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County Survey Show Rise of Crime and Inflation as Key Concerns, Overtaking COVID

A survey of 514 Anne Arundel County residents conducted March 18 to April 1 by Anne Arundel Community College found that compared to last spring, residents no longer viewed COVID-19 as the “most important problem facing the residents of Anne Arundel County” dropping from 35% to only 14%.

The percentage saying “crime” doubled from 13% to 26%, with “drugs” rising from 9% to 20%. Other items identified as being very important included education (20%), the economy (19%), growth/overpopulation (17%), the cost of housing (16%), taxes (17%) and transportation (15%). Until this survey, the focus on COVID-19 had overwhelmed other categories, but as concern with the virus has declined, other issues have risen to grab the public’s attention.

This change in focus corresponded to a rise in the percentage of people said that the situation with the virus was “getting better” increasing from 49% to 78%. The percentage who thought that the pandemic was “already not much of a problem” rose from 19% to 33%; the percentage believing that the pandemic would be over in more than one year declined from 40% to just 24%.

At the same time, the percentage of people saying that they had contracted the disease doubled over the last six months – from 15% to 37% while the percentage of those who personally know someone who has died from COVID-19 rose from 28% to 40%.

There were strong signs that the public was very concerned with economic conditions, especially inflation. A majority (58%) said they were “very concerned” with inflation compared to only 22% similarly concerned with unemployment. People were likely to blame “supply chain problems (42% “extremely important”) and “excessive corporate profits” as causes of inflation. Among those seeking to purchase a house of the last year, a majority (51%) said that supply was very limited and prices were very high. Two-thirds agreed that “wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living.” When asked how Anne Arundel County government had dealt with some issues, 56% said that “making life more affordable in the county” had “gotten worse” over the last few years compared to only 4% who said that it had gotten better.

When looking at crime, only 3% percent said that the situation had gotten better; 59% said that it had gotten worse – that was the top issue among all those considered. When asked how satisfied residents were with public facilities, 26% said “very satisfied” for “public safety” which was lower than trash collection, public water and sewer and parks and recreation.

The survey covered a range of other issues. Several dealt with population growth, land use and additional residential and commercial development. There was a section on the county’s ability to positively affect a range of budget and non-budget issues.

Some state and local topics were broached include the Anne Arundel County Board of Education’s proposed budget, state legislation dealing with climate change and pollution, and the effectiveness of a police accountability board.

Some international topics are covered such as the threat to peace posed by Russia and support for economic sanctions against that country. Election “horse race” questions were asked about the county executive and gubernatorial elections.

The summary of main findings below outlines in greater detail 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** (pp. 88-121). Open-ended comments offered by online respondents can be found in Appendices B-L (see p. 6 for page numbers and topics).

Summary of Main Findings

Most Important Problem Facing County Residents: The rise of concern in crime and drugs and the relative decline of concern about COVID-19 were key findings from this question. Additional details are available in the text (pp. 7-12).

Right Direction/Wrong Direction: The percentage of those saying that the **county** was moving in the right direction was essentially unchanged - dropping one point from 41% last fall to 40% in spring. Regarding the **state**, there was a small decrease from 50% to 49% saying “right direction.” The percentage applicable to the **country** continued a pattern of declining optimism, dropping considerably from 35% last spring to 22% in fall 2021 and landing at just 20% this spring. (pp. 13-20).

Rating Economic Conditions - County, State and Country: For the county, the percentage saying “excellent” or “good” stayed similar to what it has been for the last year and a half – in the 50 percent range. Specifically, it dropped from 57% last fall to 51% this spring. At the state level, there was also a decline from 57% to 52%. The federal level continued a downward swing, down from 44 in spring 2020 to 37% in fall 2020 and settling into a pattern in the low 20s starting spring 2021 (23%) and continuing last fall (22%). The percentage rose a bit to 24% this spring (pp. 21-27).

Expectations for the National Economy: The percentage of those saying that the economy will get better in the future decreased from 46% in fall 2020 to 40% last spring and was only 22% last fall: it rose somewhat to 29% this spring. However, this was combined with a lower “stay the same” value which dropped from 24% to just 18%, with a corresponding rise in the “get worse” value from 49% last fall to 54% this spring (pp. 28)

National Economy Concerns: A new question was added this spring that asked respondents to express their level of concern about various economic conditions. Concern over inflation topped the list (58% saying “very concerned”) followed by “federal government debt and deficit (49%). There was much less concern about the rate of economic growth (29%), the business climate (22%) or unemployment (22%) see p. 29-30.

Major Purchases – Availability and Pricing: Another new question was included in the spring 2022 survey asking respondents to say whether they had sought to purchase a house, car or major home appliance over the last year. If so, was there adequate supply and fair pricing. The choice “supply was very limited, prices very high” was most commonly found with regards to

housing (51%) and car (49%) purchases, rather than appliances (36%). Overall, a large majority found that there were deficiencies in supply and an excess in pricing (pp. 30).

Inflation – Causes: A third new question was added about the causes of inflation. The two causes that received the most support were “supply chain problems” (42% saying “extremely important”) and “excessive corporate profit” (41%). There were partisan differences shaping opinions, especially with regard to the role of corporate profits as well as “government spending on COVID relief (cited by 29%) (pp. 30-31).

Economic Conditions Applying to Respondents: These indicators generally showed a sharp rise in economic distress. Concern about high taxes jumped from 54% last fall to 64% this spring. This was nearly equal to the percentage worried that “wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living - 66% up from 55% last fall and 45% last spring. The percentage expressing a fear of unemployment declined from 15% from 11%. There was a rise in the percentages saying that it was “hard to afford the cost of food and groceries” (48%). An analysis shows the disproportionate impact of adverse economic situations upon lower income people (pp. 32-38).

Coronavirus Section: There is a detailed review of many COVID-19 issues on pages 30-49. These include whether the situation is getting better, the pace of reopening, when it will be overcome, the possibility of people coming down with the virus and a range of other experiences with the virus. There is a review of vaccination status and intentions (9% were not vaccinated “and had no intention of getting vaccinated”).

A question asked about mask mandates and when, if ever, they should be imposed (17% said never, 58% said “at the judgment of public health officials). Even in the absence of mask mandates, a majority said that they continued to wear masks in public indoor venues “most of the time” (31%) or at least sometimes (31%).

There was little change in the percentage of those saying that they were “very concerned about the possibility of someone in your family becoming seriously ill with the virus” (27% last fall, 25% this spring).

There were sharp increases in the percentage saying that they had themselves contract COVID – from 15% last fall to 37% this spring. There was another notable increase in the percentage saying “either you or a personal acquaintance had serious symptoms from the virus: 51% this spring compared to only 22% last fall. There was a 12-point increase in the percentage of people saying that “someone you know personally has died from the effects of the virus” from 28% to 40% (see pp. 39-51).

County – How well has it dealt with various issues: This was a listing of issues asking respondents to indicate whether it “has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse” over the last few years. The percentage saying “gotten better” was generally eclipsed by those saying “gotten worse.” The analysis was divided between budget/economic issues vs. other issues like land use, education and crime. Among the first group, “County outreach to the public on key issues like budget and land use saw a net positive (19% getting better, 16% getting worse). At the other extreme, “making life more affordable in the county” had the largest net negative (4% gotten better, 56% gotten worse

On other issues, the item “handling COVID well by balancing restrictions while securing public health” had a net positive (31%, 24%). Other items had only slight net negatives such as “improving the environment” (16%, 18%) or “teaching about diversity (19%, 25%). The largest net negatives were for “controlling crime” (3%, 59%) and reducing traffic congestion (3%, 58%) (pp. 52-58).

Population Growth Rates: A question asked the respondents to offer their views about the ideal population growth rate for the county. A majority (60%) said either “no more population growth is needed” (34%) or “some more growth but much less than the current rate (26%) (p.59).

Residential and Commercial Development: Respondents were asked to say whether there was a need for new residential (42% said no) or commercial development (36%). A large group offered that “affordable housing is needed” (42%) or that the “redevelopment of older, existing commercial centers was needed (46%). Other options were explored (see pp. 59-60).

Public Facilities and Development: Most people (63%) agreed with the view that “the county should ensure that there are satisfactory public facilities before allowing any new development.” Another 29% agreed with the view “the county should upgrade public facilities at the same time that it allows new development. The candidate for county office most likely to gain the support of the public was one “who favored carefully balancing population growth and development with public facilities (53%) (pp. 60-61).

Other State and Local Issues

Board of Education (BOE) Budget: A plurality (32%) felt that the BOE’s \$1.6 billion budget proposal was “about right” compared to 28% who said that it was “too much.” Another 14% said that it was “too little” – 26% were unsure (p.62).

Climate Change/Pollution State Policy: Respondents were likely to support a proposal to accelerate the purchase of state-owned electric vehicles and the use of non-fossil fuel sources of electricity in residential developments either greatly (36%) or somewhat (26%). Another 31% would not support it at all (pp. 62-63)

Police Accountability Board: When asked whether a police accountability board to examine complaints against the police would be effective, 61% said either very effective (15%) or somewhat (46%) (p. 63).

Trust Police to Conduct Themselves Respectfully for All: A large majority (85%) said that they trusted the police strongly (31%) or somewhat (54%) to act respectfully (p. 64)

National and International Issues and Policies: International issues were the primary focus of this section. It asked respondents to assess the seriousness of the threat posed by various items ranging from China (53% “very serious) and Russia (78%) to climate change (48%) and the need to focus more on domestic affairs rather than foreign relations (35%) (pp. 65-66).

Sanctions Against Russia: A majority favored economic sanctions against Russia even if higher energy prices result (62%) while another 20% would only favor sanctions without any commensurate rise in energy prices (p. 66)

“Stolen elections”: There was a repetition of a question asked last year about whether respondents felt the election had been “stolen” from Trump (23% agreed – same as last fall) (pp. 67-69).

Job Approval for the President, Governor and County Executive: The survey has asked about job approval for major executive positions for many years. As president, Joe **Biden's** approval was dropped somewhat from last fall (52% to 46%). For Governor Larry **Hogan**, his job approval was mostly unchanged a 76% approve. County Executive Steuart **Pittman's** approval score rose a few points from 45% to 47% (pp. 70-76)

Job Approval for County Council, Board of Education, Maryland General Assembly, Congress and the Supreme Court: The survey extended the job approval question to four legislative bodies: the Anne Arundel County Council (49% approve); the Maryland General Assembly (42% approve); the Board of Education (36% approve); and Congress which had a much lower score (19% approve). The Supreme Court was unchanged from last fall – 42% approved. (p. 77-79).

Trust in Political Parties: Democrats were less trusted than was the case last fall – dropping from 38% to 31% while Republicans rose one point from 28 to 29%. The “neither” score rose from 28% to 30% (pp. 79-81).

Upcoming Elections

Republican County Executive Primary: Among Republican contenders for county executive, Jessica Haire (20%) was up somewhat over Herb McMillan (15%), but most respondents said they were not favoring any candidate yet (29%) or were still too unfamiliar to the candidates to offer a choice (34%) (p. 82).

Incumbent Pittman vs. Hypothetical Republican: Steuart Pittman was ahead somewhat of a hypothetical Republican challenger (30% vs. 25%), but some said that it would depend upon who the Republican was (9%). Many were still too unfamiliar with the candidates (28%) or probably would not vote in the elections (8%) (p. 82).

Republican Gubernatorial Primary: Kelly Schulz had a commanding lead (20%) over challenger Dan Cox (7%), but again many said that were not favoring a candidate at this time (26%) or were still too unfamiliar with the candidates (42%) (p. 83).

Democratic Gubernatorial Primary: The poll showed the contest as essentially between current Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot (13%) and newcomer Wes Moore (10%), with former Anne Arundel County Executive Laura Neuman trailing the leaders (4%). Lack of familiarity with the candidates (45%) and “not favoring a candidate at this time” were the most cited answers (p. 84).

AACC Course Delivery Formats and Term Lengths (pp. 84-86).

Open-ended Comments and Questionnaire: Note that some questions had an opportunity for open-ended responses – these are included in appendices whose page numbers are listed below.

The questionnaire with frequency distributions (Appendix A) starts on page 88.

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Methodology

The survey polled a random sample of 514 county residents who were at least 18 years old. Interviewing was conducted online primarily using a database of members of the AACC/CSLI web panel who have been recruited when conducting previous telephone interviews. The survey was in the field from March 18 to April 1. There was about a 4.3% 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, race, council district 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

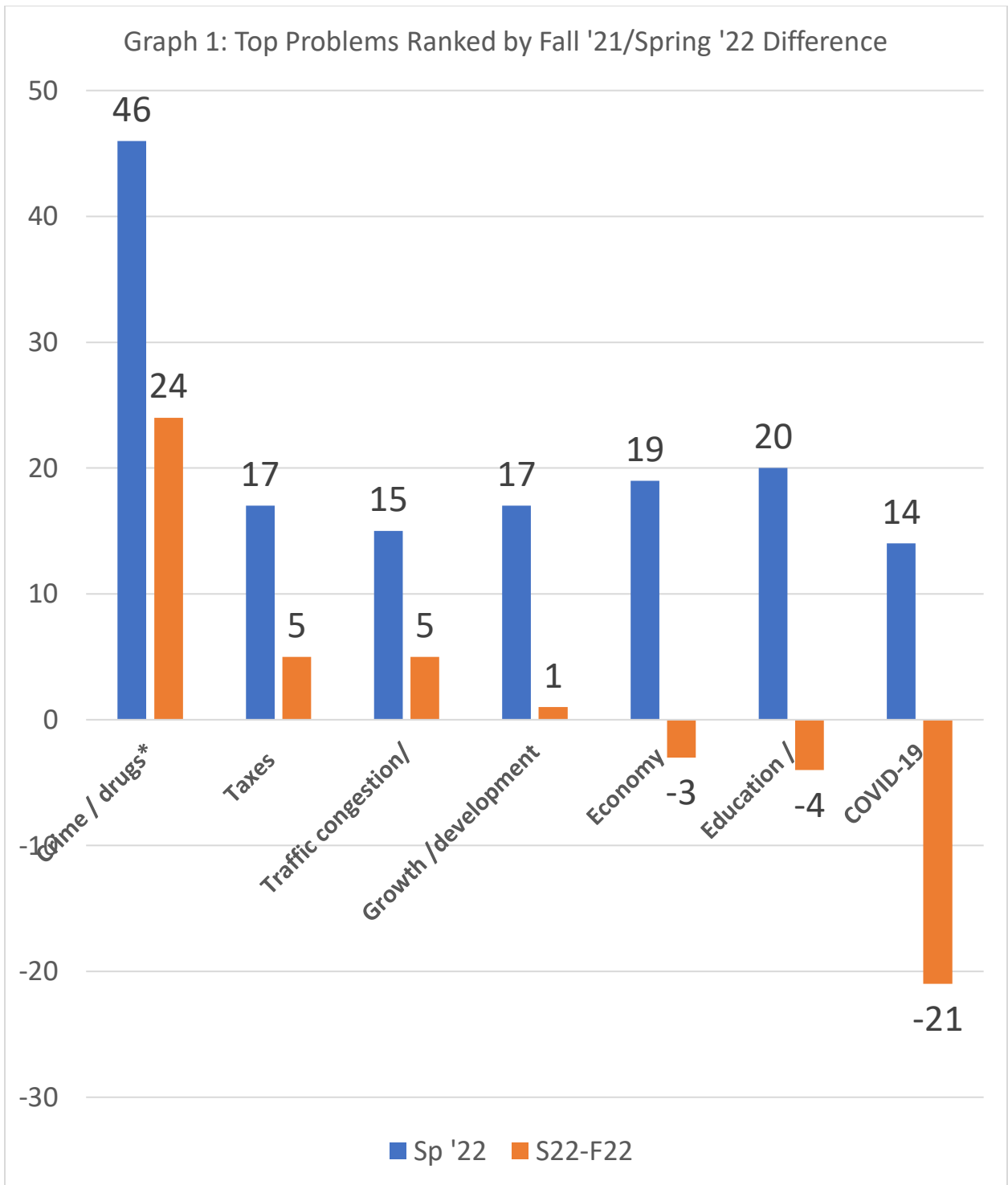
The Most Important Problem Facing Residents – Coronavirus and the Economy Top the List

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 primacy 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 the pattern of survey results over the last three periods since the start of this new format.

Table 1: Most Important Problems Facing County Residents

Problem	Spring '20	Fall '21	Spring '22	Spring '22 -Fall '21
Coronavirus – spread, treatment, testing	53	35	14	-21
Crime (other than drug related)	10	13	26	+13
Drugs (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription painkillers for non-medical purposes.)	11	9	20	+11
Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses)	22	22	19	-3
Education , problems with schools, quality, facilities, staff, discipline	22	24	20	-4
Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay)	11	13	10	-3
Government ethics – corrupt, immoral	9	5	8	+3
Government waste – inefficient, spends too much	12	7	9	+2
Government lacks resources –for roads, schools, services	3	4	6	+2
Growth/overpopulation - too much development, poorly planned	11	16	17	+1
Healthcare (cost, access)	4	7	6	-1
Housing cost	7	11	16	+5
Racism , hate crimes, discrimination	6	6	7	+1
Taxes – too high	12	12	17	+5
Transportation problems/traffic congestion, lack of public transit	6	10	15	+5
No answer, don't know	0	1	2	+1
Other answer - write in: (See Appendix B)	5	2	3	+1

Table 1 shows that there were major changes in perceptions of problems since last fall – primarily based on the fact that concern about the coronavirus (COVID-19) has diminished dramatically, dropping from the clear leader to one item among many. Of the items that has risen the most, crime (26%) and drugs (20%) showed the largest increases. Education remained among the leaders overall although dropping four percentage points. The economy (19%) dropped a bit in the rankings but was still among the top tier, as were “growth/overpopulation (17%), taxes (17%), housing cost (16%) and transportation (15%). Graph 1 shows the overall spring 2022 percentage as well as the change since last fall.



While the economy dropped three points, suggesting that concerns over inflation or other macroeconomic conditions weren't as strong as might be expected, the rise of "housing cost" to a leading role (at 16%) suggests that certain costs were driving concern about the economy. The importance of inflation will be examined in greater detail later in this report.

Graph 2 shows the long-term trend regarding the most important problem. The most striking aspect of the graph – other than the continued drop in concern about the coronavirus – is the rapid and unparalleled rise in concern about crime and drugs. The combined total (46%) exceeded any previous percentage that category had attained, such as during the spring 2017 to spring 2019 during which it peaked at 37 percent, and nearly exceeded concern with the economy (48%) during the Great Recession.

Checking to note whether there was any partisan aspect to the concern with crime/drugs, it seems that this applied more to drugs than crime. For the latter, there wasn't much difference between Democrats (26%), Republicans (27%) and unaffiliated registered voters (29%). However, for drugs Democrats were less inclined to highlight this as an area of concern (17%) than Republicans (21%) and especially unaffiliated voters (29%).

Table 1a shows the time-series in tabular format. Some respondents mentioned other problems as their most important. Open-ended comments about this can be found in Appendix B.

Graph 2 - Most Important Problem: Fall 2010 to Spring 2022

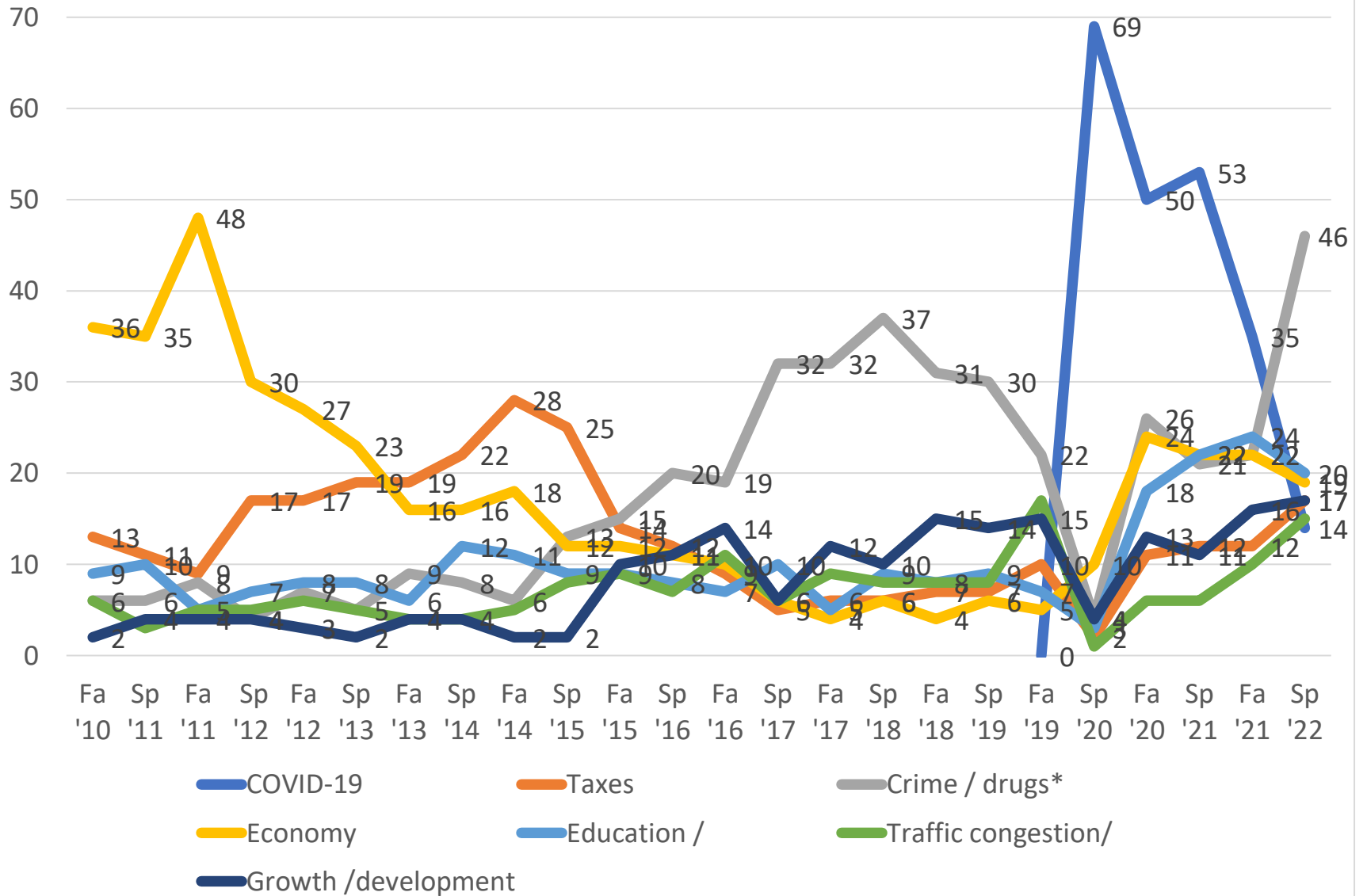


Table 1a: “Most Important Problem Facing Residents” – Spring 2011 to Spring 2022¹

	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	Fa '21	Sp '22	
COVID-19																		69	50	53	35	14	
Taxes	9	17	17	19	19	22	28	25	14	12	9	5	6	6	7	7	10	2	11	12	12	17	
Crime / drugs*	8	4	7	5	9	8	6	13	15	20	19	32	32	37	31	30	22	4	26	21	22	46	
Economy	48	30	27	23	16	16	18	12	12	11	10	6	4	6	4	6	5	10	24	22	22	19	
Education / school problems	5	7	8	8	6	12	11	9	9	8	7	10	5	9	8	9	7	3	18	22	24	20	
Traffic congestion/ problems	5	5	6	5	4	4	5	8	9	7	11	6	9	8	8	8	17	1	6	6	10	15	
Growth / development	4	4	3	2	4	4	2	2	10	11	14	6	12	10	15	14	15	4	13	11	16	17	
Total	100	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	0	--	--	--	--

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

¹ 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 AACC/CSLI community surveys.² 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?”

As seen both on Table 2 and Graph 3, the impact of COVID-19 upon perceptions of local 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.

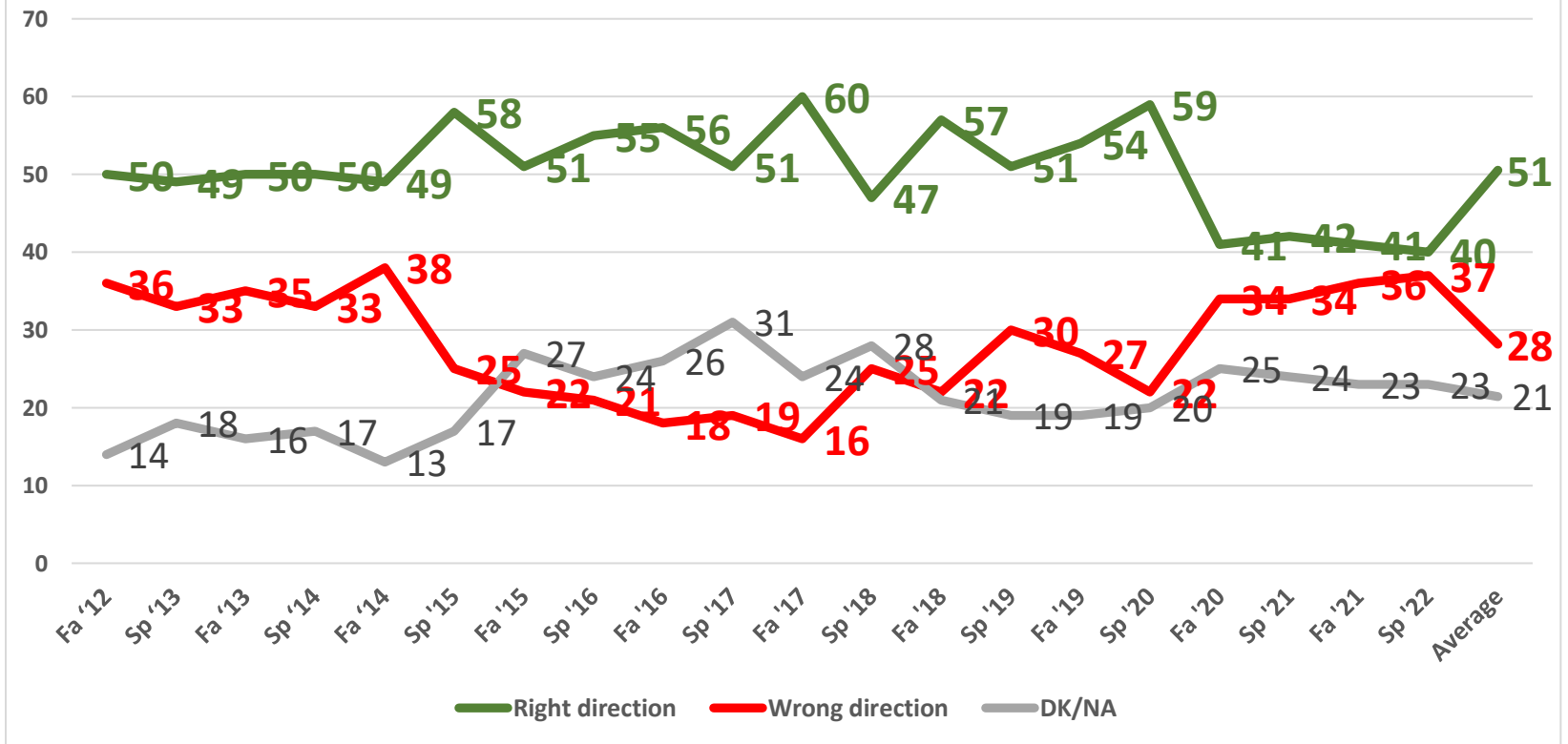
The scores for the county’s right direction question dropped from 59 to 41% from spring 2020 to fall 2020. By spring 2022, the “right direction” score had not changed (40%) despite the apparent reduction in concern for the coronavirus as discussed above in the discussion of the most important problem. The percentage of respondents who say that they “don’t know” remains fairly high (23%) two points higher than the overall average (21%).

² The Center for the Study of Local Issues (CSLI) has conducted these surveys from 1980 to 2022 – the text might make references to previous surveys refer to “CSLI surveys” before the AACC/CSLI moniker was adopted.

Table 2: Anne Arundel County - Right vs. Wrong Direction Fall 2015 to Spring 2022

	Fa '15	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Avg.
Right direction	51	55	56	51	60	47	57	51	54	59	41	42	41	40	52
Wrong direction	22	21	18	19	16	25	22	30	27	22	34	34	36	37	27
DK/NA	27	24	26	31	24	28	21	19	19	20	25	24	23	23	21
Right-wrong	29	34	38	32	44	22	35	21	27	37	7	8	5	3	23
Total	100	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100

Graph 3: Right/Wrong Direction Anne Arundel County Fall 2012 to Spring 2022 (with average)



The search for relationships between the county right direction scores and expectations about the coronavirus yielded a few interesting outcomes. Those who are very concerned about the possibility that someone in the family might get serious ill with the virus, the right direction score was 48%, among those “somewhat concerned” it was 46%. Only those answering “not very concerned” was the right direction score much lower: 31%.

Another question asked respondents to choose a time frame within which the pandemic in Maryland would be “significantly overcome.” Those saying that the pandemic was already not much of a factor were the least likely to say that the county was moving in the right direction: 23%. By comparison, those who said “within six months) (54%) or six to twelve months (65%) were much more likely to say that the county was going in the right direction.

Rather than understanding the “right direction” to be determined just by the occurrence of the pandemic, it seems that the perception of the county was more shaped by the reaction of government: if respondents thought the problem was minor, they inevitably perceived an “over-reaction” on the part of government when restrictions were placed.

The evidence for this conclusion is further reinforced by findings involving the question views about mask mandates in public indoor spaces. Table 2a shows the results. Clearly, those who believed that mask mandates were never (or rarely) justified were the least positive about the county: just 30% and 18% “right direction” scores. By contrast, the figure was 51 percent of those saying that mask mandates were justified when issued by public health officials. Those saying that the pace of reopening of the county was too fast were much more inclined to say right direction (58%) than those who said “too slow” (10%), while those saying “about right” were at 49%.

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

	Too fast	About right	Too slow
Pace of reopening (right direction score)	58	49	10
	Not much of a problem now	Within six months	Between six months and one year
When will pandemic be overcome	21	49	63
	Very concerned	Somewhat	Not very concerned
How concerned are you about becoming seriously ill	51	52	32
Mask mandates	Never	Rarely	Recommend Public Health Officials
	30	18	51
Are you vaccinated?	Fully, boosted	Vac, not boosted	Not vaccinated
	46	31	0

Finally, looking at the relationship between party or ideology and the right direction scores for the county reveals what might be expected: Democrats (58%) – especially those who claimed to be “strong Democrats” (72%) and very/somewhat liberals (62%, 57%) were much more inclined to say that the county was heading in the right direction than were Republicans (20%) and conservatives (very 2%, somewhat 23%). The results are shown on Table 2b.

Table 2b: Party and Ideology with Right Direction

	Right %
Registered political party	
Democrat	58
Republican	20
Unaffiliated	24
Democrats	
Strong Democrat	72
Somewhat strong Democrat	50
Not strong Democrat	30
Republicans	
Strong Republican	9
Somewhat strong Republican	17
Not strong Republican	47
Ideology	
Liberals	
Very liberal /	62
Somewhat Liberal /	57
Conservatives	
Very conservative	2
Somewhat Conservative	23
Moderate (only a single “moderate” position)	44

Table 2c shows the relationship between partisanship and the direction of the county for five surveys: fall 2019, fall 2020, spring 2021, fall 2021 and spring 2022. Looking just at the changes among partisans, there was some erosion of support among Democrats since fall 2019, but it was small and mostly within the margins of error for these surveys (4-5%). However, among Republicans the decline was very severe – dropping from 49% in fall 2019 to only 19% in spring 2022. *Clearly the coronavirus and government’s reactions to it have exacerbated underlying partisan divisions significantly.*

**Table 2c: Party and County’s Direction –
Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring/Fall 2021, Spring 2022**

Direction	Overall					Dem					Rep				
	F19	F20	S21	F21	S22	F19	F20	S21	F21	S22	F19	F20	S21	F21	S22
Right direction	54	41	42	41	40	64	54	59	61	58	49	32	28	24	19
Wrong direction	27	34	34	36	37	18	18	16	18	19	38	46	53	56	64
Unsure	19	25	24	23	23	18	28	25	21	23	14	23	19	20	23

Right Direction: Maryland and United States

Focusing next on the state and nation as shown on Table 3 (which includes the county just for comparison), the state received the highest “right” direction scores of any jurisdiction: 49% - nearly identical with its score from fall 2021. As with the county, the percentage for the state has moved within a narrow band since fall 2020 – the overall drop from spring 2020 was 19 points for the county and 21 points for the state.

The scores for the nation have been consistently much lower than for either the county or the state. In spring 2020, the national score was 27 points lower than for the county and 38 points lower than for the state. By this spring, those values had changed to 20 and 29 points respectively. There was a sharp drop for the national score in fall 2021 – the spring 2022 score shows that this seems like a new floor rather than an outlier.

**Table 3: Right/Wrong Direction for County, State and Nation,
Spring/Fall 2020, Spring/Fall, 2021, Spring 2022**

	Spring 2020	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022			
	Right	Right	Right	Right	Right	Wrong	Unsure/ D.K.	Total
County	59	41	42	41	40	37	23	100
State	70	50	45	50	49	33	18	100
Nation	32	30	35	22	20	62	19	101

Graph 3a shows the longer-term trend for all three levels. The graph shows the small and temporary long-term improvement in right direction scores for the federal government from fall 2020 to spring 2021 while also depicting the falls in scores for both the county and state since the full weight of the pandemic struck by fall 2020.

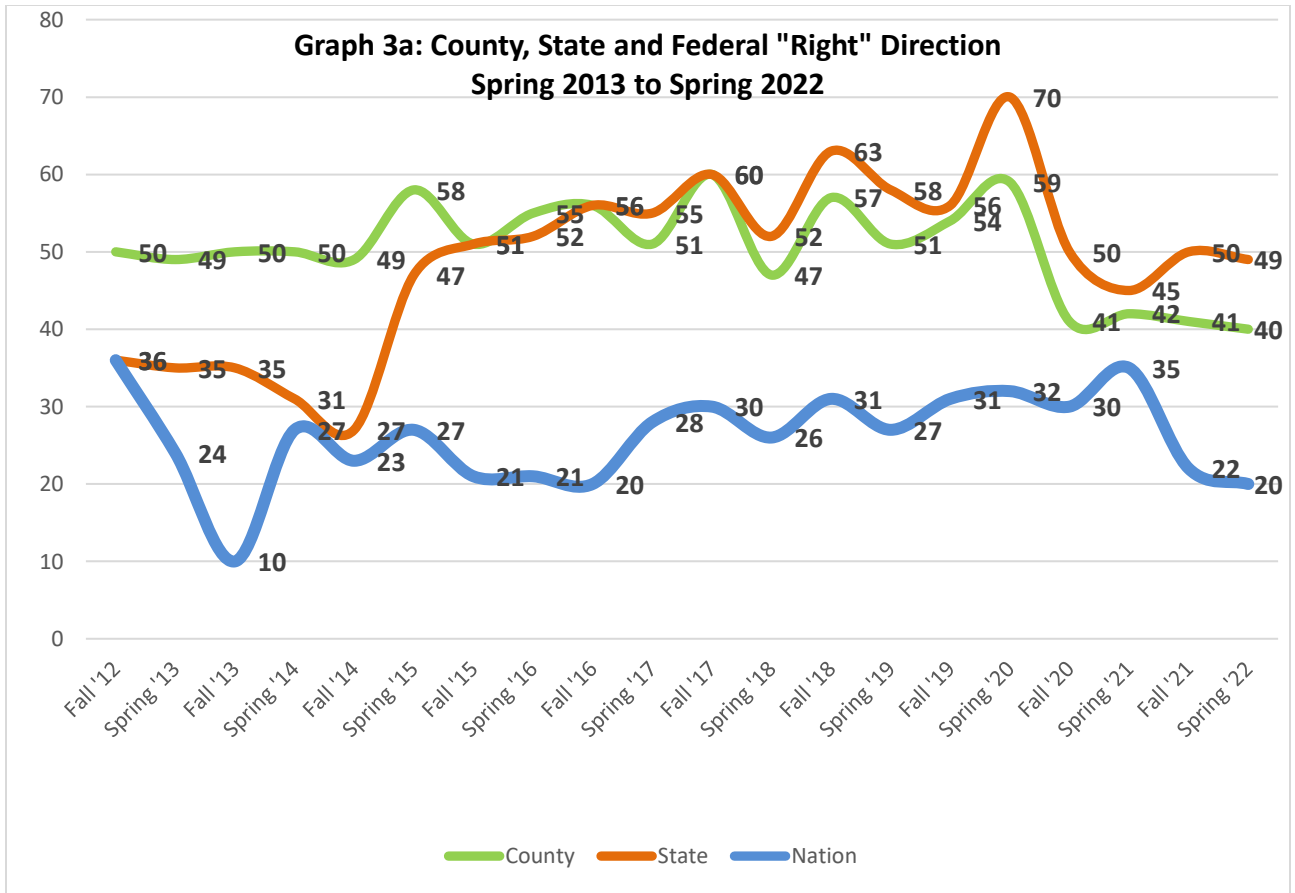
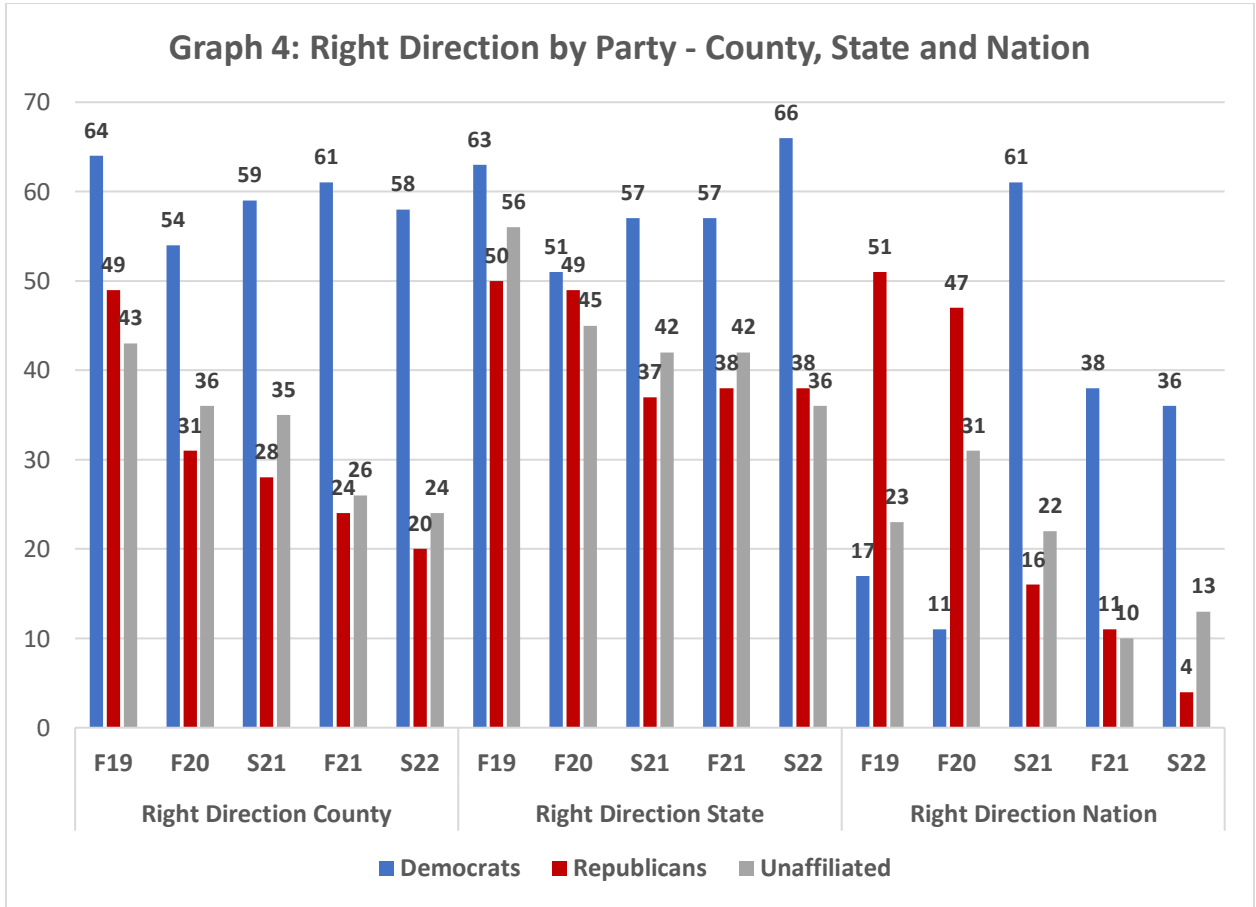


Table 3a and Graph 4 show that Democrats have remained more positive about the direction of both the state (66% right direction) and the county (58%) than Republicans (38%, 30%) or unaffiliated voters (36%, 24%). The gap is particularly surprising for the state of Maryland, since the governor is Republican – albeit not a “Trump Republican.” Indeed, the Democrats’ score is 24 points higher than the Republican score for the state of Maryland. The unaffiliated voters seem much more inclined to view the world as negatively as Republicans.

The partisan slant becomes the most obvious at the national level, where the gap between Republicans and Democrats has been consistently favorable to the party holding the presidency. For example, the Republican gap over the Democrats during Trump’s presidency was 34 points in fall 2019 and 36 points in fall 2020; after Biden’s election, the Democratic gap over Republicans was 45 points in spring 2021, dropping to just 23 points by spring 2022. It is notable that this spring Democrats were so dampened in their enthusiasm about the country’s direction – with a right direction score of just 36 points. As was likely last fall, this reflects the challenges of governing with slim majorities – expectations have been high, but challenges within the Democratic camp in coming to agreement on major legislation may be holding back Democratic support for the country’s direction.

Table 3a: Right/Wrong Direction for County, State and Nation by Party Registration, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring/Fall 2021, Spring 2022

	Right Direction County					Right Direction State					Right Direction Nation				
	F19	F20	S21	F21	S22	F19	F20	S21	F21	S22	F19	F20	S21	F21	S22
Democrats	64	54	59	61	58	63	51	57	57	66	17	11	61	38	36
Republicans	49	31	28	24	20	50	49	37	38	38	51	47	16	11	4
Unaffiliated	43	36	35	26	24	56	45	42	42	36	23	31	22	10	13



Rating Economic Conditions – Anne Arundel County

Since March 2002, the CSLI/AACC 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. 19) and Graph 5 (p. 20), it is apparent that there has been a growing dissatisfaction with the state of the county’s economy using the fall 2019 starting percentage as a baseline. This spring, the drop in “excellent+good” scores from the baseline expanded from 16 to 22 percentage points and marked the largest gap found in the last four surveys.

Graph 5 shows the overall pattern for all three levels – county, state and country. The scores for the county and state have been tending to harmonize – there were separated by only a single percentage point this spring. This suggests that respondents are less able to discern state/county divergences. When looking at the country as a whole, respondents have very different views than they do for the county/state. The national figures remained at less than half the positive scores obtained for the county and state – being in the low 20 percent range for the last three surveys.

Table 4: Perceptions of Anne Arundel County’s Economic Conditions – Spring 2011 to Spring 2022

	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	Fa '21	Sp '22	Av g.
Excel+Good	49	48	51	48	49	53	50	44	57	64	65	60	65	71	68	75	71	73	68	57	54	57	51	59
Excellent	3	4	2	5	3	6	8	4	5	7	8	8	5	9	10	15	12	14	11	7	6	7	7	7
Good	46	44	49	43	46	47	42	40	52	57	57	52	60	62	58	60	59	59	57	50	48	50	44	51
Fair	38	40	37	39	38	35	40	41	33	27	27	34	29	25	27	19	22	20	24	29	38	31	36	32
Poor	12	11	11	12	11	10	9	12	7	6	5	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	4	9	7	9	10	7
Don't know	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	5	2	3	3	3
Total	101	101	100	101	101	101	101	99	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100	101	100	100	100

Graph 5: County, State and Nation - Excellent+Good Scores Spring 2009 to Spring 2022

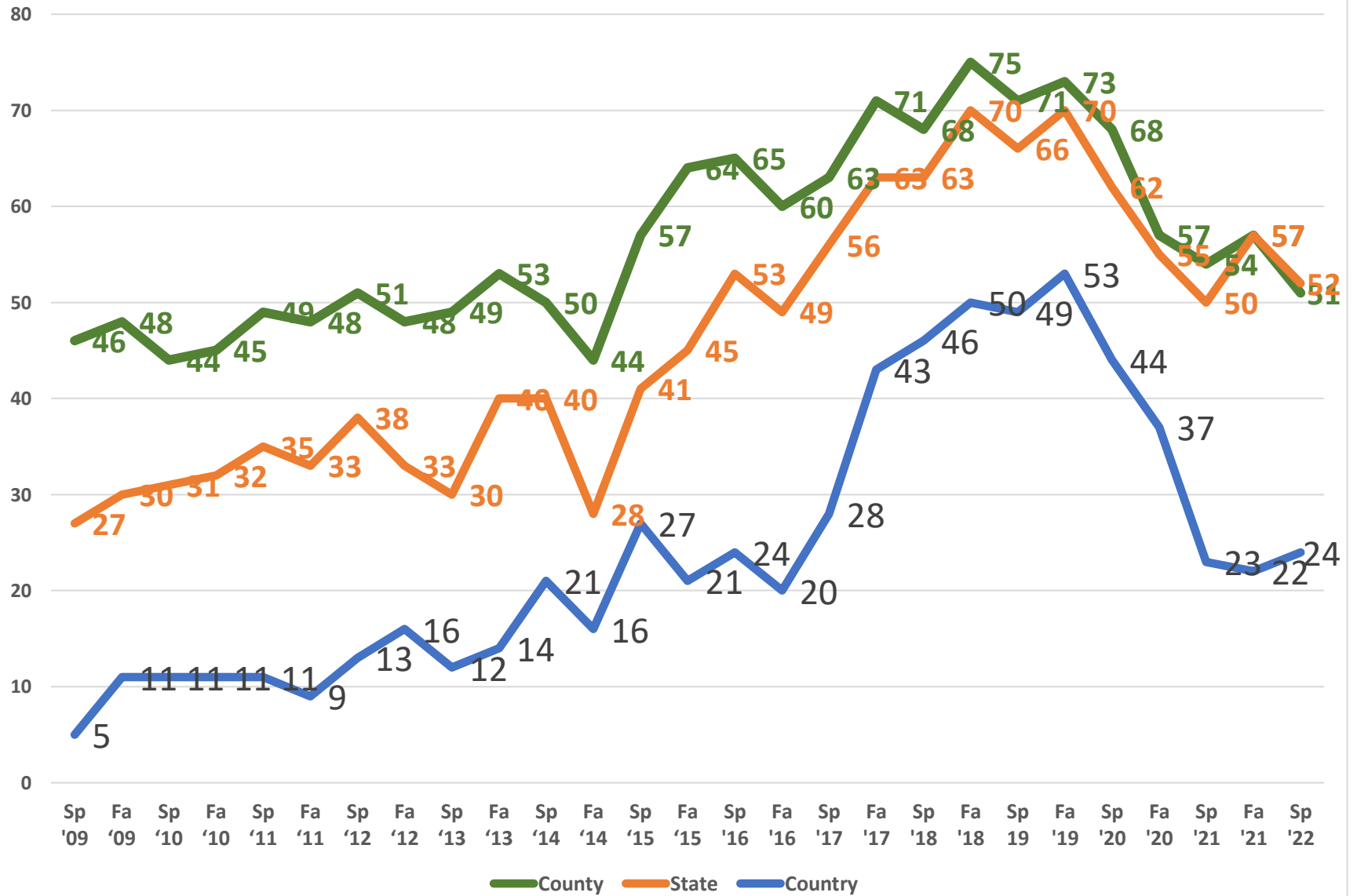


Table 4a shows that the spring 2022 results were down across all party categories. Democrats remained mostly bullish about the local economy – essentially remaining in the range typical of the last four surveys – around 60 percent saying “excellent+good.”

By contrast, there was a sharp drop in scores for Republicans (42%, down 10 points) and unaffiliated voters (40%, down 13 points).

**Table 4a: Economy as Excellent+Good by Party Registration –
Anne Arundel County, Fall 2019, Fall 2020-Spring 2022**

	Excellent+Good					
	Fa '19	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Spring 2022- Fall 2021
Democrats	71	55	59	63	60	-3
Republicans	79	62	55	52	42	-10
Unaffiliated	73	56	46	53	40	-13

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 2022 was down five points to 52% from fall 2021 and down 18 points from fall 2019. As mentioned earlier, the state’s scores have been quite consistent over the last four surveys (see Table 5 and Graph 5).

Table 5: Perceptions of State Economic Conditions – Fall 2012 to Spring 2022

	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	Fa '21	Sp '22	Avg.
Excellent+good	33	30	40	40	28	41	45	53	49	56	63	63	70	66	70	62	55	50	57	52	51
Excellent	3	1	4	4	1	3	2	5	5	3	4	6	11	9	10	10	6	3	6	7	5
Good	30	29	36	36	27	38	43	48	44	53	59	57	59	57	60	52	49	47	51	45	46
Fair	42	41	36	40	40	39	41	36	39	34	29	29	24	25	22	28	32	40	31	34	34
Poor	23	24	21	18	30	16	11	9	9	7	4	5	4	5	5	6	9	7	9	11	12
Don't know	2	4	4	2	2	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3
Total	101	101	101	101	99	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	99	100	100	100	100	100

Table 5a shows that there remain notable differences in perceptions of the state economy along partisan grounds. Democrats continue to be relatively optimistic about the state’s economy – now attaining scores at about the pre-COVID figure. Republicans had been more optimistic about the state economy in fall 2019 – four points higher than Democrats – but have fallen quite steeply to a current perception that is 32 points lower – and reached a low point for the surveys listed on the table. The fall-off in optimism among the unaffiliated voters was also dramatic.

Table 5a: Economy as Excellent+Good by Party Registration – Maryland, Fall 2019, Fall 2020 to Spring 2022

	Excellent+Good					
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2022-Fall 2021
Democrats	69	47	55	62	70	+8
Republicans	73	67	49	50	41	-9
Unaffiliated	68	45	48	42	36	-6

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 (p. 24), the national level has reached an apparently consistent but low threshold of expectations – with the “excellent or good” scores lingering between 22 and 24 percent over the last three surveys.

As shown on Table 6, partisan differences have moved considerably since fall 2019. At that time, Republicans were especially optimistic as 72% said “excellent or good.” Democrats were the least optimistic at that time at just 40%. Democrats subsequently have dropped seven points over that period although they moved up 14 points since spring 2021. In fall 2019, unaffiliated respondents weren’t far from Democrats at 48%. This spring, unaffiliated voters were down 20 points from fall 2019, but up 8 points from fall 2021.

Since the switch in administrations in 2021, it is not surprising to find Republicans to be the least optimistic by spring 2022 as their positive score dropped 58 points since fall 2019. Their score has stayed at only 14% for the last two surveys.

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

	Excellent+Good					
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2022-Fall 2021
Democrats	40	9	19	30	33	+3
Republicans	72	59	24	14	14	0
Unaffiliated	48	46	24	20	28	+8

Table 6a: Perceptions of National Economic Conditions– Spring 2013 to Spring 2022

	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	Fa '21	Sp '22	Avg.
Excellent+ Good	12	14	21	16	27	21	24	20	28	43	46	50	49	53	44	37	23	22	24	30
Excellent	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	7	13	12	16	9	8	2	2	3	5
Good	10	13	20	15	24	20	23	19	27	40	39	37	37	37	35	28	21	20	21	26
Fair	38	31	41	42	32	40	40	38	46	40	36	33	33	30	31	30	45	38	37	37
Poor	47	55	37	40	37	36	34	40	23	17	17	13	16	12	20	32	27	36	36	30
Don't know	3	1	1	2	4	3	2	3	4	1	2	3	3	5	6	3	4	3	3	3
Total	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	101	101	101	101	99	101	100	101	101	100	99	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?”

Unlike the transition from spring 2021 to fall 2021, when the “improve” score dropped 18 points, changes from fall 2021 to spring 2022 have been milder. The “improve” score moved up seven points to 29%. However, the “worse” score also increased five points. Overall, the relatively negative expectations for the national economy have remained.

Table 7: Expectations for National Economy

	Scores					
	Spring 2020	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2022-Fall 2021
Improve	41	46	40	22	29	+7
Stay the same	23	16	20	24	18	-6
Worse	27	17	34	49	54	+5
Unsure	9	21	6	6	0	-6
Total	100	100	100	101	101	

As was shown in the discussion about the direction of the national economy, no political category was optimistic. The same is true regarding this question:

- Among Democrats, only 45% thought that the economy would improve (up from 35% last fall)
- Among Republicans, the figure was just 9% (from 8%)
- Among unaffiliated, the percentage rose one point to 18%, but when combined with the score for “same” was 37% compared to 62% for Democrats and just 25% among Republicans.

Concern for Specific Economic Conditions Related to the National Economy

The spring 2022 survey included a new section relevant to the national economy focusing on respondents' perceptions of factors such as inflation, unemployment, federal deficits and other factors when thinking about aspects of the national economy. Respondents were asked to say whether they were very, somewhat or not very concerned about the factors identified in Table 7a.

Table 7a: Concern About Economic Factors

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Unsure/don't know
Inflation	58	36	4	2
Unemployment	22	36	41	1
Business climate	22	50	24	4
Federal government debt and deficit	49	30	18	3
Rate of economic growth	29	52	16	3

Clearly, the concern for inflation dominated the survey with a “very concerned” score of 58% and a “not very concerned” score of just four points. Federal government debt and deficits were the second most concerning factor: 49 percent said “very” concerned and only 18 percent said, “not very concerned.” Of lesser concern were “rate of economic growth” (29% very concerned, 16% not very concerned), unemployment (22%, and 41%) and business climate (22% and 24%).

Looking at partisan divides, it is apparent that Democrats were generally more optimistic about the national economy: only 40% were very concerned about inflation and 29% about federal debt and deficits. By contrast, Republicans were about equally pessimistic about inflation (79%) and federal debt and deficits (76%). Unaffiliated voters were closer to Republican positions (69% and 62%).

The next part of this section asked the question, “Over the last year, if you have shopped for either a house, a car, or major home appliances for your own, which of the following best describes your shopping experience?”

As shown on Table 7b, people were slightly more likely to shop for major home appliances (48%) than either a car (46%) or a house (36%).

In all cases, buyers were not likely to say that the “supply was good, prices fair.” House buyers were the most pessimistic, with a majority (51%) saying that “supply was very limited, prices very high.” Among car purchasers, the percentage was similar (49%), but there were more respondents willing to say that supply was good/prices fair (11%) than was the case among house buyers (3%). Purchasers of major home appliances were the least pessimistic with only 36% claiming supply was very limited and prices very high. Overall, it seems that home and car purchases were those items that respondents felt had been most sharply affected by inflation and shortages.

Table 7b: House, Car and Major Home Appliances – Economic Perceptions

	Supply was good, prices fair	Supply was limited, prices rather high	Supply was very limited, prices very high
House (36%)	3	46	51
Car (46%)	11	40	49
Major home appliances (48%)	16	48	36

The last part of this section asked, “Thinking about the causes of recent inflation, indicate how important the following items have been...” The items are listed in Table 7c.

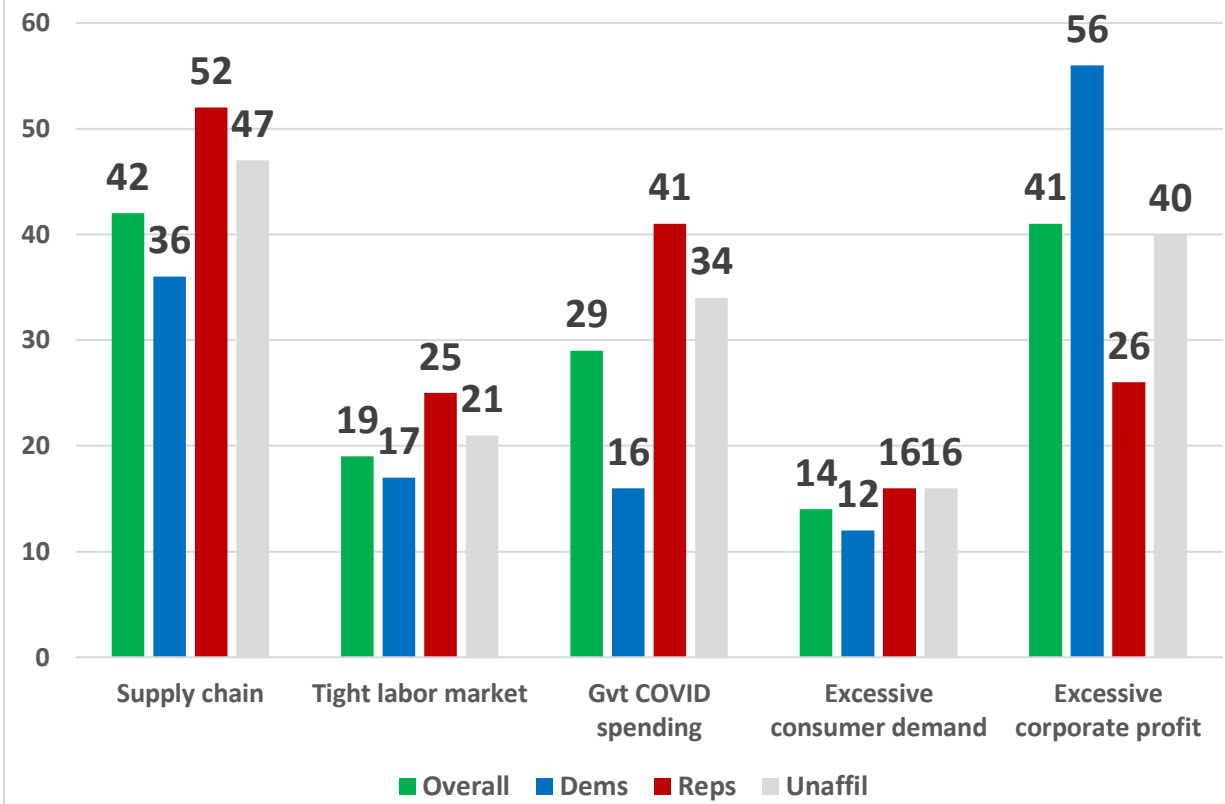
Table 7c: Causes of Inflation

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important	Unsure/don't know
Supply chain problems	42	36	15	2	2	3
Tight labor market	19	31	26	11	7	6
Government spending on COVID relief	29	22	22	11	13	4
Excessive consumer demand	14	30	30	14	8	4
Excessive corporate profit	41	23	13	11	8	5

Two elements were clearly those most likely to be seen as inflation culprits: “supply chain problems” and “excessive corporate profit.” These two had the highest “extremely important” scores (42% and 41%). Graph 6 displays partisan divisions for these items.

The sharpest partisan divides followed somewhat predictable lines: Republicans were apt to blame excessive government spending on COVID – a 25-point difference separated them from Democrats. The latter were prone to place the blame on corporations and their “excessive profit.” A 30-point gap separated the two parties on that measure. A less predictable 16-point gap was found on “supply chain problems” with Republicans more likely to blame this factor than were Democrats.

Graph 6: Factors Affecting Inflation and Party Registration



Economic Conditions Applying to Respondents

This next section has been included for several years – originating in the Great Recession and being retained and modified somewhat along the way.

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 show the results for recent AACC/CSLI surveys: Table 7d (as well as Graph 8) shows the results from recent surveys while Table 7e shows a longer time period and presents 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.³

Table 7d has been sorted by the size of the difference between the fall 2021 and spring 2022 surveys. On the positive side, there was a jump in the percentage of respondents saying that they had “Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently” from 32% to 49%. On the negative side, there was a 16-point jump in the percentage of those who said that it was “Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries” (from 32% to 48%). Despite the claimed increase in income, 66 percent said that “Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living” (an increase of 11 percentage points) and another 64% agreed that “Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided” – up 10-points and the highest score received for that item in recent surveys.

**Table 7d: Economic Perceptions Fall 2019 to Spring 2022
(percent saying, “applies”)**

	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '22-Fa'21
Facing the possibility of unemployment	10	15	11	12	15	11	-4
Found a new or better job recently	15	15	9	7	11	13	+2
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate/	33	25	19	23	27	31	+4
Hard to afford the cost of education (from spring 2020 – “beyond high school”)	42	21	25	34	33	38	+5
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	53	46	51	57	54	64	+10
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	47	37	38	45	55	66	+11
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	24	19	19	22	32	48	+16
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	41	40	30	37	32	49	+17

³ 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.³ 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.”

Graph 8: Economic Experiences/Attitudes from Spring 2018 to Spring 2022

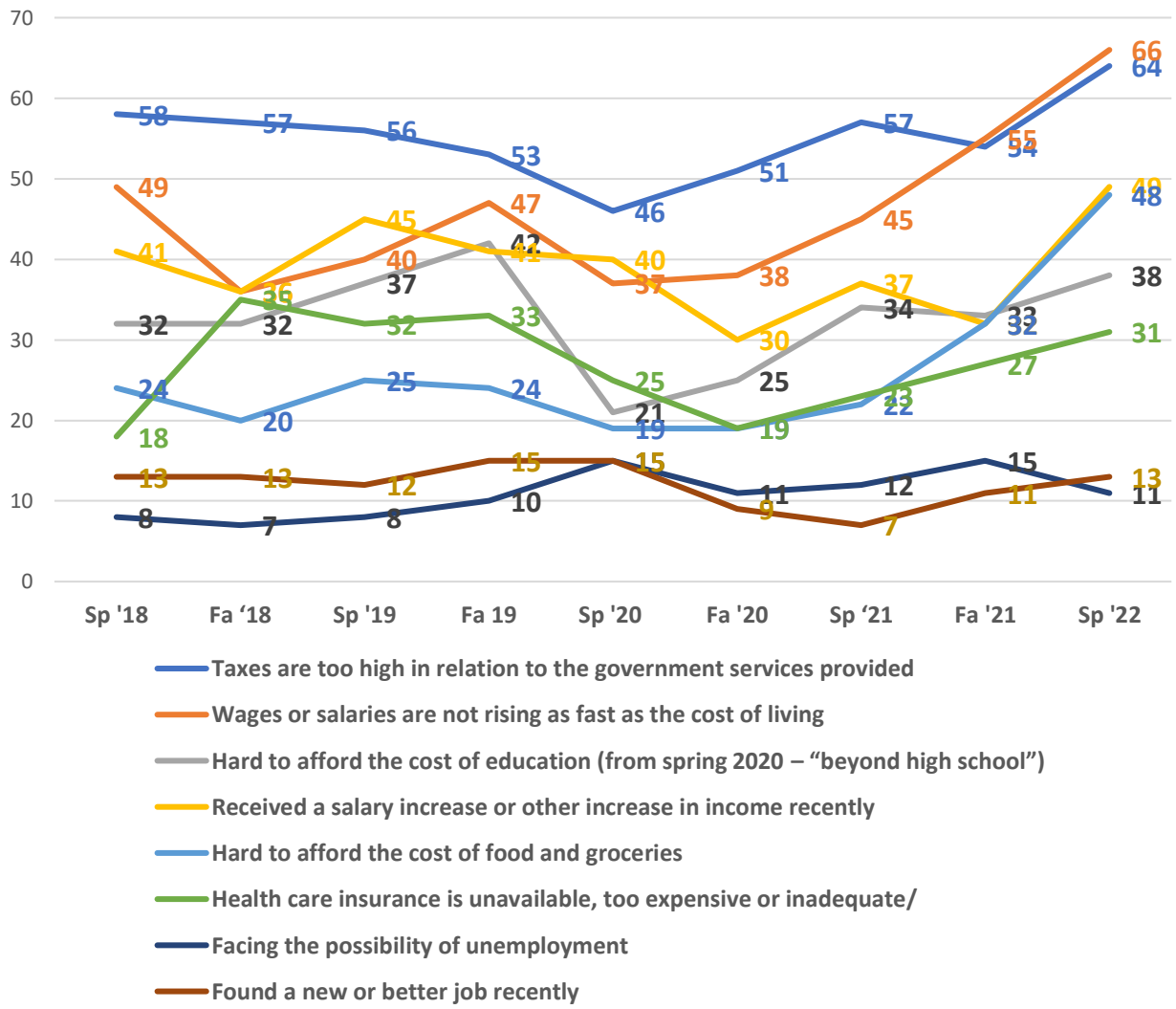


Table 7e: Economic Conditions Applying to Personal Circumstances – Fall 2013 to Spring 2022

Condition	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	Fa '21	Sp '22	Avg.
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	66	65	74	66	62	59	61	58	55	58	57	56	53	46	51	57	54	64	59
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	60	57	63	57	54	58	57	55	49	49	36	40	47	37	38	45	55	66	51
Hard to afford the cost of education (from spring 2020 – “beyond high school”)	n.a.	n.a.	45	41	39	39	40	38	33	32	32	37	42	21	25	34	33	38	36
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	29	36	33	37	34	32	29	31	26	41	36	45	41	40	30	37	32	49	35
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	n.a.	n.a.	33	31	28	30	29	27	25	24	20	25	24	19	19	22	32	48	27
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate/ Unable to afford healthcare or medicine during the last year (bolded starts fall 2016 ends spring 2018)	29	26	40	38	33	38	14	16	18	18	35	32	33	25	19	23	27	31	28
Facing the possibility of unemployment	17	16	17	12	12	9	11	14	11	8	7	8	10	15	11	12	15	11	12
Found a new or better job recently	16	14	12	11	13	10	8	10	10	13	13	12	15	15	9	7	11	13	12
Significant losses in your stock or retirement accounts	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.	n.a.	n.a.	51
Delay in making a major purchase such as a home or car	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.	n.a.	n.a.	45
Hard to afford cost of utilities such as electricity or gas	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.	n.a.	n.a.	40
Hard to afford cost of transportation	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.	n.a.	n.a.	27
Unable to find affordable housing	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.	n.a.	n.a.	12
Facing the possibility of house foreclosure or loss	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.	n.a.	n.a.	7

Party based differences were apparent among some of these measures (see Table 7f). Since fall 2020 the clearest partisan differences appeared on taxes, with Republicans much more likely to say that they were too high – and the gaps typically exceeding 30 percentage points in each survey – and reaching 46 points in spring 2022.

None of the other items show as large a difference although Democrats were more likely to cite the cost of education (+15 points) or salary increases (+11 points). Republicans were much more likely to point to the cost of food and groceries (-22 points) or to say that income wasn't increasing as fast as the cost of living (-14).

Table 7f: Party and Economic Conditions/Experiences Spring 2022

Condition	Overall	Dem	Rep	Unaff.	Gap D-R
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	64	40	86	77	-46
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	66	56	70	74	-14
Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school	38	39	24	52	15
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	49	59	48	41	11
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	48	34	56	59	-22
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate	31	24	29	40	-5
Facing the possibility of unemployment	11	8	7	20	1
Found a new or better job recently	14	14	10	11	4

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 9 shows just the percentages obtained by each group for spring 2022.

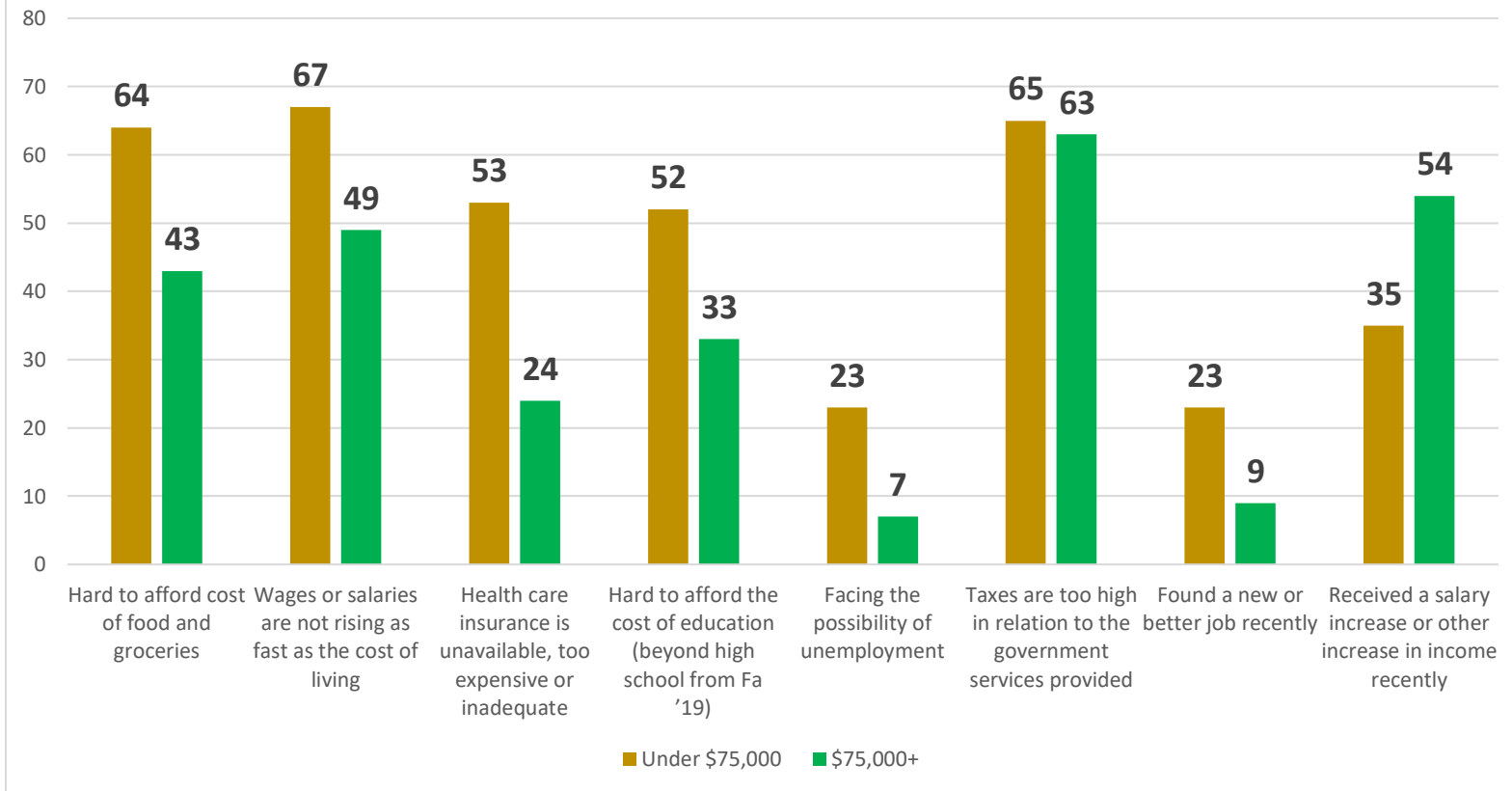
As in all previous analyses of this relationship, it is clear that the desirable outcomes – fewer problems affording goods and services, less concern with unemployment, receiving increases in income – tended to fall predominantly on the side of those with incomes over \$75,000. The item, “Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided” has generally not shown much difference or had inconsistent differences.

Table 8: Income Groups and Economic Indicators Spring 2018 to Spring 2022

	Spring 2022		Under \$75k- Over 75K									Avg
	Under \$75,000	\$75,000+	Sp '18	Fa '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	
Hard to afford cost of food and groceries	64	43	27	21	36	26	28	29	14	23	21	28
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	67	49	11	8	9	25	29	18	21	18	18	16
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate	53	24	14	14	19	11	16	10	10	24	29	15
Hard to afford the cost of education (beyond high school from Fa '19)	52	33	10	10	4	16	15	14	17	10	19	15
Facing the possibility of unemployment	23	7	0	2	3	7	6	10	14	15	16	6
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	65	63	-8	2	3	6	4	-7	-18	-8	2	1
Found a new or better job recently	23	9	2	1	1	8	-7	-3	0	2	14	-1
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	35	54	-10	-23	-23	-10	-13	-15	-13	-16	-19	-18

Note: Desirable outcomes are bolded.

Graph 9: Economic Conditions by Income, Spring 2022



Coronavirus Section

The first summary section 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 but apparently diminishing impact of the pandemic upon residents’ concerns. As the emphasis on coronavirus has dropped, other issues have naturally risen in concern.

Table 8a: Most Important Problem Spring 2020 to Spring 2022

Problem	Spring '20	Fall '20	Spring '21	Fall '21	Spring '22
Coronavirus (spread, treatment, testing)	69	50	53	35	14
Crime (other than drug related)	1	11	10	13	26
Drugs (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription pain killers for non-medical purposes.)	3	15	11	9	20
Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses)	10	24	22	22	19
Education (problems with schools, quality, facilities, staff, discipline)	3	18	22	24	20
Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay)	0	8	11	13	10
Government ethics (corrupt, immoral)	1	7	9	5	8
Government waste (inefficient, spends too much)	2	7	12	7	9
Government lacks resources (for roads, schools, services)	1	4	3	4	6
Growth/overpopulation (too much development, poorly planned)	4	13	11	16	17
Healthcare (cost, access)	1	3	4	7	6
Housing cost	1	6	7	11	16
Racism, hate crimes, discrimination	0	6	6	6	7
Taxes – too high	2	11	12	12	17
Transportation (problems/traffic congestion, lack of public transit)	1	6	6	10	15
No answer, don't know	0	2	0	1	2
Other answer - write in: (See Appendix B)	1	9	5	0	3

The next question focusing on the pandemic asked respondents to judge whether the situation was “getting better, staying the same or getting worse.” Table 8b shows that compared to last fall, there was more optimism that the pandemic was getting better: that percentage rose from 49% to 78%. A new low of just 2% said that the pandemic was getting worse.

Table 8b: Is the Pandemic Getting Better, Staying the Same or Getting Worse?

	Spring '21	Fall '21	Spring '22
Getting better	70	49	78
Staying the same	24	34	19
Getting worse	5	13	2
Don't know, unsure	2	14	1
Total	101	100	100

This survey asked respondents to identify a time period “when you think that COVID-19 will be significantly overcome as a pandemic in Maryland.” As shown on Table 8c, there has been a major increase in the percentage of respondents saying that the pandemic isn't much of a problem now: rising from 17% in fall 2021 to 41% in spring 2022. However, the respondents were still divided with about as many (40%) saying at least six months as those saying that it wasn't much of a problem.

Table 8c also shows the partisan differences about the timeline. For the period under six months, 33% of Democrats agreed compared to 53% of Republicans and 56% of unaffiliated voters. Most Democrats (58%) believed that the pandemic would last more than six months compared to just 22% of Republicans and 36% of unaffiliated voters. These findings reinforce points made earlier when discussing the “right/wrong” direction of the county – to the extent that people look at the performance of local government through a lens of the severity of COVID-19 and the scope of government response to it, Democrats and Republicans will remain deeply divided.

Table 8c: When Will the Pandemic be Significantly Overcome?

	Overall Fa '21	Overall Sp '22	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
It is already not much of a problem	17	41	17	68	42
Within the next six months	16	12	16	7	14
Between six months and a year	27	17	26	11	8
Between one and two years	31	23	31	11	28
More than two years	9	8	10	4	9

County, State and Federal 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 9 shows that the public’s views of how Anne Arundel County has handled the pace of reopening reached an all-time high with 62% saying “about right.” To the extent that public sentiment about the “right” direction for the county is concerned, having a high “about right” score on this variable would seem to reinforce a positive view. There remains some discontent – with about one quarter of the sample saying that the pace was “too slow” – twice as many as those saying it was “too fast.” Strong political polarization about the pace of reopening was obvious as nearly all those who said the pace was “too slow” were Republicans (71%) and very few were Democrats (9%) or unaffiliated (16%).

For the state of Maryland, a slightly lower percentage thought that the pace was “about right” (60%); among those who thought it was too fast, a majority were Democrats (67%), while among those who thought it was too slow, a majority were Republicans (69%).

Table 9: Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Federal – Pace of Reopening

Anne Arundel County	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '22- Fa '21
Too fast	14	17	13	12	-1
About right	56	41	53	62	9
Too slow	28	38	32	25	-7
Unsure, D.K.	2	3	2	1	-1
Total	100	99	100	100	
Maryland	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '22- Fa '21
Too fast	20	22	14	16	2
About right	62	45	57	60	3
Too slow	16	28	26	21	-5
Unsure, D.K.	2	5	3	2	-1
Total	100	100	100	99	
Federal	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	
Too fast	n.a.	n.a.	15	n.a.	
About right	n.a.	n.a.	43	n.a.	
Too slow	n.a.	n.a.	39	n.a.	
Unsure, D.K.	n.a.	n.a.	3	n.a.	
Total	n.a.	n.a.	100	n.a.	

Recent surveys have asked about the mask mandates. In fall 2021, the survey asked about masking – and proofs of vaccination – in public indoor spaces. Table 10b shows the results.

Table 10: Masking and Proof of Vaccination Requirements in Various Venues -Fall 2021

	Requiring Masks	Requiring Proof of vaccination	Requiring Both	Requiring Neither	Unsure/no answer
Indoor dining	22	16	25	34	3
Gyms	17	15	31	34	4
Entertainment venues	17	12	38	31	2

Table 10 shows that there was a consistent one-third of the sample that resisted any efforts to use counter-pandemic measures such as masking or proof of vaccination in any of the three venues mentions. Entertainment venues seemed to draw the most support as 38% supported both masks and proofs of vaccination – compared to only 25% for indoor dining.

Adding up support for all three measures – masking, proof of vaccination or both – there were few real differences: indoor dining was 63% as were gyms. Entertainment venues were just a little higher at 67%.

In spring 2022, this issue was investigated by using a slightly different format. The survey asked, “Which of the following best expresses your views about mask mandates in indoor public spaces like grocery stores, libraries or public transportation?”

Table 10a shows the answer choices and their associated percentages. The most cited answer (58%) was “Should be imposed at the judgment of public health officials.” Most of those citing this factor were Democrats (60%) while only a few were Republicans (17%). The two least restrictive answer choices were clearly favored by Republicans.

Table 10a: Mask Mandates in Public Indoor Places – Spring 2022

	Applies	Dems	Reps
Should never be imposed no matter what the conditions	17	9	58
Should rarely be imposed, only when severe conditions are present	21	13	58
Should be imposed at the judgment of public health officials	58	60	17
Should be imposed only when the county council or a similar body agrees	3	57	28
Unsure/don't know	1	--	--

Looking at the relationship between the pace of reopening in Anne Arundel County and the mask mandates, those who favored mandates “imposed at the judgment of public health officials” were also likely to say that the pace of reopening was “about right” (70%), while those who disfavored mask mandates under any condition or rarely felt reopening was “too slow” 52%/37% which was higher than the overall percentage (25%).

In the spring 2022 survey, this question was followed by one that said, “While masking mandates in many indoor public spaces have been dropped, are you still wearing a mask in such places now?”

Table 10b shows the results. The total of those who still wore masks all or some of the time equaled 61% of the sample. This was similar to the reopening “about right” percentage (62%) and the “public health officials” answer for mask mandates (58%). *This suggests that around 60% is the percentage of those who are basically in agreement with the scale and scope of COVID-19 restrictions as implemented by the county.*

Table 10b: Are Respondents Still Wearing Masks?

	Applies
Yes, most or all the time	31
Yes, but only sometimes	30
No	39
No answer	0
Total	100

A national poll asked the respondents to state their agreement with a general attitude about COVID-19: **“It’s time we accept that COVID is here to stay and we just need to get on with our lives?”** The tone of the statement suggests that agreement would tend to be greater among those who don’t believe the pandemic to be a very serious problem or who believe that restrictions aren’t worth the benefit of lower infection rates. Table 10c shows the results. Most people agree with the statement: 67%.⁴ However, there were differences among partisans with only 19% of Democrats saying “strongly agree” compared to 70% of Republicans. While the general attitude of “I’m sick of COVID-19” obtains a majority, not all groups had equal zeal in saying “move on.”

Table 10c: COVID Hear to Stay, Move On?

	Applies	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Strongly agree	39	19	70	36
Somewhat agree	28	38	14	34
Neither agree nor disagree	15	15	10	15
Somewhat disagree	9	17	1	12
Strongly disagree	1	10	3	2
No answer, don’t know	2	2	3	2
Total	100	101	101	101

⁴ This question was inserted into a national poll conducted by Monmouth University. It obtained a very similar figure: 70% vs. our 67%. See https://www.monmouth.edu/polling-institute/reports/monmouthpoll_us_013122/

Experience with COVID-19

Since fall 2020, the survey asked respondents about their specific experiences with COVID-19. Table 11 shows the choices and the percentages for each answer choice. Table 11 shows a vast scope of change in experiences with COVID-19. The percentage who had contracted the disease more than doubled from fall 2021 (15%) to spring 2022 (37%). Nearly every respondent knows a family or friend who has contracted it (79%). Forty percent knew someone personally who had died from it.

Table 11: Experience with COVID-19

Answers	Fall '20	Spring '21	Fall '21	Spring '22	Fa '21-Sp '21
Someone you know personally other than family/friend has contracted it	53	57	59	91	32
A family member or close friend has contracted it	28	47	56	79	23
Someone you know personally has died from effects of the virus	20	30	28	40	12
Either you or a personal acquaintance had serious symptoms from the virus	n.a.	n.a.	22	51	29
You consider yourself at high risk should you come down with the virus	39	30	21	32	11
You have contracted it yourself	2	8	15	37	22
None of these apply	16	10	14	n.a.	--

In the analysis that follows, some variables that might be associated with these responses will be considered.

Table 11a shows the results from fall 2021 for age and the various experiences with COVID-19. There was no real pattern to who contracted the virus – 28% of the youngest cohort contracted the virus, as did 24% of those 50-59. Very few of the oldest respondents said that they had contracted the virus – perhaps the early eligibility for the vaccine combined with a perception of vulnerability led to more cautious behaviors such as consistent masking and avoidance of crowded indoor venues. It seems quite clear that those over 60 provided high scores to the question “You consider yourself at high risk should you come down with the virus” – so there is some confirmation there.

Table 11a: Experience with COVID-19 by Age – Fall 2021

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
Percent of sample	21	11	12	15	20	21
Contracted yourself	28	12	9	24	14	2
Family member contracted	62	76	64	59	46	40
Other person contracted	60	83	68	68	52	46
Serious symptoms	20	51	20	25	18	14
Died from it	12	45	38	28	32	28
High risk	6	30	16	15	30	32

Table 11b: Experience with COVID-19 by Age -Spring 2022

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
Percent of sample	22	10	13	16	18	22
Contracted yourself	44	50	41	38	39	17
Family member contracted	76	76	91	84	77	71
Other person contracted	86	98	99	95	96	83
Serious symptoms	47	55	53	57	47	48
Died from it	16	60	45	47	37	48
High risk	14	21	23	22	38	61

By spring 2022, other than risk factor, all the values were increased for all the age groups, many in large numbers. For example, in fall 2021 only 12% of those in the 30-39 age group claimed to have contracted the disease; by spring 2022, that figure rose to 50%. Only 20% of the 18-29 group had serious symptoms; by spring the percentage had risen to 47%. A much higher percentage of those at least 70 years of age felt that they were at high risk (61%) than was true back last October (32%).

Table 11c again retains the percentages from fall 2021. It shows that a very high percentage had been vaccinated at that time without much distinction for age.

Moreover, it is clear that those 70 or over were the most likely to have been vaccinated. As shown on Table 11c that group was almost entirely fully vaccinated; Table 11d shows a similar outcome. In both tables, the ones least likely to be vaccinated were the youngest cohort – 18-29 (17%, 13%) and those between 50 and 59 (13%, 15%).

Table 11c: Vaccination – Overall and by Age – Fall 2021

	Overall	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
Vaccinated, fully	89	81	93	89	87	91	98
Vaccinated, partly	2	2	0	3	0	0	2
Not vaccinated	9	17	7	8	13	9	0

Table 11d: Vaccination – Overall and by Age – Spring 2022

	Overall	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
Vaccinated, fully and boosted	70	44	41	72	71	87	92
Vaccinated, fully but not boosted	20	39	52	19	14	3	6
Partly vaccinated	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Not vaccinated but hope to be soon	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Not vaccinated and no intention of getting vaccinated	9	13	7	9	15	10	1

In addition, **the survey supports the finding that those who are not vaccinated are more likely to have contracted the virus.** Table 11e shows clear evidence for this for fall 2021. Those who were vaccinated were less than half as likely to have contracted the virus (14 vs. 33%). The survey does not ask whether the respondent was vaccinated *at the time they contracted COVID-19*, so it may be that some of those who are currently vaccinated had contracted the virus when they were not yet vaccinated.

Table 11e: Vaccination and Contracting COVID-19 - Fall 2021

	Contracted	Did not contract
Vaccinated, fully	14	86
Vaccinated, partly	7	93
Not vaccinated	33	68

Table 11f: Vaccination and Contracting COVID-19 – Spring 2022

	Contracted	Did not contract
Vaccinated, fully and boosted	29	70
Vaccinated, fully but not boosted	47	41
Partly vaccinated	63	19
Not vaccinated but hope to be soon	100	0
Not vaccinated and no intention of getting vaccinated	63	35

As shown on Table 11f, those who were fully vaccinated and boosted were much less likely to contract COVID-19 – as in fall 2021, about half as likely (29% vs. 63%). Partial vaccination was apparently not significantly better than no vaccination at all in preventing an individual from contracting the disease (both had 63% contracting).

Table 11g shows some sociological and political variables associated with the various COVID-19 experiences based on the results for fall 2021. Table 11h shows the same results for spring 2022.

Table 11f: COVID Experiences and Other Variables – Fall 2021

Answers	Fall '21	Party		Income		Race/Ethnicity			Gender		School Status for Kids			Education	
		Dem	Rep	Under \$75k	\$75K+	Whites	Af-Am	Latino	Women	Men	Kids in AACPS	Kids Private	No Kids	BA+	No BA
Someone you know personally other than family/friend has contracted it	59	69	51	63	60	58	72	95	66	52	67	77	56	61	57
A family member or close friend has contracted it	56	50	60	65	55	55	57	63	52	59	69	52	54	49	62
Someone you know has died from effects of the virus	28	32	24	25	29	27	34	42	29	26	40	32	25	31	25
Either you or a personal acquaintance had serious symptoms from the virus	22	29	12	25	25	20	35	43	24	20	26	23	20	23	20
You consider yourself at high risk should you come down with the virus	21	28	14	28	21	22	34	17	24	18	18	20	23	24	19
You have contracted it yourself	15	13	17	17	15	15	16	30	14	16	16	20	14	20	10
None of these apply	14	11	20	14	11	14	12	1	15	14	10	0	16	14	15

Table 11g: COVID Experiences and Other Variables – Spring 2022

Answers	Spring '22	Party		Income		Race/Ethnicity			Gender		School Status for Kids			Education	
		Dem	Rep	Under \$75k	\$75K+	Whites	Af-Am	Latino	Women	Men	Kids in AACPS	Kids Private	No Kids	BA+	No BA
Someone you know personally other than family/friend has contracted it	91	93	91	83	93	93	92	89	92	90	98	88	90	92	90
A family member or close friend has contracted it	79	83	80	69	82	81	74	80	84	73	80	97	78	84	75
Someone you know has died from effects of the virus	40	43	42	24	45	39	43	28	39	41	47	36	40	45	35
Either you or a personal acquaintance had serious symptoms from the virus	51	57	45	47	52	50	67	28	54	48	54	40	52	46	55
You consider yourself at high risk should you come down with the virus	32	35	30	30	33	32	20	30	38	25	24	16	35	35	30
You have contracted it yourself	36	26	44	43	35	35	29	53	36	35	40	55	35	32	40

Summary of Findings: COVID Experiences with Other Variables for Spring 2022

This section will highlight differences among the categories included on Table 11g that were at least ten points above the average (or about twice the margin of error). These are noted by being bolded in the table.

Party: Democrats (26%) were less likely to have contracted the disease than Republicans (36%).

Income: This uses the under \$75,000 vs. \$75,000 or over dichotomy introduced earlier. Lower income respondents were less likely to have a family member or close friend contract it (69%) than higher income respondents (82%). They were also less likely to know someone who has died from it (24% vs. 45%).

Education: The sample was divided into those with at least a bachelor's degree and those without. There were no differences that met the evaluation criteria.

Race: African Americans reported more than average "serious symptoms" and below average "high risk." Latinx reported less knowledge of someone who has died from COVID-19, and below average "serious symptoms" – but above average "contracted it yourself."

Kids in school: The only exceptional results involved respondents who said that they had kids in private schools. These people reported higher than average "family member or close friend who has contracted it" and "you have contracted it." They also reported lower than average "serious symptoms" and "consider themselves at high risk."

Concern about Getting Seriously Ill with COVID

Since fall 2020, 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 12, changes between fall 2021 and spring 2022 were small. The percentages show a tendency to reinforce a small diminution of concern with the possibility of someone in a family getting seriously ill.

Table 12: Experience with COVID-19 -Possibility of Serious Illness

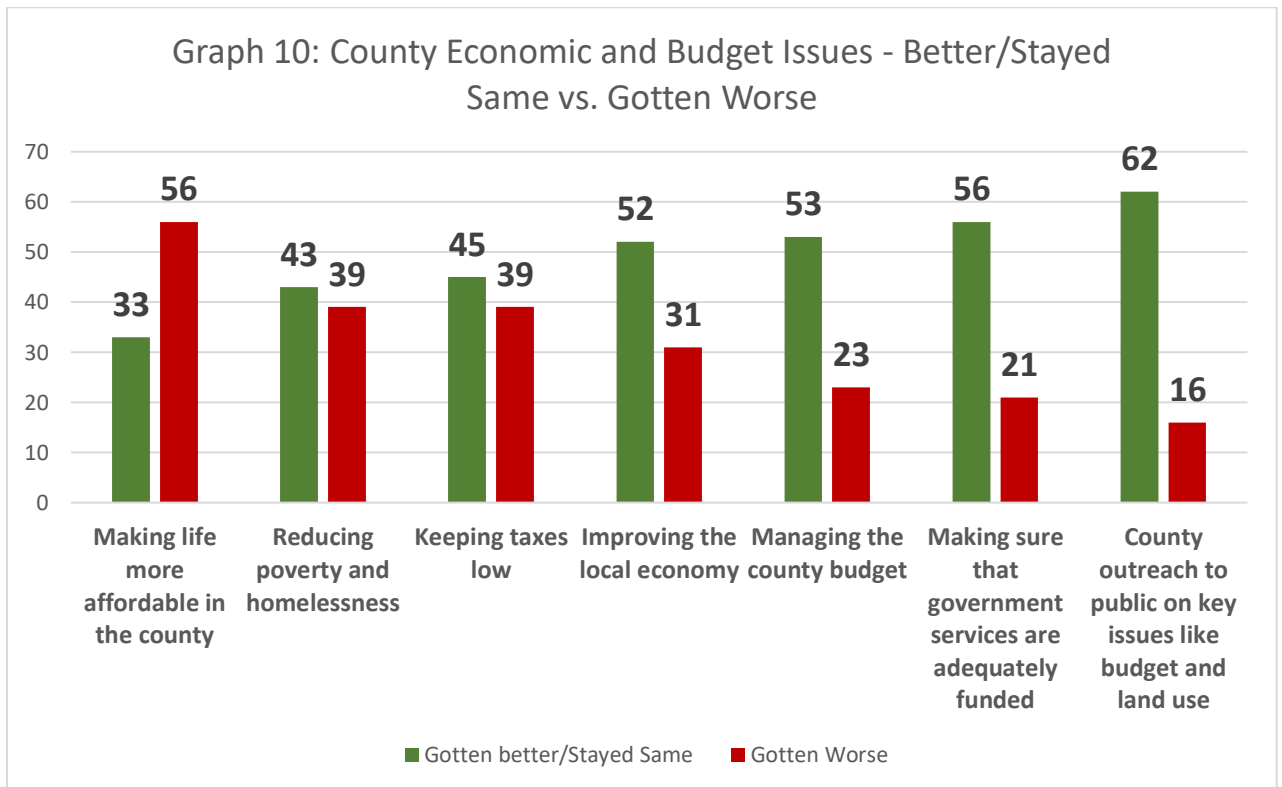
Answers	Fall '20	Spring '21	Fall '21	Spring '22	Sp '22- Fa '21
Very concerned	41	35	27	25	-2
Somewhat concerned	35	39	36	35	-1
Not very concerned	24	26	36	39	3
Unsure, D.K.	0	1	0	2	2
Total	100	101	99	101	

County Government: How Well Has It Dealt with Issues?

The next section of the survey focused on county issues. Tables 13 and 14 list a series of areas of concern – respondents were asked to evaluate how well county government has dealt with them by indicating whether the issue “has gotten better,” “stayed the same,” or “gotten worse.” Table 13 lists only those focusing on budget and economic issues; Table 14 deals with other issues.

Table 13: How Well Has County Dealt with Economic and Budget Issues

Answers	Gotten better	Stayed about the same	Gotten worse	No answer/don't know
County outreach to public on key issues like budget and land use	19	43	16	22
Managing the county budget	17	36	23	24
Keeping taxes low	5	40	39	16
Making sure that government services are adequately funded	11	45	21	23
Improving the local economy	11	41	31	16
Reducing poverty and homelessness	7	36	39	18
Making life more affordable in the county	4	29	56	12



As seen on Table 13, respondents weren't likely to be effusive about issues that have "gotten better" since the top two – "County outreach to public on key issues like budget and land use" (19%) and "Managing the county budget" (17%) had relatively low percentages.

Graph 10 combines the two categories "gotten better" with "stayed the same" to better focus attention on the overall picture. From that graph, four issues seem to have been at least somewhat favorable to the county: "County outreach to public on key issues like budget and land use" (62%); "Making sure that government services are adequately funded" (56%); "Managing the county budget" (53%) and "Improving the local economy" (52%). The county wasn't as successful in "Keeping taxes low" (45%), "Reducing poverty and homelessness" (43%), and "Making life more affordable in the county" (33%). These results suggest that the county has done what it could in managing aspects of economic and budget life that are more or less under its direct control – such as managing the budget, making sure that services are adequately funded or conducting public outreach – but the underlying inflationary economic situation still induces respondents to claim that taxes are too high or that life in the county isn't getting "more affordable."

Table 13a shows the partisan impact on the answers. Again, combining the "gotten better" and "stayed the same" answer categories together, we can see the results: Democrats were more likely than either Republicans or unaffiliated voters to choose this combined category. The difference peaked with regards to "keeping taxes low" (32-point difference) and was smallest on "County outreach to public..." (15-point difference). Republicans were the most likely (53%) to agree with the latter choice as well as "Making sure that government services are adequately funded" (45%). Generally, unaffiliated voters were somewhat closer to Republican percentages on items such as "improving the local economy" or "reducing poverty and homelessness."

Table 13a: How Well Has County Dealt with Economic and Budget Issues by Party

Answers	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.	D-R
County outreach to public on key issues like budget and land use	62	68	53	55	15
Managing the county budget	54	63	40	50	23
Keeping taxes low	45	60	28	40	32
Making sure that government services are adequately funded	57	63	45	52	18
Improving the local economy	53	68	35	41	25
Reducing poverty and homelessness	44	53	33	32	20
Making life more affordable in the county	33	41	21	29	20

Note: The percentage saying "No answer, don't know" ranged from 12 to 24 percent – the percentages are based on the total sample including those without an opinion.

Last fall, the AACC/CSLI survey asked about familiarity with the budget. The survey asked respondents to identify **how familiar they were with the county’s budget**. Only 6% said “very familiar” – about equal proportions were divided between “somewhat familiar” (40%) and “not so familiar” (38%). Another 17% said “not at all familiar.” Thus, the level of information that respondents had in making judgments about budget issues with the county might be limited by the lack of knowledge about budgets. Last fall, those who claimed to be the most familiar (very+somewhat) were:

- **Higher income** (50% for those with incomes over \$75K, 37% for those with less income)
- **More educated** (51% for those with at least a B.A., 34% for those without)
- **Men** (49% vs. 35% for women)
- **Older people** (over 50% for those between 50 and 70, compared to only 16% for those under 30)

To see whether there were any differences by income, education, gender and age for the budget related items included in the spring 2022 poll, Table 13b lists those items by the percentage providing a response to the combined “getting better” or “stayed the same” answer categories.

- **Income** did not result in any meaningful differences among those earning less than \$75,000 and those earning \$75,000 or more
- **Education** did produce some consistent differences with those with a four-year college degree or more being consistently more favorable to the county’s performance.
- **Gender** did not show differences.
- **Age** groups varied: the most favorable were those between 30-39; the least favorable to the county were those 40-49.

Based on the results from the fall 2021 survey and the spring 2022 survey, it seems that those who were most familiar with the budget were those with more education – and they were also the group with the highest average appraisal of the county’s performance.

Table 13b: How Well Has County Dealt with Economic and Budget Issues by Party by Other Variables

Answers	Overall	Income		Education		Gender		Age					
		<\$75K	\$75+	No BA	BA+	Men	Women	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
County outreach to public on key issues like budget and land use	62	57	63	56	69	63	63	58	66	50	60	82	63
Managing the county budget	54	51	54	46	62	54	55	45	63	45	55	65	58
Keeping taxes low	45	43	45	37	53	45	44	37	41	49	43	42	53
Making sure that government services are adequately funded	57	61	55	50	64	58	57	65	62	45	59	47	55
Improving the local economy	53	53	53	43	63	53	54	57	63	54	49	47	50
Reducing poverty and homelessness	44	39	45	35	53	46	43	41	63	42	47	40	37
Making life more affordable in the county	33	33	32	28	37	33	33	38	29	25	32	23	41
Average	50	48	50	42	57	50	50	49	55	44	49	49	51

Note: Bolded numbers are those at least 10 points above or below the overall score.

Table 14 shows the results for the other battery of non-budget/economic issues whose answer choices were identical to those shown on Table 13.

Table 14: How Well Has County Other Issues

Answers	Gotten better	Stayed about the same	Gotten worse	No answer/don't know
Handling COVID well by balancing restrictions while securing public health	31	39	24	6
Teaching about diversity in a fair and balanced way	19	30	26	25
Improving the environment	16	52	18	14
Ensuring police respect for all citizens	13	53	17	18
Reducing the opioid epidemic	9	34	37	19
Effectively dealing with climate change	9	52	19	21
Improving the overall quality of life in AA County	9	51	31	10
Making sure that parents have enough say in the education of their children	8	39	31	22
Managing growth and development	8	39	42	11
Improving the efficiency of local govt.	8	39	33	19
Improving the academic performance of our children	7	31	44	18
Reducing traffic congestion	3	32	58	6
Controlling crime	3	30	59	9

Graph 11 consolidates the “gotten better” and “stayed the same” categories and ranks them. Clearly, there are some issues that have been more appreciated by the public than others. The highest positive marks were received by:

- Handling COVID well by balancing restrictions while securing public health (70%)
- Improving the environment (68%)
- Ensuring police respect for all citizens (66%)
- Effectively dealing with climate change (61%)
- Improving the overall quality of life in Anne Arundel County (60%)

While those were the issues with the greatest support, a few others had more support than opposition possibly due to high “don’t know” scores:

- Teaching about diversity in a fair and balanced way (49% vs. 26%)
- Improving the efficiency of local government (47% vs. 33%)
- Managing growth and development (47% vs. 42%)
- Making sure that parents have enough say in the education of their children (47% vs. 31%)
- Reducing the opioid epidemic (43% vs. 37%).

There were several issues for which the county scores were negative:

- Improving the academic performance of our children (38% vs. 44%)
- Reducing traffic congestion (35% vs. 58%)
- Controlling crime (33% vs. 59%).

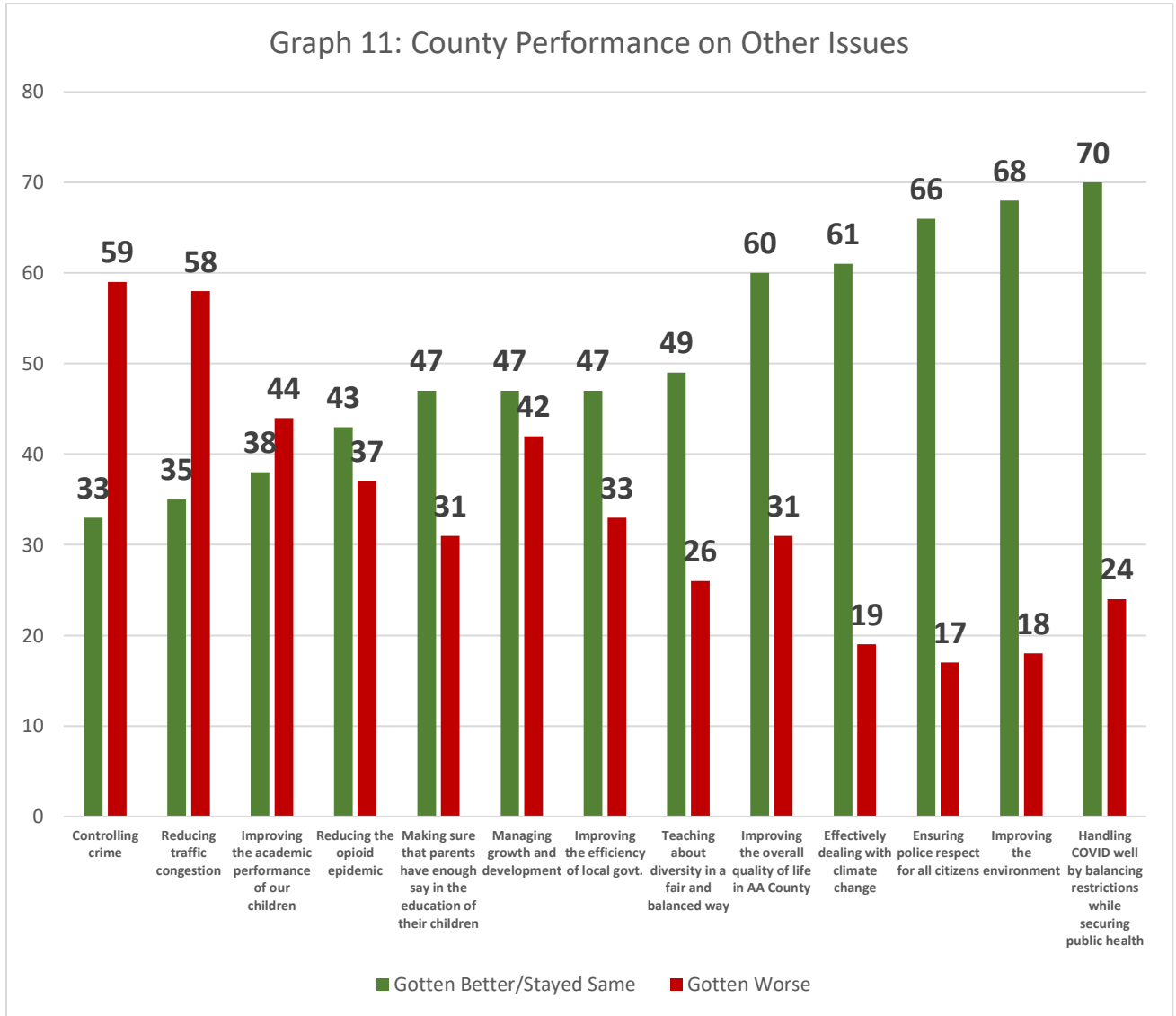


Table 14a shows the scores by party registration. In all cases, Democrats were more likely to choose the “gotten better” and “stayed the same” combined answer than either Republicans or unaffiliated voters.

The greatest partisan contrasts in combined scores were the following:

- Handling COVID well (86% for Democrats, 48% for Republicans)
- Making sure that parents have enough say in the education of their children (59%, 25%)
- Improving the efficiency of county government (61%, 28%)
- Teaching about diversity in a fair and balanced way (60%, 31%)
- Improving the overall quality of life in AA County (74%, 45%)
- Reducing the opioid epidemic (53%, 26%)
- Controlling crime (42%, 18%)
- Improving the academic performance of our children (45%, 24%)

Some issues had a much smaller partisan divergence:

- Improving the environment (73%, 62%)
- Effectively dealing with climate change (64% 59%)
- Ensuring police respect for all citizens (66%, 65%).

Table 14a: How Well Has County Dealt with Economic and Budget Issues by Party

Answers	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.	D-R
Improving the academic performance of our children	38	45	24	41	21
Making sure that parents have enough say in the education of their children	47	59	25	42	34
Teaching about diversity in a fair and balanced way ⁵	50	60	31	46	29
Reducing traffic congestion	35	41	23	35	18
Controlling crime	33	42	18	32	24
Ensuring police respect for all citizens	66	66	65	71	1
Reducing the opioid epidemic	43	53	26	44	27
Handling COVID well by balancing restrictions while securing public health	70	86	48	70	38
Improving the environment	68	73	62	70	11
Effectively dealing with climate change	61	64	59	56	5
Managing growth and development	47	55	39	34	16
Improving the efficiency of local govt.	48	61	28	47	33
Improving the overall quality of life in AA County	59	74	45	46	29

⁵ On this question there were some differences by race: whites 48%, African Americans 57%, Latino 65%.

Population Growth and Land Use

A section of the survey asked respondents to offer their views dealing with certain aspects of growth and land use.

The first question in this section asked, “Over the last decade, the county’s rate of population growth has been about 1 percent per year. Which of the following best describes your views about the ideal population growth rate for the County?”

Table 15 shows the results. Combining the percentages for the top two answers, 60% wanted a slower growth rate, while only 26% wanted the current or a higher growth rate. Partisan differences were minor: Republicans were more likely to favor no population growth (42%) than Democrats (33%) but otherwise partisan differences were very small.

Table 15: Ideal Population Growth Rate

No more population growth is needed	34
Some more growth but much less than the current rate	26
About the current rate of growth	23
Significantly higher than the current growth rate	3
Unsure/don't know	15
Total	101

The next two questions asked about additional residential and commercial development “in your area or community.”

Table 15a shows the results for residential development. Respondents could choose more than one answer, so totals exceed 100 percent.

Table 15a: Views About Residential Development

No new residential development is needed now	42
Single family homes are needed	21
Condominiums or apartments are needed	13
Affordable housing is needed	42
Redevelopment in previously developed areas is needed	27
Unsure/don't know	6

The percentage choosing the “no residential growth” was smaller (42%) than the low/no growth percentage in Table 15 (60%), but larger than the “no population growth” percentage (32%). Among the other choices, two stand out: affordable housing (42%) and redevelopment of previously developed areas (27%).

Looking next at commercial development, Table 15b shows the results.

Table 15a: Views About Residential Development

No new commercial development is needed now	36
More small retail merchants	31
More big-box and discount stores	7
More restaurants and eating establishments	17
More service providers (e.g. health, legal, car repair, banks)	12
Redevelopment of older, existing commercial centers	46
Unsure/don't know	6

Comparing residential with commercial development, the “no growth” position was less expressed in the case of commercial development (36% vs. 42%). The most favored type of new commercial development was “small retail merchants” (31%) and the redevelopment of older, existing commercial centers (46%). The least favored was “more big-box and discount stores” (7%). Respondents had the option to offer open-ended text answers. See Appendix C.

Adequacy of Public Facilities

Also within the framework of land use and growth, the survey asked respondents to indicate their level of satisfaction with public facilities and whether these are “meeting the needs of your community.” Table 16 shows the results.

Table 16: Satisfaction with Public Facilities

Answers	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not very satisfied	Unsure/don't know
Trash collection/land fill	40	39	14	7
Parks and recreation	30	55	6	8
Public water and sewer	30	41	8	21
Public safety (police and fire)	26	55	15	4
Seniors' facilities	16	31	10	43
Public schools	13	39	28	20
Roads	8	53	37	2
Public transportation	5	21	39	35

As displayed on Table 16, several core county government functions received relatively high scores for “very satisfied.” These included:

- Trash collection/land fill (40%, 79% combined very and somewhat satisfied)
- Public water and sewer (30%, 71%)
- Parks and recreation (30%, 85%)
- Public safety (26%, 81%)
- Among the lowest satisfaction scores were:
- Public transportation (5%, 26%)
- Roads (8%, 61%)
- Public schools (13%, 52%)

Seniors’ facilities had a very large percentage of those saying “don’t know” – this would affect their overall scores in an apparently negative way (16%, 31%, 10%). Taking out this group, the scores improved to 28%, 55%, 17%.

When respondents were asked to choose among three alternatives dealing with how the county should approach public facilities and growth, Table 17 shows the results. The public clearly favored the idea that the county should ensure that there are satisfactory public facilities before allowing any new development (63%), rather than upgrading public facilities in concert with new development (29%), or determining whether there are adequate public facilities after allowing new development (2%).

Table 17: Views About Approaches to Public Facilities and Growth

The county should ensure that there are satisfactory public facilities before allowing any new development	63
The county should upgrade public facilities at the same time that it allows new development	29
The county should allow new development and then determine whether there are satisfactory public facilities over time	2
Unsure/don’t know	6
Total	100

Politics and County Growth

This section included a question about choosing a candidate for county council or executive with different platforms regarding growth and development. Table 18 shows that the most attractive platform was one that “favored carefully balancing population growth and development with public facilities (53%). This was preferred over a candidate who focused more on improving public facilities for current residents rather than balancing future growth and public facilities (32%) or one who favored growth and development to increase tax revenues (7%).

Table 17: Views About Approaches to Public Facilities and Growth

The county should ensure that there are satisfactory public facilities before allowing any new development	63
The county should upgrade public facilities at the same time that it allows new development	29
The county should allow new development and then determine whether there are satisfactory public facilities over time	2
Unsure/don’t know	6
Total	100

Other County and State Issues

School Funding

The survey asked about some other issues involving the county or state. The first of these was about the Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) budget, It read:

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County approved a \$1.6 billion operating budget proposal, which is a 14 percent increase from the prior year's budget. The increase was based on the need to replace previous state and federal COVID related grant funding, to cover the cost of pay increases for employees and to meet the requirements of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, a comprehensive state education law approved in 2021. Do you feel that this funding increase is about right, too much or too little?

Table 18: AACPS Budget Proposal

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
About right	32	48	13	26
Too much	28	11	54	21
Too little	14	19	7	19
Unsure/don't know	26	21	26	34
Total	100	99	100	100

A big segment of the sample could not offer an answer (26%). Otherwise, the percentages were closely divided between those saying “about right” (32%) and those saying “too much” (28%). Looking at the partisan differences, the combined total for “about right” and “too little” for Democrats is 67%, for Republicans it is 20% and for unaffiliated voters it is 45%. These differences highlight deep variances in views about the fiscal management of government.

Pollution and Climate Change Policy

A second question in this section dealt state policies addressing pollution and climate change: “The state is considering legislation that would address pollution and climate change - such as accelerating the purchase of electric state cars and buses, or obliging new residential or development to use non-fossil fuel sources of electricity. How strongly do you support this legislation?”

Table 18a: State Pollution and Climate Change Policy

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Support greatly	36	63	7	27
Support somewhat	26	26	18	40
Support not at all	31	5	69	29
Unsure/don't know	8	6	7	4
Total	101	100	101	100

As with government fiscal choices, there were very sharp differences among those registered to vote. Table 18a shows that among Democrats, nearly all supported this policy at least “somewhat” (89%) with most in the “support greatly” category (63%). Among Republicans, the opposite was the case: only 7 percent supported it “greatly” and a combined total of 25 percent supported it to any degree. Over two-thirds (69%) did not support it at all.

Police Accountability Board, Trust Police

The next question read: “The state has required the county to create a police accountability board meant to examine complaints against the police. How effective in reducing police misconduct will this be?”

Table 18b: Police Accountability Board Effectiveness

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Very effective	15	23	5	10
Somewhat effective	46	54	30	50
Not very effective	24	10	46	28
Unsure/don't know	16	13	19	12
Total	101	100	100	100

Respondents favored the middle choice “somewhat effective” (46%) more than any others. However, there were again some significant party differences, since the combined very and somewhat effective score for Democrats was 79% compared to just 35% for Republicans. On this issue, unaffiliated voters (60%) were closer to Democrats than Republicans.

A second question also involved attitudes about the police: “To what extent do you trust the police to conduct themselves respectfully towards all segments of the county's population?”

Table 19: Trust Police to Conduct Themselves Respectfully to All

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Trust strongly	31	12	56	21
Trust somewhat	54	69	40	46
Trust not at all	10	16	2	10
Unsure/don't know	5	4	2	3
Total	100	101	100	100

The results on Table 19 show that again, the middle position received the greatest support from respondents: Trust somewhat (54%) without too much party divergence. However, the lack of divergence on the middle position did not mean that significant differences between partisans still were present. Republicans were much more likely to say “trust strongly” (56%) than were Democrats (12%); the latter were eight times more likely to say “trust not at all” (16%) compared to Republicans (2%). Unaffiliated voters seemed closer to Democrats (a “trust strongly score of only 21%) than Republicans.

Respondents were given an opportunity to offer open-ended comments about state and local issues – these are found in Appendix D.

National and International Issues

In this section, focus turns to some national and international issues or attitudes. Respondents were asked to declare their approval or disapproval for the issues found in Table 20.

Table 20: Approval for Various National/International Issues

“On national and international issues indicate how serious you consider the following:”

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Don't know
The rising economic and military threat posed by China	53	34	10	4
The threat to America/peace posed by Russia	78	16	5	1
The threat/challenge posed by climate change	48	23	27	2
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	42	41	12	5
The need to focus more on domestic affairs within the United States and less with foreign relations	35	41	17	8

The first question concerning China had a “very serious” percentage similar to last fall – 53% spring 2022 vs. 49% fall 2021. The same was true for the threat/challenge posed by climate change (49%, 48%), and for maintaining US military advantage over all other countries (39%, 42%). The big change pertained to Russia: the question was changed a bit from last fall when it was the “threat to America” compared to this spring when it was “the threat to peace” given the changing international circumstances. A new question was added this spring: “The need to focus more on domestic affairs within the United States and less with foreign relations” expecting to tap into neo-isolationist sentiments compared to those focusing on the US role as a global leader. It received the lowest “very serious” score of any of the items.

Table 20a: Approval for Various National/International Issues by Party

	Overall Very serious	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
The rising economic and military threat posed by China	53	37	73	58
The threat to America/peace posed by Russia	78	78	90	70
The threat/challenge posed by climate change	48	81	12	34
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	42	23	68	45
The need to focus more on domestic affairs within the United States and less with foreign relations	35	24	47	36

Table 20a shows party differences. As in previous surveys, Republicans (73%) were more likely than Democrats (37%) to express apprehension about China – a gap of 36 points. Last fall the gap was similar: 30 points. On Russia, the gap was only 12 points; in fall the gap was 9 points, but with Democrats higher than Republicans. Regarding climate change, the spring gap was 69 points, last fall it was slightly smaller: 58 points. Regarding the military advantage of the US over others, the gap was 45 points this spring; it was 35 points last spring. The domestic vs. foreign relations question was not asked last fall – the gap this spring was 23 points. It appears that Republicans are at least somewhat divided on the weight to be given foreign affairs such as those involving Russia, China and US military ascendancy as opposed to domestic

considerations. By contrast, Democrats are less concerned with China, quite concerned about Russia, not inclined to want the US to focus on military supremacy but more concerned with foreign relations rather than domestic matters at least compared to Republicans.

A final question about international relations was included in this survey: “Do you support or oppose the economic sanctions placed on Russia by the United States and its European allies - given the answer choices presented?”

Table 20b: Support for Economic Sanctions Against Russia

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Support, even if higher energy prices result	62	80	57	49
Support, but oppose if it drives up energy prices	20	7	30	31
Oppose regardless of effect on energy prices	6	5	8	5
Unsure, don't know	13	8	5	15
Total	101	100	100	100

Table 20b shows the results that demonstrate strong support for sanctions against Russia, but with apparent differences among partisans. Democrats were more likely to support sanctions unconditionally (80%) compared to Republicans (57%) and especially unaffiliated voters (49%). Both Republicans and unaffiliated voters appears to hedge their support for sanctions on the absence of any inflationary impact – such as rising energy prices. Democrats were less concerned about such impacts.

Respondents were given the opportunity to offer open-ended comments about any other national or international issue that you consider to be very serious (or to explain their answer for the choices above). See Appendix E.

Politics Section: Elections, Job Approval, Trust in Parties

2020 Elections – “Stolen?”

The politics part of the press release starts with the 2020 presidential election and the idea that the election was “stolen” from former President Trump. Specifically, the question asked was: **“Do you agree with the former President Trump that he actually won the last election and that it was “stolen” from him?”** This question was asked in spring and fall 2021 as well as spring 2022. Table 21 compares the results for the three surveys and includes a breakdown by party registration.

Table 21: Election Stolen and Party Registration

	Overall			Dems			Reps			Unaffil.		
	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22
Stolen	26	23	23	4	6	4	43	47	49	32	16	28
Not stolen	74	77	64	96	94	94	57	53	38	68	84	57

Note: Results prior to spring 2022 are only roughly comparable since the question was modified somewhat to include two possible “yes” answers (yes fully agree, and yes somewhat agree), as well as a “Unsure, don’t know” answer. The two affirmative answers have been combined in Table 21. Table 21b shows just the results for spring 2022.

Table 21 shows that there has been a great consistency of view over time regarding Trump’s stolen election claims. While between two-thirds and three-quarters of the samples have rejected his claims, something around a quarter of the respondents have accepted them – in whole or in part as implied in the results in Table 21a. Moreover, it is clear that partisan differences have been enduring - with virtually no Democrats accepting the claims, but around one-half of Republicans accepting them. The results for the unaffiliated voters are less consistent but might generally include a fifth or so of them among those accepting the claims.

Table 21a: Overall Results for Stolen Election Claim – Spring 2022

	Overall
Yes, fully agree	11
Yes, somewhat agree	12
No, don’t agree	64
Unsure/don’t know	13
Total	100

Ideology and party identification are interrelated in complex ways, some of which could be used to further illuminated why people with certain party labels favor the Trump stolen election claim.

The willingness to accept the stolen election claim is strongly related to how individuals align themselves along the ideological spectrum. Table 21b shows that very conservative respondents are strongly inclined to support the stolen election claim; very liberal respondents are strongly inclined to reject it.

Table 21b: Ideology and Stolen Election Idea

	Very cons			SW cons			Mod			SW lib			Very lib		
	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22
Stolen	82	79	78	41	30	38	23	15	21	2	7	7	0	0	0
Not stolen	18	21	19	59	70	43	77	85	67	98	93	88	100	100	100

Parties and ideology are overlapping, explaining the predisposition of partisans to either support or reject stolen election claims. Table 21c shows the interplay between party registration and ideology.

Among Democrats, 85% are either somewhat or very strong in their partisanship. The modal ideological category for somewhat strong Democrats is “somewhat liberal” (38%); for very strong Democrats it is “very liberal” (49%). While it is obvious that very strong Democrats are more liberal, there was no difference in their propensity to accept the “stolen election” claim: virtually none did. The same was true among unaffiliated “lean Democrat” voters. “Not very strong Democrats’ modal category for ideology was “moderate” (42%), but their inclination to accept the stolen election claim was still not high: 6%.

The “not very strong” Republicans were very similar to “not very strong” Democrats in that only 9% accepted the stolen election claim. Their modal ideological category was also “moderate” (76%) – in fact those Republicans were somewhat more moderate than not very strong Democrats whose percentage for somewhat conservative (32%) was higher than that for not strong Republicans (15%).

Among unaffiliated “no lean” voters, the acceptance of the stolen election claim was much higher (22%) than the “not strong” partisans, but still much lower than unaffiliated Republican leaners – whose score (53%) was just slightly lower than somewhat and strong Republicans. This isn’t surprising since the unaffiliated Republican leaners are much more conservative than “not strong” Republicans, as shown by their contrasting modal categories: unaffiliated Republican leaners modal category was “somewhat conservative” (48%) compared to not strong Republicans whose “somewhat conservative” score was just 15% - the modal score was 76%.

The modal score among unaffiliated Democratic leaners was “somewhat liberal” making them mostly similar to “somewhat liberal” Democrats. In the end, for the purposes of analysis, Democratic and Republican leaners can be added to the declared partisan camps for the purposes of political analysis. This means that of the 17% of the sample that was unaffiliated, only two-thirds (about 10% of the entire sample) can be considered “independent” and even there has a mildly more conservative than liberal disposition.

Table 21c: Party and Ideology – Spring 2022

	Overall	Dems			Reps			Unaffil.*		
		NVS	SWS	VS	NVS	SWS	VS	LeanD	LeanR	No lean
Overall	--	15	36	49	19	41	40	13	17	63
Very conservative	8	2	0	0	3	4	50	0	21	3
Somewhat conservative	20	32	4	1	15	47	43	0	48	18
Moderate	33	42	33	18	76	43	5	28	31	46
Somewhat liberal	18	18	38	31	4	1	2	59	0	10
Very liberal	13	3	16	49	3	0	0	10	0	1
Unsure, don't know	7	3	9	1	0	4	0	4	0	21
Total	99	100	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	99
Agree "stolen election"		6	1	1	9	58	58	0	53	22

Note: "NVS" = "Not very strong" "SWS" = "Somewhat strong" "VS" = "Very strong"; "LeanD"="Lean Democrat" "Lean Republican"

* Another 8% of unaffiliated said "Third party"

Job Approval for the President, Governor and County Executive

Each AACC/CSLI survey asks respondents to indicate approval or disapproval of the job performed by an incumbent in office. Graph 12 shows the percentages saying, “approve” for the county executive, the governor and the president.⁶ There are open-ended comments associated with each office – see **Appendices H through K**.

Presidential Job Approval: The first job approval focus will be on the president. In fall 2020, the poll found that Trump’s job approval was 43%, just slightly higher than the previous spring when it was 42%.

In fall 2021, Joe Biden’s job approval registered 54% – combining “strong” with “somewhat approve (see Table 22). By spring 2022, Biden’s job approval had dropped to 46% echoing a generally declining job approval score in national polls which reached 41% according to [realclearpolitics.com](https://www.realclearpolitics.com) in the same period as the spring 2022 poll.

It is not surprising that Biden’s job approval numbers have tended to be higher than national scores since Biden’s election lead over Trump in Anne Arundel County was 14.5 percentage points (55.8% vs. 41.3%) compared to Biden’s 4.4-point victory over Trump nationally.⁷ This means that a Biden job approval score higher than the national average should be expected.

Table 22: Presidential Job Approval – Overall and by Party Registration, Spring and Fall 2021

	Overall			Dems			Reps			Unaffiliated		
	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22
Strongly+somewhat	52	54	46	86	85	79	26	19	11	38	51	32
Strongly approve	33	22	17	63	46	34	8	4	3	22	8	7
Somewhat approve	19	32	29	23	39	45	18	15	8	16	43	25
Somewhat disapprove	10	7	10	5	5	10	10	10	6	20	5	19
Strongly disapprove	32	37	40	6	7	7	58	70	83	36	42	43
Unsure, don't know	5	3	5	3	3	5	6	1	0	7	1	6
Total	99	101	101	100	100	101	100	100	100	101	99	100

Table 22 shows that Biden’s eroding approval scores are based on a virtual collapse of support among Republicans – whose 11% score was the lowest obtained during Biden’s term. Among unaffiliated voters, his 32% score was also the lowest obtained, marking a 19-point drop since last fall. Even among Democrats, there was a six point drop in support since the fall.

⁶ 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.

⁷ See https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/results/general/gen_results_2020_4_by_county_02-1.html for official results of the 2020 elections in Anne Arundel County. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_United_States_presidential_election for national results.

Presidential job approval – CSLI and Gallup/RealClearPolitics

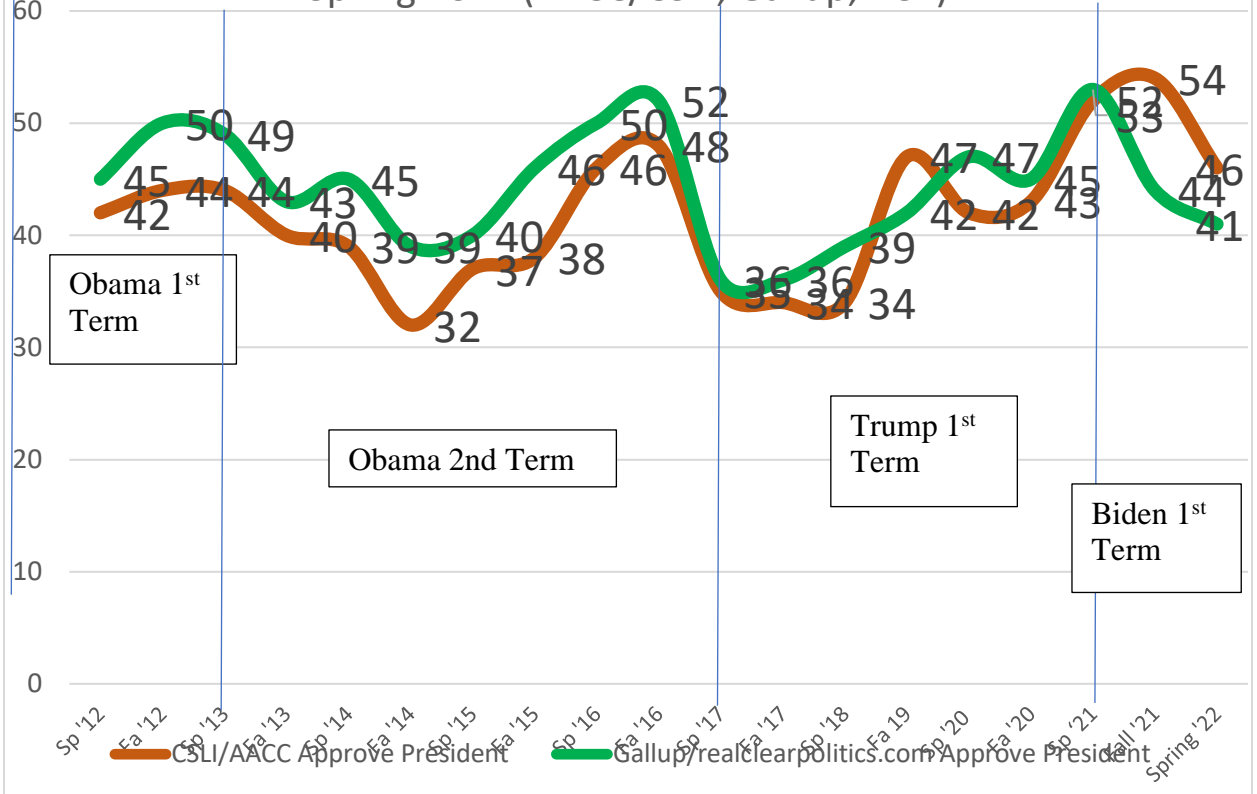
Since fall 2007 and prior to Biden’s victory in 2020, AACC/CSLI polls of county residents generally tracked national presidential job approval trends as indicated by Gallup surveys.⁸ Unfortunately, the Gallup organization now only tracks presidential job approval on a monthly basis, making it less relevant 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. Results prior to fall 2020 listed in Table 23 are based on the Gallup findings. Graph 8 shows the pattern for all poll sources –AACC/CSLI as well as Gallup/RCP.

⁸ 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>

Table 23: AACCC/CSLI Presidential Job Approval Fall 2014 to Spring 2022

	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 '21	Fa '21	Sp '22
Approve	32	37	38	46	48	35	34	34	40	47	42	43	52	54	46
Disapprove	58	56	52	47	46	54	55	56	56	56	58	56	42	44	50
No answer	9	7	10	7	6	11	11	11	4	3	0	1	5	3	5
Total	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	101	101	99	100	100	99	101	101

Graph 12: Presidential Job Approval Spring 2012 to Spring 2022 (AACC/CSLI, Gallup, RCP)



Gubernatorial Job Approval

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%; by fall 2020 it was still at 79%, about evenly divided between strongly (38%) and somewhat (41%) approve.

The latest survey shows continued high levels of support with overall approval at 76%. Across party categories, there wasn’t much change.

Table 24: Gubernatorial Job Approval – Overall and by Party Registration, Spring and Fall 2021

	Overall			Dems			Reps			Unaffiliated		
	Sp ‘21	Fa 21	Sp ‘22	Sp ‘21	Fa 21	Sp ‘22	Sp ‘21	Fa ‘21	Sp ‘22	Sp ‘21	Fa ‘21	Sp ‘22
Strongly+somewhat	70	78	76	74	79	74	72	78	81	62	81	80
Strongly approve	35	36	36	38	34	31	36	41	51	25	39	35
Somewhat approve	35	42	40	36	45	43	36	37	30	37	43	45
Somewhat disapprove	16	13	13	18	16	15	18	14	15	16	9	9
Strongly disapprove	12	4	5	8	2	6	8	5	5	18	4	7
Unsure, don’t know	3	5	6	3	4	5	3	4	0	3	5	4
Total	101	100	100	100	101	100	100	101	101	101	99	100

County Executive Job Approval

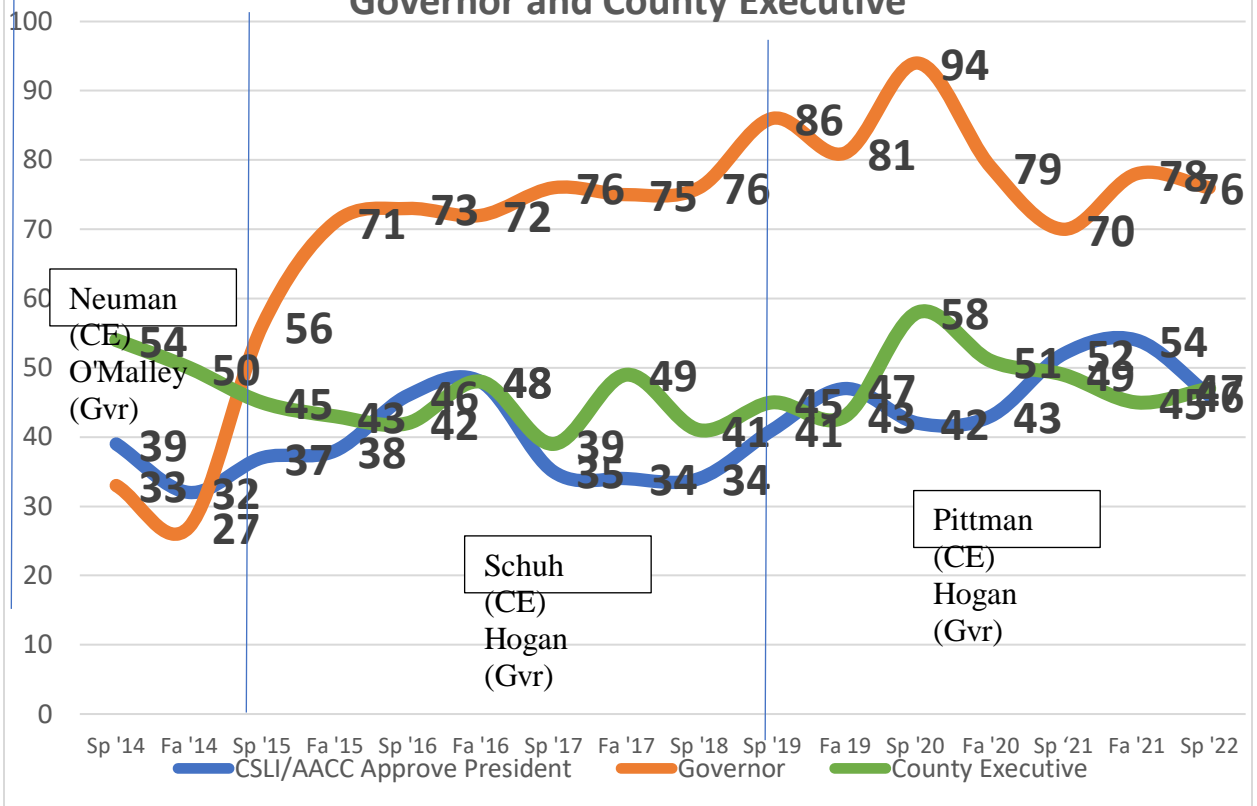
Job approval scores for County Executive Steuart Pittman and previous county executives have been by the lack of citizen knowledge: while the percentage of “don’t know” scores for president and governor were low (both 6%), the score for Pittman was 21% - similar to other state/local institutions such as the Anne Arundel County Board of Education (23%), the Anne Arundel County Council (25%) or the Maryland General Assembly (21%). The consequence of having such large “don’t know” percentages is that the absolute value of the job approval score is lessened compared to president/governor. In such case, it is more valuable to look at the point difference between the “approve” and “disapprove” scores to get a better sense of how well an incumbent or institution is approved by the public.

Table 25: County Executive Job Approval – Overall and by Party Registration, Spring/Fall 2021, Spring 2022

	Overall			Dems			Reps			Unaffiliated		
	Sp '21	Fa 21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa 21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22
Strongly+somewhat	49	45	47	76	72	68	26	24	24	40	32	48
Strongly approve	17	15	20	33	32	41	4	3	4	9	8	8
Somewhat approve	32	30	27	43	40	28	22	21	20	31	24	40
Somewhat disapprove	14	13	11	9	5	5	19	22	20	13	12	8
Strongly disapprove	28	21	21	7	6	6	48	39	43	29	22	23
Unsure, don't know	10	21	21	9	18	20	8	15	13	19	35	20
Total	99	100	100	100	101	100	100	100	101	101	101	99

Examining just the absolute value of the overall job approval, Pittman’s scores have remained nearly unchanged: the spring 2022 value of 47% was nearly identical to previous scores of 49% in spring 2021 and 45% in fall 2021. Looking at the gap between approval and disapproval it has actually been growing: from 7% in spring 2021 to 14% in spring 2022. Partisan distributions of scores have been very steady, although Pittman experienced a significant rise among unaffiliated voters – especially in the relatively softer “somewhat approval” category – from 32% to 48%. Part of this could be the flux often associated with sampling – especially since the percentage of unaffiliated voters is only 17% of the overall sample. This might explain the big drop in “don’t know” scores from last fall when it was 35% to only 20% this spring. Graph 13 shows the job approval curves for president, governor and county executive.

Graph 13: Job Approval Over Time for President, Governor and County Executive



Legislatures and Supreme Court – 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 fall 2021 survey added the Anne Arundel Board of Education as well as the US Supreme Court. The updated results are shown on Table 25a.

Both the Anne Arundel County Council and the Maryland General Assembly had similar overall scores: 49% and 42% approval. This percentage far exceeded the approval score (19%) of the Congress which was down from 24% last fall. The Board of Education was somewhat lower than any other local institution – only 36% - unchanged from last fall. None of the institutions listed have a particularly impressive “strongly approve” percentage; all of the local institutions had very high “unsure” scores.

On Table 25b are the scores for each institution by party registration. As in the past, those institutions in which a party has a majority are found with higher approved scores than those in which the other party appears to predominate. Thus, it is no surprise that Democrats more strongly approve the county council (61% vs. 41% for Republicans) given the 4-3 majority the party has there. The same is true for the Maryland General Assembly (62% vs. 23%) where the Democrats have veto-proof majorities. The nonpartisan Board of Education is a greater mystery for partisans: it is somewhat more favored by Democrats (41%) compared to Republicans (26%) or unaffiliated voters (28%), even though its members are elected in non-partisan elections.

Table 25a: Legislatures and Supreme Court – Job Approval

	Strongly+ somewhat approve			Strongly approve			Somewhat approve			Somewhat disapprove			Strongly disapprove			Unsure, no opinion		
	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22
Anne Arundel County Council	48	47	49	5	6	6	43	41	43	18	18	20	12	8	5	23	27	25
Board of Education	n.a.	36	36	n.a.	6	5	n.a.	30	31	n.a.	26	22	n.a.	17	20	n.a.	21	23
Maryland General Assembly	49	44	42	8	9	6	41	35	36	13	15	20	21	16	18	17	25	21
U.S. Congress	28	24	19	3	2	2	25	22	17	25	29	31	43	38	41	5	9	9
US Supreme Court	n.a.	42	42	n.a.	9	4	n.a.	33	38	n.a.	38	30	n.a.	17	16	n.a.	13	13

Table 25b: Legislatures and Supreme Court – Job Approval by Party

	Overall			Democrats			Republicans			Unaffiliated		
	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22
Anne Arundel County Council	48	47	49	69	65	61	36	36	41	34	36	33
Board of Education	n.a.	36	36	n.a.	46	41	n.a.	29	26	n.a.	32	28
Maryland General Assembly	49	44	42	73	69	62	29	28	23	41	26	35
U.S. Congress	28	24	19	49	35	24	13	14	5	12	14	26
US Supreme Court	n.a.	42	42	n.a.	31	29	n.a.	57	58	n.a.	36	49

While Congress is not winning awards for its job approval numbers (19% approve), it is still the case that it is seen as more of a captured institution by Democrats, whose approval score (24% - down 11 points from fall 2021) is five times greater than that of Republicans (5% - down 9 points). For the latter, their captured institution is clearly the Supreme Court whose so-so approval score (42%) masks strong party polarization: Republicans are nearly twice as eager to approve it: 58 to 29% for Democrats. Overall, the middling scores and underlying party polarization offer long-term challenges to the legitimacy of each of these institutions.

Trust in Political Parties

Since 2008, AACC/CSLI 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 14 shows that there have been some sharp oscillations on the Republican side, scores as low as 23% and as high as 39%. Democrats have shown less variation in trust levels, ranging from 32 to 42%. Those saying “neither” have varied the most, from a low of 17 to a high of 37%.

The fall 2020 figures showed a small rise for Democrats from 39 to 41%, but the figure reverted to 39% in spring 2021 and dropped one more point to 38% in fall 2021. By spring 2022, trust in Democrats had further eroded to just 31% - as low as any point in recent history.

For Republicans, they had shown a four-point rise from 34 to 38% in fall 2020, but fell 11 points to just 27 in spring 2021 – the lowest point since spring 2013. Their situation did not change much in fall 2021 as their trust score went up one point to 28%. It barely moved in spring 2022 to 29%. Clearly neither party is enjoying much trust from the public.

The percentage saying “neither” had dropped from 24 in spring 2020 to only 18% in fall 2020 but rose to a recent high of 30% in spring 2021. In fall 2021, the percentage dropped two points to 28%. By spring 2022, the figure had moved back up to 30%. Judging by the information on Graph 14, the range for “neither” has been relatively high for the last couple of years.

Graph 14: Percentage Saying Trust a Party

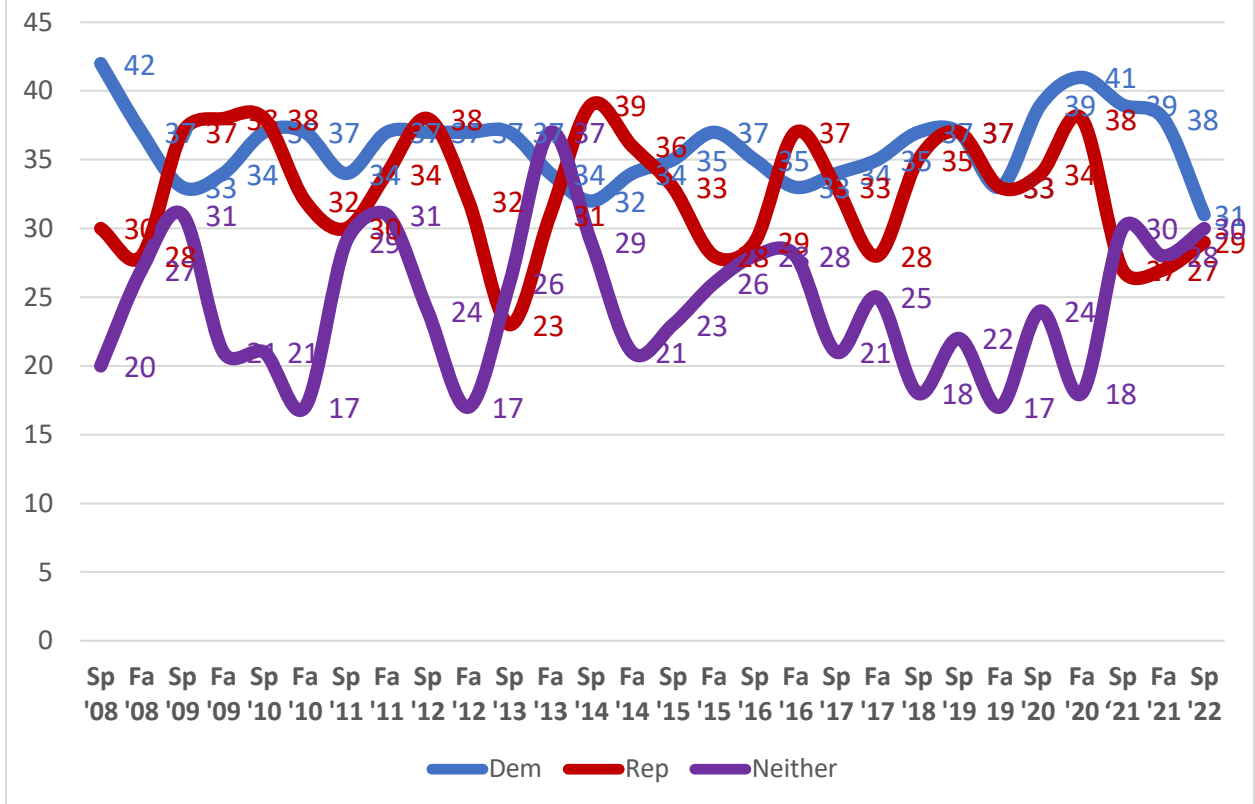


Table 26 includes information about party registration and trust in parties. For Democrats, there was a sizable drop in trust in their own party – from 76% last fall to just 67% this spring. Rather than shifting to Republicans, Democrats felt that neither party could be trusted – moving from just 14% last fall to 25% this spring.

Among Republicans, about an equal percentage trusted their own party – 68%, but an even larger number said neither party: 28%. These results suggest that frustration has grown among partisans on both sides.

Unaffiliated voters seemed to shift somewhat to Republicans (from 19% to 27%) rather than Democrats (from 26% to 15%). However, the preferred choice remained “neither” which has been the modal category for this group both last fall (50%) and this spring (46%).

Table 26: Trust Political Parties by Registration

	Democrats							Republicans							Unaffiliated						
	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '21	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '21	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '21
Trust Democrats	66	73	77	81	77	76	67	4	8	8	11	8	4	1	22	34	24	26	22	26	15
Trust Republicans	13	10	5	8	7	5	4	67	69	63	67	51	62	68	28	21	30	35	31	19	27
Trust neither	16	8	14	8	15	14	25	21	15	27	20	36	29	28	38	33	43	34	39	50	46
NA/DK/Other party	5	9	4	3	2	6	4	8	9	3	1	5	5	2	12	12	3	5	9	5	11
Total	100	100	100	100	101	101	100	100	101	101	99	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	101	100	99

Elections – County

The section on politics shifts to a look at early results for county executive on the Republican side, matchups between incumbent Steuart Pittman and a Republican challenger, and voter preferences for governor in the primaries.

The question about primary choices for county executive on the Republican side showed that two candidates dominated the field: Jessica Haire and Herb McMillan. Asked only of Republican respondents, the majority (63%) said that they were either not favoring any candidate or were still too unfamiliar with the candidates to offer a choice. Only 37% were able to offer a choice with Haire (20%) ahead of McMillan (15%). With such a large number of Republican voters still uncommitted to a candidate, campaigns will need to reach out to many more voters to gain a clear lead.

Table 26: Republic County Executive Primary

	Overall
John Grasso	2
Jessica Haire	20
Chris Jahn	0
Herb McMillan	15
Not favoring any candidate at this time	29
Still too unfamiliar with the candidates at this time	34
Total	100

A matchup between incumbent county executive Steuart Pittman and a hypothetical Republican alternative produced ambiguous results. Many (28%) were still too unfamiliar with the candidates to offer a choice. Some (9%) said it would depend on who the Republican candidate was. Among those willing to commit themselves now to a choice, Pittman had a small five-point lead over the hypothetical Republican. About 10% of Democrats would consider the Republican candidate; 7% of Republicans would choose Pittman. Among unaffiliated voters, 10% would choose Pittman, while 16% would commit themselves to the hypothetical Republican. A majority (53%) said that they were still too unfamiliar with the candidates (see Table 26a).

Table 26a: General Election County Executive Matchup

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Steuart Pittman	30	63	7	10
Vote for a Republican candidate	25	5	58	16
It would depend on who was the Republican candidate	9	5	13	13
Still too unfamiliar with the candidates at this time	28	23	19	53
Probably won't vote in the November state and local elections	8	5	4	8
Total	100	101	101	100

Among Republicans willing to say that they would vote for the Republican candidate without any further thought about alternative candidates, Jessica Haire was favored 31% vs. 21% for Herb McMillan. Among Republicans who say that it would depend upon who the Republican candidate was, Herb McMillan has a small lead (19%) over Jessica Haire (15%). This implies that McMillan voters would be less likely to stick with the Republican candidate if Haire was the nominee.

Elections – State

Both Democrats and Republicans have primary elections in the race for governor since Larry Hogan cannot run for another term. Among Republicans, the favored candidate would seem to be Kelly Schulz (20%) with Dan Cox a distant second (7%). Again, there was a majority who said that they were unfamiliar with the candidates or not favoring one at this time.

Table 26b: Republican Primary for Governor

	Overall
Dan Cox	7
Robin Flicker	0
Kelly Schulz	20
Ed Tinus Jr.	0
Joe Werner	0
Not favoring any candidate at this time	26
Still too unfamiliar with the candidates at this time	43
Probably won't vote in the primaries	4
Total	100

Among Democrats, the field was even more extensive than among the Republicans. As with the latter, a majority could not state a clear preference for any candidate (63%). Among those willing to state a preference, there were two candidates that stood out: Comptroller Peter Franchot (13%) and political newcomer Wes Moore (10%). Franchot would appear to be the candidate most likely to attract weak partisans: he was the choice of 25% of “not strong Democrats” compared to Wes Moore (0%). The latter was the choice of “strong Democrats” (15% vs. Franchot 14%) and “somewhat strong Democrats (7% vs. 5%); clearly, Franchot made up the difference among weak partisans. The percentages are displayed on Table 26c.

Table 26c: Democratic Primary for Governor

	Overall
Rushern Baker	1
Jon Baron	0
Peter Franchot	13
Doug Gansler	1
Ashwani Jain	1
John King	1
Wes Moore	10
Laura Neuman	4
Tom Perez	3
Jerome Segal	0
Not favoring any candidate at this time	18
Still too unfamiliar with the candidates at this time	45
Probably won't vote in the primaries	4
Total	100

AACC Questions: Preferred Course Delivery Formats and Lengths of Terms

One part of the survey inquired about delivery formats for courses – online only, online with video meetings, hybrid, and in-person. That section also asked about preferred term lengths for courses – from six weeks or less to 15 weeks. Among respondents, 40% said that they were considering taking a credit or non-credit course from Anne Arundel Community College, 42% said that they were not considering, and another 18% were unsure. The survey then focused on delivery formats (Table 27) and term lengths (Table 27b).

Table 27: Course Delivery Preferences

	Strongly+ Somewhat prefer	Strongly prefer	Somewhat prefer	Don't prefer	Unsure/don't know
Online, no regularly scheduled video meetings	62	25	37	34	4
Online, with regularly scheduled video meetings	67	18	49	31	2
Hybrid, both online and in-person	68	28	40	29	3
Only in person	41	19	22	44	5
Total		100	101	101	100

Regarding delivery formats, all options that included an online component had higher preference scores than those that were only in-person. For example, adding both the strongly and somewhat preferred answer choices together, online without video meetings had 62% preference; online with video meetings was similar (67%) as was the hybrid format (68%). By contrast the in-person only option's percentage was only 44%.

Table 27a: Course Delivery Preferences by Age Group (Strongly and Somewhat Strongly)

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
Online, no regularly scheduled video meetings	82	79	62	69	39	38
Online, with regularly scheduled video meetings	80	53	67	59	67	62
Hybrid, both online and in-person	66	41	84	53	78	80
Only in person	58	18	46	39	63	51

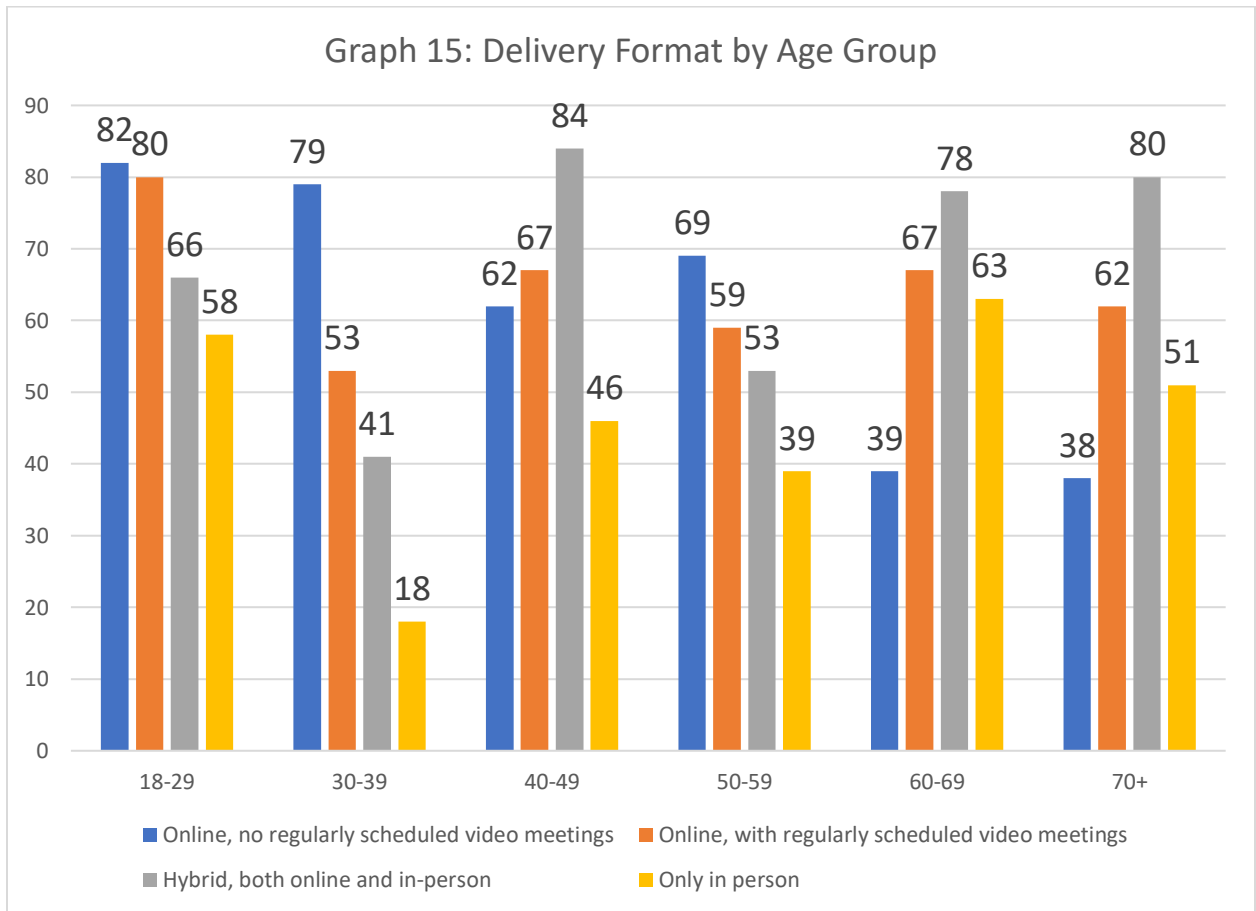


Table 27a and Graph 15 both show the relationship between delivery format preferences and age. The results are somewhat inconsistent, but the youngest cohort was the most inclined to support online courses – about equally with (80%) or without (82%) video sessions. Online only formats were the least preferred for those 60 or older. Hybrid options seems especially attractive to older groups 60 years of age or older. In-person course formats seemed attractive to young (58%) and older groups (60-69, 63%, 70+, 51%) but not so much for those in-between.

Table 27b: Course Term Length Preferences

	Strongly+ Somewhat prefer	Strongly prefer	Somewhat prefer	Don't prefer	Unsure/don't know
15 week semester	58	33	25	25	17
13 week semester	65	28	37	19	16
8 week semester	57	28	29	24	19
6 or fewer week semester	34	15	19	48	18
Total		100	101	101	100

The results for term lengths show that just judging by the “strongly prefer” score, 15 week sessions are the most appealing (33%) compared to 13-week (28%) 8-week (28%) and especially 6-week (15%) sessions. However, the combined scored shows 13-week sessions as the most preferred, if not by a lot. Short 6-week sessions remain the least preferred.

Table 27c: Term Length Preferences by Age Group (Strongly and Somewhat Strongly)

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
15-week semester	85	60	37	35	40	23
13-week semester	89	79	59	23	46	35
8-week semester	56	84	64	51	42	62
6 or fewer week semester	27	35	59	32	49	31

Table 27c shows that younger people clearly prefer longer semesters since the 13 and 15-week options were preferred by 89% and 85% of those under 30. While somewhat inconsistent, as a rule shorter semesters are more likely to be preferred by middle age individuals – perhaps better fitting into their work schedules. They are the least likely to prefer long semesters: for those 40-49, only 37% preferred 15-week semesters compared to 85% of those 18-29. By contrast, while only 27% of the latter preferred 6-week or less term lengths, the older group favored this option by 59%.

Methodology

The survey polled a random sample of 514 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 18 to April 1. There was about a 4.3% 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, race, council district 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, 2022 with percentages

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	Fall '21	Spring '22
Coronavirus (spread, treatment, testing)	69	50	53	35	14
Crime (other than drug related)	1	11	10	13	26
Drugs (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription pain killers for non-medical purposes.)	3	15	11	9	20
Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses)	10	24	22	22	19
Education (problems with schools, quality, facilities, staff, discipline)	3	18	22	24	20
Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay)	0	8	11	13	10
Government ethics (corrupt, immoral)	1	7	9	5	8
Government waste (inefficient, spends too much)	2	7	12	7	9
Government lacks resources (for roads, schools, services)	1	4	3	4	6
Growth/overpopulation (too much development, poorly planned)	4	13	11	16	17
Healthcare (cost, access)	1	3	4	7	6
Housing cost	1	6	7	11	16
Racism, hate crimes, discrimination	0	6	6	6	7
Taxes – too high	2	11	12	12	17
Transportation (problems/traffic congestion, lack of public transit)	1	6	6	10	15
No answer, don't know	0	2	0	1	2
Other answer - write in: (See Appendix B)	1	9	5	0	3

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	40	37	23
2.2 Maryland	49	33	18
2.3 US	20	62	19

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	7	44	36	10	3
3.2 Maryland	7	45	34	11	3
3.3 US	3	21	37	36	3

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

(1) Improve 29% (2) stay same 18% (3) get worse 54% (0) no answer/unsure 0%

5. Thinking again about the national economy, indicate whether you are very, somewhat or not very concerned with each condition at the present time.

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Unsure/don't know
5.1 Inflation	58	36	4	2
5.2 Unemployment	22	36	41	1
5.3 Business climate	22	50	24	4
5.4 Federal government debt and deficit	49	30	18	3
5.5 Rate of economic growth	29	52	16	3

6. Over the last year, if you have shopped for either a house, a car, or major home appliances for your own, which of the following best describes your shopping experience?

	Supply was good, prices fair	Supply was limited, prices rather high	Supply was very limited, prices very high
House (36%)	3	46	51
Car (46%)	11	40	49
Major home appliances (48%)	16	48	36

7. Thinking about the causes of recent inflation, indicate how important the following items have been:

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important	Unsure/don't know
7.1 Supply chain problems	42	36	15	2	2	3
7.2 Tight labor market	19	31	26	11	7	6
7.3 Government spending on COVID relief	29	22	22	11	13	4
7.4 Excessive consumer demand	14	30	30	14	8	4
7.5 Excessive corporate profit	41	23	13	11	8	5

8. 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
8.1 Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	66	31	3
8.2 Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	49	46	5
8.3 Facing the possibility of unemployment	11	82	7
8.4 Found a new or better job recently	13	83	4
8.5 Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	48	48	4
8.6 Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school	38	57	5
8.7 Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate	31	65	4
8.8 Taxes are too high in relation to government services provided	64	29	8

9. 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 78% (2) Staying about the same 19%
 (3) getting worse 2% (0) Unsure, don't know 1%

10. 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
10.1 Anne Arundel County	12	62	25	1
10.2 Maryland	16	60	21	2

11. Which of the following best expresses your views about mask mandates in indoor public spaces like grocery stores, libraries or public transportation?

	Agrees
11.1 Should never be imposed no matter what the conditions	17
11.2 Should rarely be imposed, only when severe conditions are present	21
11.3 Should be imposed at the judgment of public health officials	58
11.4 Should be imposed only when the county council or a similar body agrees	3
11.5 Unsure/don't know	1

12. While masking mandates in many indoor public spaces have been dropped, are you still wearing a mask in such places now?

- 1. Yes, most or all the time 31%
- 2. Yes, but only sometimes 30%
- 3. No 39%
- 4. No answer 0%

13. Option to offer comments about restrictions dealing with COVID-19: _____ See Appendix C _____

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

- 1 Very concerned 25%
- 2 Somewhat concerned 35%
- 3 Not very concerned 39%
- 4 Unsure, don't know 2%

15. Have you been vaccinated for COVID at this time?

- 1 Yes, fully vaccinated and boosted 68%
- 2. Yes, fully vaccinated but not boosted 20%
- 3 Partly vaccinated only 1%
- 4. No, not vaccinated at this time but hope to be vaccinated soon 1%
- 5. No, not vaccinated at this time and no intention of getting vaccinated 9%

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

Answers	Fall '21 %	Spring '22 %
16.1 You have come down with it yourself	15	37
16.2 A family member or close friend has come down with it	56	79
16.3 Someone you know personally other than family/friend has come down with it	59	91
16.4 Either you or a personal acquaintance had serious symptoms from the virus	22	51
16.5 Someone you know personally has died from effects of the virus	28	40
16.6 You consider yourself at high risk should you come down with the virus	21	32
16.7 None of these apply	14	n.a.

17. About when do you think that COVID-19 will be significantly overcome as a pandemic in Maryland?

- 1. It is already not much of a problem 33%
- 2. Within the next six months 9%
- 3. Between six months and a year 14%
- 4. Between one and two years 18%
- 5. More than two years 6%
- 6. Unsure/don't know 20%

18. Do you tend to agree or disagree with the following statement: "It's time we accept that COVID is here to stay and we just need to get on with our lives"?

- 1. Strongly agree 39%
- 2. Somewhat agree 28%
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree 15%
- 4. Somewhat disagree 9%
- 5. Strongly disagree 7%
- 6. No answer/don't know 2%

19. Changing our focus, how well you think Anne Arundel County has dealt with each of the following budget and economic issues over the last few years - has it gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

Answers	Gotten better	Stayed about the same	Gotten worse	No answer/don't know
19.1 County outreach to public on key issues like budget and land use	19	43	16	22
19.2 Managing the county budget	17	36	23	24
19.3 Keeping taxes low	5	40	39	16
19.4 Making sure that government services are adequately funded	11	45	21	23
19.5 Improving the local economy	11	41	31	16
19.6 Reducing poverty and homelessness	7	36	39	18
19.7 Making life more affordable in the county	4	29	56	12

20. Continuing our focus on the county, how well you think Anne Arundel County has dealt with each of the following other issues over the last few years - has it gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

Answers	Gotten better	Stayed about the same	Gotten worse	No answer/don't know
20.1 Improving the academic performance of our children	7	31	44	18
20.2 Making sure that parents have enough say in the education of their children	8	39	31	22
20.3 Teaching about diversity in a fair and balanced way	19	30	26	25
20.4 Reducing traffic congestion	3	32	58	6
20.5 Controlling crime	3	30	59	9
20.6 Ensuring police respect for all citizens	13	53	17	18
20.7 Reducing the opioid epidemic	9	34	37	19
20.8 Handling COVID well by balancing restrictions while securing public health	31	39	24	6
20.9 Improving the environment	16	52	18	14
20.10 Effectively dealing with climate change	9	52	19	21
20.11 Managing growth and development	8	39	42	11
20.12 Improving the efficiency of local govt.	8	39	33	19
20.13 Improving the overall quality of life in AA County	9	51	31	10

21. Over the last decade, the county's rate of population growth has been about 1 percent per year. Which of the following best describes your views about the ideal population growth rate for the County?

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| 1. No more population growth is needed | 34% |
| 2. Some more growth but much less than the current rate | 26% |
| 3. About the current rate of growth | 23% |
| 4. Significantly higher than the current growth rate | 3% |
| 5. Unsure/don't know | 15% |

22. The next questions ask about your feelings about additional residential and commercial development in your area or community. First, would you like to see more residential development - and if so, which kind? (Multiple answers are possible)

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| 1. No new residential development is needed now | 42% |
| 2. Single family homes are needed | 21% |
| 3. Condominiums or apartments are needed | 13% |
| 4. Affordable housing is needed | 42% |
| 5. Redevelopment in previously developed areas is needed | 27% |
| 6. Unsure/don't know | 6% |

23. Would you like to see more commercial development - and if so, which kind? (Multiple answers are possible)

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| 1. No new commercial development is needed now | 36% |
| 2. More small retail merchants | 31% |
| 3. More big-box and discount stores | 7% |
| 4. More restaurants and eating establishments | 17% |
| 5. More service providers (e.g., health, legal, car repair, banks) | 12% |
| 6. Redevelopment of older, existing commercial centers | 46% |
| 7. Unsure/don't know | 6% |

24. Option to comment about residential or commercial development: __See Appendix D

25. For the following items, indicate to what extent you are satisfied that the following public facilities are effectively meeting the needs of your community:

Answers	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not very satisfied	Unsure/don't know
25.1 Public schools	13	39	28	20
25.2 Roads	8	53	37	2
25.3 Public transportation	5	21	39	35
25.4 Public safety (police and fire)	26	55	15	4
25.5 Parks and recreation	30	55	6	8
25.6 Seniors' facilities	16	31	10	43
25.7 Trash collection/land fill	40	39	14	7
25.8 Public water and sewer	30	41	8	21

26. Thinking about how the county manages the balance between new residential and commercial development, and the availability of public facilities such as those mentioned in the previous question, which of the following best captures your views?

1. The county should ensure that there are satisfactory public facilities before allowing any new development 63%
2. The county should upgrade public facilities at the same time that it allows new development 29%
3. The county should allow new development and then determine whether there are satisfactory public facilities over time 2%
4. Unsure/don't know 6%

27. When thinking about candidates for county executive or county council, which platform would attract you the most?

1. Those who favored greater growth and development to increase tax revenues 7%
2. Those who focused most on improving the public facilities for current residents rather than balancing future growth and public facilities 32%
3. Those who favored carefully balancing population growth and development with public facilities 53%
4. Unsure/don't know 8%

28. The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County approved a \$1.6 billion operating budget proposal, which is a 14 percent increase from the prior year's budget. The increase was based on the need to replace previous state and federal COVID related grant funding, to cover the cost of pay increases for employees and to meet the requirements of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, a comprehensive state education law approved in 2021. Do you feel that this funding increase is about right, too much or too little?

- 1. About right 32%
- 2. Too much 28%
- 3. Too little 14%
- 4. Unsure, don't know 26%

29. The state is considering legislation that would address pollution and climate change - such as accelerating the purchase of electric state cars and buses or obliging new residential or development to use non-fossil fuel sources of electricity. How strongly do you support this legislation?

- 1. Support greatly 36%
- 2. Support somewhat 26%
- 3. Support not at all 31%
- 4. Unsure, don't know 8%

30. The state has required the county to create a police accountability board meant to examine complaints against the police. How effective in reducing police misconduct will this be?

- 1. Very effective 15%
- 2. Somewhat effective 46%
- 3. Not very effective 24%
- 4. Unsure, don't know 16%

31. To what extent do you trust the police to conduct themselves respectfully towards all segments of the county's population?

- 1. Trust strongly 31%
- 2. Trust somewhat 54%
- 3. Trust not at all 10%
- 4. Unsure, don't know 5%

32. Option to comment about state or local issues such as those mentioned above: See Appendix E

33. On national and international issues indicate how serious you consider the following:

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Don't know
33.1. The rising economic and military threat posed by China	53	34	10	4
33.2 The threat to America/peace posed by Russia	78	16	5	1
33.3 The threat/challenge posed by climate change	48	23	27	2
33.4 Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	42	41	12	5
33.5 The need to focus more on domestic affairs within the United States and less with foreign relations	35	41	17	8

34 Do you support or oppose the economic sanctions placed on Russia by the United States and its European allies - given the answer choices presented?

1. Support, even if higher energy prices result 62%
2. Support, but oppose if it drives up energy prices 20%
3. Oppose regardless of effect on energy prices 6%
4. Unsure, don't know 13%

35. Option to comment about any other national or international issue that you consider to be very serious (or to explain your answer for the choices above): _____ See Appendix F

36 - Over the next year, are you considering taking any credit or non-credit courses at AACC?

1. Considering 40%
2. Not considering 42%
3. Unsure, don't know 18%

37. The college is interested in understanding students' preferences for course delivery formats as well as the length of terms. Please indicate whether you prefer courses that do not require any hands-on labs or physical activities (dancing, pottery, some fine arts/music) in the following formats:

	Strongly+ Somewhat prefer	Strongly prefer	Somewhat prefer	Don't prefer	Unsure/don't know
Online, no regularly scheduled video meetings	62	25	37	34	4
Online, with regularly scheduled video meetings	67	18	49	31	2
Hybrid, both online and in-person	68	28	40	29	3
Only in person	41	19	22	44	5
Total		100	101	101	100

	Strongly+	Strongly prefer	Somewhat prefer	Don't prefer	Unsure/don't know
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	Somewhat prefer				
15-week semester	58	33	25	25	17
13-week semester	65	28	37	19	16
8-week semester	57	28	29	24	19
6 or fewer week semester	34	15	19	48	18
Total		100	101	101	100

38. Option to comment about delivery formats or term lengths: ____ See Appendix G

39. With which political party, if any, are you registered? (weighted)

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

- 1. Strong 49%
- 2. Somewhat strong 36%
- 3. Not a strong Democrat? 15%

2. 36% Republican => ASK: **41. Do you consider yourself a**

- a. Strong 40%
- b. Somewhat strong 41%
- c. Not a strong Republican 19%

3. 19% Unaffiliated (or “independent”)=> ASK: **42. During elections, do you find yourself leaning more toward Republican, Democratic, third party candidates or are you mostly voting for specific candidates without concern for party affiliation?**

- d. Democratic 13%
- e. Republican 17%
- f. Third party 8%
- g. Vote for candidate regardless of party? 63%

4. Other/Third party 3%

5. None (not registered to vote) 6%

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

(1) Hillary Clinton 35% (2) Donald Trump 35% (3) Someone else 13% (4) Didn't vote 18%

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

(1) Joe Biden 47% (2) Donald Trump 35% (3) Someone else 7% (4) Didn't vote 11%

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

- 1. Yes, fully agree 11%
- 2. Yes, somewhat agree 12%
- 3. No, don't agree 64%
- 4. Unsure, don't know 13%

46. 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 31%
- (2) Republicans 29%
- (3) Neither 30%
- (4) Other party 1%
- (5) Unsure, don't know 9%

47. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way the following officials or institutions are handling their jobs?

Official or institution	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer/DK
47.1 County Executive Steuart Pittman	20	27	11	21	21
47.2 Governor Larry Hogan	36	40	13	5	6
47.3 President Joe Biden	17	29	13	5	6
47.4 The Anne Arundel County Council	6	43	20	5	23
47.5 The Board of Education	5	31	22	20	23
47.6 Maryland General Assembly	6	36	20	18	21
47.7 US Congress	2	17	31	41	9
47.8 <u>US</u> Supreme Court	4	38	30	16	13

Each of these has a comments sections: **See Appendices H through K**

- Q48: Pittman comment (H)
- Q49: Hogan comments (I)
- Q50: Biden comments (J)
- Q51: All other comments about job approval (K)

52. The primary elections for state and county governments is coming up on June 28. For county executive, only Republicans have a contested primary. If you are registered as a Republican, which candidate do you favor - if any - at the present time?

	Overall %
John Grasso	2
Jessica Haire	20
Chris Jahn	0
Herb McMillan	15
Not favoring any candidate at this time	29
Still too unfamiliar with the candidates at this time	34
Total	100

53. Thinking ahead to November 2022, do you think that you would vote for incumbent county executive - Steuart Pittman - or the Republican candidate who wins the Republican primary? (Republican candidates include: John Grasso, Jessica Haire, Herb McMillan, Chris Jahn)

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|--|-----|
| 1. Vote to reelect incumbent Steuart Pittman | 30% |
| 2. Vote for one of the Republican candidates | 25% |
| 3. It would depend on who was the Republican candidate | 9% |
| 4. Still too unfamiliar with the candidates at this time | 28% |
| 5. Probably won't vote in the November state and local elections | 8% |

54. The primary elections for state and county governments is coming up on June 28. For governor, both Republicans and Democrats have a contested primary. If you are registered as a Republican, which candidate do you favor - if any - at the present time?

	Overall %
Dan Cox	7
Robin Flicker	0
Kelly Schulz	20
Ed Tinus Jr.	0
Joe Werner	0
Not favoring any candidate at this time	26
Still too unfamiliar with the candidates at this time	43
Probably won't vote in the primaries	4
Total	100

55. The primary elections for state and county governments is coming up on June 28. If you are registered as a Democrat, which candidate for governor do you favor - if any - at the present time?

	Overall %
Rushern Baker	1
Jon Baron	0
Peter Franchot	13
Doug Gansler	1
Ashwani Jain	1
John King	1
Wes Moore	10
Laura Neuman	4
Tom Perez	3
Jerome Segal	0
Not favoring any candidate at this time	18
Still too unfamiliar with the candidates at this time	45
Probably won't vote in the primaries	4
Total	100

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

1. Very conservative 8%
2. Somewhat conservative 20%
3. Moderate 33%
4. Somewhat liberal 18%
5. Very liberal (or "progressive") 13%
6. Unsure/don't know 7%

57. Thinking about your answer for political beliefs, which issues seem to be the most important in shaping how you answered that question? _____ See Appendix L

58. This question is on behalf of our psychology students:

Please read each pair of qualities that children might have, and indicate which of the two is the most desirable quality for a child to have. In each case there are two choices - in your answer identify whether the first or the second choice seems best. For example, in question one, "independence" is the first choice, "respect for elders" is the second choice.

Answers	First choice	Second choice	No answer/don't know
58.1 Independence or respect for elders?	Independence 47%	Respect 44%	9%
58.2 Obedience or self-reliance?	Obedience 32%	Self-reliance 59%	9%
58.3 Curiosity or good manners?	Curiosity 51%	Good manners 41%	8%
58.4 Being considerate or well-behaved?	Considerate 75%	Well-behaved 18%	7%

59. What is your current age in years? _____ (weighted) _____

18-29 22%
 30-39 10%
 40-49 13%
 50-59 16%
 60-69 18%
 70+ 22%

60. Regarding race or ethnicity, how would you describe yourself? (weighted)

(1) White or Caucasian 73%
 (2) Black or African American 9%
 (3) Hispanic or Latino 4%
 (4) Asian or Asian American 2%
 (5) Mixed 4%
 (6) Other 2%
 (7) No answer 6%

61. Regarding religion, how would you describe yourself?

1. None 13%
 2. Non-practicing 13%
 3. Evangelical or born again Christian (possibly Baptist, Pentecostal) 9%
 4. Catholic 19%
 5. Protestant (possibly Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterian, Anglican, Episcopalian) 20%
 6. Some other Christian (e.g., possibly Mormon) 2%
 7. Jewish 4%
 8. A 'spiritual person' not associated with an organized religion 15%
 9. Something else (e.g., Muslim, Hindu) 3%
 10. No Answer 3%

62. What is your current marital status?

- 1. Single 26%
- 2. Married 55%
- 3. Separated/divorced 7%
- 4. Widowed 5%
- 5. Living together 4%
- 6. Other 1%

63. Do you currently have any children in public or private schools (K-12) or both? (Did R go to private, public or both)

- 1. No children in either public or private schools 81%
- 2. Children in public schools 14%
- 3. Children in private schools 3%
- 4. Children in both public and private schools 1%

64. 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 21%
(2) a high school diploma 8%	(6) post graduate work 26%
(3) some college 24%	(7) something else? 0%
(4) completed a 2-year associate college degree 19%	(8) No Answer 1%

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

- 1. Less than \$30,000 11%
- 2. \$30,000 to \$50,000 7%
- 3. \$50,001 to \$75,000 7%
- 4. \$75,001-\$100,000 15%
- 5. \$100,001-\$150,000 19%
- 6. \$150,001-\$250,000 14%
- 7. Over \$250,000 9%
- 8. No Answer 18%

66. Which of following best describes your employment situation?

Category	Percentage
Fully or semi retired	37
Self employed or consultant	4
Employed part-time	13
Employed in a defense related activity	3
Employed in the private sector	14
Federal government (non-defense)	4
State or local government	6
Non-profit organization	4
Student (mostly or full-time)	7
Unemployed and seeking a job	2
Caregiver/parent	2
Unsure due to recent workplace changes caused by coronavirus	1
Other	3
No answer	3

67. Are you a military veteran? 1. Yes 12% 2. No 88%

68. Gender (weighted)

(1) Male 47% (2) Female 49% (3) Non-binary 1% (4) Prefer not to say 3%

69. Zip code

Zipcode	Percent
	1.4
20711	0.2
20714	0.1
20715	0.1
20716	1.1
20724	1.3
20735	0.1
20751	0.4
20754	0.1
20755	0.7
20764	0.2
20765	0.2
20774	0.2
20776	0.5
20778	0.3
20779	0.1
20794	0.2
21012	5.0
21012	0.1
21030	0.1
21032	2.0
21035	1.2
21037	3.2
21043	0.2
21054	2.7
21056	0.1
21060	8.5

21061	7.0
21076	1.1
21090	2.2
21106	0.1
21108	5.4
21113	4.1
21114	2.6
21117	0.2
21122	12.9
21140	0.5
21144	5.5
21146	5.8
21215	0.6
21225	1.4
21226	0.4
21227	0.3
21231	0.3
21286	0.1
21401	7.3
21402	0.1
21403	7.8
21409	2.9
21409"	0.1
21601	0.1
21619	0.2
21620	0.1
21629	0.2
22037	0.1

70. Name of town

	Percent
Nothing indicated	4.2
Sixth Street	0.1
Severn Mar	0.4
Severna Park MD, 21146	0.1
Annapolis	0.1
Anapolis	0.0
Annaolis	0.1
annapolis	1.3
Annapolis	14.8
ANNAPOLIS	0.1
Annapolis but Broadneck Peninsula	0.1
Annapolis city	0.1
Annapolis/parole	0.1
Annapolus	0.0
Anne arundel county	0.2
arnold	0.1
Arnold	4.5
ARNOLD	0.1
broadneck	0.3
Broadneck	0.1
Brooklyn Park	1.2
Cape st claire	0.1
Carvel Beach	0.1
City of Annapolis	0.1
crofton	0.2
Crofton	2.4
crownsville	0.5
Crownsville	1.7

Davidsonville	1.1
deale	0.1
Deale	0.4
Easton	0.1
Eastport	0.2
Eastport, annapolis	0.0
Eastport. Annapolis	0.1
edgewater	0.1
Edgewater	2.9
EDGEWATER	0.1
Galesville	0.1
Gambrills	2.7
Gibson Island	0.1
glen burnie	1.1
Glen Burnie	16.1
Glen Burnie 21061	0.2
halethorpe	0.1
Hanover	1.5
harwood	0.1
Harwood	0.5
Jessup	0.2
Lake Shore	0.1
Laurel	1.1
Linthicum	1.6
Linthicum Heights	0.4
lis	0.1
Lothian	0.2
Mayo	0.2
Mayo / Edgewater	0.1
millersville	0.4
Millersville	4.7
Millersville	0.1
Millersville	0.1
odenton	0.9

Odenton	3.6
parole	0.1
pasadena	1.1
Pasadena	11.0
Riva	0.6
Riviera Beach	0.1
Severn	4.9
SEVERN	0.1
severna park	0.4
Severna park	0.3
Severna Park	4.5
SEVERNA PARK	0.1
Shady Side	0.2
Tracys Landing	0.1
West river	0.1
West River	0.2
WEST RIVER	0.1
Total	100.0

71. Name of neighborhood

Chesterfield	0.3
Acton's Landing	0.1
Admiral Heights	0.1
Admiral's View	0.2
Alberta Heights	0.1
amberley	0.3
Annapolis	0.1
Annapolis Historic District (Ward 1)	0.1
Annapolis landing	0.1
Annapolis Landing	0.2
Annapolis roads	0.1
Annapolis Roads	0.1
Annapolis Town Center	0.1
Annapolis Walk	0.1
Arde	0.2
Arden on the Severn	0.2
Arnold	0.1
August Woods	0.1
Bar Harbor	0.2
Bay hills	0.1
Bay Hills	0.3
Bay ridge	0.1
Bay Ridge	0.1
Bay View	0.1
baybridge	0.2
Bayside	0.1
Beards Creek Estates	0.3

Ben Oaks	0.1
Benoli	0.3
Berkshire	0.1
berrywood	0.1
Berrywood	0.1
Berrywood South	0.2
Blackwalnut Court	0.3
Blackwalnut Cove	0.3
blue water	0.5
Bon Aventure	0.2
bon haven	0.1
Brighton PL	0.2
Broadview Estates	0.1
Broadwater	0.1
Cameron Ct	0.1
Campus Green	0.5
Cape	0.1
Cape Saint John	0.1
Cape St Clair	0.1
Cape st claire	0.1
Cape St Claire	0.5
Cape St. Claire	0.5
Carrollton manor	0.3
Carrollton Manor	0.3
Cedar Ridge	0.2
Cedarhurst	0.1
Cedarlea	0.1
Chapman Farm	0.4
Chartridge	0.2
Chartwell	0.4

chelsea beach	0.3
Chelsea Beach	0.3
Chesapeake Harbour	0.1
Chesterfield	0.6
City of Annapolis	0.1
Colonial Heights	0.7
Colony hills	0.1
Countryside	0.2
Courts of four seasons	0.1
Courts of Four Seasons	0.1
Crain Court	0.2
Creekside	1.1
Creekstone Village	0.5
Crofton	0.1
Crofton Park	0.3
Crofton Valley	0.1
Crofton Village	0.1
crofton woods	0.0
Crofton Woods	0.1
Divinity Cove	0.1
Downtown	0.0
East Port	0.6
Eastport	0.9
Edgewater Beach	0.1
Edgewater Beach Shaded Section	0.1
Elmhurst	1.4
Elvaton	0.8

Epping Forest	0.2
Fair Oaks	0.4
Fairhaven Cliffs	0.1
Fairhaven on the Bay	0.1
Fairwinds	0.2
Farmington Village	0.7
Ferndale	0.1
fishing creek Farms	0.1
Fox Chase	0.4
Foxchase	0.7
Foxhall	0.1
Foxmoor	0.1
from ben oak	0.6
Gambrill Heights	0.1
Gingerville	0.1
Glen Eden	0.1
Glen Isle	0.1
Glen Oban	0.1
Glenwood/Glenchester	0.1
Great Meadows	0.1
Green haven	0.2
Green Haven	0.2
Greenspring @ Compass Point	0.1
Hallmark Woods	0.3
Harbor Hills	0.1
Harbor View	0.1
Harness Creek Overlook	0.0

Harolds Habor on the Severn	0.5
Harundale	0.3
Herald Harbor	0.6
heritage harbour	0.1
Heritage Harbour	1.0
Heron Cove	0.1
Hidden Hills	0.1
Hidden Ridge	0.3
High point	0.3
hillsmere	0.1
Hillsmere	0.9
Hillsmere Shores	0.1
hipley's Choice	0.1
Hollyberry Woods	0.1
Homewood	0.1
Hunt meadow	0.1
Hunt Meadow	0.3
Hunter's Run	0.1
Hunters Pointe	0.2
Indian Landing	0.1
Kensington	0.1
Kimberly Woods	0.1
Kitty Creek	0.1
Knightsbridge	0.1
Lake Shore	0.5
lansdowne	0.1
Laurel	0.2
Lavall	0.2
Lehigh/Dundee	0.2

Loch Haven	0.1
Londontown	0.2
Londontowne	0.1
Long Point	0.2
LynnBrook	0.2
mago vista	0.3
Mago Vista	0.3
Magothy Beach	0.3
Magothy Manor	0.1
Mallard Landing	0.2
Manhattan Beach	0.1
Mariner's Point	0.1
Mariners Landing	0.1
Mason's Beach	0.1
Masons Beach	0.2
Mayo	0.1
Merriweather	0.4
Milbur	0.2
Monroe Gardens	0.6
Mountain Ridge	0.4
Mt. Pleasant Beach	0.2
Mulberry Hill	0.1
Murray Hill	0.2
n/a	0.6
N/A	0.6
na	0.3
Na	0.3
NA	0.1
Nautilus Point formerly Watergate	0.2

New Cut Farms	0.1
No	0.1
North shore	0.1
North Shore on the Magothy	0.4
Oakwood	0.1
Old County Estates	0.1
Old Mill	0.5
Olde Mill	0.4
Olde Severna Park	0.3
Osprey Landing	0.1
Parole	0.0
Pasture Brooke Farms	0.8
Pendennis Mount	0.1
philip drive	0.4
Pines on the Severn	0.1
Piney Orchard	0.7
Point Pleasant	0.1
Poplar Ridge	0.5
Quail Hollow	0.2
Remington	0.6
Ridgewood	0.1
Rippling Estates	0.6
Riva Trace	0.0
Riva woods	0.1
Riva Woods	0.1
rivera beach	0.6
Riviera Beach	0.4

Rolling Knolls	0.3
Rosehaven	0.1
Rosslare	0.0
Round Bay	0.5
Rugby Hall	0.1
Rupert Manor	0.1
Rupert's Manor	0.1
Russett	0.8
Saefern	0.2
scarlet oaks	0.3
Schmidts Lane	0.1
Selby on the Bay	0.3
Seven Oaks	0.7
Severn	0.4
Severn Heights	0.1
Severn house	0.3
Severn House	0.1
Severn Manor	0.1
Severnview	0.1
Shearwater	0.0
Shipley's choice	0.4
Shipley's Choice	0.2
shore acres	0.3
Shore Acres	0.1
Shoreham beach	0.2
Shoreham Beach	0.1
Sillery Bay	0.5
Sloop Cove Landing	0.2

Solomons Choice	0.3
South River Colony	0.2
Southdown Shores	0.0
Stewart's Landing	0.1
Stewart's Landing	0.3
Stoney Beach	0.1
sturbridge	0.0
Suburbia	0.9
Sylvan shores	0.1
Tall Oaks	0.1
Tanglewood Ii	0.1
Tanyard Springs	0.2
The Cannon Club	0.1
The Downs	0.1
The Gentry	0.1
The Landings	0.3
The Landings Homeowners Association	0.1
The Meadows	0.0
The Timbers	0.1
the woodlands	0.2
Truxtun Heights	0.1
Twin Oaks	0.2
Two Rivers	0.1
Tydings on The Bay	0.0
Village Greens	0.0

Villages of Waugh Chapel	0.6
Vineyards of Annapolis	0.1
Waters Edge	0.1
Wayson Woods	0.1
West Annapolis	0.1
West Severna Park	0.1
Westbrook	0.3
Westholme	0.1
Whispering Woods	0.2
White Gables	0.0
Whitehurst	0.5
Williams Woods	0.3
Willow tree	1.0
WIND FERN FOREST	0.0
Windmill Hill	0.3
Windsor Farm	0.3
Woodland Beach or Londontown	0.1
Woodwardville	0.2
Total	100.0

72. Council districted (coded and weighted)

District 1 =13%

District 2= 14%

District 3= 20%

District 4=12%

District 5=13%

District 6=15%

District 7=10%

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.)

There isn't broad concerns, honestly. Some instructors seem to be too busy to teach while others are helping and engaged. It depends but it's not a school problem.
That we are lose I get our governor.
No to the Proposed 28-Day Abortion Bill
Affordable housing for seniors.
illegal immigrants
Housing expense
Climate Change
traffic noise, especially trucks
Illegal Immigration
All of the issues listed have great importance. They're all highly complex issues not easily resolved. A more highly educated population possessing critical thinking skills communicating with government and other leaders in the community would certainly be helpful.
political division / Putin
Lack of sidewalks on some busy roads (for example, College Parkway)
GUN VIOLENCE!!!
Illegal aliens
School Buses - lack of and inconsistency
Fake hate and fake "racism" propagated by Blacks Lives Matter" and the like
Soil Health and Food Insecurity by pesticide use.
Mental Health and suicide with COVID
Lack of employees
Infrastructure maintenance.
It was difficult choosing just one...these are all serious issues here!!
The war in Ukraine

Appendix C: Comments about COVID

we should not have to wear a mask or get vaccinated in the place.
The County Council should not overrule the judgment of public health officials.
Keep up media for people to get vax n boosters
Pretty well done
There needed to be a consistent message given by the health officials. It became too political also.
discussing
Wearing masks, especially for children has damaged the physical, emotional and psychological growth. Examples are the delay in speech as well as showing signs of hypotonia in facial muscles. Masks do not prevent the spread of viruses and neither does the mRNA experimental injection.
There has been overreach by our government (on county, state & federal levels) and the restrictions should never have been put in place. This country has been through other pandemics. Causing the fear that was instilled in most folks was uncalled for.
The Covid restrictions were a joke, they didn't stop the spread.
It was planned
I thought MD did a good job of relying on public health data, at first infection rate, later hospitalization rates to determine decision on restrictions imposed or lifted. There were clear, concise and data driven reasons given for the decisions. The school mask mandate was probably the one decision that seemed to fall outside of this general protocol, unfortunately.
Age and pre-existing health conditions are a big consideration.
na
Prepare for the next outbreak
Continue mask mandates in public spaces where communication is not important. Everyone should wear a mask in grocery and other stores, places that involve oral communication like schools and public meetings should have more flexibility.
Masks don't work.
If vaccinations really worked as we are told shouldn't they stop you getting covid?
Let people make their own choices about vaccines, masks, and going out in public at all
Any restriction is overdone, instead of restrictions the actions taken should have been solutions that allowed life to continue.
Masks do not work. Only imposing them for political purposes of control
I will continue to mask until more of the population gets vaccinated and boosted.
Ridiculous to permit people who don't care about others' health to keep mask mandates down. Those who refuse to get vaccinated or wear a mask should be denied health care when/if they get covid. What happened to caring about your fellow-Americans?
Message and education need to improve
Science needs to guide policy. Not right wing nut jobs.
Under the circumstances, thought it was responsible action for the overall good of the public at large. I trusted that these decisions were heavily weighed in an attempt to mitigate, as much as possible, the devastating impact this virus had on our health systems, individuals, families, businesses and other organizations, etc. Personally, I did not find them onerous.

Covid 19 restrictions have impeded our constitutional right to personal freedom. An individual in a democracy should have the right to assess the risk/reward & determine how they want to react to Covid 19
Sad to think that an issue of public health and common sense and care for your fellow citizen has been politicized.
I wish everyone would put the safety of others first when deciding on mask wearing and vaccination. Community leaders should encourage us all to pull together to protect more vulnerable members of our community.
Get the damned shot!
Generally, people seem way too sensitive about their 'freedom' to not wear a mask, to the point of absurdity. On the other hand, politicians are too eager to impose senseless rules.
We are high risk people and only go out when necessary.
Restrictions were lifted too soon, at least should've waited for no more COVID cases
Anne Arundel County has done an amazing job with handling the crisis, the roll out of vaccinations and boosters, and in making calls in conjunction with the science.
studies have shown that masks are practically useless & to make children wear them is child abuse since their risk is so minimal
Unconstitutional.
If you want to wear one, do it. If you dont, then dont. But respect everyone's choice
The county and/or public health officials could leave it up to the businesses/organizations as to whether to require masks/distancing/etc.
Larry Lockdown destroyed businesses in Maryland.
Should be a matter of personal preference in respect to Covid restrictions, and a wealth of options to enable people to utilize different options (remote capabilities, free masks, abundant testing, etc).
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Can't think of any that come to mind.
People seriously need to shut up about masks. They aren't an infringement on personal liberty; you are not being seriously inconvenienced by wearing it. You're just a crybaby who wants to whine about being oppressed. If health officials say cases are going up or the risk has increased, then just put the damn thing on.
Mask restrictions should be up to private business owners since the mandates have been lifted
I do not like that masks were made optional in AACPS schools.
I believe that mask mandates should be up to the owners of busniesses
As someone who works in the food industry, I personally never caught the coronavirus from my workplace from wearing my mask all the time. However, my mom and brother who both work in /attend public school brought home the coronavirus after the mask mandate was lifted and everyone in my house got sick.
I always felt that if you needed a mask, then use a real mask not a paper thin one.
No
I think I had a hard time coping with everything post COVID-19 and started realizing some severe societal injustices in the U.S. which has impacted the way I have felt about certain restrictions.
People should live the way they want to, and the government and everyone should stay out of other people's business.
wear your mask
I do not agree with the vaccinations of populations of people who were vaccinated that had no reports of covid within the community. I understand the spread of such disease but you stop the

spread within the community not the entire country. Those in authority pushed for even pregnant women to go ahead and get vaccinated and has never been done before in medical history. My comment regards the lack of coordination and professionalism showed by the Government more than so the state which ends with the confusion and division of the public.
How to reduce COVID-19? What should I do if someone is in college and has COVID-19?
None.
I personally believe that protecting others is better than being selfish and being a carrier of a deadly disease.
I only wear mask at work. Now that people aren't wearing masks as much I have noticed other illness has gone up such as rotovirus and norovirus. I don't think the general public can wear masks forever because then we aren't building up regular immunity.
Its like the flu... never going away and we need to get over it already. Live your life. people dont hide from the flu
I have a child under 5 who has a developmental disability and is unable to consistently wear a mask independently. He is in a public preschool program and the fact that mandatory masking has been dropped puts him at a higher risk, as he does not have the option to mask individually or to get vaccinated. I feel like the board of education completely abandoned any responsibility to children like mine, who are now more vulnerable to catching covid-19 because of this decision. I am also immunosuppressed because of an autoimmune condition, so it also puts me at higher risk when my children may be exposed to covid in their schools because our elected officials have chosen to get rid of protections while some children still do not have access to vaccines. I am also extremely disappointed at how the CDC has redefined the metrics they are tracking and how they define severity of outbreaks. This is a novel virus, we know there are new mutations causing large outbreaks in Asia and Europe, and yet everyone seems to have abandoned all pretense at prevention and left vulnerable populations to fend for themselves. It is unconscionable. I am very grateful our county health officer stepped in to do the right thing during the last surge in cases, but I worry that he will not step in and do the same for the next, whether because political pressure is too much or because the CDC has redefined its guidelines and metrics in such a way as to make it impossible. I have zero faith in our school board or Gov. Hogan doing the right thing, and our county executive has had his power to do so unilaterally stripped away, so really there is little hope anyone will act in any way to help keep people like me and my son from being exposed during future outbreaks. Especially seeing how many minority groups, the elderly, the sick and the poor have fared worse during this pandemic as far as morbidity and death, the abandoning of prevention feels like eugenics for the sake of business profits.
We, as a country, utterly failed in a systemic response to COVID. Mask mandates, and poorly enforced patchwork mandates at that, were a mere fig leaf and obviously unequal to the task of containing a global pandemic.
Mask mandates should still be in place until the pandemic improves.
I fully support Dr. Kalyanaraman's mask mandate earlier this year, and hope that we quickly return to mandating the use of masks should another Covid variant come to the area.
It's a little thing, wearing a mask. As a teacher, I've seen a resurgence in illnesses that weren't present when masks were worn- colds, stomach bugs, coughs, etc. I was not sick from those things while I was masked for two years. It's not a coincidence.
I think public officials did they best they could. I'm most bothered by people who harassed public officials because of COVID restrictions.
Generally should be left to private businesses to decide policies for their stores/restaurants.

It was all just a political power grab scheme! Fauci and Deep State collaborated with China to manufacture the virus and unleash it to aid and assist China in their NWO agenda.
Please watch variants and take actions aligned with mitigation. Don't bow to political pressure from deniers.
Government mask mandates were necessary for small businesses so that those businesses had the benefit of the county's expertise and public health experts.
Base the decisions off of hard data and scientific work
We are at a point where vaccines are available and so are boosters. We need to stop making mandates for masking. It should be personal choice.
Wear the damn mask and get the damn vaccine as per our Governor!!!
It doesn't seem smart to cancel the mask mandates and other public measures when COVID numbers begin to fall. Those measures are what made the numbers fall. I understand they feel the public needs a break, but we seem to be in a cycle of mandate/remove mandate and numbers up/numbers down.
I am a public health professional, so that significantly colors my viewpoint.
Ridiculous, nonsensical, cruel, disingenuous, unwarranted and unrelated to any REAL risk.
Now it is coming out in the mainstream that "the experts" have been wrong the entire time. And most "conspiracy theorists" have been proven right
No restrictions, you can wear one if you want/need too
This is America is not our country to give away. There are worse things than dying. Like wearing a mask and self suffocating .being controlled by the government. This is a free country and always will be
Let each business (corporate, retail, food) determine if employees/customers should wear masks, not the government chose for us.
I'm vaccinated and boosted. Gladly wore my mask for two years, but not as of March 2021 as numbers are better and officials announced progress.
Restrictions were ridiculous and hurt our economy terribly. People that can work are staying home unnecessarily.
I teach private preK at preK-8 school. We need same compensations/opportunities as public through government
Its kicking up again overseas...we may not be out of danger yet...it seems like we should remain vigilant until we can determine the severity of the next wave
We should have never allied a government shutdown.
The Anne Arundel County Health Officer should be fired over his No Risk views- - & keep the masks off kids in schools !
I feel that the people complaining about masks need to cool off. People are also required to wear shoes and pants in public. Kids are not impacted by the masks, but rather how the adults around them are talking about or behaving regarding masks.
Covid has become a god to worship for most of the population.
Masks should still be mandated indoors in public locations. Still too many people are at risk and wearing a mask isn't much to ask. Long COVID cases will only increase
I have been more dismayed at the selfish attitude of my fellow citizens towards maintaining public health than at the minor inconvenience of restrictions.
The COVID-19 situation is only about control. The statistics have been bogus. The censorship is inexcusable. Of course, people have died of COVID-19 and many, many other things. The Federal government is a complete fraud regarding this issue. I do NOT trust the CDC and I wish medical care was not political. WHAT A SCAM.

Unfortunate that caring for others in the community has been lost. Mandates shouldn't be needed if people would just mask to protect vulnerable. Instead, vulnerable should 'stay home' so others don't have to mask - which is a sad state of affairs.
Leave it up to individual business owners
Covid frustrations are the inconsistencies of masks vs. covid numbers. Numbers were still high yet we lifted the mask requirement. Strange. Numbers were high, yet we went to concerts, protests, sports events,... not social distancing ourselves from others. Hmm... The power of money. Money vs. concern for health vs. political agendas. Who do you believe? This all leads to frustration. Yet, the facts are Covid is still serious.
Dips in positivity rates, like the low case rates we are currently experiencing in Anne Arundel County, should be used to raise awareness and prepare for the next variant or the next surge in cases.
Leave it to science and follow that guidance! Also, do what is most comfortable for you - if the mandate is lifted and you are more comfortable wearing a mask then do so.
Listen to the scientists
It should have always been to protect those with immune issues and the elderly. These mask mandates destroyed businesses, livelihood and immeasurably harmed a generation of youth.
Rediculous!!!!!! Government in our area used no common sense. Cloth ans surgical masks have little or no effect and N95 masks need to be fit tested to be effective.I am employeed in public safety and every time we received a new type or brand of N95 to use we were fit tested. Not all fit properly so some were not aloowed to use certain types or sizes. Watching the public wearing them with no fit tests was pure comedy.
There should be no restrictions and no mandates.
COVID introduced the use of masks in public places and there was a significant reduction in the spread of many illnesses. A positive outcome of COVID is the regular use of masks in public places and the acceptance of mask-wearing for those that want to wear masks.
So unfortunate this became political instead of based on public health. Science should drive these decisions.
County and state mandates were reasonable and in the interests of residents
Follow the science, not public opinion
I appreciate the approach in AACo
Hard but necessary
Most restrictions have not been backed by true scientific studies. Most are politically motivated.
Lots of wasted money. Libraries have tons of COVID 19 tests and masks that are not being picked up. Strange that the COVID 19 tests be became available after the numbers started going down. Meanwhile, last year the County was giving out free crack pipe kits. Waste of money.
Covid equals playing politics. Conservative areas were free and open and progressive areas were shut tight as a drum. They played politics with our lives and livelihood.
Masks should be highly encouraged during outbreaks, but optional. Wearing of masks should be an individual choice.
I am for all restrictions to Slow the spread and keep the Public safe
I believe those making food, preparing food, touching food should have been wearing a mask all along and should continue to wear masks.
I don't like wearing masks yet it's not that onerous when high Covid conditions requires it.
The irrational fear that gripped the government resulted in irrational mandates.
Massive overreaction by people in power to increase their control of the populace.
No restriction should have ever been imposed.

public health is a main function of government, and it must take actions that protect the community when the "market" or "self-interest" cannot do so.
Vaccines must be mandatory.
Restrictions are for the overall protection of the community. People have to think beyond themselves.
Public health mandates are not political tools. They are life-saving measures.
There should be a simple barometer (digital signs) in public places announcing local weekly Covid positivity rates (data on Johns Hopkins U. website) to help the public decide when or when not to mask-up.
Seems fake
School teachers and childcare professionals deserve compensation for facing the risk of COVID-19 transmission every day. More can and should be done to keep them safe Ex: smaller class sizes - restrictions posed on families of the children in their care to prevent transmission.
Q11 should include an option that Mandates be imposed by the executive based on official public health advice.
AACO and MD are making decisions based on politics and not public health and safety.
When local people are dying due to covid, or local hospitals are etxed due to covid, we should be wearing masks.
The restrictions are necessary
Greatest overreaction in the history if the world
Relaxing restrictions is to soon considering how Europe is having major issues with the next variation. Next month is when we will see an increase in numbers from the new covid variation so relaxing of restrictions should be slower for the next wave. It will be harder to put restrictions back on now.
The government should never bend to the will of the uninformed. The government should "do what it takes" to protect all citizens regardless how unpopular the solution might appear.
There should never be Mandates especially no mandates for vaccines
People need to care about more than themselves
Flexible guidelines in response to whenever we have rise in numbers I'll.
As an AACPS employee and involved with thousands of students on a daily basis, I appreciated mask mandates as a way to keep the spread of COVID contained. Having expressed this, when masking became voluntary, it also lessened the need to point out non-compliance of masking with students. Our school administrators made a strong statement that now that masking was voluntary, that there would be no tolerance of students bullying or applying peer pressure to those students and faculty that choose to continue wearing masks. (Anecdotally, I think it is a 50% rate of masking/no masking in our school)
Covid is still with us and is not going away unless you have your head in the sand.
Saddened at how poorly our public health officials have been treated, and the way the Right has tried to politicize Covid. The lack of civility and inability to work together for the greater good has been devastating.
Cheaper, safer, proven to work, early onset antivirals should have been given out to the population instead of pricy vaccines that are harmful and pricy new antivirals that actually have more side effect. Would have saved lives and money.
government has been hiding behind other agencies as to be able to blame someone else and not being leaders themselves and making sound decisions
Totally support the County Health Officer and County Executive's decisions for the protection and good of our collective public health.

mask mandates overstep individual rights. Scare tactics to keep gov't control used. Not revealing correct numbers for covid issues,
Give us the REAL TRUTH about what is happening.
Safety for all trumps individual choice in public.
Those who complain loudest about mask and vaccine mandates are putting their own personal convenience and/or political beliefs above the good of the populace as a whole.
Listen to Medical professionals for medical advise.l
Keep doing what you are doing
People should NOT lose their jobs due to refusal to get vaccinated. These were experimental vaccines and promised no law suits to the companies who came up with them. WRONG!!!
Need to stay ahead of Ba2 surge with necessary precautions, supplies, medications.
We can see now that the failure to focus on the most vulnerable, elderly and those with co-morbidities, in the initial stages, led to unnecessary restrictions that continued without recognizing how ineffective such measures are.
Biggest scam to the public in my lifetime. Grossly inflated numbers of deaths due to covid.
Pittman administration has been excellent. Follows the science.
Masking issue has been ridiculous. Anything other than a high quality mask used only once is scientifically sound. Anything else is just for show as relates to virus spreading.
None
Its time to move on. Stop the panic. We have other diseases that we live with this is just another. Stop the politics.
If everyone would get vaccinated, herd immunity can be effective.
Too many layers of people making decisions!
I think as long as there are selfish and ignorant people, it will be a losing battle. Each person should do all they can to protect themselves and n cunt on the naysayers to do it!
Too many of my fellow citizens don't care about anyone but themselves. They don't see the masks as protecting their neighbors.
People are getting tired of the restrictions; that is understandable. However, the role of government is to lead and sometimes make calls that are not popular.
People who refuse to get the vaccine for themselves or their kids should face some type of penalty, i.e., fines, restrictions, or additional mask mandates.
The relaxing of restrictions is understandable, but I have concern that the relaxing of the restrictions are more political than scientific/medical.
I am 85
The populous may need to accept that this virus will likely require yearly boosters.
Since none of our health professionals are only administrators with NO experience in these issues, why are we allowing them to tell us what to do?
Gov Hogan has constantly provided the right leadership regarding Covid for MD.
No comment.
Necessary and appreciated.
Leave decisions to the local Health Professionals.
Public health safety concerns and programs are more appropriate than "individual rights" to make a decision
We cannot know truth when public officials have agendas that put party politics above public health; read: hydroxychlorophine.

Care and consideration for the most vulnerable is lacking. If we cannot protect each other, who are we?
People who mouth off about wearing masks are stupid and selfish.
It's unfortunate that Covid-19 shots have been so politicized. This didn't occur during previous pandemics like polio.
In favor of mandated vaccinations for all ages.
Remove all mandates on COVID, the masks never did work. This is like the flu, it's my choice if I want the vaccine or not. Not the Government's!
Herd immunity is important to develop especially among the young and healthy.
Masks don't work. Lock downs don't work. Vaccines don't work. Teachers do not want to work. Our government has consistently lied to us and this has been a national DISASTER!
Lifting masking too soon leads to new cases, as in UK. Am ignoring lifted restrictions for my own protection.
Should not be politicized by county executiv.

Appendix D: Comments about Land Use and Development

New uses and uses of Annapolis mall and vacant stores
If developing we need more affordable
The current infrastructure can't handle what we have, let alone more growth. We can't leave our houses on weekends in the summer because of traffic. Daily commutes are a nightmare.
Well under control
Sorry sir, we're at capacity.
No to mixed developments, ie, residential/business/light industrial
No more warehouses
Cap development like Calvert County has tried.
Increase environmental monitoring of development, increase fines for non-compliance.
All development, both residential and commercial, should be in population hubs, not rural areas.
We need more retirement communities with cottages, not just apartments. More bakeries and fish markets. More French restaurants (two recently closed) and fewer Mexican restaurants. More small specialty grocers. Severna Park needs a Graul's Fresh Market, or Trader Joe's. Small clothing boutiques for women and children. Better parking for seniors, especially in Annapolis.
Anymore "development" of any kind is antithetical to a healthy environment. Over the 50 years I've lived in AACo, I've seen the rivers decay enormously. No more development!
Annapolis parking needs improved
Propose regulations on how long large commercial buildings (stores, parking lots) can remain vacant. Strive for re-developing these areas, or convert them to open space/passive use parks (Crownsville Hospital)
The entitlement & forestation requirements impose significant costs making development cost prohibitive
I see lots of empty commercial buildings in Annapolis. Maybe some of the unused commercial space could be rehabilitated to serve as affordable housing? I think the business paradigm is changing. During the pandemic, after my daughter was laid off, she started a couple web businesses for niche interest markets (chinchillas, Korean food and culture) and sold her artwork on various products. She was able to start a business with very little capital, and market it very effectively through social media. With this new business model, do we really need all these brick and mortar stores? So much business has moved online anyway.
Some areas of the county suffer from a Yogi Berra quote, "Nobody comes here anymore, its too crowded." As in Rt 3 in Gambrills, Riva Road in Annapolis, Rt 2 in Severna Park.
Too many retail businesses are closing while there are too many restaurants in the county which don't provide liveable wages for their workers.
Need more sidewalks, walkways and trails in neighborhoods to get to adjacent neighborhoods or shopping centers easily so kids can be on their bikes safely or joggers can jog safely
make permit process streamlined
Do not live in AA County.
I have nothing to comment about.
Too many residential neighborhoods UGLY
I think there is opportunities in this county as a whole, however, I think it comes with a lot of prerequisites that seem almost impossible.

Lower rent and mortgage interest and prices. Rent and utilities is currently in an extreme high. Commercial development of large cooperation AMAZON WALMART TARGET is not needed as much as local/small business. Trade and Service Provider basically lost its market there are job opportunities but not enough workers. Bring these jobs to low income communities where
NO Comments
None.
Please STOP developing the land on Marley Neck Road and Solley Roads. There are not enough schools and roads to effectively handle All of the townhomes you are letting these builders build.
We don't need more commercial development in congested corridors like route 3. Instead of ripping down what little trees are left, previously developed areas should be redeveloped. There are plenty that would be suitable for a variety of uses. I'm not pleased to see so many large housing developments being built right now, but at least Odenton town center is proximal to the train and highway. Two rivers should have never been approved though- the school overcrowding situation is untenable and it contributes to traffic on both rt 3 and on back roads like Patuxent. It is a huge drain on local resources and should have never been placed where it is. Also a majority of the houses being built are far out of the price range for most families in this area. We need more affordable homes, not more projects like two rivers.
No more developing land. Leave land for wildlife. Redeveloped old falling down places instead of cutting more trees and killing animals and their homes. We need more nature and wooded areas for all.
Reusing old developments instead of breaking ground and cutting down even more trees NEEDS to be our focus moving forward.
We need more small businesses, not chains!
There is too much development and the infrastructure has not kept up. Increased traffic in residential areas and county roads (100 specifically) cannot accommodate
Whatever development is done, roads, schools, community services, open spaces, etc must be expanded as well. Why is it that supporting infrastructure is always an afterthought!
Many of the businesses/store fronts along route 175 in Fort Meade need to be torn down or renovated. This is a highly populated, economically thriving area and boarded up buildings are a detriment to progress.
no more building- Too many town houses and mini mansions already.
Prefer smart growth, add density and services in tandom.
Development needs to happen primarily in areas already developed. Our county's developers need to change their expectation that they get to develop all our green areas. We need more density in targeted, already developed areas with infrastructure. And people need to accept that traffic will move slower through those areas. A robust network of bike paths will help mobility.
Please stop paving over Annapolis ground! The flooding is a significant issue! We should be tearing down unused spaces and removing the asphalt, not adding more.
There are openings in existing spaces. These need to be utilized prior to granting permits to develop additional areas. I realize that this may involve re-development of the existing spaces.
We need to find a way to bring Wegmans back to Annapolis.
More local or good restaurants. No More gross fast food
The vacant former Kmart and former Giant store spaces in Edgewater are in dire need of viable retail tenants, and not just Halloween/Costume temporary occupants!!!
Route 3 in Crofton is severely overdeveloped and traffic congestion has become unbearable.

Commercial development on Route 3 in Gambrills has coincided with a significant increase in traffic on that road in the past 3-5 years.
This county I have lived in my entire 49 years. It is so overpopulated and being over a billion it's not even funny. How can people that care about the environment, the Democrats that run this whole state allow this much construction and building and illegals coming into our country and county.
I would love to see Marley Station Mall redeveloped as a health destination. A roller rink, climbing wall, healthy grocery store, environmentally friendly shops- a real focus away from screens and junk food for families.
Our affordable housing crisis is escalating. NIMBYism is preventing affordable housing from being developed. I don't want our county to end up like L. A. County, where homeless folks camp everywhere and hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent trying to fix a problem that has a lot to do with the incredibly high cost of housing.
There has been too much development. Stop allowing environment to be destroyed. Fix what you have
We need to fix the public housing crisis and bring in better affordable housing for stepping up and out of the public housing. Those should not be long term solutions. Home ownership should be the goal for all in public housing.
Lots of stores closed under Covid. Need incentives to get new businesses to fill those empty spaces.
It would be nice to see empty store fronts being used by small business, including retail and dining.
Stop it all!
More public access to the Bay. Additional funding and political / legal support to open up public land to facilitate water access. Special interest have over-sized power in this matter.
More pedestrian-friendly spaces. Downtown Annapolis is great but too much traffic. Not practical but closing off downtown to cars and providing multiple, low-cost parking garages at the boundaries, with accommodations for disabled, would be wonderful. Or the Mall, if declines due to online, make it more of a community space including outdoor facilities...like a park with shopping/eating options
All the green space is leaving AAC! It is a shame. No new building! Renovate existing buildings!
It is congested and over crowded. Stop building residential areas and upgrade the existing ones and fix the roads
In addition to redeveloping existing commercial centers, like Marley Station Mall, we should ensure that all areas of the county have access to banks, groceries, etc.
There seem to be way too many large office complexes and stores sitting empty. We don't need to build more.
Reopen Harbour 9 Movie Theater
New Development should bring new taxes. Question is were are the getting wasted???
Baltimore should be taken over by the State and turned in to a special economic zone with all development centered on Baltimore. 100% transparency. Take over ever aspect of government. Baltimore is a cesspool of crime and corruption. Stop suburban sprawl. Lock up criminals, crooked bureaucrats, politicians, judges and prosecutors.
The redevelopment of existing commercial centers, i.e West Street and Chincoquen is needed to create a vibrant and attractive entrance to Annapolis. The current plan appears to allow for any type of business to open and has created traffic challenges with the entrances and exits to these business, hindering their ability to be successful. I would prefer to use small business and independent restaurants but the traffic and the planning makes up more of my time and thus I decide to go online or to a shopping area further away but easier to access. This section of the road is an unattractive entrance to a beautiful and historic city.

The county has grown past what taxpayers and the environment can carry. Redevelop where necessary but curb growth overall.
I live off the Route 3 corridor. Consideration should be given to stop building along Rte 3 in the Crofton/Gambrills area.
Building is out of control. Roads and schools cannot keep up. Annapolis is a parking lot most of the time
Need affordable senior housing
Need development that preserves and expands green space and publicly available green space
I moved here because it was a good balance of urban centers and horse farms. Over the last decade I've seen more farms turned into housing developments, I suspect in an attempt to avoid the spectre of raising taxes per capita by packing more people into the county. But in addition to making it harder for me to enjoy my passion and driving up boarding and farm costs, it's also made the traffic far worse. I moved from NY/NJ to get away from that traffic. If it follows me here I won't be happy.
Route 3 is a mess and needs to be improved due to high volume at peak times
Cultural and racial diversity in restaurants is sadly lacking in the state capital.
We need to protect land for recreational, agricultural, and wildlife use. We need to limit new development and take the opportunity to be creative about redevelopment for affordable housing and appropriate commercial use.
Stop building houses on top of houses. The roads are clogged. The schools are overflowing. Reduce the housing cost so people can buy or rent. Stop building anything. Reuse what we have. Commercial and residential- fix up and fill the buildings we already have.
Because of COVID-19 and government mandates causing so many businesses to close, there is plenty of commercial space available.
Urbanization of AA Co is undesirable and ever increasing building of multi-family apartments and condos concentrate the population, overload services, create traffic
I believe there should be no more development of open space or natural areas in the county but only redevelopment
I would like to see good use of what we have before building more. Improve and use existing commercial buildings.
The County should support small business by allowing them in proximity to the communities and populations they serve. This implies additional commercial or mixed-use zoning in areas presently designated exclusively residential. Also, more commercial interspersed in neighborhoods will result in fewer vehicle miles to satisfy basic needs, and encourage alternatives to driving, such as walking and biking, to meet those needs (provided there are safe routes and/or available transit.)
There should be no need for new development as there are plenty of empty buildings
Use a survey to ask how far residents drive for purchases/ services. There could be encouragement for businesses to relocate closer to customers. More products are delivered - saving the consumer and the planet, but more deliveries are using up fossil fuels. Neighbor-to-neighbor business transactions save on the use of fossil fuels. This could be encouraged, too.
My answers relate to Eastport (21403). I am generally not conservative but at this time I think my neighborhood should have no new residential or commercial development for some time to come.
I live in Eastport and there is no more room for residential or commercial construction. Renovations are the order of the day. We have Harbour House and that is enough.
AACO is a culinary wasteland. Where is the diversity in food ingredients. All of NOVA, DC, and Baltimore are better.
Affordable housing is direly needed.

I live off Forest Drive in Annapolis and the roads can't handle more development; the traffic is getting bad.
Fix the roads first
Stop building on Rt 3. Traffic is over saturated. Stop building high density housing. Roads and schools are already over burdened and that is exacerbated by high density housing. Stop claiming build 55+ communities and then give waivers and add families after schools are over capacity.
We have plenty of housing and stores at this time without hurting the Environment
What about the supply of vacant space that is unused? Look at Annapolis Mall and Marley Station Mall .
Our malls are dying. How can they be revitalized? Maybe incorporate community centers?
All of the development appears to be in already over crowded areas of AACO. Choose areas that aren't .
why wasn't I given the option to comment on Q20?
AA County is a Tax Hog. They keep building "packed" housing developments but do not provide the necessary other services to support the residents.
Highway and other roadway systems need to be appropriately developed to support any expansion.
Marley Mall is a "ghost town" with most stores closed. Before any future commercial development is pursued, they need to revive current ones, bringing in new stores and advertising big time. There has been increased crime in Annapolis & Arundel Mills Malls. Shoppers need to feel safe or they won't go.
We have plenty of services close to us. We believe that redeveloping areas that have deteriorated is needed rather than tearing up woods and fields for more commercial development.
No need for more development. Traffic, drain on systems, crowding schools.....stop.
No more big box stores, please!
More development of any kind is going to strangle our roads even more, causing people to leave the area, meaning tax hikes.
optimal transparency of plans for new development needed. Full transparency to the public needed of campaign contributions by developers/businesses.
Huge vacancies currently exist in commercial. How can new development be justified?
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Appendix E: Comments about State and Local Issues

we should not have to wear a mask or get vaccinated in the place.
The County Council should not overrule the judgment of public health officials.
Keep up media for people to get vax n boosters
Pretty well done
There needed to be a consistent message given by the health officials. It became too political also.
Wearing masks, especially for children has damaged the physical, emotional and psychological growth. Examples are the delay in speech as well as showing signs of hypotonia in facial muscles. Masks do not prevent the spread of viruses and neither does the mRNA experimental injection.
There has been overreach by our government (on county, state & federal levels) and the restrictions should never have been put in place. This country has been through other pandemics. Causing the fear that was instilled in most folks was uncalled for.
The Covid restrictions were a joke, they didn't stop the spread.
It was planned
I thought MD did a good job of relying on public health data, at first infection rate, later hospitalization rates to determine decision on restrictions imposed or lifted. There were clear, concise and data driven reasons given for the decisions. The school mask mandate was probably the one decision that seemed to fall outside of this general protocol, unfortunately.
Age and pre-existing health conditions are a big consideration.
Prepare for the next outbreak
Continue mask mandates in public spaces where communication is not important. Everyone should wear a mask in grocery and other stores, places that involve oral communication like schools and public meetings should have more flexibility.
Masks don't work.
If vaccinations really worked as we are told shouldn't they stop you getting covid?
Let people make their own choices about vaccines, masks, and going out in public at all
Any restriction is overdone, instead of restrictions the actions taken should have been solutions that allowed life to continue.
Masks do not work. Only imposing them for political purposes of control
I will continue to mask until more of the population gets vaccinated and boosted.
Ridiculous to permit people who don't care about others' health to keep mask mandates down. Those who refuse to get vaccinated or wear a mask should be denied health care when/if they get covid. What happened to caring about your fellow-Americans?
Message and education need to improve
Science needs to guide policy. Not right wing nut jobs.
Under the circumstances, thought it was responsible action for the overall good of the public at large. I trusted that these decisions were heavily weighed in an attempt to mitigate, as much as possible, the devastating impact this virus had on our health systems, individuals, families, businesses and other organizations, etc. Personally, I did not find them onerous.
Covid 19 restrictions have impeded our constitutional right to personal freedom. An individual in a democracy should have the right to assess the risk/reward & determine how they want to react to Covid 19
Sad to think that an issue of public health and common sense and care for your fellow citizen has been politicized.

I wish everyone would put the safety of others first when deciding on mask wearing and vaccination. Community leaders should encourage us all to pull together to protect more vulnerable members of our community.
Get the damned shot!
Generally, people seem way too sensitive about their 'freedom' to not wear a mask, to the point of absurdity. On the other hand, politicians are too eager to impose senseless rules.
We are high risk people and only go out when necessary.
Restrictions were lifted too soon, at least should've waited for no more COVID cases
Anne Arundel County has done an amazing job with handling the crisis, the roll out of vaccinations and boosters, and in making calls in conjunction with the science.
studies have shown that masks are practically useless & to make children wear them is child abuse since their risk is so minimal
Unconstitutional.
If you want to wear one, do it. If you dont, then dont. But respect everyone's choice
The county and/or public health officials could leave it up to the businesses/organizations as to whether to require masks/distancing/etc.
Larry Lockdown destroyed businesses in Maryland.
New uses and uses of Annapolis mall and vacant stores
If developing we need more affordable
The current infrastructure can't handle what we have, let alone more growth. We can't leave our houses on weekends in the summer because of traffic. Daily commutes are a nightmare.
Well under control
Sorry sir, we're at capacity.
No to mixed developments, ie, residential/business/light industrial
No more warehouses
Cap development like Calvert County has tried.
Increase environmental monitoring of development, increase fines for non-compliance.
All development, both residential and commercial, should be in population hubs, not rural areas.
We need more retirement communities with cottages, not just apartments. More bakeries and fish markets. More French restaurants (two recently closed) and fewer Mexican restaurants. More small specialty grocers. Severna Park needs a Graul's Fresh Market, or Trader Joe's. Small clothing boutiques for women and children. Better parking for seniors, especially in Annapolis.
Anymore "development" of any kind is antithetical to a healthy environment. Over the 50 years I've lived in AACo, I've seen the rivers decay enormously. No more development!
Annapolis parking needs improved
Propose regulations on how long large commercial buildings (stores, parking lots) can remain vacant. Strive for re-developing these areas, or convert them to open space/passive use parks (Crownsville Hospital)
The entitlement & forestation requirements impose significant costs making development cost prohibitive
I see lots of empty commercial buildings in Annapolis. Maybe some of the unused commercial space could be rehabilitated to serve as affordable housing? I think the business paradigm is changing. During the pandemic, after my daughter was laid off, she started a couple web businesses for niche interest markets (chinchillas, Korean food and culture) and sold her artwork on various products. She was able to start a business with very little capital, and market it very effectively through social

media. With this new business model, do we really need all these brick and mortar stores? So much business has moved online anyway.
Some areas of the county suffer from a Yogi Berra quote, "Nobody comes here anymore, its too crowded." As in Rt 3 in Gambrills, Riva Road in Annapolis, Rt 2 in Severna Park.
Too many retail businesses are closing while there are too many restaurants in the county which don't provide liveable wages for their workers.
Need more sidewalks, walkways and trails in neighborhoods to get to adjacent neighborhoods or shopping centers easily so kids can be on their bikes safely or joggers can jog safely
make permit process streamlined
Do not live in AA County.
I have nothing to comment about.
Too many residential neighborhoods UGLY
I think there is opportunities in this county as a whole, however, I think it comes with a lot of prerequisites that seem almost impossible.
Lower rent and mortgage interest and prices. Rent and utilities is currently in an extreme high. Commercial development of large cooperation AMAZON WALMART TARGET is not needed as much as local/small business. Trade and Service Provider basically lost its market there are job opportunities but not enough workers. Bring these jobs to low income communities where
NO Comments
None.
Please STOP developing the land on Marley Neck Road and Solley Roads. There are not enough schools and roads to effectively handle All of the townhomes you are letting these builders build.
We don't need more commercial development in congested corridors like route 3. Instead of ripping down what little trees are left, previously developed areas should be redeveloped. There are plenty that would be suitable for a variety of uses. I'm not pleased to see so many large housing developments being built right now, but at least Odenton town center is proximal to the train and highway. Two rivers should have never been approved though- the school overcrowding situation is untenable and it contributes to traffic on both rt 3 and on back roads like Patuxent. It is a huge drain on local resources and should have never been placed where it is. Also a majority of the houses being built are far out of the price range for most families in this area. We need more affordable homes, not more projects like two rivers.
No more developing land. Leave land for wildlife. Redeveloped old falling down places instead of cutting more trees and killing animals and their homes. We need more nature and wooded areas for all.
Reusing old developments instead of breaking ground and cutting down even more trees NEEDS to be our focus moving forward.
We need more small businesses, not chains!
There is too much development and the infrastructure has not kept up. Increased traffic in residential areas and county roads (100 specifically) cannot accommodate
Whatever development is done, roads, schools, community services, open spaces, etc must be expanded as well. Why is it that supporting infrastructure is always an afterthought!
Many of the businesses/store fronts along route 175 in Fort Meade need to be torn down or renovated. This is a highly populated, economically thriving area and boarded up buildings are a detriment to progress.
no more building- Too many town houses and mini mansions already.
Prefer smart growth, add density and services in tandem.

Development needs to happen primarily in areas already developed. Our county's developers need to change their expectation that they get to develop all our green areas. We need more density in targeted, already developed areas with infrastructure. And people need to accept that traffic will move slower through those areas. A robust network of bike paths will help mobility.
Please stop paving over Annapolis ground! The flooding is a significant issue! We should be tearing down unused spaces and removing the asphalt, not adding more.
There are openings in existing spaces. These need to be utilized prior to granting permits to develop additional areas. I realize that this may involve re-development of the existing spaces.
We need to find a way to bring Wegmans back to Annapolis.
More local or good restaurants. No More gross fast food
The vacant former Kmart and former Giant store spaces in Edgewater are in dire need of viable retail tenants, and not just Halloween/Costume temporary occupants!!!
Route 3 in Crofton is severely overdeveloped and traffic congestion has become unbearable.
Commercial development on Route 3 in Gambrills has coincided with a significant increase in traffic on that road in the past 3-5 years.
This county I have lived in my entire 49 years. It is so overpopulated and being over a bill it's not even funny. How can people that care about the environment, the Democrats that run this whole state allow this much construction and building and illegals coming into our country and county.
I would love to see Marley Station Mall redeveloped as a health destination. A roller rink, climbing wall, healthy grocery store, environmentally friendly shops- a real focus away from screens and junk food for families.
Our affordable housing crisis is escalating. NIMBYism is preventing affordable housing from being developed. I don't want our county to end up like L. A. County, where homeless folks camp everywhere and hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent trying to fix a problem that has a lot to do with the incredibly high cost of housing.
There has been too much development. Stop allowing environment to be destroyed. Fix what you have
We need to fix the public housing crisis and bring in better affordable housing for stepping up and out of the public housing. Those should not be long term solutions. Home ownership should be the goal for all in public housing.
Lots of stores closed under Covid. Need incentives to get new businesses to fill those empty spaces.
It would be nice to see empty store fronts being used by small business, including retail and dining.
Stop it all!
More public access to the Bay. Additional funding and political / legal support to open up public land to facilitate water access. Special interest have over-sized power in this matter.
More pedestrian-friendly spaces. Downtown Annapolis is great but too much traffic. Not practical but closing off downtown to cars and providing multiple, low-cost parking garages at the boundaries, with accommodations for disabled, would be wonderful. Or the Mall, if declines due to online, make it more of a community space including outdoor facilities...like a park with shopping/eating options
All the green space is leaving AAC! It is a shame. No new building! Renovate existing buildings!
It is congested and over crowded. Stop building residential areas and upgrade the existing ones and fix the roads
In addition to redeveloping existing commercial centers, like Marley Station Mall, we should ensure that all areas of the county have access to banks, groceries, etc.
There seem to be way too many large office complexes and stores sitting empty. We don't need to build more.

Reopen Harbour 9 Movie Theater
New Development should bring new taxes. Question is were are the getting wasted???
Baltimore should be taken over by the State and turned in to a special economic zone with all development centered on Baltimore. 100% transparency. Take over ever aspect of government. Baltimore is a cesspool of crime and corruption. Stop suburban sprawl. Lock up criminals, crooked bureaucrats, politicians, judges and prosecutors.
The redevelopment of existing commerical centers, i.e West Street and Chincoquen is needed to create a vibrant and attractive entrance to Annapolis. The current plan appears to allow for any type of business to open and has created traffic challenges with the entrances and exits to these business, hindering their ability to be successful. I would prefer to use small business and independent restaurants but the traffic and the planning makes up more of my time and thus I decide to go online or to a shopping area further away but easier to access. This section of the road is an unattractive entrance to a beautiful and historic city.
The county has grown past what taxpayers and the environment can carry. Redevelop where necessary but curb growth overall.
I live off the Route 3 corridor. Consideration should be given to stop building along Rte 3 in the Crofton/Gambrills area.
Building is out of control. Roads and schools cannot keep up. Annapolis is a parking lot most of the time
Need affordable senior housing
Need development that preserves and expands green space and publicly available green space
I moved here because it was a good balance of urban centers and horse farms. Over the last decade I've seen more farms turned into housing developments, I suspect in an attempt to avoid the spectre of raising taxes per capita by packing more people into the county. But in addition to making it harder for me to enjoy my passion and driving up boarding and farm costs, it's also made the traffic far worse. I moved from NY/NJ to get away from that traffic. If it follows me here I won't be happy.
Route 3 is a mess and needs to be improved due to high volume at peak times
Cultural and racial diversity in restaurants is sadly lacking in the state capital.
We need to protect land for recreational, agricultural, and wildlife use. We need to limit new development and take the opportunity to be creative about redevelopment for affordable housing and appropriate commercial use.
Stop building houses on top of houses. The roads are clogged. The schools are overflowing. Reduce the housing cost so people can buy or rent. Stop building anything. Reuse what we have. Commercial and residential- fix up and fill the buildings we already have.
Because of COVID-19 and government mandates causing so many businesses to close, there is plenty of commercial space available.
Urbanization of AA Co is undesirable and ever increasing building of multi-family apartments and condos concentrate the population, overload services, create traffic
I believe there should be no more development of open space or natural areas in the county but only redevelopment
I would like to see good use of what we have before building more. Improve and use existing commercial buildings.
The County should support small business by allowing them in proximity to the communities and populations they serve. This implies additional commercial or mixed-use zoning in areas presently designated exclusively residential. Also, more commercial interspersed in neighborhoods will result in fewer vehicle miles to satisfy basic needs, and encourage alternatives to driving, such as walking and biking, to meet those needs (provided there are safe routes and/or available transit.)

There should be no need for new development as there are plenty of empty buildings
Use a survey to ask how far residents drive for purchases/ services. There could be encouragement for businesses to relocate closer to customers. More products are delivered - saving the consumer and the planet, but more deliveries are using up fossil fuels. Neighbor-to-neighbor business transactions save on the use of fossil fuels. This could be encouraged, too.
My answers relate to Eastport (21403). I am generally not conservative but at this time I think my neighborhood should have no new residential or commercial development for some time to come.
I live in Eastport and there is no more room for residential or commercial construction. Renovations are the order of the day. We have Harbour House and that is enough.
AACO is a culinary wasteland. Where is the diversity in food ingredients. All of NOVA, DC, and Baltimore are better.
Affordable housing is direly needed.
I live off Forest Drive in Annapolis and the roads can't handle more developement; the traffic is getting bad.
Fix the roads first
Stop building on Rt 3. Traffic is over saturated. Stop building high density housing. Roads and schools are already over burdened and that is exacerbated by high density housing. Stop claiming build 55+ communities and then give waivers and add families after schools are over capacity.
We have plenty of housing and stores at this time without hurting the Environment
What about the supply of vacant space that is unused? Look at Annapolis Mall and Marley Station Mall .
Our malls are dying. How can they be revitalized? Maybe incorporate community centers?
All of the development appears to be in already over crowded areas of AACO. Choose areas that aren't .
why wasn't I given the option to comment on Q20?
AA County is a Tax Hog. They keep building "packed" housing developments but do not provide the necessary other services to support the residents.
Highway and other roadway systems need to be appropriately developed to support any expansion.
Marley Mall is a "ghost town" with most stores closed. Before any future commercial development is pursued, they need to revive current ones, bringing in new stores and advertising big time. There has been increased crime in Annapolis & Arundel Mills Malls. Shoppers need to feel safe or they won't go.
We have plenty of services close to us. We believe that redeveloping areas that have deteriorated is needed rather than tearing up woods and fields for more commercial development.
No need for more development. Traffic, drain on systems, crowding schools.....stop.
No more big box stores, please!
More development of any kind is going to strangle our roads even more, causing people to leave the area, meaning tax hikes.
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Appendix F: Comments on National and International Issues

Deeply care about quality of senior local/state government
No to open borders and flooding the US with undocumented people. YES to voter ID, no mail-in ballots. YES to paper ballots.
Climate change through CO2 or nuclear war is real.
Improve monitoring and prosecution of violent extremist groups while respecting First Amendment rights.
Energy prices are high now and will get higher because of the president's stupidity in going green and shutting down our energy independence. Joe did this!
AA County, and the entire US, should end ALL consumption of anything produced in Russia, and ideally China, until Russia withdraws from Ukraine without conditions.
Our feckless and weak leader has unilaterally put us at near war with Russia. Weakness emboldens our enemies and you see this playing out in the global stage
We need to loosen immigration restrictions, especially for trained healthcare providers and refugees fro Afghanistan, Ukraine, and regions where criminal activity and global warming have endangered livelihoods.
We need to eliminate use of fossil fuels if we expect to even have a world in the future.
US is failing to adjust to the changes to come from climate change
Political division
Another difficult and complex matter to comment on. It seems to me that we, in America, pay lower energy prices than the rest of the world. Why? Perhaps because of the very powerful, energy and other extractive industries lobbyists, the hold and influence they have on our government "leaders" and the massive tax benefits and profits they derive. Essentially, though, seems to be OK with us as we don't want to change our ways...even though we say we're "concerned" with the impact they have on climate matters.
Election integrity & censorship are critical issues to maintaining democracy in America. Term limits are critical to avoid the conflicts of interest & buying influence
I don't believe these sanctions are driving the price of oil. Corporate and government greed are causing changes that continue to allow arbitrary pricing practices.
We need to do more
Russia will sell its oil to China, thus pushing our enemies closer. The biggest hit to Putin, would be to flood the market with more petroleum products from USA sources. Other countries do not have the standards of production like American oil. Biden's war on US energy is to blame for much of the problem.
Open the pipelines.
Energy prices wouldn't increase if we had maintained our prior independence
I don't believe that we should neglect domestic or international in order to focus on the opposite, there needs to be a balance.
I don't have any other national issues that I would consider serious.
The Ukrainian people need our support and I am absolutely willing to pay higher prices if it will help even a little bit in their fight.
I think the US should keep troops off the ground in any combat situation. I think we should be made more aware of recent military campaigns, such as the drone strike in Somalia.

There are people who live in countries like Russia who do not all agree with the actions of their government and placing restrictions on business within Russia hurts the individuals who depend on foreign sales.
One problem I want to address is countries' ability to use nuclear energy as weapons. I think all nuclear weapons should be dismantled and banned from ever being used since they will only lead to mass extinction and the end of humanity and life on earth.
I feel that I have some knowledge of certain issues but not enough that I am confident to make decisions towards the topics.
The UN regulations of HR issues
the Palestinian v. Israeli conflict and how the U.S. does not see how Ukraine and Russian conflict are very similar.
The threat of nuclear war is too serious for politicians to play games with no fly zones and sanctions (which only hurt average Russian citizens, not the leaders who are making the decisions). We need more diplomatic efforts to de-escalate the situation, along with aid for Ukrainians who are suffering.
Why can we not afford to ensure medical care for all Americans, but can afford to send money and munitions to other countries? We need to invest in ourselves, set our own house in order, before spending our national resources on other countries. The highways are filled with potholes, teachers are underpaid, and yet we spend so much elsewhere.
We should be utilizing our own oil resources and open pipelines instead of reaching out to other countries
Very steady WH response in coordination with NATO, EU. Avoid WWII
Immigration. We need it. And we need to accommodate immigrants here in AACo.
While we need to focus on domestic issues, we also need to respect our place in the global community. When we help others, they help us. When that isn't respected, it becomes Nationalism. The climate threat is coming for us all, and we need to respond TOGETHER. Also, focusing on domestic issues could be simultaneously achieved, if we could all agree what our priorities are: they should be the health, safety and prosperity of all of our residents, not just the wealthiest few making the decisions.
higher oil prices started prior to the Russian invasion. Higher world prices of oil in the long run benefit Russia, and only serve to hurt the US.
Sanctions are not driving up our prices as much as the incompetent US administration is. Only 8% of our oil came from Russia. Gas prices were already getting significantly higher since the Biden administration took office. Luckily for them they can now blame Putin for inflation. How convenient.
Leaders lead not constantly react. No leadership at federal, state, county or city levels in Annapolis, AA Co, MD or US.
Why are so many Democrats worried about Ukraine's borders when they don't care about our southern border? People have been pouring in without cover and shots and or the secondness. Bringing drugs and gang members which are killing our country but everyone's virtue signaling about Ukraine
I support the sanctions on Russia, and the potential higher energy prices, but we should be developing our own sources of energy so we aren't dependent on outside sources.
We should be supplying our own fuel and not relying on foreign fuels. keystone pipeline should be open and finished.
I am very concerned about the party still perpetuating the lie about the 2020 election and the number of American citizens that still believe this lie. That person should be barred from ever holding public office again if jail isn't an option.

We need to provide our own solution to energy so there is not a significant rise in cost when international issues arise
This isn't about Russia and gas. Biden did the inflation. Russia isn't what it seems and gas prices are due to truckers not being vaccinated, then our own country being prevented from producing oil. And higher wages across the board in everything.
Biden humiliation in Afghanistan emboldened Russia & China. Taiwan is next to fall & we will do nothing since China owns us economically.
I feel that Trump and various members of the GOP are responsible for much of the current global unrest. They behaved selfishly and put many others at risk.
Nationally, I am very concerned about the limitations being enacted on both voting and reproductive rights.
Higher energy prices are NOT because of Putin's stupid war. Higher energy prices are because of Biden's stupid energy policies. This is 100% on Biden and his administration who oppose domestic energy independence.
We need to continue supporting NATO and Ukraine. Russia has to be contained. China is very complicated but they have their hands full with problems and historically a culture that does not go beyond its borders with issues that are not related to economics.
Support for countries suffering under massive aggression by countries like Russia must be strong...but balance out with US gov't policies which continue to manipulate smaller countries outside our geography which give us little ethical room to condemn such aggressions. US needs to be supportive but stay removed from smaller geopolitical issues.
Climate change is a threat to economic security, and can not be addressed by solely focusing on domestic affairs.
Do not buy from our philosophical, ideological, and known enemy/ies. It will haunt us. Why do business with them? Seems that money is our downfall: greed. Sometimes standing for what is right, hurts, but in the long run works out.
Should return to energy independence that we had under previous administration
Energy cost would not rise if open out pipeline again. If its about climate change and the enviorment than why did we approve and push for the Russian pipeline.
Close our boarders. We cannot afford to support the millions flooding into our country from so many different nations.
The Biden Regime is a Kakistocracy. Most Western governments are the same and tyrannical.
We shouldn't be depending on any other country's for oil.
The entire world is threatened by climate change. We must use diplomacy to work together.
Important to continue to shine a light on systemic racism and support critical race theory and reproductive rights
The US should respectfully engage with other countries. Not continuing to see themselves as better than other countries, the arrogance is appalling- this country has not achieved all the ideals it states to have done.
We need to use our own resources. Makes no sense to buy oil and gas from other countries when we can produce it here. People demanding that we shut down fossil fuel production, while purchasing from other countries, don't recognize that pollution on one part of the globe flows to another part of the globe. They also don't recognize that the US produces fossil fuels with less pollution than other countries. Those blocking pipelines don't understand that current technology is sophisticated, controls the flow of fuel while stopping or reducing spills. Finally, if Obama and Biden really believed in the oceans rising, they wouldn't have oceanfront houses. What do they know that we don't know?

Our country needs to apply immigration laws and stop allowing illegal aliens to cross our border unopposed. This puts undue burden on the tax paying citizens of our country since they put a huge strain on our schools and health care system. Why did AACCC fail to address this in this questionnaire?
I am saddened by the reports of so many civilian deaths in the Ukraine. NATO needs to stop Russia's invasion.
The question is not if we have enough defensive forces, but whether we are willing to use them.
Russia has endangered all of Europe with its aggression, and if Europe is endangered, then our allies are at risk and the world is at risk.
Limitations placed on energy production and indepenence in the US
Restart the Keystone pipeline, open drilling and stop the radical left wing agenda
US need to be more assertive in defeating russia in ukraine, ensuring removal of Putin dismantling Putin and other dictators.
How can we stand & watch the devastation in Ukraine & not intervene? Putin will not stop at Ukraine's western border unless we stop him now.
The world economy is complex and inter-dependent. The US cannot operate in isolation, as other economies are immaterial. Economic prosperity on a global scale should be our vision.
Stop influx of illegals We are paying for other countries' people
I think effects from climate change and mitigating problems needs to be one of the top priorities!
Keeping toxins out of our environment and cybersecurity concern me.
Stop appeasement of dictatorial regimes, stop acting like cowards
I don't think economic sanctions will have much of an effect on Russia stopping their invasion in Ukraine. It would just hurt the ordinary people there.
Much happier and more confident that my values are reflected in the Biden administration than the incompetent and dishonorable Trump administration, though I know our public servants and military did their best in spite of him.
i want the southern boarder closed, less influence from teachers union ,being energy independent , more accountability for politicians for lie and are corrupt .No CRT taught in schools.
In foreign relations, the increasingly aggressive stances of Russia, China, Iran, andns North Korea are the biggest challenges for the U.S.; internally, the threat of extremism and domestic terrorism is a major issue.
Biden is extremely slow in imposing sanctions PLUS he's dealing with Russia to help broker an Iran deal. Biden's BAD policies are creating a BAD situation economically here in the US and abroad. We should be energy independent like we were with Trump which Biden reversed. WE, the USA, should be supplying Europe with their energy needs and not us getting it from Russia and asking OPEC to increase supply and especially NOT considering energy from Venezuela! ALL Biden's policies are BAD!!!!
We need to be energy independent like we were before Biden ruined the country. FJB!
The deteriorating of the Congress...primarlily driven by extremist loonies. Republican party has become a total JOKE. Except nothing funny about impact. Failure to charge, hold accountable Trump is a national disgrace.
I'm all in favor of immigration, but we should be able to choose who immigrates. Illegal immigration is out of control. It allows all sorts of bad things to happen to our country.
Need to produce our own gas and fossil fuels. Be energy independent again. Hurting seniors and others who can't afford this green new deal.
I wish is for our leaders to be more more active in securing the borders of our Country and do more to help its own citizens!!!

Immigration, refugees, starvation!
Foreign policy should be a function of the interests of the American people. No "national ego-driven" defense and foreign policy.
We need to have both military and economic leverage to use as a deterrent to Russia, China and the middle east.
Truthfully, given that the global population will continue to rise, we must, as a species, find a formula that will effectively convince people that burning fossil fuel must be phased down to zero.
Fake news is the big problem. The Russian Ukrainian war is very serious and the uncertainty around it makes answers to these questions difficult since there will be economic consequences. Corruption in the last administration and voter suppression in our elections are huge issues, as is dark money in politics.
We shouldn't be dependent on Russian oil. We can be self sufficient.
No comment.
We need to help Ukraine in ways that keep us out of a war with Russia.
Continue to utilize economic sanctions in cooperation with allies 1st whenever possible over military (boots on the ground) & when necessary 1st utilize technology (cyber & remote armaments advancing to utilization of AirPower)
The failure of the US Congress to pass legislation to fund overdue infrastructure upgrades, on a national scale, is distressing and shortsighted.
We react rather than plan for the international crises and then are not trueful to the American public. Federal government seems to be focused on division and argument rather than discussion, respect and working for real consensus for solving or addressing issues.
Recent revelations testify to our top leaders corruption that borders on treasonous activity with Russia, Ukraine, and China. The integrity of our internal organizations, FBI, CIA, IRS, DHS, EPA, has been compromised by political ideology and corruption.
Trump and trumppers support of Putin is egregious.
Keeping Donald Trump out of office is extremely important to the well-being of this nation. Those who support such a person are unaware that he really does not care for them or their well-being; he cares only for himself.
The world must stand up against the human rights violations and climate/environmental problems that are threatening it today. Our supply chain should be more internal and less internationally based.
We should not be involved in the Russia/Ukraine conflict. We have oil in this country and can be independent of any Russian or foreign oil. Energy prices are up due to the current administrations failure to use what the US has available and directly affects inflation.
Use Russian boycott to spur transition to renewable energy
The US military does not have the best nor the largest or most efficient military. Funds are wasted and the weapons can not be used. Nuclear weapons would destroy the world. That is not what we need, The US needs to look at our own systems and take the opportunity to improve our infrasture. Not wastes BILLIONS in other country, trying be their "friends".

Appendix G: Delivery Formats/Term Lengths

My answers for above are For online classes or classes for Seniors and off campus locations
An option for more courses online as well as two eight-week courses per semester.
You need more choices for most questions, example Climate Change there needs to be a choice that I disagree with any efforts will make a difference and it's money we shouldn't spend on it. Your questions don't include any ability to disagree with the issue in it's entirety. I chose not to answer: Climate Change, Environment, Diversity Teaching, Fixing Police, Covid Farce, do to the fact that we shouldn't be doing anything because they aren't broken and we are just wasting money on them. And why aren't we doing anything to secure our borders, devolving Sanctuary Cities, deporting all Illegals, stop releasing criminals, no mail-in voting, Voter ID required, Big Business influencing elections and what they choose is fact or fiction, the list goes on and on. These are the real problems and only getting worse not the crap you see on TV or what makes you feel good science is now all about money and how to keep getting it. Trillions of dollars spent with no results but redistributing my wealth for votes or paybacks. That would be a better survey.
Interested in non credit courses only at this point. Length of semester is if no great importance to me
Please find a banjo teacher!
I'm a retired professor from AACC. When I left, there were several good formats for non-traditional class lengths. Up the minimester offerings, but leave out courses that depend on slow improvement such as English. Can add more of the shorter term classes which meet more often and last eight weeks. Last I heard, we had a lot of alternatives to traditional semesters and summer classes, but they should be only for certain disciplines. Not every subject matter can be restructured and be viable.
Please offer more hobbieist-level industrial courses (welding, auto body and painting)
Personally, think in-person education/instruction is essential, if possible, particularly for the sciences.
I spent my working life staring at a monitor and working on computers. If I take a class, I want it to be in person.
It depends on the subject matter. Some things I'll need to see in person; Astronomy (visiting telescopes) Farming (hands on soil) History (museums and landmarks).
It really depends on the class, I don't think its more beneficial one way or the other with classes that don't require hands-on learning. If its a math class id at least want video so I can learn properly but if its an English class id rather just be given the assignments and complete them without any time-consuming meetings that do not add to my learning.
Don't have any comments on the course formats.
Online synchronous classes are my preferred type
I can manage 13-week courses just as well as 15 week courses. I have not decided on whether or not I want to go back to in person learning right now.
I think all lengths should be available to choose from.
I prefer courses that require photo evidence of work to be shown instead of invading personal privacy via the use of programs like honorlock.
There should be 16 week terms or 14 week terms or Maybe 18 week terms at the most
My opinion is that there is always an option for online classes...
I'll take education whatever length but the shorter it is the better.
The courses should help us with what we're going to school for-not classes that we have already taken through 12 years of elementary/middle/high school. Prepare people for careers. Not to pay for

all these pointless classes they don't need. It is discouraging, and when people graduate and get in the field, they don't know what they're doing because they spent so much time doing intermediate math and english.
In person is okay, although if cases spike it would be preferable to limit exposure with online classes. It is not a huge concern at the moment with lower levels and wearing an n95 though. It is really nice to have the option of online classes and I like the flexibility as far as not having travel time and making it easier to plan classes around my kids schedules. I also personally love shorter sessions like 6 or 8 weeks when I can get them; it is usually easier for me to maintain focus and perform well in shorter class sessions because of my adhd. Some classes are better suited to 13+ weeks though and that's okay too.
I wish that AACC offered a 4 year degree in Arnold. I would go back to get my Bachelors degree if it were offered in Arnold, instead of Hanover.
We have a daughter there. We are grateful for the college :)
Have taken some great classes at AACC but strongly dislike and refuse to participate in virtual classes! In-person classes with face-to-face instruction from a professor/teacher is much better!
AACC provides wonderful credit and non-credit programs! I have taken advantage of them in the past.
Shorter term lengths allow you to focus on less classes per semester, hence learning better and absorbing materials.
NA
I like AACC. Lol.
I'm an Adjunct professor so fine with AACC
What about 10 weeks? Maybe in person classes would help one's mental health, which seems to be a rising problem.
Not taking any courses from AACC, but a close family member is enrolled. Love the course offerings from AACC!
As an educator, I enjoy looking at the summer options for interesting courses.
Shorter course offerings and more start dates. Online is preferred as well as hybrid.
For non credit adult enrichment classes
My classes would be certificate only IT type courses.
I would make some or many completely open ended. People can come and go as they please.
More online options.
The course length depends on the nature of the student (FT vs ad hoc) and the subject matter. As a community professional I prefer shorter classes but as a student I would have preferred longer terms.
There must be an option for in-person instruction. If not I might as well borrow a belly dancing video from the library.
I hold AACC in high regard. It is an excellent community college full of opportunities.
as a "dabbler" it's hard for me to commit to a long session, and I won't take online courses.
enjoyed italian classes in the past. Not interested if they are virtual.
It also depends on the course. I am considering guitar class but not on-line or hybrid, it would have to be in person.
I look forward to the results being published.
I've taken both noncredit & credit Spanish courses in the past and would NEVER again do a noncredit class as the teacher constantly got off subject and we didn't learn much but the credit classes have to cover a certain amount of class material, and I really learned! I would love to take a credited beginners Italian class but I only get the noncredited booklet in the mail.

Not a student
Definitely 3 term limits
senior focused classed desired]
I take noncredit language classes now - on Zoom. I actually like both Zoom and in person learning. The teacher makes a huge difference!
I think it depends on the courses you are taking.
I only take non credit classes
No comment.
Thankful for the resources available at AACC.
Prefer in person interaction & if remote is utilized one on one only. Can supplement with video lectures when instructor has been educated & certified in techniques needed to be successful.
Term limits are clearly in order. While we need "new Blood" in public offices, our system of politics/government takes time to learn. Thus, we need to be cautious about how to determine appropriate term limits.
I think that some coursework is better in person; most are ok online. I was pleased with some online courses that I took 20 years ago.
The courses can be divided into short learning blocks.
As a senior citizen, I have attended many in person classes and recently the on line classes.

Appendix H: Pittman Job Approval Comments

I don't know anything about him or where he came from. Since we don't watch TV or follow digital news, I don't know how he could reach us other than NPR or in person.
He is working very hard on a variety of issues, racial justice, development, the environment, public accountability. Beats a guy who ran bars and favored zero regulation of business and the environment.
Don't really see anything he does but haven't heard anything bad either.
Smoke and mirrors leader. Is he still in a basement somewhere?
Tax and spend Liberal. Can't wait to try to vote him out.
Even though Pittman has been way too quick to approve of even more unnecessary "development" in the county, he has done some good things, i.e. covid care, budgeting, and no matter where he has fallen short, he is way better in general than his predecessor.
Promised not to raise taxes and control development which is why I voted for him and did neither. I will not vote for him again!
Looks out for ALL citizens, not the "us or them" mentality
Think he's trying to do the best he can in this fractured political climate. I appreciate his email updates on status of various issues.
Steuart Pittman seems involved, and has some good ideas. He is not corrupt, nor is he an embarrassment.
AA County is an enjoyable place to live with good services.
He seems to be practicing too much politics; what I know of his decisions seem to be driven by instantaneous public opinion or commercial desires, not 'our' needs.
Covid policies seemed to follow science principles, commitment to improving education and to prepare for climate change in county.
Not really sure about him
Steuart Pittman has done a tremendous job with making our County better; from addressing environmental issues, to pay increases for teachers, to his handling of the pandemic
He has been dictatorial in his management of Covid restrictions, while raising taxes
He is lying socialist.
Focuses too much on needing to be liked by certain groups of people rather than focusing on the county as a whole and learning the unique needs of locations.
Don't have anything to explain.
He has done a great job making county government and services more accessible. He also has better enforced existing environmental protections when developers have applied for subdivision permits. So many bad development, county funding and tax decisions were already in the pipeline before he was in office, so we have only begun to see a slight improvement in these matters over the past few years, but I think if he is re-elected, the next several years will lead to even more improvements for quality of life, environment, services, etc. He and his administration have also at least made some attempts to protect citizens from covid, despite some very serious and vitriolic backlash and I am hopeful he would take at least some action if we were presented with a serious covid (or other) threat again. I certainly think he would do FAR better than any of his challengers who have expressed interest in running.
Pittman has done a lot for the county in very trying times. He honestly believes in good governance and acts to make our county government work for the people of the county.

Tried to help stop Covid spread
I'm pretty sure he's a drunkard that could care less about the middle to low class residents of Annapolis.
Absolutely did not approve of Pittman's handling of Covid-19. He destroyed small business.
He's a great guy and his heart is clearly in the right place, even if he's not getting as much done as he hoped. He tackled a big job and saved our county from the nightmare that is Shuh. I really appreciate his work on some of the smaller issues that received very little attention like Mt. Misery or the senior community on Rt. 2
He lost all of my respect when he told local businesses and organizations that they couldn't be open then made an appearance at a black lives matter protest
Good job in improving service and efficiencies. Bungled COVID. Could express more humility in his positions.
At a January 2020 AACO Budget Townhall Meeting I attended, Mr Pittmann agreed to come in February of 2020 to look at major issues at our community park. He never showed up and his staff just made repeated excuses or ignored my repeated follow up with them. I had to hound them for 2 years, including filing a complaint with the Governor's Office to finally make the meeting happen! (just 2 weeks ago!) He only met for 20 minutes and he seemed far more concerned about just getting a photo opp than he did about our dilapidated infrastructure at this park! He didn't even look at anything! He just cracked jokes the whole time and said he didn't see anything wrong with our park! I find him to be very dishonest and untrustworthy, and completely unaccountable to his Constituents! There is no transparency from him whatsoever! I'm extremely disappointed in his performance as a publicly elected official, or lack thereof, and I will NEVER vote for Pittmann ever again!
During the pandemic Pittman did not communicate with the county like I wish that he did. They only time I saw him making announcements was when he wanted to contradict Hogan. Makes me wonder if he had a personal problem with him.
Good in masks for Covid, restrained growth
10/10. He has persevered through a lot of trumped up hatred to keep us safe and functioning.
Prior to 2020, Pittman did a poor job leading the County. Little road improvements, little direction to the growth in our Count...then in COVID, his decisions were not thought out, completely myopic. he was not our Dad, he obviously did not know best, and lacked the maturity to acknowledge this. he could have reached out to business leaders, doctors, restaurant owners, citizens and instead, he relied on only a few to make drastic decisions.
He is a people pleaser instead of doing what is right. He also dropped the ball on Wegmans and the way he handled Covid was unacceptable.
Doesn't seem to take into enough consideration the wants or needs of Southern Anne Arundel County and its residents. Says he does, but then does the opposite, such as the expansion of Beverly-Triton Beach Park.
He has managed the COVID-19 pandemic well for the most part.
Liar, thief and power hungry elitist
Pittman is radical puppet of the agenda set to destroy our country
He was for all of the lockdowns and not follow the science. He wanted the council to vote on mask mandates and didn't get the answer he wanted so he had his county health official rule on mask mandates
He ran on a low development platform and that is NOT what we have now.
Too involved in national issues. Unfairly treated restaurants during Covid. Shamed council members that did not agree with him.

He did not protect the people and uphold the constitution for us during covid. He let all small businesses down.
Horrible on extended Covid lockdowns ! Hurt our economy & students !
I think there are have positive changes under his tenure, but there is still much work to be done.
He should have never locked down the county
He's practical. Moisha rating has increased. Most importantly: he makes himself available and always always gets the community involved with our local government decision making. First time since I lived here that an executive has been so transparent. He shows genuine concern for our county and it's people.
I want leaders who act to protect their community first. I think he has managed the pandemic with all of the tools he could and weathered the criticism as best he could.
Steuart is a political hack. He's so political, he puts politics into property tax bill literature. REALLY? That's not place for agendas...only facts. Steuart is a control freak regarding the pLandemic and masks. He's into all the "woke stuff". I personally thinks he's a clown.
Triple A Bond rating from Moody's. He worked hard to get that.
I appreciate his attempts to address climate change, and environmental preservation. Also, he has done a good job supporting public health officials on Covid mitigation efforts.
He does not seem any different in allowing development as Steve Schuh, former County Exec. I believe development was the key issue at the time of the past election so it will be interesting to see the results this time.
There are a few areas where I disapprove, but overall I think C.E. Pittman tried hard to put public health above political considerations. I think he made some hard calls and may lose the next election for this reason. He has supported the school system and this is also why I support him.
Mr. Pittman has done an excellent job guiding the county through the COVID-19 pandemic
He is a politcal hack. Hasnt made a decision on his own ever.
He allowed the children to suffer by keeping them from In person learning. He harmed AACo by keeping it shut down. The closure of so many businesses was unnecessary and caused businesses business owners and employees to suffer. Less business transacted equates to less money being earned with results in less tax money. Simple economics which apparently he doesn't understand
He is a kleptocratic tyrant and a Marxist, but I repeat myself.
I think he has done a great job in very trying circumstances.
I think he did a good job communicating and acting in the public interest during COvid
We need redevelopment in Anne Arundel County. We need regrowth of new businesses.
Mindful of green space development, and environmental concerns, reaches across communities.
Not able to get responses to questions because people are still working from home. He's more interested in popularity than solving problems. Gave too much money away, like crack pipe kits. Spending increased under his administration, while benefits to taxpayers went down.
Community organizer, community troublemaker
Mr. Pittman has been open and communicates well with the community.
I have agreed with Mr. Pittman on his managing of the county.
From day one increased spending and taxes.
He is a thoughtful, intelligent, progressive leader who is struggling to bring this wealthy county into the modern age. Against corruption and over-development.
He's an autocratic asshole
He needs to be a one term Exec

Not much public outreach/communications. Unsure of agenda/stances on county needs and his objectives
I like the way he is supporting our teachers. I don't like his decision about the planned tennis facility that he changed.
I share the same priorities with Mr. Pittman
In my experience, County Executive Pittman has demonstrated compassion and professionalism in how he addresses issues. He impressed me when I saw him speak at an unveiling of a historical marker at the Severna Park Library regarding lynchings in the County. I believe he also has strong record of advancing environmental issues and solutions, which are important to me.
I like his attention to the environment; I like his project that re-purposed already developed land for new development.
He does a good job of listening and trying to represent the best interests of county residents. It is not an easy job. I would favor more Annapolis city departments being taken over by the county. But, that won't happen with two Democrats...or maybe it could.
I appreciate Mr. Pittman's work to protect our environment.
Typical tax and spend liberal pandering to illegal aliens and new world order leftists
He wants to raise taxes without a full explanation what the money will be used for.
He had too much control over our county during the mandates during COVID
He is a principled man with good character who has done his best to lead the county during a very turbulent time. I think the County Health Department did an outstanding job with Covid vaccine rollout given limited resources.
What has he accomplished???
His mandatory Covid rules were too harsh and too long.
He's had a well measured response to County problems.
He has focused on major issues.....particularly effective on Covid related issues. Follow the science--intelligent guy....
County seems to be addressing most of the issues that I am concerned with.
Have benefitted from his online notifications.
He is balanced and open.
He's reactive rather than proactive. No vision.
Competence
TAXES!
No comment.
Doing good job under the circumstances
I believe he has coped well w/ COVID and the resulting need to protect public health; he is objective and balanced in his approach to managing county business.
I do not feel that County Executive has the best interests of the average person in AA county. He seems too focused on national democrat party talking points. I do not approve of his spending rate or policies.
Doesn't care about county residents needs.
CE Pittman has done an amazing job in the face of Covid.
Excellent stands on environment / equality / development
He has done what he promised. I like that he is not tied to developers and wants to protect the land.
Talks out of both sides of his mouth.
He is moving AAC in the right direction.

He spends too much of our tax money on things that are unnecessary. He wants to increase taxes. He's not a good manager!
Not controlling growth in the county.
Botched local handling of COVID and continues to demonstrate incompetence.
Not a team player. Autocrat.

Appendix I: Hogan Job Approval Comments

His COVID press conferences seemed intelligent and well advised.
After initial success, serious faltering on COVID for political purposes and unapproved spending of millions of tax dollars on worthless COVID tests, racially unjust diversion of transportation funds from urban transit to suburban convenience for political purposes. Insufficiently robust criticism of Trump and MAGA extremists.
Outspoken against Trump and really hasn't changed anything plus poor Covid handling.
He achieved a lot even facing great opposition in MD general assembly.
Doing the best he can in heavily Democratic Maryland. His vetos can be overturned easily which makes compromise the only possibility
Pretty good job during the pandemic. Hope he will leave reproductive rights to the will of the people. Wish he would do more to support education. Appreciate that he has not become a sycophant to Trump.
Probably would not have given Hogan such a high score is times were different. He was decent with covid, and, I guess, as anti-Trump as a Republican can be. In comparison to other Republican governors, he was great. Sad such a low bar.
Does what he said. Takes the good of the state over political gain. Not afraid to speak his mind
Same as Q48
Think he's done an outstanding job in navigating COVID for our community and dealing with the wretched and nasty political climate he, and all of us, are experiencing.
Larry Hogan is a Republican in name only more concerned with his political future than Maryland residents.
Gov. Larry Hogan is a Republican, but an intelligent moderate. He seems to care about ALL Marylanders. He had the integrity and character to stand up to Trump, and he doesn't necessarily toe the party line. I was particularly impressed by his resourcefulness during the pandemic - he worked with his Korean wife's contacts to get face masks when they were needed. He goes with the science.
Has done a good job of focusing on important issues and pushing back against propaganda from the right.
He seems to be open and forthright; his agenda seem to be driven by common sense.
Mixed reviews due to beginning of Covid in state; did eventually ramp up more vaccine centers; really needed to increase testing facilities across state and to develop stronger mask mandates.
Has been a great governor
He tries to be fair with the opposition & supports fair redistricting rather than the gerrymandered map of the Democrats. He has tried to keep taxes low
He a fraud.
Does a nice job of being balanced in policy and politics
I think he cares about Maryland and considers its well being thoroughly
I don't know much about what he does but I know he's made it easier for those affected by drug addiction to seek help and be reformed and I approve of that.
Don't have anything to explain.
I think he really handled the pandemic as best as possible, and I can understand that there was no "perfect" way to handle it. Considering I voted against him, I've been pleasantly surprised by what he's done.
Unhappy with his recent police budget increases

Oh cool, the millionaire developer who constantly pushes for development and obviously positions himself for a presidential run? He has no convictions beyond enrichment of a subset of companies and himself. A weak-willed coward filled with bluster and unable or unwilling to actually act in the interest of the state or it's people.
I like that Hogan works well with both parties. He uses common sense and doesn't make decisions based strictly on party affiliation. He leads with integrity.
He's a "good republican" like thyroid cancer is "the best cancer to get" -- it's still awful.
I'm a democrat but Hogan makes reasonable decisions that I think are fair and do not necessarily fall on either party line. I am extremely pleased with how he handled Covid—he acted quickly and took it seriously and I think Maryland was at the forefront of it because of him. I am grateful it didn't become a political statement to him like it did to other Republican governors *cough, desantis*
Hogan was amazing during the pandemic. I could always count on the clarity of transparency in announcements. He really wanted ALL of us to be ok.
Good early on Covid response, falling apart now
He steered us through COVID, but he is a Republican, catering to GOP donors and principals. He cares about keeping taxes low when his residents are still being killed by police, facing a future of climate emergency, and can't afford healthcare. I *do* appreciate his willingness to open our state to the Afghan refugees. He gets full marks for that. Let's see if he does enough to protect reproductive rights.
Though he tried to be rational, he was not leading the state, but merely gliding with it. We needed someone to lead, to be serious but not paranoid, to get our kids back in school instead of the last in school in the country.
Too bad he has a term limit!
Thinks outside the box and makes tough choices.
He's posturing for national office.
Appears to take actions like the businessman that he is, and does seem to try and reach bi-partisan and/or centrist consensus and get things accomplished rather than just accept political gridlock with no changes or results.
He has managed the COVID-19 pandemic well for the most part.
Rides the middle to appeal to all and doesn't appear to have any convictions of his own
He's governing like a Democrat
Did well handling COVID crisis.
He tore down a statue of Supreme Court justice tall. Why because people can't handle history it's just history. He locked us down which is unconstitutional under any circumstances
He did not support his people or the constitution and he pushed vaccines onto people through lottery's and other means.
Great policies across the board !
I feel he is hypocritical. He enjoys benefits paid for by our tax dollars, but denies these same benefits to Marylanders (e.g., his cancer treatment paid by us even though many Marylanders lack health insurance.)
He should never have made certain medications illegal
I think he is practical as well. Very common sense driven. Not sure I like the change I see in him with possible prospects of running for President. Also, thought he acted too quickly to remove COVID restrictions
Lockdown Larry turned into a dictator during COVID-19. I don't think he even knows what the Constitution is. He can't stop talking about President Trump negatively. What a TRAITOR to his party.

Larry has NO CHANCE of becoming President so give it up. Let us be free Larry. Power went to your head during COVID-19. I couldn't believe how wrong you were day after day. Any future replacement from the Democrat Party will be even worse. What a sad situation. Less and less people alive today even know what it's like to be free. Study the documents people. Put down the cell phones. You will be shocked.
Handled his Party and COVID as a true leader. So happy he is not running for Senate unless he switched parties
He's better than Trumpian Republicanism for certain, but still more concerned about corporate profits and development than is good for the state.
He has been a great leader of MD. I feel his is a moderate & truly considers what is best overall and not just down a party line.
He has done a good job handling covid. Also, he has protected women's reproductive rights, and kept common sense gun regulations in place. I disagree with his work to divert tax dollars away from public schools, in favor of private schools.
Gov Hogan is a middle of the road governor most of the time. That favors him well.
I think he supported health measures at the beginning of the pandemic, but began to politicize it from time to time. I was horrified when I learned he used an app that destroyed messages to get around ethics laws.
He is a moderate Republican - speaks to me even though I am a strong democrat. Stood up to Trump.
He's done a great job on many issues. Needs to change retirement taxes so people don't have to leave Maryland when they retire.
Did a pretty decent job. I would like to have seen soem more durring his second term.
He allowed our State to be shut down too long. He was getting Federal covid cash for the State so didn't care about how the average citizen was suffering from no job or income or how businesses suffered. He prevented nothing by all the closures other than causing the economy to suffer. The millions he spent on his South Korean deal will have to be repaid by we the citizens in the form of increased taxes. He loved being able to tout about all his important meetings with Fauci and the WH and being head of the Governor's. He just likes the limelight. And the constant covid shot and test push was and still is very overbearing. He gets a D-
He's a RINO.
His public relations team is more effective than his administration has been.
Great moderate leader
I think he cares and has been honest.
Seems less partisan and more mindful that he's here to serve the citizens.
Too wishy washy. Not strong decisive leadership.
The Governor is in a tough spot and has done a fairly well job of working with the House of Delegates and Senate. He's taken multiple tough positions. I appreciate his move to reduce taxes and fees.
He is not a true conservative.
Most of Gov. Hogan's beliefs, goals align with mine.
Gov Hogan does some things I do not agree with but basically he has handled the pandemic and the government of MD very well.
Has held the line against Democratic radicalism, kept our budget under control
He does what he can..
Rino
He should be Secy of Commerce

Good, strong, balanced. Understands how to work in the environment he has in legislature. Works to gain consensus. Very effective as governor.
I like his stand to not be a Trump follower. He has followed his beliefs and kept the citizens of MD first in his decision making.
He is moderate and pragmatic
Gov. Hogan may be a Republican, but he is willing to stand-up to the GOP machinery, which is admirable.
I find him to be generally moderate; though I did disapprove of his throwing out the purple line when he came into office. Also not keen on him spending the surplus too much
Japan
He is a good governor, but thank goodness there are the votes to override his vetoes.
Governor Hogan is one of the major reasons we moved from Virginia to Maryland. The sound economic foundation he has established is important.
Overreached on Covid restrictions especially the ban on boating, insane
Excellent Governor. Worked with both sides and compromises when he needs to. Wish the federal government did this.
He is doing a pretty good job, wish he could have another term as governor.
Governor Hogan has done an excellent job. As someone who only voted for Republicans prior to 2016, Governor Hogan is one of the few good Republicans remaining.
Balanced and caring responses to situations and clear communication to Marylanders
He believes in health and science. He is civil And unafraid to call out Trump. He seems to be a fundamentally decent person who can work across the aisle. And he finally dropped the push to have schools start after Labor Day.
The Maryland legislature keeps killing anything that would make things better.
While I approve of many of Gov. Hogan's actions during his time in office, I disapprove of a number of others.
Great job dealing with Democrat legislature. Head of National Governors conference and appointed commission to design fair redistricting map.
I used to like Hogan, but have realized his idea of being partisan is to let the Democrats have their way. He does not fight back like Trump did.
He's been working on tax relief, and he actually used our gas taxes to repair the roadways. Hoping his plan to give tax relief for retirees goes through so retirees will stop moving to other States.
While I am never a Republican supporter.....I have strong approval of Hogan....he is engaged in real issues, not afraid to take action, seems to get along with Democrat. Hope he decides to see Republican Presidential nomination in2020--the country cannot afford anymore of Trump and DeSantis seems to be worse than Trump
He's great.
He tries to do the right things, but his thoughts are not considered by the, which is not for all the people of Maryland!
I am grateful that Gov. Hogan has done an outstanding job, with a few hiccups, leading us through the Covid pandemic.
Fair & well reasoned.
He doesn't buy into Donald Trump's bullshit and lies!
Very sensible judgement, and truly appears to care about the citizens of the state.
Very good for a republican
Hard to govern when the entire opposition is more interested in sound bites than overall results.

He balanced the job fairly well as a republican in a fairly democratic state
Competence
No comment.
He is a level headed leader just wish other people in his party were like him.
Over all good job but thought he ended support on mask wearing too early
Governor Hogan has been superb considering he has had to work with an almost hostile long term democrat legislature that consistently seems to work against rather than working with the governor for the benefit of all. Governor was outstanding during Covid19 by using strong encouragement rather than demands or edicts. Marylanders can be proud at the way he handled things. Governor Hogan has also been fiscally responsible and thus, despite economic challenges, and working Peter Franchot, Maryland has a surplus. Well done to Governor Hogan and his team.
So level headed, practical - just makes good decisions for the right reasons.
Cares for the people of Maryland.
Gov Hogan is a real estate developer and it shows. He has handled the Covid crisis very well, while trying to open up more development in an environmentally damaging rush.
The only thing I like about him is that he has stood up against trumpism.
For a Republican, I like the way he has handled the gas tax issue and denied the Trump hoax.
Tries to do the right thing.
Good for the business climate and overall Maryland redirections. Solid leadership and management skills.
He doesn't fight for what he thinks is right or what we want. He acts like a RINO at times! Looks like he just doesn't care anymore. Hi family trip to Korea was at tax payers expense. Awful funny that he said it was a business trip. His loss of tax payers money on his bad deals with Korea....
Disappointment. Did not address the Baltimore City problems.
Hogan has made an honest effort to solve most of Maryland's problems. His failures have been caused by an entrenched, corrupt and remarked stupid general assembly.
Provides strong and effective leadership despite Democrats' roadblocks and vetoes and clearly disapproves of Trump and Trump agenda.
Autocratic. And inclusive.

Appendix J: Biden Job Approval Comments

He doesn't present as a self absorbed lunatic.
A very well grounded human being with a heart for service...but not the strongest at the complexities of managing a large bureaucracy.
Masterful approach to COVID and foreign policy, progress on environment, racial justice diversity and inclusion, trying to undo the prior four years of abject damage to the country and the social fabric.
Is ruining our country by undoing all the good Trump did and then blames everyone else for his changes.
Weak leader, his surrender like withdrawal from Afghanistan had clear and direct links to Russia's attack on Ukraine.
Feckless and weak. His actions to drive up oil prices to make way for alternatives that are not ready on a mass scale is putting a huge burden on the population and further driving up inflation. His time to be an effective leader passed ten years ago
Biden has done a lot to clean up the corruption and mess in government, appoint qualified, honest people, and propose changes the country needs. Thank god he has restored our relationships with our allies. Trying to blame him for inflation is ridiculous. The biggest problem is with the obstructionists and Republican crackpots in Congress. They need to be replaced with people willing to govern.
He was the only choice out there. The Bernie/Warren wing is impossible. But, Biden has done exceedingly well with what he inherited. And with what he faces with the horrible Republicans. Here's a check list--domestic issues--A, covid--A, Afghanistan, D, but not his fault completely, Supreme Court-A, Ukraine-A, climate change-B.
Inflation, international situation, hurting the middle class
Who would want the responsibility of this job in this horrific political climate and the nastiness and self-serving stance of many elected "leaders" who seem to have no real concern for the country's well-being other than their own re-electibility. And, in doing so, these "leaders" cleave to the cult of one individual and spew lies and conspiracy just to get re-elected. Yet, Joe Biden has taken it on. Sure, he has some issues, as do all others before him. Yet, he's on the front line; doing the best he can do with the reprehensible behavior and obstruction consistently displayed by his opponents. I applaud him for his courage...he's willing to take the heat of us humans who want to blame everyone but ourselves for the state we're in.
Joe Biden has cognitive difficulties & has allowed the deep state a group of unelected bureaucrats to destroy our democracy & seems more aligned with China agenda than democracy. He is compromised & the Hunter Biden fiasco & his role in it is treason
If you take into account what he has to deal with in Congress, and the current state of affairs, then I think he's doing a good job. I wholly approve of his attempts to ensure voting rights, tax billionaires, make college education more affordable, and avoid World War III.
Great having a competent and trusted leader in these challenging times.
Like many recent presidents, I believe he is fundamentally a puppet. (Trump was an exception. He has always been an amoral egotistical psychotic moron.)
First class handling of foreign affairs, especially the current situation in Ukraine; initially managed Covid vaccine rollout but had confusing messaging between CDC, FDA, and state governments.
He is dealing with a lot of chaos that Trump left behind, he seems to be doing a good job.
He is a total failure as a leader & an embarrassment on the world stage. Failing grades for: Afghanistan pull out leaving people behind, southern border invasion, Drug war killing 100,000

Americans, soft on crime, handling of COVID restrictions, cancelling the drilling in the frozen tundra of Anwar, shutting down the pipeline, not standing strong in foreign policy, failure to arm Ukraine ahead of Russian incursion, disconnected to constituents, lies about his corrupt ties to China, Russia and Ukraine. He is a bumbling puppet of the extreme socialists in the Democrat party. Who really runs the country? Not Biden.
Idiot.
he's a walking disaster... he's been wrong on every issue that he's engaged oin
It makes the US appear weak. His urge of wanting to spend spend spend is hurting middle America
Horrible, needs to retire
It's a weirdly complicated situation mainly because I haven't been keeping up with him. I approve of his dislike for Putin but that's pretty much the only thing, again I don't know much about what he's doing.
Don't have anything to explain.
Biden was handed a shitty situation; I can understand it being difficult for him to fix it.
Doing well keeping peace, aiding Ukraine, trying to subdue gas prices and inflation, reducing unemployment rate, handling the aftermath of first two Covid-19 waves.
I am just going off of what I have heard from others
I gave him somewhat disapprove because I haven't seen much change/improvement.
He does not handle the economy well but he does well addressing social issues.
Inflation has been a lot higher and ever since he pulled us out of Iraq it might of made us look weak to Putin. Putin thought the U.S looked weak and decided to invade Ukraine because he knows U.S won't try to stop them because they don't want to risk a huge war. Trump also was a better negotiator than Biden. Biden tries to make it seem that who he is negotiating with they are weaker than him and he says there will be severe consequences for Putin but yet Putin doesn't care because he thinks We are weak
He has abdicated his responsibility to help keep people safe from covid for political and economic expediency. There should have been another \$600 on the last stimulus payment like he promised- people needed that money. He also needs to cancel student debt like he promised because it is making life unaffordable for an entire generation of adults. If he is concerned about addressing inflation, perhaps he should find a way to claw back the corporate profits that were pocketed on the back of covid business relief. He also needs to put pressure on the fed to stop quantitative easing (especially QE2), which along with an artificially low interesr rate set by the Fed, is really what is causing the inflation we are seeing now
He's a senile old man who cannot create better conditions in America because his party's donor base will not allow it.
He's just an idiot.
Biden puts American citizens last and his political agenda first. Immigrants have more rights than citizens. Criminals have more rights than law abiding citizens. Biological men can compete in women's sports. The unvaccinated are to blame for all things Covid. If you're white you're a racist. It's okay to loot and burn down cities if it's for a cause Biden supports. The list is never ending.
Empty promises.Where's my cancelled student loan debt? Where's the medicare expansion?
He wasn't my choice for Democratic candidate but he's refreshing compared to Trump. I would have voted for anyone over Trump.
Poor Biden, There should be a law against elder abuse of the President. Someone else is pulling the strings and he is too confused to see it.
Empathetic, engaged leader surrounded by brilliant communicators and capable administrators

Joe is doing the best he can to clean up the mess of the previous administration, but I am very disappointed that he has failed to kill the filibuster or pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Bill. He could have done more and he didn't. These losses will reverberate for generations
Please...
While not perfect, he is doing a pretty good job when it comes to Covid and international affairs.
He is a hot mess. Where do you begin? Gas prices, selling our reserve, etc
He is doing his best during a difficult time domestically and internationally.
Fake President and trojan horse for whomever is REALLY running the show and destroying the US
Biden turned America into an international joke
He is not Trump!
He is senile and unfit for the job and has so many foreign interests in his pockets all he cares about is giving things to minorities and special interests. He loves this country and what it stands for. Typical elitist hypocrite do as I say not as I do. Limousine liberal
He is not putting the US and it's people above all else and doing the best for us. He needs to go
He isn't really president . Nancy, Hilary? And Obama likely are! And our country has been sold to China.
Incompetent, senile old fool. Inflation, the open border, crime, supply chain bottlenecks & foreign aggression are his fault- - not Putin's !
He is doing the best he can with the complete and utter mess left by trump and the attitude of many GOP members (McConnel, Taylor-Green, etc).
He literally has dementia
He is personable and I think this nation needs that now after trump. Worried about his inadequacy in handling inflation.
Seriously? Joe can barely function. Others are clearly calling the shots. He is an embarrassment. Because of Joe's weakness, our enemies are on the move.
Besides his age, he is doing fine.
Not my ideal Dem but HUGE improvement over last President. A capable statesman, but wish he'd realize the progressive policies are a win.
Had some issues that seemed to be big blunders- extremely high number of illegals coming over border, Afghanistan exit, increase in crime of which is still happening with no deterrence. Biden not admitting we do need to do something is trying to hide it under the rug. His verbal and nonverbal actions against Putin are noteworthy and I hope he stays strong. He can do it!
I am impressed with his handling of the Russia war/invasion and the way he has conducted that foreign policy so far. I was happy with the management of the COVID vaccine rollout; less impressed with recent COVID team decisions. Hoping Dr. Jha will be an improvement.
I think he is doing an admirable job based on the fact that he has to contend with a Senate where the rules give the Republican Party holds a lot of sway. I don't see the Republican Party has working in the interests of the United States as a whole while President Biden is trying to do this.
Worst president ever
Lets go Brandon!!!!
He is not a president. He is a failure. He has no knowledge of what is going on around him. Someone else is calling the shots and it's not going well for the economy or international relations. No one respects or trusts him. It's very scary.
He is the worst kind of criminal.
He inherited a mess and the Republican party is completely dysfunctional.
Only sane option available at the time

Not perfect but is more honest than Trump.
Experienced Publix servant and has the heart and disposition to clean up the mess he was left.
Not enough space to justify my score. From his mental acuity to his policies to his actions, to his corruption he has been the most inept and incompetent president in my lifetime.
He's a disaster. He causes more problems than he solves. Inflation is up. Gas prices are up. Food prices are up. His COVID response is questionable. The deficit is up. Everything is a mess.
He's an absolute disaster. The emperor's new clothes.
Pres Biden is trying. I believe too many old white men are in government. We are seeing some shifting. We need a younger Pres, possibly of a different background, race and gender, with younger advisors from a variety of backgrounds.
I especially like how President Biden is handling the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. He has had his ups and downs in the past year but to be frank Pres Trump was so horrible any Democratic president would be acceptable.
Most of his policy decisions have been based upon the hatred of an individual. It is no way to be making decisions.
Senile, impotent, puppet for the radical wing of the Democrat party.
Inflation and gas prices are through the roof. E, a toy what the pre Iowa president said would happen.
his skill in dealing with Putin's empire building has been extraordinary. We are lucky to have a leader of his caliber at the helm at this perilous moment in world history.
Total asshole and embarrassment
Worst President in our history
Generally great communicator although he stumbles in reading teleprompter. Great at building consensus in a very unreasonable opposition. Good agenda and overall leadership.
Being President is not an easy job and most circumstances he is dealing with were not of his making. Americans need to be patient, kind, and open minded.
I would like him to be more moderate and collaborative with both Democrats and Republicans, as he was when serving in Congress, but there are too many far left and far right in Congress right now.
President Biden has his heart in the right place. His understanding of the role of government, the job of a civil servant, and the opportunities he has as President to effect policies that will move our Country forward are in alignment with my views and values.
overall agree with his policies.
He doesn't appear to be aware of the harm that he has done to the US economy. It's as if his only goal was to undo everything that Trump had done. VP Harris is even worse
The President is doing the best job during very difficult times. It gets very old to hear the Trump Republicans vote against everything he proposes, but go home to their districts and claim credit for bringing the funding to infrastructure and other services. I wish he was younger.
Inability to make a decision and weakness in the international arena
He inherited a mess and doing the best possible job considering the circumstances.
Stock market down. Inflation and prices are up.
Biden is making too many wrong decisions in foreign affairs. I also think not enough control at our Southern Border, he seems to ignore the problem.
President Biden is doing a good job working with NATO and Ukraine. Happy he is our president and not President Trump.
I feel he is doing a fine job and won the election fairly it is unfortunate that the country had to deal with Trump's unwillingness to acknowledge his loss of office. (I am embarrassed that I voted for him in 2016.)

A decent man who has surrounded himself with competent leaders. He has many difficult issues to address, abs sadly half the population will not give him a chance. Trump's inability to support a peaceful transfer of power has endangered our democracy for years to come.
his policies are killing this country. financially, militarily, we've become a joke in influencing the aggressor countries
Dumb, Dumber, Dumbest -- the man has lost it all.
Watch the news. We were energy independent under Trump and Biden made us energy dependent on Russia. He personnaly caused the southern border to be overrun by illegal alieans(sp). He is totally incompetent. Do not have time or space to continue my dissatisfaction with him. He is an imbarasement (sp) for our country.
BAD policies: Left millions of \$ worth of military equipment to the Taliban in a reckless withdrawal from Afghanistan plus left Americans and their Afghan translators. Bad immigration policy with open borders. Soft on crime but tough on police. He should get off the "green" energy band wagon and open up the USA to drilling & fracking as it is leaving us vulnerable to foreign companies and their oil. Everything he touches, he ruins! He's senile and doesn't make much sense either!!
I think his off-script comment about Putin says it all. It's just the latest of many gaffs. He was in the same great form when he was Vice President. He has only gotten worse.
He has done everything he can to destroy this country. He has failed on energy, inflation, foreign affairs, covid, everything he touches. He and his family are as corrupt as they come. He is a disgrace to this country and dangerously incompetent. So is the VP. God help us if she becomes the President. She's even more incompetent than Biden. Let's go Brandon!
Stable. Experienced. Best of very few positive alternatives. Needs to be more decisive and take action where needed, Has done an excellent job on Covid--follow the science.Also doing credible job on Ukrainian/Russion war. Brought EU/NATO together.
There are few people who can continuously get things as wrong as he can. He is the wrong leader for this time and world.
He is the worst president we have had. Lived thru Jimmy Carter. Harris is just as bad.
No need, just what has he done right!
Fair minded, wants what's best for US.
He is a good follow-up to Trump in terms of getting our country back to normalcy in foreign and domestic policy.
Believe he is getting good advice, but regret that he is hampered by intransigent congress.
He has returned our place in the world and is showing balance and restraint with the Russian situation. He handled the COVID 19 situation about as well as could be expected
Who doesn't love a vegetable?
During these unsettled times, I am glad President Biden is the adult in the White House. Despite his age, he brings a depth of experience that informs his decision on both the national and international state. He is working against the extreme resistance of a self-serving and deeply divisive congress and a country inflamed by media lies that are damaging to our basic democratic foundation.
Things are tough. He has to deal with many "crazies" in Congress. His nominations for various positions give me hope.
Bad job on pull out of Afghanistan;good job with war in Ukraine.Good job on national priorities but communication skills problematic
Incompetent liar
No comment.

He came into the worst possible problems with Covid. Thank him for doing the best under the circumstances. Now with the Ukraine issue, he has gotten NATO on track and united Europe. He is the best person at this time.
No President in our counties history has had to deal with so many major issues , Covid pandemic, international War in Ukraine, NATO , Russia , China, false election fraud claims, insurrection proponents, economics & market place disruptions, civil unrest & cultural priorities & climate change capitulation.
He is out of touch with reality, seems to be clearly declining in mental acuity, and consistently leads from behind. Current situation in Ukraine is a perfect example. U.S. and plenty of time to plan for the inevitable Russian invasion but President Biden dithered and as a result the slaughter of innocents is taking place and taking place where the people were becoming a modern democracy. The blood is on President Biden's hands as well as Putin's.
Joe Biden has weakened our nation both domestically and internationally by his terrible decisions ; lessening our national energy output, encouraging unlawful entry through our Southern Boarder, directing the disaster exit from Afghanization, and his lack of strong leadership that encouraged Putin to invade Ukraine during Biden's administration. Biden's blunders has placed the United States and the World in the most dangerous conditions of my life time.
Untrustworthy, feckless, corrupt, incompetent, weak, feeble, confused.
He's been here, done this - also makes good decisions.
Brain dead
President Biden has met every challenge.
Biden restored national monuments in Utah, appointed highly qualified people who are also diverse and stopped that awful wall. He is standing up to Putin
I think he should be more forceful and not quiet.
He's a lies, he has dementia, he is not a strong leader. His family is corrupt.
The nation needs Biden just as they did Truman, but like Truman, Biden is not fully appreciated.
He's not qualified to do the job. Everything he's done or tried to do was a failure. He's mentally incompetent and he needs his brain checked.
Terrible decisions. Inflation like Jimmy Carter.
Other than being stupid, senile, incompetent, corrupt and incapable telling the truth, recognizing reality or accepting any responsibility he is probably a swell old S.O.B!
Exhibits weak or no leadership on critical domestic and foreign policy issues. Sways to appeal to Democratic extremists. Follows directions from his staff, while displaying difficulty saying what staff want him to say, often stumbling while reading from the teleprompter. Completely inept. Only positive attribute is that he is not Trump. VP is equally inept and has accomplished nothing.
Loser. An Embarrassing fool.

Appendix K: Other Job Approval Comments

The school board can and must do better
Supreme Court is a joke, completely political hit squad for conservative Republican and religious interests, goal oriented jurisprudence with zero respect for judicial precedent and the rule of law, nomination and appointment process is utterly corrupt and compromised, zero credibility. Presiding over the deconstruction of American democracy in favor of monied interests and religious and political extremists.
They spend my money and we get nothing in return, how can someone become a millionaire working in government?
DeVos needs to be replaced at the USPS. Trump and his supporters are a threat to our democracy and cohesion as a country. State's Rights should not restrict voting or supersede federal law and policies. Congress needs to restrict access to guns. Violence against our government needs to be severely punished. Cable tv newscasters and entertainers should be required to tell the undistorted truth or face fines and loss of broadcasting license.
AACo Council voted down masking. They are pandering to the right rather than caring for the public.
Gavin Buckley ignores his citizens. Only supports developers and monied interests.
We are extraordinarily blessed to have AAMC and AACC to serve the health and educational needs of Anne Arundel County. Thank you for the extraordinary service you consistently provide.
The county doesn't seem very effective in fighting development. This has personally affected my community. County land was mysteriously transferred to the City so that a developer could build a huge senior apartment complex in back of our property. The rent for those apartments runs from \$2000 to \$4000 a month, so it isn't affordable. Maybe that's why we see so few lights in the apartments. Also, the county did not prevent Key School from purchasing land in the middle of our community and building a huge sports complex. The traffic is now terrible. I'm not sure who was running the county when these developments took place. I feel like a Republican would be allied with developers, where a Democrat would consider other factors.
The new majority on the Supreme Court appears to have replaced the careful consideration of laws and the constitution with a raw exercise of political power for the purpose of implementing a conservative social agenda.
Supreme Court has gone off the rails as has the Legislative Branch.
I believe Congress continues to be awash in greed and corruption. Policies are driven by equal parts of greed and stupidity.
Supreme Court has serious ethical problems with multiple justices; making too many decisions through the shadow docket instead of openly addressing or denying them.
The board of education is a joke. It became a three ring circus once it went fully elected without care or concern about whether candidates had any professional experience in k-12 education. Instead, they're showboating and hoping to gain political favor to move on to bigger and better elected offices.
The senators, Ted Cruz, Lindsey Graham are an embarrassment to this country
The representation in Congress & the MD legislature is very one sided & out of touch with the people. No doubt that there is an attempt at rigging subsequent elections at all levels to support only Democrat candidates.
Most of these officials should be forced to retire, we desperately need a new generation in office, the older generation has outdated views and laws.
Don't have anything to explain.

Tired of Congressional gridlock. Supreme Court should ALWAYS separate church and state.
The AACC board of Ed needs major reworking. Especially about curriculum. I shouldn't lose best friends over an Anne Arundel county school glazing over mental health. They should teach us how to deal with stress in depth, what APR is, what taxes are and how they work, how to apply for a loan, etc. not useless stressful information that is a hit or miss on being used later in life. If the school name is needed it's Severna Park High school. My peers around Anne Arundel refer to that school as suicide high because of how many kids attempt to take their lives.
AA County BOE is the most dysfunctional groups of adults.
The Board of Ed works to boost their own political names and not to support the students or teachers.
There is no future. Our institutions are captured or worthless and nothing can stand in the path our decline. The only variable is the speed at which we fall.
AACPS BOE members are an embarrassing representation for our county. Rude to each other during meetings, disrespectful of student members in tone when addressing versus their preferred peers, out of touch from the county and our public school system which is misleading MANY of their decisions.
I just want to reenter my score for AACBOE as a 0, because they're awful.
AACPS has turned political and is poorly run. It's ineffective at supporting our education system, cannot run a coherent meeting, and often tables discussion on important topics that they are too afraid to discuss. Our students are struggling and they want us to do so much more, with so much less
Board of Ed. Corine frank is all politics all the time.
The BOE does not operate efficiently. Their meetings are too long and often result in little or no change. Several members seem to be more interested in personal politics and private school/school vouchers than in supporting a strong public school system in AAC.
Amanda Feilder for county council, She is great. I had a concern and she got back to me within 2 days.
Old white GOP Senators and conspiracy theorist GOP House members need smarter voters in their bases. Time for progress, not obstruction
I cannot believe that we have some of the insane people that we do intentionally spreading propaganda and inviting insurrectionists making our decisions. It's terrifying. And the Supreme Court has been lost to a group of activists pushing an agenda that will hurt millions of disenfranchised people
The Anne Arundel County Council should have reigned in the Executive, as the duly elected representative body, in charge of creating and passing laws. they abdicated their duties and responsibility to all the constituents during COVID. Even if they agreed with what Pittman did, they should have formalized the actions and made them legal instead of the weird hazy place we were legally left in over a year.
I think that the School Board made a mistake in firing the superintendent
So very pleased that the elected Board of Education did what 2 decades of appointed members failed to do-move school start times, make AACPS use routing software, and fired Dr. Arlotto.
The US Congress needs to take some tips from Maryland's Governor and State Legislature and work on bi-partisan, centrist solutions and getting things done rather than staying stuck in stalemate positions and getting too few things accomplished.
At least the County Council voted to approve or disapprove Pittman's mask mandate
Most of our politicians didn't do their jobs on Jan 6 th that is why we went there to cheer them on and support them. Sadly the other side ANTIFA showed up to destroy the day. We didn't much like it either as Trump supporters. Those folks that broke in to our capitol the people's Capitol are animals

and thugs. Those let in when they opened the doors and are now in jail are innocent: our government is not functioning as it should any more
AA County Health Officer has got to go ! He has hurt our kids with his Covid policies !
Our local legislators need to think about how much control has been given to parents regarding education. Frankly, parents have too much power and often bully school staff and create situations that are untenable for educators. If they want total control over what and how their children learn they should check into home schooling.
I've said enough and you are tired of it. Lol.
Not looking forward to when the conservative supreme court overturns Roe vs Wade. This will awaken the Left like we haven't seen since the late 60s.
I miss traditional Republicanism. Some progressive stuff is a bit too far but far, far better than authoritarian Trumpism.
The closer people are to the middle ground the better to receive my approval rating.
I have not been happy to see the way Board of Education members have conducted themselves at times. I was not happy that they declined to reappoint Dr. Arlotto as superintendent.
The Supreme Court has been hijacked by the right for over 20 years and with Trump's appointments hijacked by the far right. Senate Republicans depriving President Obama of appointing a moderate (M. Garland) and then packing the court with 3 far right jurists has politicized the court and it is in the process of delegitimizing itself.
Kalyanaraman is a dangerous person. He harmed our children with his push to the AACPS BOE to keep the kids home and masked. The quarantine and contact tracing nonsense was all about control. Never would he give numbers if quarantine or contact traced students that converted to covid cases. If the numbers supported he would have advertised. He was allowed too much power and authority. His push for the Vax and testing is ridiculous and overboard.
The Country would be as close to a utopia if all members of the Supreme Court were as wise as Justice Clarence Thomas.
BOE does not do enough to support schools with low income populations. Builds \$300 million high school for wealthy Severn's Park residents but crams poor students into aging overcrowded schools
The county council needs to quit voting down party lines, and use their brains.
Since the Supreme Court was taken over by religious extremists it has become yet another source of threat to our democracy.
Some members of Congress have forgotten they're public servants and have proven they're there to obstruct both Justice and the constitutional process in an efforts to line their pockets and retain power.
US Supreme Court is solid.
The Marxist ideology of CRT needs to go.
One party in Congress is trying to legislate. The other is just obstructing,
Mr. Pittman's council has a few outspoken Republicans seemingly trying to seat ahead only for their own self interest. It does not seem the council works well together. Party lines hurt the constituents. Same in national politics; Congress, House.
I'm still upset with the Republican refusal to hold hearings for Merritt Garland for the Supreme Court and probably always will be.
Ah, the school board... such great challenges. I try to give them credit. But I'm grateful my kids will be out of the system as of June.
Public schools weak in Annapolis. Need to be much stronger in educating more advanced students and provide programs for weaker/poorer students. More strongly encourage mature and civil

behavior. Create more opportunities for students that want to achieve more and discourage bad behavior of students that are not focusing on academic achievement
The Congress is far too empowered by corporate interests. Citizens United should be over-turned. We should, at least, KNOW where the money flows from and to whom (i.e. which elected official is benefiting from those contributions). Otherwise, we have a corruptible congress.
The country needs effective gun control to protect people from military grade weapons used against human beings who are not part of any war. Have target practice with targets and other kinds of firearms.
If there was an option for Strongly Disappointed it would capture my attitude toward U.S. Congress. They have accomplished good things but should have done much more.
Annapolis City government and departments are a real issue.
The oat dog Education has been disrespectful and has not been supportive of educators, administrators, support staff, and others working in our schools during the difficult years of COVID.
The AA county board of education has been too restrictive with their Covid mandates. Many staff and volunteers have quit working in our schools because of this.
Congress is divided with members forced to play defense and constantly campaign for re-election. Dark money has been very destructive at all levels of public service. There seems to be little accountability for them to respect the rule of law.
Supreme Court --- Really has not done a thing to be proud of.
The Supreme Court has, as a result of the appointments of Kavanaugh, Gorsuch, and Barrett, taken on a reactionary (a more accurate adjective than conservative!) tilt. In addition, Justice Thomas' not recusing himself from cases involving his wife's political activity shows that an enforceable code of conduct is needed for the court.
Brian Simmonaire and Nic Kipke are great!
Republican party is no longer a legitimate representative of a responsible population. The Cruz, Hawley, IGraham--are shameless well-educated with no moral fiber.
Congress can't do it's most basic job of passing a budget. Until they do, they get the lowest rating possible.
Congress. Republican Party wants to win at any cost.
Not in possession of enough information.
The Supreme Court has become very political. I don't mind a conservative Court, but do object to the new cast of characters and Clarence Thomas has been a disgrace.
Democratic legislature who does nothing to enact ANY Democratic platform issues? No gun control since the shooting at the Capital? No clean up of the Chesapeake Bay?
I honestly don't know enough of the specifics regarding our county management to comment thoughtfully
Congress is dysfunctional and too partisan. Supreme Court is unbalanced in its views and "originalist" interpretation of the constitution
Md general assembly is too liberal. Spends our taxes on unimportant items.
No comment.
US should be supporting Ukraine but also supporting the homeless and people in need in this country. Raising corporate taxes would help.
Supreme Court has lost its objectivity. Too political.
The US Congress (especially the Republican Party Leadership) and increasingly the US Supreme Court are not objective when responding the needs of the American public but are increasingly partisan and.

I wish our Democrat Senators and representatives would work more for the good of Maryland and less for the Democrat party.
I am very happy with Democrats in Congress except for Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema and the far left members of the House. The Republicans are just a mess.
The REpublicans in COngress - most all- are so scared of not being elected and ontiniuiung their cushy jobs forever. i see evil in so many of them and i know they are going to delay approving Judge Jackson until the midyears hoping they gain back. Democrats are not nasty or sneaky enough. Republicans destroyed my belief in the Supreme Court.
Congress is lazy. Jamie Raskin lied to his fellow state senators. No doubt he is still lying to congress.
SCOTUS has moved from a judicial team to a politically divided group. They need to get back to executing and following their judicial charter.
The government is just crooked, no accountability. There's a lot of money missing and no one seems to know where it went. No further investigations either!
The supreme Court has become to polictial and has a "few" people who are not qualified to be on the court. They have a few people who should retire. There are changes to me made. TERM LIMITS.

Appendix L: Ideology Comments

I am all for taxes to help make our lives better and help others - but just too much of my money is being wasted and abused. #COVID relief fraud - I mean, how hard is it to see if a company is legit before cutting them a taxpayer funded check for millions of dollars?
fiscal responsible and concerned about the environment and social welfare
Believe in strong fiscal policy balanced with serving those in poverty.
Respect for other human beings, life is not a zero sum game, we are all in this together, a rising tide lifts all boats.
Individual freedoms as enumerated in the Constitution
Less government, follow the Constitution, secure our borders, although few Republicans are doing much either.
Southern border - liberals are TOO liberal
Healthcare, climate change , civic management, diversity
Belief in preserving social norms.
Energy independence and secure borders are of paramount importance to me. We have neither now
Reproductive rights, voting rights, support for families with young children or elderly dependents, fair treatment and opportunity for minority populations, environmental protection and remediation.
I would say progressive except that I don't think the far left in the current Democratic party is helpful. They have some ridiculous ideas and make too much noise. Example, de-fund the police. I think that's a nutty idea. We'd have chaos. Just get rid of the racist cops and have some understanding of police have to endure.
I am a fiscal conservative (which no party seems to consider as part of their platform) and a social liberal (which is why the Bill of Rights was drafted)
I am in support (and oppose) of ideas from all parties - not just one
The world and humans are complex and can be difficult to navigate. Some of us find it easier to align with a specific ideology that gives us, momentary, comfort. Others, such as I, are pretty clear that we don't know what we don't know, but are open to others, different ideas and stances that don't, necessarily, align with ours. But, willing to listen and try to grasp what motivates others and shift our thinking, if reasonable. In the end, we humans are a wildly complex species and think it's our lot to struggle with the enormity of that to find a place for the well-being of all.
I am not fully aligned with the extreme of either party - America 1st is key & saving our democracy
Social and economic justice, women's rights (especially considering the right to abortion), affordable access to higher level education - how can we compete on the world stage if young people have to go into debt to get a college education?), improving the economic situation of the common person, instead of creating more billionaires
I believe that it is the government's job to provide an effective safety net for those in need and to protect the environment (including taking strong action on climate change).
political divide
Mindless squandering of public money (taxes) and other valuable resources (the bay, farmland, and forested areas).
Right to life, fiscal conservative, less government interference, energy independence.
Racism

climate change
Adhering to our constitution at both state & country
Too much focus on social issues not enough on improving economy/taxes/prices/jobs.
Not very because I have a libertarian side
Current welfare programs make it very difficult for low-income families to rise out of poverty ("welfare cliffs")
Outside perception of the words "conservative" or "liberal". Both are caricatures rather than stances.
Covid, Inflation, Police reform
Liberals to me are too disruptive and influenced by the media, pushing their opinions onto other people.
I agree with certain things from both sides but I also think the whole party affiliation thing is kinda outdated and needs to be reformed.
I don't have anything on voting.
Income inequality, climate change, social justice for BIPOC & LGBTQ+ communities, far-right extremism.
Covid-19 mandates, climate change, keeping critical race theory, preserving the right to abortion, preserving the right to vote, acknowledging and condemning racism, and police reform/defund.
Climate change, equality, gun control
I think as time goes on, my opinion sways both ways a little bit. I agree with pieces from both sides.
Racism, homophobia, sexism, and climate change.
How we treat others and how we can improve our economy
Climate Change, domestic manufacturing, social equality, improved health care system
Im not really one to pay attention to politics. It is not my thing
I identify with a lot of Sen. Bernie Sanders' political ideologies with adequately taxing the rich 1% and vouching for affordable health care in the United States.
I don't think anyone does a good job anymore. Its just a competition between right and left.
Idk
Access to healthcare, poverty rates, social injustices, immigration matters
Climate change and lowering taxes while increasing minimum wage
The economy is terrible, everyone should be taxed the same, most social issues are false. My dad literally didn't get a job because he is a white male. Had more credentials than the person who got the job. Worked at the place longer than the person who was hired for the job. In fact, the person who was hired wasn't working there before. So explain that one...
student debt crisis, human rights, climate change, other social issues
I have to look more into the specific beliefs of each party
Crime and Economic opportunities
The overall morality of the country in respect to the economy and social crises.
Foreign policy - certain countries are prioritized over countries where there is greater US aid is needed Domestically- economy- inflation , Discrimination
Climate change/
The job problem
I try to mostly stay out of politics unless I directly have no choice but to be involved.
I have grown up with both sides of the spectrum which has shaped my views and put me in the moderate category.
Grew up with influences from both sides

2nd amendment rights
Extremists on both sides
We never know what the candidates are really doing behind closed doors or who is really doing what. Especially since media can be biased. I just try to enjoy myself with this short life I have left on earth.
Economic and social inequality
Healthcare. Our wildly accelerating income inequality coupled with the inherent balance of power tipping from the hands of the government into the hands of increasingly powerful and consolidated corporations.
Social issues, ie gay rights, pro-choice, and anti-book banning.
Climate change and education
Women's rights, personal choice, 2nd amendment, energy policy
Education and social issues
I believe all voices count. We should all come together and agree on a compromise. Be united! We are supposed to be the United States of America! Supposed to be freedom for all. That means compromise. This is why I'm moderate.
The American dream was made unachievable by the previous generation, and our planet is dying. The only way to preserve a future for the younger generation is with enormous, systemic change.
No candidates are addressing my concerns.
I worry more about people and their safety and health than money.
Support for a woman's right to choose, support for our LGBTQ community, climate change being taken seriously, universal healthcare and public education that purposefully funds itself well and desegregates
taxes
Accountability and morality
Support of diverse populations, universal healthcare, pro choice
Social issues.
climate change; pro-choice; support LGBT+
N/A
I am progressive in values and do not want the government or religion determining what I do, but I'm not far left and don't agree with some of the 'extreme' thoughts of people like AOC.
Equal rights for all persons, affordable health care, positive world relations
Economic
Conservatives are now the ones who care about the Middle Class, NOT Liberals!!
Constitution, Economy, Law & Order, Taxes, Common Sense
Keeping the illegal people out of our county and country until they have been approved by our process, that is very important to me.
Climate change, economic strength
Social issues. Republicans are in bed with complete nutjob Christianists who want to bring about Gilead. I therefore can't support any republican on any level. The GOP needs to be burned to the ground.
I'm a human who cares about other humans.
effective government
I am concerned about the rising bigotry and racism in the Republican party; focus on fair opportunities for all citizens
I am an independent voter.

Civil rights legislation, investment in public good, environment
As a professional journalist, I've been trained to try to see and report multiple viewpoints on issues and remain objective.
Bipartisanship is too low. Each side has become radical. Want more of a middle ground and compromise and working together.
I believe government has an important role to play in people's lives.
Common sense
I do not align with any party but wanting to serve Jesus with my vote tends to lead toward being very conservative on most issues and liberal on others.
Repairing Foreign Relations
I believe in freedom nothing else. Freedom of speech is leaving us quickly
social views
Fiscal conservative, accountability to taxpayers and parents
Immigration, gun control, taxes
Economy, freedom, abortion
I believe in love is love is love and no one except for a woman should have the right to say when she should bear a child.
Health care, taxes, crime
I want people in office who will follow themselves and hold themselves accountable to the constitution. As well as holding all of us by law to this document as well. We don't have that any more
I'm tough on crime & the border & the death penalty but less conservative on social issues like legalizing marijuana
Women's Rights, especially control over their own bodies.
I'm a libertarian and think super limited government is what's in the best interest for the country
Has to be a balance between both extremes.
Human rights for all colors, creeds, religions, races, national orientation, and sexual orientation/gender identities.
I love the United States and our history. Even though no country is perfect, our founding documents are as close as it gets to perfection. I do NOT support the Left's trashing of our country.
I feel that I agree with Progressives but more pre-business and personal accountability
I was moderate, with a slight lean toward Republicanism, until the party went full Trump. The corruption and immorality of that alignment is disgusting. I consequently find myself more aligned with liberalism, if not some progressive ideology.
Reproductive rights; criminal justice reform (ending money bail; increasing restorative justice programs, more effective community policing), fully-funded K-14 public schools (including community college/trade schools); common sense gun regulations; environmental protection and climate change mitigation.
Abortion and voting rights, human rights
Pro Life! Where does life begin? Before birth, right? 9 months is an average of full term development but a child can live before that with some help sometimes. Where does life end? As soon as one needs some help in living to the fullest? What stage is that? A pill, a ventilator, a surgery... Best not to mess with ending life of babies or anyone.
I'm in the middle.
Education, public health, voting rights/equality

Assistance for people that need it.
Social issues - women's rights, LGBTQ rights, gun control, more support for low-income families, public transportation issues, environmental concerns
Safety
Fairness under the law.
Balanced approach that is not too far left or right.
More investment needed in health care and health care needs to be more of a "right" as opposed to being a "privilege." Medical debt is one of the leading causes of bankruptcy in the U.S., not so much in other industrialized nations that have universal health care.
Support for Israel and a strong economy
People having control of themselves and their choices Vs the government imposing and enforcing
Economics and civil rights
Education equity
Abortion rights and climate
I am very worried about having a functioning democracy and after the January 6th attempted insurrection I can never support a Republican again.
I want both parties to work on solutions for the common good, middle ground actions
Human rights
No extreme views either way
I find the political extremes too self-serving and believe that consensus and unity will be required to solve out biggest problems - and there are many
Taxes are to high. You can't retire in MD.
First, lawfulness and competence Second, reproductive rights. Next, historic racial injustice Climate change Healthcare access Access to quality education Addressing economic disparity
I consider myself socially moderate/liberal, fiscally conservative, and politically moderate.
Environment, irresponsible growth, lack of public facilities for residents, redevelopment of current infrastructure, violence and abuse of women (and men), affordable education and opportunity, and affordable healthcare and prescriptions.
I believe that actions have consequences, and that politicians and bureaucrats rarely look at the consequences of their actions. How are we going to pay for the giveaways? Why can't Congress cut expenses? Why did Congress pass a 21% pay raise for themselves?
I believe in our God-given rights, I believe in the constitution and I believe our politicians are to protect our God-given rights. It is not their job to determine what those rights are. I prefer small government and not having them interfere with my life or livelihood.
Crime, illegal immigration, wasteful government spending
Partisanship is out of control
Environment and climate change, equity, women's rights, protecting the most vulnerable in our society
The issue.
I believe we should protect citizens, help people by teaching them to help themselves, not just give handouts.
It looks as if the Supreme Court will overturn Roe v. Wade and it's amazing that the ability of a woman to control her body is legislated in this country — something that does not happen to men.
We are endowed by our creator with certain inalienable rights.
Abortion, income inequality, corporate greed.

development, environment, economy, diversity
Government over teach
Sick of seeing the Dems print \$\$\$ and raise taxes
I am more socially liberal than mainstream republicans and more fiscally conservative than liberal democrats and many republicans
Fiscal responsibility is important, but I also believe in health care for all and supporting our county employees: teachers, police, and fire fighters.
Protecting voting rights. Preventing gerrymandering. Preventing POTUS #45 from becoming POTUS #47.
Environment, disparities, drugs
I have difficulty determining whether my views are Somewhat Liberal or Very Liberal (progressive). I need to better understand what makes a person one or the other...
working with our european allies; pro choice; health insurance for all
I'm fiscally moderate and socially liberal
Guns — you are not taking away
I follow my conscience, not party lines.
Erasing longstanding inequities - women, POC.
I am an out-of-fashion "Colin Powell" Republican
Fiscal conservative and social moderate. Life long Republican until Donald Trump. Now I am unaffiliated. Unaffiliated voters should be allowed to vote in the primaries. WE are definitely discriminated against because we are 1/3 of the voting population. We could soften the edge of the far left and far right. The State Legislature needs to open up primaries to unaffiliated voters after they finish gerrymandering the state.
Environment, racial inequity, financial inequity
Addressing climate change, protecting the environment, better schools for our children, more available daycare for kids and seniors
Fiscal restraint, stop enabling 1/3 of the population to live off the productivity of the other 2/3
I am a Republican but most people call me a RINO. Anybody who supports Trump, I am against. Trump destroyed the Republican party.
individual freedom and equality
Immigration needs to be controlled. We should not have a free for all at the borders. Enforce the law. Stop socialism. I paid for college. My children paid for college. We all paid our student loans. This should not suddenly be free which means I get to pay for everyone else through higher taxes.
There needs to be a balance - we have lost that. We need to show compassion through strength in all areas, both foreign and domestic. We need to provide aid while also demanding responsibility and accountability in all areas. Going to far one way or the other has landed us in this mess.
I agree more with the Republican Congressmen and women than with the Democrat agendas, especially concerning our own country policies like the US Southern Borders
Strong military, personal choices, equal rights
Economy, social issues
I vote for a person that is running not the party necessarily
I believe in fiscal responsibility and social justice and equity for ALL people.
I believe in supporting law enforcement while holding them accountable for misconduct.
Fiscal conservative, moderate in social problems, secure our border, climate change cannot be controlled by us. Mother Nature is in control.

having spent 21 years in the military, I believe in accountability . I also try to think logically instead of emotionally . I go with trusting policy and not personality.
There's really no good reason that in the US we continue to experience homelessness & food insecurity.
economy, foreign policy, political dishonesty
I am fiscally conservative
People with lots of resources need to help those without.
Foreign affairs, particularly the stance on Jerusalem as Israel's capitol, and economic issues.
Tired of all the wild spending and other issues in the county, state and nation.
The most important issues for me are the rights of the individual, the balance of power between individuals and organizations, democracy vs. authoritarianism, and national security.
Too much emphasis place on Climate change.
Environment and truth from our elected officials. Fortunately, that is not much of an issue here in MD.
America First
I do NOT like CRT taught by Dems in schools. Their "green" policy is making us dependent on foreign nations for energy. Their "defund the police" movement has increased crime tremendously. Their immigration policy of open borders is bringing in some questionable people or we have no idea who they really are! Vaccine mandates are ridiculous. People should NOT lose their jobs if they refuse an experimental vaccine. Besides that people who are fully vaccinated and boosted STILL get Covid!
No one can name one thing that our house of rep in DC for AA county has done for us. Except collect a pay check.
Socially liberal; fiscally conservative
Fiscally conservative and socially liberal.
National security
Economy Foreign Affairs
Government actions, Social and racial justice
I want things to be middle of the road, not too liberal or conservative.
Depends on the issue.
Ukraine Climate Homelessness Education Social security Health Care
That all residents of Maryland be treated the some! I don't even know what congressional district I am going to be in! Perhaps I'll stay part of PG county and have no one(to speak of) to represent me. Perhaps all of Maryland will be represented by D.
the balance in finances & the economy; I support a strong commitment to our military.
I believe that the government should take care of people.
Climate change, income inequality, corruption on a global scale, immigration
The well formed answers to the issues facing the state by candidate Wes Moore such as climate, education etc
Policies that protect the disadvantaged and the socially weak, and requiring business to adhere to rules of common human decency in dealing with their employees, and with the public at large. ESG policies
Foreign policy and the environment.
Education, economy, and pandemic response
Law, Congress, destructive behavior of Republican party leaders, fractionalizing of citizenry

The real need for the population to recognize that this is a small planet, and we must learn that cooperation is the only route forward to a good life for all. We all need to work for true justice for all.
I am a fiscal conservative, but social liberal.
Climate change, climate change, climate change. And all matters that underlie this.
My desire to always look to the future and better ways of doing things.
struggle between autocracy and democracy in our own country and FAKE NEWS and worsening income inequality
Climate
I believe that government is for the 100% of the people, not just segments of the population. I am very concerned about the wealth inequality in this nation.
Keeping our democracy.
County Development to insure infrastructure is there before adding incentives or easing restriction for more affordable housing alternatives in legislation.
Problems facing the nation today require thinking that is flexible and far-sighted. Narrowly defined and restrictive thinking will not be adequate to manage increasingly complicated problems in the future. Working together always works better than me vs you. .
Truth, Justice, Integrity
Economic inequality.
I am very concerned that without photo I.D. there is too much potential for voter fraud. I certainly want to ensure we facilitate maximum voter turnout but not to the extent that we encourage or encounter increased voter fraud.
I was member of the Democratic party for over 50 years, and changed to Independent voter registration to better reflect my support of our national constitution, Bill of Rights, common sense solutions to challenges and effective leaders.
The absolute evil principles and deceptive practices of liberals and "progressives" who are bent on destroying our country in order to establish a Marxist system
battling climate change, making wealthy pay their fair share, increased family support, lowering the price of healthcare/drugs
I am a humanitarian.
The two most important issues (before Russia invaded Ukraine) are saving democracy by restoring voting rights and combating climate change.
Common sense in all matters
I believe in justice served equally. I am a believer that Unions are needed. Evil and self centered congresspersons should be x-ed out so that congress support the populace, not themselves.
We should not allow extremist views to influence governance. Our elected leaders should take a stand and shape our culture to ensure equitability across all disciplines.
More libertarian
BSeek social justice for all citizens
Upholding the constitution and established law while moving toward a more equitable economic environment in the state/nation.
Higher taxes
Experience with many government elected officials. For example, Jim Lighthizer, was great and a democrat. Leopold was terrible and a Republican.
Erosion of constitutionally guaranteed liberties.
Prefer less government intrusion on our lives.
Taxes, education, economy.

