should NOT be an option for students to learn online. When this is done, all kids need to be back in school

time spent with family

To an extent, I've enjoyed the slower pace of social life. I love to see friends, but sometimes it does feel like a bit much. I have appreciated gatherings that are outdoors and "BYOE" (bring your own everything). It makes it easy to host and to gather w/ a small group very informally.

Traffic has improved significantly.

Traffic is a little better due to people not driving to work.

Using virtual meetings has made my job more efficient. I've learned how to be more technologically savvy. Spending more time with my family has been emotionally positive.

Vaccines have been a game changer for my family especially since I'm a teacher

Video conferencing for some doctor visits will make it much easier for many people.

Virtual gym classes

Virtual learning and working has improved family time.

Virtual learning for kids.

virtual meetings - saves time and helps everyone feel connected.

Virtual meetings have cut down on wasted travel time.

Virtual meetings.

Virtual meetings. No commute.

Virtual work has increased productivity; less time traveling- more time with family

Virtual work is awesome

Virtual work is possible

Virtual/hybrid school options, mask wearing during flu season, work from home days.

Walking outside

walking through and getting to enjoy my neighbors and neighborhood more

Was WFH prior.

We are driving a lot less.

We are more regular with a work-out routine and we eat healthier.

we discovered some nice hiking trails in the area and I imagine we'll continue to take long walks

We have found we can do with much less than before....eating out, socializing, trips. We will be ok scaling back in the future.

We have learned to make important connections online

We have met some great people in our neighborhood we never knew before the pandemic.

We have reconnected as a family; it's been wonderful!

We have spent more time outside, exercising and yard work. We have completed more home projects. We have learned new technology skills.

We no longer eat out and as a result lost weight and eat healthier.

We retired this summer

We take more hikes and eat together more.

We'll spend more time enjoying being home with each other

With my friends daycare closed. I was able to spend more time with my lil'bff

Won't take little things for granted

Work flexibility

Work from home

Work from home saves wear and tear on vehicles.

Work has only declined since the pandemic.

Working a few more days from work should be ideal.

Working at home

working from home

Working from home

Working from home / no commute has provided me with more time for exercise and to get outside during the day.

Working from home has actually made our nonprofit more sustainable and I can spend more time with family and friends

Working from home has allowed for outside breaks. Less office drama

Working from home has been a blessing. Going out less means I'm spending less and saving more.

Working from home is great. More services offer pick up or delivery.

Working from home is less stressful on some aspects.

Working from home on Wednesdays and having 4 class days a week is something I'd like to continue

Working from home part time is wonderful. It is also good to get out and see your colleagues. One week at work and one week at home would be a great scenario.

Working from home. No commute.

Working online

Working out more. Making health a priority over job

Working some online from home.

Working virtually has been really enjoyable and I'd like to continue. I am healthier, have less stress associated with work, don't have a commute, and I've had more time with my family and for myself. I'd love to continue working virtually.

Workplace is more flexible and empathetic. Sick leave use is encouraged rather than frowned upon/stigmatized.

Yes I have learned to slow down and appreciate not always being busy or feeling like I have to be busy

Yes working from home is great. No beltway traffic. Saving on gas. Getting more sleep.

Yes, cleanliness

Yes, got new puppy and am able to stay home and train him.

Yes, I live how everything has slowed down. People spend more time at home with their families.

Yes, more bike riding instead of using the car

Yes, our children are grown, married, and living all over the U.S. We now get together over Zoom every Sunday.

YES! Instead of going out to restaurants every day, I began to cook at home. It was fun to find new recipes online. My husband and I started to count our calories and carbs, as we both are diabetic. In 57 years of marriage we have never eaten so healthily!! My husband has lost 52 pounds in a year. I have lost 20. And our A1c's have decreased dramatically. Our doctor is thrilled. Covid 19 may have extended our lives! We intend to continue to eat the way we have learned to do during Covid...so we can stay healthy.

YES! The ability to go to lectures and concerts with a click. Having a vast assortment of experiences opened up to us online.

Yes. Actually improved my marriage spending more time together.

Zoom activities

Zoom lectures on arts and culture

Zoom meetings. Live streaming of cultural events. Better TV content (such as Netflix).

Appendix H: The Future of Work - Comments

A new work ethic is required by all.

All workplaces should allow flexibility for employees to telework, but it is not an unquestionable right. Avoiding long commutes and traffic is a quality of life issue for many, and can allow them a better balance of work and personal concerns.

As a chiropractor I do not have the option to work online.

As a private school teacher I prefer to be in the classroom with everyone taking safety precautions.

As a retiree, this does not pertain to my work life. It does relate to my volunteer and social activities.

As a Special Educator, most of my students have actually excelled online with so many less distractions. While it has been a big adjustment as an educator, the benefits to the students far outweigh the transitions I've had to overcome. I'm so proud of my students' achievements.

Both my wife and I are retired.

Considering the failures of retail stores and their web sites to help maintain our lives -- Most of them will see serious reductions in purchases from the older members of the public.

Death by a thousand Zoom calls

Does not apply to me. Am retired

Educator. It's possible but difficult.

Everything takes 20% longer to do remotely.

Got laid off, 67 years old and not sure about returning at this point. Have to be in contact with patients, not sure I want to do that

Hate telework

Highest paid employees in government will continue to be the highest paid, yet the lesser paid employees will have few opportunities for salary increases.

I am a nurse who cannot work on line

I am a Project Manager/Engineer in the construction industry and cannot work remotely for any extended length of time....

I am fully retired.

I am retired

I am retired so these do not apply

I am retired so you needed a N/A column.

i am retired these items are not a concern

I am retired.

I am retired. These do not relate to me.

I am retired. Working one night/week facilitation a substance abuse counseling group. Because I want to, not because I have to. It is easier to work from home because I have a chronic health problem

I believe online work will continue, more or less, for those who are able to adapt to this model.

I believe remote working will become more prevalent, which can be beneficial to working parents and the environment (I.e. less travel). However it could cause a severe drop in commercial real estate values and reduce tax revenues

I can do my job well virtually - in fact I'm more effective online. I no longer have that opportunity.

I can see were a 4 day work week "in office" may appeal to some. I think allowing people to telecommute a number of days will be beneficial.

I cannot work online

I feel incredibly lucky that I am able to do at least some of my work online. But the part of my work that involves public gatherings has suffered tremendously in the past year.

I teach 2 year olds...cannot do that online

I think that my work has changed fundamentally and I am now working on reimagining what it will look like moving forward.

I think virtual options and hybrid will be around for a while, so as long as they are options my work will combine face to face and hybrid/remote work.

I was retired but working part time. I was laid off and probably will not go back to work.

I work in a hospital and have worked during the whole process. I also work as a clinical instructor at AACC rad tech program and it has wreaked havoc with the program. Less successful students; less students; reduced hours and income reduction for me.

I work in healthcare working from home is not an option and never has been.

I'm fairly certain that this will cause many permanent changes, including manager/employee relationships and business real estate. I think this greatly accelerated retail trends.

I'm planning to keep working from home and I'm glad to see more people will at least get into a hybrid situation. It keeps cars off of the road, too.

I'm retired

I'm retired.

I'd like the option of meeting with colleagues 1-4x/month and work online the rest of the time.

I'm a full time stay at home Mom. My son has a medical condition and I cannot work as I have to be available 24/7 for him. None of these work questions apply to me.

I'm retired

I'm retired, so these questions don't apply.

I'm retired.

If working from home works for a company why not continue with some kind of balance In future where you work from home part of the week and go to office once a week. Loving the zoom meetings.

it will change somewhat

Like the mix of online and in person

most like not commuting on the beltway

My tutoring of children has been suspended indefinitely in person.

my work has not allowed working on line but the work can be done 100 % on line

Need to move forward with work and the more efficient structure of a dispersed workforce not commuting for hours.

On pine work seems more doable for white color workers. Blue collar are "heros" but certainly not high priority in vaccine roll out. Hypocritical politicians even though I generally like the ones we have.

Open up

Personally m retired so this page doesn't apply to me

retired

Retired

Retired so none apply

Retired.

Teacher

Teachers need to be in schools. Schools need to be safe. They had a year to get the ventilation fixed, but they didn't

Telecommuting as an option will change the future of work for the better. But it will be better when it is an option, and people and employers are free to figure out how much to use it.

The ability of some jobs to be done online will widen econmonic disparity.

The school system is not likely to be forward thinking enough to allow some staff to work from home in the future

There are no good answer options for those of us who are retired.

This hardly applies to a retiree!

Until they open schools fully, I will not have a position.

Very bleak and depressing. The whole thing is a terrible joke!

We are retired.

Working online should be an option for any business where employees can do a job remotely.

working remotely has made me more productive.

Would like to work from home 1 day a week

Zoom Calls are boring & A poor way to communicate with Friends & co-workers !!

Appendix I: Vaccination Comments

🔗 As of Mar. 05, 2021, 1182 🧟 DEATHS — have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) following COVID-19 vaccinations. The numbers reflect reports filed between December 2020 and March 05, 2021.

@MDVaxAlerts - a bot searches sites and consolidates info on appt availability (also shows it on www.mdvax.info. This is how I was alerted to the pharmacy appt that I got. I signed up online at the pharmacy's site.

AACPS

AACPS at Severna Park High School

Aacps employee

AACPS offered a clinic for employees in email. I receive #2 tomorrow.

AACPS school system

AACPS school system vaccine clinic

AACPS vaccination clinic

AAMC was fairly easy to get appt. Now have both shots.

Also through work with a _possibility_ of my agency getting an allocation of the vaccine. (I do not have a strong faith in the testing protocols used for this, but neither do I expect to turn into a zombie.)

Also used department of aging

Anne arundel not open for 65 yrs old

appointment made through work (healthcare)

As a group 1b , I declined the vaccination because I am not in a high risk group. With over 80% of the deaths being of those over 70 I feel they should be getting vaccinated first

Computer keeps telling me THIS SIGHT IS SPAN

Computer. I now have an appointment at Anne Arundel Medical Center on 3/10.

CVS has the best site to navigate. Booked my vaccination via the site. I have had the 1st shot. Took me weeks to find it. County vs State not being compatible regarding levels was annoying (i.e. 1B vs 1C)

Did you know: this whole process should be at one website? It's true!

Does not apply

emails to health deparment workers.

Employer sent me a link to sign up for vaccination

Employer vaccination site

essential worker....was provided URL

Finally, got vaccinated at my independent living facility by health dept.

First responder

Friend of family assisted in addition to efforts above.

Gave up and had computer nerd make appointments at 4:00 am.

Going to wait for you to pay me to get a vaccine shot.

Got both shots for me and the wife.

Got first shot through work. Fort Meade Hospital .

Got my appointment through Whose House Gods House" religious community.

govt info

Have registered for vaccine, but am in no hurry - happy to wait till widely available and there are no long wait lines.

Health dept sent me a link since I'm a healthcare provider.

Husband 81 Wife 78 Done EVERYTHING unable to get appt.

Hv not applied

I am a disabled veteran

I am group 1A (certified substance abuse counselor). Registered with AACOHD. never got confirmation. Called & was assured I was on the list - be patient. Called again & was told that now AACHD is exclusively vaccinating 75+ and although I was eligible as a 1A, I would have to find another location - huh?

I am pre registered but not yet eligible.

I am registered in every possible place. I try daily at all of these site with no luck. It's highly frustrating!

i believe that vaccine is harmful.

I did this for mom whom does not have computer.

I do NOT approve of this vaccine and will not get it! They "say" it won't affect your DNA, but they have no clue what messenger RNA will actually do. Too experimental for me! Do NOT trust it!

I don't plan on getting one, thanks anyway.

I have an appointment for 10 March but need to confirm I am eligible first.

I have been out of state since December and will not be able to get vaccine on Maryland until I return in a few weeks.

I haven't yet, but husband was able to get fully vaccinated

I lost my job and have no health insurance, I can't get vaccinated even if I wanted to

I registered on every site but by using my computer I was able to get an appointment

I was able to get my vaccination for myself and my mother out of state as they were not currently available in Maryland.

I was eligible in Group 1a, and had a positive experience in getting an appointment through the Health Department at Anne Arundel Community College. It was very efficient. It was more challenging to get 1b appointments for my 86 year old parents, but we were able to do so.

I was finally able to schedule a vaccination for next week, using the mass vaccination center.

I was sent information through/from my employer to be registered and to receive both doses of the vaccine (Dept of Health)

I went online with the county and was able to get an appointment in January. Got the vaccine at AACC. Nicely done. Second shot cancelled at first and then rescheduled. Also easy once I got the appointment.

I'm not eligible but my 81 year old aunt is (she lives with me). I've finally been able to make an appointment for her this Thursday but it's been complete confusion and frustration.

I'm registered so I get info when eligible. There is also a big grass roots effort to dhathmre websites and info among neighbors and friends. Very happy that licrsries are helping people with out internet

I'm on a waiting list.

Its been a mess!!!

Kaiser

Maryland Vaccine Hunters

MD and Anne Arundel County failed in managing the vaccination process. They handled it in a "catch as can catch manner". They failed to take ownership. Reservations should have been centrally managed by the State/County. You should only have to register in one location. The State/County would then notify you of availability based on your pre existing condition.

Medstar employee at Medstar hospital

Military

military walter reed

MSDE for educators

my daughter called and sat on the phone for hours to get an appointment for me

My husband was randomly selected by Johns Hopkina.

None

None of your business

nothing yet

Other county websites

Out of state - FGlorida

provided by work. Work at Maryland Department of Health

School system

School system distribution

Shared link

Sheer serendipity. I had registered with AACO, plus 3 hospitals. Drug and grocery stores were just opening for vax. My daughter's neighbors (my age) got appointments at AAMC, sent the link to daughter, who sent it to me. I got lucky.

State rollout has been entirely incompetent. Anne Arundel county has made a valiant effort but relieved insufficient doses from the state. I want to know WHY?

This "system" was HORRIBLE
Through AACPS clinic
Through County Board of Ed
Through employer and physicians
Through the State of Maryland as I'm an essential State employee
through work (I work from home for a department of health located in Maryland)
Tried to obtain vaccination through physician's medical relationship (Medstar).
Used internet. No luck
used Luminis Health web site
V.A. - Did a walk in got my shot and scheduled for the 2nd shot. All done.
va
VA
Vaccine spotter
Veterans Administration
We got vaccinated in Florida this winter.
WE have tried many resources to get a vaccine but no success. The state has done a poor job of organizing the entire process
We spent three weeks full time trying to get an appointment. We feel lucky we finally got one, but it should not have been so hard. We have friends in high risk who have not been able to get an appointment. The current disorganized system is a crime!!!
We used the county web site and phone successfully.
Went to AAMC and was told that I could come back at end of day and register for any left over vaccines. I did that and was able to obtain 1st shot and appointment for 2nd. AAMC staff was terrific and most helpful.
Went to store 5 days hoping for leftovers. Given to employees
Why is AA County still in 1B after saying we would go to 1C by the end of February. Total incompetence !
Work arrangements
Work email link
Work place organized it
Work will offer
Work, teacher
Total

Appendix J: Finding Appointments

aacps
AACPS
AACPS at SPHS
AACPS teacher vaccination at severna park high
About to receive my second shot.
Access link
Also pre registered at my local independent pharmacy.
Anne arundel county public schools
Appoints scheduled with school system in reasonable amount of time
Baltimore VA provided both shots in February.
CVS Site easy to navigate..found appointment available
Did not try other options due to small venues with inadequate space. Cannot stand in lines.
doctors office
Does not apply
emailed AA dept of Aging and Disability and Health Dept.
Employer provided/scheduled
First Responder
Got appt in Waldorf & then 1 at AAMC near my home
Have not tried because am 70, not yet in the window
Hv not scheduled
I had a friend register me while I was on the phone with her.
I was able to get first dose through AACPS when mass vax site closed due to snow.
I was looking at Maryland Vaccine Hunters Facebook page when someone announced that Walgreens had vaccine. Had I not been looking at that page at that moment, I wouldn't have been able to get a appointment.
I was vaccinated in Florida.
I'm on the list at my agency in case they should receive any.
Initial vaccination through employer
It took forever to get an appointment at Six Flags. I recently got #1. It took 3-1/2 hours.
It took us three weeks to het an appointment. We did, but we do not consider the system successful.
It is a disaster
Kaiser
Medstar
military walter reed
MSDE
Neighbor got me appt

Not looking.

Online

Pharmacies difficult to use as you can not advance register but must keep going back at different hours until you find a time and then must act quickly or the spot can be taken. Crazy that AAMC/Luminus isn't getting as much vaccine as pharmacies that can only take one person at a time and often have other duties as well

Public school employee clinic

Put on waiting list when visit other county websites

received through work as an essential employee

Religious Community

School system

See above.

see answer 17

See answer above. I got very lucky, serendipity.

See explanation on previous question

Special option for teachers through private offer

Teacher vaccine program

Through AACPS vaccine clinic

through work

Used email

Using Maryland Vaccine Hunters to help .

Va

VA

Very hard to get appointment

Veterans Clinic at Fort Meade, Md.

Volunteer at AAMC and we were able to get vaccinated

Waited until the end of the day to ask about cancellations

Was able to register on-line for the Giant vaccination.

Went to a different State to get scheduled and vaccinated. Unable to get scheduled in MD/AA county.

Went to store 5 days

Will not spend hours on line or phone to get appointment

Will not travel outside my area for the shot.

Work

Work arrangements

Work organized it

Work was able to get me an appointment

Work-direct patient care. Medstar Union Memorial Hospital

Work, teacher

Working at health department

Appendix J1: Other sources of information about COVID

AA County information site.

A friend that is a Dr of Infectious Disease

AACPS

Actual raw data from CDC - The MSM is a total fraud!

Although I'm not sure I trust it, I do look at the CDC website. There was an interesting piece on there about a plan to make internment camps for people infected with it.

Anne arundel county health department

Anywhere they use real facts.

AP, Reuters

Aquaintances

Always check multiple sources for information

Biden

Cable News (Schools are Safe for kids !)

CAN, The Atlantic Magazine, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post

cdc

Cdc

CDC

CDC - other sources, preferred

CDC and Health Dept.

CDC and State of Maryland Covid 19 page

CDC And vetted news sources

CDC preferred

cdc website

CDC website

CDC website, county health site

CDC website, Dr. K

CDC, Dr. Fauci, as reported on MSM

CDC, Dr. Fauci, health professionals

CDC, research based articles and studies, Dr Fauci

CDC, WHO, AA County Health Dept

CDC, WHO, or Dr. Fauci

CDC, WHO, other health experts. Preferred is a mix of that and some news sources.

CDC; Medical scientists like Fauci
CDC/ Medical websites political bias everywhere
certified medical doctors on tv
CFC and medical journals
CIDRAP director Michael Osterholm and Dr Anthony Fauci
Close friends, family
CNN
CNN, MSNBC
CNN, MSNBC, NBC
CNN, NYT
Conservative news outlets. I don't believe mainstream media is truthful at all.
County employees
County Health
County website and county social media posts
COVID act now website
Credible news, research,
depends on the source, should be medically connected
Doctor friends and family
Doctor, NPR, TV medical interviews
Doctors
Doctors recommended
Doctors/nurses. Get most info from family member RN working in COVID ICU.
Doing my own personal research
DR FAucci
Dr Fauchi
Dr Fauci
Dr Fauci & Dr Vin Gupta
Dr. Anthony Fauci
Dr. Faucci
Dr. Fauci
Dr. Fauci and task force statements
Dr. Fauci/CDC
Dr. Faucie and Gov. Hogan's reports. Other sources were Trump workers
Email
Email or text updates.
Emergency management groups and science sources such as Hopkins.
Employee
Federal government or trusted online news sources

Federal or state government.

Fox News butot Dr. Faucy

Friends helping,even strangers making appointments

friends telling how they got an appointment

Generally history and trends

Government

Government websites

Governor Hogan

Governors office

Health department

Health Dept.....

Hogan and Pittman briefings

Hogan updates seem to be reliable. Other resources not quite sure especially when info is not consistent with each other

Hogan was great at first but not making it too political

Hogan. Social media is unreliable.

Holistic integrative doctors

Hopis website

Hopkins website and daily emails that I subscribed to receive

Hospital

Hospital site or county website

hot line

I am a nurse

I believe Dr. Fauci.

I believe its been taking way out of context. What happened to the flu?? No deaths from the flu?

I completely trust Dr. Fauci

I do not completely trust any news/information sources, they, including the CDC have all either lied or put out inaccurate information longer after changes to data were known.

I get emails from JHH and look at NIH sites

I have been checking medical journals and I read the papers from other countries as I don't trust the US media to relay the truth. they all seem to have a nugget of truth then each and every one of them "spins" the truth to fit their own narrative.

I reference the CDC website directly, however the CDC does not have any explanation of the controls around the reporting or have an independent 3rd party review their numbers, so while I reference them, I do not trust them. Covid appears to have been wildly overstated in risk and understated in transmission. Unfortunately, the level of politicization of Covid from both the right and left has left all sources on Covid information worthless. I trust my own experience and having had several family and friends in the 65+ age group with multiple co-morbidities who experienced little or no symptoms, I am skeptical of the need for further fear mongering by President Biden, Governor Hogan, or Executive Pittman.

I trust information coming from medical sources. I want to see the data. I do not trust the media or the information coming from the government.

I trust Maryland sources and the CDC and private groups like Johns Hopkins.

I trust no one when it comes to coronavirus information.

I trust the information from The Washington Post

I try to seek diverse sources of information. Most sources of information seem to be slanted based on opinion or desire to achieve a particular outcome.

I use authoritative medical sources of information

Informal network of co-workers who were successful in getting vaccines

JAMA and other medical journals, CDC

JHH website and the CDC

JHU epidemiologist friends

Joe Biden

John hopkins

JOhns Hopkins

Larry Hogan and Steuart Pittman

Local Fox TV station, WBAL radio and Annapolis Capital

Local news

Logical discussions with medical professionals & newsletters related to medicine

Luminus Health provided good email updates.

Mainstream media either print or otherwise

Major news agencies reporting from Dept of Health or CDC.

Major news outlets.

Maryland -- Larry Hogan Covid-19 Updates. Nationally -- CDC

Media directly quoting from expert sources ex Dr. Fauci, CDC, etc

Medical articles

Medical doctors and professionals of different perspectives, before they were silenced by the Government.

medical facility/organization websites

Medical journals

medical resources (CDC, Johns Hopkins, etc.)
Medical sources
Medical web sites and Mayo clinic, New England Journal
Medical, government, major print media
Military retirement
Monitor AACO's COVID Update
MSNBC and interviews with credible doctors
My agency's distribution and CDC websites.
My daughter works for CDC.
My doctor
My doctor - I would trust her opinion!
My healthcare Kaiser
My healthcare system
My most preferred source is federal, state, and local government health care agencies.
My most preferred source would have been from the County Executive.
My own research after visiting several websites with different views.
My preferred sources are CDC and NIAID. I know how much work goes into making sure they're as accurate as they can be with the information they have at the time.
My son is an epidemiologist and works for J&J
my wife
National news media and the CDC website
Network news - mainstream media
New York Times science reporters
news
News
News media
newsletters distributed by health departments
newspaper
Newspaper
Newspaper (Washington Post) and network news
NIH, JAMA
non mainstream media; covid sites for healthcare workers; non political affiliated sites
Nothing from Trump or Republicans
NPR
NPR or WETA (DC) public tv - BBC news, Christiane Amanpour
Official statements from state public health officials.
on line searches used and not the media
Online

Online CDC studies
online health sites (ie CDC)
online news and county stats
Online or Biden's team
only trust FOX news, OAN and Newsmax for information
Other sources like CDC website, other reputable health care websites
Pbs news
Peer reviewed research studies
Personal doctors
Personal physician. During health care visit and when in contact by email, direct clear and correct advice including how to get vaccine.
Prefer county health department info or CDC guidance
prefer Washington Post and I don't know what "other sources" are
Preferred evaluating a mixture of sources
President Biden- he and his team will improve the disastrous situation the republicans gave put us in.
President, CDC
Primarily from some TV explanations
Print and online sources are very different. I trust respectable print sources such as The Capital and NY Times.
print news
Print or broadcast news
Public Radio
Radio
Radio programs, weekly interviews of Dr. Fauci.
Radio, TV, magazines
Reputable mainstream news sources (TV/printor on-line)
Research article
Respected news organizations (NBC / CBS / ABC) and newspapers (Wash Post / Capital Gazette)
scientific articles
Scientific fact checked sources.
Scientific journals and medical journals
Scientific journals and research. You know, actual science.
Scientific publications
Scientists
Sourced journalism, the CDC, the WHO, the White House
State and county websites or news releases
State government

State of md or cdc
State Senator Sarah Elfreth emails and Instagram posts about vaccines and Covid-19 updates are excellent!
State website
State websites
talk radio
Task force briefings
The cdc
The CDC
The doctors in my family that I trust
The narrative changes almost daily
The Washington Post
The Washington Post and The Atlantic
The White House and federal scientific advisors
Too much conflicting information, moving goal posts
Trust online or print news DEPENDING ON THE SOURCE.
Trusted news sources with long proven track records.
Trustworthy news stations, tv
TV
tv news
TV. Daily news was a good source of information
varied healthcare experts
Varies. CNN, National papers (NYT, WaPo), local Health Dept
Various sources
Walgreen
Walter reed
Washington Post
Washington Post, NBC, PBS
We follow the science and listen to Dr. Fauci.
We were impressed with Gov. Hogan initially but his change to return to schools was upsetting with teachers and staff unvaccinated. The stress level in schools is huge.
web searches, and only some online sites
Websites and other online info
WHO, CDC, local and national health officials
Wife who is a medical technologist.
Work
Written news that has been researched.
Total

Appendix K: General Development Plan – Comments

more ATMS and US post offices

A library, police station and senior center and three nice groceries are less than 2 miles from my house.

already have excellent library access -- very important but can't complain. Very concerned about lack / poor quality of public transport.

Don't like losing farm to new high school in an already busy road/neighborhood. Already too many accidents during school year especially with people running red light Car racing down hwy and much more noise from hwy and airplanes too.

Haven't used any recently

How come large developments are being built all over, but home owners can't get variances to build a patio in their backyard?!?!

How many more stores and restaurants would I need!? I live near two libraries so no complaints about that.

I am in a rural area so is pretty safe here and not much traffic. We have access to many restaurants and stores already. I would like to see the Senior Centers open again

I am unusually fortunate in having my son living me and assisting me in every way possible.

I DO NOT want more affordable housing, public transportation or community based health services near me.

I feel I do have access to all these things. My kids are grown, but still think improved education is important. Haven't had a problem with public safety. I am near parks, senior centers, restaurants and libraries. I have a car, but improved public transportation is important for those that don't.

I have wonderful access to my library and I am very appreciative of the resources and knowledge from them. I don't know if everyone has the ready access that I have. I LOVE MY LIBRARIES! I think it would be a relatively small task to make Route 450 safe for travel year-round.

I live in Suburgatory. In the Land of the Born-Here, Die-Here Entitled White Upper-Middle-Class crowd. It's what we did for our kids when we moved from out West 30 years ago. I find it appalling that there are so few people of color anywhere but Annapolis or Glen Burnie, possibly due to lack of affordable housing options. That we are so reliant on cars makes me crazy. A light rail line from Baltimore to Annapolis, down the center of Ritchie Hwy, would have made perfect sense even 30 years ago, but now you could never get it passed. Bus service is laughable, even in Annapolis. Overbuilding is creating more and more congestions - instead of actually planning and zoning, it's more like "oooh, there's a lot, let's build 3 houses on it!" Never mind thread congestion, pollution, burden on schools and other resources it would create.

I think AA has a lot of great libraries already.

i think our library access is excellent

I was delighted to go to the Discoveries library branch at the Westfield Mall

I'm lucky to live in Crofton, and happy here.

if I said not important, it is because we currently have those services

Improved public schools does not mean more money....a better run school system that improves via best practices and improved ways of education.

Improving schools does not mean throwing more money at them. It means teaching to classic learning needs, not indoctrination into certain ideologies.

Less multi-family housing units in the county. The county is getting urbanized. It is becoming less family friendly, too crowded, and green space is disappearing. Apartment dwellers do not pay their fair share of county taxes and are less invested in the community. If things get bad in their neighborhood they find a different apartment, a homeowner is tied to the property and can not as readily make significant changes without cost.

Libraries seem well located geographically and those of us in Annapolis have shops and restaurants. Keeping some green space and open space is important.

live in independent living facility behind Bay Ridge Giant. Already have access to stores restaurants, parks, etc, I need. Accidents on Forest Drive a problem.

More health services

My "not very important" answers to this question are NOT to say I don't find these things (like better access to parks) important, but rather to say that I have sufficient access in my area, and schools in my area are very good, etc.

My area is has fairly good public safety.

My interest for General Development Plan is to improve the lives of that people in the county who are currently suffering from poverty, unemployment, low wages, low income, lack of access to transportation, lack of access to health care, lack of access to food stores in walking distance or by public transportation. Ideally you should be able to survive in the county without a car if you can find an affordable place to live close to public transportation and food.

My preferences are to address environmental and gun violence issues in the County above all other matters.

Need better plans that include infrastructure improvements. Our street is one big pothole and the storm drains do not work.

Need shoulders along Whitehall Road - numerous walkers and no where for them to go if vehicle approaches them

No matter the outcome of this portion of the survey, lust for more tax \$\$ always drives policy; there will be no genuine intention to improve congestion, nor improve living conditions.

Obviously I'd like it all!

Our county/country cannot afford all this.

Pittman's Marxist UN Agenda 2030 plan to destroy AA county is completely unacceptable. Pittman needs to be thrown out of office NOW!

Protect our environment!

Sad that people no wanting to adhere to mask rules libraries had to shutdow

Stop building double decker townhomes. Our schools and roads can't handle it. My Elem school (where I've worked for 22 years) is not set up for 870 students. Going to be a nightmare when we open with all kids. Over crowded due to all of the new neighborhoods.

The "General Development Plan" is a scam to put funnel more money into politicians pockets.

The county GDP fails to recognize individual freedoms, property rights, and fails to encourage individuals to take care of themselves.

the libraries need to open

The online library services are fantastic. There needs to be a PR effort to makes sure citizens know how to use their library from home.

There is very little health care for uninsured people and almost no dental care. Until everyone is insured, that should be top priority. Lack of health care for some of us affects all of us.

Use the resources you already have to do the job that you were elected to do. Stop taxing for things that you were already supposed to do with the last tax increase. Just do your damn job!!! School increase go 85% to salaries for the same teachers whose students are learning at less than 30% proficient...How does that make any sense to a rational person?

We already have good access to 2 libraries and to health services.

We already have shopping and restaurants near me

We are done with AACPS. If granddaughter has to go back, it will be a Catholic school

We need more equity balance in Annapolis.

Wrap around services that can be easily accessed are important!

Zoning is more important. 10-year plan with most councilmembers looking at 4 years plan to get reelected. It could be important as a planning tool if not ignored. The capital budget is engine pulling operating budget as it not only costs to build a project but costs to operate it means it will impact future years tax rates

Appendix L: Ballots Accurately Counted – Comments

60 court cases claiming election fraud were thrown out by judges, some of whom had been appointed by the losing candidate.

Challenges made to vote counts were based on lies, and attempts to overthrow the legal election outcomes. It's obvious, because the only challenges were made in the swing states where Republicans lost.

Counted may not be the right term. My concern is with fraudulent absentee ballots submitted by individuals that cannot be detected. I think they were probably counted as submitted.

Counting was not the problem it was the changing of election laws, lack of voter ID requirements did not hear any complaints from Maryland news

Did not verify who I was when I went to vote in the 2020 election. Anyone could have voted for me. WE NEED VOTER ID LAWS

Election displayed many suspicious activities, thus Biden election is questionable.

election laws ignored in some states where changes were made without legislative approval

federal elections should be conducted, and votes counted by federal rules and regulations.

For 4 years Hillary & the democrats refused to acknowledge Trump won in 2016 & expects us all to believe that Biden actually won in 2020. Just goes to show term limits are a necessity & the swamp of national, state & local government is way to deep & in desperate need of reform.

I am a permanent resident of U.S. not a citizen.

I am normally independent. I registered as a democrat this cycle because of trump

I believe that Joe Biden received the most votes and won the election. However I also believe that there were many instances of voter irregularities that need to be investigated. There will always be people who won't believe the election results as long as there are ANY irregularities. ONE IS TO MANY>

I believe the votes were counted accurately.

I believe this is an issue Trump has introduced to try to gain power.

I despise Donald Trump and the Republican National Committee and their Far Right allies and believe they pose a great danger to national security. The Big Lie was self serving and was a 'Dog Whistle' to Far Right extremists and to domestic terrorists of all political stripes.

I have been very proud to have worked several elections since moving to MD 6 years ago - I am very proud of the system here.

I have witnessed people in line vote, and get in line again to vote at least a second time. I reported it to the chief judge who shrugged it off. He did not care. I have friends who witnessed the same thing. It is disgraceful that Montgomery, Prince Georges, and Baltimore city control the entire state.

I serve as an Election Judge in Anne Arundel County. I trust the process.

I think the whole process needs improvement all over not just AA county/MD

I trust the vote counts for several reasons. 1) I trust that who are poll-workers and local public servants do their jobs honestly AND that there are safeguards in place (monitoring, cross-checking numbers) involving many people which makes large-scale cheating difficult or impossible. 2) Recounts were held in many locations, which showed no widespread fraud. 3) Questions of fraud were tested in 60+ court cases going all the way to the Supreme Court and proved unfounded in all but (I think) 1 case. 4) The people claiming fraud have no credibility with me because they have lied in the past or appear to be motivated by something other than protecting the Constitution.

I used to be a Republican. But even before Trump they started to have poor values and since Trump - I don't even consider them Americans. They should be ashamed!

I worked the polls during early voting and on election day. I trust the system and the integrity of the vote counting.

I'm more concerned now about the attempts to restrict voting

It is clear, except to major media fellow travelers of the Democratic Party that there were major irregularities. The good health of any democratic form of government is dependent on the people's confidence that voting is fair. Strong measures should be taken to investigate allegations of fraud and to prevent future misconduct. In person voting with identification should be the overwhelming norm.

It is my belief that the stories told about voter fraud are pure bunk. Of course occasional mistakes are made, but there was no "magic" vote swing in the middle of the night. The people that made up these stories are only helping Russia and other enemies push for destabilizing the USA.

It is so sad that this is still a question when the courts and state officials around the country have continued to affirm that it was a fair election.

It was obvious voter counting was fraudulent in several states. Even confirmed by photos and signed affidavits. I will NEVER understand why not even ONE court would hear one case. Particularly the Supreme Court.

Judge in PA allowed mail in votes to be counted up to three days after election. That was contrary to legislative rules. He should not have done that even though it didn't change the outcome.

Mail-in voting is subject to corruption.

Maryland did it right. As for the national election, just saying "this is false information" does not give me confidence. What would give me confidence is to investigate the irregularities. Voting rules changed in PA that were against the state constitution allowing ballots with no signatures & allowing ballots received after the deadline. Watchers sent home in GA, then cameras caught 4 people who stayed behind pulling suitcase after suitcase of ballots out from under the table. I support Voter ID and making ballot harvesting illegal

Maryland, this AA County, permitted voting without ID at any location, inviting fraud; the failure to require voting only in assigned districts was a great mistake. In the US generally, the widespread access to absentee ballots and lack of required in person voting, without a national ID, was also a great mistake. While the narrative is that there is no "widespread" voting fraud, so long as there is any fraud, which is proven to exist many times over, it is impossible to claim that elections are accurate; until there is in-depth research with all records retained (envelopes, signatures, ballots), and fully audited to confirm every detail, those who claim there is no widespread fraud are only relying on the fact that no one goes looking for widespread fraud because records are destroyed (e.g., absentee envelopes separated from absentee ballots), and access is not provided to enable full research.

Most corrupt election in my lifetime. No one knows who was really elected as there was so much illegal manipulation of ballots and counting. Current administration completely illegitimate as a result. Evil

My ballot was dropped in a collection bin and there was no verification I was the one who voted. Yes, I was honest but the logic is that not everyone was honest.

Needs to be voter ID

No trust in mail-in votes or drop-off sites

No way Biden had more votes than Obama or Trump

Only voted for Hillary because she wasn't Trump. Ditto Biden. I find politics in this country to have reached almost a complete stalemate. Two-party system is breaking down rapidly, yet no one seems to think it's possible to dig ourselves out of this mess. Constitutionally the Electoral College made sense 250 years ago, I'm less sure of it's efficacy now. We are a federal constitutional democracy, in that order. It sometimes, unfortunately, is not one person, one vote. But Congress can't even agree on what happened on January 6, so I don't hold out much hope for anything else.

Rampant voter fraud in many areas.

Sloppy voting roles and no ID requirements are a huge national problem. I have tried to delete family members-moved or deceased. What a joke.

Some states could do a much better job of making vote counting transparent. Being able to say all interested parties took part in the counting and agree on the results would be very pacifying.

Switched party affiliation after 2016

The 11th hour changes made by some states were political in nature and eroded the confidence in free and fair elections even if they didn't effect the outcome.

The claim that the election was "stolen" was an obvious disinformation campaign created by Trump, that he started months before the election even happened. He is incapable of admitting defeat in anything, and these election tactics are straight out of the autocratic playbook.

The election was rigged there is no way Joe Biden got the most votes than any other president.

The election was safe and secure. Biden won. Period.

The evidence shows that the election was secure and fair.

The level of evidence of election irregularities is staggering. However nation and state politicians appear to be actively covering up or misrepresenting the allegations. Americans spent time and funds on the Muller investigation which resulted in nothing and was based on much less tangible evidence, we deserve a similar investigation and actions to strengthen voter confidence. However, it is clear that those in power were complicit in the election irregularities as described in the February 4th Time Magazine article “The Secret History of the Shadow Campaign That Saved the 2020 Election.”

The overload of information and lack of a credible source makes almost everything unbelievable. None of the accusations were ever presented in court which would have made them public record. Now who really knows what happened? The only fact is that Big Tec censored some and promoted others. How dangerous is it that a handful of companies are allowed to control public opinion?

The US has a long and complicated history with voting integrity. Drastically altering voting laws during the pandemic, and not requiring an ID to vote hurts democracy

There is no evidence that there was wide-spread voter fraud. Election results were certified by both parties across the US.

There is no way 45000 more people voted for Biden then Hillary Clinton In Anne Arundel County

There was too much funny business going on.

They told us they were going to steal the election and that is what they did. We are on the edge of disaster.

To many voting options, can't cross check and verify all of them and make sure that the person only voted once.

voter ID should be mandatory. In person voting only on one day. Make it a national holiday

Voter is fraud is a smoke screen

Voting fraud is baloney - the correct candidate is in the White House !

Voting was well handled both locally and nationally in spite of pandemic;' mail in/drop off option helped

When I voted at NorthEast High School, the woman tending the ballot box, saw my ballot and then started messing with something in the back of the ballot box. Didn't think anything of it at the time until all the news of fraud was being reported. There was DEFINITELY fraud in many states!

While there were irregularities in individual states and counties, overall I believe the votes were accurately counted.

Appendix M: Trump Party – Comments

31, not me, so I'm skipping

Absolutely NOT

Anything but Trump or Trump supporters

As a Democrat, I'm pretty sure the GOP knows that if the Republican Party divides, then Democrats will begin to control the executive branch and Congress until they form again.

As long as the party does not embrace anything Trump. Otherwise, I'll become an Independent.

because of the current party system, a third party would not be viable and would guarantee a win for progressives

Considering changing my registration to Libertarian. As for the 2020 election, I believe there was fraud that should be investigated; however, it may not have changed the outcome

Democrat

Donald Trump has done a lot of harm to this country and it will be at least 10 years before the Republican Party is worth supporting.

Donald Trump will be a distant memory in a year, only kept in focus by the press and Democrats who need someone to rail against.

Election illegitimate because of vote manipulation. Terrible danger to nation when succession process not protected or verifiable. Countries have fallen or experienced civil wars for less.

establishment republicans are merely conservative democrats.

Explaining #30 - he did...he's an arrogant, narcissistic sociopath. He doesn't care what he says or does, as long as his people cheer him loud and long. It's all about the money for most in Congress, and he's no different.

HaHaHaHa

He is disturbed and unstable

He may sound like a total idiot at times, but his policies were sound. He is the ONLY person who says and acts on USA First.

He said he wouldn't I believe him, stay with the Republican Party.

He tells the truth. He cares about and works for the people. Party affiliation doesn't mean much to him when something needs to be done to help the population of the USA.

I agree there should be a large 3rd party presence. However, any party led by Trump is not a party that should be allowed.

I am an independent and plan on staying that way. I don't agree 100% with any political party.

I am an Independent and would not join any party

I believe a new people for cooperative government party should be formed with all parties having term limits.

I believe that the election _could_ have been stolen but we don't know because it hasn't been investigated. I also believe that the media did everything in their power to help defeat President Trump

I consider myself an American & never felt aligned strongly to either party probably because of the elite institutional swamp - President Trump was the 1st president in my life time that put America 1st & that resonates with middle class moderates of both parties.

I don't know who won the 2020 election, and I doubt we will ever actually know. The data has been so corrupted and the control so lax that the election is unclear. As for January 6th, I watched President Trump's speeches and his follow up videos, calling his actions during the 6th "incitement" is a disgusting misrepresentation of what happened. Also to call what happened on the 6th anything beyond a protest in the wake of the 2020 rioting which has gripped the nation is fraud.

I don't think Donald trump should ever be allowed to hold office again

I don't want anything to do with Trump. I am considering not being a part of any major party. The politics between the parties generate too much conflict and don't resolve the problems we really have.

I hate politics. I don't vote "Party Line". do my research and vote for the person who will best represent me and the things I think are important. I have never liked former Pres Trump, however Hilary and Joe certainly do not represent mine or my families interests.

I have no problem with centrist/moderate Republicans who are willing to work with their colleagues across the aisle to make compromises and difficult decisions to move our country forward.

I hope he does and takes all the idiots that are following him with him out of the Republican Party so that they can regroup when his party fails.

I think if he formed another party, it would split our party's vote and the Democrats would win.

I will have nothing to do with trump

I WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY ORGANIZATION/PARTY IF DONALD TRUMP IS THE CANDIATE

I would never trust Donald Trump.

I would not join

I would remain an Independent.

I'm an out-of-fashion moderate Republican

I'd stick with being an independent.

If a new party were to be formed. It should be a Centrist party that wouldn't be influenced by the far right or far left. I believe most people would identify with a common sense party and are currently choosing the lesser of two evils.

If he forms a new party maybe enough of the lunatics and bigots will go there to make the Republican party salvageable.

If Trump's new party did not siphon off enough of the toxic part of the republican party I would consider joining another party (but not the democrat party).

It would depend on the party platform and who is running.

It's difficult to see myself in either party with so much division and partisanship. However, to me Republicans lean towards individual freedom and smaller government, while democrats have unending lust for power and control of American lives.

Makes me anxious just thinking about it.

My husband is a Trump republican and his loyalty to him is truly embarrassing. I see all the republican texts and brainwashing in real time in my own home. It is a hot mess.

N/A

Never with the idiot

Never!

No

None of those choices! I would stay unaffiliated!

Political parties are bad for the country

Put him in jail so he doesn't destroy us.

Questions 29 and 30 are very poor. 29 should have a "maybe" or "don't know" option. 30 should substitute "to take over" for "that overtook" the Capitol. 31-I believe in the conservative principles Trump espoused. I agree he was not a "slick" as most politicians.

SMH that man needs help

the former guy SHOULD form his own trumper party so the rest of us can easily identify his rabid followers

The major parties both suffer from overblown gasbag hypocrites. Few are a more extreme example than Donald Trump.

The question is mostly for Republicans. But, as a Democrat I would like to say that we need at least 2 healthy parties. I feel sorry for my many Republican friends who are deeply troubled at the sway Donald Trump holds in the party and at the fact that extremism in the party is generally being rewarded. The fracture in the Republican party hurts us all.

The Republican party has already become the Trump party. We need a new party that reflects the values Republicans used to have before big business corrupted them and they stopped caring about anything, but their votes and unleashed hate.

Think it wouldn't be wise.

This is an irrelevant question since he has stated that he will not start a new party

Trump was not a real Republican. He was/is an ass. Those that followed him were cowards. I am hoping that the Republican Party will find its moral compass again!

Trump's antics stole the election from him; but I agree with many of his policies. I would not change parties simply because he founded a new one

We are not affiliated with either party

We cannot know if the election was stolen, because the winners have squelched any dissent and are not only not investigating obvious problems they are seeking to formalize the kind of misconduct that will guarantee that they, the victors, can continue to benefit from. It does not matter how citizens vote if the vote counting process is corrupt. Whoever controls the count controls the country. As for voting for a third party, Trump was never my first choice, but I am thrilled we never had a President Hillary, and hold out hope that whoever I choose to vote for, the current obviously senile president will not be reelected.

Why ask this? He clearly stated he would not.

Would have no impact on my decision but decidedly would not join 'his' new party.

Would not even consider the Democrat party --- would consider a more conservative party.

Would not join

Appendix N: Steuart Pittman Job Approval Comments

All fine except Covid management

Also don't care.

Bending to political pressure from Hogan is not acceptable. You were elected to bring change from the Republican control of the county, by bending to Hogan on the reopening of schools and other things, public health was jeopardized.

clueless leader

Considering the situation and current state of affairs/virus

End the lockdowns. And let homeowners improve their properties!

ex Acorn organizer Pittman is a socialist fraud. He has raised taxes, destroyed small business and is planning to wreck the whole county with his Marxist tyranny!

Fights too much with Hogan. Immediately raised our taxes when he took office.

Flip flop on restaurants was dumb. Not hearing much from him at all.

Garbage science from him re covid

Great to have a Democrat back. He's making some mistakes, but most of all, at least he's attempting to block some unnecessary "development."

Great transparency, very involved in community, listens to the people

He has been opening the county too slowly and has been raising taxes.

He has been wishy washy about closures of schools and restaurants.

He has good intentions, but is ineffective.

He has gotten much undeserved criticism and vitriol for acting in best interest of safety

he has not used his emergency powers wisely

He is in politics for his own interests, not the people of Anne Arundel county.

He is not for all the people! Comes across as not liking business. Loves only the union-types!

he is trying to raise taxes and he has not followed the science with his Covid mandates

He needs to stay with whatever the governor of MD approves of.

He seems balanced.

He seems to be out of touch with the community.

He's obnoxious. Keep political views OUT OF THE PROPERTY TAX BILL INFORMATION!

His handling of the pandemic has been miserable. Immigration and efforts to refund police

Houses are still being built at a rapid pace. He was supposed to protect our environment. My schools are overcrowded in normal times and my husband is a teacher that can't afford to live by his school without my salary. He fails.

I am sad/exasperated about the targeting of Mr. Pittman over Covid restrictions. There were no easy solutions.

I don't know what Pittman does other than limit restaurant attendance.

I think CE Pittman is doing the best he can after months of no guidance from the Trump administration. He makes mistakes, but I trust him (mostly).

I think he is too lax on covid restrictions recently, tho I think vocal public voices and lawsuits have an impact on his behavior.

I think he is trying to do a good job and is not guided by personal greed, as many politicians seem to be.

I voted for him but I am very dissapointed in him. He is continuing to allow new development, seems to be destroying business, allows illegal imigrants, and does not uphold my values. I hoped he would be the answer but he wasn't!

I'm Democrat & voted for Pittman based of his campaign direction. I feel he is not doing as promised.

Is S. Pittman out of his basement and working yet?

It was amazing how a well-run, on budget county suddenly needed higher taxes when Pittman took office.

Just not sure why AA county seems to be slower than other parts of the state with vaccinations (1a/1b/1c, for ex.)

Just not visible enough to really know

Keeping the county locked down

Lacks leadership abilities

Mr. Pittman seems to respect teachers. I value that immensely.

News comes out everyday now of illegal acts

not showing leadership

Part of his platform was to stop building in towns with overcrowded schools, which hasn't happened.

Pittman has aired on caution for out safety and has supported teachers.

Pittman seems like a political activist who is checking the box until he can make his way to a higher level. I disagree with his Covid policies and a number of the other actions he's taken, but he seems to have less impact than Hogan or bigger politicians.

Plan 2040 well done

Poor management skills, biased

Spendthrift

They are overpaid and under work hyenas.

Too slow in opening the county schools and businesses

too strict on shutdowns

Typical tax/spend Dem; finger to the wind, w/o conviction

why not include Gavin Buckley - our excellent mayor

Appendix O: Larry Hogan Job Approval – Comments

-Middle of the road guy. I don't always agree with him but sometimes I do and I like that in a person. We are not dictated to a party!

*Except for his lack of support of education

Altho I have not agreed with everything he has done, I'm still happy he has been our governor this past year.

As a Democrat I would expect to oppose his work, but he has been sensible with COVID and most other issues. I was pleased at his rejection of Trump's demands and mistruths.

At the beginning of the pandemic he left decision making to his department heads. He failed to explain his reasoning behind many of his executive orders (I.e.closing businesses at 10 pm) what science indicates that Covid-19 becomes "a super spreader" after 10 pm

At the outset of the pandemic I felt Hogan was doing a great job. Recently he has taken to denying science and has rushed to reopen Maryland bowing to pressure from Republicans. This has put the citizens of Maryland at greater risk from Covid-19.

At the start of COVID-19 pandemic, I believe Governor Hogan did well to curb the virus. Now? I think he is rushing schools to open and doing a terrible job with vaccine rollout.

Bi-partisan and works FOR the people of ANY party

Borderline 'RINO'. but generally headed in right direction

Centrist Republicans don't fare well at the national level so sadly Hogan will never be President, but he has done a bang up job here in Maryland.

Changing the school year to placate Ocean City business owners, refusing to pass key education legislation, forcing us to reopen schools before students were vaccinated, unwarranted attacks on teachers and teacher unions

Did well with covid control, blew it with vaccines.

Excellent job but should have handled vaccine appointments better.

Except for vaccination handling

Failure to fix the unemployment payment problem is very serious situation.

Feelings are starting to diminish.

Forcing schools to open, bad decision right now. 3 more months and most would have been vaccinated

Generally O.K. Response to issues except for Beltway/ I 295 expansion which I oppose governs like a democrat. too strict on shutdowns.

Handled pandemic well but totally bungled vaccine distribution

He completely messed up the unemployment insurance program by introducing the Beacon system in the middle of major job losses. Additionally, he messed up the Covid vaccine roll out.

He has been the best governor in the US since the pandemic happened. Very happy to be living in Maryland at the time.

He has done a fantastic job of being transparent and keeping the citizens in MD informed of what is going on. The rollout of COVID testing was disorganized but he recognized it and fixed it.

He has done a good job with the pandemic until he changed his tin the day after Biden was elected.

He initially did well with covid. However he has become too conservative as he positions himself for next political office

He is a facade and does not pay attention to problems in Baltimore.

he is a little full of himself with all the press conferences beginning with what he has already done

He is an example of the issue with our state. One party in control of all legislative process, but the people don't like the effect, so a Republican is elected statewide. He is ineffective.

He is doing an ok job

He is everything that honest Trump supporters wish Trump was.

He is insulting our educators and implementing COVID policies that suit his political needs, not the citizens of Maryland.

He is now just trying to make a National name for himself.

He is too afraid of making enemies of his rivals to stand up and do the right thing. Covid Restrictions are not following science.

He lost me when he started bashing public school teachers. I've never worked harder in my life and have never felt less appreciated. It was not my decision to close schools. Felt like teachers took a hard hit. "Get back to work" seriously?!?!?! I spent all summer learning techniques for on line speech therapy, hundreds of dollars on materials and then people threaten to hold my salary. Insane!

He seems to be following the science for opening guidelines for the state, and has been trying to keep down taxes.

He should have done much more for public transport in Baltimore.

He started out really well in the beginning of the pandemic, making the hard decisions to protect Marylanders, but lately his decisions to open up businesses seem to favor economics at the cost of people's health and lives. Like I said, none of this is the way it should have been managed. (See: New Zealand)

He tries, but he compromises too much and has failed to cut taxes deeply.

He's an absolute traitor to his party and a tyrant regarding illegal virus rules.

He's done a good job with covid-19, especially for a Republican. However, his environmental actions need improvement.

He's too concerned about his future political prospects and he insults health officials on social media while he threatens teachers in his press conferences. I regret my past votes for him.

His words are insulting and inciting.

Hogan has proven to be a very good governor. Moderate in politics & strong leadership thru this pandemic.

Hogan should not have set a deadline for schools to reopen. This is too complicated for that.

I am registered Democrat to vote in the primaries but I am an Independent voter. Hogan is amazing for MD.

I approved until his complete turnaround in opening the schools and laying the blame squarely on the backs of teachers and teachers' unions. This sudden change seems politically motivated and disappointed me terribly.

I believed in Hogan until he started bullying teachers.

I don't agree with him on everything, but he is not a jerk and will work to build consensus on most issues. I think he needs to let the school start date issue go and let the local counties decide what works best for their residents.

I feel as though Hogan has taken moderate stances but always conservative actions on some issues especially with regard to lifting the lockdowns

I have had some issues with actions he's taken, or words he's said (i.e. wasting his presidential vote), but believe overall he's done a good job

I have never been governor, how am I supposed to really know what the job entails

I have no respect for an individual that goes on public record expressing hatred for another person.

I have worked for the state for 30 years and feel now is the best it has ever been run.

I strongly supported Governor Hogan until COVID and his relations with Trump. A year ago, I would have offered to help him run for president if he wanted, now, I'm embarrassed that he is my Governor. He does not "follow the science" but instead seems to be ruled by his fear of COVID and his personal grudge with Trump. Hogan should've resigned back in 2020.

I strongly supported him until the aggressive push to get teachers back into the buildings in such a short time with little resources. I am seeing 60% of my students and am not fully vaccinated and get changing information about school safety guidelines and expectations almost daily.

I think he's doing a good job of governing all Marylanders, not just those in his party.

I was in complete approval of Hogan at the beginning of this pandemic; however, his recent blatant disrespect of teachers and his attempts to vilify them are vile. You cannot completely change your stance on schools reopening AFTER the teachers have started their in service week prepping for the upcoming year. He clearly has zero idea, nor does he seem to even care, about what it actually takes to teach and/or run a school system. He has proven himself to be self-serving riding on the backs of the (Maryland) citizens trying to clamber to the White House. He should be ashamed of how he is treating the citizens of this state- and now offering bonuses to people WORKING FROM HOME??? What about the teachers? What about the essential workers? Why should the state employees get a bonus??? It's ridiculous.

In the beginning of the Covid issue I thought he handled it very well but then he changed drastically. I felt like he was putting money before the welfare of all the Marylanders.

Larry Hogan is a RINO who has destroyed small businesses across the state.

lock down larry

Loved him until he started economy ahead of health and safety.

Maryland wasted a lot of money on faulty Korean test kits. The state is not doing well with vaccine rollout. Get shots in all arms now.

My support has steadily dropped. Has become more beholden to political interests recently.

Negative was South Korean purchase of tests

Never liked that COVID policies seemed to be made without input from County leaders or even letting them know much before hand.

Not handling COVID as well as he thinks he has. Classic spin and hyperbole along with arrogance and excessive touring.

Not much of a Republican

Not my type of Republican!

Our Benedict Arnold.

Poor Covid management

returning face to face school was about money not about safety

RHINO

shows leadership but distracting when hinting at future elections

too focused on his national image, a repeat of O'Malley in that regard

Unequal distribution of vaccines to Republican counties is truly unethical, as is blaming persons of Color for not wanting vaccines

Would vote for President

Appendix P: Joe Biden – Job Approval Comments

A close election with slim to no majorities in congress is NOT a mandate to overturn everything done by the last administration.

A little early for an answer. The pandemic is better managed by Biden

Approach to pandemic issues including Covid relief legislation right on

Approve of virus actions

Biden has turned his back on progressive voters by keeping migrant children in cages and by not pulling through on \$2000 checks (1400+600 is not what he promised)

Biden is a life long politician who was elected only because he's not Trump. He has failed to stand by his campaign claims that he would work to unite America, which means he has excluded half of Americans from his agenda.

Brain dead and non-functional

Concern about immigration chaos, spending and future

don't like how he is handling certain things, like the oil situation, or the new thing with dr. seuss

Every day I wake up and sigh with relief that Trump is no longer President. Biden's abilities are underestimated; however I do wish he was younger.

Give him a chance.

Has actual platform and addressing poverty and COVID

Having voted for Bernie Sanders in the 2020 democratic primary I am skeptical of Joe Biden but more optimistic than Trump

He has backed ideas much too progressive which will lead to socialism/communism.

He has been handed a disaster, and is doing his level best to manage all of the pieces to move forward. I am not pleased with his decision to cater to moderate Democrats, who are hamstringing our ability to help very desperate people right now over relatively minor changes in the cost. But, when you make \$175k and have fantastic health care, I guess you can afford to not care.

He has not had many press conferences at all, and has signed an extreme amount of executive orders.

He is a figure head for the progressive democrats. They wanted Kamala and knew she would never win because the majority of the population don't care for her.

He is a puppet for the radical agenda. He has no desire -nor do they- to listen to the average American citizen.

He is following the guidance of the most unconstitutional policies that are destroying our economy and making our country weaker. Clean gas energy provided by the pipeline is much more reliable and safe than purchasing energy from countries who are not concerned with the environment. It is all about politics not sensible policies!

He is making the government work for less fortunate Americans.

He is mentally challenged and is not fit to perform duties of the President of the US

He is not up to the job!

He is reversing most of the good that previous admin put in place

he is senile and in cognitive decline. should never have been elected.

He is the same as my party, and he was anyone other than Donald Trump.

He scares the hell out of me for the direction he/they are takeing this country.

He's too old,not a strong leader

He's the man for the job.

His behavior and lack of access seems to support the fact that he may be suffering age related mental decline

His diminished cognitive abilities and the influence of the far left

I am very happy with President Biden's handling of COVID and his aggressive actions on systemic racism; however, he is making some mistakes, in my view, on international policy. That being said, I at least trust him not to start a war with Iran while I'm taking a nap or something.

I believe that he is suffering from dementia.

I think he's weak, he's chosen some of his nominees without really thinking about how they will be perceived by Congress, or the trouble it will be to confirm them. I don't think he's physically capable of governing through the next four years, but I am only guessing. He is not a uniter, at least not with these Republicans, and even some members of his own party.

I think his actions primarily benefit family and friends.

Illegal immigration at the border is horrible, especially for those who own land there. They are letting people in who tested positive for Covid-19!!!

It's a little early yet, but I love several of the executive actions. I.e. southern border and immigration there, Keystone pipeline, of course, covid. I like him to stay straight in the center and not let the left wing influence him too much. We need the goodwill and votes of the moderate right. Stimulus proposal well done. Even I was not entirely for \$15 minimum wage, but Md is doing that on our own and poorer states should be forced to do \$10-\$12 minimum asap. Good job on his cabinet; needs to appoint as many as possible federal judges also asap.

It's early but so far, I strongly approve.

It's refreshing to have an adult in the room.

It's still too early in his term to say. I would prefer less Executive Orders and more "unity" but hopefully the rest of his term will be about reaching across the aisle.

It's too early but I do think he's an idiot

It's so nice to have a President who is civil and agrees that he is the President of our whole nation, not just his supporters.

Joe is a senile puppet. Shame on the Leftists taking advantage of him.

Look at his first 40 days in office. Immigration, abortion, foreign policy, pandemic are all headed in wrong direction.

Man he has a likeable personality but I really do not seem to agree with most of his decisions.

Mandating State testing was a terrible decision. Not to mention backing away from metrics for Covid.

Not at all happy with the executive orders - losing jobs, losing our freedom, America last

not showing leadership (except COVID-19) but relief from Trump chaos

not the best choice to be in office

nothing but a party puppet of the Democrats, has severe cognitive issues and will not serve an entire term

Obviously diminished mentally, never stood for anything, a life-long grifter, currently a puppet for the Democratic party apparatus.

Pelosi's Puppet

Policies lack common sense, dishonest, slimy individual, caters to whatever benefits himself or family

President Biden has taken under 2 months to put the country and the world in tangibly worse position. He has destroyed the trust we had with Canada and forced us into dependence on foreign oil by cancelling the keystone XL pipe line. This will also hurt our economy by forcing the higher gas rates we are already seeing. He has engaged in extra legal attacks on foreign countries which hurts our alliances and risks our troops, to the extent that a bipartisan group is trying to strip him of his military powers. That is just beginning to scratch the surface of issues with President Biden, however, if Trump was an embarrassment, Biden is worse.

Senile old liberal

Seriously, we elected a man with dementia

so far he is doing great. Better than I had expected

So far so good

The Biden administration are traitors working directly on behalf of foreign powers. This "Election Theft" is a direct overthrow of the American government. This is a clear and present danger 🇺🇸 to Our Constitutional Republic us 🇺🇸 !

<https://peternavarro.com/the-navarro-report/>

The man is not all there. Missing a few synapsis.

The shutdown of gas and oil pipelines will hurt this country immensely. His stance on abortion and taxpayer paying for overseas abortion is abominable

Too early to tell but if he can follow through on what he campaigned on it will be a good start

too liberal

Too soon to judge.

Too soon to offer an opinion.

Too soon to tell, but seems to be headed in the right direction and looking out for the people

Undoing the rapacious actions of previous administration and hitting the ground running on neglected issues in spite of transition blockade.

What a puppet. Too many executive orders. Opening the borders!?

Why is he allowing immigrants to cross the border now with a Pandemic going on?

Wonderful to have empathy, truth, honesty, competence, action in White House worried about his policies on abortion

Would prefer a more left-leaning candidate, but will settle for Biden

Appendix Q: Anne Arundel County Council – Job Approval

appropriately response to issues so far; votes on Plan 2040 and other forthcoming issues will tell more.

At least TRIED to control S Pittman's decisions

Councilmembers like Lisa Rodvien are doing their best to work for the constituents of AAC. Others like Nathan Volke and Amanda Fiedler are acting purely in their own racist self-interest.

County Council does not go after real strong fixes, they keep the status quo.

Deaf and dumb to comments from the county residents.

Democrats and women!

Depends on the Council person. I don't have much faith in the person for my district. He represents his views and agenda not all of the people he is supposed to serve.

disappointed in decisions. Our representative shows no allegiance to her constituents.

Don't pay much attention.

Finally improving schools and teacher salaries. Much needs to be done.

Haven't kept up the last two months, but only like one of our reps

I am not as familiar with their work. I give everyone there credit for serving.

I am opposed to efforts by Republican Council Members to undermine County Executive Pittman

I have no idea what they are doing or even who they are.

I have shamefully little knowledge of their day-to-day actions, but nothing horrible jumps out at me.

It's a Pitman Council.

Liberal agenda

Mixed reviews

Negative support of affordable housing projects in the County

Not enough support for Pittman

Not really following local issues.

Seem too cautious.

Some of the members I disagree with.

The Democrats are in charge and taxes and crowding are rising.

The majority has been very transparent. Minority has been trying to obstruct and blame. They need to work together better

they have tried to do what's best for AA county

they should have removed the emergency powers months ago and been part of the decision process, representing their constituents

They vote strictly party line and did nothing to keep Executive in check with unprecedented power too partisan

too progressive

Uncontrolled growth is at least one reason.

Weak and useless. Puppets of Pittman.

What do they do?

Appendix R: Maryland General Assembly – Job Approval

A one party system anywhere either state or federal is terrible for the people.

Big loss with the Michaels, young members need to study their history more.

Enacting laws that are counter to public safety.

extremely partisan and excessive spending demands (e.g., Kirwin)

fine

focus on the wrong issues. Useless gun restrictions on law abiding citizens, don't care about 300+ murders in Baltimore City

Gerrymander mess.

Gerrymandering is horrendous for a democratic assembly.

Good that they passed a state COVID right away, bad they they seem to be back to normal when everything else isn't

I am sick of them being able to always override the Governor's vetos.

I do not agree with the Kirwin commission bill.

I like the republic ticket from AA county

I need to study their work more. Again, I give them all credit for serving and representing their constituents.

it's a politboro under one party rule

Kirwin

Liberal agenda

Love my delegate, no idea about the rest

Maryland is a corrupt one party state. This is the Democrat Party goal for the nation.

Much too left wing liberal.

N/A

one party rule is never good

Only know how to spend money!

Overpaid and under worked. They have contributed nothing.

People are suffering financially and you raise taxes during a pandemic, seriously???

Run by Democrats; radical, unconscionable views sculpted by the media

Same as with the County Council- members like Del. Henson, Del. Bagnall, Senator Elfreth, etc. care about their constituents and are trying their best. Others like Del. Saab and Sen. Reilly spread misinformation and are looking out for themselves (particularly Saab).

Seem out of touch with reality. Don't consider the practical problems of the State.

Seem to be dividing the state along racial lines and practicing identity politics

Self important assholes pursuing their own goals and ignoring the people

Since Maryland's maps are Gerrymandered to benefit Democrats I am skeptical of checks and balances being fair in the state

Stop trying to throw out the baby with the bath water. LEOBR needs amending, not to be trashed.

term limits

Terrible gun laws, anti-business climate

The majority are tax and spend Marxists destroying the state.

There are many good bills under consideration this year, as well as stupid ideas. We'll see what prevails.

They just seem like they want to spend money on anything at all and don't care about the taxpayers.

they keep wanting to raise our taxes like the tax on internet advertising that would hurt small businesses

they scares the hell out of me for the direction he/they are taking this State.

Too anti-firearm and too anti-citizen rights.

Too early in the session to have an opinion.

Too liberal

too one sided

Too one-sided

Too soon to tell. Ed o'Reilly submitted terrible bills. MGA should have applied more pressure to fix vax rollout, help schools to reopen safely

Very disappointed in actions if what is going on in Baltimore

What do they do?

Willing to override the will of a very popular governor to sabotage him and to deliver cash to their plantation.

Appendix S: US Congress – Job Approval

0% of Democrats are worth anything. 20% of the Republicans are worth anything.

All they do is talk about what is awong; what needs fixing, etc. Nothing is ever done except to ADD PORKL to bills to accomplish what congress members want - has nothing to do with helping everyone.

Approve of the urgent way Democrats are handling relief. Disapprove of Republicans stalling and misrepresenting the goals of relief legislation.

Both houses contain elitist factions out of step with majority.

Both parties are two partisan, no ability to compromise and cooperate

Both parties have forgotten that they are our representatives and have placed politics of obstruction first

Broken.

Bunch of unproductive nitwits. People in private industry would be fired for lack of accomplishments. Bibker too much.

Close balance of power requires compromise, not being offered.

Complacent in the overthrow of democracy on January 6th

Congress is more concerned about their own individual political powers rather than the people who elected them into office. It is the perception of service and saying the right things to get elected. Their votes (when votes actually happen) is to please a donor base rather than the people they represent

Congress is overly focused on partisanship and I don't see this as being easily resolved.

Congress needs to work together to better the country. Should have term limits.

Congress, as a whole, lack the sensibility of leadership versus rivaling partisan politics .

Covid 19 was politicized

Democratic majority much too left wing progressive.

Democratic members are working for the American people; Republicans are working to take away voting rights across the county

Democrats are trying to clean up mess, appoint competent administrators, restore ethics, help people; republicans continue to lie, obstruct, block needed change, disrupt.

Democrats won, they need to govern like it and stop trying to meet in the middle with people who were happy to see their colleagues' lives threatened

Disappointed in lack of real discussion and consideration, too polarized.

Disapprove of the failure of Congress to hold Donald Trump and other members of the Trump Administration accountable for their actions while in power.

Even as registered Republican disapprove of Republican Congress

Even the COVID plan actually spends little on COVID related items. They have had all summer to do this but didn't bother.

extremely partisan and relinquishing too much power to Executive Branch

Find the Republicans are unwilling to come up with their own platforms and solutions to engage in public debate.

Focusing on 6 Jan (a minor incident) versus US economy and prevent global interference.

Gerrymandering and the filibuster and other outdated rules have made Congress inefficient. People like Mitch McConnell have far too much power. Adding unrelated issues to proposed legislation delays taking important action on urgent issues

GOP is against democracy.

Gridlock removes an ability to work

I abhor the strict partisanship that makes it impossible to consider policy, principles, and finances across party lines.

I am soooooo tired of the Republican stonewalling and holding the country back!!!

I approve of the current Congress and the current agenda, but I disapprove of the partisanship and “game” of power plays. How can anyone talk to their kids about bullies when Congress is one big bullying situation. It’s weird to watch most adults have no moral courage on a national stage.

I approve of what the Democratic members are doing but not the Republican party of No.

I feel if they make special interest \$\$ and bad lobbying illegal things would get better quicker

I think career politicians are the problem. If you have a career at being a politician you lose touch with your community that you are supposed to be representing.

I was a Democrat for over 50 years I became an Independent because the Democrats moved too far to the Left and did not display constructive leadership.

I’d like a little more working together and less hypocrisy from the Republicans who were ok with a lot of things under President Trump that now they aren’t.

It seems all they do is toe the party line instead of actually getting anything done.

Less pork barrel spending, more direct bills

Liberal agenda

Lunatic government of elite thieves, con men, liars, ideological idiots and traitors; result: idiotic government

More Democrats for more progress and to counterbalance serious authoritarian threat of alternate realities/lies.

Now that the Senate is Democrat there is no check on the woke lunacy of the left.

only concerned with their own re-election, all about power grabbing

Overpaid and under worked jackals.

Partisanship has simply caused deadlock. Mitch McConnell is the most evil Senator in the history of the US.

Passage of Covid relief legislation impressive; filibuster rule must be modified or eliminated

Republicans are unwilling to compromise and by their actions they still don't accept the results of the election. Their fear of Trump is astounding and a strong negative for our country. Very few have a backbone or loyalty to the Constitution.

Same as above.

See MD Gen Assembly

Self important assholes pursuing their own goals and ignoring the people

Some of them are great! Some of them need to look beyond themselves and realize there are people in our county who work hard but still struggle to make ends meet.

spending money we do not have

Stupid people doing stupid things only concerned about reelection. They don't really care about the welfare of the nation.

term limits all around

Term Limits are needed

Term limits need to be installed.

The amount of representatives who support the lies being spread about the election and the Q Anon conspiracy GREATLY alarms me

The Congress has just passed a major stimulus bill. Finally there is a chance for major election reform too.

The continued partisan dived is unacceptable

The continued story of "healing America" is sickening when much of the funding goes to friends and family.

The Democratic majorities are slim, yet they perform as if they are super majorities failing to consider the other side of the aisle, thus failing to recognize half of Americans.

The GOP Senators and Reps are a cancer on this Nation whose goal is to destroy government. It has never been more apparent how heartless they are than watching these tactics play out during this pandemic. I would add the moderate Dems to that list who are blocking COVID relief.

the impeachment trials were awful and a waste of money

The issue is the unwillingness of the Senate to take action on legislation--with Mitch McConnell being a key culprit. The core value of small government that taxes little and then says it can do little to support citizens in need drives this situation. For years, Republicans in the Senate have been at ease NOT legislating. I'm not sure how they sleep at night when legislating is their job and their responsibility to the rest of us.

The majority are tax and spend Marxists destroying the USA.

The Republicans should know better and represent their constituents instead of themselves and Trump who is not presidentt.

The Senate under Trump and McConnell was a disaster. It is still hampered by Republican obstinance and irrational thinking and their dangerous determination to refuse any Democratic initiative.

Their first priority should be to pass a BUDGET. They shouldn't get paid until then.

There are 1.9 TRILLION reasons

There is too much partison bickering. They all need to move to center and solve our many issues

They are all about maintaining their seats and are voting along party lines

They are completely out of touch with the American people and don't care. I'd love to see them all repalced

They are more concerned about what is best to get reelected rather than what is best for this country

They are not there for We the People.

They are pandering to hate groups to keep power. The real issues are crime, education, and USA First.

They are seeking to borrow more money from China to pay off their donors and hurt our economy and stifle small business. They are in bed with big tech and take huge amounts from them, so they will not stand up for Americans. They require citizens to get tested for Covid to come back into our country but encourage child trafficking and smuggling at our border with Mexico. There are 8 million children in the world who are trafficked and this will increase that number.

they are spending this country into bankruptcy

they are worried more about their political futures than the people they represent

They have all forgotten that they represent their constituents. Our congressmen are in a "pissing contest" with each other and no longer think of their constituents

They need help! Term limits, please!

They need to listen to their constituents and work with both parties to get things done in Washington.

They need to think of the country and not their political party and those who approved of the insurrection need to be thrown out.

They scares the hell out of me for the direction he/they are takeing this country.

They vote party instead of logic.

Things would be better if one party was not determined to be the "party of no."

This is too broad a category to answer as I have mixed opinions

Too focused on pet projects to the detriment of the country. The COVID relief bill is an example. More money is going to overseas projects than to Americans.

Too many new Republicans. Have to get rid of some of them next year.

Too much division in their views of how to run this country.

Too much unecesary spending, over taxation , by goverment will result in my having to leave Maryland

Too one-sided

too partisan. There are issues that affect the whole country that should not be held up in congress (infrastructure, coronavirus relief, healthcare, etc)

Total CF, s***show (See Vietnam, expressions from the battlefield). A lot of very greedy people running around with their hands out, reaching for more power and money.

Way too much self interest. Too many attacks on each other. I am sick of Nancy Pelosi and her hypocrisy.

We have to get back to bi-artisanship.

We need more action-oriented Democrats and fewer do-nothing, obstructionist Republicans.

We need more cooperation to solve problems, less ideology

We need term limits.

With Congress almost divided 50/50 I am unsure if any major legislation will be passed that improves the lives of Americans

worthless elected people
