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County Survey Finds Economy and Impact of Federal Government Changes are Top Concerns

A survey of 2213 Anne Arundel County residents conducted March 28 to April 6 by Anne Arundel Community College and the Center for the Study of Local Issues found that issues related to the economy and the consequences introduced by the process of reorganizing the federal government using the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) were among the top issues.

The survey first asked respondents to identify the top two “most important problems facing Anne Arundel County at the present time.” Among the top three were general concerns about the economy (25%), taxes (24%) and “Economy – Loss of job or income due to changes in the federal government” (23%). Housing (18%) and crime (18%) were also among the top concerns.

People were less optimistic about the state of the local county economy (down 4 points from 50% saying “excellent or good” last fall to 46% this spring), state economy (down 7 points to 32%) and national economy (down a single point at 25%). A much higher percentage said that their expectations for the national economy were that it would get worse (58%) rather than better (32%). The percentage saying that they were “very concerned” about inflation rose somewhat (from 58% to 64%), but more apprehension about unemployment was especially apparent (rising from 25% to 46% over the six-month period). When asked about whether an economic condition affects themselves or their household, the percentage saying unemployment rose from 11% to 23%.

The survey asked about the impact that DOGE efforts were having, with the sample showing mixed results. They were offered two “necessary” choices, one offering the view that it was a “well executed effort to reduce government waste and inefficiency” (23% chose this), a “necessary but poorly executed effort that lacked coordination and due process” (22%) and a final choice: “Mostly unnecessary and chaotic effort that undermined needed government functions” (43%). Many offered comments that the effort was “completely unnecessary and destructive” or “a chaotic execution.” These perceptions were strongly influenced by party registration: Only 18% of Democrats chose either of the “necessary” answers, with 72% saying “mostly unnecessary.” By contrast, among Republicans only 9% said “mostly unnecessary” and 84% chose either the necessary “well executed” option (57%) or “poorly executed” (27%).

Among those who said that they were employed full-time by the federal government, only 10% answered “necessary and well executed” compared to 41% saying “necessary and poorly executed” or 46% “unnecessary and poorly executed.” The employment category most likely to agree with the latter characterization were those who were “unemployed and looking for work” at 60%.

Among federal workers, 9% said that they had lost a job or contract, 40% had been threatened with being fired, 39% were told to return to the office to keep their jobs, 59% were

told to justify their work to keep their jobs, and 19% said that they had “experienced major economic disruption in my life.”

When federal workers were asked about the impact of DOGE upon their careers and lives, 34% said that they would need to retrain for a new job or career, 24% said they would need to retire prematurely, 30% said they might need to move out of Maryland and 11% said that they will need to apply for welfare programs.

The overall sample felt that DOGE efforts would have a negative (60%) impact on Maryland’s economy rather than a positive impact (18%).

A large percentage had no opinion about how to characterize Anne Arundel County’s response to federal layoffs (42% said “don’t know”), 27% said “excellent” or “good” compared to 24% saying “just okay” or “not very well.”

Other new items in the survey included:

- **Support for Various Trump proposals** – a majority supported “strongly” or “somewhat” the proposal favoring the “deportation of all undocumented immigrants” (51%), while half favored “increasing tariffs against China.” Few favored (16%) “Using economic or military pressure to acquire Greenland” or “Offering pardons or commuted sentences for those convicted of crimes from January 6, 2021” (27%).
- Among **federal budget proposals**, majorities supported “reducing social program budgets by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse rather than cuts in benefits” (62%) or “Reduce military/DOD spending by finding waste” (56%). Other ideas received very little support: “Medicare and Social Security should be cut to make them financially sustainable” (10%) or “Medicaid should be cut to reduce budget deficits” (15%).
- **Outreach by county executive** – 34% said that they read County Executive Steuart Pittman’s “Weekly Newsletter” compared to only 5% who listen to his “Pittman and Friends” podcast.
- **Library services** were examined in detail – awareness of services, use of the library either in—person or remotely, valued current services, desired future services.
- **Maryland state issues** included support for various proposals meant to **close the structural budget deficit** with some ideas such as “A 2% surcharge on capital gains income for those earning over \$350,000” (62%) or “Increase income tax rates for those earning more than \$500,000” (50%) and “Increase in taxes on the sale of cannabis” (80%) being “strongly” or “somewhat” supported. The idea of a 3% tax on data services and information technologies was poorly supported (30%).
- The public was divided on **whether to prioritize maintaining state programs** by raising some taxes (37%) or reducing program funding and not raising taxes (42%).
- **Immigration:** The public seemed to favor maintaining current law regarding **local cooperation with ICE** (48% maintain) as opposed to changing to allow cooperation (38%). A plurality (42%) favored such immigrants to **purchase health insurance** using the Maryland online exchange without subsidies while 29% disagreed.
- **Fossil fuel companies** should bear some costs to mitigate the expense of dealing with **climate change** (48% support fully, 18% support somewhat”).
- **Electricity generation options:** Of the options listed, 55% favored using sun and wind with battery backup, 50% nuclear plants, and 42% expanded use of geothermal. Only 38% favored natural gas or coal (19%).

- **Allow beer and wine to be sold at grocery stores:** Most people either strongly supported (38%) or somewhat supported (28%) this idea.
- **Governor Wes Moore’s “State of the State” address** – it was seen, heard or read about by 36% of respondents.
- **Presidential choices:** Two thirds of Democrats (65%) and nearly three-quarters of Republicans (73%) were completely satisfied with their choice for president in last year’s election. For Democrats, 32% wished that their party had nominated someone else; 22% of Republicans did as well.
- **Election legitimacy:** 84% of Democrats agreed with the statement, “Biden won in 2020 and Trump won in 2024” but 49% of Republicans did not. Over a third (34%) of them believed “Trump "won" both in 2020 and 2024”
- **Other topics in the “parties and elections” section included trust in parties, and job approval for various offices.**

The **summary of main findings** (p. 4) outlines in greater detail these and other survey results found in this press release. A **detailed review** which explores the survey results in depth follows the summary. **The actual questionnaire and percentages can be found in Appendix A** (pp. 127-159). Open-ended comments offered by online respondents can be found in **Appendices B-Y** (see p. 8 for page numbers and topics).

Methodology

The survey polled a sample of 2213 county residents who were at least 18 years old. Interviewing was conducted online using various databases including one of members of the AACC/CSLI web panel who were recruited when conducting previous telephone interviews. Students participated in the selection of topics and analysis of results as well as respondents to the survey. There was also outreach to other residents through the assistance of the EyeOnAnnapolis.com, the Anne Arundel County Public Library system and a purchased email list of county residents. The survey was in the field from March 28 to April 6, 2025. There was about a 2% statistical margin of error assuming that a random sampling method had been used – in this case the data collection process relied partly on random outreach to email lists as well as an opt-in participation method. This might have introduced additional errors. In any case, 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.

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Summary of Main Findings

This section provides some more details about the topics included in the survey. Often there is more analysis of a question by other respondent characteristics such as age, party registration or gender. Moreover, some items included open-ended comment opportunities for respondents. These are included especially in appendices at the end of the press release.

Most Important Problem Facing County Residents

The importance of economic issues was already mentioned, along with other factors such as the economy, crime and development. Additional details and analysis are available in the text (pp. 9-17). Open-ended “other” answers are in Appendix B.

Right Direction/Wrong Direction

The percentage of those saying that the **county** was moving in the right direction dropped slightly from 41% last fall to 33% this fall. Regarding the **state**, **its score dropped from 42% to 31%**. The percentage applicable to the **country** also featured an improvement from 15 to 29%, mostly due to the Republican support (pp. 18-24).

Rating Economic Conditions - County, State and Country

For the **county**, the percentage saying “excellent” or “good” dropped from 50% to 46%. At the **state** level, there was more of a continuing decline from 50% fall 2023 to only 41% by spring 2024. In fall 2024 the figure fell a bit more to 39% and finally settled at 32% this spring. The **federal** level had reached a low of 15% in fall 2020 – but has seen **steady increases** since. In spring 2023 “excellent+good” score rose to 20%; in fall 2023 it was 25%, with a 2-point rise in spring 2024 to 27%. It stayed basically unchanged in fall 2024 and spring 2025 - 26%/25% (see pp. 25-34).

Expectations for the National Economy

The percentage of those saying that “the economy will **improve** in the future” was hardly changed from last fall when it was 30% - this spring it was 32% (see p. 35).

National Economy Concerns

A new question was added in spring 2022 that asked respondents to express their level of concern about various economic conditions. At that time, concern over **inflation** topped the list (58% saying “very concerned”); this worsened to 71% in fall 2022 and was essentially unchanged spring 2023 (69%) and fall 2023 (67%). By spring 2024 **the percentage dropped to 58%**, its lowest level in two years but by this spring, it rose to 64%. As mentioned in the introduction, the most obvious change among items in this section was the sharp rise in concern about unemployment from 25% to 46%. For details, see p. 36-40.

Economic Conditions Applying to Respondents

This section asked about certain general impressions as well as some specific concerns. Most percentages did not change much – other the unemployment which rose from 11% to 23%. There is an analysis of the effect of income upon people's exposure to certain economic conditions – see pp. 41-47.

Health Insurance – Unavailable, Too Expensive or Inadequate

One of the questions in the section above asked about health insurance. For those who signaled that it was “unavailable, too expensive or inadequate” a follow-up question was asked about the type of insurance they had – most had employer provided (40%) or Medicare either with a supplemental program (26%) or without (7%). Some had purchased insurance on the individual market (9%), another 6% received Medicaid. The uninsured were 6%. They were asked to “indicate reasons why you think [health insurance is unavailable, too expensive or inadequate] and measure that might make such insurance more affordable and comprehensive.” This was an open-ended section whose responses can be found in Appendix C. (See pp. 48-49.)

Department of Government Efficiency – Evaluation, Impact on Workers and on Maryland's economy, Impact on Careers, Anne Arundel County Response

An overview of this section was already provided in the introduction. Respondents were given the opportunity to offer comments – many did and are listed in Appendix D. A separate opportunity to offer comments for provided for the focus on the impact on Maryland's economy (see Appendix F). In Appendix E, comments can be found discussing the career impacts. Appendix G has comments about the county government's response. For details see pp. 50-59.

Trump Policy Ideas

A set of questions focused on some policies that have been proposed by President Trump. The ranged from the deportation of all undocumented immigrants (51% said support strongly somewhat) to the reduction of air pollution standards on cars combined with the reduction in incentives to purchase electric vehicles (32%) -see pp. 60-64 for details. There was an opportunity for comments found on Appendix H.

Trump Budget Ideas

Some of these were mentioned in the introduction and ranged from “tax cuts should be retained and /or expanded” (46% favored) to “foreign aid should be eliminated” (29%). See pp. 65-66.

International Issues

This section included some longitudinal question about the seriousness of the threats posed by China (53% very serious), Russia (56%), climate change (53%) and keeping NATO intact and strong (60%). This section also included questions about Ukraine as well as Gaza. There was an

opportunity for respondents to comment found in Appendix I. See pp. 67-77 for the general discussion.

County Executive Outreach

This section focused on methods used by County Executive Steuart Pittman to communicate with the public and was mentioned in the introduction. See Appendix J for comments and p. 78.

Public Libraries

This was a large section that started with a question about respondents' awareness of certain library services ranging from the lending of physical books (95% aware) to ancestry.com (38%). Respondents were asked how often they used the libraries in-person (76% said at least "once in a while"). These people were then asked to identify the importance of a range of services – 83% said checking out books was very importance, while only 36% said the same about using meeting rooms or study/work spaces. In Appendix K are the answers respondents offered to the question about library services used the "last couple of times" they visited the libraries.

Those who said that they rarely or never visited the libraries were offered a set of possible reasons why such as "don't need library services" (59% said very or somewhat important) or "the hours don't work with my schedule" (17%). Appendix L offered respondents the opportunity say why they might not feel welcomed" while Appendix M was available to indicate any other reasons they didn't use the libraries in-person.

A filter was asked about the frequency of use of library online services: 37% said that they rarely or never used these. Those who use remote library services were asked how often each was used. They ranged from using the online catalog to find or reserve books (61% very or fairly often) to student resources such as "Help Now" or Gale databases (10%) – see Appendix N.

The final set of questions asked about future services that public libraries could offer. The most favored was "business services, passport, state and local licenses, notary business start-up and success (78% very or somewhat important). The least favored (40%) was "More items in the Library of Things." See Appendix N1 for other volunteered ideas about future library services. See pp. 79-90 for details.

Other comments about Anne Arundel County or the city of Annapolis – Open-ended in Appendix O. (p.91)

Maryland State Policies

Some of these were mentioned in the introduction and covered budget choices, immigration policies, fossil fuel company liability for climate change, electricity generation preferences, selling wine and beer at grocery stores and hearing Governor Moore's address to the Maryland General Assembly. See Appendices P, Q, R, S, and T for respondents' comments and pp. 92-101 for general discussion.

Parties, Elections, Politics

There was a section asking people to ponder how satisfied they were with their presidential choices and the nominees – this was already covered in the introduction. See pp. 102-104 for details and Appendix U for respondents' comments.

Job Approval – Incumbents, Institutions

Job Approval for the President, Governor and County Executive: For many years, the survey has asked about job approval for major executive positions. As president, Biden's approval last fall was 48%. As the new president, **Donald Trump** approval was considerably lower at only 33% - see pp. 105-108 for details. See Appendix V for open-ended comments about Trump's job approval.

Governor Wes Moore has had a formidable challenge in rising to the job approval percentages previously shown by Larry Hogan. Originally there was a 26-point gap between Hogan's last job approval percentage (75%) and Moore's first (49%). At this point Moore's job approval score (48%) was about what it had been at the start of his administration and is down somewhat from last fall when it was 51%. See pp. 109-113. See Appendix W for open-ended comments about Moore's job approval.

County Executive Steuart Pittman's approval score was up a bit (43%) from last fall when it was 41%. His net approval rate was down from 14% last fall to 12% this spring (pp. 114-117). See Appendix X for open-ended comments about Pittman's job approval.

Job Approval for County Council, Board of Education, Maryland General Assembly, Congress and the Supreme Court

The survey included job approval questions for four legislative bodies: the Anne Arundel County Council, the Maryland General Assembly, the Board of Education, and Congress. There was also an evaluation of the Supreme Court. There wasn't much movement among these institutions – see pp. 118-123 and Appendix Y.

Trust in Political Parties

Last fall, trust in Democrats was up three points to 45% - an all-time high. After the defeats last November, the Democrats dropped to only 38%. Still, it was better than Republicans who only rose from 27% to 31%. The "neither" score rose five points from 20% to 25% (see pp. 124-125).

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 127.**

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Detailed Review of Survey Findings

The Most Important Problem Facing Residents – Economy, Housing and Crime Top the List

Table 1 shows the pattern of survey results over the last five surveys for the question “What are the **two** most important problems facing residents of Anne Arundel County at the present time?”¹

Table 1: Most Important Problems Facing County Residents
(Ranked by Spring '25 percentages)

Problem	Spring '21	Fall '21	Spring '22	Fall '22	Spring '23	Fall '23	Spring '24	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Mean
Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses)	22	22	19	32	22	23	26	30	25	25
Taxes – too high	12	12	17	16	13	19	16	13	24	16
Economy – Loss of job or income due to changes in the federal government .									23	23
Crime (other than drug related)	10	13	26	27	24	36	22	20	18	22
Housing cost	7	11	16	13	20	17	24	25	18	17
Growth/overpopulation (too much development, poorly planned)	11	16	17	18	22	16	20	18	16	17
Education (problems with schools, quality, facilities, staff, discipline)	22	24	20	23	18	18	12	15	15	19
Government waste and overregulation in county government (inefficient, spends too much)	12	7	9	9	8	9	9	9	13	9
Transportation (problems/traffic congestion, lack of public transit)	6	10	15	10	16	14	18	16	13	13
Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay, climate change)	11	13	10	7	13	9	11	13	9	11
Drugs (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription pain killers for non-medical purposes.)	11	9	20	19	21	19	14	12	8	15
Healthcare (cost, access)	4	7	6	7	10	8	12	8	8	8
Childcare services (access, affordable)					8	3	6	7	7	6
Government ethics (corrupt, immoral)	9	5	8	4	4	7	6	3	5	6
Government lacks resources (for roads, schools, services)	3	4	6	6	3	5	5	6	4	5
Racism (hate crimes, discrimination)	6	6	7	5	4	5	4	4	4	5
Other answer - write in: (See Appendix B)	5	0	3	3	2	2	4	1	4	3
No answer, don't know	0	1	2	2	2	3	1	6	2	2
Coronavirus (spread, treatment, testing)	53	35	14	6	2	3	0	1	1	13

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all numeric values in the tables are percentages.

¹ Prior to fall 2020, surveys 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 for several iterations of the survey, a change was made allowing respondents to offer the *two* most important problems.

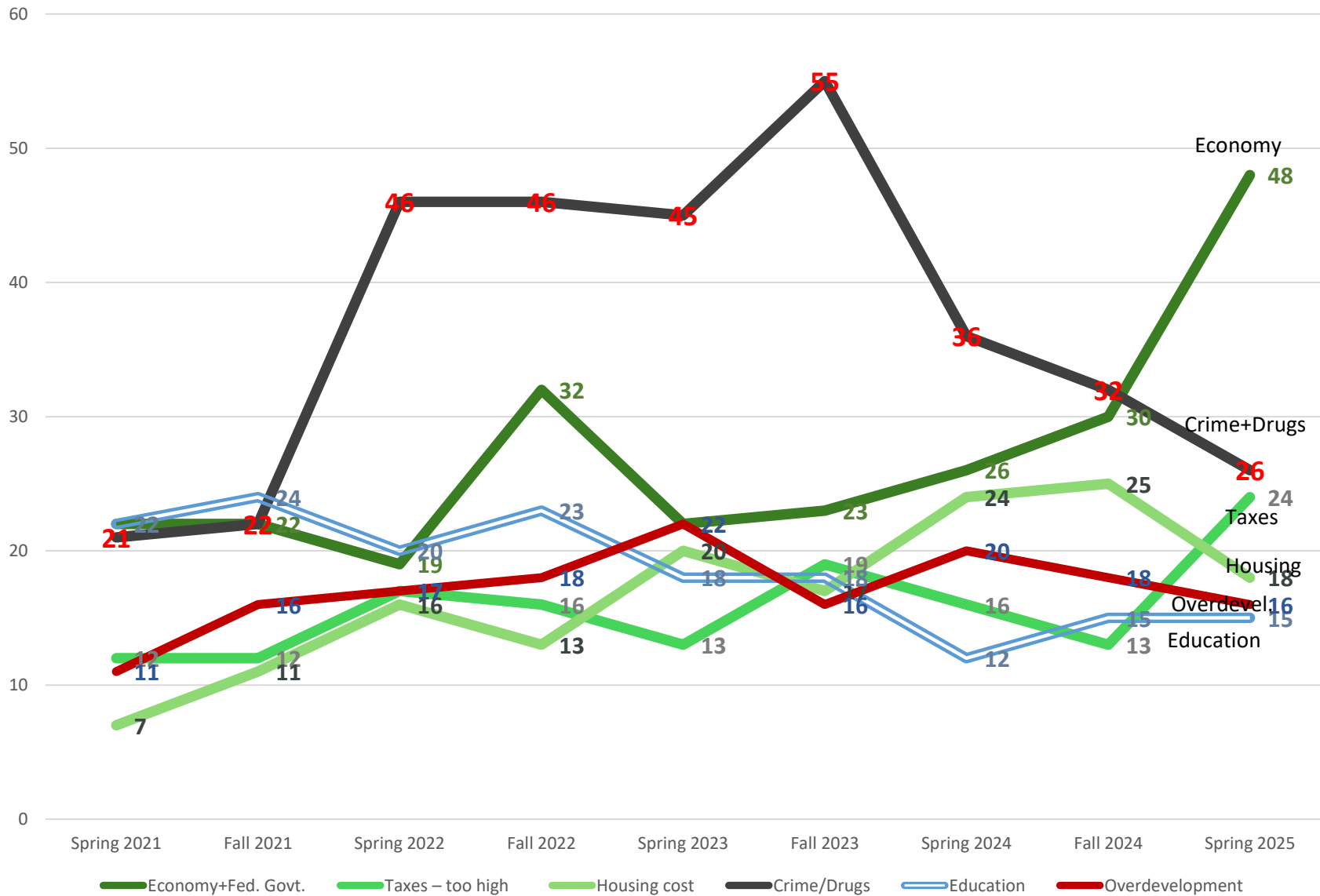
The survey was conducted during a period in which the new Trump administration was enacting a range of measures including a restructuring and downsizing of the federal government as well as a broad range of tariffs – which were announced April 2, in the middle of the survey data collection period (March 28 to April 6). The announcement, followed by sharp drops in the major stock indices might have changed the public’s appraisal of the “most important problem” to emphasize economic themes.

As shown in Table 1, three items dominated the public’s interest: the economy overall (25%), taxes (24%) and the loss of job or income due to changes in the federal government (23%). Another economic issue, housing cost (18%) was also among the top five, tied with crime.

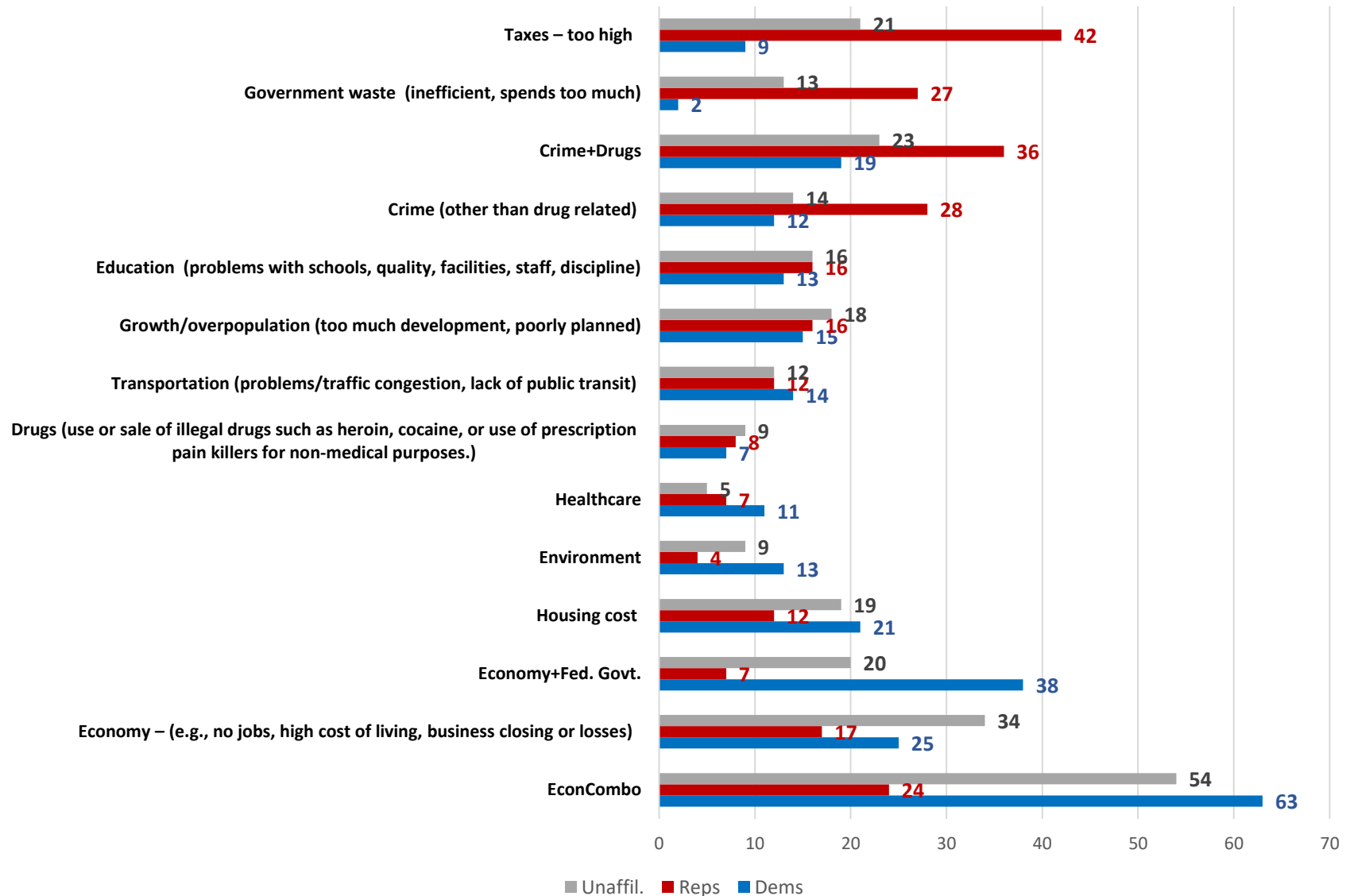
On average over the period since spring 2021, the economy has been consistently among the leaders with an average score of 25%. Crime has also been near or at the top of the list with the second highest average score over the period (22%). Other top-ranking issues include education (19%), housing costs (17%), growth/overpopulation (17%), drugs (15%) and taxes (16%). Concerns about growth/development were mirrored by high average scores for transportation (13%) and the environment (11%). This spring, concerns about “waste and overregulation in county government” – this was new phrasing as previously the level of government had not be specified and didn’t include the word “overregulation” – rose from 9% to 13%, possibly reflecting different perceptions of the question given the changed wording.

Graph 1 shows the rise of economic issues over time, especially this spring. When the economic issues related to the federal government are combined with those of general economic concern, about half (48%) of the sample identified this combo as the most important problem. The crime+drugs combo had reached 55% in fall 2023, but had dipped to only 26% by spring 2025. Given the predominance of taxes and housing costs, economic issues were clearly dominant in the minds of many respondents.

Graph 1: Most Important Problem - Spring 2021 to Spring 2025



Graph 2: Most Important Problem by Party



Graph 2 shows how party registration affected the identification of most important problems. At the top of the graph were issues of greatest importance for Republicans – taxes, government waste, crime. At the bottom of the chart were those issues highlighted by Democrats – the economy (alone and with effects of the federal government), housing costs, the environment and to some extent healthcare. Issues with the smallest partisan differences were drugs, transportation, overdevelopment and education.

Graph 3 shows the gaps between unaffiliateds and both Democrats and Republicans. As a rule, the gap between Republicans and unaffiliated respondents was larger than that between Democrats and unaffiliateds. Unaffiliateds were much less concerned about taxes and government waste than were Republicans; they were not as concerned as Democrats about the economic impact of the federal government.

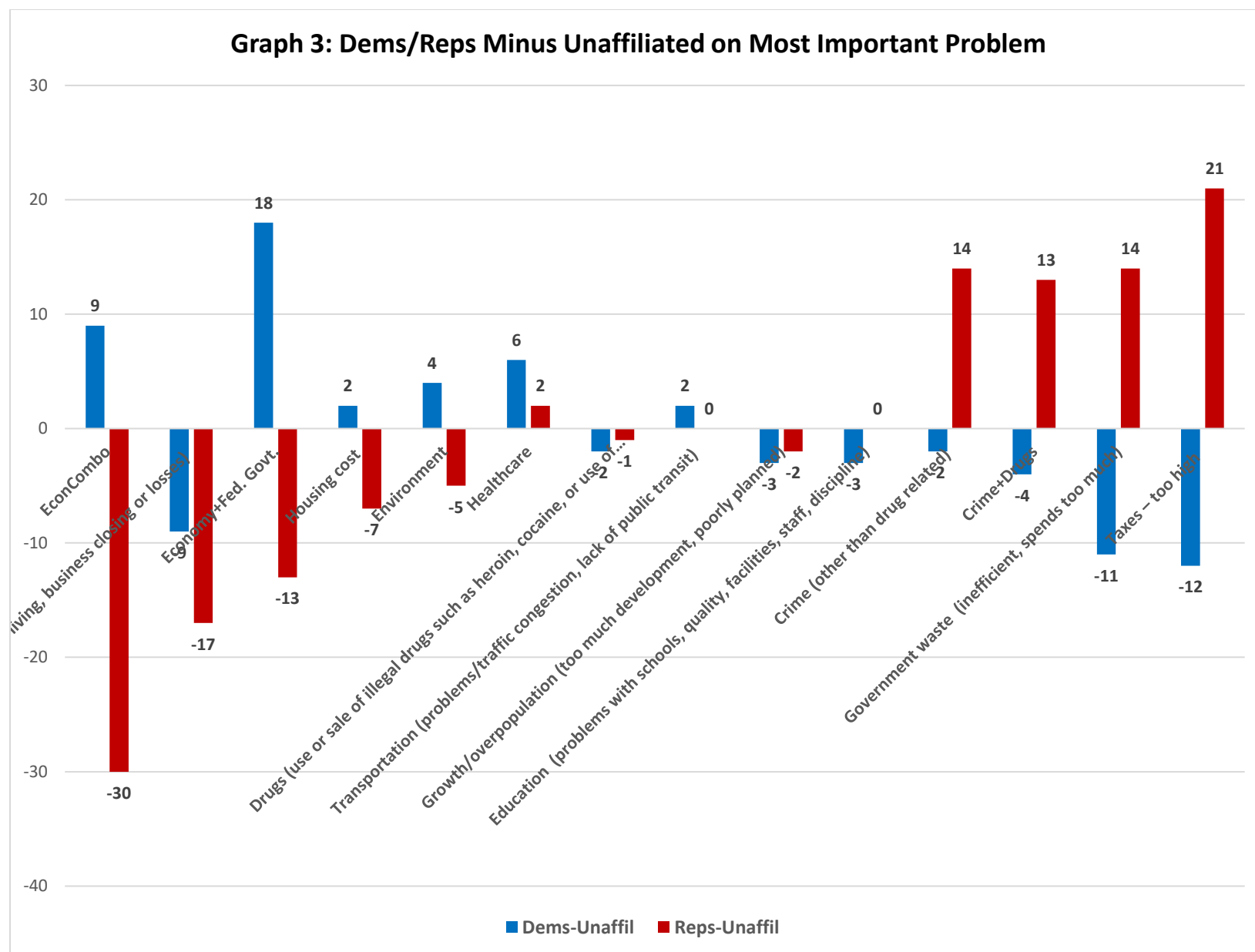


Table 2 shows the “most important problem” time-series in tabular format over an extended period of time (spring 2014 to spring 2025). Graph 4 highlights a longer period (Spring 2012-spring 2025) of the same data visually. Graph 4 highlights the following elements:

- Prior to the emergence of the pandemic in spring 2020, crime was consistently the top concern among respondents.
- As the pandemic abated, crime returned as a top concern.
- Prior to the pandemic, the economy had not been a top concern, but it rose sharply beginning in spring 2020 and remained a top issue ever since.
- When inflation peaked in fall 2022, so did concern over the economy, but the level returned to a level more consistent with the pandemic period’s range (mid to low 20 percent) since spring 2023 and reached its lowest level since spring 2019 in fall 2024 (20%).
- Actions of the Trump administration in 2025 boosted the saliency of the economy especially when combined with rising concern about the federal government.
- There has been some rise compared to the pre-pandemic period with concern about “growth and development” as well as transportation, although both experienced small declines in spring 2025 from 18% to 16% and from 16% to 13% respectively.
- The biggest fall in concern with COVID was between fall 2021 and spring 2022 when it dropped from 35% to 14%.
- Starting in fall 2022, concern with COVID had dropped to single digits (6%) with the last three surveys showing that this concern barely registered around one percent.

Some of these changes in percentages starting in fall 2020 might be attributed to the fact that respondents could start offering a second “most important problem” choice while this wasn’t possible previously.

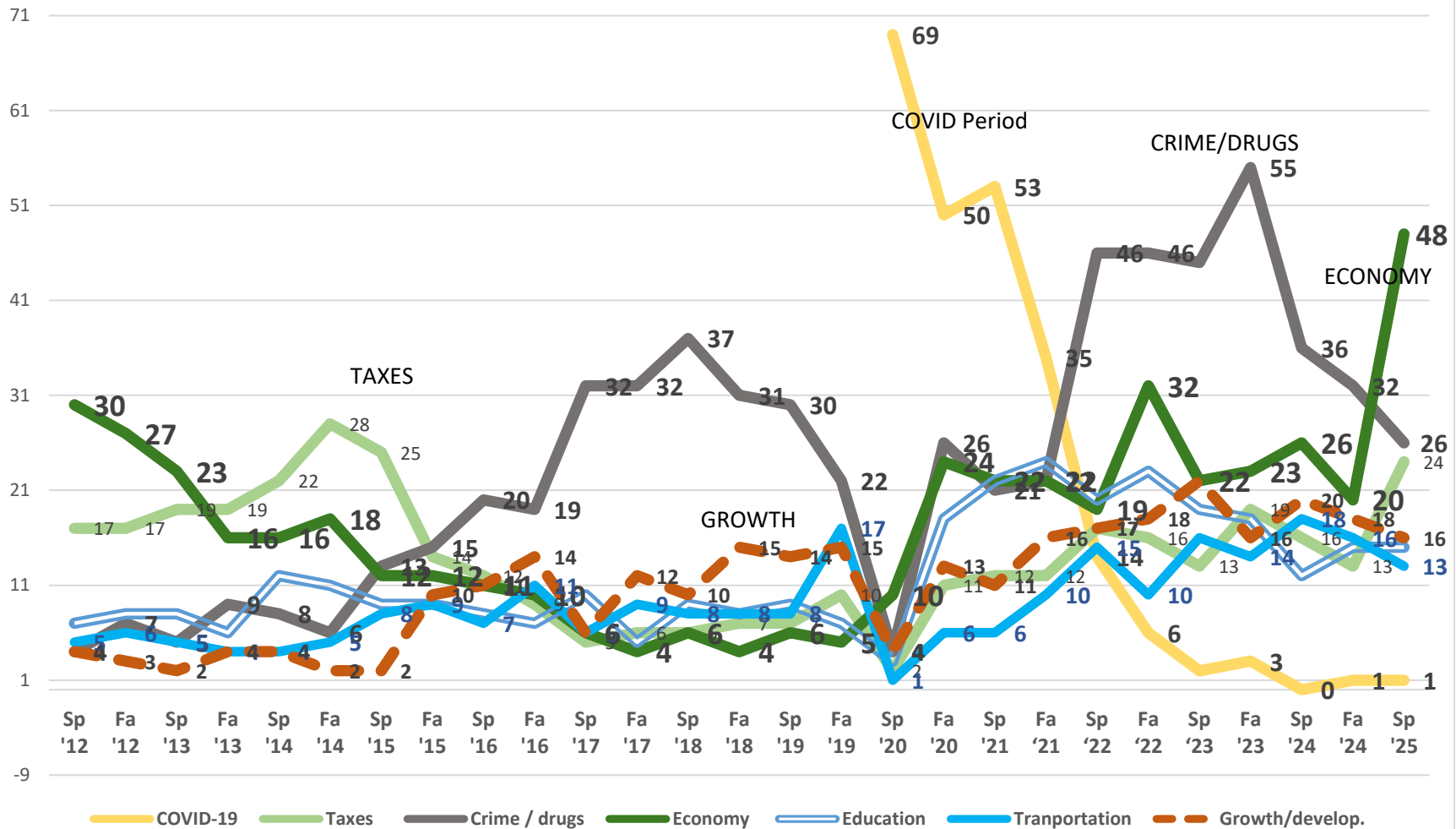
Some respondents mentioned other problems as their most important with their comments found in **Appendix B**.

Table 2: “Most Important Problem Facing Residents” – Spring 2014 to Spring 2025²

	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	Fa '22	Sap '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
COVID-19													69	50	53	35	14	6	2	3	0	1	1
Taxes	22	28	25	14	12	9	5	6	6	7	7	10	2	11	12	12	17	16	13	19	16	13	24
Crime / drugs*	8	6	13	15	20	19	32	32	37	31	30	22	4	26	21	22	46	46	45	55	36	32	26
Economy	16	18	12	12	11	10	6	4	6	4	6	5	10	24	22	22	19	32	22	23	26	20	48
Education	12	11	9	9	8	7	10	5	9	8	9	7	3	18	22	24	20	23	19	18	12	15	15
Transp.	4	5	8	9	7	11	6	9	8	8	8	17	1	6	6	10	15	10	16	14	18	16	13
Growth / development	4	2	2	10	11	14	6	12	10	15	14	15	4	13	11	16	17	18	22	16	20	18	16

² From spring 2007 to spring 2010, surveys’ answer categories for “most important problem” included “lack of affordable housing” for interviewers to check off. Previously, that answer to the open-ended question would have been categorized under “economy” a practice which was resumed in fall 2010. By spring 2020, a separate break out of “housing cost” started – leading to a possible reduction of the value of “economy” insofar as housing would have been inserted within the economy percentage. In fall 2020, the phrasing asked for the top *two* most important problems, also accounting for some changes in percentages – and explaining the vast change in some percentages between spring and fall 2020.

Graph 4: Selected Most Important Problems, Spring 2012 to Spring 2025



County, State and Nation – Right or Wrong Direction?

Anne Arundel County

Each survey includes a variety of benchmark questions – the “most important problem” has existed since the start of CSLI community surveys. 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 3 and Graph 5 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?”

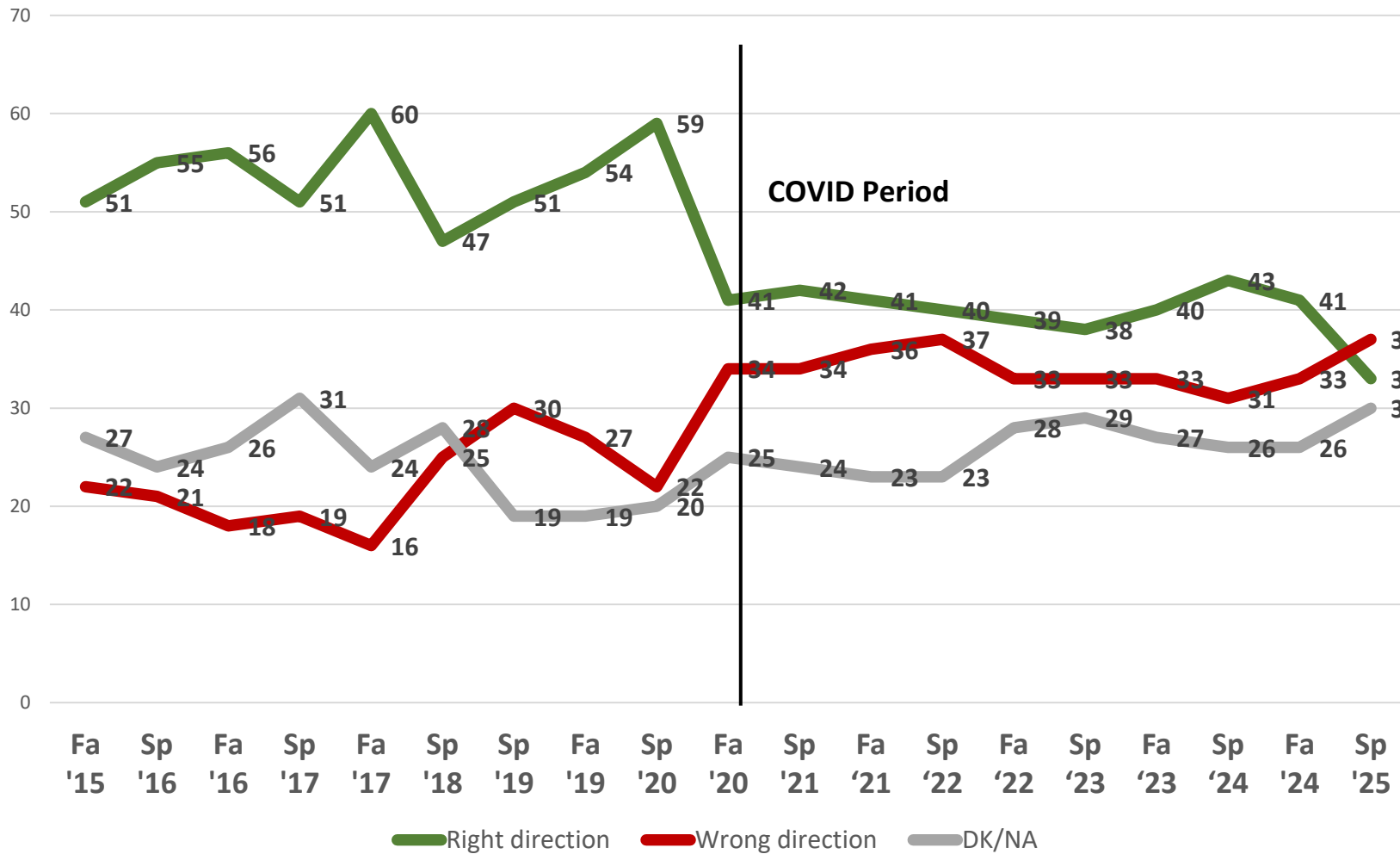
Based on the results shown in Table 4, the perception of the direction of the county has slipped into net negative territory for the first time. The perception of those saying “right direction” dipped from 41% to only 33%. This was partly explained by the high percentage of those (30%) saying that they were “unsure” – along with a notable percentage (37%) saying “wrong direction.”

Impressively, these scores were lower than those found during the COVID-19 pandemic which itself brought what had been impressive positive scores ranging from 50% to 60% prior to fall 2020 down into the 40% range thereafter. The last time when the right direction percentage was below 40% was in fall 2022 and spring 2023 at 39% and 38% respectively.

Table 3: Anne Arundel County - Right vs. Wrong Direction Spring 2016 to Spring 2025

	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	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Right direction	55	56	51	60	47	57	51	54	59	41	42	41	40	39	38	40	43	41	33
Wrong direction	21	18	19	16	25	22	30	27	22	34	34	36	37	33	33	33	31	33	37
DK/NA	24	26	31	24	28	21	19	19	20	25	24	23	23	28	29	27	26	26	30
Total	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Right-wrong	34	38	32	44	22	35	21	27	37	7	8	5	3	6	5	7	12	8	-4

Graph 5: Right/Wrong Direction - Anne Arundel County Fall 2015 to Spring 2025



Finally, looking at the relationship between party or ideology and the right direction scores for the county (Table 4) reveals Democrats to be much more inclined to say “right direction” (52%) compared to Republicans (14%) or unaffiliateds (28%). Interestingly, the biggest drops were among “somewhat strong Democrats” (-19 points) and “somewhat strong Republicans” (-12 points). Looking at the ideological categories, large drops were seen among “moderates” (-11 points) and “somewhat conservatives” (-13%). The wide range of dropping positive scores among partisans and many ideological categories explains the overall drop on this measure.

Table 4: Party and Ideology with County Right Direction

	Right %					Fall '24-Spring '25
	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	
Registered political party						
Democrat	57	56	63	57	52	-5
Republican	28	21	19	22	14	-8
Unaffiliated	16	35	33	35	28	-7
Democrats (Strength of affiliation)						
Strong Democrat	68	68	75	67	62	-5
Somewhat strong Democrat	58	54	62	65	46	-19
Not strong Democrat	20	24	27	21	31	10
Republicans (Strength of affiliation)						
Strong Republican	6	10	7	11	7	-4
Somewhat strong Republican	16	21	18	23	11	-12
Not strong Republican	60	51	43	41	40	-1
Ideology						
Very liberal	75	57	74	65	57	-8
Somewhat liberal	57	67	58	51	54	3
<i>Moderate</i> (only a single “moderate” position)	38	43	44	42	31	-11
Somewhat conservative	13	21	21	29	16	-13
Very conservative	2	10	19	8	6	-2

Table 5 shows the relationship between partisanship and the direction of the county for eight surveys: fall 2021 through spring 2025. Looking first at the Democrats, the current score for spring was close to the lowest score for the time series: only in fall 2022 was it lower at 50% compared to this spring at 52%. The Democrats’ average for the entire period was 57%.

For Republicans, the mean score for the period was 21% - so the spring 2025 score of only 14% was quite a bit lower than average. Both groups of partisans experienced a lowering of satisfaction that surfaced in these lower-than-average scores.

It is still the case that while the pandemic diminished the population’s perception of “things going right” –the partisan divide has continued to reflect the party in power: in the case of Anne Arundel County, since 2018 the Democrats have held the executive and have had a legislative majority in the county council, with Democratic voters thus believing the situation to be much better than Republicans (or unaffiliated) voters.

Table 5: Party and County's Direction – Fall 2021 to Spring 2025

Direction	Overall								Dem								Rep							
	F21	S22	F22	S23	F23	S24	F24	S25	F21	S22	F22	S23	F23	S24	F24	S25	F21	S22	F22	S23	F23	S24	F24	S25
Right direction	41	40	39	38	40	43	41	33	61	58	50	57	56	63	58	52	24	19	26	28	14	19	22	14
Wrong direction	36	37	33	33	33	31	33	37	18	19	19	19	8	13	11	19	56	64	55	47	59	55	66	64
Unsure	23	23	28	29	27	26	26	30	21	23	31	24	37	23	31	29	20	23	19	25	27	26	12	22

Right Direction: Maryland and United States

Focusing next on the state and nation as shown in Table 6 (which includes the county just for comparison), it is evident that both the county and state levels experienced a sharp drop in scores. For the county, the drop was 8 points, but for the state it was even larger – 11 points to a low point since spring 2023.

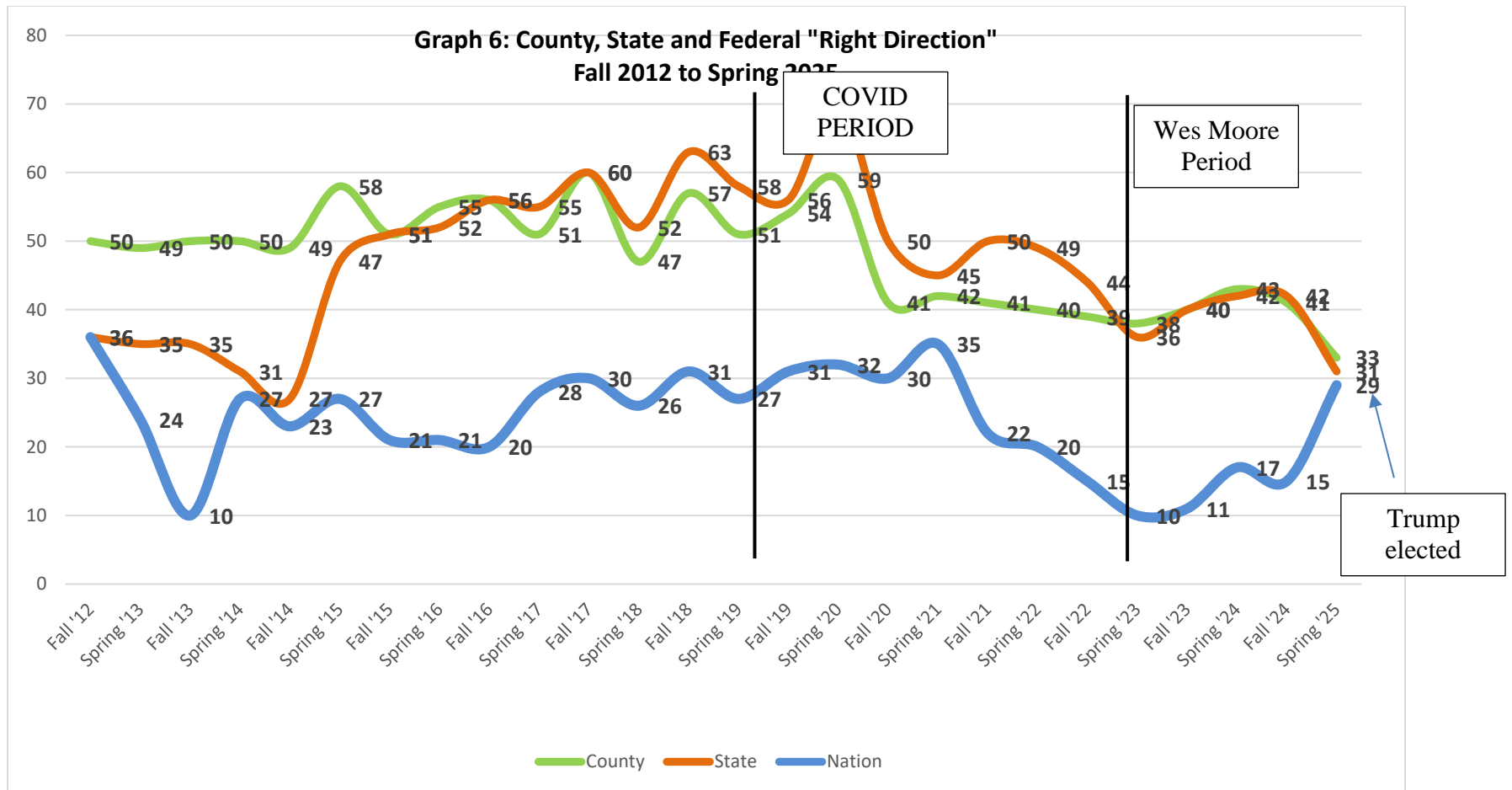
By contrast, the right direction scores for the country as a whole actually went up from 15% to 29% since last fall. In the recent past, the most notable general cause of lower “right direction” scores had been the emergence of the COVID pandemic – and this was evident in the longer time series shown on Graph 6. Moreover, for the state level, the shift from Republican Governor Larry Hogan to Democrat Wes Moore reinforced a lowering of right direction scores since Hogan had been relatively popular among both Democrats and Republicans. By contrast, Moore has not been able to gain much support among Republicans – meaning that his popularity depends mostly on the support received from Democrats. This can be seen in the changes between fall 2024 and spring 2025 among the partisan groups: In fall 2024, the right direction score for the state was 59% for Democrats; 16% for Republicans and 26% for unaffiliateds. By spring 2025, the figures were 51% for Democrats, 9% for Republicans and 27% for unaffiliateds. Except for the latter, both partisan groups had lower levels of right direction support – with Republicans at a historic low and therefore bringing down the overall score.

The scores for the nation have consistently been lower than for either the county or the state. In spring 2021, the national score was 7 points lower than for the county and 10 points lower than for the state. Due to a decreasing right direction score for the country, the gaps generally increased so that by fall 2024 the country-state gap was 27 points and 26 points for the county. For spring 2025, there was nearly a doubling of the right direction score from 15% to 29% - while the county and state scores dropped. This meant that the difference had narrowed to just 2 points for the state and 4 points for the county. The partisan impact on the rise in the national score was clear: while only 5% of Republicans had chosen right direction in fall 2024, that score rose to 66% this spring. Among Democrats, their fall score had been lower at 51%, so even though their score dropped to only 4% this spring, the rise in the spring Republican score more than compensated thus helping to produce the higher overall score. Unaffiliateds also shared in a higher score – rising from 6% to 20%, further reinforcing the more positive overall score at the national level.

**Table 6: Right/Wrong Direction for County, State and Nation,
Spring 2021 to Spring 2025**

	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025			
	Right	Right	Right	Right	Right	Right	Right	Right	Right	Wrong	Unsure/ D.K.	Total
County	42	41	40	39	38	40	43	41	33	37	30	100
State	45	50	49	44	36	40	42	42	31	46	23	100
Nation	35	22	20	15	10	11	17	15	29	62	10	100

Graph 6 provides a visual representation of the right direction trends for all three levels since fall 2012. The depressing impact of the pandemic was clear; the meeting of the lines at all three levels in spring 2025 is equally visible.



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 7 and Graph 7, the county’s combined scores for “good” and “excellent” have hovered somewhat above 50 percent even after the start of the pandemic although this was a fall from 65-75% prior to the pandemic’s start. There was a drop from fall 2023 (57%) to spring 2024 (51%) with the fall 2024 value essentially unchanged (50%). However, by spring 2025 there was a continued drop in the combined score, reaching a score of only 46% - the lowest score since fall 2014.

An explanation for variances in perceptions of economic conditions might point to partisan divisions. It was previously shown that “right direction” scores were affected by partisanship. As shown in Table 8, partisan differences in the appraisal of economic conditions in the county were evident. However, what is notable is that there was a narrow of the gap between Democrats and Republicans, due especially to a diminished optimism among the former. There had been a 32-point gap in fall 2024, but it dropped to only 24 points in spring, due largely to a decrease in the positive score among Democrats (from 67% to 58%). The Republican score was essentially unchanged, while the unaffiliated score decreased by 5 points.

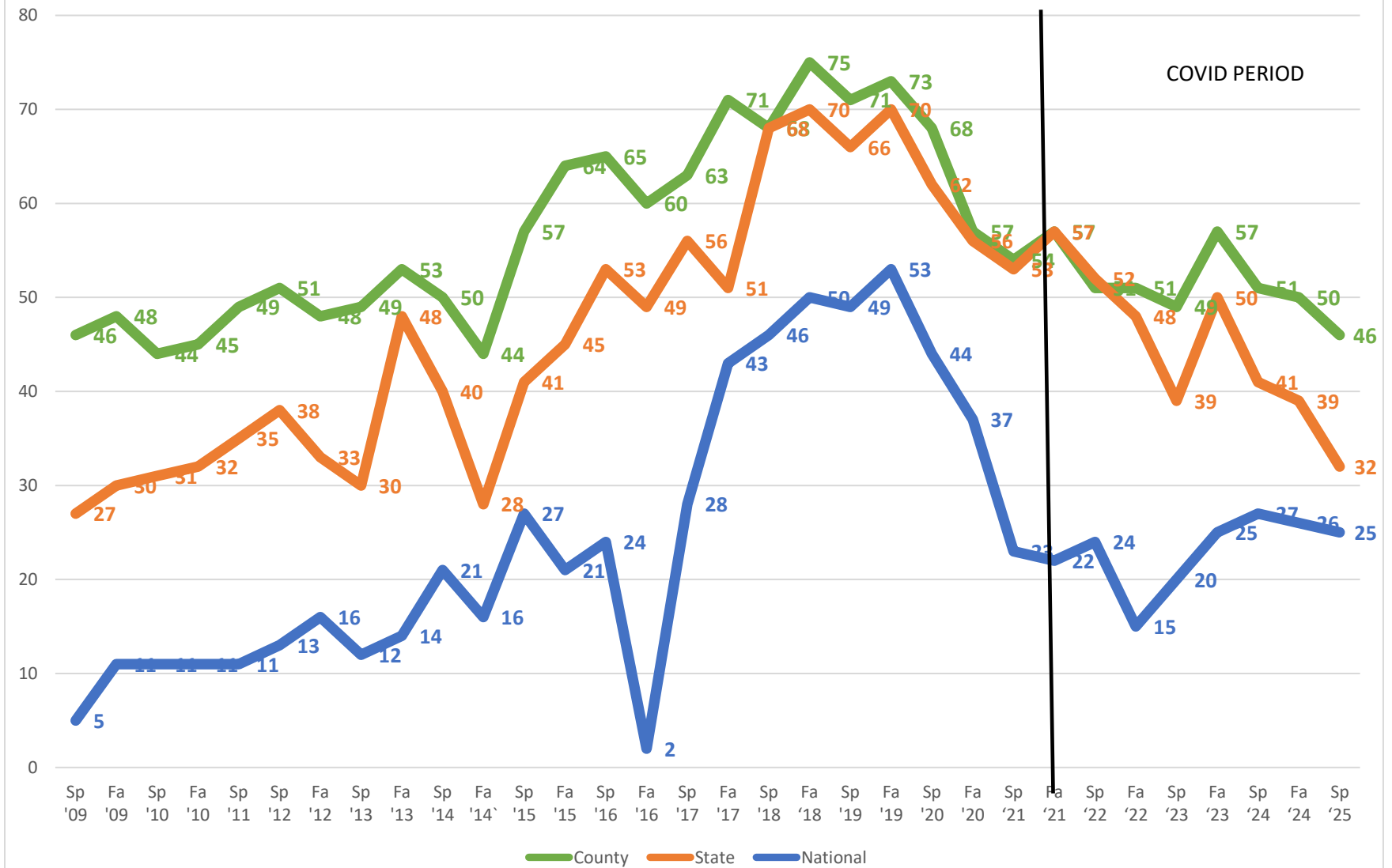
Table 7: Perceptions of Anne Arundel County’s Economic Conditions – Spring 2014 to Spring 2025

	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	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Avg .
Excel+Good	50	44	57	64	65	60	65	71	68	75	71	73	68	57	54	57	51	51	49	57	51	50	46	59
Excellent	8	4	5	7	8	8	5	9	10	15	12	14	11	7	6	7	7	8	4	6	8	5	4	8
Good	42	40	52	57	57	52	60	62	58	60	59	59	57	50	48	50	44	43	45	51	43	45	42	51
Fair	40	41	33	27	27	34	29	25	27	19	22	20	24	29	38	31	36	36	35	27	35	31	35	30
Poor	9	12	7	6	5	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	4	9	7	9	10	12	15	13	13	13	14	8
Don’t know	3	2	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	5	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	5	5	3
Total	101	99	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100	101	100	100	101	101	100	101	99	101	100

**Table 8: Economy as Excellent+Good by Party Registration –
Anne Arundel County - Fall 2019 to Spring 2025**

	Excellent+Good											
	Fa '19	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Spring 2025 – Fall 2024
Democrats	71	55	59	63	60	59	62	70	61	67	58	-9
Republicans	79	62	55	52	42	38	47	47	38	35	34	-1
Unaffiliated	73	56	46	53	40	53	31	51	51	48	43	-5

Graph 7: Economic Conditions "Excellent+Good" County, State, National Spring 2009 to Spring 2025



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.

Regarding the state of Maryland, Table 9 and Graph 7 show the combined “excellent+good” scores. These have varied quite a bit – prior to spring 2025, a recent low of 39% in spring 2023 was identical to the score received in fall 2024. By this spring (2025), the percentage had reached a low not experienced since fall 2014 (when it was 28%): 32%. Looking at scores over the last two years, the range has been between 32 and 41 percent – with only spring 2023 as a positive outlier (50%).

Table 10 and Graph 8 show the partisan impact. For Republicans (16%) and Democrats (46%), the spring 2025 scores were the lowest since fall 2014. Among unaffiliateds, it was the second lowest score for the period.

While the pandemic definitely had an impact upon respondents’ appraisals of the state’s economy by lowering them generally, the period since the election of Donald Trump as president has lowered positive expectations across the board. Not even a majority of Democrats could provide a strong positive endorsement of Maryland’s economy – showing the depth of pessimism that Trump’s election may have induced among Marylanders regardless of their partisan affiliation.

Graph 8: Partisan Views of State's Economic Fall 2019 to Spring 2025

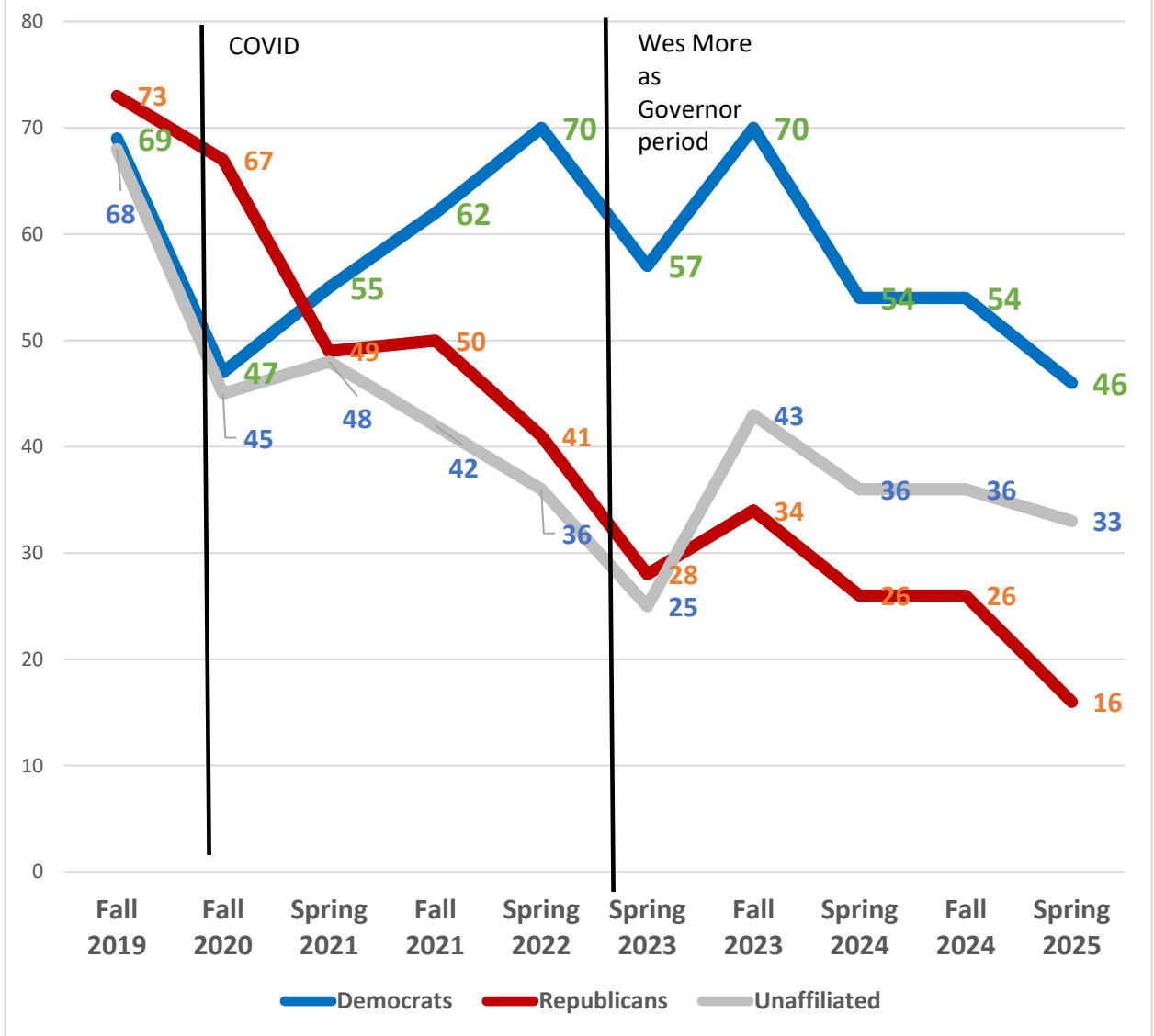


Table 9: Perceptions of State Economic Conditions –Fall 2014 to Spring 2025

	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	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Avg.
Excellent + good	28	41	45	53	49	56	63	63	70	66	70	62	55	50	57	52	48	39	50	41	39	32	51
Excellent	1	3	2	5	5	3	4	6	11	9	10	10	6	3	6	7	3	4	4	6	4	2	5
Good	27	38	43	48	44	53	59	57	59	57	60	52	49	47	51	45	45	35	46	35	35	30	46
Fair	40	39	41	36	39	34	29	29	24	25	22	28	32	40	31	34	37	37	29	36	36	36	33
Poor	30	16	11	9	9	7	4	5	4	5	5	6	9	7	9	11	12	20	17	20	19	28	12
Don't know	2	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	6	5	3
Total	99	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	99	100	100	100	100	99	99	100	100	100	101	99

Table 10: Maryland Economy as Excellent+Good by Party Registration – Fall 2019, Fall 2020 to Spring 2025

		Excellent+Good											
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Avg.	Spring 2025 - Fall 2024
Democrats	69	47	55	62	70	57	57	70	54	54	46	58	-8
Republicans	73	67	49	50	41	32	28	34	26	26	16	40	-10
Unaffiliated	68	45	48	42	36	50	25	43	36	36	33	42	-3

Rating Economic Conditions –The National Economy

As shown in Graph 7, the appraisal of the *national* economy has typically lagged behind both the *county* and *state*. For this spring, Graph 9 and Table 11 show that there was virtually no change – a 1-point decrease in excellent+good scores from 26% to 25%. While the period prior to spring 2017 and the start of the pandemic around fall 2020 was a high point of positive expectations about the economy, ever since the pandemic expectations have been consistently low.

Looking at the results by party registration on Table 12 and Graph 10, it is clear that Republicans had relatively strong positive views of the economy pre-COVID with the fall 2020 score being 59%. The score following Trump's election in 2024 was only 48% - 11 points lower than at the end of his first term, even with COVID in full swing. This suggests that Republicans are less enthusiastic than in the past. Democrats have at no point since fall 2019 been very optimistic about the national economy, with a high score of 42% in fall 2023. By this spring, the score had dropped to its lowest score in the table: 7%. Unaffiliateds have been more optimistic than Republicans during the Biden era, and more optimistic than Democrats in the Trump era. However, it seems fair to say that they are not generally optimistic that a change in administration will do much to bolster the economy as their last score under Biden was 20% and the first score under Trump is virtually unchanged at 19%.

Graph 9: Perceptions of National Economic Conditions - "Excellent+Good" Fall 2015-Spring 2025

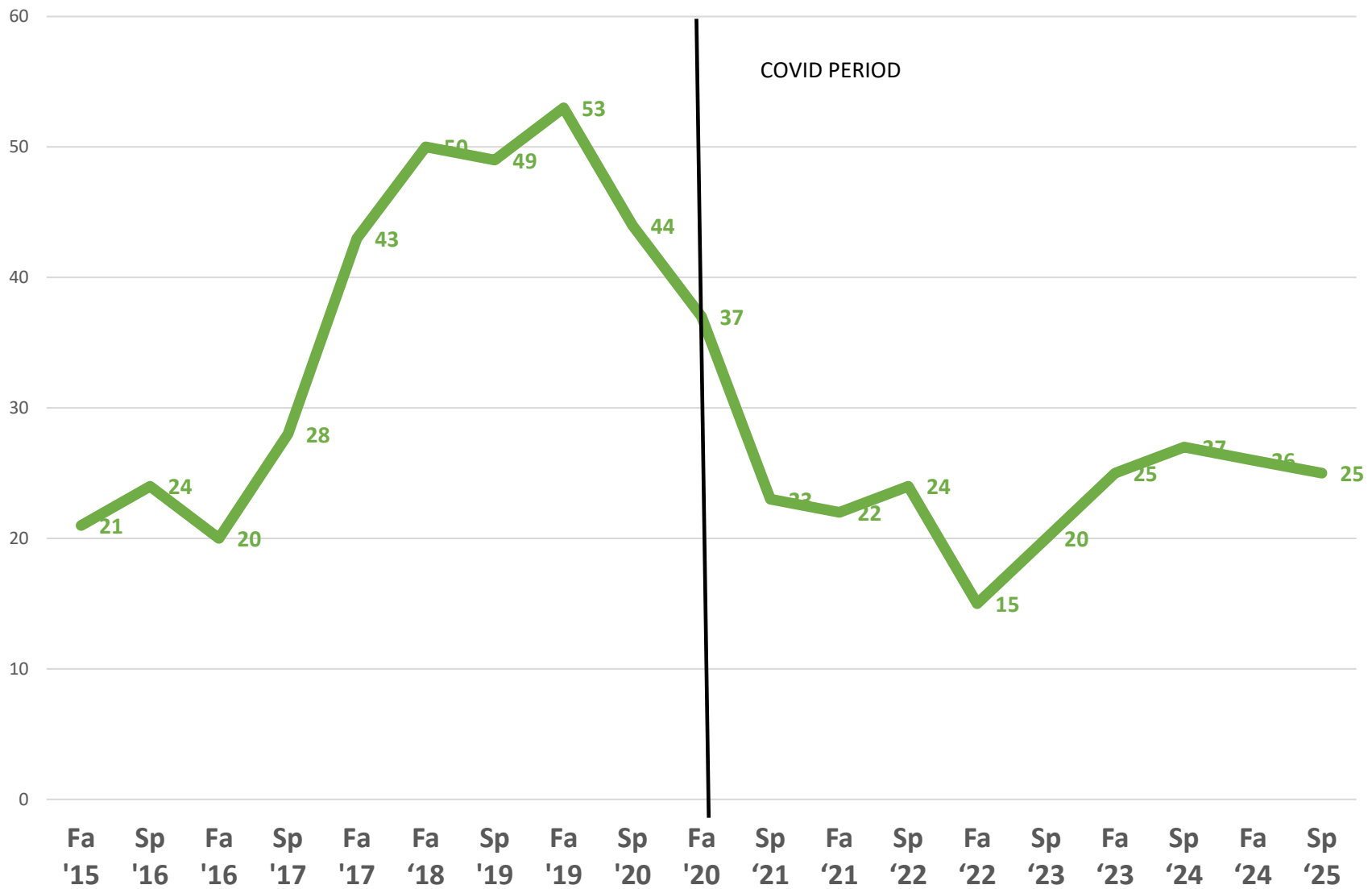


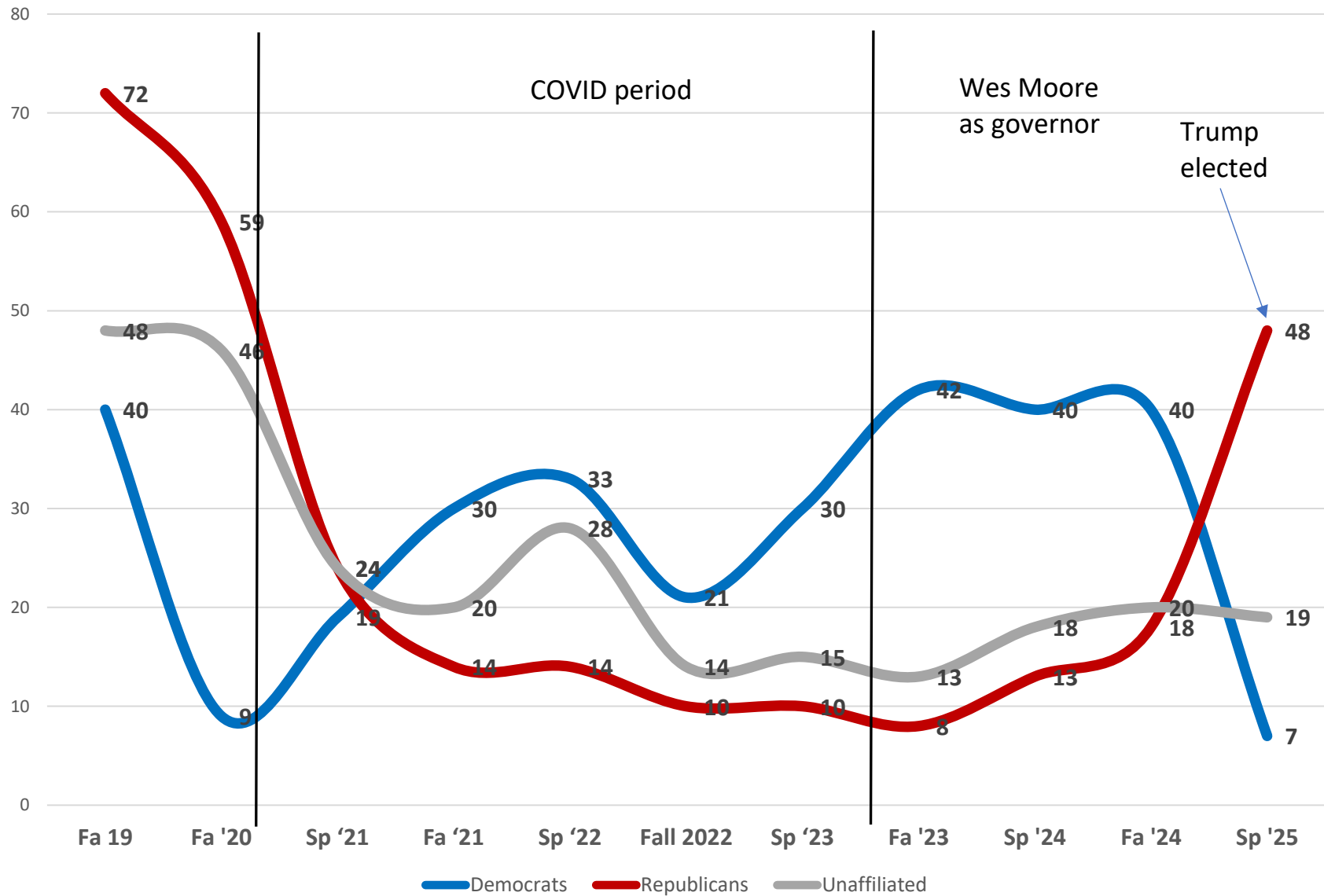
Table 11: Perceptions of National Economic Conditions– Fall 2015 to Spring 2025

	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	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Avg.
Excellent+ Good	21	24	20	28	43	46	50	49	53	44	37	23	22	24	15	20	25	27	26	25	32
Excellent	1	1	1	1	3	7	13	12	16	9	8	2	2	3	1	2	3	5	2	4	5
Good	20	23	19	27	40	39	37	37	37	35	28	21	20	21	14	18	22	22	24	21	27
Fair	40	40	38	46	40	36	33	33	30	31	30	45	38	37	39	35	32	29	37	31	36
Poor	36	34	40	23	17	17	13	16	12	20	32	27	36	36	45	41	40	40	29	41	29
Don't know	3	2	3	4	1	2	3	3	5	6	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	4	7	3	3
Total	100	100	101	101	101	101	99	101	100	101	101	100	99	100	101	99	100	100	99	100	100

Table 12: Perceptions of National Economic Conditions by Party Registration–Fall 2019, Fall 2020 to Spring 2025

	Excellent+Good											
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Spring '25 – Fall '24
Democrats	40	9	19	30	33	21	30	42	40	40	7	0
Republicans	72	59	24	14	14	10	10	8	13	18	48	5
Unaffiliated	48	46	24	20	28	14	15	13	18	20	19	2

Graph 10: National Economic Conditions by Party Registration Fall 2019 to Spring 2025



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?**”

As displayed in Table 13, expectations for the national economy plummeted. While expectations for improvement stayed largely unchanged, the percentage saying “worse” more than doubled from 27% to 58%. This was higher than in spring 2023 when “worse” scored reached a previous high of 55%. What was notable in the change from fall 2024 to spring 2025 was the dramatic fall in the percentage saying “unsure” – from 28% to only 5%. Clearly this was a post-election assessment in which generalized uncertainty about the outcome and its economic implications was replaced by a worrying certainty about the focus and impact of President Trump’s policies.

Table 13: Expectations for National Economy – Spring 2020 to Spring 2025

	Scores										
	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Sp '25-Fa '24
Improve	46	40	22	29	32	20	23	29	30	32	2
Stay the same	16	20	24	18	18	18	21	16	15	5	-10
Worse	17	34	49	54	50	55	46	39	27	58	31
Unsure	21	6	6	0	0	7	10	17	28	5	-23
Total	100	100	101	101	100	100	100	101	100	100	

Table 14 shows a flip in expectations about the national economy between Democrats and Republicans. In fall 2024, only 16% of the latter were optimistic that the economy would improve; after the election the percentage rose to 68%. Conversely, among Democrats, expectations for improvement had been somewhat muted prior to the election with only 43% saying “improve”; after the election that percentage shrank to only 6%. Even among unaffiliateds, who had been equally torn between improve and worse scores in fall 2024 (31% in both cases), with a sizable number “unsure” (21%), the latter score dropped to only 8%, while the “worse” score doubled from 31% to 63%.

Table 14: National Economic Expectations by Party - Spring 2023 to Spring 2025

	Democrats					Republicans					Unaffiliated				
	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Improve	33	32	36	43	6	12	14	22	16	68	18	12	18	31	25
Stay the same	25	26	19	18	2	11	15	11	14	6	16	23	15	17	5
Worse	41	31	28	16	88	77	64	51	32	21	66	51	45	31	63
Unsure, DK	--	11	17	23	4	--	7	16	38	5	--	14	23	21	8
Total	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	101	100	101

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 others 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 15. Graph 11 displays results for the last seven surveys, while Tables 15 and 16 are limited to only the last six surveys. Note that the spring 2023 survey added "excessive private debt" as a new category. In spring 2024, "Lack of opportunities to be upwardly mobile" was also added. To shorten the overall survey, the fall 2024 questionnaire removed both the private debt and business climate categories.

As Table 15 demonstrates, this spring the concern for inflation remained high at 64% saying "very concerned" and up from last fall when it was 58%. **The sharpest rise was for the measure of unemployment, whose "very concerned" score nearly doubled from 25% to 46%.** There were also rises in that score for "federal government debt and deficit" (from 55% to 61%) and rate of economic growth (38% to 47%). There was an increase for "lack of opportunities to be upwardly mobile as well (40% to 46%).

Table 15 vividly shows the changes from preceding scores for these economic factors. Inflation concern had been higher in fall 2022 through fall 2023, so the six-point rise from fall 2024 was not unprecedented. The same could be said regarding concern for federal debt/deficit – it did reach a new high in spring 2025 (61%), but it had been nearly as high in fall 2023 (59%). **By contrast, the previous high for unemployment had been 26% in fall 2023 with rather limited variation prior to spring 2025 – when it rose to 46%.** The other economic measures also reached new highs, but the scores weren't as dramatically different as for unemployment.

Looking through the lens of **party registration** as shown on Table 16 and Graph 12, there were a couple of sharp reversals from fall 2024 to spring 2025. For Democrats, 43% were very concerned about **inflation** in fall 2024; that rose to 78% in spring 2025. For Republicans, there was a similarly sized decrease from 75% last fall to 43% this spring. There was little change among unaffiliateds (64%, 67%)

A parallel reversal was seen with regard to the **rate of economic growth**. For Democrats, the percentage for "very concerned" rose from 28% to 59%. Among Republicans, the percentage decreased 51% to 31%. Among unaffiliateds, the percentage rose from 39% to 48%.

Regarding **federal debt and deficit**, there was mild change among Republicans – dropping from 78% to 69%. By contrast, the rise in concern among Democrats was much sharper (39% to 57%). There was virtually no change among unaffiliateds (59%, 57%).

In terms of **"lack of opportunities to be upwardly mobile,"** partisan effects were quite clear: Democrats increased their level of concern by 23 points: 42% to 65%. By contrast, Republicans decreased from 34% to only 24%. There was a small uptick in concern among unaffiliateds from 39% to 46%.

The greatest fluidity in scores was clearly with regard to unemployment. For Democrats, the concern percentage rose from 26% - close to the scores obtained throughout the Biden presidency – to 66%. Among Republicans, there was nearly no change at all: 20%, 21% as if there had been no election given the range of such scores since fall 2022. For unaffiliateds, their level of concern looked more like that of Democrats: 35%, 51% - a 16-point rise since last fall.

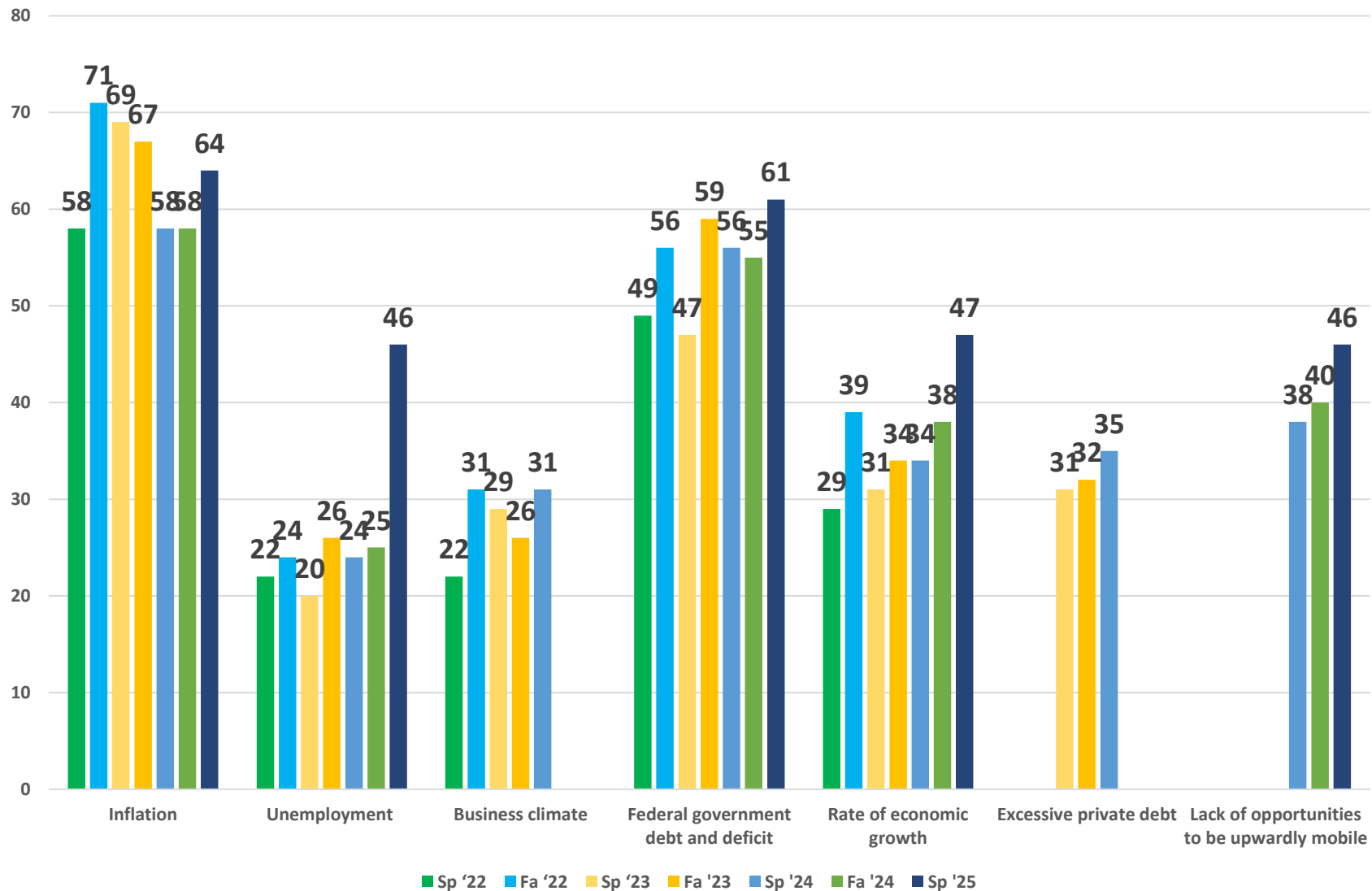
Table 15: Concern About Economic Factors – Fall 2022 to Spring 2025

	Very concerned						Somewhat concerned						Not very concerned					
	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Inflation	71	69	67	58	58	64	25	28	28	34	30	27	2	3	4	6	10	1
Unemployment	24	20	26	24	25	46	40	45	37	35	40	31	36	34	35	40	31	2
Business climate	31	29	26	31	N.A	N.A	46	47	49	41	N.A	N.A	18	20	16	22	N.A	N.A
Federal government debt and deficit	56	47	59	56	55	61	25	33	28	28	33	25	18	18	10	14	8	3
Rate of economic growth	39	31	34	34	38	47	41	46	46	42	40	37	17	16	15	20	16	4
Excessive private debt	N.A	31	32	35	N.A	N.A	N.A	43	41	39	N.A	N.A	N.A	21	20	22	N.A	N.A
Lack of opportunities to be upwardly mobile	N.A	N.A	N.A	38	40	46	N.A	N.A	N.A	40	35	26	N.A	N.A	N.A	16	17	7

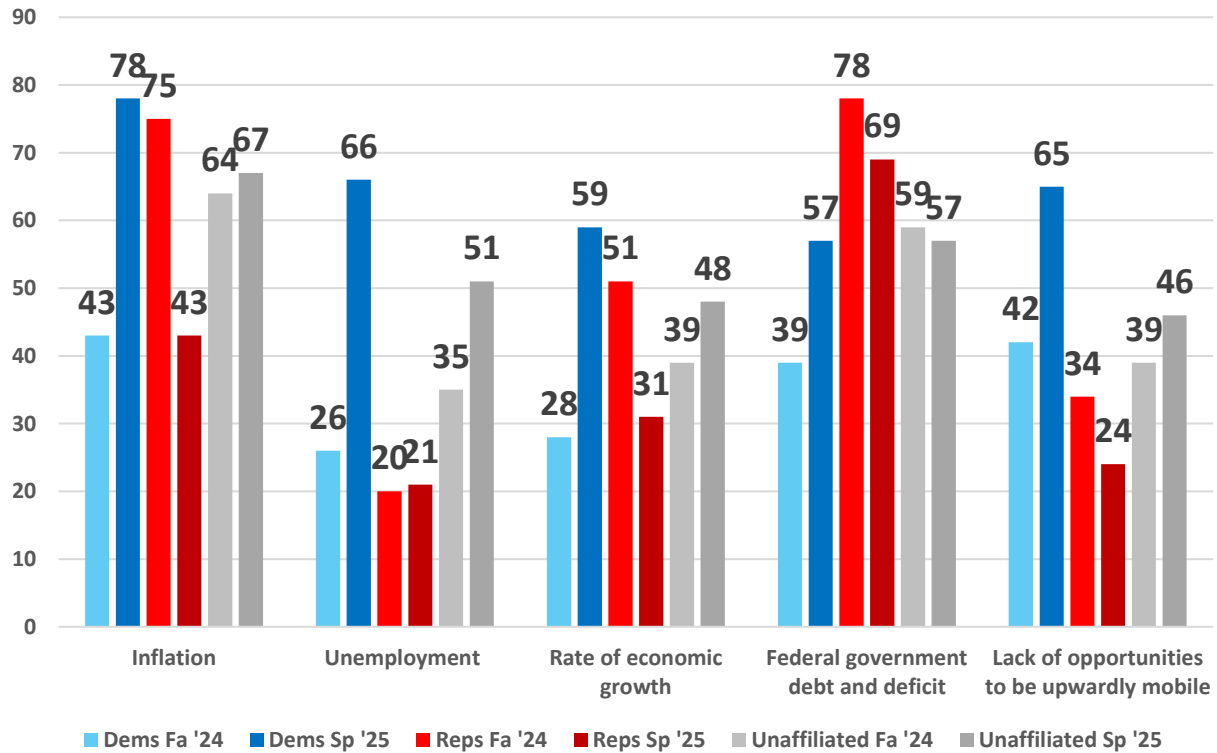
**Table 16: Economic Expectations by Party “Very Concerned”
Percentage Fall 2022 to Spring 2025**

	Democrats						Republicans						Unaffiliated					
	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Inflation	53	54	53	41	43	78	83	83	86	78	75	43	71	82	70	64	64	67
Unemployment	23	21	24	20	26	66	18	16	26	26	20	21	21	21	33	22	35	51
Rate of economic growth	31	15	17	20	28	59	45	50	52	50	51	31	30	52	45	35	39	48
Federal government debt and deficit	36	26	41	38	39	57	76	65	82	82	78	69	51	64	66	58	59	57
Lack of opportunities to be upwardly mobile	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	42	42	65	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	33	34	24	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	41	39	46
Excessive private debt	N.A.	25	28	32	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	32	31	35	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	40	43	36	N.A.	N.A.
Business climate	24	22	15	21	N.A.	N.A.	30	29	39	46	N.A.	N.A.	29	40	29	31	N.A.	N.A.

Graph 11: "Very Concerned" About Various Economic Conditions -
Spring 2022 to Spring 2025



Graph 12: Economic Concerns - Average Percentage Saying "Very Concerned" by Party



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. Throughout the period, 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 17 and Graph 13 show the results from surveys dating back to fall 2020 while Table 18 shows a longer time frame.³

Table 17: Economic Perceptions Fall 2020 to Spring 2025
(percent saying, “applies”)

	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp 25- Fa -24	Avg.
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	38	45	55	66	64	63	58	59	62	57	-5	52
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	51	57	54	64	58	64	58	59	59	60	1	57
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	30	37	32	49	33	49	41	46	39	36	-3	37
Hard to afford the cost of education (from spring 2020 – “beyond high school”)	25	34	33	38	40	40	30	39	37	32	-5	35
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	19	22	32	48	52	53	37	51	47	50	3	31
Hard to afford the cost of childcare	Not asked					10	6	11	12	11	-1	9
Hard to afford cost of transportation						N.A	N.A	N.A	34	33	-1	33
Facing the possibility of unemployment	11	12	15	11	13	12	9	13	11	23	12	11
Found a new or better job recently	9	7	11	13	11	12	7	13	10	7	-3	11
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive, or inadequate/	19	23	27	31	34	26	34	37	36	36	-3	27

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. 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.” For spring 2023, the item “Hard to afford the cost of childcare” was added. In fall 2024, the item “Hard to afford the cost of transportation” was added.

Table 18: Selected Economic Conditions Applying to Personal Circumstances –Spring 2016 to Spring 2025

Condition	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	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Avg
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	59	61	58	55	58	57	56	53	46	51	57	54	64	58	64	58	59	59	57	57
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	58	57	55	49	49	36	40	47	37	38	45	55	66	64	63	58	59	62	60	53
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	32	29	31	26	41	36	45	41	40	30	37	32	49	33	49	41	46	39	36	38
Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school	39	40	38	33	32	32	37	42	21	25	34	33	38	40	40	30	39	37	32	35
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	30	29	27	25	24	20	25	24	19	19	22	32	48	52	53	37	51	47	50	33
Hard to afford the cost of childcare	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	6	11	12	11	10
Hard to afford cost of transportation	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	33	34
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive, or inadequate	38	14	16	18	18	35	32	33	25	19	23	27	31	34	26	34	37	34	36	28
Facing the possibility of unemployment	9	11	14	11	8	7	8	10	15	11	12	15	11	13	12	9	13	11	23	12
Found a new or better job recently	10	8	10	10	13	13	12	15	15	9	7	11	13	11	12	7	13	10	7	11

Table 17 has a column that subtracts the fall 2024 score from the spring 2025 score. Most of the changes are rather small – ranging from one percent (cost of transportation, taxes are too high) to five percent (cost of education, wages/salaries not rising as fast as the cost of living). However, one measure does stand out: the 12-point increase in those citing **“facing the possibility of unemployment.”** This was consistent with our prior examination of changes in the percentage of those saying that they were “very concerned” with unemployment as an economic condition. As shown in Table 18, the unemployment percentage was 11 points beyond its average for the period spring 2016 to spring 2025. Clearly, this constitutes the largest change in personal economic conditions, even though some of the other measures are also well above average – **such as “hard to afford the cost of food and groceries”** which is up 17 points over its historical average but without much recent change in its score.

Party based differences were apparent among some of these measures (see Table 19) but only two clearly stood out. The first was less a personal condition than a general attitude about the value of government services compared to the burden of taxes. Unsurprisingly, Republicans were much more likely to say that it applies: 82%, compared to Democrats at 40% and unaffiliateds at 61%.

The second one was less predictable since it concerned the possibility of unemployment that was cited by 24% of Democrats compared to 16% of Republicans. Among unaffiliateds, the percentage was the highest at 30%. Republicans in the past had been more sensitive to inflation – for example, more likely to say that it was hard to afford the cost of food and groceries (14- and 17-point gaps between Republicans and Democrats for the two previous surveys). The difference in spring 2025 was only four points.

Graph 13: Econ. Conds, Personal Experiences Spring 2019 to Spring 2025

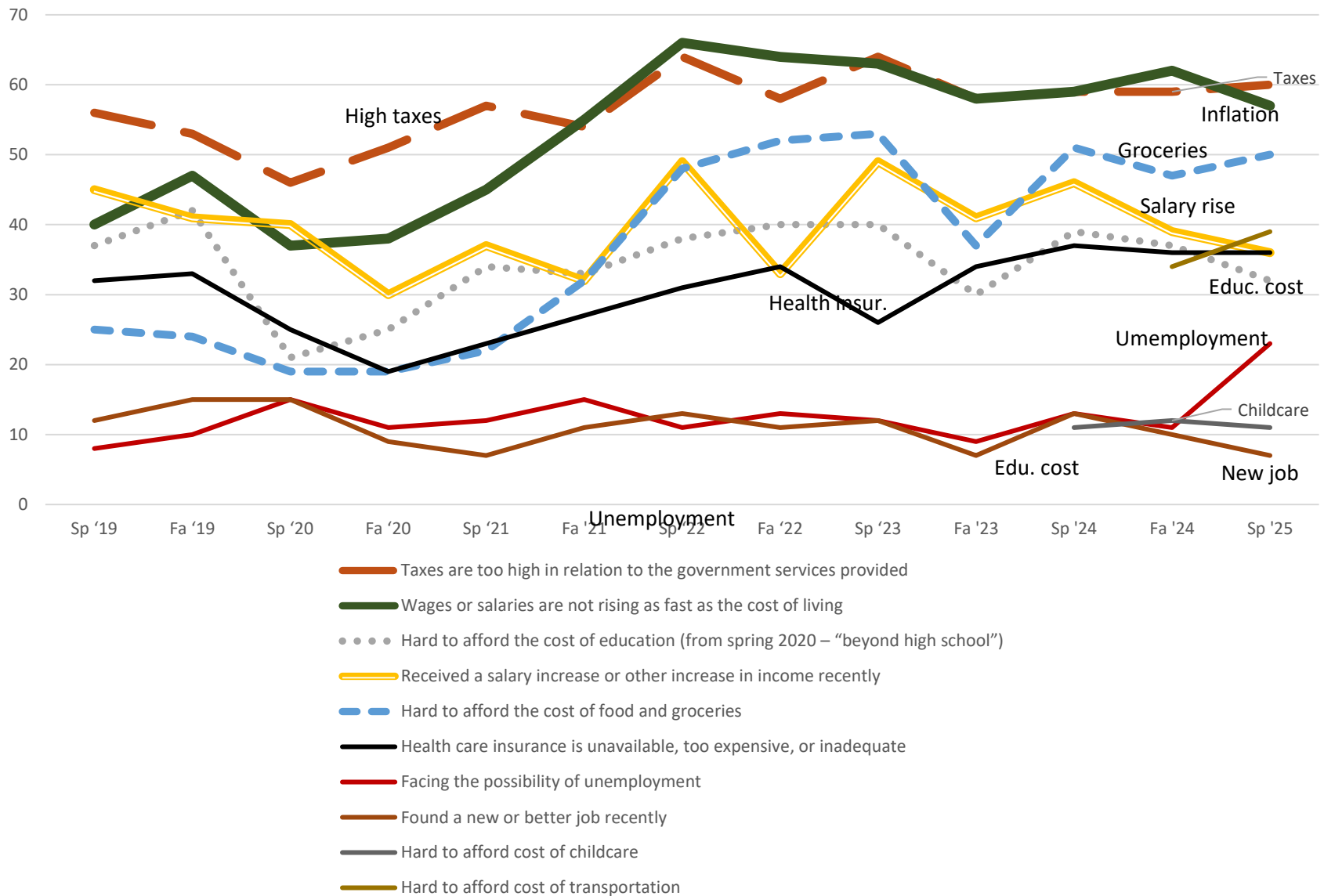


Table 19: Party and Economic Conditions/Experiences – Spring 2023 to Spring 2025

	Overall					Democrats					Republicans					Unaffiliated					Gap (D-R)				
	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	64	58	59	59	60	53	44	45	44	40	77	74	79	78	82	75	62	63	58	61	-24	-30	-34	-34	-42
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	63	58	59	62	57	56	49	55	60	56	60	63	59	62	55	74	68	64	59	60	-4	-14	-4	-2	1
Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school	40	30	39	37	32	34	28	41	42	36	35	28	29	30	37	53	34	47	33	43	-1	0	12	12	-1
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	49	41	46	39	36	54	45	48	46	35	43	49	46	31	37	52	25	43	41	39	11	-4	2	15	-2
Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	53	37	51	47	50	54	29	43	42	46	55	43	60	56	50	46	39	53	34	53	-1	-14	-17	-14	-4
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive, or inadequate	26	34	37	36	36	28	34	33	33	31	26	33	42	40	35	19	39	34	31	42	2	1	-9	-7	-4
Facing the possibility of unemployment	12	9	13	11	23	18	11	13	10	24	6	5	13	9	16	9	9	9	13	30	12	6	0	1	8
Found a new or better job recently	12	7	13	10	7	15	9	13	8	7	9	1	9	8	7	10	10	15	13	7	6	8	4	0	0
Cost of childcare	10	6	11	12	11	8	5	11	10	8	1	5	6	10	10	21	6	17	8	15	7	0	5	0	-2
Hard to afford cost of housing	--	--	42	--	39	--	--	43	39	36	--	--	39	39	37	--	--	42	35	43			4	0	-1
Hard to afford cost of transportation	--	--	--	34	33	--	--	--	29	32	--	--	--	38	29	--	--		36	34	--	--	--	-9	3

Economic Conditions Applying to Individuals/Households – Influence of Income

Table 20 shows the impact of income on the indicators of economic conditions applying to personal circumstances both for the current survey and the gap between higher and lower income groups over time.

Dividing the sample of respondents into those earning under \$75,000 into one group and those earning at least \$75,000 into a second group, the pattern over the years has been consistent: most desirable outcomes favor the higher income group.

For spring 2025, differences between the two groups generally narrowed such as for the cost of education, childcare services, housing, transportation, and health insurance. This narrowing was also seen regarding the attitudes about inflation (wages/cost of living, cost of food and groceries) as well as taxes. There were no real differences in the possibility of unemployment.

These results do not belie the generalization that the wealthier group experiences more desirable outcomes – it is able to experience more increases in income, is less worried about costs of basics like food, is less prone to say that wages aren't keeping up with the cost of living such as housing and transportation. However, the gaps narrowed in spring 2025.

Table 20: Income Groups and Economic Indicators Fall 2020 to Fall 2024

	Spring 2025		Gap: Under \$75k-Over 75K										
	Under \$75,000	\$75,000+	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Avg
Hard to afford cost of food and groceries	68	43	29	14	23	21	32	32	20	37	56	25	29
Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	72	56	18	21	18	18	9	19	11	29	35	16	19
Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive, or inadequate	40	35	10	10	24	29	7	17	8	26	-9	5	13
Hard to afford the cost of education (beyond high school from Fa '19)	38	31	14	17	10	19	3	10	25	21	33	7	16
Facing the possibility of unemployment	25	24	10	14	15	16	-3	16	13	11	2	1	10
Taxes are too high in relation to the government services provided	63	59	-7	-18	-8	2	1	7	1	6	22	4	1
Found a new or better job recently	9	7	-3	0	2	14	14	-2	10	12	3	2	5
Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	31	42	-15	-13	-16	-19	-18	-35	-30	-12	-2	-11	-17
Childcare services – access, affordability	12	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	4	9	-1	5
Hard to afford cost of housing	54	36	--	--	--	--	--	--	44	35	38	18	34
Hard to afford cost of transportation	48	29									37	19	28

Note: Desirable outcomes are bolded under income categories.

Health Insurance

In a follow-up to the question in the previous section about whether “health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive, or inadequate” – the survey probed a bit further. It first asked a respondent who said that the health insurance situation applied to themselves or their household to indicate the type of insurance circumstances that applied to them.

Table 21 shows that only six percent of those respondents affirmatively to the inadequacy of health insurance were actually uninsured. Most either had employer-provided insurance (40%) or Medicare, with a supplemental policy (26%) or without (7%). Only six percent received Medicaid, while nine percent purchased their insurance on the individual market.

Table 21: Type of Health Insurance

Answer	Percentage
Currently uninsured	6
Employer provided insurance	40
Purchasing on the individual market - such as through the exchange provided under the Affordable Care Act	9
Medicare without any other Medigap or supplemental policy	7
Medicare with a Medigap or other supplemental policy	26
Medicaid	6
Other	7
Total	101

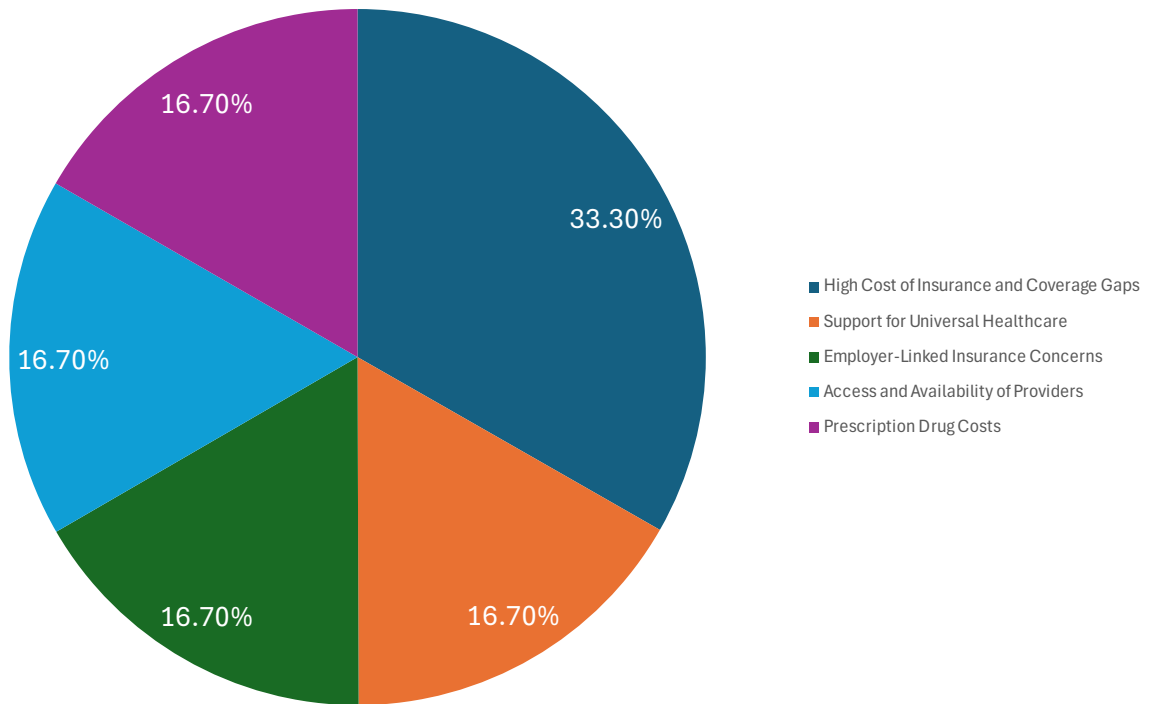
Respondents were asked to describe why they believed that their insurance was inadequate and to note any measures that might make health insurance “more affordable and comprehensive.” Graph 15 shows the results of using ChatGPT to organize the open-ended responses. The most cited category was the “high cost of insurance and coverage gaps” (33%), with all the other categories broken into equal percentages (17%) and included “prescription drug costs,” “access and availability of providers,” “employer-linked insurance concerns” and reference to a systemic solution – “support for universal healthcare coverage.

Statements included comments such as the following (see **Appendix C** for the full list of comments):

- Restrictions by health insurance companies - they charge a lot for uncertain and insufficient coverage.
- Too expensive! Anything to help us get better is way out of our reach. We will die in debt! Insurance is a scam. Dental care so expensive and a lot of the procedures are deemed "cosmetic" so insurance doesn't even help
- Needing to pay out of pocket medical and dental expenses

- Medicaid provides dental insurance to adults who qualify however most dental practices do not accept adult patients with Maryland Healthy Smiles (Maryland's state dental insurer) which leaves adult patients without the ability to get their dental care needs met
- Health insurance companies are raising copays every year, cutting their coverage, while raising the monthly price.
- Insurance costs have increased more than inflation rate. Insurance co-pays have increased and more have been added to policies.
- I've had several doctors, dermatologists, and dentists who barely take the time to look at me. I've had a doctor go "boutique practice" and wants more money to remain primary care provider. I have several friends who can't have needed health, mental, or dental work due to the costs.
- US health care process needs complete restructure, including access, medical connectivity across all states, and affordability.

Graph 15: Summary of Main Reasons for Adequate Health Insurance



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⁴ There is no Graph 14.

Federal Government – Department of Government Efficiency, Policies

The next section focuses on the federal government as the level of analysis. It starts with questions dealing with the decision to create the “Department of Government Efficiency” (DOGE) and the actions it has taken. Afterwards, it will focus on certain policies associated with President Trump.

Department of Government Efficiency

President Trump started his second term with a set of complex and sometimes contradictory priorities. He wanted to extend tax cuts passed in his first term and possibly introduce other tax cuts on tips and Social Security income. He also wanted to reduce the federal government’s deficit and debt.

Politically, Trump appeared hesitant to erode benefits provided by programs such as Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security which combined with interest on the debt constituted nearly 60% of the total federal budget.⁵ Adding “income security” programs adds another 8%. National defense was another 15% - leaving all other spending at only 17% of the federal budget. Looking at just “central government” spending – that was only 3.4%.

Given these conflicting imperatives and political constraints, Trump teamed with Tesla billionaire Elon Musk to establish the “Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) – with a decision to focus their efforts on reducing spending on “central government.” This has led to concerted efforts to identify parts of government whose functions were not perceived as valuable (e.g. USAID, Department of Education), or where the DOGE team determined that there was overstaffing and/or wasteful spending (e.g., Health and Human Services, National Institute of Health).

With these ambitious fiscal goals and likely political constraints on big ticket areas of spending, the DOGE team focused on dramatic workforce reductions – despite the relatively small share of federal government spending it constituted. The process has involved mass firings – with Business Insider reporting that at least 216,000 employees had been terminated by April 3.⁶ Forbes reports that many workers have been rehired – so the exact number of those terminated is still subject to fluctuation.⁷

In Maryland, ten percent of all workers are federal employees.⁸ Anne Arundel County has 35,852 with a slightly higher 11.8% of the total county workforce; 42% of workers who live near Fort Meade worked for the federal government. Changes in employment at the federal level would certainly have consequences for Anne Arundel County.

⁵ See https://www.usaspending.gov/explorer/budget_function

⁶ See <https://www.businessinsider.com/number-workers-fired-doge-trump-musk-challenger-2025-4>

⁷ See <https://www.forbes.com/sites/saradorn/2025/04/04/trumps-great-rehiring-over-26000-fired-by-doge-likely-to-return-so-far/>

⁸ According to the Baltimore Banner for both Maryland and Anne Arundel County – not clear whether this is after DOGE or before. See <https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/economy/careers/maryland-federal-workers-explained-GRVR37YSQNBG7MAD3GJ7OMZOJU/>

The first question that was posed to respondents presented three views of DOGE efforts and asked, **“Which of the following best expresses your view of this decision (to establish DOGE) and the actions taken by it thus far?”** Table 22 shows the choices and the percentages garnered by each answer option.

Table 22: Views About DOGE

Answer	Percentage
Necessary and well executed effort to reduce government waste and inefficiency	24
Necessary but poorly executed effort that lacked coordination and due process	22
Mostly unnecessary and chaotic effort that undermined needed government functions	43
Other _____ See Appendix D _____	6
Unsure, don't know	4

Table 22 shows that the sample was quite evenly divided between those who felt that DOGE’s efforts were necessary (46%) or not (43%). Within the “necessary” camp, it was evenly divided between those who felt that the effort was “necessary and well executed...to reduce government waste and inefficiency” (24%) and those who perceived it to be a “necessary but poorly executed effort that lacked coordination and due process” (22%). Judging by ChatGPT’s categorization of “Other” open-ended responses shown on Table 22a, most of those who contributed were likely more “against” than “in favor” of DOGE’s work.

Table 22a: Views About DOGE “Other”

Answer	Percentage
Unconstitutional illegal actions	8
Completely unnecessary and destructive	52
Chaotic execution	21
Mild support with some critique	3
Anti-government views	9
Unclassified comments	6
Total	100

Table 22b further examines how views regarding DOGE are affected by party registration. Only 18% of Democrats express some level of “necessary” – but almost all of those (15%) are within the answer category that emphasizes that the effort was “poor executed.” It is much the reverse among Republicans, who are disproportionately concentrated in the “necessary and well executed” category (57%) rather than the “necessary but poorly executed” choice (27%). Only 9% of Republicans were in the “mostly unnecessary” category. Unaffiliateds mirrored the overall sample, being about evenly divided between the “necessary” answer choices, although mostly in the “poorly executed” side (28%) rather than favoring the “well executed” choice (16%).

Table 22b: DOGE and Party Registration

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Necessary and well executed effort to reduce government waste and inefficiency	24	3	57	16
Necessary but poorly executed effort that lacked coordination and due process	22	15	27	28
Mostly unnecessary and chaotic effort that undermined needed government functions	43	72	9	44
Other	6	9	3	5
Unsure, don't know	4	2	4	7
Total	99	101	100	100

A final approach to evaluating the degree of support for DOGE used levels of support by employment (see Table 22c). Those who were unemployed and looking for work were the least supportive (60% unnecessary); those who were self-employed were the most (35%). Federal workers were the least supportive (46%) among those who claimed to be actively employed or retired.

Table 22c: DOGE and Employment

Answer	Necessary, well executed	Necessary, not well executed	Unnecessary
Unemployed and looking for work	8	17	60
Students	11	20	46
Employed full-time, federal govt.	10	41	46
Employed full-time, private sector	28	19	45
Employed full-time, state and local govt.	24	21	43
Retired (full or semi)	30	21	42
Employed part-time	16	25	40
Self-employed	30	19	35
Total	99	101	100

The next DOGE related question focused more on the individual's specific experience because of restructuring efforts. The choices are listed in Table 22d. The question was: **“Based on the Trump administration's efforts to restructure the federal government, indicate whether any of the following apply to you: (Choose all that apply.)”**

Table 22d: Employment Impacts of DOGE

Answer	Overall	Federal Workers	Unemployed
Promoted and/or gained job security	4	4	5
Lost a job or a contract	4	9	32
Threatened with being fired	7	40	20
Told to return to the office to keep my job	5	39	12
Told to justify my work to keep my job	9	59	15
Experienced major economic disruption in my life	4	19	44

The results shown on Table 22d are presented in three columns. The first applies to the overall sample, the second to those who listed their employment as “full-time, federal government,” the last column includes those who said, “unemployed and seeking employment.” The focus on these last two groups was animated by the possibility that those who were still working within the federal government would have been especially affected by the DOGE actions; those who were unemployed might have been adversely affected and no longer employed by the federal government.

The total percentage of the respondents who said that they worked full-time for the federal government was 7% - somewhat lower than the percentage mentioned earlier based on figures provided by The Baltimore Banner. Given the survey's large number of respondents (N=2213) about 155 people were included among those working for the federal government, with another 110 individuals among the “unemployed looking for work.”

Judging by the results on Table 22d, these employment categories provided meaningful impacts upon the interpretation of the question. A few people overall and among federal workers (both 4%) were “promoted or gained job security.” A much larger percentage of those either in the federal government or currently unemployed were likely to experience adverse aspects. Around 40 percent of federal workers had been threatened with being fired or “told to return to the office to keep my job.” An even larger number (59%) had been told to “justify my work to keep my job.” About one out of five (19%) had “experienced major economic disruption in my life” – along with 44% of those unemployed. Overall, it seems that federal workers have been strongly impacted by the DOGE efforts – and that extends to some of the unemployed.

Other Impacts of DOGE

The survey continued its focus on the impact of DOGE upon respondents by asking, “**Based again on what you know about career opportunities within the federal government as it is being restructured, indicate whether any of the following apply to you.**” The choices are included on Table 22e.

As this question seemed primarily directed to those already in the federal government and those recently fired from it, it is not surprising that most of the overall sample did not load heavily on these possible options as many answer scores were in the single digits for the “Overall” column.

However, for federal workers and the unemployed, much higher participation in this section was visible. About one third of federal workers believe that they will need to retrain for a new job or career (34%), slightly fewer anticipate having to leave Maryland (30%). One quarter say that they will “need to retire prematurely” (24%). More than one in ten (11%) identified a need to change “my current education goals such as a different major or program.” An equal percentage (11%) believe that they will need “to apply for welfare programs.” Among the unemployed, the percentages were lower in most cases, although all were in double digits. About a third (32%) agreed with the need to “retrain for a new job or career.” Nearly one-fifth (18%) said that they will “need to apply for welfare programs.”

Table 22e: DOGE and Career, Life Choices

Answer	Overall	Federal Workers	Unemployed
I expect career opportunities will be stable or improve	11	7	10
Will need to retrain for a new job or career	8	34	32
Will need to change my current educational goals such as a different major or program	6	11	14
Will need to retire prematurely	5	24	12
Will need to move out of Maryland	10	30	15
Will need to apply for welfare programs	5	11	18
Other (option to comment) _See Appendix E_	12	17	10

Some open-ended comments for this question included the following:

- Am anxious for members of my family who work for government.
- May have to leave my current job and go back to school or retire early.
- I expect disruption of federal careers to disrupt my target clientele's ability to hire my services and thus I am concerned I will need to shift my business model to respond.
- I retired early to avoid the mess that was coming.
- Possibly could lose job as contracts are cut or reduced
- I am qualified for a government job due to my military background and previous government job experience plus, two college degrees, however, DEI has been removed during Trump's administration, sadly.
- Doesn't apply to me, but many close friends, struggling with economic disaster, many will need to move out of state

- I have close family affected but am retired and at the moment more secure
- Will need to have some backup options. My contract could now be canceled at any time.
- Collaborating closely with a USDA laboratory, my organization has had to take over additional projects for which the USDA can no longer work and/or they no longer have the human resources to work.
- Discharging Nurses from the VA is the dumbest thing Trump has allowed Elon Musk to do !! Absolutely ridiculous !!
- Currently struggling to find a job after college
- will have to temp. support laid off govt. adult children
- Abandoning my plans of further education in a research field be of the cuts to federal funding for research, particularly funding associated with projects that support diversity
- I will not look for any opportunities to work in an area that relies on federal funding.
- Will need to find state employment in locations who believe climate change exists and cares about our environment
- Will discourage my children from working at a government job
- Retired but husband is a federal contractor. Future of his job is uncertain
- Worried about how I will be impacted as a teacher due to changes at the Dept of Education and federal funding
- May need to move out of MD if my transgender daughter loses access to needed health
- Will be stuck with limited advancement opportunities
- My job depends on people having expendable income and to be able to travel
- Concerned about my current retirement benefits such as Social Security income and Medicare.

DOGE Impacts on Maryland's Economy

The questionnaire asked about the impact of DOGE and federal restructuring on Maryland's economy: **"Thinking about President Trump's initiatives thus far and actual or potential impacts on Maryland's economy, which of the choices best expresses your views?"**

Table 22f: Federal Restructuring and Impact on Maryland's Economy

Answer	Overall	Federal Workers	Unemployed	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
A positive impact on the economy	18	9	8	1	35	13
Neither positive nor a negative impact	8	3	5	2	16	6
A negative impact on the economy	60	78	76	90	29	64
Other (option to comment) See Appendix F	7	6	3	4	12	7
Unsure, don't know	7	3	8	3	9	10

Table 22f lists the overall results as well as for the two occupational categories, along with party registration. The overall results clearly show that most people (60%) expected a negative impact on the state economy. Fewer than one-fifth (18%) envisioned a positive impact. Both federal workers and the unemployed were considerably more convinced that the impact on Maryland would be negative (78%, 76%). Partisans were mostly predictable in their views as 90 percent of Democrats envisioned a negative impact, far more than among Republicans (29%). The unaffiliateds were in between at 64%.

Here's a sampling of open-ended comments received in the "Other" category:

- Destroying both our government, economy, and quality of life.
- He has just destroyed the entire world-wide economy, and the entire world knows it, and knows that he did it for no reason except ego.
- think MD budget: unemployment, tax losses house foreclosure, car repossessions, hospitality industry impact
- extremely negative
- Hoping it won't be detrimental and unsure of how it will all go
- Not only a negative impact, but barreling towards the end of democracy.
- not following laws at all
- Trump's erratic, dictatorial behavior is frightening, I hope that Congress and the Courts will DO SOMETHING before there are extremely harmful consequences to our government and country. People are afraid to voice their opinions for fear of retaliation such as reducing or eliminating Social Security, or further reduction in Federal jobs and services.
- Negative impact on the economy and just about everything else. He's out to ruin the United States.
- Trump is Joe Stalin. he is trying to kill us from within and is succeeding.
- Negative impact on the USA internationally and at home. Unprecedented flouting of norms and rules

- negative impact on economy, stupid, very damaging
- Worst impact in my 75 years. Destabilizing, culture changing, idiotic, poorly planned.
- potentially economically disasterous
- Criminal excess
- Horrible and unconstitutional.
- Capricious, destructive, irresponsible and dangerous
- I suppose there will be a domino effect, as I've heard is happening with some contract work, NGOs and with other companies and state government offices.
- a devastating impact on the economy
- Catastrophe
- Extremely negative impact on the economy
- neither pos or neg except politicians will make it negative by overreach
- MD continues to compromise their budget and economy.
- Negative impact. This effects everyone. From schools/students to professionals. The impact has be unconceivable.
- Md needs to stop being dependent on fed funds

Anne Arundel County's Response to Layoffs

The last part of the survey dealing with DOGE and restructuring specifically concluded with the question, **“How well do you believe Anne Arundel County government has responded to recent layoffs among federal workers - such as providing information about available jobs or other services that the county might provide?”**

Table 22g shows that many people did not feel able to meaningfully answer this question (42% said “unsure, don’t know”). Among federal workers, 33% said “excellent or good” compared to 14% “just okay” and 9% “not very well.” Among the unemployed, the percentages were less optimistic as 31% said “just okay” (18%) or “not very well” (13%) compared to only 14% saying “excellent” or “good.” All partisan groups also had large “unsure” percentages. Democrats were the most likely to say that the response had been excellent or good (41%), about three times the number of Republicans who agreed (14%). The unaffiliated score (27%) was identical to the overall score for excellent/good: 27%.

Table 22g: County's Response to Federal Layoffs

Answer	Overall	Federal Workers	Unemployed	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Excellent	5	9	4	10	2	5
Good	22	24	10	31	12	22
Just okay	15	14	18	16	13	13
Not very well	9	9	13	5	9	12
Other - option to comment __See Appendix G__	7	6	4	3	12	5
Unsure, don't know	42	39	51	35	51	43
Total	100	101	100	99	99	100

Here are some open-ended comments (see **Appendix G** for the entire list):

- Okay, I acknowledge there is only so much that can be done. However, any action is better than indifference.
- not much they can do
- They haven't done much. But realistically, how much can they do?
- Premature to make a determination - not due to our county but the impacts of cuts are just now beginning to be realized.. DoD cuts are being delayed. Provisional employees, people either recently hired or promoted, constitute a large number of positions that could be eliminated. The wealthy will need to bear a larger burden in our state to help those less fortunate.
- AA County seems to be making a laudable concerted effort to address the problems faced by Feds targeted by Doge. But it is a huge challenge.
- How is this AACO responsibility?
- I'm sure laid off / fired employees can figure out how to go to indeed.com on their own. The response by AA county is a total waste of time and money.
- As well as to be expected under the current uncertainty
- Limited options. How do you help the thousands who need help?
- Passing bill to provide loans was good
- The information is available, but people are struggling their way through so much already.

- As well as possible. But we don't have a lot of control since Congress and the courts are not pushing back as much as needed.
- Haven't heard of any AACo efforts

Support for Federal Policies Associated with President Trump

The next section of the questionnaire mentioned several policies associated with President Trump and said, **“Indicate how strongly you support some measures he’s taken or advocated.”**

The results are shown on Table 23 – they are ranked by the percentage saying “Don’t support” which was the single category with the largest consistent scores. Most of the listed policies found majorities opposing them – including 52% opposing the “broad budget and personnel changes in federal agencies and departments” discussed in the previous section. The policies/stances with the greatest opposition pertained to attempts to acquire Greenland (74% against), pardons or commuted sentences for those convicted of crimes from January 6, 2021, (67%), and placing tariffs against Canada and Mexico (62%). Respondents were much more favorable to tariffs against China (41%). A majority (51%) supported at least “somewhat” the idea of deporting all undocumented immigrants, but only 35% supported denying birthright citizenship to children of undocumented immigrants. Majorities opposed the elimination of DEI programs in federal agencies (56% opposed) as well as reducing air pollution standards on cars and incentives to purchase electric cars (59% opposed).

Table 23: Support for President Trump Policies or Stances

Answer	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't support	Unsure, don't know	Total
Using economic or military pressure to acquire Greenland	6	10	74	10	100
Offering pardons or commuted sentences for those convicted of crimes from January 6, 2021.	14	13	67	6	100
Placing tariffs against Canada and Mexico	16	16	62	5	99
Denying "birthright citizenship" to children of undocumented immigrants	23	12	60	5	100
Reduction of air pollution standards on cars combined with the reduction in incentives to purchase electric cars.	18	15	59	8	100
Eliminating DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) programs in federal agencies	31	9	56	5	101
Making broad budget and personnel changes in federal agencies and departments	26	16	52	6	100
Deportation of all undocumented immigrants	31	20	44	4	99
Increasing tariffs against China	25	25	41	10	101

Looking next at the partisan impact on support for Trump-linked policies, Table 23a shows the levels of support by party registration – listing the percentage who “don’t support” a given policy.

Table 23a: Opposition to President Trump Policies or Stances by Party Registration

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.	Dems-Reps
Using economic or military pressure to acquire Greenland	74	97	48	81	49
Offering pardons or commuted sentences for those convicted of crimes from January 6, 2021.	67	97	32	76	65
Placing tariffs against Canada and Mexico	62	93	27	70	66
Denying "birthright citizenship" to children of undocumented immigrants	60	92	23	59	69
Reduction of air pollution standards on cars combined with the reduction in incentives to purchase electric cars.	59	88	29	62	59
Eliminating DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) programs in federal agencies	56	91	16	60	75
Making broad budget and personnel changes in federal agencies and departments	52	90	19	55	71
Deportation of all undocumented immigrants	44	80	11	42	69
Increasing tariffs against China	41	67	14	42	53

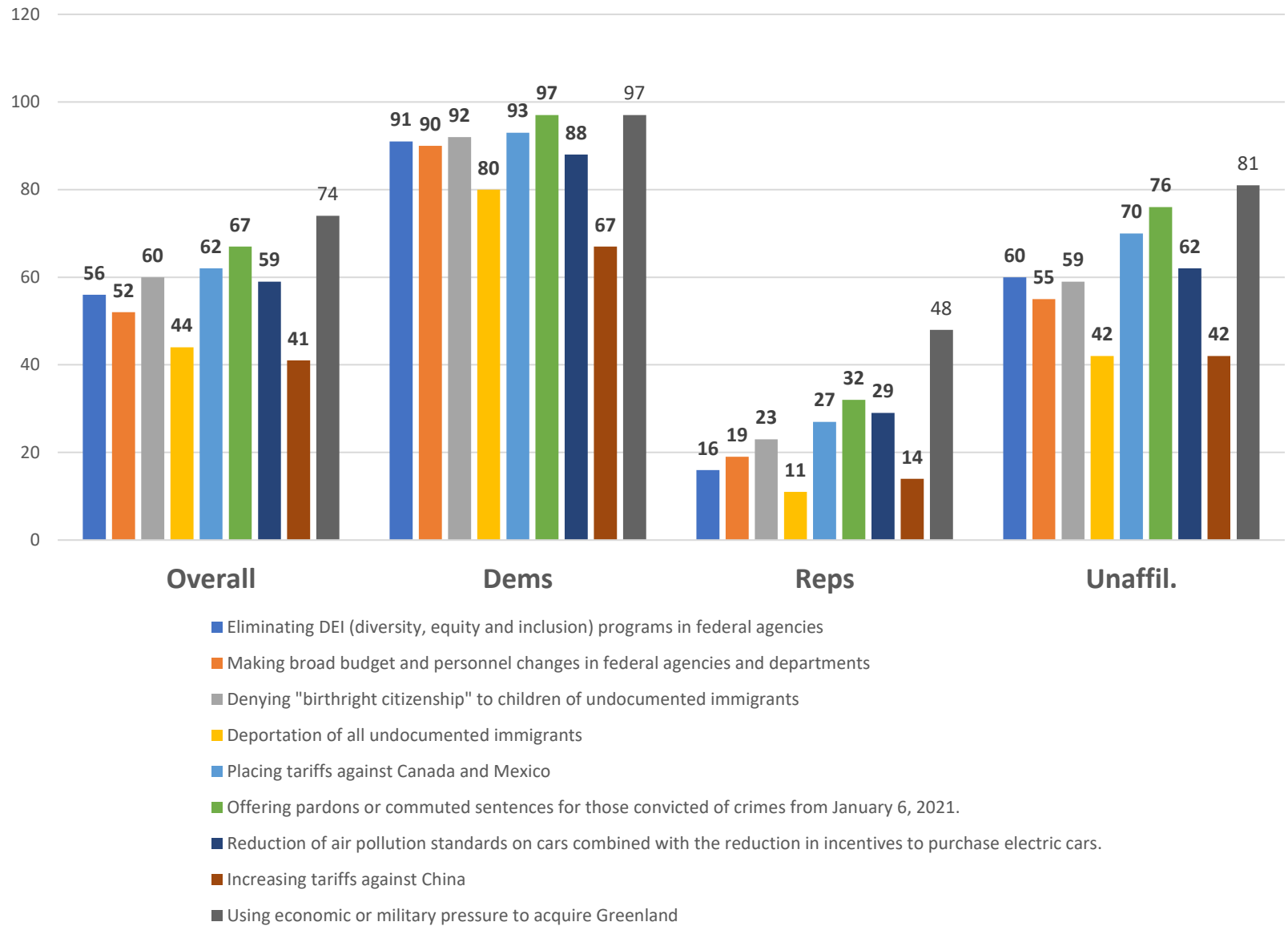
Graph 16 makes it easier to identify patterns among partisans. For Democrats, there is a consistently high level of opposition to Trump’s policies, with the lowest (67%) being with regards to tariffs against China. Similarly, among Republicans two issues stand out with atypically high levels of opposition: the Greenland policy (48%) and offering pardons to those convicted of crimes perpetrated on January 6, 2021 (32%).

Among unaffiliateds, opposition was above 50% for all policies except tariffs against China (42%) and deportation of all undocumented immigrants (42%).

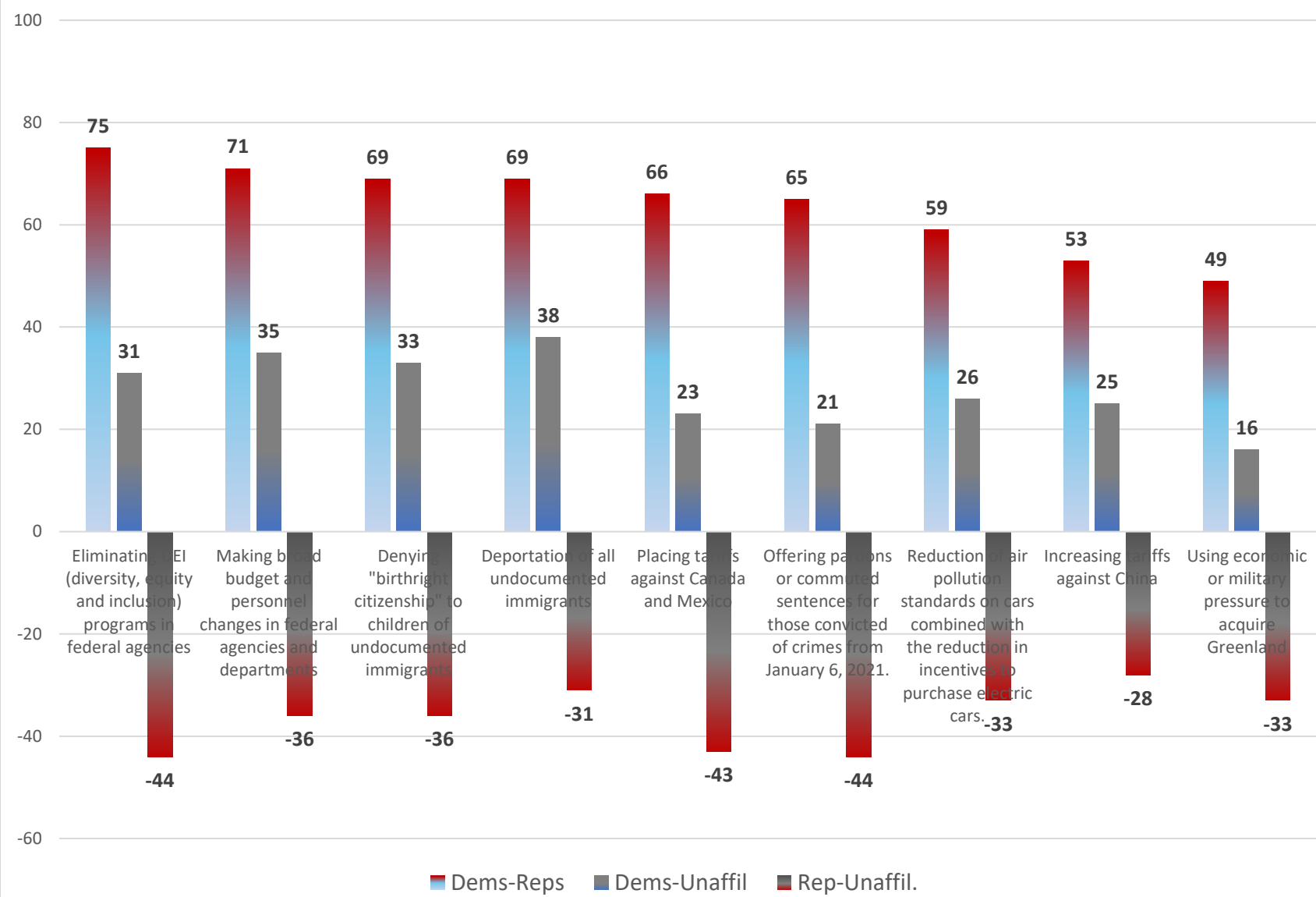
Graph 17 shows differences among the partisan groups. Differences between Democrats and Republicans are highlighted by big gaps in opposition on eliminating DEI, changes in the federal government, birthright citizenship, immigrant deportation among others. The other two bars show differences between Democrats/Republicans and unaffiliateds. Since the latter tend to represent the mainstream position – as party stances drift away, so too is the likelihood of

holding a majority stance. Among this group of respondents, the unaffiliateds tended to be closer to Democrats rather than Republicans on all issues except the deportation of undocumented immigrants.

Graph 16: Trump Policies by Party Registration



Graph 17: Differences between Dems/Reps, Dems/Unaffil, Reps/Unaffil.



Support for Trump Budget and Fiscal Priorities

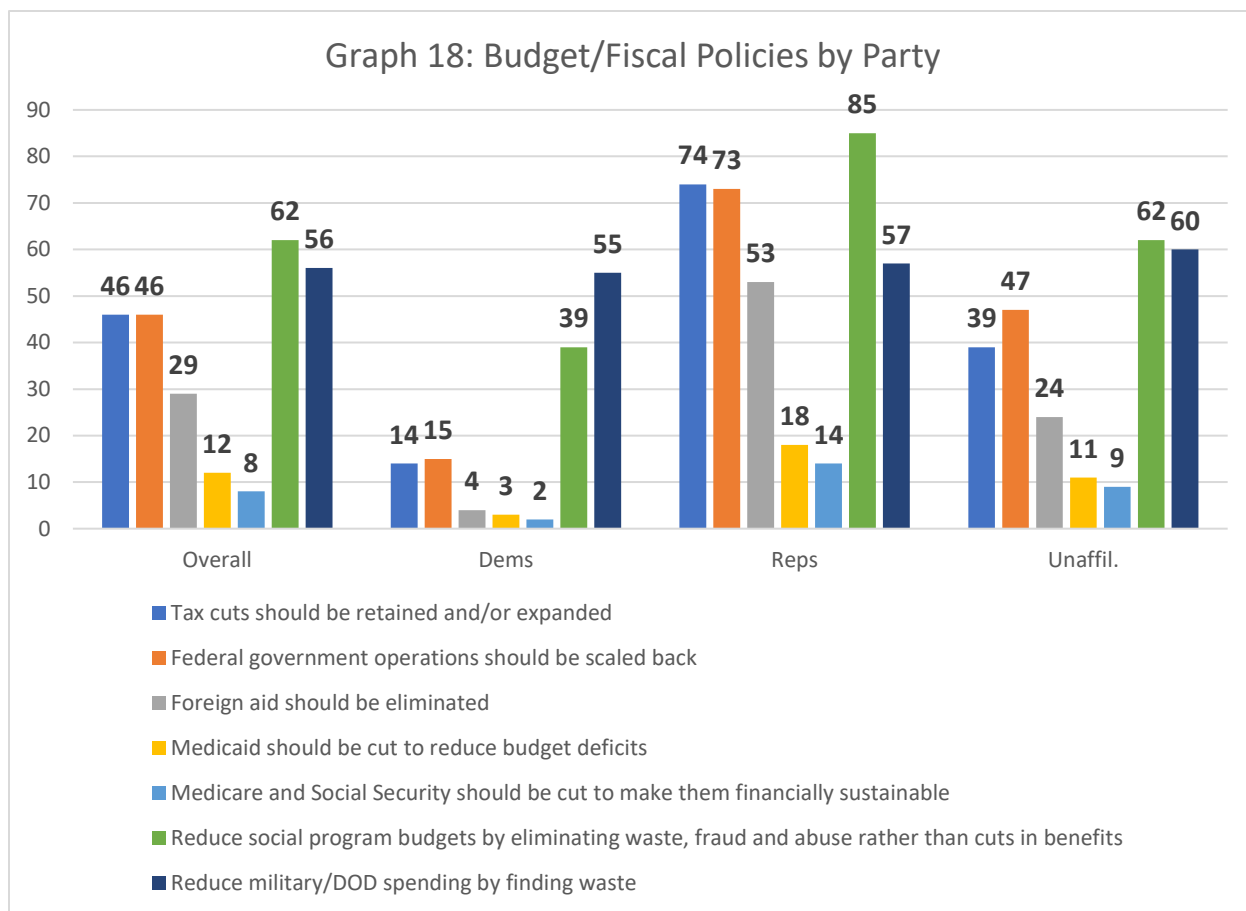
The last set of questions that focused on the federal government dealt with Republican fiscal and budgetary policies. As shown in Table 24 and Graph 18, only two policies among those suggested obtained a majority of overall support:

- Reduce social program budgets by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse rather than cuts in benefits (62% support), and;
- Reduce military/DOD spending by finding waste (56%).

The DOD oriented policy was favored by majorities in all three party segments. The “reduce social programs” stance had stronger support among Republicans (85%) and unaffiliateds (62%), than from Democrats (39%). While the statement included the possibility of reducing social program budgets – probably a trigger for Democrats into opposition – it was softened by the idea that any such cuts would be in lieu of benefit cuts. For Democrats to go along with such an idea, they would have to trust the administration and officials putting the policy into play – and that it wasn’t some generalized attack on the principle of a social safety net.

Table 24: Support for Budget and Fiscal Policies

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Tax cuts should be retained and/or expanded	46	14	74	39
Federal government operations should be scaled back	46	15	73	47
Foreign aid should be eliminated	29	4	53	24
Medicaid should be cut to reduce budget deficits	12	3	18	11
Medicare and Social Security should be cut to make them financially sustainable	8	2	14	9
Reduce social program budgets by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse rather than cuts in benefits	62	39	85	62
Reduce military/DOD spending by finding waste	56	55	57	60



Graph 18 also illustrates how the parties aligned on various issues. It is notable that there was very little support for cuts to Medicaid, Medicare or Social Security. Even among Republicans, under one fifth favored such cuts. With such unity about holding the line on these prominent federal programs, the political choices mentioned earlier while introducing the discussion about DOGE seem limited – if there are priorities such as maintaining or expanding tax cuts while also seeking to reduce the federal deficit/debt, the support for social programs such as these seems to remove large areas of spending from budget cuts.

See **Appendix H** for open-ended comments by respondents regarding national policies.

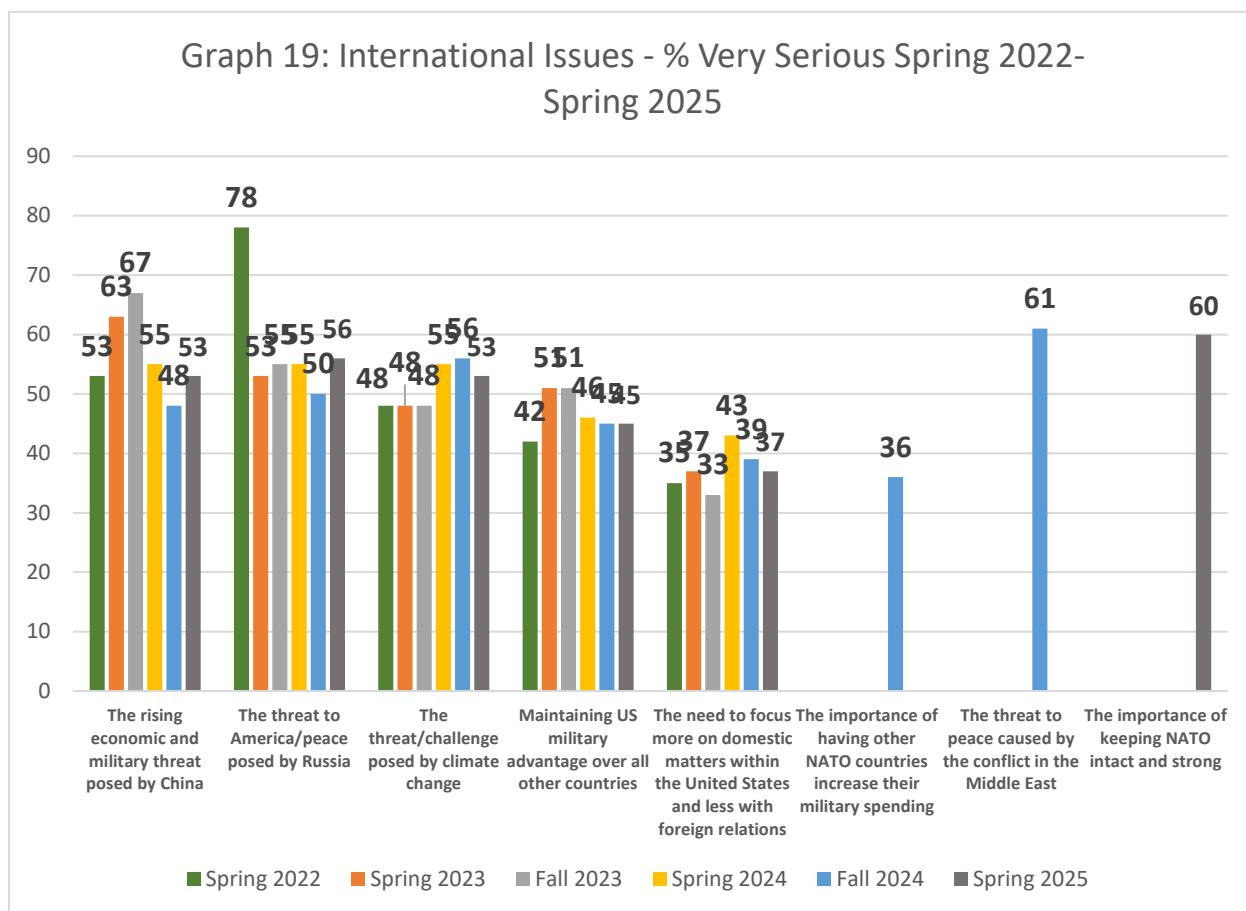
International Issues

The section dealing with national policies concludes with a focus on international issues. Three previous surveys have asked how serious respondents believed some specific “international affairs” situations are – very, somewhat, or not very serious. Table 25 shows the six current questions that relate to foreign affairs and climate change (two were dropped). Two other questions deal with U.S., Ukraine and Israel.

Table 25 and Graph 19 show the results for those questions including the two from previous surveys that were not asked this spring.

Table 25: National and International Issues – Spring 2023 to Spring 2025

	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025				
	Very serious	Very serious	Very serious	Very serious	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Unsure, no opinion	Total
The rising economic and military threat posed by China	63	67	55	48	53	32	10	5	100
The threat to America/peace posed by Russia	53	55	55	50	56	30	10	5	101
The threat/challenge posed by climate change	48	48	55	56	53	18	26	4	101
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	51	51	46	45	45	35	14	6	100
The need to focus more on domestic matters within the United States and less with foreign relations	37	33	43	39	37	37	19	7	100
The importance of having other NATO countries increase their military spending	--	--	--	36	--	--	--	--	--
The importance of keeping NATO intact and strong	--	--	--	--	60	20	13	7	100
The threat to peace caused by the conflict in the Middle East	--	--	--	61	--	--	--	--	--



Prior to spring 2024, the threat posed by China was steadily rising as a very serious problem, moving from 53% to 67% over the course of the three surveys. However, by spring 2024, China had receded somewhat as a perceived threat, dropping 12 points to 55%. In fall 2024, it dropped even further to only 48% - the lowest score since the time series started. That score rebounded somewhat in spring 2025 to 53%.

The perception of Russia as a threat was very high just after the invasion of Ukraine – captured by the 78% score in the spring 2022 survey. However, only six months later perceptions changed such that scores fell into a pattern exhibited by a 50-55% range – by fall 2024 it was its lowest yet at 50% despite the ongoing war and the dependency of Ukraine on US military and humanitarian aid. In spring 2025, the score moved to a higher percentage (56%) but still in the range of other scores since spring 2023.

There was no major change in the percentage saying “very serious” for climate change as the percentage citing it as “very serious” barely moved – from 56% last fall to 53% this spring.

The percentage found for the question about “focus more on domestic matters within the United States and less with foreign relations” dropped a bit from 43% in spring 2024 to 39% in fall 2024 and then dipped again to 37% this spring. Overall, there has been some downward movement.

There was little change in the percentage favoring the idea that the U.S. should maintain a military advantage over all other countries – rising from 45% last fall to 46% this spring.

Two versions of NATO-oriented questions have been included. The first was asked last fall and focused on the idea that there was a need for other NATO countries to increase their military spending. Only 36% felt that this was a very serious issue. This spring, the focus changed to asking whether NATO should be kept “intact and strong.” A much higher percentage (60%) favored this position, implying that there is more appeal to the geostrategic value of NATO rather than details of burden sharing among the allied countries.

Table 26 and Graph 20 show differences in perceptions by political party; Table 27 and Graph 21 show it by age. Graph 22 shows a relationship between age and ideology.

Parties showed areas of consensus and disagreement over foreign affairs. Graph 20 shows the results of subtracting the overall score from the party score for both fall 2024 and spring 2025. When the party score is greater than the overall one, its percentage is above the baseline; when it is less than the overall score, it is below. Several conclusions can be drawn from the results depicted on the graph.

- **China threat:** There is some consensus about the threat posed by China, although Republicans are more likely to accentuate the seriousness of the threat than are Democrats or unaffiliateds.
- **Russia threat:** While there is some consensus about the threat posed by Russia, there was a 15-point change among Republicans from fall 2024 to spring 2025. This might be attributed to overtures made by Trump to Putin, especially about ending the conflict with Ukraine and expanding commercial relationships.
- **Climate change:** This issue remains the single most divisive partisan issue. While Democrats’ score did not change between the two surveys, Republicans’ score was an additional 10 points further from the overall score, rising from -27 to -37. Again, Trump’s election may have focused Republican attention on the adverse impact on fossil fuel production that coincides with a policy focus on climate change.⁹ Unaffiliateds moved somewhat closer to the Democrats’ stance over the course of the two surveys (from -15 to +2).
- **U.S. military advantage:** The focus on “America First” being a trademark of the Trump message, it is not surprising to see a sustained partisan difference about the maintenance of a U.S. military advantage over all other countries that is almost as great as the one applying to climate change. The split among partisan groups seems unchanging – Democrats against, Republicans in favor, with unaffiliateds in the middle at almost exactly at the overall score.
- **Focus on domestic affairs:** This again polarizes in the same way and likely the same reasons as the “U.S. military advantage” question mentioned above.
- **The two NATO questions** – one taken last fall, the other this spring – tell the same story. Republicans focus on *the transactional qualities of the alliance*, specifically the burden sharing component. They believe that the U.S. has been unfairly burdened with supporting the collective defense of NATO countries, and that the European members need to significantly increase their defense spending. Democrats believe that there is

⁹ On April 8, President Trump signed his plan “to rescue coal.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/09/climate/trump-executive-orders-coal.html>. Moreover, “U.S. President Donald Trump issued an executive order on Tuesday that aims to block the enforcement of state laws passed to reduce the use of fossil fuels and combat climate change. See <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/trump-issues-order-block-state-climate-change-policies-2025-04-09/>.

greater geostrategic value in maintaining the alliance as a defense of liberal values and as a deterrent to Russia and possibly others. Pew Research reported that “Three-quarters of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents rate the organization favorably, while only 43% of Republicans and Republican leaners agree – down from 55% in a 2022 survey conducted soon after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.”¹⁰ This coincides with our data that showed opposition to Russia decreasing markedly six months after its 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

¹⁰ See <https://www.pewresearch.org/global/2024/05/08/growing-partisan-divisions-over-nato-and-ukraine/>

Table 26: “Very Serious” Percentages for Various National/International Issues by Party

	Overall Very serious				Dems				Reps				Unaffil.			
	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
The rising economic and military threat posed by China	67	55	48	53	61	52	42	52	82	71	63	62	59	48	43	48
The threat to America/peace posed by Russia	55	55	50	56	59	65	56	71	55	51	53	43	52	45	40	51
The threat/challenge posed by climate change	48	55	56	53	76	83	85	83	13	19	29	16	47	53	41	55
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	51	46	45	45	41	39	31	33	70	64	70	63	48	38	43	39
The need to focus more on domestic affairs within the United States and less with foreign relations	33	43	39	37	25	36	25	26	36	50	48	50	46	50	51	36
The importance of having other NATO countries increase their military spending	--	--	36		--	--	23	--	--	--	58	--	--	--	38	--
The importance of keeping NATO intact and strong				60	--	--	--	85	--	--	--	30	--	--	--	60
The threat to peace caused by the conflict in the Middle East	--	--	61		--	--	60	--	--	--	74	--	--	--	59	--

Graph 20: Party Deviation from Overall Score on International Issues
Fall 2024/Spring 2025 (Party% minus Overall%)

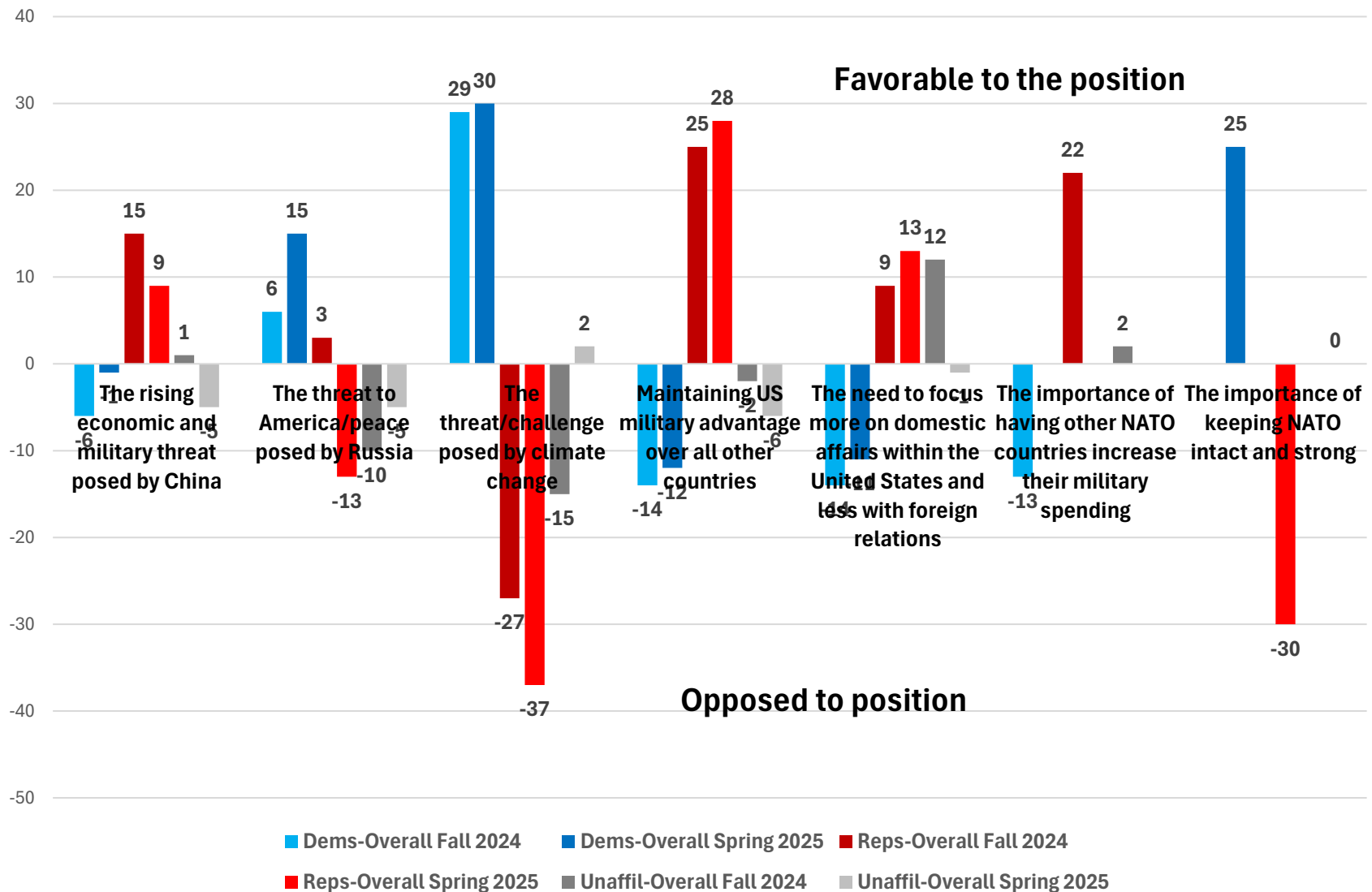


Table 27 depicts the “very serious” scores by age groups for both fall 2024 and spring 2025. Graph 21 uses the same approach used in Graph 20 - only this time looking at the relationship between age and these foreign affairs questions.

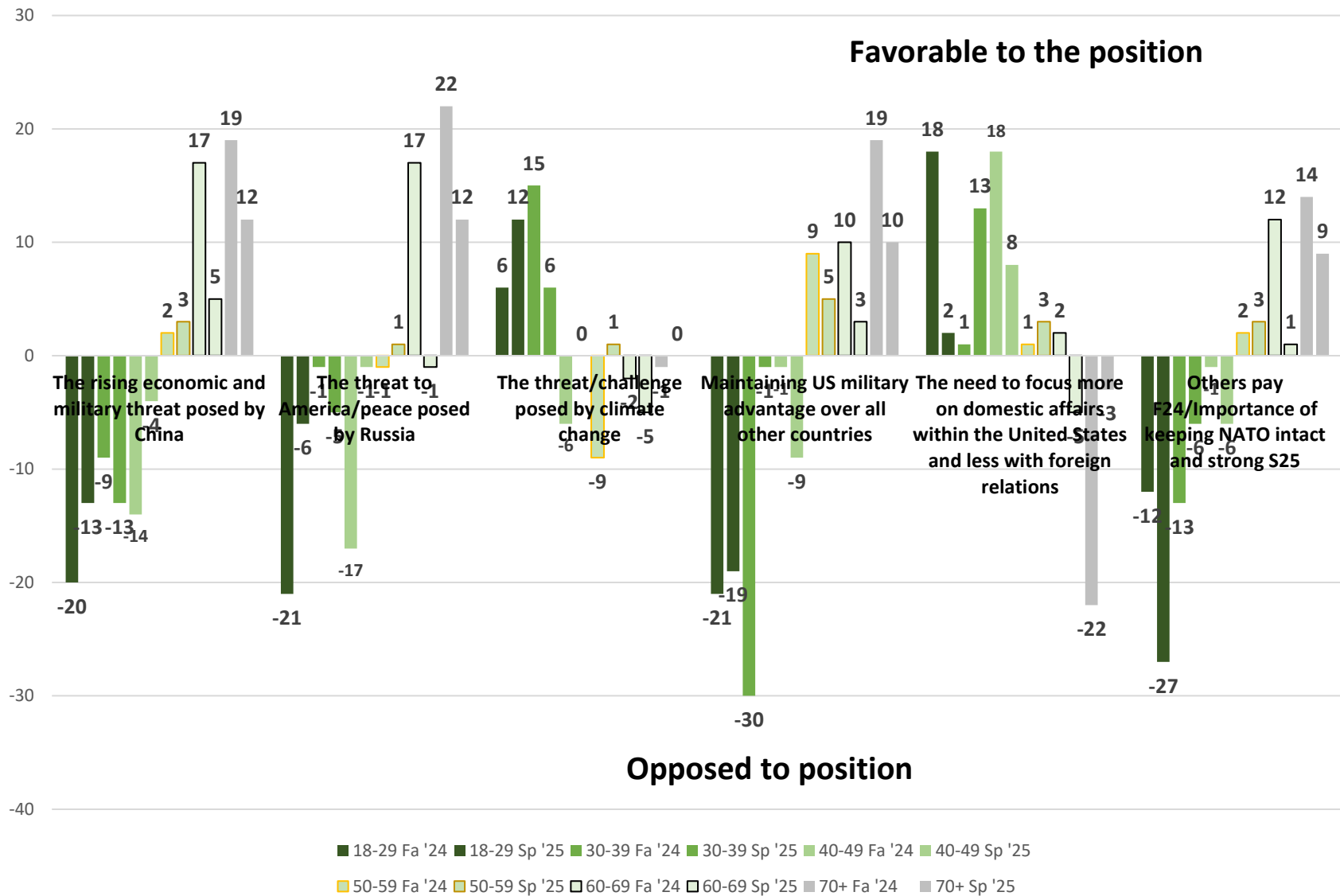
Table 27: “Very Serious” Percentages for Various National/International Issues by Age, Fall 2024

	Overall		18-29		30-39		40-49		50-59		60-69		70+	
	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '24	Sp '25
The rising economic and military threat posed by China	48	53	28	40	39	40	34	49	50	56	65	58	67	65
The threat to America/peace posed by Russia	50	56	29	50	49	51	33	55	49	57	67	55	72	68
The threat/challenge posed by climate change	56	53	62	65	71	59	50	53	47	54	54	48	55	53
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	45	45	24	26	15	44	44	36	54	50	55	48	64	55
The need to focus more on domestic affairs within the United States and less with foreign relations	39	37	57	39	40	50	57	45	40	40	41	32	17	34
The importance of having other NATO countries increase their military spending	36		24		23		35		38		48		50	
The importance of keeping NATO intact and strong		60		33		54		54		63		61		69
The threat to peace caused by the conflict in the Middle East	61		47		52		52		54		82		81	

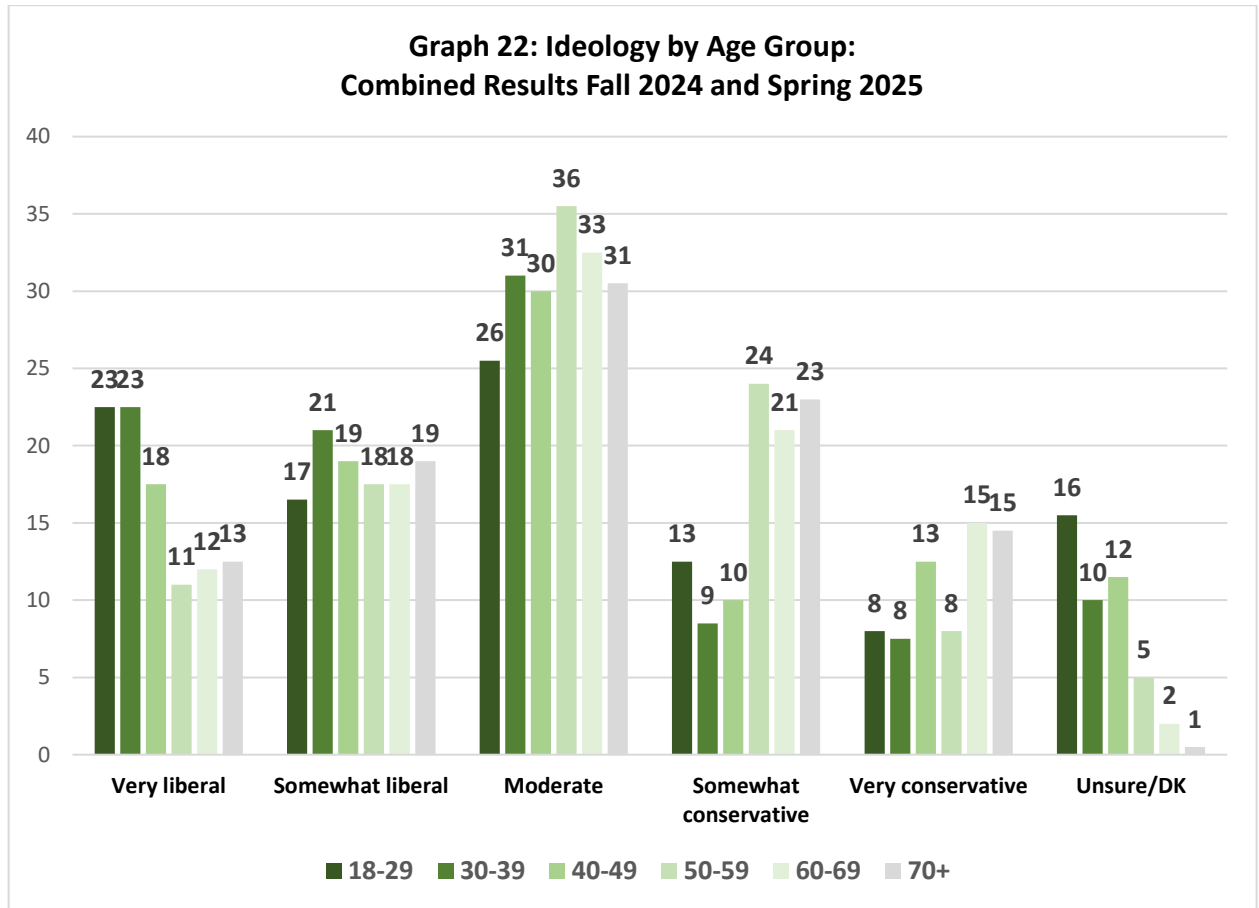
Age groups showed areas of consensus and disagreement over foreign affairs. Several conclusions can be drawn from the results depicted on the graph.

- **China threat:** The increased perception of a threat from China is associated with older age groups who are consistently above the overall results while younger groups are consistently below it. Young people also have higher “unsure” scores.
- **Russia threat:** This seems to follow the same general trend seen with China, but with less consistency as again older people seem to perceive Russia as a greater threat.
- **Climate change:** This reverses the pattern – younger people see this as a bigger threat than do older people.
- **US military advantage:** This reasserts the pattern of older people favoring this stance more than younger people.
- **Domestic vs. foreign affairs:** The pattern was more like climate change with younger people favoring the stance, but older people were more mixed in their opposition.
- **NATO:** Younger people seemed less concerned and possibly unaware of the role of NATO since they were below the overall score on both the burden sharing and “intact and strong” questions.

Graph 21: Foreign Policy Question by Age Group
Age Group Minus Overall for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025



Graph 22 lists the percentages of people within each age group who fall into one of the six ideological categories. It combines the scores from both the fall 2024 and spring 2025 surveys. The basic pattern seems clear as younger people are more likely to be liberal – especially “very liberal” – compared to older age groups. For example, 40% of those under 30 are very or somewhat liberal compared to only 31% of those over 70. Indeed, for those 50 or older, their liberal scores are nearly identical at around 30%. It might be added that young people are the most likely to be unable to classify themselves – having the highest “unsure” scores. That they have higher liberal scores underscores how low their conservative scores actually are.



Ukraine and Israel/Gaza

In previous surveys, the situations involving Russia/Ukraine as well as Israel/Gaza have been considered especially in terms of the U.S. role in providing aid. This spring, the focus was kept on these two conflicts by proposing two approaches to handling the conflicts. With regards to that in Ukraine, there has been talk of a “Korea solution” such as articulated by former U.S. assistant defense secretary Joe Nye. This would entail ceding the eastern Donbas area through an armistice and demilitarized zone – without formally recognizing Russian sovereignty over the area.¹¹

As shown in Table 28, the question asked in the survey was a variation of this, but with a stronger concession to Russia. It read, “Offer Russia a plan that allows it to keep eastern Ukraine in exchange for an end to the war.” Only 26% either strongly or somewhat supported that option, with 59% in opposition.

With regards to the Israel/Gaza conflict, Israel has advocated the “voluntary departure” of Gazans and “follows suggestions from United States President Donald Trump that residents of Gaza should be moved to other countries.”¹² In the survey, respondents were offered the alternative “Support Israel by rebuilding Gaza while displacing Gaza residents to other countries.” As with the Ukraine proposal, few people favored this plan, with only 27% offering any support.

Party registration proved relevant to understanding underlying views of Democrats and Republicans on these issues. For both proposals, fewer than 10% of Democrats either strongly or somewhat supported them; for Republicans 51% and 52% supported them. This seems to be another area of strategic divergence between the parties. See **Appendix I** for comments.

Table 28: Alternatives for Russia/Ukraine and Israel/Gaza

	Strongly support	Support somewhat	Don't support	Unsure, don't know
Offer Russia a plan that allows it to keep eastern Ukraine in exchange for an end to the war.	10	16	59	15
Support Israel by rebuilding Gaza while displacing Gaza residents to other countries.	12	15	57	16

¹¹ See <https://kyivindependent.com/opinion-ukraines-road-to-victory-may-lie-in-a-korean-solution/>

¹² See <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/3/24/israel-building-agency-to-steer-palestinian-voluntary-departure-from-gaza>

County Issues

Moving next to the county level, two topics will be reviewed. The first focuses on whether certain methods used by the county executive for communicating with the public are effective. The second and much longer section focuses on the Anne Arundel County Public Library System.

County Executive Outreach

This question offered respondents four choices about ways in which they may have received communications from the county executive. Table 29 lists the methods and the results.

Table 29: Communication Methods Used by County Executive, Overall and by Party

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Read his emailed <i>Weekly Newsletter</i>	34	46	32	29
Attended a community forum in which Pittman spoke	8	13	6	7
Listened to "Pittman and Friends" podcast	5	8	3	5
Interacted another way (option to comment) See Appendix J__	12	10	12	13

Clearly, the *Weekly Newsletter* that is sent via email to county residents has been the most effective way of communicating to the public. While more Democrats (46%) receive it than do Republicans (32%), a sizable percentage of the latter obtain it. Unaffiliateds are the least likely to receive the newsletter. The percentages interacting with County Executive Steuart Pittman using either of the other two options is quite low – under 10 percent in both cases. Both have notable partisan slants such that Democrats are twice as likely as Republicans to attend a community forum or listen to a podcast featuring the county executive. There was a significant effort by respondents to offer “another way” in which they have interacted with the county executive found in **Appendix J**. Below are some of the comments:

- I've watched some of his speeches.
- Sometimes read the newsletter
- watch local news for over an hour every day wbal wjz
- I've reached out to District 6 representative, filled out the survey for the Plan 2040, and tried to reach out to Recs & Park about current park development plans, but have received no response.
- I'm fairly new to the county and am unaware of these initiatives.
- Attended protests
- Didn't know he has a podcast!
- Letters and phone calls on public issues.
- New to Maryland and have no knowledge
- sent about 2 letters
- I read about him in the news and see signs about new parks planned by him.

County Public Libraries

The Center for the Study of Local Issues (CSLI) partnered with the Anne Arundel Public Library system (AACPL) this spring. As the library system sought information from the public about its services and strategic direction, CSLI focused a section of its survey on library matters. In exchange, the library system offered its patrons the opportunity to participate in the spring survey – resulting in over 1,000 completions from its outreach efforts.

The library questions were divided into several sections. The first focused on the public's knowledge of services available at libraries. A subsequent section was directed only at those who visited libraries at least "once in a while" and asked about the importance of certain services. For those who never or rarely used the libraries, they were asked why they didn't frequent them. For those using the libraries remotely, the survey asked them how often they used various services. Finally, all respondents were asked about a set of additional services that the libraries could offer.

Awareness of Library Services

As shown on Table 30, most people were aware that the libraries lent physical books (93%) as well as a variety of digital services such as ebooks or streaming music or movies (91%). They were less familiar with some other services such as job search and skilling building tools, (50%) the "Library of Things" such as ukeleles or fishing poles (47%) or a variety of other services such as ancestry.com or Rosetta Stone (38%).

Table 30: Awareness of Library Services

Answer	Aware	Not aware	Unsure, maybe	Total
Lending of physical books	95	3	2	100
eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines and newspapers, streaming music and movies	91	6	3	100
Kindergarten readiness programs, curriculum and children's play areas	63	30	8	100
Job search and skill building: Digital- JobNow, LinkedIn Learning, Udemy and in-person	50	42	8	100
Library of Things – museum passes, Ukuleles, fishing poles, Chromebooks & Wi-Fi hotspots	47	45	8	100
Ancestry.com, Rosetta Stone & Mango Languages	38	55	7	101

In-person Use of Public Libraries

The next question asked, “**how often do you use county libraries in-person?**”

Table 30a shows that about three-quarters of the sample used the libraries in-person at least “once-in-a-while.” Around 40 percent go at least “fairly often.” The largest percentage was of those who used the libraries only “once-in-a-while” (37%).

Table 30a: How Often Do You Use the Library In-person?

Answer	Overall
Quite or very often	20
Fairly often	19
Once-in-a-while	37
Never or rarely	24
Total	100

Demographic Characteristics of In-person Library Users

. The range of attendance by age varies for each of the answer categories. The percentages below show the low and high scores for attendance across all age groups:

- Often: 12-32
- Fairly often: 13-25
- Once-in-a-while: 32-56
- Rarely or never: 13-32

Table 30b provides an overview of several demographic categories cross tabulated by the various answer categories measuring frequency of attendance. The purpose of displaying these demographic variables is to determine whether there are any patterns of greater or lesser attendance. The variables included: age, marital status, gender, children in schools, and education level.

Graph 23 combines the two most frequent attendance levels (often, fairly often) and ranks each of the variables by the combined percentage. The overall combined score is 39%. Looking at just those categories reaching at least 50%, five traits are present:

- 40-49 years of age (54%)
- Kids in public schools (53%)
- 70 years of age or more (51%)
- Divorced or separated (50%)
- Post-graduate work (50%)

The next top five included:

- 30-39 years of age (49%)
- Women (48%)
- Single (46%)
- Widowed (46%)
- At least a four-year degree (45%)

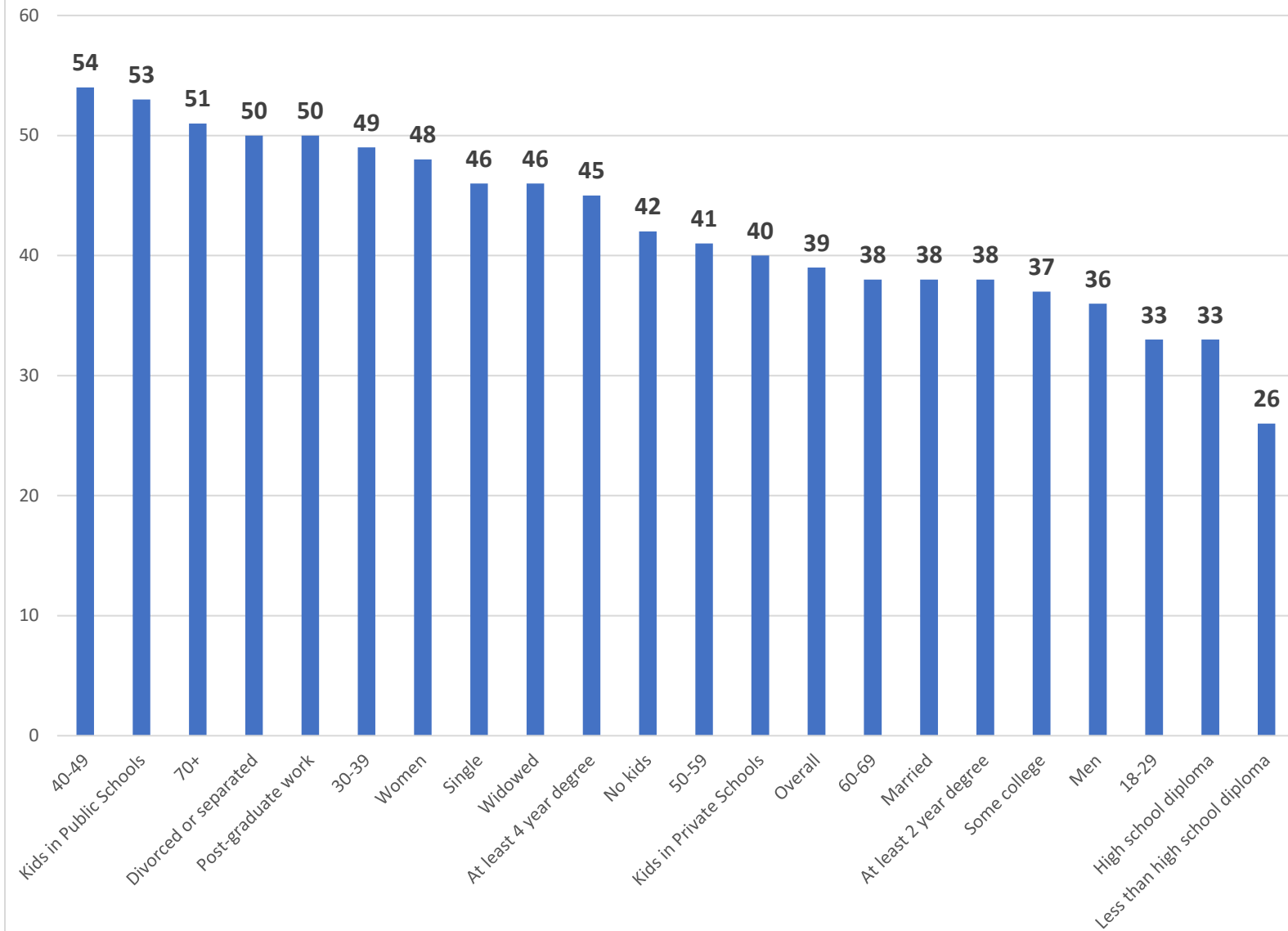
By contrast, the least likely to attend the library are the following:

- Less than a high school diploma (26%)
- High school diploma (33%)
- 18-29 years of age (33%)
- Men (36%)
- Some college (37%)

Table 30b: Visit Frequency by Demographics

	Often	Fairly often	Once-in-a-while	Rarely or never
Overall	20	19	37	24
Age				
18-29	12	21	38	29
30-39	27	22	36	15
40-49	29	25	32	13
50-59	22	19	40	19
60-69	21	17	40	22
70+	31	20	33	16
Marital Status				
Single	25	21	35	19
Married	19	19	40	22
Divorced or separated	32	18	34	17
Widowed	30	16	39	15
Gender				
Men	18	18	35	29
Women	27	21	36	15
Kids in School				
No kids	23	19	37	20
Kids in Public Schools	30	23	32	15
Kids in Private Schools	18	22	34	26
Education Level				
Less than high school diploma	13	13	56	19
High school diploma	18	15	36	32
Some college	16	21	32	31
At least 2 year degree	24	14	41	22
At least 4 year degree	25	20	37	19
Post-graduate work	28	22	36	14

Graph 23: Attend "Often/Fairly Often" by Demographic Variable



Services Used When Visiting Libraries

The next set of questions focused on how important certain library services have been when visiting the libraries in-person. Table 30c displays the results.

“You said that you access the library in person at least once in a while. Below are some of the services available at the library. Indicate how important each service is to you – or if you don’t use it at all, you can indicate that as well.”

Table 30c: Importance of Services

	Very+ somewhat important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Don't use at all	Total
Checking out books, movies and music	95	83	12	2	3	100
Programs for adults, teens or kids	76	46	30	9	15	100
Checking out or obtaining items like fishing poles, museum passes, ukuleles	43	14	29	23	34	100
Using library computers, Wi-Fi	65	42	23	14	20	99
Socializing with friends and family	44	20	24	28	28	100
Using meeting rooms, study/work spaces	65	36	29	13	21	99
Conducting research	74	46	28	10	16	100

Table 29c shows that checking out books, movies and music are the main services patrons consistently use (83% “very important” or 95% combined very and somewhat important). Using the combined measure, the most cited reasons for visiting the libraries other than checking out materials are:

- Programs for adults, teens or kids (76%)
- Conducting research (74%)
- Using library computers and Wi-Fi (65%)
- Using meeting rooms, study/work spaces (65%)

Less frequently cited reasons included:

- Socializing with friends and family (44%)
- Checking out or obtaining items like fishing poles (43%)

Patrons' Statements About Library Visits

The sample was asked, **“Thinking about the last couple of times you used library services, briefly describe how you used these services.”** The full set of remarks can be found in **Appendix K**. Some remarks are included below:

- I have only use the library to check out e-books, but I am interested in all of these services. We plan on having children soon and want to really use these resources.
- Mostly e-magazines for current topics and e-books
- I use interlibrary loan a lot. It's really great to be able to access other Maryland libraries and have books delivered to my local. I also visit the library (in person or online) to learn about community events.
- Check out physical books
- Order books via AACPL inter-library loan service, Marina and extraordinary nationwide inter-library loan program
- Marina Interlibrary loan, community building programs, books for my daily commute, printer access, and Wi-if from parking lot.
- Lately I've visited the library to check out books, used quiet spaces to study, attend library sponsored programs, and attend a HOA meeting in a meeting room.
- Checking our books and using the computers and printer
- Used computers for research, checked out books for leisure reading.
- My grand daughter Art contest and display. She won.the kindergarten recognition for her Art Work.
- I go almost daily to use the library as a free study space and research tool for my college studies.
- Lending books, completing college work (using their computers), and socializing with other college students at the library.
- Checking out books
- Meeting rooms and socializing are important for the community. Obviously checking books as well.
- I have multiple e-books checked out almost all the time.
- Browsed for and requested books that I was interested in reading.
- Research for first source material for science, math, and social science research. Quiet meeting rooms are essential to focus while studying source material for facts needed to support research.
- I have checked out physical books and ebooks and DVDs and I have connected to the internet to do research using services the library subscribes to like Proquest.
- My most common use is checking out physical books. I generally obtain books using the Marina service. The AACPL system seldom owns books in which I have interest (U.S. History).
- Subject research for a book I'm writing.
- Attended public service events, borrowed books...
- Check out physical and e-books and DVDs of TV shows.
- Our family visits and checks out books often. My son loves doing the search-and-find activities every month! We've also attended kids' library programs whenever anything catches our eye.
- Obtaining DVD movies and TV shows. Requesting hard-to-find books through Marina.

- Mostly the kids stuff for our 3-yr-old daughter
- For the most part, my time spent at the public library entails checking out books, studying/doing research, and, above all, attending clubs/events and hanging out with my friends in a communal space with shared interests.
- I check out books, music, and movies

Reasons Why People Rarely or Never Visit Public Libraries

A set of questions asked those who said that they rarely or never visited public libraries focused upon the importance of several possible factors. Table 30d lists the factors and the percentages showing levels of importance. The percentages seem very clear: *people don't use library services because they don't think that they need the services that the libraries provide.* That answer received a combined (very+somewhat) importance score of 59%. The next highest factor was “there isn't a library near me” was only 18%. Respondents offered explanations of their thinking in Appendices L and M.

Table 30d: Importance of Reasons Why People Don't Visit Public Libraries

	Very+ somewhat important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Unsure, don't know	Total
Don't need any library services	59	34	25	31	10	100
There isn't a library near me	18	8	10	76	7	101
Hours don't work with my schedule	17	7	10	78	6	100
Lack of transportation	11	5	6	84	5	101
I don't feel welcome (option to explain) See Appendix L	10	5	5	71	20	101
Other reasons (option to explain) See Appendix M	22	19	3	44	35	101

Remote Use of Public Libraries

The next question asked, “**how often do you use county libraries online/remotely?**”

Table 30e shows that fewer people used libraries remotely than those who visited in-person. This is especially true for “once-in-a-while” users – there is a 13-point separation between the score for in-person users (37%) and remote users (24%).

Table 30e: How Often Do You Use the Library Remotely/Online (or in-person?)

Answer	In-person	Remotely
Quite or very often	20	21
Fairly often	19	18
Once-in-a-while	37	24
Never or rarely	24	37
Total	100	100

When asked how frequently they used the library system’s specific online services, the frequency of use varied considerably by service. Table 30f shows the categories of answers respondents were offered and the frequency of use they cited.

Three main reasons received notable percentages of people saying “very” or “fairly” often. These included:

- Use the online catalog to find or reserve books (61% combined very+fairly often)
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, newspapers, streaming movies (51%)
- Learn about programs and events (41%)

The other services only obtained between 8-12% of respondents citing them as very or fairly often. Perhaps potential patrons are unaware of the existence of these other services? Open-ended statements explaining reasons use patterns are found in **Appendix N**.

Table 30f: Frequency of Use - Remote Library Services

	Very+ fairly often	Very often	Fairly often	Once in a while	Rarely or never	Total
Use the online catalog to find or reserve books	61	42	19	27	12	100
eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, newspapers, streaming movies	51	36	15	29	20	100
Learn about programs & events	41	18	23	33	25	100
Library exclusive resources: Ancestry.com, Rosetta Stone & Mango Languages	12	5	7	19	69	101
Student resources: Help Now tutoring, Gale databases, test prep	10	5	5	12	79	101
Job search and skill building: JobNow, LinkedIn Learning, Udemy	8	3	5	12	79	99
Other (option to comment) See Appendix N	22	13	9	8	69	99

Other Services Libraries Could Offer

The section pertaining to the public libraries closed with a matrix of questions proposing possible additional services or facilities that could be offered. Respondents were asked how important each of them would be. Table 30g shows the results.

Table 30g: Importance of Possible Library Services

	Very+somewhat important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Unsure, don't know	Total
Business services: passport, state and local licenses, notary, business start-up & success)	78	41	37	15	6	99
Social services: social workers, DSS, government benefit access, food	56	33	26	32	9	100
More space for small group meetings	64	26	38	28	9	101
More items in Library of Things (e.g., tools, baking supplies) (other suggestions)	40	17	23	44	16	100
Anything else? See Appendix N1	29	24	5	15	57	101

Business services was the most important item mentioned by respondents with 78% saying at least “somewhat” important. Social services (59%) and more space for small group meetings (64%) were also highly placed. Only 40% thought that “more items in the Library of Things” was at least somewhat important. Other open-ended comments can be found Appendix N1.

Comments About Policies or Issues Facing Anne Arundel County of the City of Annapolis

The survey closed the section focusing on local issues with an open-ended comment asking respondents whether they had any comments about policies or issues facing the county or Annapolis. On Table 31, ChatGPT was used to develop categories and percentages showing the main focus of the comments. See **Appendix O** for the full comments. Table 30 contains a sample of comments.

Table 31: Anne Arundel County and City of Annapolis Open-ended Comments (ChatGPT)

Category	%	Example 1
Libraries & Library Services	37	The Deale Library is an excellent resource in Southern Anne Arundel County.
Uncategorized	25	provide a full selection of audiobooks from Audible
Civic Pride & General Positivity	12	Great library system
DEI & LGBTQ+ Issues	10	Serving customers is not job 1. Advocating for raises, being non inclusive and only supporting LGBTQ that's their priority. They just had a valentine day event for LGBTQ, ONLY LGBTQ oh that's inclusive, NOT
Public Infrastructure & Transportation	9	Existing properties should be redeveloped/repaired/refurbished before building new housing. Policies should slow development that would add to traffic congestion so that infrastructure can catch up.
City/County Government Performance	8	charge charge charge AA county wants fees fees fees and dont do their job enforcing laws for businesses. people should come first not businesses and dont get me started on the way way overpaid teachers and library staff and can only imagine across county government workers, Teachers get 4 months off a year and make like 100K and they get our tax dollars to pay to get another degree and then get a raise because now they got a higher degree but dont do any more work. Only government could work this way any business would be out of business. pay raises should be merit based across all the county workers and only only get a raise if they do more work. Not talking about COLAs but any any raises should mean they are doing more work, that's for all county workers especially the grossly overpaid teachers but all county
Crime & Safety	7	I fully support the AACPL in its efforts to remain an inclusive resource for all county residents. Please continue to resist efforts to censor library materials and programs. It is important for the library to remain a safe place where people of any age can go to satisfy their curiosity and their desire to learn.
Taxes & Government Spending	7	Focus on helping our retirees more. Info, tax breaks, services available. Many are leaving this state because they are ignored.
Education & Schools	7	Would like year round family sponsorship vs just christmas time. Not sure how to donate new items for teacher wishlists or covering lunch costs or pizza party for classes or covering cost of field trips, etc.
Development & Overbuilding	6	Existing properties should be redeveloped/repaired/refurbished before building new housing. Policies should slow development that would add to traffic congestion so that infrastructure can catch up.
Environmental Concerns	5	Concerned about environment as new subdivisions keep popping up
Economic Concerns & Cost of Living	4	There should be more affordable housing for people who are not wealthy.
Social Services & Community Support	3	Need greater support for and partnership with key health care providers
Negative Sentiment & Frustration	1	I live in Annapolis. Its government is corrupt and inept. It has a crime and grime problem. Services are meager and do not work. As a life long Democrat, I think local government problems explain why Dems lose elections. People do not mind paying taxes if government works. If it does not work, except for special interests, there is a credibility gap that can be exploited.

Maryland Issues

This section covers issues related to the state of Maryland. It starts with some budget ideas meant to address the state’s structural budget deficit. It then shifts to a couple of immigration related questions, followed by questions about fossil fuels and climate change. It concludes by asking about support for wine and beer being sold at grocery stores and by asking about Governor Moore’s “State of the State” speech.

Budget Issues

Governor Moore and the Maryland General Assembly struggled to find proposals that would maintain valued programs such as the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, and also overcome a \$3 billion budget shortfall.¹³ A host of alternative cuts, taxes and fees were considered. For the spring 2025 survey, decisions about which of these to include was based on an assessment of ideas that had been mentioned when the survey was designed and then fielded on March 28. The list of proposals and the levels of support are shown in Table 32.

¹³ These issues are examined in an article in [marylandmatters.org](https://marylandmatters.org/2025/04/08/blueprint-gets-a-trim-after-session-that-threatened-major-cuts/) – see <https://marylandmatters.org/2025/04/08/blueprint-gets-a-trim-after-session-that-threatened-major-cuts/>

Table 32: Support for Various Maryland Budget Ideas

	Strongly+ Somewhat	Strongly support	Support somewhat	Don't support	Don't know	Total
A 2% surcharge on capital gains income for those earning over \$350,000	62	37	25	33	5	100
Increase income tax rates for those earning more than \$500,000	50	25	25	47	4	101
Lower the income tax rates for lower income people	80	51	29	17	3	100
3% tax on information technologies and data services	30	7	23	64	7	101
Reduce anticipated spending for the Blueprint for Education (K-12)	42	21	21	51	7	100
Increase in taxes on the sale of cannabis (marijuana)	80	53	27	16	4	100
Create a 2.5% tax on business-to-business sales of goods or services.	32	8	24	61	8	101

Table 32 shows that the proposals with the highest levels of “strongly support” were to “lower income tax rates for lower income people” (51% strongly, 80% combined support) and an “increase in taxes on the sale of cannabis (53%, 80%). Combining the “strongly” and “somewhat” support categories, there was also a majority in support of “a 2% surcharge on capital gains income for those earning over \$350,000” (37%, 62%) and a near majority for “increase income taxes for those earning more than \$500,000” (25%, 50%). Business taxes were unpopular whether it came in the form of a “2.5% tax on business-to-business sales” (8%, 32%) or a “3% tax on information technologies and data services” (7%, 30%). The main focus on the spending side was a proposal to “reduce anticipated spending for the Blueprint” for education (21%, 42%). In the end, there was a tweak to the Blueprint in the form of a reduction in teachers’ “collaboration time” – as summarized in marylandmatters.org, “It delays implementation of ‘collaborative time,’ preserves funding for community schools and protects students in poverty, those in special education and those in classes for non-English speakers from any potential per pupil funding cuts.”

Table 33 uses the combined “strongly+somewhat” support measure and shows how it was affected by the party registration of respondents. The patterns reflected the underlying ideological differences among partisans: Democrats generally favored higher capital gains (86%) and income taxes (93%) on upper income groups but were not very supportive of cuts to education funding (42%). They were lukewarm at best in supporting a business-to-business tax

(32%). Other than increasing taxes on the sale of marijuana, Republicans were against all tax increases, especially those on business. They favored *reduced* education spending (58%).

Table 33: Support (Strongly+Somewhat) for Various Maryland Budget Ideas Overall and by Party Registration

	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil
A 2% surcharge on capital gains income for those earning over \$350,000	63	86	34	62
Increase income tax rates for those earning more than \$500,000	50	93	46	74
Lower the income tax rates for lower income people	80	92	56	82
3% tax on information technologies and data services	30	48	12	27
Reduce anticipated spending for the Blueprint for Education (K-12)	42	34	58	31
Increase in taxes on the sale of cannabis (marijuana)	80	84	79	78
Create a 2.5% tax on business-to-business sales of goods or services.	32	50	11	33

State Government: Which Orientation – Maintain Programs with Higher Taxes or Reduce Spending?

In a continuation of the same focus on choices between supporting or reducing programs while raising (or not) taxes, the next question asked respondents to provide us with their bottom line. The question read: **“Overall, do you believe that state government should prioritize maintaining its programs while raising some taxes, or should it prioritize reducing funding for programs without raising any taxes?”**

Table 34: Maintain Programs, Raise Taxes by Party Registration

Answer	Overall	Dems	Resp	Unaffil.
Prioritize maintaining programs while raising some taxes.	37	62	10	35
Reducing funding without raising any taxes	42	21	71	37
Other <u>See Appendix P</u>	12	7	12	12
Unsure, don't know	9	11	8	16
Total	100	101	101	100

Table 34 shows that there was a close division between those who preferred to maintain programs while raising taxes (37%) and those who opted to reduce funding without raising any taxes (42%). Republicans were clearly on the side of reducing funding (71%), but Democrats were more divided, with only 62% favoring maintaining programs while raising taxes. Unaffiliateds were very evenly divided, but a lot of them (16%) said “Unsure, don’t know.”

State/Local Government and Assisting Immigration and Customs Enforcement

According to an article in *The Capital*, “current state law prohibits Maryland’s 24 jurisdictions from entering into agreements with ICE to detain immigrants accused of crimes on its behalf.” It goes on to say, “Sen. Will Smith, a Democrat from Montgomery County, said Tuesday that he plans to introduce legislation this session to limit Maryland law enforcement’s ability to notify ICE through the agency’s 287(g) program after someone has been arrested.”¹⁴

To evaluate the public’s views about this subject, the question in the survey asked: **“Current state law prohibits Maryland’s 24 jurisdictions from entering into agreements with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain immigrants on its behalf. Which do you support most - maintaining the current arrangements or changing state law to allow counties and Baltimore City to enter into agreements to detain immigrants on behalf of ICE?”**

¹⁴ See <https://www.capitalgazette.com/2025/01/30/moore-said-maryland-will-follow-the-constitution-on-immigration-policy-what-does-the-constitution-say/>

Table 35 presents both the overall views as well as by party registration. A plurality (48%) favored maintaining the current arrangements. Republicans were much more likely to say that they would support changing state law to allow local cooperation with ICE to detain immigrants (77%) than were Democrats (11%) or unaffiliateds (33%).

Table 35: Change State Law To Allow Local Cooperation with ICE, Overall and by Party

Answer	Overall	Dems	Resp	Unaffil.
Maintain the current arrangements prohibiting local cooperation with ICE to detain immigrants	48	75	12	51
Changing state law to allow local cooperation with ICE to detain immigrants	38	11	77	33
Unsure, don't know	14	14	11	16
Total	100	100	100	100

State Government: Allow Undocumented Immigrants to Buy Unsubsidized Health Insurance on Maryland's Exchange?

The next question was also related to the treatment of immigrants but focused on the ability of undocumented people to purchase health insurance through Maryland's exchange but without any subsidies. They were offered the choices listed in Table 36. Overall, no position received a majority in support. The "fully agree" position obtained the largest share (42%), 13 points higher than the "oppose" position (29%). If the fully and somewhat agree position are combined, only Republicans (30%) don't show a majority in support.

Table 35: Should Undocumented Immigrants be Able to Purchase Unsubsidized Health Insurance on MD's Exchange?

Answer	Overall	Dems	Resp	Unaffil.
Fully and somewhat agree combined	58	79	30	63
Fully agree as it will reduce uncompensated care and emergency room use	42	63	16	44
Somewhat agree	16	16	14	21
Oppose - undocumented people shouldn't be able to acquire health insurance	29	11	57	21
Other <u>See Appendix Q</u>	4	3	6	2
Don't know, unsure	9	7	7	13
Total	100	100	100	101

Fossil Fuels and Replacement of Coal-fired Plants in Maryland

Two questions focused on fossil fuels and/or climate change. The first asked whether respondents supported the idea **that fossil fuel companies should contribute to the costs of mitigating the effects of climate change**. Table 37 shows the results. No answer category received an *overall* majority. A strong majority of Democrats fully supported the idea (73%), but only 18% of Republicans agreed. Half of the unaffiliated also agreed. When the fully and somewhat support positions are combined, 66% of the sample agreed, along with 87% of Democrats and 73% of unaffiliateds. Among Republicans, only 37% agreed.

Table 37: Should Fossil Fuel Companies Pay to Mitigate Costs of Climate Change – Overall and by Party Registration

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Fully and somewhat support combined	66	87	37	73
Fully support	48	73	18	50
Somewhat support	18	14	19	23
Don't support	24	5	50	18
Other See Appendix R	2	1	2	2
Don't know, unsure	9	8	11	7
Total	101	101	100	100

The issue of which options for increasing energy generation in the face of increasing demand for electricity and concerns about climate change has been prominent in Maryland.¹⁵ There has been an active debate about the rising cost of electricity and the phrasing out of older coal-fired plants. Choosing the best approach to generating the electricity needs of the future was asked in this question: **“Thinking about potential replacements for coal-fired electricity plants in Maryland, several alternatives exist - each with specific limitations regarding cost, consistent operation regardless of weather, climate impact and safety. Based on the choices below, which of the these do you think Maryland should focus upon to replace the coal-based plants? (Choose all that apply.)”**

¹⁵ This issue was raised in a poll conducted by the Institute of Politics at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and released Feb. 26. See <https://marylandmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/UMBC-Poll-Wed-Feb-26-FINAL-.pdf> and <https://marylandmatters.org/2025/02/26/maryland-residents-want-a-menu-of-energy-generation-options-poll-shows/>

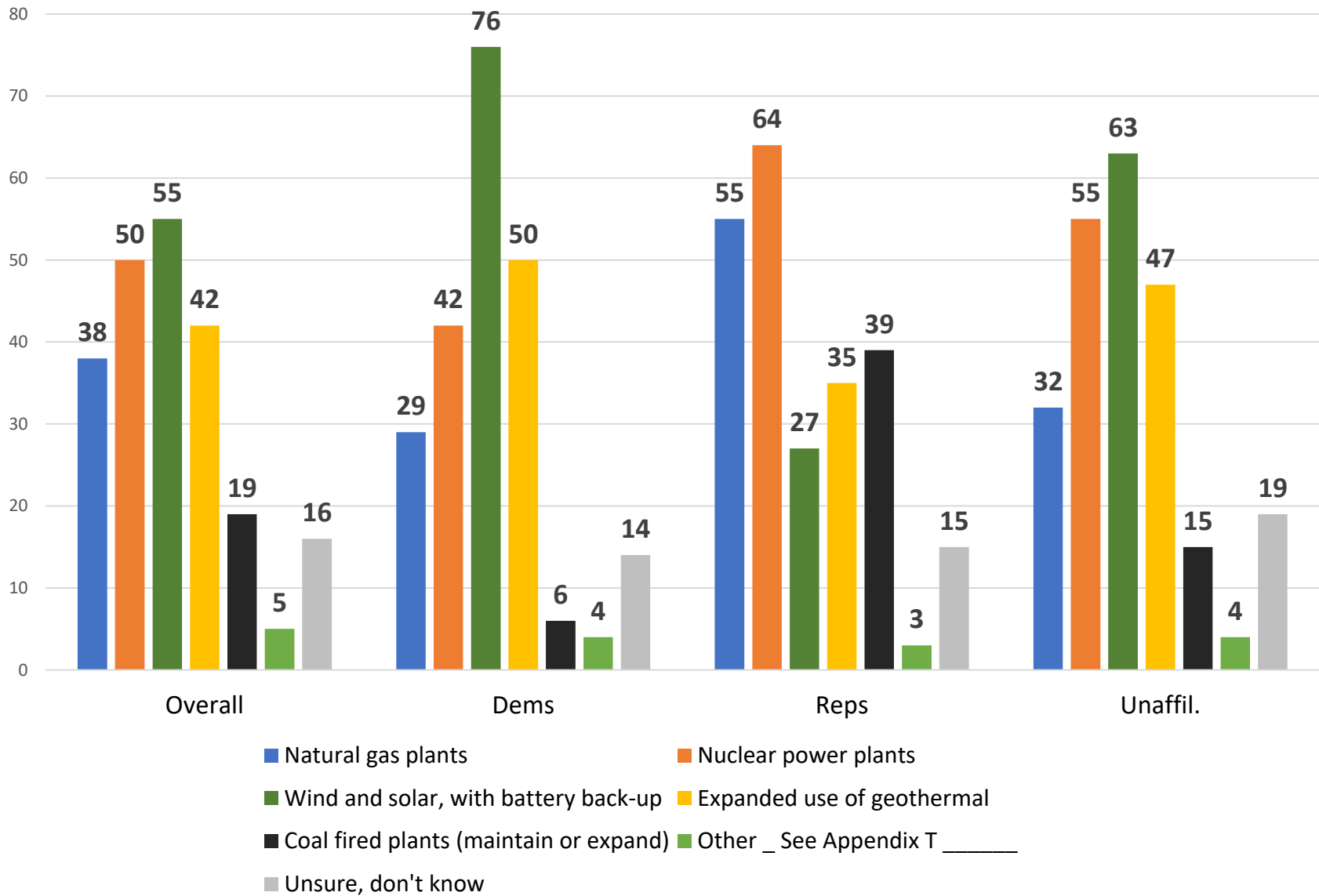
Table 38: Electricity Generation Options

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Wind and solar, with battery back-up	55	76	27	63
Nuclear power plants	50	42	64	55
Expanded use of geothermal	42	50	35	47
Natural gas plants	38	29	55	32
Coal fired plants (maintain or expand)	19	6	39	15
Other _ See Appendix S _____	5	4	3	4
Unsure, don't know	16	14	15	19

As shown on Table 38 and Graph 24, the energy generation option with the greatest support is “Wind and solar, with battery back-up” (55%) followed by nuclear (50%) and expanded use of geothermal (42%). The least favored option was the continued or expanded use of coal-fired plants (19%).

Looking next at the impact of party registration, it is clear that Democrats favored “wind and solar” (76%) over any other solution, followed by geothermal (50%) and nuclear (42%). Republicans’ top preference was nuclear (64%) followed by natural gas (55%). Among unaffiliateds, wind and solar (63%), nuclear (55%) and geothermal (47%) were the top choices, making them more similar to Democrats, but the results also highlight the wide gaps between Republicans and Democrats with regards to the use of wind/solar/geothermal vs. natural gas.

Graph 24: Preferences for Electricity Generation



State Law: Allow Wine and Beer to be Sold at Grocery Stores?

The last policy question relevant to the state of Maryland focused on the question of whether state law should be changed to allow wine and beer to be sold at grocery stores. Governor Moore favored this change, but in the end the effort faltered.¹⁶ What would Marylanders have preferred – retention of the current system or a change?

As shown on Table 39, this was finally an issue for which *party didn't matter*! Combining the strongly and somewhat support categories, preferences were about equal: Democrats 64%, Republicans 66% and unaffiliateds 66%. Given this unanimity, it is surprising that legislation could not be passed due to “significant political resistance and disinterest from other lawmakers.”

Table 39: Support for Allowing Wine and Beer to be Sold at Grocery Stores, Overall and by Party Registration

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Strongly support	38	37	39	37
Support somewhat	28	29	27	29
Don't support	28	27	28	25
Don't know	7	7	7	9
Total	101	100	101	101

¹⁶ See this article in marylandmatters.org <https://marylandmatters.org/2024/12/11/supporters-optimistic-this-is-the-year-for-beer-and-wine-in-grocery-stores/> Apparently it seemed that the change might come but by January 8, 2025, The Baltimore Banner reported, “After [coming out in favor](https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/politics-power/state-government/moore-beer-wine-grocery-stores-X44BW4OBSZCQPCECJO5TUN4ENE/) of allowing beer and wine sales at Maryland grocery stores, Gov. Wes Moore signaled Wednesday that he’s not planning to press the issue amid significant political resistance and disinterest from other lawmakers.” See <https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/politics-power/state-government/moore-beer-wine-grocery-stores-X44BW4OBSZCQPCECJO5TUN4ENE/>

State of the State Speech by Governor Wes Moore – Seen, Heard or Read About?

The last question in this section focuses on the impact of televised speeches that are made by top executives – in this case, Governor Moore’s address presented to the Maryland General Assembly on February 5, 2025. The question asked, “**Did you see, hear or read about Governor Wes Moore’s ‘State of the State speech’ presented to the Maryland General Assembly?**”

Table 40: Saw, Heard or Read About Moore’s State of the State Address, Overall and by Party Registration

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Yes	36	41	39	29
No	57	55	54	63
Unsure, don't know	7	4	7	8
Total	100	100	101	100

As shown on Table 40, *Attentiveness to the speech also seemed like a bipartisan activity.* About equal percentages of Democrats (41%) and Republicans (39%) claimed to have related to the address as asked in the question. Only the unaffiliateds were a bit inattentive (29%).

See Appendix T for comments about Maryland state policies.

Politics and Elections: Overview

The last part of the survey focused on parties and elections. It asked respondents to identify for whom they voted for president in 2024 and then followed up with a question about how satisfied they were with their vote.

In the past, CSLI surveys have asked respondents whether they believed Trump’s claim that the 2020 election was “stolen” from him. The specific question was not asked in the same way – but a version was included that offered more choices about both the 2020 and 2024 elections.

The survey also asked respondents to volunteer which party they trusted to cope with the problems faced by the country. Finally, the survey ended with a section about the job approval of various officeholders and institutions.

Vote for President, Satisfaction with the Choice

The survey asked respondents to indicate their choice in the presidential elections undertaken in November 2024. Table 41 shows the results. Harris was the winner by 17 points in the survey – she actually won by 14 points in the elections.¹⁷ The question offered choices other than just the choice of candidate: the voting options “3rd party candidate” and “didn’t vote for president, but voted for other offices...” showed defections especially among Republicans who were a bit more likely to avoid voting for their party’s nominee. Among the unaffiliated, Harris was the big winner, but again there were some defections from the two major party candidates.

Table 41: Vote for President in 2024

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Kamala Harris	52	91	11	56
Donald Trump	35	5	80	25
A 3 rd Party candidate	3	1	3	6
Didn’t vote for president, but voted for other offices like Senate or House	3	2	4	5
Didn’t vote at all	7	2	2	8
Total	100	101	100	100

When asked about their satisfaction with their choices – respondents had a variety of options from which to choose. Table 42 shows those options. None of the party categories was completely satisfied with their choices. Among Democrats, two-thirds (66%) were “completely satisfied” compared to 73% of Republicans and only 56% of unaffiliateds. A substantial segment of both Democrats and Republicans expressed the desire to have had a different nominee in the presidential contest. Very few said that they would not vote at all or have voted for a candidate other than the one they chose.

¹⁷ See https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2024/general_results/gen_results_2024_by_county_2.html

Table 42: Satisfaction with Choices for President

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
I am completely satisfied with my choice	66	65	73	56
I would be inclined to rethink my choice and not vote at all for president	2	2	3	6
I would be inclined to rethink my choice and vote for a different candidate	2	1	2	3
I wish my party had nominated a different candidate	29	32	22	35
Total	99	100	100	100

Legitimacy of the 2020 and 2024 Elections

The spring 2025 survey asked respondents, “Thinking about the last two presidential elections (in 2020 and 2024) which of the following statements best expresses your views?” Table 43 shows the choices and relevant percentages.

Table 43: Perceptions of the 2020 and 2024 Elections

Answer	Overall	Dems	Reps	Unaffil.
Biden won in 2020 and Trump won in 2024	68	84	49	71
Trump "won" both in 2020 and 2024	15	2	34	10
Something else? <u>See Appendix U</u>	10	11	9	11
Unsure/don't know	7	3	9	8
Total	100	100	101	100

About one-third (34%) of Republicans believe that Donald Trump won the elections in both 2020 and 2024. This is higher than the 15-20% that had expressed the belief that Trump won in 2020 as noted in previous CSLI surveys. Perhaps with Trump’s success in 2024, it reaffirmed the belief that he could not have lost in a legitimate and fair election in 2020? About half of the Republicans thought that Biden won in 2020 and Trump in 2024. Nearly one tenth chose the “something else” option to clarify their beliefs – a percentage about the same for both Democrats and unaffiliateds.

Below are examples of comments offered by respondents choosing the “something else” option:

Trump cheated in 2024

Biden won 2020

I don't believe that elections are rigged anymore.

Biden and Trump stole 2024

Biden won in 2020 and Trump interfered with counting in 2024

Biden won 2020. Not sure if Trump won 2024 since wasn't challenged like the 2020 election.

I believe Biden won and I also think that trump claiming her won in 2020 has hurt the countries trust in the election. If he can say and try to convince the public of a stolen election in 2020 who's to say he did not

tamper with the 2024 election. That being said I believe the outcome (sadly) but would not be surprised if Elon and trump tampered with the election and made it unfair

Biden won in 2020 & Trump hoodwinked the Americans to win in 2024

We can't rule out tampering. Unsure who fairly won but clearly by the current rules Biden won in 2020 and Trump in 2024. Not necessarily fairly.

trump didn't win in 2024, Harris lost, the American male population couldn't handle a female president

Trump probably cheated in 2024

Biden won in 2020, and Trump illegally won by billionaires supporting him and stupid people that voted for him

Biden won in 2020 Harris won in 2024. Trump admitted to cheating.

I vote for the person

Biden won in '20 and evil won in '24.

Trump bought the 2024 election and flooded the populace with lies and propaganda. Need to do a much better job in this country to educate people on authoritarianism, WWII, USSR, current Russian, North Korean, Chinese and other authoritarian regimes

I do not like to acknowledge that Trump won. It makes me sick.

Biden won 2020 and Trump "won" 2024

Biden won in 2020. Trump/Musk/Putin stole in 2024

Biden won in 2020. If Trump won in 2024, it was due to voter suppression and misinformation.

Elon Musk bought the 2024 election for Trump

There were no good choices. The American people lost the most in both elections.

I believe Biden won in 2020. I believe that Elon Musk used unfair financial power to influence the election. Yes, Trump won in 2024, but I think that if Elon Musk wasn't in the picture, we would have had a different outcome that might have brought more people to the poles to vote for Harris.

Biden won in 2020

Biden won in 202 and I don't know what happened in 2024

I am confident Biden won in 2020. I am suspicious about Trump's 2024 "win"—statistics experts claim that the chances of winning all 7 swing states with those tight margins are infinitesimal. Ballots with Trump at the top and no one down ballot seem strange; ballots with Trump at the top and all democrats down ballot seems implausible. Trump and Elon hints about "little secrets", satellites, and tweets saying "anything is hackable" add to my doubts. I am mystified as to why there were no hand counts, not even one county. If there had been a hand count verifying the results of the 2024 election, I would accept it.

Biden won 2020. Trump cheated 2024

Elon Musk bought the presidency for Trump

Biden won 2020 and Trump rigged 2024 election

I'm not convinced that the 2024 results were correct.

Biden won in 2020 and America lost in 2024

Biden won in 2020 and Kamala won in 2024

Job Approval for the President, Governor, and County Executive

Each AACC/CSLI community survey asks respondents to indicate approval or disapproval of the job performed by an incumbent in office. There are open-ended comments associated with each office – see **Appendices V through Y**.

Presidential Job Approval

The job approval focus will start with the president. Historically, prior to the 2020 elections for president, our fall 2020 poll found that former President Trump’s job approval was 43%, just slightly higher than the previous spring when it was 42%.

The first survey conducted after Biden’s election was spring 2021, when his job approval registered 52% (combining both “strongly” and “somewhat” approve percentages). The score continued to be strong at 54% in the fall of that year.

By spring 2022, his job approval had dropped to 46% echoing a generally declining job approval score in national polls which reached 41% at that time according to [realclearpolitics.com](https://www.realclearpolitics.com) (see Graph 25). While the spring 2023 CSLI survey showed Biden as having reached a new low in job approval (41%), the fall 2023 survey showed the beginning of a pattern of improvement, rising to 44% followed 48% in spring 2024 – which is where it remained in fall 2024 – the last survey prior to the 2024 elections.

It is important to remember that national politics are not perfectly replicated in Anne Arundel County since in 2020 Biden won by 18 points over Trump, and in 2024 Harris beat Trump by 14 points – results that were far better than national outcomes. This being the case, it is not surprising that national polling showed Biden weaker than local county polling – since according to [realclearpolitics.com](https://www.realclearpolitics.com) Biden’s job approval around 40% throughout 2024.¹⁸ Insofar as the county has leaned to the Democratic side at least at the national level, it would not be unusual to find that Trump would do more poorly locally than would be shown by national polls.¹⁹

Graph 25 shows the pattern for both poll sources – CSLI as well as Gallup/RCP. Table 44 shows the CSLI overall job approval score over the period spring 2016 to spring 2025. Table 45 shows presidential job approval from spring 2023 to spring 2025 by party as well as overall.

Graph 25 clearly illustrates both the tendency for Trump in his first term to be below national averages in the county, Biden to be above, and now Trump in his second term to be below in the county again. In fact, possibly due to Anne Arundel County’s proximity to Washington D.C. and thus more strongly affected by Trump’s policies, his approval score was well below that shown by national polling. Based on the information on Table 45, Trump’s low score this spring was based especially on dismal results among unaffiliateds whose job approval for Biden in fall 2024 was 39% but only 23% for Trump this spring.

¹⁸ For the RCP’s job approval scores see <https://www.realclearpolling.com/polls/approval/joe-biden/approval-rating>

¹⁹ 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. Unfortunately, the Gallup organization now only tracks presidential job approval monthly, making it less relevant to the periods when the AACC/CSLI poll is in the field. Comparisons now rely on the [realclearpolitics.com](https://www.realclearpolitics.com) site, where recent national polls can be compared to AACC/CSLI poll results. For the most recent results see <https://www.realclearpolling.com/polls/approval/donald-trump/approval-rating>.

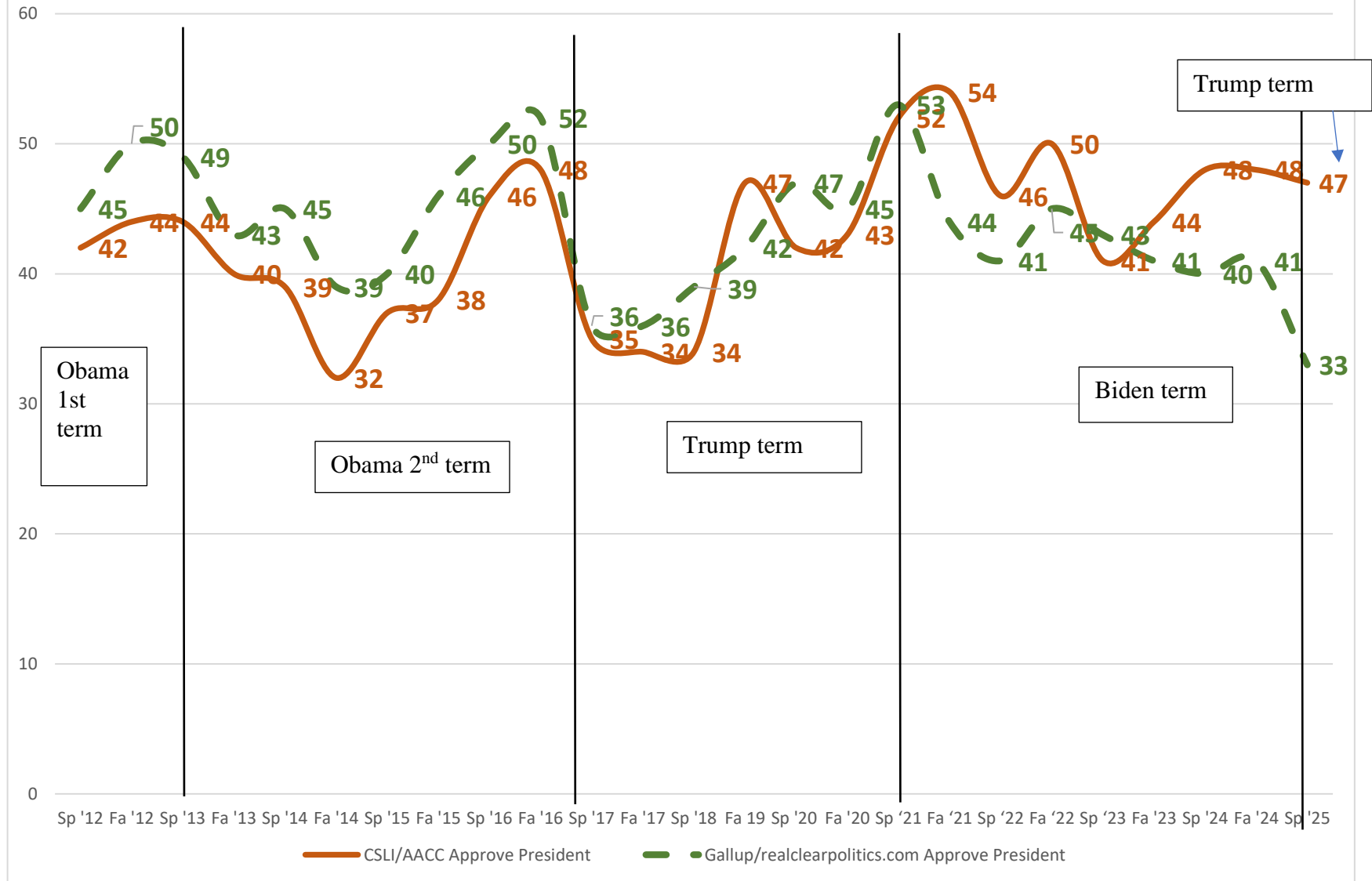
Table 44: CSLI Presidential Job Approval Spring 2016 to Spring 2025

	Sp '16	Fa '16	Sp '17	Fa '17	Sp '18	Sp '19	Fa '19	Sp '20	Fa '20	Sp '21	Fa '21	Sp '22	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Approve	46	48	35	34	34	40	47	42	43	52	54	46	50	41	44	48	48	33
Disapprove	47	46	54	55	56	56	56	58	56	42	44	50	42	54	49	50	44	62
No answer	7	6	11	11	11	4	3	0	1	5	3	5	7	6	4	2	8	4
Total	100	100	100	100	101	101	99	100	100	99	101	101	99	101	100	101	100	99

**Table 45: CSLI Presidential Job Approval – Overall and by Party Registration,
Spring 2023 through Spring 2025**

	Overall					Dems					Reps					Unaffiliated				
	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Strongly+somewhat	41	44	48	48	33	72	79	75	81	5	9	8	12	15	76	27	30	34	39	23
Strongly approve	15	21	21	18	18	31	42	36	36	2	2	4	3	4	44	3	6	10	5	12
Somewhat approve	26	23	27	30	15	41	37	39	45	3	7	4	9	11	32	24	24	24	34	11
Somewhat disapprove	13	9	11	11	5	9	8	11	8	3	9	7	11	12	5	26	18	16	12	9
Strongly disapprove	41	43	39	33	57	16	11	11	7	91	80	85	77	71	15	41	45	41	38	64
Unsure, don't know	6	4	2	8	4	4	3	4	4	1	3	0	0	3	5	6	8	8	11	4
Total	101	101	100	100	99	101	101	100	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	100	101	99	100	100

Graph 25: Presidential Job Approval Spring 2012 to Spring 2025



Here are some examples of comments offered in the presidential job approval section. See **Appendix V** for the full list.

He's doing what he said he'd do.

He is saving the country from government overreach.

Only got one of two choices and no way would I never vote for a back stabber like Kamala

Not qualified to have any supervisor position over even a single person

He's a con-man and a front for the technocratic and white Christian nationalist coup that has taken place.

Large swaths of family/friends work for the federal government. Plus, my college is currently being paid for by my family, and the threat of largescale firings in the federal government means that my inability to attend a four year institution is a growing possibility

The president should be uniting the nation and keeping us strong. Instead we're in chaos. Tariff power needs to go back to congress. He should treat friendly nations like friends.

Trump seems to have triggered the downfall of the economy and our standing in the world.

He is a fascist Nazi that should not have been allowed to run for president due to many reasons including inciting a coup. His policies are an affront to human rights, and he is a horrible person and politician.

Trump has wasted our time and resources. He is destroying our standing in the world. He is totally unsuited to public service.

He deserves a lower score but it was not an available option

I think President Trump has legitimate concerns about the size, cost, and reach of the Federal Government, but he seems unaware that he is a president, not a dictator.

His administration clearly is in way over their heads and have no idea what they are doing.

He is the figurehead for political incompetence and corruption.

He's bringing us fascism in the United States.

Ignorant uncaring petty criminal living in a bubble.

It seems the president's policies are designed to destroy the rule of law, damage the country's long term interests and ability to continue to grow economically with a healthy and educated population. The policies are more geared towards authoritarianism, his personal enrichment and those of his supporters.

Awful human and terrible president. He is not a leader, he's a mess.

The worse President we've ever had. He has dismantled our democracy.

Trump is a racist, xenophobe and misogynist. He is not smart and not wise. He has authoritarian tendencies and aspirations. He is wrecking this country using intimidation.

I don't support fascists.

This dude is the worst. People living in this country are significantly less safe now than they were when he took office. He has demonstrated time and time again that he does not care about the American people and is willing to break the law to get his way. We are seeing echoes from Nazi Germany with this administration, which is absolutely terrifying to see.

Gubernatorial Job Approval

Former Governor Larry Hogan set a high bar for job approval as he ended his governorship with job approval scores above 70 percent (see Graph 26). Wes Moore would seem to have a difficult time creating the broad coalition of Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliateds to sustain similar job approval scores. It seemed inevitable that Moore would be very unlikely to hold on to most of the Republican Party, implying that his job approval would ultimately depend mostly on Democrats as well as liberal or moderate unaffiliateds. The results are shown in Tables 46 and 47, as well as Graph 26 (by party registration) and Graph 27 (by ideology).

We now have five results for Moore's job approval – spring/fall 2023/spring/fall 2024/spring 2025. The following observations seem warranted:

- (1) There was initially a 26-point gap between Hogan's last job approval score (75%) and Moore's first score in spring 2023 (49%). That gap narrowed to just 16 points (59%) by spring 2024 but increased again to 24 points by fall 2024 (51%). For spring 2025, the gap has further increased to 27 points.
- (2) Moore's job approval improvement has been based on maintaining a high score among Democrats (maintained this spring) and continuing improvement in scores among unaffiliateds. In spring 2025, his performance dropped among the unaffiliateds (from 50% to 45%).
- (3) Republicans' support has varied from 37% to 22% prior to this spring, but reached a low mark in the spring 2025 (14%) accounting for some of Moore's decline in general approval.²⁰
- (4) It seems likely that any future enhancement of Moore's job approval would require an improvement in Democratic scores – closer to the 83% he had in fall 2023 and winning over more unaffiliateds, many of whom have had no opinion.
- (5) Moore's job approval has declined among moderate and conservative ideological categories. A resurgence among “moderates” – the largest group – would have a strong positive impact upon his job approval (see Table 47 and Graph 27).

²⁰ While there isn't a way of testing this hypothesis using the data in the survey, it is possible that both Biden's and Moore's approval scores in spring 2024 were positively impacted by their responses to the collapse of the Key Bridge. As the focus on that event has lessened, the decline of job approval seemed to follow. See the reporting at, e.g., <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/baltimore-bridge-collapse-biden-visit-francis-scott-key/>

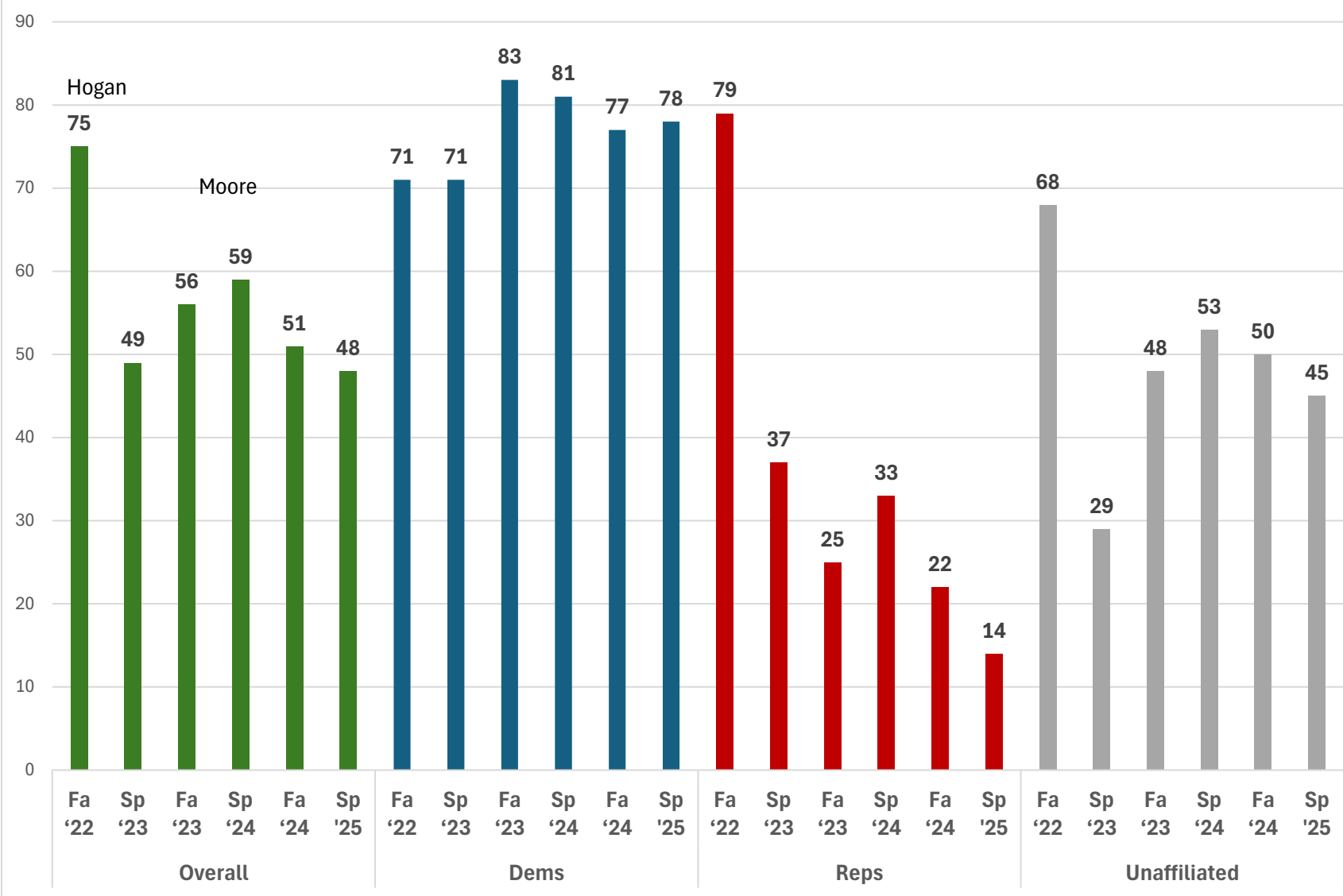
**Table 46: Gubernatorial Job Approval – Overall and by Party Registration,
Spring 2023 through Spring 2025**

	Overall					Dems					Reps					Unaffiliated				
	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Strongly+somewhat	49	56	59	51	48	71	83	81	77	78	37	25	33	22	14	29	48	53	50	45
Strongly approve	23	27	28	25	19	35	48	47	45	36	18	7	7	6	4	11	15	26	18	12
Somewhat approve	26	29	31	26	29	36	35	34	32	42	19	18	26	16	10	19	33	27	32	33
Somewhat disapprove	14	13	16	18	12	9	5	6	8	6	20	24	30	35	16	20	11	19	18	18
Strongly disapprove	10	18	13	13	28	2	4	3	3	6	25	40	30	32	61	6	15	11	8	20
Unsure, don't know	27	14	12	18	13	19	7	10	12	9	19	11	7	11	10	44	27	18	23	17
Total	100	101	100	100	101	101	99	100	100	99	101	100	100	100	100	100	101	101	99	100

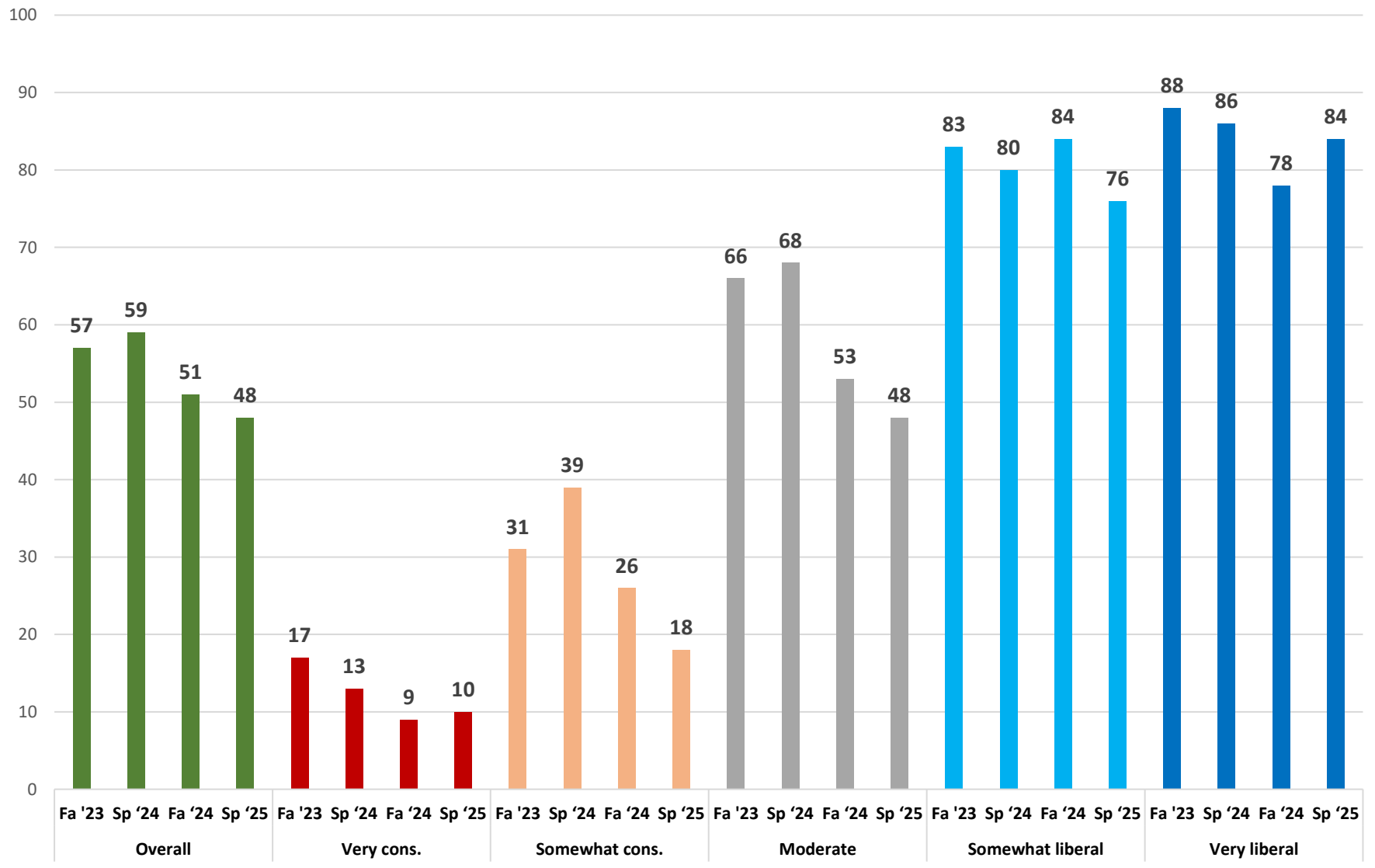
Table 47: Gubernatorial Job Approval by Ideology, Fall 2023-Spring 2025

	Overall				Very cons.				SW cons.				Mod.				SW lib.				Very lib.			
	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Strongly+somewhat approve	57	59	51	48	17	13	9	10	31	39	26	18	66	68	53	48	83	80	84	76	88	86	78	84
Strongly approve	27	28	25	19	0	6	4	2	8	9	7	6	29	31	27	17	52	42	39	34	49	53	47	34
Somewhat approve	29	31	26	29	17	7	5	8	23	30	19	12	37	37	26	31	31	38	45	42	39	33	31	50
Somewhat disapprove	13	16	18	12	23	37	33	9	27	30	34	18	9	14	21	14	2	3	5	8	2	3	2	3
Strongly disapprove	18	13	13	28	53	35	51	74	31	25	24	54	12	9	11	25	1	1	0	5	0	0	2	1
Unsure, no opinion	14	12	18	13	7	15	8	8	12	6	16	10	12	10	14	13	14	16	12	12	10	11	18	12
Total	101	100	100	101	100	100	101	101	101	100	100	100	99	101	99	100	100	100	101		100	100	100	

Graph 26: Job Approval Governor - % "Strongly+Somewhat Approve"
Overall and by Party Registration



**Graph 27: Job Approval Governor -
"Strongly+Somewhat Approve" by Ideology**



Here are examples of comments made about job approval for governor. See **Appendix W** for the full list.

Originally liked him, but he's beginning to take the state in the wrong direction. Blame the current budget deficit on the previous Governor? Disingenuous

He is a tax and waste leftist.

Should have known MD was overspending previously and would lead to working class paying even higher fees and taxes

Wes Moore inherited a State government budget that because of COVID funds was balanced. Maryland for many years has had a budget that has had a structural deficit...this has never been fixed.

Not sure I trust everything he is telling us. Where did the extra money go that was in the budget. Need Hogan back.

Future National leader

Governor Moore has been on the correct side of social issues most impacting our state. I believe that his past performance is a good indicator that he will lead Maryland to a economically, and healthy state in response to federal government incompetence.

Mr. Moore displays a reasonable approach to most issues facing the state, including most of his proposals for dealing with the budget shortfall.

Maryland seems to be going in a good direction and Governor Moore has been leading as well as I expected

Seems to be looking to his next step a little too much

He's doing as well as he can with the issues Felon Trump has given him.

Charismatic but needs to stand tall and cut state employment and particularly overtime.

I am not that keen on Moore's priorities and execution of his duties. He seems phony

He is doing his best for the state, although some of his policies aren't ideal.

Promising views and cares for js

Is between rock and hard place, some of his own making.

Governor is an inspirational leader. It is a bit too early to know if that quality empowers his administration to reach out his lofty campaign goals.

Thought state was in great shape so he started out as of a PR person and he now realizes that he no longer with this record etc be able to run for president as we all know was is only intend at the beginning but is starting to see the light that governor of Maryland is not easy especially with this Trump administration show we'll see.

Governor Moore seems great if not a little untested. That being said, I have really liked him over all.

Failure so far. Look at the deficit and need/desire to raise taxes. Poor showing

MD run more like a business

I wish he would step up more as a leader.

He's going a great job

Don't know what he is doing

Heart's in the right place. I'm not sure he knows how to get to where Maryland needs to be.

I think he is doing a good job with the many challenges of the state. I think doing budget cuts and not just taxes was wise and also trying to address education funding -- especially in uncertain times.

Very liberal

Still waiting for him to do something other than take credit for others ideas

I read his books, he is not man we see in public. His words are not very trueful. He has his eye on the White House, we don't need another Obama.

County Executive Job Approval

Anne Arundel county executives have had a difficult time knowing exactly where they stand with the public due to the relatively large number of respondents who don't know enough to offer an evaluation. On average, between a fifth and a fourth of respondents say "don't know" when asked about the county executive's job approval. With County Executive Steuart Pittman in his second term, it might seem that there would be growing recognition of his performance while in office, but this hasn't been seen in the survey results – at least judging by the "unsure" scores – which remained consistently high this spring at 27%. This tends to create the impression of relatively low job approval, looking only at the absolute values of the percentages in the "strongly+somewhat" approve line in Table 48 – for this spring, 43%. One way to circumvent this issue is to note the net approval score – this means adding strongly and somewhat approve together and then subtracting the somewhat and strongly disapprove scores.

Table 48: County Executive Job Approval – Overall

	Overall							
	Fa '21	Sp '22	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Net approval	11	15	8	8	15	14	14	12
Strongly+somewhat	45	47	42	43	46	45	41	43
Strongly approve	15	20	18	16	19	18	14	20
Somewhat approve	30	27	24	27	27	27	27	23
Somewhat disapprove	13	11	15	13	12	14	12	12
Strongly disapprove	21	21	19	22	19	17	15	18
Unsure, don't know	21	21	24	22	22	24	32	27
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	101	

According to the scores in Table 48, Pittman has essentially maintained a narrow range of variation in **net approval** score for the last **four** surveys ranging from a high of 15 points in fall 2023 and 13 points in spring 2025. As shown on Table 49, this consistent pattern had been based on stable net positive scores among unaffiliateds, but that group dropped 7 points this spring compared to fall 2024. Moreover, Pittman's ranking among Republicans this spring was a net minus 41, a score that was 6 points more negative than last fall.

Sustaining Pittman's net approval score this spring was a 9-point increase among Democrats whose net approval rose from 53% to 62%. This complements some rises in net approval among moderates, somewhat liberals and very liberals (see Table 50). Scores among very/somewhat conservatives were both lower, offsetting gains among the other ideological categories.

Graph 28 shows job approval scores (absolute values) for the president, governor and county executive from spring 2014 to spring 2025.

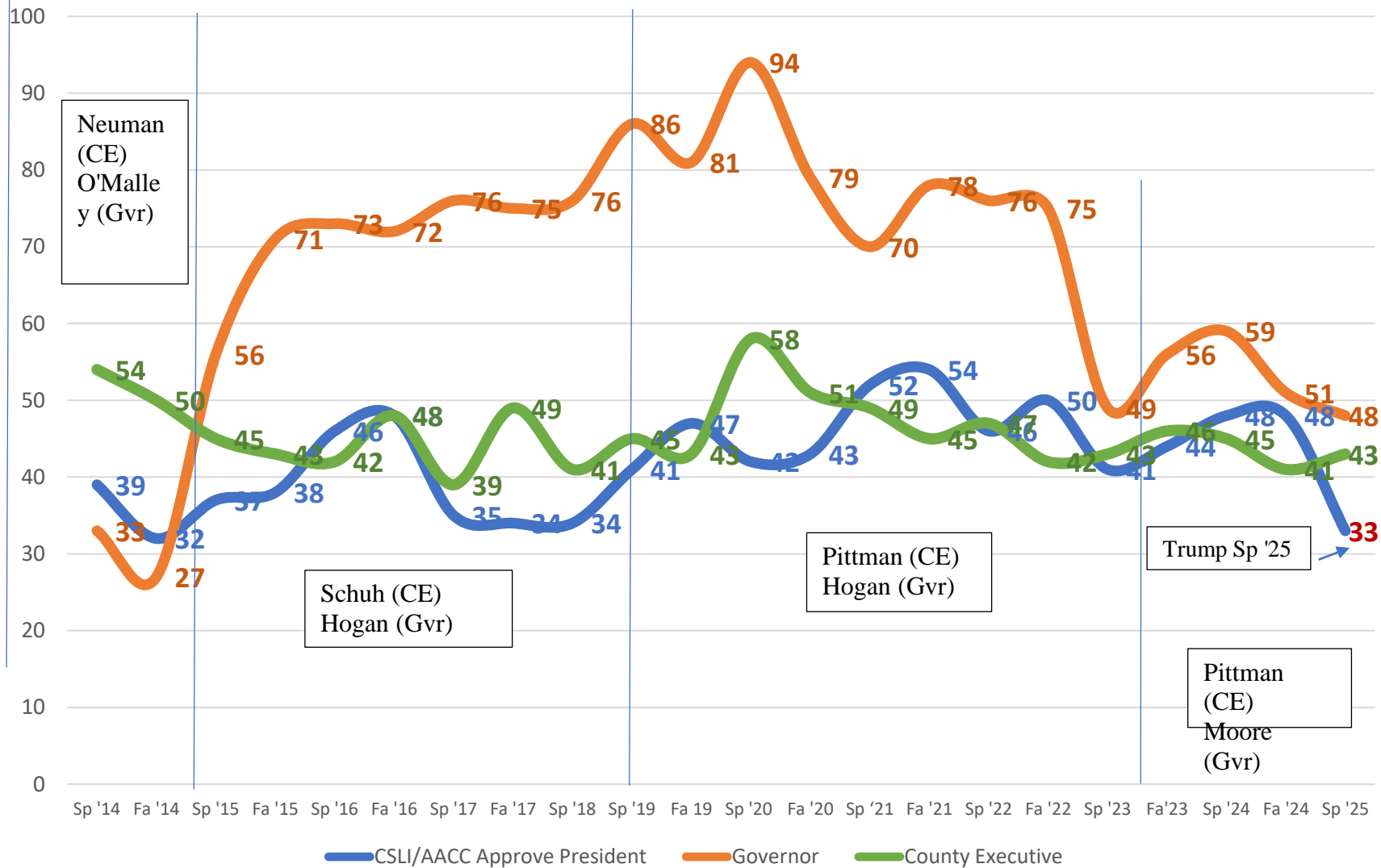
**Table 49: County Executive Job Approval – Overall and
by Party Registration, Spring 2023 to Spring 2025**

	Overall					Dems					Reps					Unaffiliated				
	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Net approval	8	15	14	14	13	47	59	51	53	62	-20	-36	-38	-35	-41	-28	2	13	14	7
Strongly+somewhat	43	46	45	41	43	62	70	64	62	69	31	28	25	22	22	31	31	39	38	35
Strongly approve	16	19	18	14	20	32	37	30	27	38	3	5	6	4	4	6	6	11	4	14
Somewhat approve	27	27	27	27	23	30	33	34	35	31	29	23	19	18	18	25	25	28	34	21
Somewhat disapprove	13	12	14	12	12	7	6	9	4	4	20	23	24	24	22	21	13	13	14	14
Strongly disapprove	22	19	17	15	18	8	5	4	5	3	31	41	39	33	41	38	16	13	10	14
Unsure, don't know	22	22	24	32	27	24	19	23	29	24	17	9	12	21	16	11	40	34	37	38
Total	100	100	100	101	100	101	100	100	101	100	100	101	101	100	101	101	100	99	99	101

Table 50: County Executive Job Approval by Ideology, Spring 2024 to Spring 2025

	Overall			Very cons.			SW cons.			Mod.			SW lib.			Very lib.		
	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Net approval	14	14	13	-45	-63	-65	-31	-15	-28	22	13	24	57	57	61	59	54	56
Strongly+somewhat	45	41	43	19	11	12	28	30	27	48	43	50	67	62	66	65	59	59
Strongly approve	18	14	20	8	2	3	6	6	7	15	14	20	26	20	35	40	31	35
Somewhat approve	27	27	23	11	9	9	22	24	20	33	29	30	41	42	31	25	28	24
Somewhat disapprove	14	12	12	15	32	19	27	20	20	12	13	14	8	5	3	4	2	3
Strongly disapprove	17	15	18	49	42	58	31	25	35	14	17	12	2	2	2	2	3	0
Unsure, no opinion	24	32	27	17	14	11	14	25	18	27	28	24	22	31	29	30	36	39
Total	100	101	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	101	101	100	99	100	100	101	100	101

**Graph 28: Job Approval for President, Governor, County Executive -
Spring 2014 to Spring 2025**



Here are examples of comments made about the job approval of the county executive. See **Appendix X**

Tax and spend Democrat. No spine

He is a tax and waste leftist.

Makes strong effort

Pittman embodies what local politics should be - taking care of people. I believe his focus is on implementing our informal motto: making AACo a place for everyone.

He is a very present candidate, I can name a number of functions that I could attend to see him face to face.

I appreciate his desire to communicate with the community.

I don't know enough about him

Good communicator. Seems to know what going on in the country.

He's done a good job overall, but south county seems to get a disproportionate share of attention.

He's okay.

Mr. Pittman continues to communicate his position and decision making process with the voters. He seems to be concerned about working for the people.

Idk who he is

A thoughtful, caring and effective leader who represents all County residents.

Talks a good game about controlling growth...but does little.

He is a local businessman whom I respect.

Mr. Pittman's views are best aligned with mine. He defeated a nationally supported right wing candidate who is now on the BOE (read DANGER).

Mr. Pittman has excellent communication skills and uses technology effectively. He demonstrates an interest in furthering the benefits of the county to all residents.

Don't follow or get much information on performance and current state of county politics

National news is getting more attention these days

I don't like some of what he's doing, but I like other things. I do remember specifically not voting for him for several reasons. Plus, if I remember correctly, he likes cops and Israel, both of which are disgusting of him.

I have been reading and following CoExec Steuart Pittman's email newsletters, and am highly impressed and in agreement with his perspective and what he is doing. PS - More money for schools and libraries is ALWAYS a good thing!

I appreciate his efforts to keep us fully informed!

Not sure what he is doing for our county. Things aren't getting better

Steuart Pittman works hard to keep Anne Arundel County the way it is and make it a nice place to live and raise a family.

Not familiar enough with his work to make an informed opinion

I am pleased with his performance and results.

Legislatures and Supreme Court – Job Approval

The spring 2021 survey included a first look at several legislative bodies 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 U.S. Supreme Court. The updated results are shown in Tables 51 and 52 as well as Graph 29.

Job approval for Congress was positively affected by a 23-point rise in approval offered by Republicans. This was the CSLI first survey since the 2024 congressional elections gave Republicans majorities both the Senate and the House of Representatives, so it wasn't surprising to find that Republicans approval of Congress was enhanced.

Regarding the Supreme Court, its job approval has not changed much over the last five surveys ranging from a high of 38% and a low of 30% - this spring the percentage was more on the low side – 32% - although it was up two points since last fall.

In terms of local institutions – the Anne Arundel County Council, the Board of Education, and the Maryland General Assembly – very slight changes were observed (see Table 51). The Board of Education's combined job approval score (strongly+somewhat approve) was up from 36% to 39%. It has enjoyed an upswing in support since its low point in spring 2023 (see how this is illustrated in Graph 29). The county council changed from 42% to 43%. The Maryland General Assembly dropped one point to 38%.

The stability in overall scores masked some changes in the party levels of support. The general pattern was that Democrats increased their support of institutions in which they had implicit (Board of Education) or explicit majorities (county council and Maryland General Assembly). Republicans were mixed but changes were very small. Unaffiliateds were lower in their approval for all the institutions, local and national. See Table 53 for details.

Table 51: Legislatures and Supreme Court – Job Approval Overall, Fall 2021 to Spring 2025

	Strongly+somewhat approve							
	Fa '21	Sp '22	Fa '22	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Anne Arundel County Council	47	49	46	44	48	44	42	43
Board of Education	36	36	32	27	38	37	36	39
Maryland General Assembly	44	42	39	36	42	42	39	38
U.S. Congress	24	19	24	15	14	17	16	22
US Supreme Court	42	42	39	31	36	36	30	32

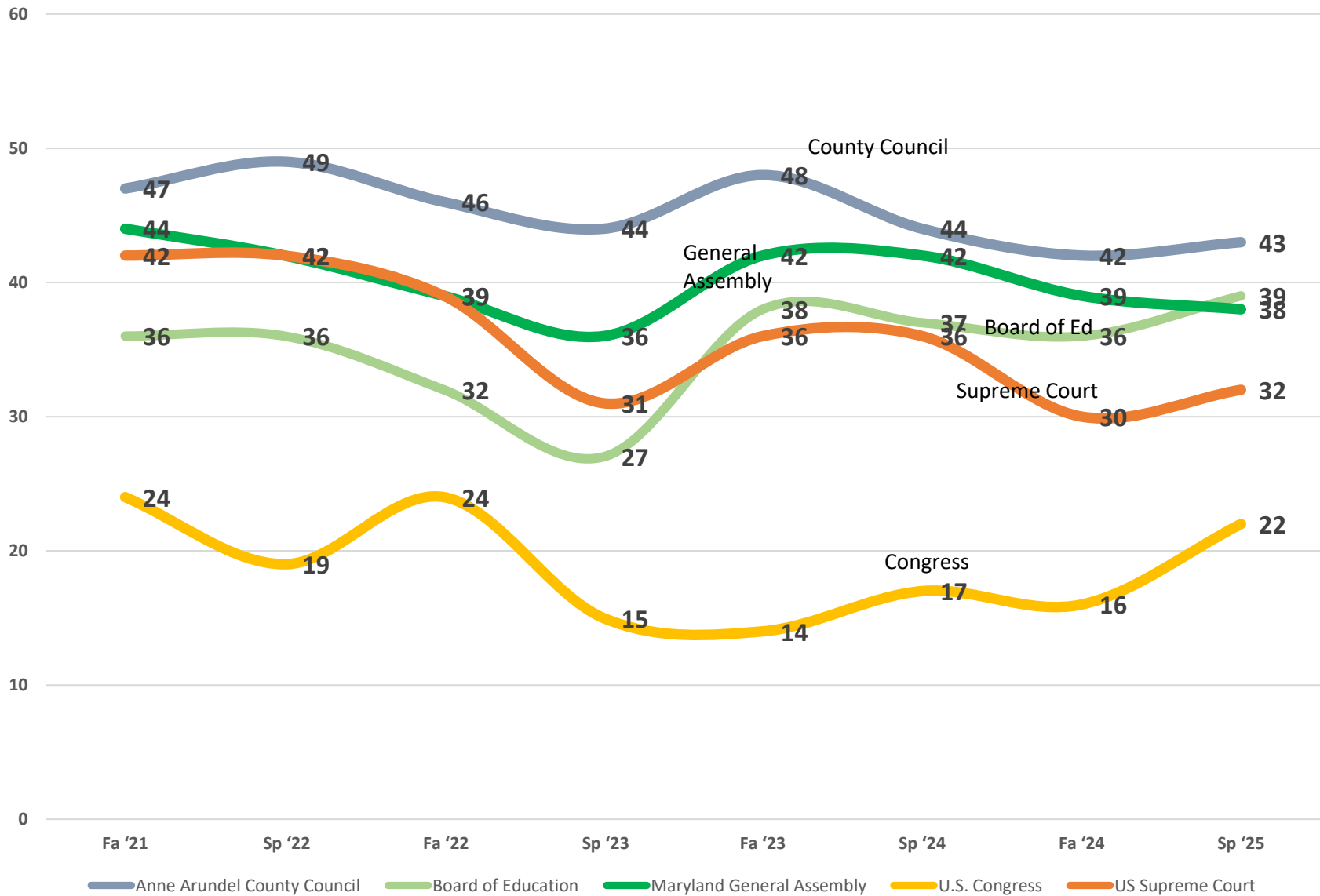
Table 52: Legislatures and Supreme Court – Job Approval Detailed, Spring 2023 to Spring 2025

	Strongly approve					Somewhat approve					Somewhat disapprove					Strongly disapprove					Unsure, no opinion				
	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Anne Arundel County Council	6	7	8	5	7	38	41	36	37	36	17	13	23	20	17	7	15	8	5	9	31	24	26	34	32
Board of Education	2	4	6	5	8	25	34	31	31	31	18	19	21	26	15	23	18	15	11	15	32	25	27	27	31
Maryland General Assembly	7	9	9	5	7	29	33	33	34	31	14	13	19	17	13	18	21	16	11	21	33	25	23	34	28
U.S. Congress	1	1	2	1	3	14	13	15	15	19	41	30	32	32	21	33	46	43	36	46	11	9	9	16	11
US Supreme Court	7	9	11	11	7	26	27	25	19	26	21	20	18	16	24	36	35	38	40	32	9	9	9	15	11

Table 53: Legislatures and Supreme Court – Job Approval by Party (Strongly+somewhat), Spring 2023 to Spring 2025

	Overall					Dems					Reps					Unaffil.				
	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '23	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Anne Arundel County Council	44	48	44	42	43	59	68	63	57	62	32	31	28	27	29	50	38	27	40	35
Board of Education	27	38	37	36	39	39	53	52	45	55	17	26	21	23	23	26	27	32	40	35
Maryland General Assembly	36	42	42	39	38	57	64	65	54	59	19	20	16	19	16	23	34	32	41	34
U.S. Congress	15	14	17	16	22	18	16	19	11	10	20	17	14	18	41	10	6	12	20	16
US Supreme Court	31	36	38	30	32	13	19	12	9	13	58	63	65	62	58	45	35	42	31	29

Graph 29: Job Approval (strongly/somewhat) for Legislatures and the Supreme Court



Here are examples of comments made about job approval for other institutions. See **Appendix Y**.

The county council are just a group of "seat warmers". The general assembly has their priorities askewed. Supreme Court is an utterly corrupt political agent with less than zero institutional credibility.

County council leans toward developers.

Republican lead institutions are complicit in the destruction of the US

I'll be honest, I have no idea what's going on with them.

Congress needs to rethink about how they are going about cutting/ reducing government services which I strongly feel that these current actions are NOT for the people however are structured for the " ELITE" as planned by Project 2025, unfortunately and sadly.

Congress & SCOTUS out to lunch!

Congress needs to do their job and rein in Trump on all his illegal acts.

Too many members of congress act to preserve themselves rather than cooperate to make decisions that in balance work for us all

The RepubliCons in the US congress need to get a spine. SCOTUS needs to re-read the Constitution.

Supreme Court is in Trump's pocket

The Supreme Court has to have the spine and courage to save our country.

The republiscum Congress is a joke. They bear witness to the fact that a group of baboons is called a "congress". The republiscum Senate is a collection of largely old white males who lack any sort of backbone or principles. And the Supreme Court has a majority of unqualified and corrupt justices, unethical partisan hacks.

The Republicans in congress are spineless Trump teat drinkers. The Democrats are nearly as bad and are being very quiet about their colleagues across the aisle.

The Supreme Court has sadly been stacked against many of the causes i believe are best for this country, but so far it seems they are still behaving appropriately for their office.

Supreme Court justices are supposed to be disinterested (impartial) but most are clearly politically biased. At least one openly takes bribes, while another lied to Congress during his confirmation hearings. I have no faith they will adjudicate honestly.

Democrats do not have a cohesive game plan and need new leadership.

SCOTUS can save US democracy but not sure it will.

The US Supreme Court is taking the country backwards legally and throwing away decades of progress. The republican led US House and Senate have abdicated their article one powers and have put party above the needs to the nation.

Congress is failing in its duties and I am not optimistic about the Supreme Court.

Supreme court has made some decisions that shake my faith in the rule of law, but have also surprised me a couple of times with decisions that I agree with.

The supreme court member appointed by trump have been supporting trumps insane policies and they gave him a get out of jail free card for his treasonous actions. Several of the justices have accepted monetary favors from individuals and not reported their actions.

US Congress is currently run by Republicans. They don't govern based the best interests of the Country. Party over Country.

The AACO Democratic Select Committee is picking our candidates and they do not represent the demographics of residents. Nonpartisan elections for Annapolis need to be initiated. Open primaries legislation needs to be passed.

The Supreme Court is filled with corrupt liars who have sold out the country for airplane rides and a cool RV.

The current issue with Democrats is that they are getting in their own way. There is no reason why we should not be feeling the effects of the Biden infrastructure bill. However, the review structure they wrote into the bill takes years for a project to get through. Gov. Shapiro can rebuild a section of I-95 in days. Gov. Newsom rebuilt Highway 10 in days. Democrats need to get out of their own way. The populist programs and ideas they have take too long to notice, so they will continue to lose elections.

Trust in Political Parties

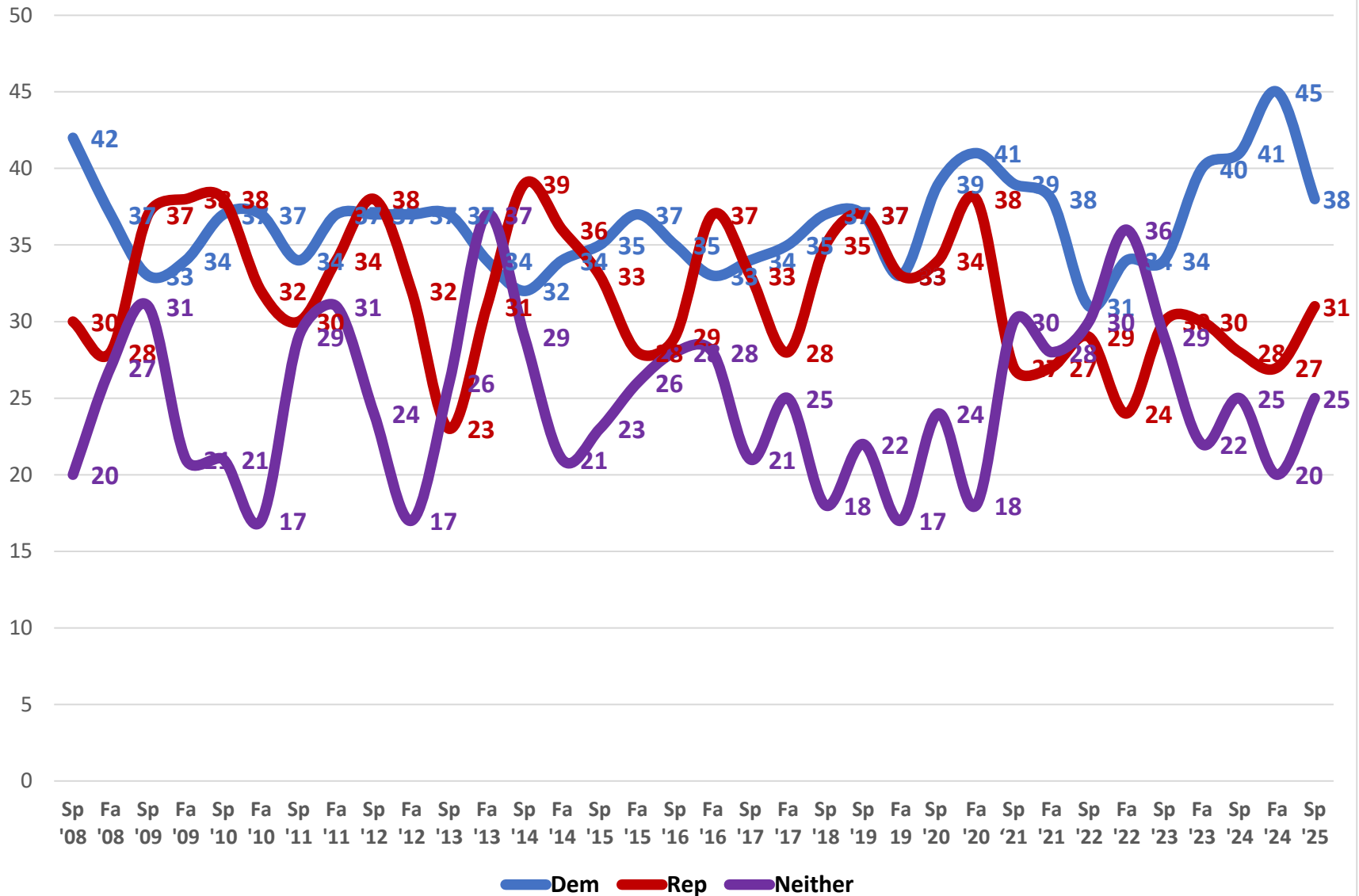
Since 2008, AACC/CSLI surveys have asked “which party do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years.” Graph 30 shows that there have been some sharper oscillations on the Republican side, scores as low as 23% and as high as 39%. The current value – 31% - is up 4 points from last fall, still among its lower scores and consistent with recent scores. The party’s scores fell some 10 points after the insurrection at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, and has never really recovered since.

Prior to this spring, Democrats have had less variation in trust levels, ranging from 32 to 45%, the latter obtained last fall. The current score is 38% which is down 7 points and surely reflects frustration with the party’s performance in 2024. According to reporting in The Hill, “Thirty-seven percent of voters said they approved of the party in March, just slightly up from 36 percent in February. The latest approval ratings for the party are the lowest since March of 2018.”²¹ Anne Arundel County findings seem to reaffirm this interpretation of the Democratic Party’s situation with regards to public opinion.

Those saying “neither” have varied the most, from a low of 17% to a high of 37%. The downtick in the Democrats’ score correlated with an increase in the value of the “neither” score, that went up from 20% last fall to 25% this spring.

²¹ See <https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/5224072-democrats-low-approval-rating/>

Graph 30: Percentage Saying Trust a Party



Methodology

The survey polled a sample of 2213 county residents who were at least 18 years old. Interviewing was conducted online using various databases including one of members of the AACC/CSLI web panel who were recruited when conducting previous telephone interviews. Students participated in the selection of topics and analysis of results as well as respondents to the survey. There was also outreach to other residents through the assistance of the EyeOnAnnapolis.com, the Anne Arundel County Public Library system and a purchased email list of county residents. The survey was in the field from March 28 to April 6, 2025. There was about a 2% statistical margin of error assuming that a random sampling method had been used – in this case the data collection process relied partly on random outreach to email lists as well as an opt-in participation method. This might have introduced additional errors. In any case, 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.

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This press release can be obtained at <https://www2.aacc.edu/csli/AACC-Community-Survey-Spring-2025-Press-Release.pdf>. For all other press releases see www2.aacc.edu/csli.

Appendix A: AACC Semi-Annual Survey – Spring, 2025

(with selected percentages from spring 2020-Spring 2025)

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 '21	Fall '21	Spring '22	Fall '22	Spring '23	Fall '23	Spring '24	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Mean
Childcare services (access, affordable)					8	3	6	7	7	6
Coronavirus (spread, treatment, testing)	53	35	14	6	2	3	0	1	1	13
Crime (other than drug related)	10	13	26	27	24	36	22	20	18	22
Drugs (use or sale of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, or use of prescription pain killers for non-medical purposes.)	11	9	20	19	21	19	14	12	8	15
Economy – (e.g., no jobs, high cost of living, business closing or losses)	22	22	19	32	22	23	26	30	25	25
Economy – Loss of job or income due to changes in the federal government .									23	23
Education (problems with schools, quality, facilities, staff, discipline)	22	24	20	23	18	18	12	15	15	19
Environment (e.g., air or water pollution, saving the Bay, climate change)	11	13	10	7	13	9	11	13	9	11
Government ethics (corrupt, immoral)	9	5	8	4	4	7	6	3	5	6
Government waste (inefficient, spends too much)	12	7	9	9	8	9	9	9	13	9
Government lacks resources (for roads, schools, services)	3	4	6	6	3	5	5	6	4	5
Growth/overpopulation (too much development, poorly planned)	11	16	17	18	22	16	20	18	16	17
Healthcare (cost, access)	4	7	6	7	10	8	12	8	8	8
Housing cost	7	11	16	13	20	17	24	25	18	17
Racism (hate crimes, discrimination)	6	6	7	5	4	5	4	4	4	5
Taxes – too high	12	12	17	16	13	19	16	13	24	16
Transportation (problems/traffic congestion, lack of public transit)	6	10	15	10	16	14	18	16	13	13
No answer, don't know	0	1	2	2	2	3	1	6	2	2
Other answer - write in: (See Appendix B)	5	0	3	3	2	2	4	1	4	3

Note: **Bolded** percentages are for the **spring 2025 results**, unbolded percentages are for prior surveys.

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		
	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
2.1 Anne Arundel County	43	41	33	31	33	37	26	26	30
2.2 Maryland	42	42	31	39	40	46	19	18	23
2.3 US	17	15	29	68	70	62	16	5	10

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		
	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
3.1 Anne Arundel County	8	5	4	43	45	42	35	31	35	13	13	14	2	5	5
3.2 Maryland	6	4	2	35	35	30	36	36	36	20	19	28	3	6	5
3.3 US	5	2	4	22	24	21	29	37	31	40	29	41	4	7	3

4. Thinking ahead for the next few years, do you expect the national economy to improve, stay the same or get worse? (fall 2023, spring 2024, fall 2024, spring 2025 is bolded)

	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
Improve	23	29	30	32
Stay same	21	16	15	5
Get worse	46	39	27	58
N.A./unsure	10	17	28	5
Total	100	101	100	100

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				Don't know			
	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Fa '23	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
5.1 Rate of economic growth	34	35	38	47	46	39	40	37	15	22	16	12	5	5	6	4
5.2 Inflation	67	58	58	64	28	34	30	27	4	6	10	7	0	1	2	1
5.3 Unemployment	26	24	25	46	37	35	40	31	35	40	31	21	2	2	4	2
5.4 Business climate	26	31	--	--	49	41	--	--	16	22	--	--	9	7	--	--
5.5 Federal government debt and deficit	59	56	55	61	28	28	33	25	10	14	8	12	3	2	4	3
5.6 Private debt (excessive)	32	34	--	--	41	42	----	--	20	20	--	--	7	4	--	--
5.7 Lack of opportunities for upward mobility	--	38	40	46	--	40	35	26	--	16	17	21	--	6	8	7

6. 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	Total
	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025			
6.1 Wages or salaries are not rising as fast as the cost of living	59	62	57	37	5	99
6.2 Received a salary increase or other increase in income recently	46	39	36	60	5	101
6.3 Facing the possibility of unemployment	13	11	23	66	12	101
6.4 Found a new or better job recently	13	10	7	90	3	100
6.5 Hard to afford the cost of food and groceries	51	47	50	45	5	100
6.6 Hard to afford the cost of childcare	11	12	11	83	6	100
6.7 Hard to afford the cost of housing	42	41	39	57	4	100
6.8 Hard to afford the cost of education beyond high school	39	37	32	63	6	101
6.9 Taxes are too high in relation to government services provided	59	59	60	27	14	101
6.10 Hard to afford the cost of transportation	N.A.	34	33	62	5	100
6.11 Health care insurance is unavailable, too expensive, or inadequate	37	36	36	57	7	100

7. You identified health insurance as unavailable, too expensive, or inadequate. Please let us know about the type of health insurance you have (if any)?

Answer	Percentage
Currently uninsured	6
Employer provided insurance	40
Purchasing on the individual market - such as through the exchange provided under the Affordable Care Act	9
Medicare without any other Medigap or supplemental policy	7
Medicare with a Medigap or other supplemental policy	26
Medicaid	6
Other	7
Total	101

8. You identified health insurance as unavailable, too expensive, or inadequate. Please use the textbox below to indicate reasons why you think so, and measures that might make such insurance more affordable and comprehensive.

See Appendix C

9. This next section focuses upon President Trump's decision to establish the "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) led by Elon Musk. Which of the following best expresses your view of this decision and the actions taken by DOGE thus far?

Answer	Percentage
Necessary and well executed effort to reduce government waste and inefficiency	24
Necessary but poorly executed effort that lacked coordination and due process	22
Mostly unnecessary and chaotic effort that undermined needed government functions	43
Other _____ See Appendix D _____	6
Unsure, don't know	4
Total	99

10. This question gives you the option to offer comments about the performance of DOGE thus far (if you didn't already do so in the previous question using the "Other" option).

See Appendix D (merged)

11. Based on the Trump administration's efforts to restructure the federal government, indicate whether any of the following apply to you: (Choose all that apply.)

Answer	Percentage
Promoted and/or gained job security	4
Lost a job	4
Threatened with being fired	7
Told to return to the office to keep my job	5
Told to justify my work to keep my job	9
Experienced major economic disruption in my life	4

12. Based again on what you know about career opportunities within the federal government as it is being restructured, indicate whether any of the following apply to you: (Choose all that apply, - if these don't apply, just skip the question)

Answer	Percentage
I expect career opportunities will be stable or improve	11
Will need to retrain for a new job or career	8
Will need to change my current educational goals such as a different major or program	6
Will need to retire prematurely	5
Will need to move out of Maryland	10
Will need to apply for welfare programs	5
Other (option to comment) <u>See Appendix E</u>	12

13. Thinking about President Trump's initiatives thus far and actual or potential impacts on Maryland's economy, which of the choices best expresses your views?

Answer	Percentage
A positive impact on the economy	18
Neither a positive nor a negative impact	8
A negative impact on the economy	60
Other (option to comment) <u>See Appendix F</u>	7
Unsure, don't know	7
Total	100

14. How well do you believe Anne Arundel County government has responded to recent layoffs among federal workers - such as providing information about available jobs or other services that the county might provide? (see <https://www.aacounty.org/federal-employee-assistance> - open in a separate window to avoid being disconnected from the survey)

Answer	Percentage
Excellent	5
Good	22
Just okay	15
Not very well	9
Other - option to comment See Appendix G	7
Unsure, don't know	42
Total	100

15. Sticking with the focus on the federal government, President Trump has initiated a series of policies such as those using "executive orders." From the list below, indicate how strongly you support some such measures he's taken or advocated. (You will have the opportunity to offer comments about federal policies in another question.)

Answer	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Don't support	Unsure, don't know	Total
Deportation of all undocumented immigrants	31	20	44	4	99
Denying "birthright citizenship" to children of undocumented immigrants	23	12	60	5	100
Eliminating DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) programs in federal agencies	31	9	56	5	101
Making broad budget and personnel changes in federal agencies and departments	26	16	52	6	100
Offering pardons or commuted sentences for those convicted of crimes from January 6, 2021.	14	13	67	6	100
Increasing tariffs against China	25	25	41	10	101
Placing tariffs against Canada and Mexico	16	16	62	5	99
Reduction of air pollution standards on cars combined with the reduction in incentives to purchase electric cars.	18	15	59	8	101
Using economic or military pressure to acquire Greenland	6	10	74	10	100

16 Thinking about the Trump administration's and Republican budget goals, which of the following express your views? (Choose all that apply.)

Answer	Percentage
Tax cuts should be retained and/or expanded	46
Federal government operations should be scaled back	46
Foreign aid should be eliminated	29
Medicaid should be cut to reduce budget deficits	12
Medicare and Social Security should be cut to make them financially sustainable	8
Reduce social program budgets by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse rather than cuts in benefits	62
Reduce military/DOD spending by finding waste	56

17. Opportunity to comment about any national policies.

_____ See Appendix H _____

18. This section applies to Anne Arundel County. County Executive Steuart Pittman has used a variety of community outreach methods. Indicate whether you have...(choose all that apply)

Answer	Percentage
Read his emailed Weekly Newsletter	34
Attended a community forum in which Pittman spoke	8
Listened to "Pittman and Friends" podcast	5
Interacted another way (option to comment) _____ See Appendix J _____	12

Q19 Continuing with our focus on Anne Arundel County, the next few questions focus on the county's library system. Thinking about our libraries, indicate whether you were aware that they provided the following services.

Answer	Aware	Not aware	Unsure, maybe	Total
Lending of physical books	95	3	2	100
eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines and newspapers, streaming music, and movies	91	6	3	100
Library of Things – museum passes, Ukuleles, fishing poles, Chromebooks & Wi-Fi hotspots	47	45	8	100
Ancestry.com, Rosetta Stone & Mango Languages	38	55	7	100
Job search and skill building: Digital-JobNow, LinkedIn Learning, Udemy and in-person	50	42	8	100
Kindergarten readiness programs, curriculum, and children's play areas	63	30	8	101

20. Next, indicate how often you use county libraries in-person:

Answer	Percentage
Quite or very often	20
Fairly often	19
Once in a while	37
Never or rarely	24
Total	100

Display this question:

If Q20 = Once in a while

Or Q20 = Fairly often

Or Q20 = Quite or very often

21. You said that you access the library in person at least once in a while. Below are some of the services available at the library. Indicate how important each service is to you – or if you don't use it at all, you can indicate that as well.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Don't use at all	Total
Checking out books, movies, and music	83	12	2	3	100
Programs for adults, teens, or kids	46	30	9	15	100
Checking out or obtaining items like fishing poles, museum passes, ukuleles	14	29	23	34	100
Using library computers, Wi-Fi	42	23	14	20	99
Socializing with friends and family	20	24	28	28	100
Using meeting rooms, study/work spaces	36	29	13	21	99
Conducting research	46	28	10	16	100

Display this question:

If Q20 = Once in a while

Or Q20 = Fairly often

Or Q20 = Quite or very often

22. Thinking about the last couple of times you used library services, briefly describe how you used these services.

_____ See Appendix K _____

Display this question:

If Q20 = Never or rarely

23. You said that you rarely or never use public libraries. How important are each of the following factors in preventing your use?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Unsure, don't know	Total
Don't need any library services	34	25	31	10	100
There isn't a library near me	8	10	76	7	101
Lack of transportation	5	6	84	5	100
Hours don't work with my schedule	7	10	78	6	101
I don't feel welcome (option to explain) See Appendix L	5	5	71	20	101
Other reasons (option to explain) See Appendix M	19	3	44	35	101

24. Indicate how often you use county libraries remotely/online:

Answer	Percentage
Very often	21
Fairly often	18
Once in a while	24
Never or rarely	37
Total	100

Display this question:

If Q24 = Once in a while

Or Q24 = Fairly often

Or Q24 = Very often

25. You said that you use the library REMOTELY/ONLINE at least once in a while. How frequently do you use the following library online services?

	Very often	Fairly often	Once in a while	Rarely or never	Total
Use the online catalog to find or reserve books	42	19	27	12	100
eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, newspapers, streaming movies	36	15	29	20	100
Library exclusive resources: Ancestry.com, Rosetta Stone & Mango Languages	5	7	19	69	100
Student resources: Help Now tutoring, Gale databases, test prep	5	5	12	79	101
Job search and skill building: JobNow, LinkedIn Learning, Udemy	3	5	12	79	99
Learn about programs & events	18	23	33	25	99
Other (option to comment) See Appendix N	13	9	8	69	99

26. Below is a list of additional services that libraries could offer. Indicate how important each of them would be for you.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Unsure, don't know	Total
Business services: passport, state and local licenses, notary, business start-up & success)	41	37	15	6	99
Social services: social workers, DSS, government benefit access, food	33	26	32	9	100
More space for small group meetings	26	38	28	9	101
More items in Library of Things (e.g., tools, baking supplies) (other suggestions)	17	23	44	16	100
Anything else? See Appendix N1	24	5	15	57	101

27. Do you have any other comments about policies or issues focusing especially upon Anne Arundel County and/or the city of Annapolis?

_____ **See Appendix O** _____

Maryland Questions

Q28 This section applies to policies relevant to Maryland state government. Governor Moore and the Maryland General Assembly considered a variety of measures meant to reduce the state's \$3 billion structural deficit. Please indicate whether you support the following specific measures (not all of which were adopted).

	Strongly support	Support somewhat	Don't support	Don't know	Total
A 2% surcharge on capital gains income for those earning over \$350,000	37	25	33	5	100
Increase income tax rates for those earning more than \$500,000	25	25	47	4	101
Lower the income tax rates for lower income people	51	29	17	3	100
3% tax on information technologies and data services	7	23	64	7	101
Reduce anticipated spending for the Blueprint for Education (K-12)	21	21	51	7	100
Increase in taxes on the sale of cannabis (marijuana)	53	27	16	4	100
Create a 2.5% tax on business-to-business sales of goods or services.	8	24	61	8	101

29. Overall, do you believe that state government should prioritize maintaining its programs while raising some taxes, or should it prioritize reducing funding for programs without raising any taxes?

Answer	Percentage
Prioritize maintaining programs while raising some taxes.	37
Reducing funding without raising any taxes	42
Other <u>See Appendix P</u>	12
Unsure, don't know	9
Total	100

30. Current state law prohibits Maryland's 24 jurisdictions from entering into agreements with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain immigrants on its behalf. Which do you support most - maintaining the current arrangements or changing state law to allow counties and Baltimore City to enter into agreements to detain immigrants on behalf of ICE?

(See <https://www.capitalgazette.com/2025/01/30/moore-said-maryland-will-follow-the-constitution-on-immigration-policy-what-does-the-constitution-say/>)

Answer	Percentage
Maintain the current arrangements prohibiting local cooperation with ICE to detain immigrants	48
Changing state law to allow local cooperation with ICE to detain immigrants	38
Unsure, don't know	14
Total	100

31. Maryland law allows undocumented people to acquire healthcare insurance on the healthcare online exchange but without any subsidies. Which of the following best expresses your perspective about this?

Answer	Percentage
Fully agree as it will reduce uncompensated care and emergency room use	42
Somewhat agree	16
Oppose - undocumented people shouldn't be able to acquire health insurance	29
Other _____ See Appendix Q _____	4
Don't know, unsure	9
Total	100

32. Do you support a policy that would require fossil fuel companies to contribute to the costs of mitigating the effects of climate change?

Answer	Percentage
Fully support	48
Somewhat support	18
Don't support	24
Other ____ See Appendix R ____	2
Don't know, unsure	9
Total	101

33. Thinking about potential replacements for coal-fired electricity plants in Maryland, several alternatives exist - each with specific limitations regarding cost, consistent operation regardless of weather, climate impact and safety. Based on the choices below, which of these do you think Maryland should focus upon to replace the coal-based plants? (Choose all that apply.)

Answer	Percentage
Natural gas plants	38
Nuclear power plants	50
Wind and solar, with battery back-up	55
Expanded use of geothermal	42
Coal fired plants (maintain or expand)	19
Other <u>See Appendix S</u>	5
Unsure, don't know	16

34. Do you support the proposal to make wine and beer available at grocery stores and not just dedicated liquor stores?

Answer	Percentage
Strongly support	38
Support somewhat	28
Don't support	28
Don't know	7
Total	101

35. Did you see, hear, or read about Governor Wes Moore's "State of the State" speech presented in February to the Maryland General Assembly?

Answer	Percentage
Yes	36
No	57
Unsure, don't know	7
Total	100

36. Do you have any other comments about Maryland state policies involving the budget or any other issues?

See Appendix T

International Questions

37. On international issues indicate how serious you consider the following:

	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025				
	Very serious	Very serious	Very serious	Very serious	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Unsure, no opinion	Total
The rising economic and military threat posed by China	63	67	55	48	53	32	10	5	100
The threat to America/peace posed by Russia	53	55	55	50	56	30	10	5	101
The threat/challenge posed by climate change	48	48	55	56	53	18	26	4	101
Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries	51	51	46	45	45	35	14	6	100
The need to focus more on domestic matters within the United States and less on foreign relations	37	33	43	39	37	37	19	7	100
The importance of having other NATO countries increase their military spending	--	--	--	36	--	--	--	--	--
The importance of keeping NATO intact and strong	--	--	--	--	60	20	13	7	100
The threat to peace caused by the conflict in the Middle East	--	--	--	61	--	--	--	--	--

38. The Trump administration has introduced new policies toward Ukraine and Israel. Indicate your level of support for the following options.

	Strongly support	Support somewhat	Don't support	Unsure, don't know	Total
Offer Russia a plan that allows it to keep eastern Ukraine in exchange for an end to the war.	10	16	59	15	100
Support Israel by rebuilding Gaza while displacing Gaza residents to other countries.	12	15	57	16	100

39. Option to comment on questions in this section. _____Appendix I_____

There is an intentional skip in number sequencing, omitting questions 40 to 51.

52. What kind of device best describes what you are using to complete this survey?

Answer	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Smartphone	38	43
Tablet	6	9
Laptop	34	29
Desktop	21	18
Other	1	1

Total	100	100

Parties and Elections

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

1. 40% **Democratic** => ASK: 38. Do you consider yourself a

- 1. Strong 50%
- 2. Somewhat strong 34%
- 3. Not a strong Democrat 16%

2. 32% **Republican** => ASK: 39. Do you consider yourself a

- a. Strong 43%
- b. Somewhat strong 40%
- c. Not a strong Republican 17%

3. 19% **Unaffiliated** (or “independent”) => ASK: 54. 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?

- 1. Democratic 31%
- 2. Republican 17%
- 3. Third party 3%
- 4. Vote for candidate regardless of party 49%

55. Other registration options:

- 1. Other/Third party 2%
- 2. None (not registered to vote) 5%

56. 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?

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Democrats	41	45	38
Republicans	28	27	31
Neither	25	20	25
Other party	1	0	1
Unsure, don't know	5	8	6
Total	100	100	101

57. If you voted for a presidential candidate in the 2020 general elections, for whom did you vote?

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Joe Biden	48	47	49
Donald Trump	27	27	30
A 3 rd Party candidate	7	5	6
Didn't vote	18	21	15
Total	100	100	100

58. If you voted for a presidential candidate in the 2024 general elections, for whom did you vote?

Answer	Percentage
Kamala Harris	52
Donald Trump	35
A 3 rd Party candidate	3
Didn't vote for president, but voted for other offices like Senate or House	3
Didn't vote at all	7
Total	100

Display this question:

If Q58 = Kamala Harris (Democrat)

Or Q58 = Donald Trump (Republican)

Or Q58 = A third party candidate such as the Green or Libertarian candidate

59. Thinking about the presidential candidate for whom you voted in 2024, which of the following best expresses your current views?

Answer	Percentage
I am completely satisfied with my choice	66
I wish my party had nominated a different candidate	29
I would be inclined to rethink my choice and vote for a different candidate	2
I would be inclined to rethink my choice and not vote at all for president	3
Total	100

60. Thinking about the last two presidential elections (in 2020 and 2024), which of the following statements best expresses your views?

Answer	Percentage
Biden won in 2020 and Trump won in 2024	68
Trump "won" both in 2020 and 2024	15
Something else? ____ See Appendix U ____	10
Unsure/don't know	7
Total	100

61. 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		
	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25	Sp '24	Fa '24	Sp '25
County Executive Steuart Pittman	18	14	19	17	27	23	14	12	12	17	15	18	24	32	27
Governor Wes Moore	28	25	19	31	26	28	16	18	12	13	13	29	12	18	13
President Joe Biden/Donald Trump	21	18	18	27	30	15	11	11	5	39	33	57	2	9	4
The Anne Arundel County Council	8	5	7	36	37	36	23	20	17	8	5	9	26	34	32
The Board of Education	6	5	8	31	31	31	21	26	15	15	11	15	27	27	31
Maryland General Assembly	9	5	7	33	34	31	19	17	13	16	11	21	23	34	28
US Congress	2	1	3	15	15	19	32	32	21	43	36	46	9	16	11
<u>US Supreme Court</u>	11	11	7	25	19	26	18	16	24	38	40	32	9	15	11

62. Option to explain your approval score for County Executive Steuart Pittman.

_____ **Appendix X** _____

63. Option to explain your approval score for Governor Wes Moore.

_____ **Appendix W** _____

64. Option to explain your approval score for President Donald Trump.

_____ **Appendix V** _____

65. Option to explain your approval score for any other office or institution. Appendix Y

Demographics

This is the last part (demographics) of the survey and helps us better understand your answers.

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

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Very conservative	11	9	12
Somewhat conservative	24	16	19
Moderate	26	32	30
Somewhat liberal	19	19	18
Very liberal (or “progressive”)	17	15	16
Unsure/don’t know	4	9	6
Total	101	100	101

67. Which, if any, of the following characterizations of political beliefs seem to apply to you best?

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Social conservative, fiscal conservative	24	20	25
Social conservative, fiscal liberal	3	1	2
Social liberal, fiscal conservative	29	29	27
Social liberal, fiscal liberal	19	18	17
None of these	10	11	10
Unsure, no opinion	14	21	18
Total	99	100	99

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

Age Groups	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
18-29	18	18
30-39	16	10
40-49	18	11
50-59	15	14
60-69	14	23
70+	20	23
Total	101	99

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

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
White or Caucasian	71	69	68
Black or African American	13	12	12
Hispanic or Latino	4	7	6
Asian or Asian American	3	5	3
Mixed	1	2	2
Other	2	1	1
No answer/decline to state	7	4	7
Total	101	100	99

70. Regarding religion, how would you describe yourself?

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
None or “nothing in particular”	14	16	16
Non-practicing	12	12	12
Evangelical or born-again Christian (possibly Baptist, Pentecostal)	11	11	13
Catholic	22	17	20
Protestant (possibly Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterian, Anglican, Episcopalian)	19	17	15
Some other Christian (e.g., possibly Mormon)	2	2	2
Jewish	2	2	2
A ‘spiritual person’ not associated with an organized religion	9	13	9
Something else (e.g., Muslim, Hindu)	5	5	6
No Answer	4	5	5
Total	100	100	100

71. What is your current marital status?

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Single	27	25	24
Married	53	55	54
Separated/divorced	9	8	8
Widowed	6	3	6
Living together	3	5	4
Other	1	2	1
Decline to say	2	2	3
Total	101	100	100

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

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
No children in either public or private schools	83	75	81
Children in public schools	13	18	13
Children in private schools	2	5	4
Children in both public and private schools	2	2	2
Total	100	100	100

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

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Less than a high school diploma	2	2	1
High school diploma	9	9	7
Some college	24	23	23
Completed a 2-year associate college degree	19	17	15
Completed a 4-year bachelor's degree	21	22	23
Post-graduate work	24	26	29
No Answer, decline	2	2	2
Total	101	101	100

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

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Less than \$30,000	8	5	6
\$30,000 to \$50,000	5	8	5
\$50,001 to \$75,000	10	12	10
\$75,001-\$100,000	11	9	11
\$100,001-\$150,000	17	16	19
\$150,001-\$250,000	17	17	17
Over \$250,000	11	13	10
No Answer	22	20	22
Total	101	100	100

66. Which of the following best describes your employment situation?
(choose all that apply)?

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Student (mostly or full-time)	19	27	15
Fully or semi-retired	37	26	39
Self-employed or consultant	5	5	8
Employed part-time	13	16	14
Employed full-time (in private sector in spring '25)	33	38	20
Employed full-time in state/local govt.	--	--	7
Employed full-time in the federal govt.	--	--	7
Unemployed and seeking a job	3	4	5

67. Are you a military veteran?

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Yes	17	12	14
No	83	88	86
Total	100	100	100

68. Gender (weighted)

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Male	46	48	46
Female	50	49	50
Non-binary/3 rd gender/trans male/female	1	1	1
Prefer not to say	2	1	3
Total	99	99	100

69. Which, if any, of the following categories apply to you?

	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Heterosexual/straight	87	83	85
Gay or lesbian	4	3	3
Bisexual	6	6	4
Transgender	1	1	1
Other	2	1	2
Prefer not to say	--	6	6
Total	100	100	101

70. Zip code

Zip code	% Sp '25
20707	0
20711	1
20724	2
20733	0
20755	1
20764	1
20776	0
20778	0
20794	1
21012	5
21032	2
21035	1
21037	3
21054	2
21060	6
21061	7
21076	3
21090	2
21106	0
21108	5
21113	5
21114	5
21122	12
21140	1
21144	6
21146	6
21224	0
21225	1
21226	0
21401	8
21403	6
21405	0
21409	5
Other	3
Total	100

Appendix B: “Most important problem facing the residents of Anne Arundel County at this time” – Comments/Other items

(All comments in these appendices are unedited and verbatim.)

Trump's corruption of our government
Too many to pick two
Sprawl and over development
Accessibility for the disabled
Property tax
More Highschool to Direct JOB TRAINING
what does this have to do with the library
Not enough development/poorly planned
Alternative combo if you're more concerned about safety: Drugs
Crime
The Trump policies

Appendix C: Why is Health insurance so expensive and what might be done to make it more affordable and comprehensive?

Our family pays a lot for health insurance premiums and out of pocket expenses. In particular, pharmaceutical prices are too high and every year health insurance rates get more expensive. These rates should be capped by the federal government.

Cost of living from the Biden administration

Doesn't cover much and denial of coverage is common

most people I know struggling with good medical insurance

We're the ONLY nation in the world that can't figure out how to provide adequate healthcare at an affordable cost. We're also the only nation where one health crisis can literally ruin your entire life.

Healthcare should never have been designed as a business.

Trump is about to eliminate the ACA

Should be universal

Prescriptions high, but I understand will be getting better.

My medical insurance is fantastic. Dental is sorely lacking; this is a vital part of health

Health insurance remains costly despite coverage, with high premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses making it difficult to access care. Many plans also have limited provider networks and insufficient coverage for mental health, dental, and vision services. Potential solutions: Expand subsidies for lower-income individuals purchasing insurance. Increase price transparency for medical services. Implement stronger regulations on insurance companies to reduce unnecessary costs. Improve Medicaid and Medicare coverage to include more services. Encourage employer-based programs to offer more affordable, comprehensive plans.

Insurance cost will not go down due to greed from insurance carriers.

Dental & eye insurances. Lost when retired.

Because we let health insurance become a for-profit Enterprise. We should institute some kind of National healthcare that gets rid of the health insurance industry. It is, after all, such a complex problem that only everyone else in the world has managed to do it.

Providers unable to indicate cost as they do not have info with what insurers will cover.

Health care lobbies are too strong

too expensive AND inadequate

Ems services takes too much burden from public health and general well-being. We drive the un/under insured to the 911 system. Instead of minimal basic health care. The Patients come back again and again. Costing 100x what managed health care would and should cost and the quality of care is poor. Expensive co-pays for hospital stays and ambulance rides.

I'm on medicare

I have Medicare that I have to pay for if I don't I will be penalized and I also have health insurance from my job that I'm about to lose in July & I have both in my doctor's office and when ever I go to the doctor or a specialist Medicare doesn't pay anything so when I lose my healthcare at my job I have to wait until Medicare decides if they're going to pay for anything that money that was taking out of my paychecks all my life and I still have to pay for it weather they pay for anything or not

Inadequate dental coverage. Almost nothing is covered.

Coverage is not adequate

Provide government oversight into healthcare insurance providers-minimize profit - healthcare is a right, not an entitlement (like low corporate tax rates or tax cuts for the wealthy); costs to customers increase

continuously (FEDBLU went up in 2025 from 2024) and the level of coverage paid to healthcare providers decreased during the same period. Fewer services are being included in coverage. Corporate gouging of the working class needs to stop.

Although the official retirement age is 62, individuals cannot enroll in Medicare until they reach 65. As a result, retirees must pay for their own health insurance during this gap, which can easily exceed \$1,000 per month for both me and my spouse. This financial burden significantly hinders our ability to retire. Insurance companies have too much control over what they can cover/deny. The options under the ACA, while better than nothing, are not particularly good for the amount of money. For me and my spouse (no children) we are paying about \$850/month for *access* to health care. Most other procedures are extra on top of that.

Insurance keeps getting more expensive but the quality of service seems to be getting worse. Physicians in our community are leaving due to changes brought on by more corporate ownership of practices and hospitals

I now have a large deductible for Medicare part D

Healthcare costs are too high

Healthcare is way too expensive for the services provided and even with excellent insurance we stress about what serious illness could do to our finances

Premiums too high for too little coverage

Drug costs, doctors refusing medicare coverage

Prescription drug prices are ridiculous. Let's get universal health care like most of the civilized world, ban drug ads on television, limit drug costs. Do away with private health insurance.

Insurance isn't available or affordable to many people right now.

Medigap costs growing much faster than inflation. Need to control health care costs to keep insurance costs from growing so rapidly.

We pay a lot of money and the customer service is terrible. We have for 6 months been calling our insurance company and they agree they misfiled a significant charge but always say someone else will fix it in the next two weeks and never do.

Costs just keep rising

Adequate health care is under threat/unaffordable for those with lower incomes.

Health insurance costs are through the roof, with high deductibles and constant fear of denials.

The cost of drugs is ridiculous my mother is on a fixed income but until her deductible is paid she is stuck paying for her meds out of pocket. One of the is over \$600 a month. It's outrageous

Maryland should implement a socialized medical program to help distribute insurance costs. My insurance is okay, but we are having a kid later this year and it is going to blow us out of the water.

Universal coverage under Medicare. Get rid of private insurance companies. No for profit companies should be part of health care and insurance,

Health insurance should not be a profit center for large corporations.

Insurance based healthcare is a disaster. Only way to solve is universal insurance or universal healthcare. Healthcare should be overall health maintenance/improvement oriented and outcomes based for serious diseases

Despite having the best health coverage my job offers even a basic specialist visit is almost \$400, after coverage. Insurance responsibilities are a joke.

Insurance is too high due to the corrupt politicians allowing the insurance industry to run the agenda.

How to fix? National health insurance!

Too expensive. The Country should have Universal Health Care similar to all the other 1st World Countries.

I must have made a mistake or misunderstood a question. I have a CareFirst Medicare Advantage Plan and so far it has been very good!

I am under government provided health insurance due to my mother losing her job. Health insurance is extremely unaffordable when approaching a private provider, but most jobs provide health insurance as well. However, most of these jobs require a degree, so not everyone is eligible for these positions. Furthermore, with the job market being so strict during this time, it is difficult for my mother to find a new job that provides good benefits.

Trump agenda could impact medicare

Completely devoid of rationale for the cost of medicines and middle man pharmacy game.

When my wife retires, Medicare/Medigap insurance will not cover enough of our medical costs and we will have to discontinue certain vital medications. In my case in particular, I will die sooner than I hoped. Big medical centers like John Hopkins removes the community connection with a physician. The doctors don't care about you

I am grateful for the insurance on the Maryland Exchange and the service and staff are great. The premiums are expensive.

Insurance premiums going up steeply. I had to drop dental insurance this year, when premium more than tripled (and I had not made any claims...)

The profit margins on medical services and prescriptions are too high. CEOs and stock holders get rich at the expense of everyone else.

It is so expensive and services are often denied by insurance companies.

Insurance too high if not covered by employer.

I just got on a new contract and while they provide BC/BS which is great insurance, my ADHD meds which I need to operate daily went up to \$311. It is crazy.

New State of Maryland employee prescription insurance changed coverage on medications and increased cost significantly

I'm thinking about others

Many senior healthcare services are too expensive &/or have no insurance options, even if you can get insurance! Examples: dental insurance - impossible, Optical insurance - out of reach. Pain management services - ridiculously expensive. Dermatology services - marginally covered. Prescription drugs - very expensive!!

Health insurance is too expensive and they deny too many needed services and medications. Tying health insurance to your job is problematic. We need an option that allows all of us to get access to healthcare, regardless of our job.

I am on Medicaid, but my partner, who is employed makes too much to get health care cost assistance, but not enough to actually afford health insurance

My Medigap plan has gone up every year since I applied for it. I haven't even had major claims.

U often find myself putting off going to the doctor until symptoms get much worse to avoid paying. My deductible is so high that I almost never meet it

Few accept Medicare

Coinurance collected by hospitals, high co pay and deductibles drain hard earned money

My insurance covers my needs currently but I will not qualify once I am 21 I believe. I do not get support from my parents so this is challenging. My benefits used to get me \$25 monthly towards necessities at CVS, and has since decreased to \$15. It has increased my out-of-pocket health and necessities costs. Free healthcare is the way to go..I'm employed at a hospital and could opt-in to their program, at the risk of higher co-pays (mine are currently \$0)

I'm insured but out of pocket costs have increased and it's harder to get needed services or get needed services approved or coordinated.

My young adult kids 25 & 26 can't afford insurance plans and costs of deductibles to go to the doctor, so they don't.

My healthcare charges more than I can pay for things, doesn't cover enough, and leaves me in more debt.

Healthcare costs continue to increase but salary is stagnant

Health insurance and healthcare in the US is far too expensive and far exceeds the healthcare costs of other similarly developed nations. There needs to be regulations imposed on pharmaceutical companies and health insurance companies as both are massively overinflating healthcare costs for their own gain. When the State dropped retirees from the pharmacy program, it increased the cost of my essential prescriptions about 300%.

High deductible, increasing copay costs of medicine, lack of medical research means ongoing costs of diseases without cure potential.

Our family currently is private pay/self pay because insurance available through Maryland Marketplace costs more than our medical expenses as a family of 3 healthy/young individuals. Healthcare costs are also expensive but we are more willing to pay that than insurance for about \$1400/month to cover all 3 of us (that's as much as our mortgage which is insane). Ideally we should pay like \$50-\$100/month per person plus deductibles and co-pays and all that that we still have to pay with the current offerings! That's something affordable.

Even with insurance, medical bills for routine issues are still hundreds of dollars

We had to downgrade our health insurance from a ppo to hmo to save on premiums. The costs went up this year significantly. With our new insurance, prescriptions are more expensive and have to be filled in specific ways and only at cvs which is not ideal. Less privatization of insurance companies and more choices from my employer than 1 company with 3 tiers

Too expensive and hard to get medications and help sometimes

Very few places accept it so it is hard to find somewhere to go. I think if more places accepted it, the issue would be resolved.

The Medicare policy I had last year was great. That policy was discontinued. I switch to one very similar. I cost more monthly and benefit have been reduced.

Fixed income. cost rising

I really want us to have single-payer healthcare like other first world nations. That would solve the problem.

As a retiree, and the low amount of my income, the cost of health care is 1/4-1/3 of my income. us gov controlled regulations and monitoring of us provided health care/insurance with funds provided by taxes and implementation provided by us gov agencies

While I am lucky to have my employer take on a large part of paying for my health insurance, next year is the first year in a long time that my employer is increasing the amount we need to pay into our health insurance because of the continued rising costs.

The cost for health insurance is high as hell and the coverage it provides is in adequate and restrictive

High copays for many Americans not me personally

Lost my job cobra cost close to 1000 per month. Not eligible for medicaid at this time. Make health insurance universal for everyone

Currently on spouse's employer provided insurance which is much, much less expensive than my employer's insurance. In the event that spouse loses job, we would have no choice but to use my employer's insurance, but we would be spending a lot more. The system is broken.

Cannot find dentists, psychologists, or occupational therapists that take my insurance

Need universal healthcare for all

Medicare with supplemental and drugs very expensive, both for premium and copay, with no dental or vision.

Definitely too expensive. Universal healthcare would be more ideal.

Prescriptions are too expensive, hard to get medical appointments

Employer switched to a cheaper insurance to keep costs down but our regular doctors don't take it. Took a while to find a specialty doctor that accepted the new insurance.

Single payer!!

Health insurance is too quick to deny coverage for necessary or beneficial procedures. They think of short term profits, not long term health consequences for patients and economic consequences for society.

Better regulation of the industry is necessary. Prices are too high for all services, especially pharmaceuticals. Government programs need to be stronger negotiators. Health care delivery is fragmented and not consumer friendly. Research-backed strategies To improve care exist but are not being implemented by an industry that is painfully slow to change. Government should be using tax and regulatory incentives to spur the industry toward rapid improvement. Allowing citizens of all ages to purchase a Medicare-run plan would force private insurance to change faster.

Concerned in an overall sense; having it tied to employment and essential services that are often not covered.

I have Medicare HMO. Medications are too expensive for some meds or can't afford at all.

We are retired and still have to pay a large portion of our own healthcare, not 65 yet. Our son (who is on the Autism spectrum and lives with us) has a part-time job with hardly any hours and NO benefits.

Therefore we have to pay almost \$500 a month for his health insurance.

Doesn't cover enough of cost; needs to be simpler to track.

I have health insurance thru my employer. IF I lose my job due to federal agency redundancy, I won't be able to afford my medical care and prescriptions. I'm also worried about finding housing and another job here in MD.

Medicare covers the basics. Some out of pocket costs can be lessened for seniors

Too expensive for what it covers

My insurance will not cover my prescription hearing aids, forcing me to choose inferior over-the-counter types or ridiculously priced prescription ones. If I do not get hearing aids, my hearing will worsen.

Insurance regards hearing aids as non-essential medical devices. More health insurance providers should provide some type of assistance for hearing aids, given that 10% of the country have hearing issues.

make the premiums lower for private insurance

Long term care is out of sight for us. We're in our 80's....

If it were not for my father's corporate job I would not have health insurance and the out of pocket cost is still high with the coverage of a major insurance company. I am turning 26 next year and my concern over my access to health care is growing as I will be kicked off of my father's plan. I should not have to job search based on what my insurance benefits will be and even then it is hard to find these benefits without working in a corporate position.

This current administration is acting irresponsibly.

Cost is too high and continues to increase every year. Private for profit health care is killing us. We need to move away from profit driven construct and move to socialized health care for ALL

Can't do anything with job because of the need for health insurance. Large portion of my salary goes to health insurance. Universal healthy care would be good for all.

Drugs are so much more expensive for Americans than other countries. Same with healthcare costs.

Medicare doesn't cover all of the necessary medical services.

People are having a difficult time in selecting a "plan" that is affordable & will cover their needs & preferred doctors.

The premiums we pay for Medicare and the secondary ins. Is sky high but its good coverage.

Insurance shouldn't decide what healthcare a person needs, doctors should

Premiums are very high (\$1100/month for self and spouse, retired) Nothing on the marketplace for less than that with comparable coverage.

There shouldn't be employer healthcare, insurance companies should be non-profit or government sponsored

The monthly cost of my insurance as well as the co-pays and deductibles is too high for the services I get.

Unregulated insurance and no affordable care

High premium costs for Medicare Part B and some services I need are not covered. Offer incentives for preventive care, better coverage for mental health and cap prescription costs

Costs of prescriptions and yearly increases to premiums.

Health insurers charge too much, pharmaceutical companies inflate costs to game the insurance system, we need universal healthcare and sanity in how healthcare is provided

Employee sponsored health care goes up significantly every year. We are always told it's because the plan was "used too much last year". Healthcare should not be for profit. We need universal healthcare.

Healthcare shouldn't be tied to your employment status. On one side it stifles creativity and local business opportunities. On the other side, the unemployed are unable to get health care and/or, are put into deep debt that they are often unable to payoff even after they are able to find a job.

Epi pens not covered for a child with a severe allergy. They should be free.

I pay 20,000 a year for four people

I live in Severna Park--very close to AAMC/Luminis. I have had 3 PCPs in the past year due to doctors leaving the system. When I look for providers in network for general care, I had exactly 1 option closer than Baltimore. I needed an oral maxillofacial surgeon. I called 4 practices listed by my insurance--none exist anymore or do but don't have surgeons on staff. The closest (and only) I could find in a 25 mile range was in Baltimore.

Despite having private insurance, our premiums are sky high and we pay \$9,000 per year out of pocket before hitting our maximum. The amount we are allowed to put into HSA doesn't even cover the out of pocket maximum. On top of that insurance can arbitrarily decline to cover expenses without any reason and routinely does so. Prescription costs are through the roof! I can't imagine what we would do if I lost my job like so many already are and will this year. We need universal healthcare.

We need Medicare for all.

Insurance coverage for treatments needed

Health care is both too expensive and inadequate. We need a single payer health care system rather than this complicated Mish-mash.

It's so expensive and care is delayed and denied. We should have Medicare for All. It would be cheaper and we'd be healthier.

Preauthorization is essentially a denial of service. Delays are frequent.

Our secondary insurance is very good but more expensive each year. We are retirees on a very fixed income.

Medicare plus Medigap plus Part D plus drug costs and deductible is basically a huge chunk of my social security income

Providers often aren't accurate in saying they are accepted when they are not. Out of pocket costs not clearly defined before appointment.

Premiums get higher and coverage gets lower. Certain treatments are not covered very much, like Prolia injections.

Each year the premiums and deductibles for Medicare increase by more than the cost of living.

Prescription drug prices even when covered are very expensive

I have relatives on Medicaid and or on a fixed income. Prescription costs are increasing for them.

Too many denials from the insurance company, so I have to pay out of pocket.

Premiums for employee going up more

Health care is too expensive and out of reach for most people. As jobs are being cut this is added stress to workers

The deductible is uncomfortably high, and it feels like the exclusions are arbitrary. I would love universal healthcare.

With the rising cost of per diem, everything is too expensive.

Paying a huge portion of take home on health insurance. Excess profits taken by “non profits”

Premiums and deductibles are through the roof

High premiums, deductibles and co pays

Hard to find a doctor, particularly a specialist, who takes the insurance

Lower costs of insurance

Insurance companies focus on treating symptoms not early detection. What is/is not covered is seemingly arbitrary and second guesses doctors, often denying or delaying necessary treatments.

Mental health treatment is not prioritized and frequently not covered at all.

Dental insurance should be covered in the same way the rest of insurance is

My insurance premium is about 20% of my take-home pay and still has high deductibles and co-pays; I've reached an age where I need to have a good policy and I have regular appointments for a chronic condition.

my income is too low to afford much needed additional insurance

Current political reality at the federal level with cuts to government institutions creates uncertainty about continuation of VA healthcare for veterans. One solution may be access to community care for more timely care appointments.

The insurance companies are making too much money. A significant portion of my paycheck goes to health insurance premiums, yet I know that healthcare professionals and hospitals are struggling. Where is it all going?

Cost of Medicare plus supplemental for 2 people is very high

too expensive and inadequate for some. Uncertain of how to fix it but adequate, available health care is not available with or without health insurance

Not sure if I will be able to afford health insurance if they take away Federal tax credits

We should have universal healthcare, something like Medicare, for everyone

have to wait 4 months or more for each different doctor appointment then only have 15 min to talk with Doctor

I have my retirement Insurance and Medicare. I'm still paying too much for Medication.

Too expensive. Not enough general practicing docs

Universal healthcare would make health care more affordable for all.

My stepdaughter is 23 and is currently on our insurance. She has a good job that allows her to live with us and contribute to the household while still having a comfortable amount of expendable income, but the job (like so many others) doesn't provide health insurance. So when she turns 26, she will be forced to switch to something else unless she wants to pay upwards of \$500/month on ACA health insurance, which she can't afford. It feels like she will never be able to move out on her own at this rate. I think subsidies for young people in her situation need to be a bit more robust, or that companies need to be prevented from offering just under full time hours to avoid providing health insurance to long term workers like my daughter.

Medicare prices rise and supplemental policy increased about 20% since last year

We paid into Medicare while working and we now pay for Medicare on a monthly basis. And every year the cost goes up and services disappear. We also have had to help family members whose healthcare is too costly. We need to curb the greed of the healthcare industry and hospitals (particularly Anne Arundel/Luminous...we have used this hospital for many years. It is definitely on a decline both with services and costs)

The insurance for my family is almost as much as our rent.

Too expensive

Health care in this country is a JOKE. While I have insurance, I am forced to pay out-of-pocket for a practitioner who actually understands how the human body works (as a system!) and avoids prescribing toxic pharmaceuticals whenever possible. It is not safe to trust standard practitioners; we must all become versed in medical issues and procedures, medications and lifestyle practices, so we can be our own advocates and avoid harmful outcomes. In general, people lack access to the fresh, unadulterated foods needed to live a healthy life. The food system is supported by a federal government that subsidizes and bends to the desires of the industry giants who make the foods that cause disease in children, adults, and the environment.

Cost of drugs and services are beneficial for companies and not the public. Not sure that Universal Healthcare is the answer but insurance companies making medical decisions is not healthy.

We need a nationwide Universal Health Care program like every other developed nation.

Universal health care is needed nationwide. Doctor's visits, medical procedures, drugs are way too expensive.

Was recently fired and looking at the cost of cobra

The cost of medicare supplement is too high. I worry that medicare will be altered.

for an individual, with preexisting condition, monthly insurance is \$1150. Many routine services require pre-approved and some not logically denied.

We have Medicare, so we're in better shape. The response applied to the population in general as I understand it

I'm a senior and monthly medicare payments have gone up steadily every year. I have good coverage, but I wish it were less expensive. I don't know how to make it more affordable.

Total out of pocket (insurance premiums, deductible, co-pay, co-insurance) before anything is actually covered is too high. Sometimes insurance negotiated prices are higher than personal pay prices for services and prescriptions. Providers and insurance companies still do not provide the certainty in cost I need to make responsible decisions about my family's healthcare. All still too complex and too often insurance providers try to weasel out and deny coverage.

The cost of health insurance is outrageously high, particularly considering retirees have Medicare which covers the majority of costs (80%) and the health insurance agencies have pretty minimal gap fills. The health insurance increases significantly every year.

You supposedly have health insurance, but the amount of reimbursement does not cover the costs you are being billed even with "first class" insurance.

State of Md retiree. Jan 1, 2025 all Medicare eligible retirees had to find new part D prescription plan.

Much too expensive

High co-pays and lack of full coverage make it unaffordable. Everyone should have the quality health insurance that the U.S. Senators and Congress have.

Pharmacy Benefits Managers deciding what prescriptions will be covered and how much will cost is driving up prices for us all. In addition, there is no reason why a company like CVS/Caremark should be legally allowed to own the insuring company (Caremark) and the distributor (CVS) and be able to require us to use their distributor for certain prescriptions. Also, health insurance should be available via single

payer just like it is in every other prosperous country in this world. Health is a right, not a privilege, but I don't believe that America will ever come to this conclusion.

Government subsidized health insurance without private companies dictating another persons health decisions

Rx deductible too high and cost rx

Medical insurance, like medical costs, is outrageously expensive, and you are lucky if you can afford it. Maybe we need to somewhat "ration" elective medicine for those who can afford it, and concentrate on providing basic services to everyone. Patients also need to be accountable for their own health maintenance.

VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ADEQUATE INSURANCE ONCE MY COBRA PLAN ENDS. WILL ADA STILL EXIST FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

The United States healthcare system is run by greedy people who will continue to raise the prices despite making it unaffordable for so many people

my adult son cannot afford health insurance working a minimum wage job.

My medicare part b premium is taken out of my social security and is very high. It's 272 and leaves me less income. I have a secondary insurance through tricare that is 70 for 2 people.

The insurance companies refuse to cover many necessary things. The problem is with their desire to make money, not a desire to help people who are unwell.

United Healthcare has a reputation for denying needed services. Co-pays, etc are out of reach for many households. People put off seeking medical care because of costs.

Premiums keep increasing tremendously and some benefits are being reduced.

Too expensive I have health problems and my Medicare, supplemental insurance and my prescriptions are very high. 1/3 of my SS goes to healthcare.

my deductible is so high that insurance never ends up covering anything other than one annual visit

Quality insurance is not available other than from an employer. This should change.

They're going to kill Medicare and then we will Not be able to get health care. Plus drugs cost a ton

There need to be actual controls/protections in place to deal with the insurance industry and the unaffordable insurance rates they charge for extremely poor/inadequate coverage, which then make things even worse by having very high deductibles. There should be healthcare for all (universal healthcare).

The premiums are too high for good insurance.

Super high deductibles

Too many of our health care dollars go into administering health insurance programs. Why is the administrative burden so high. This diverts resources from actually providing services

I work in a Medicaid provider clinical office and many families have lost their Ma insurance.

Very expensive. As a county employee, my rates went up this year and will continue to go up for at least the next 2 years based on my contract. We have medical issues in my family that require extra appointments and medication. These increases are challenging.

we need to get the cost of drugs down.

Insurance rates are dependent on employment. If my husband or I lost our jobs, which is a real possibility due to the federal and high tech layoffs, we would be without insurance. As we have a newborn, this is frightening, as ONE visit to a pediatric urgent care center costs \$550 without insurance. Children are more susceptible to sicknesses (think daycare plagues) and are sick more often. When this occurs, at least one parent is needed to care for the child. This indicates that the parent may lose income for the amount of time that a child is out sick. This loss of income in addition to the outrageous costs of healthcare hurts families. If government wants to increase the population, help families take care of their children in their day-to-day lives. A tax break is great, but it doesn't put a dent my daily worries.

I have auto immune conditions and therefore must purchase an expensive employer-based plan with comprehensive benefits to cover my needs.

Comprehensive insurance is wildly expensive and requires a significant pay increase for any family to reasonably afford.

National health insurance for all

Not enough health care providers.

I can currently just afford my plan but in talking to others, some have talked of not being able to get affordable insurance. The country should have free basic health care for everyone

Daughter has ACA, but essential care & procedures are being denied.

Monthly premiums are too high along with out-of-pocket costs. Universal healthcare/Medicare for all. I don't know how low income people can afford to stay well.

The premium cost that I paid for medication and doctors are too high.

It's good insurance, it's just entirely too expensive! I live paycheck to paycheck because of my medical expenses.

Medical bills still too high

Too high \$\$\$,

Health care appointments and labs take months for critical care. It is becoming socialized medicine. Not acceptable. Never like this before Obama Care. Forced to buy Gucci care.

cost too high with poor coverage and high deductible

don't know

We need national healthcare for all

State retirees lost their prescription benefits. Don't trust government!

I struggle with medical issues and I believe that good health insurance is expensive.

Tricare difficult to find and switch primary care manager when moving states.

I spend hundreds every month for coverage that barely covers anything.

It is expensive. Medicare for All would be nice, or at least price control of insurance that doesn't limit the amount of care you can get. I can't afford dental despite needing dental work, and haven't been able to for nearly ten years now. I have several medical conditions, both physical and mental, that require medication and monitoring of symptoms. I spent several years without that controlled, in a food insecure house, without support while living in another state before moving last year, and while Maryland/Anne Arundel county is easier to find the healthcare that I need and I have support to get at least the medical insurance, it's still almost prohibitively expensive and doesn't cover everything I need. I also had a time last year where, despite paying on time and not using it too much, and having reported everything correctly, I was randomly removed from my health insurance and went without it for two months before I was able to enroll again. It's so complicated that it feels intentionally so, in order to make it difficult.

Too much money for medications and appointments

I'd like my insurance to actually cover things instead of saying they do then denying my claims

Lack of dental , vision coverage Unavailability of some meds to Medicare recipients

Healthcare for all is preferred. Requires national policy change that seems unlikely.

Not enough coverage for preventative treatment

Pretty simple, it's too expensive. Even though we pay for private insurance, a lot, everything is still expensive and hundreds of dollars for a visit and another hundred plus for simple things like antibiotics.

Lab test, another couple hundred. A visit

Co pays....not enough cost covered

I feel although insurance is too expensive for families because you pay through your job every 2 weeks and also you have a high deductible and a high copay you may as well not have coverage because it is like paying out of pocket.

We're rationing health care based on ability to pay - always a bad idea. I can afford what I need, but my partner cannot.

It's way too expensive

poor coverage, high copays

increases in premiums don't match increase in income

Too expensive,

Costs are out of control and many people who have insurance still have out of pocket expenses that are not worth the extra expense.

Cost is very high to have coverage for what I have to provide what I believe is adequate coverage, co-pays keep rising and more medical care is required in aging.

Health insurance companies and pharmaceutical companies are costly and add nothing to health care.

Not sure

Limit liability claims to bring down costs. Ban lawyers from advertising and soliciting. If these law suits are reduced or capped costs will go down

I'm currently under my parent health insurance as I'm under 25 but once I'm removed the cost of healthcare will be even more to me and it's already substantial even with insurance.

To many politicians and bureaucrats are leeching on the system and not helping...but medical costs have similar problems. The greed is rampant and the only people who pay the price can't afford to.

they are expensive and when you use it, it doesn't cover everything

The influx of uninsurable people, those with pre-existing conditions, and those demanding insurers pay for sex transitions, among other things, has poisoned the insurance pool which has driven insurers to increase premiums across the board.

Cost is a burden

Uninsured expenses being passed on to local citizens. Prescription drug pricing is being manipulated.

Health insurance constantly increases along with drugs and prescription you can get prescription drugs from other countries for much less

inadequate because insurance companies set rates, decide what to cover and overall are too powerful.

Insurance companies basically decide health care for us citizens, not our elected reps.

get prescriptions cost down.

Prescription drugs still too expensive.

Big pharma and health care corps are charging too much which drives the insurance costs up

Government over regulation of the insurance market has caused my insurance rates to increase dramatically in the past decade.

I don't think insurance products should be forced to cover expected expenses or elective cosmetic surgeries such as "top" or "bottom" surgeries

Too many problems trying to register with Maryland Health Exchange to continue the Medicaid I have been on with Priority Partners

Continual increase in cost and less service coverage

Overall medical conglomerates are inefficient

cost is too high. But I do pay everything.

Medicare is inadequate and not accepted by many Doctors.

No comment

We have good coverage, but between Medicare and supplemental insurance we're paying a lot. Despite that we have virtually no dental insurance and zero for vision.

Medicare takes a substantial amount of money from my Social Security.

Copays are ridiculous. You have to spend a few thousand dollars in copays along with your regular healthcare payments before the insurance covers anything for the year.

Retired military should not be paying Medicare surcharge at age 65.

We are paying more and more for health insurance and getting less and less coverage.

Overregulation, bureaucracy, national debt, lack of competition.

Not everyone is paying their fair share.

Supplemental insurance is very expensive with very high deductible and co pays.

Medicare and pills.

Coverage provided on plan don't cover all needed costs.

the cost of medical procedures have outstripped the services that insurers have provided.

Health insurance costs are through the roof. If you have Medicare, you still need a second level insurance. You don't get a break in the monthly cost of the secondary insurance.

In order to choose insurance that adequately covers our medical needs, we would be losing another \$100 out of each paycheck. That is outrageous.

The cost of living raise put our family out of the range to qualify for Medicaid so now we have to pay for health insurance which cost use way more than the raise. We now pay a premium plus co-pays, co-insurance and the plan is very limited in what it will cover. Increasing the maximum for families to qualify for Medicaid would help.

Too many employers don't offer insurance or the insurance is unaffordable in context of other obligations. Providers may not accept cheap insurance or copays/deductibles may be a problem.

More out of pocket expenses for copays and RXs.

universal health care.

continuing increases in annual premiums, particularly medigap. Medical costs seem too high or redundant in relation to services.

The insurance companies should be regulated constant increases with higher deductibles.

Too difficult to get in to see doctors who take insurance in this area.

Continue increase in out of pocket cost.

We can afford, but very hard to get appointments. Have friends who can't afford any insurance.

Medicare premiums set by federal government could be lowered. Should have additional programs to help with premiums aside from the traditional. Also, realistic economic analysis curtailed to senior citizens should be done.

Seniors are forced to buy Medicare yet get less insurance coverage than when employed.

Premiums are too high.

Too expensive and deductibles are too high. Medical care charges are over priced.

Pay weekly \$300, just had surgery with complications and owe roughly \$8k out of pocket still.

Insurance is too expensive. Top heavy businesses.

TOO EXPENSIVE AND DEDUCTIBLES ARE TOO HIGH FOR THE WORKING PERSON PAYING TAXES

I pay a portion of my employer provided health insurance. Gov't provided health insurance is abused causing those of us who pay to suffer.

Need to be able to afford supplemental health insurance in order to provide for gaps in health care.

My premium for a family of 4 just to have insurance is over 2000 a month just to have a high deductible and high oop still

Copays, deductibles, and coinsurance are too high. I think insurance could be more affordable if companies paid into it more. Thirty years ago, hospitals and government places of work had insurance that had no copays and 100% coverage and that is a long gone thing of the past. It is a major consideration of mine when considering employment and should not have to be. Also, if there could be more checking on fraud there might be more money for insurance to be cheaper for customers. Remove mandatory minimum coverages. Allow us to choose what is covered a la carte. I do not need most of what my health plan covers and need some services it doesn't cover. Allow me to customize my health plan and lower my costs.

My husband is self-employed. Purchasing an individual policy for our family is beyond expensive. I wish there was a way we could be part of a group policy.

Co pays and bills deductibles

Insure legal residents!

The more people the government subsidizes, the more my rates go up. Affordable Care Act was supposed to lower costs as more people were insured but the premium costs have escalated dramatically. Supplement ins to Medicare used to be \$400 per person per quarter and now is \$1000. There should be limits on how much ins can be raised.

Would like to retire but a few years too young for Medicare and open market health insurance is way too expensive

Too expensive.... having to pay for things that I will never need such as ABORTION- which I am opposed to

Rates have skyrocketed since Obama care with ridiculously high deductibles

Healthcare is insane in price and the quality is going downhill

Insurance plan changed and doesn't cover what it used to

Premiums keep rising and co-pays. Stop raising the co-pays and premiums.

Medicines too high and doctors in plans not accessible, or wait times for appointments too long

Getting things covered is always a battle, high deductibles

We pay for top tier insurance through my husband's employer and my out of pocket cost is very high. Was charged \$832 for bloodwork that was billed to my insurance for over \$2,300. How in the world can bloodwork be over \$2,000.

People get charged more for having health insurance than those who don't.

Obamacare was a scam and health insurance rates are too high

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High cost with high deductible so much so it doesn't help with minor things like colds or children checkups

Supplements are too expensive, extra for dental and eye

Too many people using ERs as their regular doctor clogging them up. Too many illegals receiving free healthcare and eating up the space in doctors' offices. Too many people moving to this area because of uncontrolled growth and now there aren't enough doctors or even pharmacies able to serve the community.

No cost of living adjustment for income ranges to pay extra for Medicare premiums

I pay more now with Medicare than I did when employed.

Health insurance has tripled for me in past few years without any increase in my use of health services. It is hard to get appointments - often a long wait. Insurance could be more affordable if there wasn't so much abuse of the services and control by pharmaceuticals.

We have a high deductible health plan. The deductible and premiums still go up every year. Deductible has increased by \$900 in only 3 years. Like everything else, it just keeps going up and up. It's extremely expensive for my monthly family plan and I still have to pay for drs visits and medication it's way too expensive

Incredibly expensive and when you need it not all medical needs covered.

We have to pay \$1300 a month for our medical premium. That's insane. That's more than a mortgage for many.

Insurance is expensive and the your charged overages AND copays on top of it. I am the primary supplier of health insurance in my family and the cost is ridiculous

Too expensive!

A high deductible insurance with a \$6350 deductible is basically a hospital plan and not valuable or affordable if facing any health concerns. I believe insurance should be the same for all including the government sector. I think our contribution is subsidized by our contributions.

Does not cover treatment costs as well as before. Doctors don't accept insurance plan.

I have 2 insurance companies. And I've already spent \$13,000 out of pocket in 3 months. Important treatments not covered lack of quality providers and choice.

Allow insurance companies to compete across state lines

Inadequate for most - ok for me!

As of January have employer paid insurance through my husband. My insurance was very expensive. The costs after both are high.

Cost increases while getting less coverage

Premiums for supplemental insurance and prescription drugs

deductable is too high

Health insurance only costs me nearly \$700 a month but to get an MRI, I have to pay \$500 out of pocket.

And Orthopedics always want MRIs.

Before I got Medicare my health insurance was the second highest monthly bill I had, second to my mortgage. Very expensive!

Expensive for people whose insurance is not provided by their work

Currently paying \$1,000. Per month on a retirement income. State and county hospitals are over run.

Serving uninsured people. If everyone paid their fair share, prices would come down

Way too much red tape; Insurance policies and regulations are restrictive and delay receiving care and quality care

Military insurance for dependents is subpar. Dental coverage and vision coverage are very low requiring high cost in deductibles

Insurance costs are skyrocketing with higher costs of medications and higher deductibles.

Even though we have "coverage" through our health care plan, any time we see a doctor for care or medicine, the costs are too high. Coverage for necessary medical things get denied coverage by insurance, making out of pocket costs too high to seek treatment.

My son and husband are on 'maryland open market' and it is VERY expensive

Co-pays and deductibles are cost prohibitive. Health insurance costs should not be the primary determinant for Healthcare decisions. But if care is not affordable, even with insurance, then often the care necessary isn't received.

health care costs me \$400 a month plus medicare. stop paying the CEO's so much money.

Supplemental is too costly.

Don't let loopholes create 'monopolies' so true competition in the industry can bring about cheaper, better insurance

My rates go up every year and the amount of coverage stays the same
 my health care costs continue to subsidize government funded health plans, increase in crime rates, illegal immigration and government over reach/involvement in health care services
 High deductibles make me less inclined to get medical care
 Even after paying my insurance medication still cost too much and they don't cover the good medicines that my doctor prescribed
 The MD exchange system is awful. Not user friendly. Prices of the plans compared to coverage are unrealistic. No coverage for the services our family most often uses (chiropractor, acupuncture, etc.) deductible is too high
 The cost of insurance continues to rise, the cost of co-pays continues to rise, the cost of medications continues to rise. Access to providers is difficult. Etc.
 Because the healthcare system is way overpriced. We have to pay a very high deductible in order to even barely afford the premiums
 Inadequate due to the lack of accessible specialist providers, wait times for appointments, little to know follow up or coordination and communication from providers, general lack of empathy, not taking a proactive holistic approach, lack of mental health care therapy and counseling options.
 Health care quality continues to decline and prices increase rapidly.
 Market place plans are expensive and barely cover routine check ups and nothing else. My work doesn't offer health insurance and I can't afford the marketplace plans and I make too much money to be on Medicaid so I am uninsured entirely
 The coverage and copays for the "affordable" plan we have are not adequate
 Dental coverage not enough when handling implant or tooth extraction matters or root canals.
 Increase in secondary insurance plan, dental plan and prescription plan every year which is getting to be a concern.
 Copay is too expensive and its too expensive monthly.
 Long wait times for appointments, needed services not covered, high costs for dental needs
 Medical care is far too expensive, deductibles and copays for example set people back a lot financially and even if you have medicaid you can't make too much over minimum wage or it will be taken away. Then you'd be forced to buy insurance with the money you already don't have to begin with.
 Expensive and claims easily denied
 Insurance is profitable and exploitative for that reason. I'm not affected yet because I'm under my parent's insurance and I don't have to pay for it, but a lot of people I know pay exuberant prices for insurance that hardly covers anything.
 Prescriptions are too expensive
 On social security!!
 premium and co-pay goes up faster than social security
 Little is covered for Health, only sickness.
 just too expensive and doesn't cover enough, like why is dental exempt aren't teeth part of my body. somewhere along the way "health" insurance companies found a way to carve out dental and vision to make more money. i got no leverage, but the government could do something about it.
 I strongly agree with the idea of expanding federal assistance with healthcare, i.e., through Medicaid. However, I strongly disagree with the direction things have gone since the "Affordable Care Act" and premiums that keep going up and up. There are at least 2 measures that could be changed - 1) limit the scope of covered services to things that are truly essential to medicine (e.g., do not require coverage for things like IVF. Insurance should help the sick and do that well. 2) change the system of health care

insurance being run by for-profit insurance companies who make enormous profits and pay incredibly high salaries.

I wish I had a good answer, but I don't know enough about the actual facts.

It is available and adequate for me. It is just too expensive.

I'm a diabetic, and am still living on my parents' insurance. While we can fully afford insulin and the like, I do not like that we have to pay for medication that keeps me alive on a daily basis.

Expensive and inadequate. The health care is in dire need of reform starting with insurance companies and hospitals. I am in need of specific diabetic care and it took over a year of fight to get much needed meds approved. I know people that cannot afford insurance or medicine. It's out of control. The whole system is.

Cost of Urgent care and emergency hospital attendance

Income requirements for disabled people raising kids is ridiculously high when you can't already pay to live

Prescription drugs are too expensive

healthcare cost per capita are the highest in the world but life expectancy is not high compared to other countries. The insurance companies take too much from the consumer.

Trump will kill Obamacare, medicare, medicaid, social security

I have 3 health insurances (Blue Cross, Tricare for life, and Medicare), but the available health care in Anne Arundel county is inadequate and inferior compared to the many other places I lived during my 40+ year career in the military and federal government. I believe Maryland's and Anne Arundel County's high cost of living, high crime, and "nanny-state" policies drive medical professionals to nearby states and counties that don't impose these things on them.

Corporate greed not contained by federal government

Cost of insurance is too high. I would like to see National health insurance or state wide insurance

Base universal coverage for citizens of Maryland.

Income deduction to pay for family health insurance

Currently uninsured. Healthcare is linked with employment. I was dropped with no warning

Medicare us in trouble financially. My doctors are getting paid less for their services. There is a shortage of physicians as well. Medicare will become irrelevant at this pace.

We allow pharmaceutical companies to dictate too much. Ever since Obamacare premiums have risen and coverage has declined. Drug abuse is being seen as a disease instead of a crime. Our politicians are owned by big pharmaceutical companies and do not have the peoples best interest in mind.

Costs of Rx has not gone down as Biden claimed. They continue to escalate.

I pay \$817.00 per month

Cost is too, roo very expensive for what is provided!!!

Too much litigation and coverage for things that should not be covered

US health care process needs complete restructure, including access, medical connectivity across all states, and affordability.

Insurance administration is too costly and doesn't enhance care

No matter what type of health care insurance you have or qualify for, You still have to pay some kind of co pay or deductible, which means that what ever health care provide you can qualify for always has additional fees.. So Health insurance doesn't really cover the true cost of health care, and don't get me started on Medications. just the same . not covered. one pay one covers all Health care coverage's, no matter what. That's what is should cover everything always. or else why pay.

I've had several doctors, dermatologists, and dentists who barely take the time to look with. I've had a doctor go "boutique practice" and wants more money to remain primary care provider. I have several friends who can't have needed health, mental, or dental work due to the costs.

Insurance costs have increased more than inflation rate. Insurance co-pays have increased and more have been added to policies.

To high for people coming off their parents health insurance

Health care is too expensive, and insurance coverage is inadequate

Honestly, I don't understand why costs are so high. Why are insurance companies pressing citizens for high premiums and copays? Why isn't the federal government stepping in to limit this. A lot of people my age <25 are either, uninsured (Due to high cost), on parent's plan, or insured (Through employer). I may be unaware about what happens behind the scenes but it doesn't make since that the government isn't stepping in to put a stop to it.

I'm on 6 prescription medications to try and address my diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. 2 of them are not available as generics so cost me over \$100 (each) monthly, and 2 others are on a higher class list so even though they are generics, they cost me close to \$100 for 3 month supply. These are the prices after my healthcare has applied their "discount".

One visit to the doctor's office for a follow up, I was charged over \$900 and seen by the doctor for less than 15 minutes. Thankfully, Medicare reduced the cost and paid most of the bill. How can anyone without insurance afford health care. Why isn't the government working to reduce health care costs? In spite of purchasing the best plan available, health insurance companies impose high deductibles and minimum out-of-pocket expenses before they pay physicians and health care providers.

Hard for self employed

My health insurance keeps rising and the coverage stays the same or gets worse

Health insurance problem is ID-theft. There are no checks/protections for people once their SSN is stolen for insurance purposes (which has happened to 2 people I know). Medical offices aren't also doing a good job of protecting data from security breaches.

Many are uninsured or underinsured.

Sometimes i prefer to stay out of the medical office. After being overwhelmed with unwanted dr visits.

Being accused of being schizophrenic. Mental health treatments. I'm exhausted from being examined.

Aside from that ive been avoiding the opposite sex or any sexual activity or situations to avoid the risk or stds. Herpes. Or any other bodily fluids that might disrupt my normal routines. I simply cannot afford any of it. I am no longer risking it all.

Insurance companies control care to much; cost of copays and basic needs to high causing a obstacle that requires us to determine what is the greater basic need to be met

High deductible

Health insurance is too expensive and I guess if costs were to come down, that could help

More medical items such as mental health should be lower cost and deemed preventative, standard care.

Change now insurer pays more for prescriptions

Too many people cannot afford adequate insurance or settle for a plan that either does not cover treatments or forces them to perform procedures that are unnecessary to in order to qualify for the procedure to correctly DX the problem and get correct treatment. Example a family member, from previous experience, knew she needed a MRI. Her insurance made her first get an xray which revealed nothing, then go through 6 weeks of PT which the therapist could only guess possible treatment plan because they did not have enough information to treat correctly. After 4 months of severe pain she was able to get an MRI. The results of the MRI showed that her problems were different from what they suspected and that she required both pain management and more PT to reduce the pain. Sadly she still

owes copays from PT, the Xray and MRI and will not be able to receive treatment to relive her pain. A lot of wasted money, time and resources plus unneeded time in pain .

High deductible insurance plans are expensive

Health insurance companies are raising copays every year, cutting their coverage, while raising the monthly price.

Once I get off my insurance through my father, I truly do not know how to afford healthcare. I do not have a job that gives me free healthcare, let alone I can not work much as I also have school therefore I do not make enough money to even get healthcare.

Drug costs are too high

Insurance premiums are high. Then, if a doctor recommends something the insurance company often declines or makes access difficult. Suggest to lower premiums, remove insurance corporate greed, lower cost of access services/medication.

unsure

I have one of the more affordable plans, and it does cover many basic services, but we still had significant bills when I needed surgery early last year.

Inadequate for so many younger people; and older folks due to the changing circumstances with Medicare and Medicaid

My husband is on Medicare and it is expensive

Medicaid provides dental insurance to adults who qualify however most dental practices do not accept adult patients with Maryland Healthy Smiles (Maryland's state dental insurer) which leaves adult patients without the ability to get their dental care needs met

Corp monopolies, care for profit, pharma benefit mgrs, private equity firm growth in healthcare

Too expensive. Has doubled in the last few years

For others that I know, it is a struggle to afford decent health insurance.

It seems that more doctors are opting out of Medicare and appointments are getting harder and harder to get. Sometimes the doctor cancels the appointment and you have to wait several months before another appointment is available. Health care for all should be a 'given', and paid for through taxes. There should be more low cost clinics, some student loan forgiveness for doctors, nurses, PA and NP who work such clinics. These clinics can accept insurance from those that have it, but give fair prices to those who do not have it. The insurance companies bargain with doctors but those who have no insurance are often 'socked' with a higher cost than what the insurance company pays.

Insurance too difficult for medical providers to deal with so insurance is accepted at fewer places and we are having to find new providers far too often.

Health insurance elections for a family are the largest election most employees make, and probationary federal employees who returned from work lost health insurance but when placed on administrative leave as a result of court rulings the deductions were taken and continue to be despite the insurance agencies stating those staff are still unemployed.

Too many drugs are too costly to consider and not covered by part D; Medicare doesn't cover some basic and proactive interventions

Premiums are very expensive and the insurance covers very little

Insurance is too expensive for the coverage it provides. While we have "good" insurance and it is company supplemented, the cost is outrageous and we still have to come out of pocket to cover basic expenses.

Insurance companies and the Pharma industry should be regulated: services and medication. They reimburse a fraction for services which result sometimes in inadequate care on the part of the physicians. Prices of medicine are too expensive and generic substitutes don't always have the same desirable effect than brand name medication. Or medications that don't have generic substitutes are not

covered by insurance companies, regardless of doctors interventions on behalf of patients insisting on the need of the medications. The states should find a way to mediate these problems.

I have a high-deductible health plan, and even with the HSA (which we're using to pay down prior medical expenses) I've chosen to forgo some appointments that I'd have to pay for out of pocket.

Supplemental insurance costs are very high. Plus my long term health insurance policy that I pay for but haven't used YET, will hopefully cover my needs when I do need to use it.

I lived in England for more than 30 years where National Health Insurance was very good. Advertising drugs on television raises the cost of drugs. The amount of paper work for insurance is ridiculous and only adds to employment without adding any benefits. The inefficiency in the health system here is pathetic.

Continuing to go up each year for both me and my disabled adult child. Worried over DAC child losing coverage. Medicare doesn't cover as much as it should.

Health Insurance is the most expensive item in my budget at \$630 per month for one person, me. Way too expensive

Concerns about: Maryland's deficit on Medicaid; role of private equity in healthcare driving up costs with decreasing services; insurance reimbursement not adequate for doctors. Eliminate private equity in health care; provide incentives for students to receive training and education in healthcare in exchange for practicing in the state; restore CDC NIH, FDA.

We pay more every year for a policy that covers less every year. I'm very grateful for the access to coverage through the marketplace and it's decent insurance but it's still too expensive and it continues to decline in what it covers every year. I would be willing to pay higher taxes for a well executed universal healthcare system. AND HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH INSURANCE SHOULD NOT BE A FOR PROFIT INDUSTRY.

Needing to pay out of pocket medical and dental expenses

State of Maryland dropped RX coverage for State Retirees, forcing retirees to replace coverage thru a Medicare D program which incurs an extra cost. We have paid for those benefits thru out our careers. It fosters fears that the State will drop other coverages from retirees benefits.

The company workers enter information incorrect and we cannot have visits until its fixed but they keep messing it up.

Insurance doesn't cover as much as it did in the past

Premiums and deductibles are too high for seniors on a fixed income.

Premium cost, Cost of medications heart, pulmonary and other common meds for chronic but treatable illness with standard medications. Medication now geared 3mor 4 Or just no longer covered. Our quality of healthcare and choices have shrunk. Insurance is play god with our lives.

General practitioners not available without 8-10 month waiting periods. Many switch on to concierge service

I will be retiring in a few years and there is no indication that seniors will receive decent Medicare coverage or even adequate income despite all we have contributed since we first started working decades ago. People see us as moochers.

A few for service model makes healthcare too expensive. Middlemen in prescription drugs and insurance boost costs. Healthcare should not be a profit based business.

Too few providers in Maryland means there's little pricing competition

Put of pocket expenses and the costs associated with employer provided health insurance continue to increase

Restricting of health insurance companies - they charge a lot for uncertain and insufficient coverage.

Prices are too high for medicine and co pays

\$9,200. Deductible

inadequate, for a frequent contacts wearer, with astigmatism, contacts are very very expensive for me my high prescription. my insurance only covers contacts or a eyeglasses every two years! I believe contacts should be at least covered once every year!

Even with insurance, I don't understand why any procedure needs to cost the high price.

too expensive. many loopholes in coverage costs.

My Medicare costs increased from \$528 per quarter to \$ 1,500+ per quarter with no change in my health profile

Supplemental insurance is too costly for me so I only have Medicare.

Too expensive! Anything to help us get better is way out of our reach. We will die in debt! Insurance is a scam. Dental care so expensive and alot of the procedures are deemed "cosmetic" so insurance doesn't even help

It is not accepted in all places to get great medical care so very inadequate and not efficient as I should not have to travel far to get care when there is a whole satellite system out in my area

Deductible is \$6k and very few providers or services in-network. Would prefer low deductible and coverage of proven, effective holistic services like acupuncture. Also would like insurance to cover compounded medications and cover services like colonoscopies one hundred percent no matter what, instead of saying we "might" cover it unless we find something problematic.

Medigap keeps going up and up and Part D Drug PLans have quadrupled this year

It is too expensive for services received. It is impossible to get primary doctors even in Anne Arundel County. Paying more insurance premiums and getting significantly worse service. There should be more support and less barriers to educate doctors in this country --- AMA/Medical schools restrict the number of doctors and the cost is too high. If there was a bigger supply, there would be more doctors and costs would decrease.

As a senior Ifi find the cost of second insurance price has gone up. To make it easy o. Us they should lower the clay more.

co pay are high, primary are hig

Extreme out of pocket cost

High cost for basic health benefits

Healthcare is way way too expensive. I recently had a year of getting my own healthcare and i was surprised how expensive it is. Now one of my adult children is getting his own healthcare. Very expensive. I do not know how some people afford it. Healthcare is so very important to have.

The cost to the employee is too high especially when you add in the high deductible even when using in network.

I had to lose my job to qualify for employment that is affordable. had i not been laid off i would not be able to afford adequate insurance on the income that i'm paid.

Co-pay was \$75 at Urgent Care while also paying almost a couple hundred dollars a month for insurance.

Medicare monthly premium increases is higher than social security cost of living increases yearly.

Medigap monthly increases are too high. Medicare does not cover hearing,dental and eye exams for seniors. These are essential health services for seniors to live.

I find it too expensive. I am paying several hundred dollars a month and still paying a large copay every doctor's visit. Being s federal employee I am at immediately risk of being removed my plan without notice.

Insurer gred

Public-private partnership, ala Canadian Health Services. This can reduce the cost of routine services, by removing administrative overhead. The other thing is to allow Medicare / Medicaid / VA Health to negotiate the price of pharmaceuticals, as that otherwise there is little to no incentive for drug makers to reduce their costs.

Universal healthcare. Unlink it from employment and make it part of tax base like Medicare and the rest of the world.

The cost of insurance takes nearly 20% of my income. The coverage decreases each year while the efficiency of claims processing decreases.

Deductible is unreasonable, expensive. Small fees Dr. charges add up to high costs.

As a family of three, we're paying the same yearly / monthly amount as a family of 4/5/6/7.....Why should we be funding everyone else's children / family members for healthcare?? If you have 6 children, then your monthly / yearly healthcare should be more expensive than a family with just one child.

Truthfully the system needs massive change. Doctors are leaving left and right and now we are stuck with PHARMA. No BUENO!

Supplemental to Medicare too costly

Part-time job worker does not have insurance until you meet number of months/year

Can't find

Some people cannot afford health insurance it's definitely expensive from the most part just living in the US is expensive clothes and shoes food cars houses apt are expensive it's like every year the price rises up and you're trying to get health insurance it's hard on some people I don't know why we can't get free health in the US like if you got hurt on your job you have to pay the bill if you don't have insurance what is dumb you're trying to pay with money your pockets are gonna be empty not everyone has the cash to pay the bill Health insurance is not too high but also not low like along with other must expenses it is mandatory and one provided by government has a big waiting list and opens once a year. On the other hand private ones are way too expensive.

Premium yoo expensive

Health insurance is almost half the monthly salary I make.

Health insurance is too expensive for students and part-time workers like me. Even basic plans have high monthly costs or don't cover much. It would help if there were more low-cost options for young adults and students, or if employers were required to offer affordable plans to part-time workers.

Many jobs don't provide good health care that actually helps to provide people with the care they need.

Currently the healthcare provided to my family (A bigger than average family). Is too expensive for the jobs we have, and recently changed to a provider connected to the job of my mother to lower costs. More healthcare options, and flexibility with low-paying jobs and somewhat compliant with the state of the person paying (Financial status etc)

I'm not truly sure what the ways are to better access to affordable healthcare however I do think it should be based on the person's personal income. For my dad, his healthcare will be taken away (Medicaid) because I make "too much" working just the weekends at my job which adds to his income. My income pays for my school, not his bills which he will now have to stretch the little money he makes even further to pay for healthcare.

Hugely expensive for terrible care. Nationalize healthcare and cut out the for-profit insurance. Get religion out of healthcare and restore women's right to healthcare.

Appendix D: Department of Government Efficiency - Comments

DOGE is a scam. It was set up by MAGA to steal money from the middle class and below to enhance and enrich the ultra wealthy. It is illegal and unethical, and needs to be stopped.

The contracts/employment that has been terminated is an incredibly small percentage of government "savings", but a large percentage of peoples' well being. This is doing way more harm than good. There are better ways to save money in the government.

Need thorough review, like Bill Clinton did and achieved a budget surplus, not just blanket firings.

Unbelievably poorly executed. There is a need for more efficiency in government, but done in a respectful, orderly way.

Doge is a political office meant to destroy the government on behalf of Russian collusion. I don't trust trump or musk. They are both controlled by Putin

Al Gore did a much better job of this during the Clinton Admin -- no one remembers because they did it so well and without chaos.

Illegal activity designed to enrich Elon Musk and break the government. The damage and implications affect every citizen and destroy the rule of law.

Great job by musk and Trump

Long overdue, DOGE should have started several administration ago.

Just getting started, elimination of fraud and waste is a good thing....should have been done years ago

Absolutely needs to happen to root out waste and corruption of entrenched government "workers" who have bled us dry for way too long.

I had to wait and see in a year or two

Absolute waste of money and time, Elon Musk is a fascist dismantling our government

DOGE fails utterly at the task of making government more efficient. Rather it seeks to wantonly dismantle bureaucracy and fill in the gaps with fanatics wherever possible.

furious about the way Doge has gone about slashing government workers and dismantling critical government programs, which will severely impact services to All people.

very few if anyone knowingly voted for this

Elon Musk is an oligarch who has absolutely no place laying waste to important sectors of our government. The way he has gone about the effort is haphazard and dangerous, and, frankly, mean-spirited. He is a sore winner, and does not truly value our most fundamental rights in the United States. He is a fake advocate of free speech and the balance of powers of our government. Restructuring the government or trying to identify waste could have been a legitimate and important effort, but he goes about it like a troll, undermining it's validity.

Doge is just a way to ensure that wealthy people are able to gain or maintain their wealth, power and influence in the US federal government and undermines due process and the system of checks and balances placed on the executive branch.

Eliminating govt. waste is a job for trained/ experienced officials not some crony of the 🇺🇸 🇩🇪 . He has done nothing but create chaos, it will take years to fix the damage he's done. So many people lost their jobs, for what?!

u suck

Not based on facts/needs assessment

DOGE is an illegitimate "branch" of government. Musk is using all the tools he used in private industry to benefit himself at the cost of others. He has no idea what he is doing and little concern for the people he is affecting. He is a complete *hole with his buddy Trump.

Childish

A (likely unconstitutional) wrecking ball with catastrophic and long-lasting impact

No more unelected fascists running our government!

Done hastily and sloppy with no planning or foresight

How dare an unelected, unvetted billionaire take away programs and resources for average citizens.

Every dollar "saved" by DOGE is money out of a real American's pocket.

They are billionaires only concerned with increasing their wealth and power

Not a bad concept but they are going about it in a dreadful way

DOGE NEEDS TO GOOOO!

The whole thing seems like satire. I don't understand how they're getting away with this nonsense.

As a government employee everything DIGE has required us to do or EOs have required us to do to comply has made us much more inefficient due to the extra work we have to do. It's all absurd.

An unelected government official should not be bringing in private servers that put the entirety of our government's data at risk. These same unelected officials should not have the power to fire tens of thousands of government employees without proper individual inspections into their work.

DOGE is unlawful. They're basically terrorizing Americans. Putting Musk in charge of a faux federal agency is one of Trump's authoritarian actions. Nothing DOGE is doing is lawful. They're firing people and cutting programs and government departments unlawfully. DOGE is having a terrorizing effect on American workers and will have a poor outcome for all Americans, especially those who need government services.

DOGE is unethical and is making horribly insane decisions

The actions of DOGE have significantly affected my job prospects as someone who is nearing the end of a graduate degree. They have had a notable effect on the day to day life of many of my colleagues. As someone who has been disabled by Long Covid and is already experiencing difficulties accessing appropriate medical care, the ending of federal research and Long Covid center funding has been devastating to both my morale and the likelihood that my condition will be improved by treatment in the near future.

While there are likely areas for optimized efficiency, DOGE is being incredibly reckless and cutting programs/staffing for the things we need most in our country. The fact that an unelected official without an appropriate security clearance has gone in and accessed so much sensitive personal data, is truly appalling. I want my tax dollars to be used to support and uplift programs that assist those in need, not to tear them down. DOGE is an embarrassment and we will be seeing the negative ramifications of its existence for decades to come.

UNQUALIFIED /UNEDUCATED/inexperienced people in charge

Are there government inefficiencies that could be addressed? Of course. Was this the way to handle it? Absolutely not. Talented, skilled workers have lost their employment, throwing unnecessary uncertainty into their lives, losing progress in research and technology, and overall creating a detriment to the citizens of this country.

The entire organization is incompetent.

Elon Musk would never have been my choice ! Lack of empathy for Americans in general is so unkind ! We all don't have the Trump's wealth or the governments great insurance - lifetime benefits ! Crazy !

They are unelected and unvetted, with no business having access to sensitive information. They are needlessly firing people instead of cutting our biggest budget items like the defense budget or Elon's contracts.

They should be arrested and tried for treason based on several illegal actions they are taking to undermine the function of the US government and the checks and balances therein.

Think it is to cause chaos in the government to hide something more important.

This entire system of DOGE is a complete disaster. So many good, hard working and honest people have lost their jobs- all for campaign promises and power. Never in my 68 years did I expect to see NO

accountability in our government officials. Everything has become a “political soap opera” at the expense of American citizens.

Is not a government agency. Just a complete mess

Doge is not saving money. It's simply stripping programs (many of which are already struggling) of resources (money/staff/etc.) so they can eventually eliminate or privatize them. This will only lead to worse outcome for us residents especially the most vulnerable ones

Absolutely horrible and unnecessary.

Im not sure what Dodge has done thus far

A complete dysfunctional organization with the sole purpose of creating disruption and chaos.

Sloppy, unprofessional, incompetent, wasteful department - DOGE.

Chaotic, unpredictable, unethical, illegal, authoritarian in nature.

Horrificing. Say goodbye to decent public education or any "government handouts" (that we fund with our tax dollars)

I think this has been incredibly messy, many innocent people have lost their jobs for no reason.

“Powerful” people are taking advantage of the system and families are suffering because of it.

The federal government downsized in the 1990s and managed to do it without the chaos that the ‘DOGE’ has created. It seems as if this administration can do something with no empathy or kindness it goes out of the way to choose that path. This country could do better.

This is a bold dismantling of the US Government under the excuse of efficiency. It is pure dictionary definition fascism.

I’m all for eliminating waste but this is chaotic at best.

They are in the process of decimated the constitution. Their acts are illegal and unconstitutional. The American people will suffer needlessly due to their efforts.

DOGE: Absolutely the most ridiculous, destructive, disturbing, dangerous thing to happen besides Trump becoming President again.

Poorly thought out, badly executed, probably mostly illegal, unnecessarily disruptive.

Inept, corrupt individuals wrecking federal government, and delighting in causing chaos and pain.

DOGE is illegal, counter productive, and run by an unelected billionaire who has paid for power other

We did not elect Elon Musk. He should not be given the ability to disassemble our government from the inside out, undermining every agency that protects us, the citizens.

DOGE so far has caused chaos, demonstrated complete disregard for reality and truth. The Department is furthering the vindictive agenda of Donald Trump.

Idiocy in the extreme.

Cruel. Stating bad performance with actual great performance leading to lack of unemployment and future discrimination on jobs. Taking needed services away. Firing for not enough worship of Trump. Lack of understanding of systems. Lies. No proof of extended savings nor of theft.

Makes you wonder if they are deliberately trying to destroy the government and the economy.

Yeah, we did our taxes (because I guess the IRS still exists) and I was like, don't do direct deposit because the national parks service says Elon Musk can steal your savings. It's absolutely insane. They are setting the safety nets on fire. It's terrifying.

Completely unnecessary. Zero transparency as to what they are doing. Zero evidence being shown to the public. Destroying families and ruining people's lives. I really could go on and on about the disgust I feel for the entire operation.

My friends and colleagues are experiencing job insecurity at this time directly from DOGE. I have other friends and colleagues who currently have no job unexpectedly, were the primary income for their family,

and are scrambling to find a new job because their spouse was home and raising their family. They have also lost their healthcare benefits and are trying to figure that out.

DOGE should be deemed illegal and all participants removed from positions. Elon Musk and his dogs have stolen all of our personal information, this is definitely illegal. Why hasn't anyone done anything to stop them!? They are hackers and thieves, plain and simple. They should all be in jail.

The most dangerous decision made by a president in my lifetime (I am 80). He,Trump,only cares for his own pockets and power and his hold over The House of Representatives worries me.

Not handled efficiently or effectively. Complete failure and disaster for our country.

DOGE does not help Americans. This only helps the government and big corporations . Some of the programs that this are trying to make changes to or eliminate will heavily have a negative Impact on a lot of American families.

I am not convinced that this agency was put in place to right any wrongs. It seems like another tactic to upend the government and at whose expense?

DOGE is demolishing the government and not considering the affects on the people of this country.

An embarrassment to the USA.

Elon Musk has no place in the Federal government when we know all the "efficiency" is to funnel money back to the wealthiest at the cost of services to the general populace and to create a system where the public is reliant upon private and unregulated entities. This will cut down on government spending true, but it is at the cost of citizens paying much more out of pocket for everything which ultimately creates a much larger gap in wealth disparity

It has just been transferring tax dollars to other useless government workers and raising the unemployment population

Agree with Trump: Ending government waste is necessary. However the approach lacks forethought, coordination and equity. Each agency should have been given a spending and manpower reduction goal and deadline date. Let the agencies determine where to RIF and cut expenditures. Directives such as terminating probationary would be good but not terminating someone with years of service who is now probationary because they switched jobs. Salary reductions could also be a way to accomplish savings. DOGE could be uses to challenge the need for certain grants and spending. Certain programs could be phased out over a short period of time.I am concerned about just anyone having access to confidential personal information. The MVA area will suffer massive jobs losses, home and car losses as a result. This will have far reaching impact on the state budgets. Must open new job opportunities and contractor opportunities. Also reduce healthcare costs. The administration seems to think it is funny (think Chainsaw), however, many people live through no fault of their own are one paycheck away from being homeless without a job. Many two government parents are facing job losses. There can and should be a less chaotic cutback implementation. One thing::DEI does not mean less qualified, it means fully qualified and spots available for people of color because otherwise there would be no diversity. Diversity bring other ideas to the table and provides earning opportunities for the overlooked because they don't look the same. Apparently we are going back to the way things used to be years ago.

n/a

I hate trump

DOGE is a coup masked as something to "oversee government efficiency" when it's the last thing it's even doing. It is being run by a narcissistic ogre of a man-child who would sooner sell the United States and make a profit off it than actually improve it.

appallling

Self serving tool Trump is using to extract revenge on all who stand in his way. does not serve any legitimate purpose. Is spending more money than it saves, and destroying lives in the process

DOGE is not qualified to make cuts. Their cuts are random and being made without knowing the consequences.

Giving a non citizen the right to fire, close and deny services to the American population because he has the power of wealth and influence, is absurd and damaging to our democracy and governmental function. Govt waste is an issue but this self-serving targeted sledgehammer approach is deplorable. I'm embarrassed to be an American right now.

It's skimpy cover for an administrative coup. Unelected private citizens have no business accessing so much sensitive data, and many of the DOGE's actions and decisions are illegal or questionable. It's a power grab to privatize all public infrastructure and will funnel money into the pockets of Elon Musk and his allies.

It is most likely illegal it has been exceptionally poorly executed and is not accomplishing anything. eliminate DOGE and let senators pass laws that govern us government agencies

Musk knows nothing about the workings of the Federal government and is working for his own interest. They took a hatchet to programs that MAYBE needed minor tweaks. A lot of Marylanders (and Americans across the country) will be out of work, and a lot of services won't be available because no one is working in the departments that should be providing them.

The Federal Government has grown too much, but the reduction should be done with a scalpel not a chain saw. Slow, calculated reductions that are made with advice of the people that know the departments/agencies and understand the interconnectedness and the overlaps.

DOGE and Musk are fascist and dangerous

Reckless and maniacal!

Curiously focused on savings in areas outside those of Musk's investments

It feels revengeful and a way to employ fear tactics

DOGE is awful, wrong and frightening for our nation.

Not necessary. He is not an elected official and should not be in everyone's business. He's eliminating important jobs.

Programs should have been examined and people's jobs and job performance should have been examined before summarily shutting down entire departments.

It's a disaster. I don't believe DOGE has the required understanding of how agencies work to make efficient or effective cuts to costs. Also, salaries for federal employees are a tiny fraction of the overall budget; the wholesale firing of employees does nothing to improve the budget while creating chaos and inefficiency.

FUCK DOGE, FUCK TRUMP, FUCK ELON MUSK, FUCK THE WHITE HOUSE

Having a Billionaire (Musk) who was not elected or approved by Congress and senate shred our governmental departments will cause long lasting damage and cost more money in the long run. When this administration is over and the next one tries to rebuild our government they will have to pay more money to employ people in those positions to compete with the private sector and compensate for the mistrust in future job stability.

American Democracy stands on the shoulders of our government which protects our people. The government is supposed to work for us, not destroy us. Trump and Musk are destroying the safety and prosperity of ordinary Americans. They don't even see us.

Witch hunt against Trump's perceived enemies. Has no relation to its stated goals. Is random, egregious and chaotic

Government is not a business

It's a farce!!!

Shit. Show.

I believe it is a scam to enrich billionaires. We do need to address federal debt and the deficit, but none of DOGE's actions will help make that happen. Instead, we should raise taxes on the rich, close tax loopholes, increase tax enforcement, and add taxes on junk food/alcohol/drugs.

The "Department of Government Efficiency" led by an unelected official has been a complete abuse of power, and has caused hardship for thousands of Americans who have been fired from their job unjustly. All that it has done has been completely unnecessary and further sent our country on its downward spiraling path.

it should be demolished.

This unelected, unqualified, unethical is waging a one man vendetta against the government.

DOGE needs to be shut down, it is unlawful.

I have social security insecurity

Get rid of Musk NOW before it is too late to salvage the federal government. He does not know what he is doing and has zero empathy for the many lives he is destroying. There has to be someone more intelligent and better prepared for this job than Musk. He got this job as a payback from Trump. Fix it now before it can't be fixed!

I think the actions taken are going to lead to an increase in suicide rates and exacerbate the mental health crisis.

Disruptive, illegal, wasteful, seriously dangerous, useless, done to engage & defeat people
a travesty

May need downsizing but this is being done without any educated thought or following any legal procedure

Costing us more money than it's saving us, completely illegal firings, illegal actions and threats against private companies. Elon needs to go.

Illegal.

Unconstitutional

It's a mess and firing all the government workers will show the agencies will not be able to function and everything will change next administration

DOGE is making cuts without understanding, or being willing to understand, the functions of government. Their ignorance and arrogance will cost lives.

Doge's slash and burn approach is wrong, wrong wrong.

Unregulated, out of control and without checks and balances.

Why are we paying a billionaire that has no political/government work experience. Musk has no business in our government.

Of course, waste should be eliminated, but it should be done in an orderly, necessary way, not slashing jobs and impacting people who need the services.

DOGE is looking in the wrong places to save money. Tax the ultra wealthy and they'll make more money than everything they've done. They've ruined lives and sent our country backwards. It is an assault on democracy.

Ridiculous, unnecessary, unelected

Action is done without researching and seeing the consequences

DOGE fired me without cause. I am temporarily reinstated due to a court order but likely to lose my job again. The actions of DOGE is causing my husband's company to lose business and contracts due to the shuttering of government clients.

the execution of "efficiency efforts" by DOGE has been wholly dangerous.

What a disgrace.

Absolutely terrible, they have eliminated vital government jobs and their cuts hit especially hard in MD with the high rate of government workers

Illegal, unconstitutional

Very concerned about decisions taken without thinking on the mid-long term consequences

The Office of Management and Budget did this effectively and legally. DOGE has created chaos and ended up gutting valuable programs. This will take generations to recover from as a country, if we even can do that. Many of my friends are at risk of losing their jobs.

What a disaster.

DOGE is an absolute horror show. No transparency, no accountability, no respect for the rule of law.

Many of their staff would not pass the background checks necessary to access the information they are accessing with no oversight. I will not be surprised when it is discovered that they have stolen large amounts of money and/or wiped critical data from our archives.

Again so badly done and adding more cost than any alleged savings, no real transparency and especially done with no preparation or skill sets.

Musk and Trump are draining the knowledge pool by firing all these workers.

tech bros have taken over our government in an attempt to make a billionaire richer. the waste is doge NOT the people they're firing

Seems unfair

It is an unnecessary department and is causing detriment to our country.

A threat to national and world stability

I find the Idea of an unqualified, manic person heading this totally TERRIFYING!

There seems to be no rhyme or reason to the cuts. They don't seem to care who is hurt by the cuts

Since Trump's inauguration the country has been in chaos to daily upheaval. Further Elon Musk making decisions is way out of line & he should leave Washington & take his team with him. He is a demagogue & must be silenced.

Trump is an idiot and ruining our country!!! Elon Musk and DOGE are total bullshit and a waste. The idiot Trump and idiot Musk should be sent to mars with no life support!!!

Shameful

It's already destroying the economy and smooth operation of government. They're on a personal vendetta fueled by the current president's and the DOGE leadership's fragile egos and delusional notions.

VERY POOR AND INHUMANE

As a former retired federal employee, I don't understand why DOGE exist. I believe there is waste in every workplace; however, the federal employee should not be penalized why it continues to exist in all corporations. This is Trump's way of retaliation against the federal government due to his personal loss prior to being elected.

DOGE is like: Nazi Germany, or the Nazi Party

I am fearful that protections provided by our different agencies are being eroded and removed. I'm afraid Social Security benefits will be reduced and that civil/voting rights will not be protected.

Musk should not be allowed to do what he is doing. He is not an official government employee, therefore he should not have access to the information he has

Elon Musk is getting rid of competition so his companies get all gov bids w/o oversight so he can continue to defraud the gov!

DOGE seems to apply changes through a combination of AI and wholesale staff hacking without any studies on the impact and often ends up re-hiring people when it realizes it messed up. There doesn't appear to be a coherent plan and it's very frustrating, as it's damaging much needed services such as Social Security.

they are imploding the government

I understand the main point of looking into the federal government and seeing what is a waste of money or not but the way Musk and Trump have chosen what is a waste of money is wrong. They are picking government branches and organizations that they do not like or personally support. The bias in the executive branch is very evident and despairing.

Too many changes being made without enough input from our representatives - one person should not have all the power to make all the decisions based on just their own opinion.

Congress has power of the purse not president

Stop !!! Trump is ruthless, a bully, self serving, inhumane, ignorant, incompetent, corrupt, a liar, a thief, totally untrustworthy, "know it all" oh no!! A complete _____ and total embarrassment. Trump's appointments are "loyal to the money" and clueless to us Americans and the rest of the world.

It is mind boggling, and disturbing to me that any of this is going on - I am also increasingly concerned about the security breach of someone like Elon Musk having so much access to such sensitive information.

It's good for the government to try to be more efficient but while seeing things about Elon Musk lying and his use of the actual government department is worrying.

Cutting service without careful review is irresponsible.

DOGE is stealing our personal information and its work is illegal. They need to be stopped.

So unnerving and unnecessary. Trump has no problem spending millions so he can play golf and go to the Super Bowl but no compassion for workers just trying to put food on their table and a roof over their heads.

I resent their probable use of AI programs to slash public sector jobs. I suspect Trump/DOGE is intentionally undermining government processes to make a future case for privatization and/or AI automation of those jobs. But I don't think they're that smart or care enough about what government does.

Ridiculous know-nothing wrecking a system that took two centuries to build. Also criminal and unconstitutional.

While I think that more action was needed to reduce the US Deficit, this DOGE experiment has been a complete disaster in ALL ways. I think that it will likely cost more money than it is saving.

If successful, Trump and Musk will destroy democracy as we know it.

The process is wrong.

Inexperienced in this role, doesn't care about anything, completely cruel.

This is traitorous behavior. Trump should be relieved of command. Musk should be shipped back to South Africa. Vance should be removed as well.

It is an attempt to dismantle our democratic institutions and replace it with an authoritarian oligarchy. Very chaotic and frivolously destructive to people here and in other parts of the world. In some negligent and even deadly consequences.

There are certainly opportunities for us to look at government agencies, their missions and opportunities to streamline and be more efficient. However, staffing was not a key driver of expense. The way DOGE has gone about its work is cruel, haphazard at best and dangerous at its worst. It will take years to repair the damage to our nation.

DOGE is a serious threat to our democracy. Musk is unelected and unvetted. His unfettered access is a major breach of our privileged information. I do not trust that he will use this information in only legitimate ways.

I'm sure all government services could be made more efficient, but the slash and burn methods used by DOGE incompetents are a travesty that shouldn't be tolerated plus they are illegal. Once the rule of law is ignored, we have no democratic functioning government or even the appearance of one.

This is the result of a power-hungry person who wants to "make his mark"

Waste of our money and getting rid of important jobs/resources

Who elected Muscovite? The felon and his henchman have zero authority to dismantle the agencies and departments. These policies are wreaking havoc on people's lives. They will lower economic growth and increase inflation, not to mention sending the economy into a recession.

DOGE is only going to get worse and create more mayhem in the US. It is a totally unnecessary agency of the government. It exists only because Donald Trump wants to ruin America.

Illegal, immoral and corrupt

There is an unelected, unvetted individual with unilateral control over the functioning of our government.

His only qualifications? Being rich and a trump bootlicker. An absolute travesty on every single level.

This is a frightening overreach by individuals clearly uninformed about what the government is meant to do FOR ITS PEOPLE.

Reckless, unethical, unprofessional poorly executed in every way

Ill-conceived, ignorant, ham-fisted assault on the functional viability of our government as a democracy.

DOGE spreads a lot of disinformation especially about Social Security. They have used questionable methods to gain access to databases with personal information

unqualified people doing illegal and harmful activities

DOGE is clearly an effort by unelected officials to destroy our democracy and privatize government services.

DOGE is a purposeful attempt to destabilize our country. It will wreak havoc to the lives of Americans and our economy and is already causing security concerns to national data and personal data.

Absolutely horrific. If anyone else did this, they'd be in jail. Rightly so.

Trump is an incompetent President who threatens the security and constitutional structure of the country. The actions of DOGE and Elon Musk are illegal and overly aggressive.

The destroying of our democracy.

Unlawful actions gutting government agencies and causing loss of services to consumers. Employees having private data stolen and getting insufficient notice of actions affecting their employment.

Unauthorized personnel who don't understand the functions of government programs are cutting off critical services nationwide and harming their employment US's standing abroad.

We are spending too much on corrupt efforts to find corruption. I do believe there is corruption in the federal government but the corruption from wealthy lobbyist and businesses that are dictating what our congress implements is where the major corruption is. Trump and Musk are spending more on golfing and their day to day expenditures than DOGE is finding. DOGE is a way to destabilize and dismantle our federal government. Musk is out to profit from his businesses getting federal government contacts. DOGE is destroying government without any understanding of what the agencies do, why they are needed, what works, or what could be improved. Musk is unaccountable to anyone and only wants to destroy government. Trump and Musk want to be free to enrich themselves with taxpayer money and no oversight. No one voted to dismantle government.

DOGE seems to have created a waste of employee's time and is spending way more money than it is saving. There is also a lack of respect for most human beings and a sense that the people who are rich are above the law.

This is dangerous for people without clearance or experience to be making decisions about jobs they don't understand. It's also frustrating that Musk clearly has conflicts of interest that are driving some of the decisions.

It's despicable and illegal and destroying our democracy

Yes, there is waste, but not sure how its being handled well or what is being targeted is good.

The idea that DOGE is saving money is ludicrous. Not only has it been wildly expensive, but it's designed specifically to funnel federal funds into Musk's business interests

If there were needed cuts that could've been precisely made- that's not what's happening. DOGE is hastily and poorly making cuts without assessing what services they are cutting in the process and causing a lot of harm in the process.

reckless, destructive, cruel

Musk was not elected. Musk has a ridiculous number of conflicting interests and should not be given UNELECTED power over government spending when multiple of his companies benefit from government contracts. The lack of oversight with DOGE is extremely worrying. DOGE has been a fucking mess as have all of their initiatives. They should have to work within the existing legal framework as regards access to information, vetting, termination, etc. They will wind up costing the government (and therefore us) MORE money via lawsuits, etc. Fuck Musk and DOGE.

I am all for efficient government. Creating chaos is not the way to create efficient government.

DOGE is a scam. Dismantle the government, sell it for parts, and line Musk's pockets with more government contracts, all while vilifying dedicated government employees.

Government waste is a real issue, but a thoughtful approach is needed to address the problem. DOGE is focused on dismantling programs without concern for the well-being of our citizens or our relationships with other countries.

DOGE is cruel, and not truly defining any fraud or waste. They are just destroying our government. I am totally against what they are doing. It is wrong that an imigrant has been put in charge of this. I resent Elon so very much, and Trump even more for doing this all to our country. I resent the evil squads going out and kidnapping people and putting them into prison without due process. Even criminals get due process. THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NOT RUSSIA. I resent Trump's allegiance to Russia. I want our European allies-- out true friends. I do not want to attack and take over other countries. This is not who we are!!!! I am supportive of Medicaid. I don't want Social Security touched nor Medicare.

I am concerned about unelected officials (Musk and DOGE leadership) having unlimited power, taking control of portions of government and our personal information. This seems like a Coup

Cuts should be made by department heads who (should) have knowledge and expertise in the functions of the employees. They should be gradual (with warning) and strategic in order to ensure smooth continuation of services.

Cuts are likely needed but can be done in a fashion that does not hurt so many people with unemployment and/or loss of services.

DOGE is unlawful, corrupt, and stealing from Americans

DOGE is a farce created by the billionaire class in order to extract money from the government. It should've been stopped by congress on day one. Our government is failing us.

Terrible and horrifying

It is destroying the country.

lacking any analysis of programs and job functions. indiscriminate cutting risks losing expertise and historical memory. The process has been disrespectful to many in public service and done with impunity and evil laughter.

Visagoths

Disasterous

DOGE will bring long lasting damage to the US government and people in this country.

Concern about science

DOGE should be dismantled and its officers prosecuted

Unelected billionaires do not belong in our government. He and the Felon are doing great harm to the US. Governments aren't businesses, they work for the people.

Causes short term and long term severe harm to economy, medical advances, and individual lives.
Makes us unsafe with cuts to health and national security.

This is a knee jerk reaction to reduce government - without any plan or justification for its implementation. It is hurting many well deserved employees, their families, important programs funded with federal support in all areas (culture, health, social services, safety, emergency response, defense, etc.)

We're witnessing a coup. We must stop DOGE, stop Musk, stop Trump.

I am disgusted by it

Complete cluster that has destroyed decades of progress and will cause irreparable harm to our country and cost lives.

Brutally cruel and inefficient.

In addition, government is stupid because it never publicizes what it does and so Americans don't know why the government is needed and the positive impact it has on their lives

Absolutely unnecessary, ill conceived and run by idiots. Its upended vital research, health services, and is intent on gutting agencies, oversight, and pushback so that they can stripmine everything for themselves. I'm furious.

Musk is not elected to any office!

Donald Trump, Elon Musk, and their supporters are sending the country backwards economically, socially, politically and morally. DOGE has ruined lives and careers

Not done with a clear plan. Just slashing with not clear objectives

Devastating impact on federal workers in Maryland. I work for a nonprofit - cuts in grants are causing layoffs

Random firing of people, too quickly. Stupid quick choices. Not considering unemployment costs, and housing impacts, the increase in welfare.

A disaster.

The government certainly needs to go through a business process engineering evaluation, but going in and slashing jobs, making mistakes, and trying to get some people back is not the way to improve the organizations. It takes a serious look at what's needed and what could be improved or slimmed down.

Firing groups of people in the different agencies is rude and not productive.

DOGE's real purpose was never to cut waste and fraud. It was to destroy as much of the federal government as possible. That is why inexperienced tech support workers were hired to do the job. People doing this are grossly uninformed about what these agencies and parts of them do. They are taking a sword when they should be studying the responsibility of each unit and think about its importance. They are reducing our science capacity currently and in the future. Also, they're taking Americans' information with no regard or sense of security. It is a total disaster from uninformed, uncaring leadership.

It has managed in a few short months to destroy the country

DOGE and Trump are destroying a well functioning government. They are not looking at individuals who might not be doing their job but wiping out huge numbers of hard working individuals. They are using a sledge hammer rather than a scalpel to cut out waste and fraud.

It is a coup.

Severe and chaotic!

It is destructive. There is not thought about the function of gov't. The cruelty is the point. There is no plan. SS, Medicare, and Medicaid are my biggest concerns. Folks work too hard to have their benefits cut by a billionaire and incompetent officials.

This has not be executed well and very inconsistent for federal workers- not knowing what is happening and the lack of transparency. DOGE is not what this country voted for,

I'm worried that DOGE is causing irreparable harm to our country.

There was no plan or thought in the process led by Musk. He should not have any control or opinion on our government. He isn't even an elected official. Why isn't he saving money by telling trump not to go to Mara-logo every weekend.

He and his sycophants are a disaster for our country, for the world, for the future. He is gutting our country's democracy, social structure and economy. And for what? Profit and revenge. He should be removed and incarcerated for the crimes he has been found guilty of. Worse than McCarthy; worse than Hitler.

terrible

Elon Musk is NOT an elected official. He has set himself up as an oligarch in Trump's attempt to destroy our democracy. Both Trump and Musk have only the interests of billionaires in mind. They do not care about our environment or caring for one another.

Devastating chaos. Damage to our country is almost beyond repair.

DOGE...is NOT an official department--those must be created by the Congress...therefore, it's actions are inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and in violation of the Constitution:

https://constitution.congress.gov/browse/essay/artII-S2-C2-3-6/ALDE_00000012/

Disgusting display, makes me fearful for my family and my country

DOGE is a waste of money and destructive to our country.

Horrible mistake - done without proper research or knowledge by selfish, greedy, self-serving people
While almost every government agency can be made more efficient and employee levels should be examined, this needs to be a long term deliberative process adhering to laws. AI should be used to identify fraud & abuse, not firing people.

Worst thing in our country to ever occur.

DOGE is an illegal task force that is destroying America

Dismantle DOGE -- it's a cover for oligarchical aims

An unprincipled wrecking ball that favors Musk businesses along with other oligarchs

DOGE is an outrage perpetrated by a sociopathic president and a mentally deranged Elon Musk
Cutting off research, clinical trials, endangering people's lives. Removing accountability platforms for state education depts, endangering funding for federal housing projects.

Mean, childish, horrible, unstudied

It is chaotic with no forethought. Employees are grossly abused. Ex: some employees have been hired back due to the importance/necessity of their job.

None of them are qualified to do the "job" they are doing. They have produced Zero evidence to support their claims of fraud. None of them have been vetted through the appropriate methods. I had to go through finger printing and a background check for my job; they were not required at least that minimum standard.

They are only trying to destroy the Federal Government, not improve it.

DOGE is out of control and has no feelings for how difficult this is for people. A detailed plan or approach should have been made first.

DOGE is wreaking chaos everywhere throughout the federal government without any regard for consequences of their actions on American citizens and our allies.

Elon Musk is NOT an elected official. The President does not have legal authority to put Musk in charge and make Congress ineffective in their role as checks and balance for the Executive Branch of Federal Government. The mass purging of Government agencies without knowing their function or harm caused is atrocious.

Horrible, illegal and unconstitutional!

Incompetent, careless and wasteful

ill-considered and impulsive cuts and layoffs. I would support a serious effort to reduce costs within the federal government, but DOGE is sloppy and chaotic, and not up to the task.

It is an illegal entity

DOGE is a disaster. It is being used as an attempt to destroy the federal government and the valuable services it provides to all citizens.

It is incredibly offensive the access given to Musk and his crew. They are not elected and have no right to our information or data.

they should all be fired including Elon Musk

Looks as if Musk has intentions that benefit His empire of wealth and personal gain with the amount of government intel he is privy to. Everything he is doing is for wealthy elites personal gain.

In my opinion, I don't feel as though they approached the "mission" appropriately. In order to do a proper evaluation, one must look at the entire system, ask questions of employees and the public for their opinions on waste and then look at the operational systems that are in place. What DOGE did was just cut "whatever" without any consideration for the law and the impacts the cuts would have on the country and the world.

Absolutely absurd and illegal

Illegal, chaotic and without due process by our legal institutions and other branches of government at the federal level.

Poor. Big show signifying nothing productive

DOGE is destroying important functions of our government and doing so often illegally. There is government waste, but it cannot be rooted out by slashing this way. It needs careful consideration.

DOGE is unethical, unrelenting and all employees lack empathy.

I suspect they are trying to steal our tax dollars for nefarious purposes

Extreme concern for human rights violations and disregard for public health.

Terribly executed. I am in favor of making the government more efficient but I do not believe this particular administration has the right intentions behind DOGE. I think they want to create country for the rich.

This group is not taking the necessary time to analyze government departments to ascertain what, if anything, can be changed to create efficiencies. It's decisions are not based on facts

Horrendous. Wish the survey had the option of selecting "completely unnecessary." They are not trying to be more efficient, they are trying to destroy our institutions and make people poorer, less educated, and sicker.

Unconstitutional!! Unforgivable! Destructive!

DOGE tactics resemble Gestapo tactics of Nazi Germany. They're moving too fast and destroying necessary programs

Creating chaos and lining their own pockets

It is heartbreaking, ridiculous, horrifying, and an affront to our constitution, country, and constituents.

Utter disgrace for the USA. Cruel. Unnecessary. Corrupt. Actually costing the taxpayers. Programs like USAID directly support USA with little money output.

Terrible way to operate - no sense at all in indiscriminate orders without understanding

DOGE is deliberately breaking down services that we Americans have paid into in the name of "efficiency." So far, they've actually wasted \$500 billion, caused untold confusion, ripped jobs away from dedicated public servants, and created chaos. Get them OUT.

Doge is an unauthorized disaster. Elon Musk was not elected or vetted by congress.

Info and reduction provided are inaccurate. No fact checking

Violating the constitution and separation of powers

Demoralizing

Musk is an egoist and is a terrible manager of human resources. He is intentionally doing almost irreparable damage to our country.

I have filed a formal complaint against this mysterious entity, alleging that it is mismanaged and a threat to national security.

Elon Musk is not an elected official and should be forced to leave DOGE.

Illegal and inhumane - Elon is the devil incarnate

Ridiculous. No plan. Worried about losing seasoned educators and scientists

Cruel! All about hurting people and trying to look powerful. There is of course a need for trimming the government but should be done in house not by a tech billionaire flaunting power given to him by Trump not elected by "the people"

Disastrous effort that has needlessly harmed alot of people.

DOGE is acting recklessly and carelessly and wielding destructive power like a blunt instrument, chopping away at various government programs and functions without considering the spillover effects of doing so.

Elon musk and doge must go! Having techies without security clearances delving into secure and private information, has got to be illegal and is certainly unconstitutional.

It's terrifying. Trump and Musk are interested in THEMSELVES and other mega rich men.

Without any knowledge of gov't operations or history and absent any study of any General Accounting Office reports, DOGE (doggie) is bound to create waste, fraud, and abuse, on top of more expenditures. Acquiring Greenland, Canada, the Panama Canal, and the Brooklyn Bridge WON'T REDUCE the federal budget. So. . .exactly how does all this make America greater than it was before the Sleazebag in Chief entered the Oval Office again?

Made up entity, no Congressional authorization, reforms not thought out and often disruptive Congress could and should do this. The cabinet members could and should do this. I may not appreciate all of the cuts, but if they were done by an approved person I would not have the Anger at the outcome.

What a mess DOGE has made!!! Should be done away with. There must be a better way to accomplish what DOGE is doing. It has affected so many lives, quite unexpectedly. Seems unfair to those affected.

Completely illegal and unconstitutional

It's catastrophic.

Illegal and dangerous.

DOGE is clearly an entity created with a mantra that sounds good -find and eradicate government waste, fraud, and abuse-BUT instead is the abuser of any authority ever given it. It is overstepping its intended purpose and should be dismantled, with staffers and Musk FIRED! It's wreaking havoc on our government and peoples'

Like all of the new administration's policies, this is just another effort to cause chaos and fear to distract from enriching people that already have too much.

Musk should not have the power he is given. His use of power is threatening democracy

Almost all of their actions have been unlawful

complete scam

Corrupt. Ineffective toward their mission. Reckless.

Terrible!!!! Good idea, but no study on what to do, and horribly executed

Still wondering how Musk is getting away with the chaos he and Trump are creating.

DOGE has plunged the country into chaos

A hot mess

DOGE is an attack on our democracy and taking an axe to many of the things that make us global leaders. Marylanders, Americans, and others are and will be harmed.

Too many mistakes have been made. Getting rid of important people and services.

DOGE is a blatant effort to destroy government services in preparation of private takeover. For example, the reckless firing of Ntl Park Service personnel before the busy season will create big problems. That preconditions citizens to accept private ownership. In other words, while very poorly executed, DOGE is a tool of a radical plan to change American governance and society.

I retired from the Social Security Administration and am appalled by Musk's DOGE. They are not listening to people who actually know about the system. In the past SSA spent a lot on IT that didn't understand the interactive nature of the program. Also Congress didn't want to spend the money to upgrade IT and do it right. This applies elsewhere too.

Doge is only causing chaos and not saving any actual taxpayer money

The true purpose of DOGE was not transparent. It is not eliminating fraud and waste, it is actually creating fraud, destroying democracy by eliminating protections for all American and eliminating vital services we all depend on to line the pockets of a few who do not represent most Americans.

DOGE is ripping through the most essential parts of our government for the personal gain of a very few wealthy individuals. What Musk, the unelected South African and richest man in the world, is doing is completely unacceptable.

DOGE has gutted government programs so they can be privatized using Musk owned companies and cut programs for the underprivileged to provide tax cuts for the top 1%

The chainsaw approach is thoughtless and harmful in every way.

Not for polite company what I have to say about DOGE and Musk

DOGE is not a credible effort to re-imagine government. It has a sinister purpose. Mass firings, pre-occupation with DEI, canceling women clubs, women and other leaders fired or afraid to attend public events, tanking Social Security, and getting rid of IGs and lawyers. Grabbing legal residents off the street to go to Louisiana. Script for new-nazism.

Hard hearted, thoughtless, ignorant, evil to the core. Carried out by a South African immigrant who has no sense of US history and tradition and lacks any compassion for the suffering he has caused.

DOGE: Amateur Hour, in addition to being poorly conceived and completely lacking in basic humanity DOGE is making life chaotic for many government employees. They aren't an agency, so why have they been given so much power over peoples lives.

DOGE has not acted professionally or respectfully. There are other mechanisms to conduct such assessment,

Within a federal agency—chilling to witness the fear and compliance wash through the ranks—can now understand how it can happen here. national security concerns with DOGE access to sensitive systems, concerned they will break the computer systems, databases. Worried DOGE bros will delete important research data. Hard to overstate DOGE's disdain for so many regular American just trying to do their jobs to serve the American people, environment, keep us safe, scientific research.

They are an extra-judicial entity which is causing havoc, uncertainty and is acting completely without an informed master plan. Much of what they have done will be reversed at great expense to the economy, people's lives and careers. Such a waste.

Utter chaos; you would think this is a kingdom and not a democracy

The approach of rushing businesses and organizations and overreacting to activities and costs (which the DOGE team didn't even understand) made the process virtually useless. Too much imagination and not enough facts.

As a former gov employee (DOJ). absolutely everything that Trump thinks about government workers is untrue. I never worked harder or made less money for my skill level. We always worked unpaid overtime. And you had to be at the top of your class to be hired.

It gives Trump, Musk, et al the chance to break gov't so they can privatize it for their own gain.

I believe it is unnecessary

A billionaire should NOT be the one to determine which jobs are necessary/unnecessary!

DOGE NEED TO STOP TAKING MONEY FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO FUN THEIR OWN COMPANY OR SHOW THE WORLD WHAT THEY HAVE FOUND

DOGE has displayed no facts about anything they have allegedly found

Greedy. Greed. Greed.

Detrimental to the entire country. Piss poor leadership.

Just awful and should have never happened.

There should have been an option that said ENTIRELY unnecessary, not just MOSTLY. I don't believe that there is any widespread "fraud, waste, or abuse" in the government. Any large organization has some of that, but there's no way that it's going on at the levels at which Trump and DOGE claims. Not only that, everything that they are doing is being illegally implemented by people without the proper security levels or training and is exposing our private data and making our government systems susceptible to hacking. Many of the programs that are being cut are Congressionally chartered and not under the control of the Executive branch. DOGE/Musk/Trump do not have the power to cancel these programs, but the Republican led Congress has decided that checks and balances don't matter. They are so afraid of the power of Trump and Elon Musk to make or break their careers (and possibly - financial standing) that they refuse to stand up for what is right. It's going to be the downfall of the United States if allowed to continue to run unchecked.

They are going about it all wrong. You can't just fire people then say "oops, it was a mistake."

poor performance

Moronic. Disastrous.

Heartless cuts without a sensible plan. The obvious intent is to dismantle safety nets and federal agencies.

They are unqualified individuals with no understanding of the government agencies and their functions.

They are illegally acting and the administration is willfully allowing it to support a fascist, racist, misogynist become an authoritarian dictator and destroy our democracy. Yes, there are efficiencies needed, but this is the absolute wrong way to do it.

Blatantly illegal, politically motivated, hateful and an attack on all Americans. Why will our leaders do nothing?

dishonest, mean spirited, opaque, corrupt and destructive.

People who are not elected officials have no business conducting the people's business. Congress' role has been usurped by DOGE and Mr. Musk, at the orders of the President.

COMPLETELY ILLEGAL. I believe every American would like to see waste and inefficiency cut out, but not like this and not with an UNELECTED private citizen who bought his way in.

It is just an excuse to cause chaos and pretend that it is real. The government already has department and procedures to reduce waste and fraud. They should be used instead they have been decimated for the purpose of creating uncertainty.

Federal workers are not the enemies. None should be fired without cause as that is against the law. Firing these people shows just how little the Trump administration cares about the people of this country.

Completely unconstitutional. Should not be allowed.

Done without thought or organization; cuts done randomly are already harming too many and not just gov employees and not just here but in impoverished areas, farming areas, even those not dependent on the fed.

Indiscriminately firing public servants and then attempting to re-hire them is causing too much disruption and danger in some sectors.

DOGE is unreliable and has financial and regulatory risks.

DOGE has one mission—revenge on federal workers and government performance.

DOGE is a front for shredding federal agencies, then declaring that they aren't functional because the services are degraded.

Instead of helping the country, DOGE is destroying it by not actually doing any research and evaluating the impacts across functions. Chaos for the sake of chaos is not okay. The actions of this in the name of 'efficiency' and 'cost savings' are not okay. Its destroying the economy. Random firings for no reason - your decimating families and their ability to support their families. Reductions in the VA are stopping and preventing support and services to disabled veterans and those who truly need care based on their service.

This effects my adult child (govt employee) and myself both financially and emotionally. The chaos caused has made sleeping at night difficult and going to work with the daily threat of losing a job emotionally sickening. If my children lose their jobs, I will likely be financially obligated to help support them. We have cut back on extra spending and traveling as we have no idea at what extremes this president will go to get his retribution.

DOGE has cut several agencies that are necessary for Americans to thrive. It has cut the jobs of thousands of federal workers which are required to operate these agencies efficiently and to carry out the mission of the agency. The DOE, DHS, DOD, VA, USAID and others. I am eligible this year to draw social security checks so I'm concerned about delays or discontinued ss checks.

Neither Trump nor Musk understands--or even cares--what must be done to improve anything!

Unqualified DOGE staff are making decisions about employment without an understanding of the work involved and services needed.

Outrageous behavior. Totally illegal nobody voted for this total disaster for the Metropolitan area.

DOGE has been very destructive to our nation. Agencies are getting rid of staff with no rhyme or reason.

DOGE is a disgrace to our nation! And so is Elon Musk's attitude.

There is waste in the federal government just as there is in any big entity. DOGE lacks the knowledge and experience to do perform any oversight and they are not talking to the people who do have the experience needed. In addition, it seems as if a lot of the mandates being carried out are punitive. The firing and then re-hiring of hundreds of well qualified people hurts the country, and the economy, and is wasting huge sums of money.

Very bad-done in a slipshod fashion without any regard to a well thought out or developed approach

Yes there is fraud,waste and abuse but doge is horrific with no clue how or what to do.

Fire Musk and close DOGE immediately

We are at peril of losing vital food, medical, and drug safety. The Social Security website crashed and they closed offices. It's a total fiasco by the rich to harm the poor and disabled Americans

It is doing only harm and going to cost tax payers more money, not save.

It is a blatant move to kill democracy, create a white nationalist government and have license to discriminate against women and girls, LBGTQ and all people not white men

It is not a real department. It is more than unnecessary; it's actively destroying our government, services, and the rights of our citizens and neighbors. Please fight against this unlawful unit and all the destruction and chaos (and the many, many unlawful and harmful actions they continue to take, including terrorizing our government workers and all who live in the US, destroying services we rely on, and more).

What a mean-spirited and racist attempt to destroy our country.

They're ruining the government and destroying important services

An absolute disaster. Just blindly taking a hatchet to needed services and employees without any consideration of needs of the country. Very concerned they have gotten access to private data of citizens and concerned they are actually trying to break the social security system. Congress should be involved in these decisions. The DOGE team should not be acting unilaterally in firing employees and shuttering federal agencies.

Chaotic, cruel, fascist, evil...

Doge is awful. They came in swinging the axe and did not do any type of due diligence. Totally ridiculous.

DOGE is making a complete mess of our government!!!

Complete analysis should have been completed before changes were made. You can't tell the program effectiveness by looking at it for just a day or two. Newer employees are often the best educated and harder workers as they try to find there way in a new career. These should not have terminated just because they were on probation. Time should have been taken to root out the non-performers.

It needed to be a much longer well thought out process.

Who gave them the right? Federal employees should be treated with respect.

Government spending does need to be reduced but they've gone about it completely the wrong way.

Cutting probationary employees was a big mistake. They are the lowest paid and highest motivated employees, and a lot of money went into training them. There are plenty of other areas in the government where spending could be cut without being so detrimental

Cruel and potentially illegal actions that are affecting the lives of billions of people with life-altering consequences.

I believe their aim is to destroy the country so and create a state of fear so Trump, Musk and other oligarchs can more easily control the country.

The DOGE team are not auditors or efficiency experts. They are cutting indiscriminately, capriciously, and with a political agenda. My husband is a federal employee and is watching these cuts destroy his agency. Efficiencies could have been found, and duplicative services reduced if the DOGE had employed standard impartial auditing procedures. Instead they are creating chaos, cutting essential services, and effective personnel. It will take these departments and agencies years, if not decades, to recover from this debacle. And sadly, the American people will suffer for it.

DOGE is a completely unnecessary "department" which has thus far acted unconstitutionally by compromising millions of US citizens private data and information. The head of DOGE, Elon Musk, is an unelected official who should be nowhere near a government building, let alone have access to classified government materials. In my personal opinion, the department is a waste of taxpayer money and has caused much more harm than good. It should be abolished immediately.

DOGE has inflated their success and stripped many of jobs, security and safety. It has removed access to grants for important research especially in emerging medicine and for this, I fear we will be very sorry.

The worst performance of any government type department I have ever witnessed. It appears intentional and ruining people's livelihoods without cutting any waste. Also putting fear and uncertainty in others. I have seen no positives from DOGE.

Disaster. They have no plan, they've put no thought into what they're doing, and it will overall hurt the American people.

Total unconstitutional

a return to the Middle Ages

Criminal, corrupt.

DOGE is NOT the way to go about reducing government spending. Slash and burn will ultimately adversely affect almost everyone in the US and has already eroded our soft power and goodwill with our allies and the world.

It's not good. It's very scary!

DOGE is a train wreck. What a waste of time and space and what a huge upheaval to our area and our friends.

Elon Musk was not elected and should not be participating in government affairs. The job cuts have hurt many people and were poorly planned.

As a federal employee witnessing the internal chaos and destruction, their actions are being carried out quickly without thought, messily, and full of errors (some illegal). Then being covered up and lied about to the public so they think good cuts and work is being done.

No strategy involved. Just taking a hatchet to everything without any thought or research.

Insane.

Absolute shitshow.

DOGE=doing outrageous godawful excoriation of government No plan, no forethought, no consideration of consequences, no caring. Retractions of cuts, changes because of lack of comprehension of "how to" and lack of realization of consequences makes it all look amateur. Incompetent

Chaotic and disruptive. No plan! Too many mistakes and brutal!

DOGE is a disaster for the country. They are not solving any problems, only making things worse.

Inhumane treatment of many people. Concern for our private data and it's safety

DOGE is not a real agency and is STEALING our data and also probably our money. It is theft and fraud on an enormous scale. They are violating multiple federal laws and the Constitution.

Dodge / Musk are illegal attempt to decimate our people and destroy our country while they line their pockets at our expense....they should be jailed.

An incredible display of cruelty and STUPIDITY.

It's disastrous, destructive, and incompetent. DOGE revels malevolently as it obliterates our democracy and our international relationships. Disgraceful disregard for human rights and lives.

DOGE has no business taking a chainsaw to the government. The government already had protections against waste, fraud and abuse. Congress (GOP) has the power, not the president but they've forfeited it over to Trump.

Unconstitutional, unethical, immoral

There is a need for a decrease in the federal budget but each department should be making those decisions based on current laws. The chaos and slashing with out a real plan is catastrophic for good governance. Work with congress.

Unelected persons should not be allowed to work in the capacity that Elon Musk has been giving all because of his status and relationship to Trump.

This is not the way you reduce the budget. It is chaotic, this is a destruction of the federal government services, and undermines our US government.

This is clearly unnecessary to close the different government agencies.

Its sole purpose is to destroy the federal government to serve the interests of the ultra rich.

The country does not need another agency. Let each agency begin to police itself and get rid of waste from the inside out.

This was the job that Congress should have done and fell flat. The previous administration and the Democratic majority should be embarrassed, rather than sitting in a gallery holding their silly signs.

Amazing the waste they are able to identify. Government secretaries and members of congress who continued to approve such waste need to be called out and fired, removed from office.

DOGE has cost many people their jobs and it hasn't seemed to benefit anyone who needs help
They are destroying every aspect of government and doing their best to do the same to the economy.

Never know the future and I think they are acting rashly

too many random firings without thorough understanding of what each position does and the ramifications of eliminating positions and services

Catastrophic

Can't believe people think Musk is doing anything other than furthering his own financial interests

Firing the nuke police will be the kind of thing we look back and laugh about three generations from now, unless we go extinct before then.

They're doing a great job. Something that should have been done before. Democrats won't even try!

this action is solely driven by personal goal to privatize industries for self-gain not for best interest of the country

I wish doge would come to Maryland, especially after our Senate just passed a bill to spend even more money that we do not have

I am not sure

Not good performance

Very unorganized, unnecessary, and poorly executed. Appears they have little idea what they are actually doing. We need state parks, libraries, and public schools

The chainsaw approach at trying to privatize our governmental responsibilities is nothing short of a travesty.

Disgraceful. Completely irresponsible and predatory targeting the most vulnerable and trying to redefine DEI as "Discriminatory inclusive equity".

DOGE is unnecessary. There are several conflicts of interest and ethical concerns associated with the creation of the DOGE department. This is affecting millions of Americans daily, and is an unconstitutional grab for power by an unelected official. DOGE needs to come to an end, and each action that the "department" has taken needs to be investigated, and those who implemented it need to be placed under scrutiny and assessed for crimes.

I'll refrain from using the words that I feel accurately describe my view, as I don't think they're appropriate for a formal survey. To put it as professionally as I can, it's ridiculous. Elon Musk was not elected and we have no say in whether he can be ousted; DOGE was not needed and to me seems as though it is just a way for Trump to flex the power he believes he has. Elon Musk has no understanding of the way the government works and, as evidenced by his takeover of Twitter/X, almost never has any idea what is actually needed to keep a service running in a safe and welcoming way. He should not be anywhere near government secrets. That isn't even commenting on the fact that it's named after a meme - while a sense of humor is appreciated in some situations, a governmental department is meant to be serious. It's meant to be something people can trust. The name does not instill any sense of trust; rather, it feels as though Musk is mocking people. The programs and departments he and his meme team have slashed through have been necessary, useful, or progressive, in some cases all three. They've had to backtrack several decisions and excuse it away with the fact that they're just going to make mistakes, as though playing with money, programs, jobs, and peoples' livelihoods, not to mention important research and innovation, is just some silly thing they can wave away instead of actively destructive. They wave away the consequences, the very real disasters they cause - the blocks on USAID alone will have disastrous fallout for years to come, as infants who aren't getting retrovirals for HIV/AIDS, not to mention the way that freeze will also affect foreign relations going forward. As for the department itself, the team he has behind him have no qualifications to be doing what they're doing; how can they accurately and efficiently evaluate what directives and programs are working the way they should without years of research and specialists that can break down what each d

I DID NOT VOTE FOR ELON MUSK. I DID NOT CONSENT TO THESE CHANGES FOR MY COUNTRY. It is a wildly idiotic and increasingly harmful group that is threatening our rights as a democratic nation. Worst idea EVER!!

It's a flagrant abuse of power, undemocratic, and is tearing apart our nation at its very foundation

What performance have they done? All they have done is cost people their very necessary jobs.

Incompetent people were put in charge of processes they don't understand nor try to understand, causing a complete stoppage of Government work.

All it's shown so far is that election doesn't matter anymore. If you have enough money, you can practically run the government (I'm being hyperbolic on purpose but you get the point).

Horrid

They are buffoons ripping apart the American economy.

Firing thousands of workers in mass and then spending millions on personal pleasures such as golf or buying Tesla's without oversight, etc. is not efficient and not effective.

Unorthodox waste of time considering other, less volatile methods of discerning areas of government "waste". Largely a distraction to craft the narrative that the federal government is ill-equipped to handle systems and services that it's been in charge of providing for decades, so that private corporations can "save" the American people from intentional economic turmoil and "make America great again" in Trump's namesake. Shifting responsibility for social welfare to corporations with no real accountability for ensuring that the average American is not living in squalor. Coupled with the threat to peoples' livelihoods, forcing many into silence out of fear of unemployment, deportation, etc. during this uncertain time in American history.

Clusterfuck! Only Musk oversight entities removed. King Elon!

NA

Too much too fast. Seems like there is some other agenda. Causing lots of confusion and very chaotic. DOGE is a horrible thing and is indicative of Trump's desire to make the country less democratic and much more autocratic.

Was there some redundancy and need to reduce some positions? Yes absolutely. Did they do it effectively no. Did a competent person get put in charge, no. Did Elon Musk get private citizen information he has no right to? Yes. Is the whole thing incredibly and overtly corrupt, oh yeah.

Destroying our country to give the rich power and tax breaks

Dodge gives all the presidency power to Elon Musk(an immigrant) ,who was not elected president but is the acting as president making all decisions.

A Travesty!!

Musk is profiting from requiring agencies to "buy" his services and he was already the single largest holder of government contracts. He and his have no idea about what agencies do and seem to care even less. This is nothing but ripping off the people.

Illegitimate use of power to dissolve federal offices that provide support to underprivileged groups, or dissolve enforcement agencies that monitor legalities and balance of power.

finally someone is seeing the tariff deal, unknown to most American but whole countries don't have income tax because they live off tariff about time we do the same. the president any president to everything humanly possible to reduce the income tax on Americans, put Americans first in all things.

The amount of fraud is staggering! Horrible that the previous administration left this unchecked

I'm super excited about this organization cleaning house, eliminating fraud and waste and reigning in big government. All for it!

Doing what previous admins failed to do.

Horrible. President un-elect Musk will go down as the worst President, even worse than Trump.

They have no clue what they are doing. They are destroying the country.

It is destroying the federal government for very questionable reduction in spending.

An unconstitutional act by unauthorized by Congress South African to destroy America.

There is nothing efficient about DOGE. The federal government has to first and foremost cut the mission scope. Simply starting with personnel cuts really does nothing to correct the real problem, which is the government is doing too much.

Those is a total waste of money if they wanna cut the money they're talking about all they have to do is cease all of Elon Musk contract with the government and they can save the money with that one person and his companies to give all that money back to the country to save the expense of what they're doing Chaos, insanity Shameful, and total embarrassment ..

Very quick decisions without really evaluating the impact. All for show!

Illegal in the United States!

DOGE is a disgraceful political PR stunt aimed at hitting arbitrary workforce reduction numbers without quantifying "waste, fraud and abuse". Valuable services and thousands of man-years of knowledge and expertise will be lost, but Musk's companies will benefit from special exemptions and fewer competitors. DOGE is doing a fantastic job at destroying essential services of the federal government, as well as at eliminating products and services which are fundamental to our democratic society and the cultural growth of our nation.

Poorly planned and executed effort to decrease govt waste.

From top to bottom all run by IDIOTS.

Another scam by the current administration. DOGE and it's minions have no idea what the government does and has cut CRITICAL service n government functions via ALL THE STAFFING cuts they have made. At some point all the DOGE cuts will impact a MAJOR FUNCTION N IMPACT US citizens. Who will EVER want to work as a FED in public service. Finally social security. Medicare n medicaid MUST be maintained!!!

One of the very many awful things that have happened

Lack of government knowledge and doing more harm than good.

Just thinking about it angers me. It's the stupidest, most corrupt federal government action in my lifetime.

Studying, streamlining and upgrading systems infrastructure would have been more effective. Cutting programs and headcount without understanding its function/functions does not make government more efficient.

Based on history, there is bipartisan support for reducing government, making functions more efficient and lowering costs, but it needs to be done with a strategic scalpel not a chainsaw

Musk has an irreconcilable conflict of interest because of the personal financial benefit he and his corporations receive from government contracts and because DOGE is or will be attacking agencies that regulate Musk's corporate activities.

DOGE is a coup d'etat from inside the administrative structure

Great start, need to cut a lot more.

I support this effort by President Trump.

Why do you want me to comment on federal agencies?

It is very nice.

Prosecute the fraud waste and abuse.

Great idea. About time. Just wish things would turn around quicker.

Inevitably there will be mistakes, but it is clear that a total house-cleaning is in order. For too long leftist ideology and groups hostile to US interests have been hiding in the tall grass, particularly in USAID.

The execution of the doge and the lack of due process afforded to federal employees.

The government has long been a terrible steward of taxpayer dollars. We needed a "third-party" to take an honest, unbiased look into how our tax dollars are being spent. It should be codified and enshrined into law in every state.

They are doing a great job!

The system has been abused. Some legitimate services may be caught up in the DOGE process, but issue so big need to get mostly right.

This is a needed activity!

I believe that the establishment of DOGE was a necessary step for the nation and for the national economy, and while I don't believe that it lacked due process it defiantly lack coordination. Some of the decisions and actions that DOGE has taken have been poorly thought out and shows no knowledge about how the classified data and information is handled.

Unfortunate there is error but cannot be successful in a timely manner without breaking a few eggs to make the cake. Those things can be fixed as returns far outweigh costs of going slow right instincts, poorly executed. No one mentions they are doing a legitime thing called "kaizen". Widely reported that laid off x thousand but never along aside there are over 2 million fed workers. Bottom line nothing they've done is "bad" govt size got out of control and it needs to be reduced. Our tax dollars given to unfriendly places like gaza where they hate us and want to kill us, don't give them a dime.

it's a difficult job that needs to be done... we have too much waste in the government

Government efficiency is needed, but not by an unelected billionaire

I don't think they are going far enough and too much push back from Federal Employees and radical liberal Judges

We need to cut waste fraud & abuse to reduce the budget deficit. We really need to implement a balanced budget in Congress !

DOGE is long over due.

Keep up the great job

I Love everything DOGE is doing.

Like the idea of D.O.G.E. I just believe the pace of execution is to fast.

none

Cannot trust the "news" to pass along the full and complete story, all information, and an unbiased assessment of what is being done by DOGE. Therefore, we really do not know what is happening.

People do not like change but it is necessary to tear it down and build it back up. There is no perfect way to do this since the govt has been running rampid for the last 20 years.

Way too much fraud and poor job execution of government funds all over. Not one dept can pass An audit Just like trying fix your personal budget when your spending has gotten out of control. Trimming the fat is absolutely no fun, but is a must if you don't want to end up in bankruptcy.

This is AMAZING! Our state and county need to do the same thing. Cut the excess spending! All our Governor wants to do is increase the taxes so he can hire more photographers. Let's face it, Wes Moore is no Barack Obama.

Firing federal employees (especially probation one) very, very poorly done.

Right on track, but liberals are fighting back using liberal judges to halt efforts to bring government waste and abusive spending

Maryland needs a DOGE department.

Doing it correctly- only way to deal with entrenched bureaucracy.

I'm ecstatic.

Should be doing more, and faster

Past Presidents have stated they would reduce government and wasteful spending but none have ever gone forward.

Badly needed. The Governments work for us not us for them. The silliness of the items Doge has already found is about 1.3 billion. The Government is way too obese and needs intervention.

Well beyond time to effect changes that get at the waste in government spending!!

The execution hasn't been perfect. But it's tough to do that if you want to do things quickly. No doubt that the local implications will likely be devastating to some.

Judges keep exceeding their authority with nationwide injunctions, and ignoring the plenary power of the president over the executive branch.

Over due clean up of federal bureaucracy

Government too full of poor performers. Need cleaning out.

They are doing a great job. I hope they put all corrupt politicians in jail and cut off all funding for sanctuary states and cities, like Maryland and AACO.

Its unfortunate things have been allowed to get to this point, but government inefficiency is real, spending has and continues to be over market relevant rates, and in general offers services below what are available in the private sector. Anxious to see the results. But

I have been in gov. call centers and seen what happens and it is not working.

There is too much fat in our Federal Government. We feel the pain in the DMV because so many here are federal employees or Beltway Bandits.

Long overdue. Federal Employees are not graded on performance but on D E I compliance. Not a winning plan

I think it was poorly executed, but did need to be done in a very aggressive manor to avoid push back by the bureaucratic establishment which will go to great effort to resist any change.

Thank you, President Trump, for dealing with government overspending.

The only way to get the gov. bureaucracy to change the entrenched inefficiencies and bias' is to shake it up big time. Therefore something like DOGE is needed. The existing management would never change significantly.

The efforts of President Trump and Elon Musk will have very positive effects well into the future of the United States of America.

Amazing. 10 out of 10 and I hope they keep going.

Necessary

Terrible execution

What DOGE is actually doing and the way they have approached it has been wildly misrepresented by the media.

Government "workers" is an Oxymoron. You can't fire them, there is no accountability for job performance .they get paid WAY TOO MUCH for their skillset

First effort in my lifetime to cut spending and control waste

Not sure.

They are doing a great job

Not sure all of DOGE has been well executed - too soon to tell.

Decades of claims and half measures have failed to control govt spending, so a more heavy-handed approach is the only option

Keep it going

Sure have been done a long time ago. Money has been mismanaged for years

Extremely poorly executed by people with no government experience. This is not Silicon Valley. Not all systems/jobs are easily replaceable with AI and apps. They are breaking security protocols which will

have significant impact to peoples lives in the future. They are also villainizing the government workers instead of the elected officials who put us in these predicaments in the first place. Scrutinize the source of the problem, not the people who were just hired to provide a service

No matter how chaotic, and I believe it would have been harder with warning, we have needed to reduce the size of the government since Reagan was the President.

Should not have started with RIF of probationary staff. Eliminate HUD and Education

I feel that there are wasted government resources but I feel that it is destroying the working class in the process. I feel that our government doesn't care about the people and make big corporations wealthier. Has been needed for years, However their actions could have been better coordinated and communicated

We pay too much tax that supports useless programs.

The agencies are so established that a chainsaw was necessary to bring them down to earth.

I believe government waste is out of control and needs to be reigned in.

Worst thing to happen for the federal government. JOKE.

making efforts.

Has shone a spotlight on how inefficient and ineffective the federal government is.

seems haphazard but cannot evaluate yet

DODGE is way overdo. The State and Federal governments overspend and over hire. Evenutaly the cost of servicing the debt will exceed tax revenue

DOGE is simply creating chaos without an overall vision of modernizing / streamlining government operations. There is no knowledge or insight of the goals of the departments and programs they are slashing.

there are over 500 elected officials in our government that have become millionaires off the backs of the Americans they serve by having benefits that they given themselves and gratuities that groups of people throw at them for their support. They established offices within the government with no plan of attack so unreasonable expenditures were made.

I am not sure why DOGE gas the sweeping authority that the organization has demonstrated. There are ways to do what they are doing in an efficient and efficient and effective manner. One needs to understand the mission statement of the organization s they are targeting. Without an understanding of, I do not believe food decisions can be made.

I also think statement: " Mostly unnecessary and chaotic effort that undermined needed government functions" applies

Yes we need to cut back on excess and waste, but instead of slashing without thinking it through, and utilizing young people who have no experience with this, auditors need to come in and actually work with the organizations being looked at, to find ways to reduce.

Shutdowns and firing of this magnitude are too disruptive and cause fear. Change may be necessary however gradual changes are more appropriate and would give people more security. People are afraid and there's no need for it.

Actions are uninformed, illogical and contraproductive.

There is always room for efficiency improvements but DOGE changes are largely driven by the presidents personal priorities and are generally simply destructive, not thoughtful. congressional guidelines and are While government does need to be trimmed and we need to find the areas of abuse/unuse, what is happening now is FAR too much! We have already had to rehire or change the decision to layoff/fire certain staff.

Unqualified, inept, thoughtless, careless, probably unconstitutional, and dangerous

They were not prepared and it has caused stress for Civil service, Foreign Service, contractors. The worst part is the scientific studies stopped such as NIH, Johns Hopkins, CDC which has no funding for research projects already approved. People will die when their treatments are stopped.

COMPLETELY chaotic. Unvetted! Uninformed! Dangerous! Cruel!

If they really wanted to fix anything, they would have to study it first, make a well thought out plan, and carefully make fixes without breaking everything around it.

Nobody disagrees that there is some waste but the way of going about it is all wrong.

It is HORRIBLE!!!!!!!

DOGE IS HORRIBLE and doing unconstitutional things.

DOGE is not promoting efficiency in government. They are wreaking havoc across the agencies and severely impacting the future of our government agencies.

The actions of this new department are inappropriate, embarrassment to our country, harmful to many, not producing effective results, and probably illegal.

It's unfair and unconstitutional for a non elected to be making decision that impact American lives

The execution of what might have been a valuable service to the country has been subverted to a wild swing of an ax rather than a careful pruning.

Lack of thorough review

Chaotic and very damaging to many services. Caused remarkable loss of expertise and talent especially in science and medicine. The country will not easily recover from all the damage.

Instead of doing a "surgical" cut, they are just hacking.

Do not like DOGE. Website is ridiculous and not professional in design and information.

A billionaire has no place being involved in Medicaid, Social Security, etc. He cannot possibly relate to the daily struggles of ordinary people.

Only cheating Democrats are concerned that their cash cows are being eliminated!

Right now I'm wondering why my county library is wasting money on a politically motivated survey. (?)

Needs to be done

Keep going

I think that regulation among where the money in the government is important. I just think the execution on it is poor.

I don't know much about "DOGE" and I don't plan on educating myself about it.

Their effort is necessary and required for our country to survive. We are very impressed with the discovery by them of the gross mismanagement of our tax dollars.

I'm glad someone is trying to fix things. People should stop screaming and pushing back, let them try to fix things, and wait and see what happens. There's too much politics in politics.

GREAT JOB AND APPRECIATE WHEN MISTAKES HAPPEN THEY ARE CORRECTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

It is awesome. We need that in Maryland!

Both Republicans And democrats have added to government whether poor planning, corruption, or greed. Government Has grown So large and mismanaged it is barely effective. Cutting out and reducing would never be pretty or not affect those of us living in areas where Government workers are employed. But it has to be done. Each of us must begin to take responsibility for ourselves and help our neighbors. As long as our focus is What's in it for me being, we won't move forward.

woot!

Shouldn't have moved so quickly without insight and insight to issues at each agency.

THRILLED with all the money that is being saved. Long, long, LONG overdue!

Excellent

I am concerned about the loss of jobs and how hard it is going to be to find employment. I am also concerned about the waste. I think that these problems are being addressed but should not be so aggressively. These changes should be eased in more slowly.

DOGE needs more access to root out fraud and waste.

Some of the findings have been amazingly helpful. Some of the changes implemented will benefit all. However, some of the policies have left our friends in a state of high anxiety. Maybe if the policies had come a little more gradually?

Sometimes drastic measures need to be taken to have a positive end. We had a drastic change when my husband lost his government grant job during covid. There was NO help for us!!!

There is a lot of wasteful spending. Especially in areas of bogus claims and illegal immigrants.

Love it; it is exposing all the corruption and cheating by those in the government!

not sure

Should have given employees more notice of termination

All these DEI projects funded around the world have MILLIONS going into them. WHY?! No wonder Dems have their panties in a wad that DOGE is finding all this out. Why weren't they forthright with the American people about all these crazy and expensive DEI projects?! Then the Dems lie to the American people about DOGE and what it's cancelling.

Necessary but should have done it more slowly

So far I am shocked at how much waste and feud has been uncovered.

It needs to be done.

It needs to be done! Curious how many people are objecting but were totally okay with people losing their jobs during COVID and being fired because they wanted to protect their health

They could handle cuts better.

Dodge is doing a job that should have been done years ago

With temporary pain that comes with DOGE - the end goal will MAGA, MAHA.

Doge is absolutely needed. The govt is way too big and unnecessary. I've known many people that literally read books and play games while working their federal job.

I love the job that they are doing. We need them in Maryland!!

We couldn't keep going down the same path and expect a different result for our children.

For too many years, presidents, governors, and politicians have claimed they want to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse. I only ever see politicians who add pork to spending bills and fund projects and surveys that do not benefit United States citizens. We're well past the point of taking measured steps to fix the economy. What DOGE is doing now wouldn't have needed to happen if both Republican and Democrat politicians cared about how their reckless spending affects everyday Americans.

It has to be done...Federal debt out of control. DOGE is doing a good job finding fraud & incompetence.

We voted for this and those who are against are those that are wasting and stealing

I am a tax payer for 50 years and I know of the corruption first hand in Washington through my job and friends that are federal employees. 36 trillion in debt has to be addressed or the dollar will be devalued and our grandchildren will not have the same advantages offered to us growing up in America .

I wish DOGE would investigate MD.

It's great and they should come and look into governor SPEND MOORE. WHERE DID OUR MONEY GO!!!!

Democrats have no message so they always attack the process. Hating Trump is not a plan

It's about time

We need it in Maryland.

It's been chaotic in how it was executed, but it also wasn't thought out of the brain drain either. The lack of knowledge lost. How do you place a price tag on that? Consider the people who passed through security investigations, and the 1000s of Dollars spent--for what? I would consider that waste. Utilize those people, figure out a different way. Retaining the best is challenging.

Doge should come to Maryland

Such waste of our hard earned tax dollars. Glad he is suggesting so many ways to cut waste.

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As a former federal employee, what DOGE is doing is very necessary. It could be smoother, but it needs to be done.

This needed to be done a long time ago! Politicians are biased and want to keep their programs in tack. So far, the proof of money wasted, lack of accountability and the attitude of the people who WORK US and this country astounds me.

Investigating should be done before shutting all funds down. Maybe do more of limited restrictions and not stopping completing.

We have to stop the government waste and theft

I love it and they need to CUT MORE WASTE AND FEDERAL WORKERS!

AMAZING PROGRAM

Need to find all the waste sandwiches corruption. And if there were kickbacks and money laundering.

Moved too quickly without thinking about consequences, especially for economy.

There needs to be a DOGE as a former Federal employee there was a lot of waste but needs more evaluation before cutting various items.

There is no way to seamlessly execute the task of downsizing. No other leader in our country had made an Ernest attempt to stop the tragic course we were on. I hope they are in time.

DOGE is doing a great job. We need the same cutting of waste in Maryland

I strongly agree with what is being done but wish it was executed more strategically. I do not agree with my tax dollars being spent on ridiculous ideological pet projects that go against my values and the best interest of this country.

Any one in private business knows that circumstances happen to cause you to lose your job and you are fired for poor performance. Government workers and agencies never get fired or disbanded. Since our government is the largest business in the world, it needs to be run as a viable business that is efficient and balances its budget. DOGE is operating in the only way possible to rid us of the excess waste and poor performing employees and agencies that are not adding value to the government purpose. The sweeping orders to lay off or fire or disband an agency is unfortunate for those who have been adding value to our business. I have faith that DOGE will provide a path forward to those employees.

The amount of waste and fraud discovered is disgusting. Our taxpayer money is wasted. DOGE is doing a great job.

Good with cutting waste, but it was unnecessary to take away telework at every agency.

Many people were going to be upset about cuts no matter how well they were executed. Reducing the size of government by definition means people would be fired. I feel for them, but the cuts are needed. There is fraud and waste also, which needs to go!

Excellent idea and it's moving along wonderfully.

It is great.

Keep it going! The only people that are mad at about exposing fraud are the ones who are apart of it!

Perhaps steps taken will have the necessary, intended impact over the long term, but the chaos and impact on government employees (civil servants) and government contractors make it difficult to see what those impacts will be. By putting so many individuals into a state of unemployment while creating a

risk-averse condition by the commercial sectors that typically support the government (unwillingness to hire when awaiting 'the other shoe to drop' with existing government contracts), seems short-sighted.

How can this positively affect our economy?

Keep cutting and finding the waste, fraud & abuse, Elon!

While I can see why people often get upset that someone unelected is sticking their nose inside the government, I believe it to be an interesting and effective approach. Choosing a man who has had no political career and who's hand isn't in voter funding was smart, let alone a business man who has to cut cost in the real world.

The amount of waste and fraud being discovered is despicable. I am happy they are ending the wasteful spending of tax dollars. They should take a look at Maryland next.

This survey is a waste of tax payer money.

LOVE IT! much needed

I strongly support DOGE and the efforts of Elon Musk and the Trump administration to cut government spending. This is long overdue, and I'm thankful someone finally has the guts to do what must be done to save our country from bankruptcy. It disappoints me how many would prefer to attack them than get on board to help. It's foolish to stick our heads in the sand and pretend we do not have a fiscal problem that requires drastic action to fix.

Long overdue. The government has needed this kind of insight and fiduciary accountability for a very long time.

This is a leftist progressive survey costing Maryland residents money only to bash President Trump

Love it

Independent, non-political auditors (DOGE) are the only way to assess most agencies. It's NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE. Let that sink in. It won't be perfect but it should be highly effective.

necessary and some parts well executed, some poorly. There should be expected loss of jobs, particularly locally. Goal to lessen the debt burden on all citizens

We needed this badly and I think they are doing the best job they can. They are open and hiding nothing. Something has to give in this country and President Trump and Elon Musk are our only chance to change government.

Good job!

I love that DOGE is examining every single department, long overdue!

Long overdue

Government is too large. consolidation can happen in every agency and should. the approach has not been well planned

We are lucky to have such high level entrepreneurs such as Elon Musk and his team working to analyze the waste and fraud that's in our Federal Government.

impressive

Too broad. Too harsh for government employees affected.

Government accountability is a MUST. I think DOGE is doing a great job exposing the fraud and waste our government has engaged for years.

Long overdue. The Congress has been cheating the taxpayers with gross waste, blatant fraud, mismanagement of resources, cost overruns, redundant departments. How did so many Congressmen achieve such great wealth while "serving"? Many have taken advantage of the slush funds to line their pockets.

DOGE is run by idiots who do not understand the data they see. They go on silly goose-chases (e.g. 150-year olds do not get Social Security benefits) and perpetuate falsehoods in the face of easily proven facts.

Couldn't ask for a better situation to reduce fraud, thank you President Trump

I think DOGE is very important and much needed! I hope DOGE looks into each individual state especially MD!

DOGE should have been done long ago

Doge should have been introduced and told of how they found the money squandered

DOGE is excellent in their purpose.

Government is too big. I'd like to think that DOGE took the time prior to inauguration to carefully consider each change that was made. But I do not know if that is true.

DOGE had a rocky, chaotic start but I am pleased with their much-needed work and hopefully Congress can take the information DOGE delivers and codify some into law. Or the departments can implement their findings. Finally, the bloat, waste, and fraud is being addressed. Three cheers for DOGE!!

It takes time to root out the deficiencies in the gov't system. I have confidence the gov't will be much better after DOGE is completed.

Spending has to be reigned in. The Inflation Reduction Act, for instance, was insane. It far from succeeded. It was just a sneaky way to push the green agenda. Did it reduce inflation? No. Did it provide internet to rural America? No. Our debt is through the roof. Cuts HAD to be made. Dems looked at our hard-earned as a blank check. Criminal. This survey is just another effort to bash Trump.

Radical but necessary to expose all the evil and waste of recent years and administrations

It is long overdue and necessary to get cut the excess spending and reduce the trillion dollar deficit.

I worked for the Fed Gov for almost 30 years. I used to joke that the only way gov would operate better was first to 'blow it up.' So I guess we shall all see if I was right.

Fox News did an interview with the DOGE members. It was quite helpful to hear their findings thus far & see who these people are.

We do need to 'cut the fat' but I'm not sure it could have been handled better.

The uninformed and seemingly chaotic process has precipitated fear and a lack of confidence that is unnecessary.

did we elect Musk president when I wasn't looking who in the world is he to step into what seems to be a very high government position

They have done a lot of good work some not well executed. Absolutely necessary our government needed a makeover!

I agree with what they are trying to do, it's just too soon to see where it goes

What do the Russians have on Trump?

The person running it must have some idea about the real economy, not some billionaire.

I have a problem with the fact that someone who isn't an American is able to walk into our White House and run it like a maestro conducting an orchestra. This is going to destroy poor people. You are going to have more homelessness and poverty than has been seen since the Depression in the last century.

Excellent job of eliminating expenditures that don't benefit Americans.

Poorly portrayed by the media. Hysteria created based on presumptions not facts. Current government employees stuck in a status quo, sense of entitlement mentality and not willing to implement and streamline current processes. Democratic lawmakers silence on violence against Tesla owners and dealerships.

While the fed gov could certainly be trimmed, the callous, unorganized way it's being done is unacceptable. Agencies are being destroyed that do provide useful services and the DOGE team has been particularly careless with cyber security.

It is needed to get all these bums out of the government who doesn't do any work.

I think this is an excellent idea. Too much government waste only further increases the taxes we pay and the cost of living.

Seems harsh but based on Maryland's misuse of money, we need DOGE.

Best effort in the history of the republic

It's about time, jail terms should be given to the fraudsters

Government absolutely needs to improve efficiency. More targeted less wide spread change may have been a better approach.

Keep it up

scorched earth approaches are rarely the way to go but something needs to be done. The Fed. Gov. has way too much redundancy and useless positions. Too many people don't actually do anything at their jobs or do such a horrible job (thinking of Medicare, SSA, IRS, in particular) and those things need to be addressed. Also we don't need the government giving controversial aid to countries around the world, either.

needed to look at what actually worked and expand on it. also get rid of duplicate systems that conflict. not work together

Centralizing non-critical services for HR, Procurement, Accounting across departments in a single agency reduces headcount without sacrificing critical operations.

Its odd that so much fraud has been found yet no one has been accused of it. The attack on services without any plan regarding their absence is extremely concerning to me.

No further comment

Little to know communication and coordination resulting in way too much collateral damage. This institution seemed to come out of nowhere and oversteps, circumvents, and disregards the laws in an unprecedented and concerning power grab. This could and should be done in a much more precise and well-planned way. Ending remote work policies and doing so abruptly was a huge unnecessary step backwards.

Great Job, Maryland needs to learn from Trump and get its affairs in order before everyone moves away DOGE's efforts would be fine if they were limited to a study and simply presented to Congress and Gov't Execs for action. DOGE is going too far.

We are POOR our entire country is poor and that is why they are raising taxes and costs to the point we cant afford anything, the only option is to CUT spending severely, to the point that it is uncomfortable for a lot of people and a lot of programs disappear. At least in the short term it will not be comfortable but it is the only way to get back on track. With that said, they are making the cuts but doing a terrible job with PR aspect as well as a rushed execution. I think they truly mean well and we cannot spend more than we are bringing in and continue to live the same - it is not possible. We're poor and it is the fault of prior generations ignorance to this issue.

This fictitious agency is disgusting. Elon Musk should be deported. His method of reducing government essentially causes chaos and destruction to the community. It eliminates taxpayers from paying taxes by making them unemployed and not contributing to social security taxes.

I think it's what comes in the next 6-9mos that will be most telling about this agency. No jobs, no brains, no help.

Will this work in the long run? We do not know

Maryland and ALL counties need to establish and execute a DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY to stop government waste of OUR MONEY and efficiency of government employees.

Yes there is waste. We no not need to get rid of entire departments to decrease the budget. We could tax the billionaires instead of attacking the common American

Elon Musk is embarrassingly ineffective

News is blatantly partisan and difficult to fact check- which makes sorting fact from opinion nearly impossible. Particularly concerning this topic. My point being- it's nearly impossible to discern if the

current administration is being thoughtless, reckless or incompetent while making DOGE decisions because unbiased information is nearly impossible to come by.

Complete waste of resources

Horribly irresponsible, unnecessary, and occasionally dangerous decision making led by this department. I wrote a brief paper about the layoffs within the Department of Energy and their nuclear offices/programs, they made a lot of mistakes and fired hundreds of essential government workers. Most of the firings have been rescinded, but they shouldn't have happened in the first place.

Unsure, don't know

No planning,

doing good job but blocked by congress

Necessary and overdue.

too bad the state and county don't do the the same things

It should have been done decades ago !

doing all right things but like a bull in a china shop. wouldve like to see same things but thru the IG, OPM and the like.

I am retired therefore DOGE hasn't had any impact on me yet as far as my jpb is concerned.

While there is significant waste and excess in government spending that should be addressed, cuts thus far have seemed more about the numbers than carefully selected cuts. I agree with reducing government workforce but not with basing cuts on numbers rather than careful analysis. This risks the proverbial "throwing out the baby with the bathwater". It is likely far slower and far more challenging to very carefully analyze actual government employees than it is to tell an agency they must cut X%, but it seems to me that is what is happening. Also, I'm not sure that the most significant actual waste sources are being addressed (cushy government contracts that pay far above private sector rates,

So far, very good.

DOGE needs to identify fraud waste and abuse. The government has gotten too big and wasteful.

Good intentions, but maybe moved too quickly. Possibly a different approach could have been less controversial and disruptive

Every organization needs to reduce or cut things that are no longer needed, don't deliver results, consume more resources than are really needed, or fail a cost/benefit test. Government is no different. No one has really tried this before, so we must anticipate missteps, but that doesn't mean the initiative isn't needed. So we need to be more accepting of the fact that it will have to define a new path.

Combination of vilifying Federal workers; lack of clarity about what they are doing/will do; and apparent lack of consultation are making things more stressful than necessary

Many of this "department" are run by high school graduates and college dropouts, and some of them having very concerning backgrounds, not to mention that they are not transparent about how "efficient" they really are.

Doge is unelected and not appointed by congress. Elon is trespassing in federal buildings. He doesn't even meet criteria for a clearance. I say close doge and prosecute him and impeach Mr Donald Trump before they finish dismantling all that we hold sacred in our nation.

Other option

DOGE runs counter to the Constitution. Money being cut was already appropriated and vetted.

DOGE is a complete joke. Unqualified people going thru personal info violating every law constitutionally.

It's looking to probably cost more than it saved and cause massive unnecessary impacts.

DOGE is a horrific, self serving over-reach to benefit a narcissistic delusional monster who bought his way into the inner circle of a like minded despot.

The DOGE seem to have no idea about the function or value of government services. They seem eager to destroy organizations and hurt people.

A terrible failure that has cost more than it will ever save, being run by unserious people who have no expertise whatsoever, and who are actively doing damage to our government because they wish to dismantle it.

I think that there is way too much government spending, and it needs to be reduced by a lot. However, I think that the way that Musk is doing it is not correct, and that he is not going through the right channels.

Unsatisfactory . No understanding of govt and no published plan. Largely self-defeating

Incompetent individuals who know very little, if anything, about the federal agencies they are decimating.

Reforms may be appropriate but not with the approach DOGE and Trump are taking. These people are simply not qualified and are even lying about what they are doing and the results they are claiming.

Absolute disaster and disgrace.

I think he (Trump) chose the wrong people to do the work.

It's a last ditch effort by mediocre people who've never truly grown up or achieved anything in life that didn't come from the misery and suffering of other people, to try and pretend they are worthy of acclaim. They are ultimately hollow, ignorant and deeply insecure, and are willing to ruin our country just to rule over the rubble.

Cutting waste is important but not this way. It's indiscriminate and cruel.

I believe they are being reckless and impulsive with their decisions. They are not giving due process or thinking through all of their cuts.

Pointless destruction of our way of life solely to benefit the rich

I am disappointed in DOGE. While reducing government waste and increasing efficiency is not a bad idea per se, I believe the way they have gone about it is counterintuitive and reckless.

Not entirely a bad idea but the worst execution I have ever seen. Incompetence all around and people who are going for it are showing they know nothing about how the federal government works.

Elimination waste and fraud is a legitimate issue. DOGE is totally illegal and unconstitutional.

Very poor, cuts made with no analysis

A Great Idea, Poorly Executed is Never a Great Idea. This describes the DOGE effort, which reflects Musk's algorithm to "break things and blow things up" by eliminating requirements until those things happen and then slowly add back only those that are necessary. That may work for the rockets he builds with his own money, but has grave impacts when talking about government programs that people rely on for their health, welfare, and safety.

I don't know a lot about what they've done but I believe we needed to reduce some of our government spending but I think we are getting rid of some necessary jobs and acting without using due process or forward thinking.

It is a failure and needs to end.

Needs congressional oversight

The government has auditors that showed the waste and lack of accountability in government spending. Instead of listening to those auditors whose job it is to identify waste and fraud, they have given the world's richest man carte blanche to cut necessary government programs and vital research in the name of "efficiency". It's infuriating.

Because of Elon (who is not American and does not know how to mind his own business and supports Hitler) More people whos job is important to us and the US are getting fired.

DOGE has been a chaotic mess.

illegal

My mom is a federal worker so I'm against DOGE.

My impression is that they are going way too fast with too little critical analysis for their efforts to be well executed and efficient.

All the changes they are making should have been done in accordance with the law. They are wasting money and cutting the wrong things

Chaos, sometimes illegal

Incredibly incompetent and unlawful. Examples: firing probationary employees for cause when they have a record of exemplary service. Or just firing people randomly without a plan.

A small start in the right direction, but let's see what they do over 10 years.

Long overdue. Promised by other Presidents (Obama, Clinton, Bush) and never acted upon/delivered.

Tough course to navigate, but must be done to reduce the huge deficits/debt.

DOGE is doing great things. We need to stop the waste. Non important studies need not be funded by tax payers. Especially when the Federal government is in debt trillions of dollars

I was rather skeptical about DOGE at first, but, overall, I'm happy with it. I'm not sure what this and most of the questions this far have to do with LOCAL issues, being that most have been about national issues.

Publicize efforts better. Reexplain long term plan and explain how anytime steps will help to achieve long term goals

Insane where the money is going to

The people and organizations that bash DOGE the hardest, are the primary sources of the corruption and stolen tax dollars.

Long overdue need to drain the swamp and remove corruption. Everyone deep down knows that governments waste money.

Keep on keeping on. Too many Govmnt. employees. A job with the Govmnt. isn't a job for life!!!

Terribly conceived and executed. A great opportunity lost.

Long overdue.

DOGE should not be phased out; it should remain until the next Presidential Election and perhaps be made permanent.

Noted

Compute and publish the savings and efficiencies gleaned through this effort.

DOGE, something new, or renamed really. It's really about time. Every administration says they are going to do something to cut government spending, now that it is happening, all of a sudden someone is against it. go figure.

The federal government is absolutely bloated and full of lazy, complacent, or aged out employees. But this haphazard, harassing method of doing it is too sudden and foolish.

Lack of coordination with individual agencies and other departments.

One of the best things to happen to America. This should have been done years ago.

Making decisions too quickly and not looking at the initial impacts and effects.

I know from personal experience that the federal government can be made to be more efficient and can also shed some workers. The same can probably be said of any large organization. However, I cannot think of a worse way to achieve that goal than the tour de force of incompetence exhibited by DOGE. A hiring freeze combined with early retirement offers could have reduced the federal government by 25% or more in 4 years in a controlled and manageable fashion. The current madness is going to devastate employees, careers, families, and our country. This is madness.

As a veteran, I've seen fraud and waste throughout the United States military. Yes, we should INVESTIGATE (Key word) all allegations of fraud and wasteful spending. We SHOULD NOT close agencies and key positions without a federal study being conducted to analyze the impacts these closures may have.

It is destroying the executive branch. next will be Congress, then the Supreme Court
DOGE is TRASH!!!

Give 'em Hell, Harry

Why did they put a billionaire in charge of the government when he has had no government experience before? It's like Trump looked at his Twitter feed to choose who to put in charge of our government. Honestly, fleeing the country is looking more and more like a necessity for myself as a queer disabled person...

Idiots

It's a waste of time and generates more inefficiencies and cost over any savings they'll ever generate. A more measured approach like the efficiency efforts undertaken during the Clinton administration would have caused less chaos and better results.

Cuts are needed but more thought should have been given to the human impact.

We will not know if the DOGE effort is well executed until later in time. Now is too soon to determine DOGE's performance. The initial steps are good.

Rollout of program too fast and chaotic, unplanned.

Although I do think that cutting funds to various "unnecessary" government agencies is a good way to cut down government spending, it is very hard to single out and eliminate the "unnecessary" ones as most provide a service of some kind. Rather than eliminating parts of the government, I believe it would be more efficient to create a budget and plan to pay off debt over a long period, rather than trying to debilitate the current systems.

Very needed. Comms have been atrocious

They are unelected and unvetted and dangerous to our democracy and our country. Read about the Pendleton Act and why the Civil Service was created in the first place.

Doge is breaking things without understanding how they work, making mistakes, and there are no checks on the decision-making process. Many federal workers would work with them if they weren't being pushed aside and accused of being the problem.

The cuts to health agencies and weather forecasting will result in loss of life and property. It is bad for all citizens.

If one reviews some of cost-cutting decisions on DOGE page, it is unbelievable that the USG was giving away the money.

The goal of an administration should not be to destroy government.

I've never qualified to work for the government. I've never had any interest in that field. It's often difficult to connect or relate to those kinds of people. They usually are reserved, unapproachable, preoccupied. I'm usually the distraction or I take it personally that we don't have anything in common.

DOGE performance is very poor. The cuts were executed without research and without involving the experts.

It's a joke.

Government is a service not a business; Yes, we need to be mindful of a budget and spend within means but the constant language surrounding the issues focus more on "profit" than meeting the needs of people - that is NOT government..

They don't even understand what they are destroying. They're been reckless and best. Don't see how this has been legal on any level.

They are recklessly and carelessly cutting people and programs without any kind of risk assessment or thought, it is leading to massive wastes of government time and money, demoralizing everyone, and showing that the government does not have our best interests placed first

The absurdity of firing people without even a basic understanding of their jobs has got to be the most assinine things to have ever happened in the Federal government.

Special education including behaviors in students is rampant and getting worse. Children can't learn when hungry and staff is over worked and burning out. Pay doesn't equal the trauma and stress for staff DOGE is simply an attempt to divert funding from necessary government services to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy. Many services that the US citizens and residents depend on are at risk of severe disruption. I feel that many people who think that DOGE is useful or necessary don't realize how many services they take for granted because the government, on average, functions very well. They have not lived in a country without these services and so they will not recognize what they had until it is gone. I am a teacher and parent, and I am very concerned about the attempt to dissolve the Department of Education and to withhold federal education funding from states. I am also very concerned that students' civil rights (particularly for English Learners and students receiving special education services) will be violated without appropriate oversight. I am also very concerned about Trump's threat to withhold funding from school districts that engage in DEI. The administration's plan to whitewash US history and curriculum deprives students of the right to learn the truth about our nation's past and present and devalues citizens who are not White.

Creating havoc for US citizens, personal information breached, he's making decisions He's unqualified to make.

I think that this is being done in such a bad way. My sister and brother-in-law almost lost their jobs because of this, and they both have been working for their companies for over 15 years. It's just crazy that all of this is going on and that Elon is even in charge of it.

The effort is needed, however the individuals are neither competent nor qualified.

Nobody elected Elon Musk. He and his team of thugs should have no business in making decisions about what is necessary for government to function well. And they should have no access to the protected personal information about citizens. If federal budget cuts are necessary, there should be trained auditors examining budgets, and open debate in Congress about how to proceed.

Not working: get rid of it!

DOGE is a waste of time and money and is doing more harm than good.

DOGE is wasting more money making choices without taking in the ramifications of those choices.

Causing chaos and wasting money.

DOGE is ironically inefficient and taking action in a completely non-sensible way.

Musk clearly has no idea what he is doing. He is cutting wise swaths through departments that he doesn't understand and has inexperienced programmers thinking they've found gold, when they clearly don't know what they're looking at.

The Constitution was created in a hot and muggy Philadelphia by a group of leaders who did not always get along, but did share the goal of forming as fair a union as possible. One agreement to settle arguments on how lower populated states would have equal power as higher populated states, resulted in the 2 Senators per state as well as a House of Representatives allotted to states based on state population. These two entities - Senate and House of Reps - were to have the power to make laws, approve presidential appointments, etc. Trump and Acting Vice President Musk have thrown the Constitution away and replaced it with Project 2025. Please use whatever power/influence you have to remind Congress it works for citizens, not DOGE, not the President, not their Party and not for the writers of Project 2025.

DOGE is completely unnecessary and will ultimately be to the detriment of our country.

DOGE is unconstitutional, cruel, and terrifying. They shouldn't be allowed to access personal information. They're completely unqualified, and doing an awful job.

Nothing efficient or effective about it. An illegal action by a private citizen directed by the executive branch but not approved by Congress as directed in the Constitution

I have a lot of federal workers in my family and I have a great amount of respect for those that work to keep our country in order and better it. I am sad that DOGE is hurting the people that allow us to live comfortably in America and I am sad that so many people are supporting this.

I feel like many of the programs affected by DOGE (USAID, CDC, etc.) were doing a lot of good for their cost. I'm very concerned it will be difficult to attract talented people to government positions if the job security is in question.

DOGE is a complete joke, I was going to elaborate but I don't want to raise my blood pressure.

Poorly thought out, little analysis, executed by uninformed, unknowledgeable youngsters trying to make a name for themselves with Musk. Overall more damaging than successful.

ILLEGAL, ignorant, not something people voted for

It makes sense to cut where needed, but the way it's being implemented is unacceptable. Just cutting jobs with no thought just creates chaos.

An unelected official in a space where he does not belong. Reporting incorrect data and using it as propaganda to fuel Musks privatization agenda that further supports his business. Conflict of interest and dual roles.

They are not weeding out abuse or fraud they are eliminating everything

Illegal, immoral and using threats and bullying is not the American way

Family member has already lost their job due to their actions.

Reckless; foolish; cruel. DOGE is unqualified to make the determinations it has made.

Uses a chainsaw approach instead of a measure twice cut once approach and has no concern for the lives that are disrupted. No thought is given to the action just job cuts no matter what. humans are being treated like they don't matter fired one day offered a job back another week. The emotional toll of that, and the financial toll of that – disgusting!

I think DOGE has done great damage to our country stability and the economic security of American citizens. While there was a need to evaluate government agencies, I think the way it has been done shows a lack of empathy for our fellow Americans and their families. It is most discouraging for many people that we know.

In my opinion, the entire DOGE effort is a smoke-and-mirrors show designed to distract in a very destructive manner from other actions the administration is taking. Also, setting precedents that the Constitution doesn't matter to set up for further abuses and illegal actions.

The only efficiency is burning everything to the ground.

Musk not remotely qualified. He and likely many others are now likely in possession of info valuable to our enemies. And EM can use to endanger others if he doesn't get his way

Sure would be nice if applicable laws were applied correctly and timely to counter DOGE

While they say they are removing fraud and abuse, they are in effect rendering government non-functional. At times their ignorance catches up to them and they have to back track (e.g., nuclear firings and quick rehiring). They threaten to remove all social safety nets with no concern for the economic impacts they will have on the economy as a whole. For example, after Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are removed (and they do intend to get rid of these), what happens to all the people with disabilities who live in group homes with the support of these benefits? What happens to the elderly in nursing homes? The list goes on and on.

This is a waste of time and money, and is not being used to make the government more efficient. It is being used for Trump yo take revenge on those he doesn't like and for Musk to get rid of people investigating his companies, so that he can get more money from the government. It is 100% unacceptable!

I favor some reduction in government size and the elimination of duplicative services.

Poorly executed and chaotic doesn't begin to describe what they've done. Institutional memory means something, as does continuity in process, sufficient staffing to execute existing tasks (and slashing the staff of already understaffed agencies is just bollocks). I could go on and on...

A horrible overreach of power. I am so mad at republicans that let this happen. McConnell and many other clearly showed their discontent with Trump after the coup attempt on Jan. 6th. If they had not cowardly backed down, Trump would have been finished and we would not be having this crisis of losing our democracy. It is one thing to have political differences but this is more or differences that involve a moral component. I am not a democrat; I am an independent.

People with no idea what they don't know breaking the country with great speed. Rewriting history and consolidating money and power while breaking laws with no consequences. No care for the lives they are destroying and over reliance on AI which is in no way ready for use outside of beta testing by IT.

I'm ok with efforts to remove government waste, but the methods used to supposedly do this have been unbelievably disruptive, illegal (I believe), mean-spirited and unnecessary. People in charge of these actions are inexperienced and unqualified. Our country has quickly become an embarrassment. Very very scary times for our country.

If the federal workforce was to be reduced, informed action should have been taken like under Clinton. There is no concern for individuals when folks who are not even aware of how an institution works is given power to modify or eliminate jobs services and policies. It feels like we are moving into a climate where people cannot feel safe to express themselves in any fashion without the threat of repercussions. SCARY I question the legality. Congress approved the funds, the executive branch shouldn't be able to bulldoze the work and services provided to the people.

Gutting of needed federal services is shameful. Underserved populations will suffer the most, but the non-political civil servants in the federal government serve all Americans in important ways.

There is an excellent opportunity to evaluate how and who government leaders can give access to, what information they gain access to, and how to prevent this from happening again.

It's an embarrassment the turmoil that this ad hoc agency is creating. It's destroying the base under which this country was founded: the Constitution. We are becoming isolated from the rest of the world; we are a metaphorical island, nobody to the north or to the south. A foreign power is pulling the string of a derelict marionette. It's extremely sad what's happening; and sadder that there are two types of people who are OK with the situation. One group that expects to be told what to do, think, believe or say; and a second group of enablers and sycophants who are hungry for power and would do anything to keep it or obtain it. The rest of the population live in fear, as the rest of the world looks at the USA in dismay.

We absolutely need more transparency regarding government spending and less political maneuvering with our tax dollars. However, DOGE has done a terrible job getting buy-in and support for the cuts they want to make and they've treated people poorly in the process.

Needless and causing cuts to agencies that truly helped people while still spending just as much money. I hate Elon Musk so much it's unreal. He tweets more than he works, I hate Trump so much it's unreal, he tweets more than he works.

Has created chaos and made government less efficient

DOGE is unlawful and totally unnecessary

Poorly researched and executed.

Government agencies already have multiple checks and balances in place. The opinions of out-of-touch, multibillionaire, elected (and appointed) leaders shouldn't overrule the methodical, objective measures that have been functioning with measured success for decades.

DOGE is outrageous!

Horrible dismantling of our democracy. Following at breakneck speed, the playbook step by step of Fascist dictators

I can do more! DOGE has no business doing any of the things it has done! It should be illegal! Musk should be sent back to south Africa. Get him out of our government!!! You do not restructure a government by ripping it apart willy-nilly with no close examination of what each department and its employees do!!! I hate tRump and all his unqualified minions!!!!!!

Worst take over of needed programs and services. Just wrong, waste and fraud can be weeded out over time to some degree. Just wrong what is happening.

The current administration is not doing anything to help the middle class or lower class. They are making changes in a negative way to the environment, the economy, and jobs.

Shoot from the hip, careless, cruel, thoughtless, having a huge impact on the population, not elected and accountable, horrifying, terrible

Elon Musk & Trump stated they wanted to crash the USA economy during the campaign. DOGE is doing just that-cruelty is the point via unnecessary destruction of government agencies. DOGE is incompetent. They have no idea how to optimize and organization for peak performance and they just do not care. DOGE is wasting taxpayer money.

Musk has no right or knowledge about our government, and his chainsaw approach is totally unjustified!! No good analysis of net income changes after all of the court hearings; loss of security of computer systems; We taxpayers are the investors in the various departments and should have a say; as investors, we should be guaranteed a similar or better ROI in any privatization. I am concerned that Musk and Tump's cuts are payments to our enemies...in exchange for ????. When Russia, China, Iran applaud the decision to close VOA, we know something is wrong; When the cyber team that traced ransomware attacks to Russia and China was dismantled, we know something is wrong.

It's horrible-not thought out and I don't believe it will help most people and especially those with insecure financial positions.

It's an unconstitutional process that is solidifying the oligarchy we are currently living under. Elon's presence in our White House is an embarrassment.

DOGE is cruel and undermines our constitution, freedoms and fair/ equity treatment of American. It intentionally creates fear to undermines trust and sense of well being

What they are doing is alarming and wrong and I see zero merit in their approach.

Chaotic, disruptive, and dangerous

DOGE is illegal, unethical and immoral. It's not a logical solution to the so-called bloated federal government. It will lead to a brain drain, a miserable work environment and worse. It is exactly what the Hungarian president did when he went in and turned a democracy into an authoritarian autocracy.

No process to discover the true performance of workers. Why fire those who excel and those with institutional history

DOGE acts unprofessionally and feels like an illegal agency

DOGE is like a bull in a China shop. Their actions were taken with no research, considerations, or data, and oftentimes with little to no knowledge or regard to what the affect would be with their across the board cuts.

DOGE's illegal and irrational actions are designed to undermine our democracy and move our country toward an autocracy.

Government needed to be cut and made more efficient but the way it was done is reprehensible.

Constitutional and due process rights were trampled.

DOGE has been undisciplined, chaotic, abusive and illegally carried out

A nightmare if it wasn't happening in real time and harmfully impacting the lives of every American except the for rich it would be a sketch on Saturday night live. To maintain my mental health and keep the fear from becoming unmanageable I can no longer watch the news. I am a women and my value as a person

and my rights and freedoms are disappearing right before my eyes and there is absolutely nothing I can do about it,

Unsure about legality and strategy applied by DOGE.

Wtf. This is not how any of this works. Why is a k'ed out illegal immigrant dismantling our infrastructure? Poorly planned and did not study the problem - just came in with pre-ordained solutions. My suspicion is there is an agenda to decommission the agencies and sell off assets at fire-sale prices to wealthy "friends" if that crowd still has any friends. I am noting for the record I am unaffiliated as a voter. Chainsaw instead of scalpel. Agency heads are perfectly capable of examining programs, processes and staffing to steer their agencies toward higher efficiency while meeting mission. If DOGE actually consulted with agencies on process efficiency after analyzing their processes, then it would be worthwhile. It should ONLY be able to make recommendations to duly confirmed agency head, not take independent action.

Punitive instead of careful thought about how to reduce costs without causing more problems.

I am disgusted by everything about it. Musk is unelected, the processes to carry out the firings were unconstitutional and disrespected the federal employees and are leaving the country and our state worse off. My private data has been compromised.

Knee-jerk actions are being taken without thorough reviews of where cuts are needed. No thought given to unintended consequences of RIFS nor of impact on national security.

Very poor and not thought out.

I believe DOGE is unconstitutional and its actions circumvent the Congress

About time someone monitored how our resources are being spent, and took steps to right them.

I'm thankful someone is finally getting to the bottom of the government's wasteful spending. Hopefully with Trump in office the government will stop all the wasteful spending and give more back to American citizens.

Unsure, don't know

The country is so close to defaulting on its debt and the interest service charge is 1 trillion dollars per year. We MUST address the \$35 trillion debt and DOGE is the first means to close the incredible waste and fraud in our annual budget. Many presidents have talked about it, but President Trump is the first one to actually do it.

Thank God someone had the guts to address the unsustainable spending by the govt. I might even lose my job because of it but I still support the effort

I think we all need to be taxed the same rate and I am not saying this as a rich person, I make 80K but I would hope one day, I could make more from my own efforts and not have to pay huge taxes. I also don't think federal workers should be making over 100/200k as "public servants."

Cancellation of ridiculous and contracts are necessary. There is a political culture to "fund" cronies and pet efforts for the few using subterfuge without looking at the impact of the individuals they represent. IT systems needs to be updated to speak to each other and avoid fraud

I love hearing about the all of the waste that is happening and DOGE is cutting back on - wish the DOJ would do more to prosecute those who are profiting off my hard earned tax dollars. It doesn't seem fair that i have to stretch every penny to make ends meet for my family while billions are going over seas, billions are given to politicians and politically affiliated people as kick back. Seems like it should be illegal for the mayor of baltimore to hire his friends and give them enormous raises.

its irratic and unprofessional at best

Thank God this country is waking up to our debt problems and addressing govt overspending

Love it! Cut all the garbage

Heartless chainsaw approach is wrong. People who understand the business of government should take a measured and humane approach to cuts. doge is a disaster and dangerous. Them having access to IRS

taxpayer information, or SSA database is frankly illegal. I don't trust them having this information. They are likely to share it with unauthorized entities thus threatening our privacy, or they will monetize it. I do not trust these arrogant ignorant guys. a computer hack does not qualify for the DOGE job.

We have a government we can't afford. The alternative to DOGE is national bankruptcy.

DOGE publishes each cost cutting action on the internet. Several people assume and criticize without reviewing the facts. It is disappointing to hear their unfounded assumptions and complaints.

Much needed government reduction; in personnel, physical locations, and money!! Too much waste and am happy it is being looked at and something being done

Much evidence of fraud and tax payer money spent on Unnecessary projects.

While I realize it hasn't always been pretty, it has to be done. What is the alternative???

They're mostly ineffective and frequently outright harmful. It doesn't follow due process or behave like a government body should. More focused on witch hunts than worthwhile things like reducing lost or unaccounted for government assets.

We definitely to make government efficient and make drastic changes but not blindly and in a manner to propagate a specific political agenda like curbing the freedom of speech.

Unqualified, no background checks ... not even qualified auditors/systems analysts ... no regard for law and order, legal procedures .. professionals with deep knowledge being marched out the door ... DOGE is destroying all the function of US Govt including SEC FDIC EPA NOAA and SOCIAL SECURITY and MEDICARE and MEDICAID

I worked for the Federal government and tackling the waste and fraud is necessary. The capricious way this is being done is wrong. There should be more deliberate and better thought out approaches.

However, there should be a fast timetable, since "thought out approaches" can take years as the bureaucracy stalls things.

They should fire Musk because people like me will never see any money.. I do not file tax returns and I am not rich.

I understand the basis of it. I do believe we need to get government spending under control. But, I think it has been handled horribly. I also think they are going after the wrong people!

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We do not let the 1% make decisions for the lower classes, they will always put themselves and their objectives first.

Doge is a fraud because the government already had an department that did the same thing but not fire unnecessary people that made the agency run smoothly. They went to each department in the order that the nerds needed in order to gain access to the computers later when they need information on someone. Or to see what company is trying to win a bid on a contract that they want in order to delete them out of the pool of bidders

I think it was a good idea, as we want America (which functions more like a business) to work more efficiently and find out how to cut, costs and not waste money.

I don't know much about DOGE; all I know is that there are debates about the balance between innovation and maintaining essential government functions.

I don't know much about it but from what I do know there have been several actions done recently that seem quite drastic

I don't know enough to offer a comment.

DOGE is a waste of federal spending and used as a social display of federal power veering towards oligarchy. The actions implemented by DOGE as of March 2025 have been unanimously unhelpful and hindering to the country.

They are teenaged coders with known ties to cybercrime groups and Russian groups without the necessary skills to financially audit systems. They are so ignorant they are unaware how little they know

and think changing all code in COBOL to python in a month is a good idea. They will break everything further than they already have like threatening to shut down the SSA because they were mad a judge ruled they cannot access citizen PII.

Mean spirited and may have dire future consequences

Extreme lack of planning and execution of process.

Illegal and incompetent.

DOGE is similar to the fascist / nationalist tactics used by pre-WW2 Italy and Germany, where those government purged dissenters. I am awaiting for a pogrom.

unconstitutional, creating chaos at home and abroad, ruining our country

Unconstitutional and illegal and taking personal data without authorization from Congress. Illegally firing federal workers with Congressional approval. Withdrawing prior federally approved funds to agencies.

DOGE is making impulsive decisions without any research or planning

Hope DOGE enters Maryland to cut waste and abuse from state spending

We must get the deficit under control, or we will no longer have a country. We cannot pass this burden onto our children. By its nature, DOGE will be messy but that is the only way to get at these very real problems.

I'm appalled at the level of waste, fraud and abuse uncovered and glad it was found so that steps can be taken to get us on the right path and reduce national debt

Sometimes these types of decisions are difficult but necessary. I wish they had taken a bit more time to execute the strategy, but I mostly agree with what was done. It also could have been done more considerately. The chainsaw was a bit much.

What a mess

This should be standard practice and should be codified in code.

Families across the nation were affected by this sudden release of employment. I saw this first hand.

Single mothers and fathers came to work, got an email telling them thanks but go home. Where in God's world did DOGE think these people were going to go and who is going to house and feed these folks? Why not put them in tents in California with the immigrants and ship them out like goods. If you want to get rid of the slackers then go after them

MY GOD MUSK Ain't even an American citizen... How can this happen? The cowardice and sycophancy of the Republican party... No single word can express my contempt and disappointment

why is this survey being completed through the Library system?

Good idea but needs

reckless execution

We still have to see the macro and micro effects of the system

I think DOGE had the potential to do some good in the United States but with the rapid depletion of federal departments with no backup plan implemented, it is failing the citizens and the states which could lead to a riot.

nothing

Eliminating overall agencies is not the move. Many people deserve to keep their jobs and work hard. They are mass firing people without any concerns or worry for Americans.

No comment

I believe the government's efficiency needs to be improved since there is a lot of unnecessary spending within the government. Tax dollars are not spent on things that affect the people and we do not see the return.

DOGE has done nothing but hurt the working class and help the rich hoard more wealth. The people who run this department have no place in our federal government. They were not even voted in.

Needed, however they need to do things slower and with more thought and reason.
Need to stop interfering in the process and get this Country back on track to being a prosperous, efficient Nation.
Of course we need to cut waste and abuse. But DOGE cuts are indiscriminate and show lack of respect for hard working civil servants.
others
I don't know enough about DOGE to provide comments.
This government is ridiculous . there is no sense. a lot of racism going on now
Awful decision. It's being run by someone not even elected. There has been news that he will not be in Trump's cabinet soon though.
I support DOGE and I'm very satisfied with their performance and feel DOGE should review Maryland's spending.
Cost-cutting measures have been too aggressive and inconsiderate of lives the DOGE may impact in terms of unemployment
It seems that the DOGE had been able to do whatever it wants with no consequences, which seems to go against America's 'for the people, by the people, of the people' motto. Overall, the performance of the DOGE has just caused unnecessary and harmful chaos and panic to many people's lives.
I personally do not believe that the operation will be effective, as those who were elected to run such a department does not have our best interests at heart.
It just sounds like a waste of government time.
I am not sure how I feel about this at this time.
Entirely unnecessary and only for the personal profit of the individuals involved
Moronic, arrogant tech-bros who know nothing yet think they are unteachable. Musk and Trump do not value anything that supports others or that is not transactional. They, and Project 2025, wish to destroy federal and state government depts.
Government waste exists, but creating not having a well thought out and executable plan is creating chaos and uncertainty in our government and nation and it is not healthy and rather embarrassing for Americans. It really shows that the Federal government is not cognizant that it's commodity is people and not money. Shame on our elected officials for disregarding their constituents.
much needed, praise the Lord!
There is a need but it should not be handled at top federal level and not by somebody that isn't even elected.
Necessary and a mix of well and poorly executed
Stupid approach to a real problem
Needless cruel mess
Fully unnecessary and an absolute scam
unconstitutional
Necessary department but the choice of leadership doesn't make sense at all
Complete and utter disaster; an unnecessary and unconstitutional fascist nightmare only serving to enrich that fucking asshole and his rich cronies
This department does not exist, so it's difficult to evaluate its impact.
Run by people completely out of touch
Completely unnecessary, and no one was able to have their voices heard by vote
Completely unnecessary
Illegal

Abomination

They're unelected demagogues that do not have our best interests in mind.

It is unclear that cuts are needed to serve US citizens. There is minimal evidence of wrong doing or lack of efficiency.

Illegal breach separation of powers, meddling in acts of Congress that only Congress has authority over.

TOTALLY UNNECESSARY and an absolute disaster for the nation

Horrible decision by a couple of hypocritical grifters.

Illegal and exceptionally damaging, a disgrace to any Democratic country

Unconstitutional - funding is the responsibility of Congress.

Disastrous

#3 plus illegal

Completely Unnecessary!

Most stupid decision by a POTUS

Illegal and destroying democracy

Unnecessary farce, based on false and corrupt ideology

Unconstitutional and hurtful to thousands of Americans

Reforms are necessary but they are going about it all wrong. They need to look for the root cause of the problem such as our medical system which is out of control and lack of progressive taxes.

Should be called dig I. For department of gov inefficiency. Who audits an organization by just firing indiscriminately

Completely unnecessary but appealing to stupid cruel people

I feel the actions of the Department of Government Efficiency represent a return to Neo-Liberal privatization and austerity, in addition to having overlap with some the tendencies found during the red-scare albeit directed towards immigrants now and whomever else the President considers "the enemy within." Moreover, I feel it is leading to the acceleration of democratic backsliding and nigh fascistic governance.

Poorly executed by someone not elected. Elected people should be in charge of the budget.

overreach/ not thought out

completely unnecessary, lining billionaires' pockets

Bullshit

Absolute lunacy that is costing us money, time, competent personnel.

Worst problem ever...

Utterly bullshit. DOGE is ruining america.

Completely unnecessary & illegal. Unsure why the options stop at "mostly" unnecessary rather than offering a full scale of answers?

absolutely unnecessary, causing pain and hardship apparently for their enjoyment of it, and sending us into a constitutional crisis.

It's just fucking insane, man. How is this real life?

unnecessary and Musk does not have the qualifications or experience to have any power in american government

Disastrous and probably illegal

Completely unnecessary and chaotic effort that undermined needed government functions, and caused hardship for thousands of US citizens.

Good idea but should be chaired by a competent federal employee not a stupid ill prepared person like Musk

Unnecessary, illegal, unconstitutional.

Completely unnecessary and so poorly done things are in total and unnecessary chaos.

Completely unnecessary.

not qualified to do the job

Short sighted, arrogant, ignorant idiots flailing about in the dark. Firing and then unfiring those guard our nuclear weapons is just one example.

It is a distractor to keep democrats scattered and unable to collectively work to stop the psychological war far they are inflicting on federal employees.

Unqualified person "in charge", damaging and embarrassing to our country. Damaging

Financial and bureaucratic changes were most likely needed but the result of Doges efforts have been radical and very destructive .

Shit show

actions are criminal. treasonous. elon and donald must be stopped and imprisoned.

un democratic usurping of power

unnecessary, chaotic, cruel, stupid

Completely unnecessary and intentional effort to destroy federal government

He is an idiot driven by greed, ego, feelings of insecurity and is a worthless piece of humanity that cares for no one but himself. He also pinpoints pain points and attacks, demeans everyone who doesn't kowtow to him and adore him. The world would be better off without him and his idiot minion Musk.

Democrats need a strategy and a spine. Everyone needs to stand up to this dictator to be

They have no interest in their fellow man

full-blown disaster

Criminal

Horrible way to cut waste and costs - no agency knowledge

a bunch of unqualified fools who are purposefully and joyfully creating chaos and misery for other people.

An unconstitutional power grab that plans to privatize Federal programs for private gain.

Criminal. Undermines Congressional authority by taking budget action without authority. Destructive of citizens' faith in government. Unauthorized by anyone other than the whims of two egomaniacs (the President and Musk)

Irresponsible, careless, thoughtless and undermining needed government functions

Horrible ..every organization needs to look at waste but there is not one shred of expertise or thoughtfulness in the DOGE approach plus it's clearly politically motivated instead of unbiased and thorough in examining how to cut waste

Totally unnecessary. Musk is obviously going after departments where he has lawsuits pending and he is illegally paying and trying to pay for votes. What he is doing is unconstitutional for the most part and illegal at times and the Republican held congress is in lockstep with anything trump wants. Hence, musk can do anything. Government's purpose is not beholden to shareholders as it is in musk/trump business world. Government is not for profit. Government is to protect and help citizens

Horrible idea and illegal

Completely unnecessary and very destructive to the functioning of our nation government.

Totally unnecessary AND the chaotic behaviors are undermining all government functions.

Unconstitutional and treasonous. It is not about efficiency at all.

Outrageous, illegal effort to break the government, consolidate power, steal data, purge highly qualified and principled civil servants, war on scientific research, and more...

Congress and each agency should be involved in all layoffs at each agency. Doge needs to disappear and let the experts make decisions. I doubt doge understands what the purpose is at each agency
They are trying to destroy the government so they can rule as a dictatorship and use eugenics to kill off the weakest and most vulnerable people.

Completely unnecessary and a terrible execution which has only made the government worse

Unlawful and destroying democracy

Totally unconstitutional, unconscionable, wasteful, mean, etc.

Criminal & Cruel

Totally unnecessary and unlawful

Not efficient and completely illegal and immoral

Completely chaotic self serving and damaging to our country and people

Scary

Evil and unconstitutional

Completely unnecessary and chaotic effort that undermined needed government functions

Blatant Corruption

DOGE is nothing but lies and attempt to destroy democracy and replace it with a fascist autocracy

unnecessary and chaotic at best; veering into illegal abuse of power

not mostly, it WAS unnecessary and chaotic effort that undermined needed government functions. It was shown how many of them they needed to rehire. Ai can't run a government, we need real people to make real people decisions for the better of our people and country.

A complete mess where Elon Musk disables our services to put money in his pocket.

Cuts seem to be along partisan lines

Absurd and ridiculous, probably evil.

Somewhat necessary but very poorly applied

It's outright fraud

Absolutely unnecessary and absolutely ridiculous. It is only being done to undermine our current government structure and that's why the man should be impeached.

Necessary but poorly executed, lacks due process, chaotic, with too many repeated errors, and not at all transparent.

Necessary, but given the nature of the two party system, will become vilified/deified by the two parties.

The corruption runs rampant, and people who deserve punished never get punished for the fraud waste and abuses.

Necessary but has made questionable decisions and has shown instances of poor coordination with other departments

Necessary, relatively well executed, but perhaps too far-reaching due to time constraints

They're not cutting waste and corruption fast enough. MD should do the same, only more dramatically.

Absolutely wrong, an elected official or an appointee with appropriate background and clearance should be handling these issues

Necessary but not sure if well executed

Necessary and any way that it was executed was going to cause those negatively affected to complain

Unnecessary.

Waste of money that will raise national debt and deficit, weaken national defense.

Chaotic and done in a way that has little to do with reducing unnecessary government spending. Seems to represent a politically motivated.

I don't know what DOGE is.

Necessary but poorly executed.

A never ending nightmare that is a constant reminder of the poisonous affects of money in politics, and how little integrity the average person has.

STUPID

Necessary but I don't know the best way to handle it. Job loss is always hard whoever and wherever it is. Not necessary, Inspectors General, Whistleblower Laws, etc. were in place, Congress didn't enforce them

Completely unnecessary in the way it is being performed as it is wasting government money and time while simultaneously actively harming our government and day to day life

Ludicrous!

Completely unnecessary, unethical, and inappropriate to allow Musk and his employees to make decisions about government and access to our citizens' sensitive information.

Musk has too much power and access for someone not approved by Congress (the U.S. Constitution is supposed to dominate, not a Putin loving, functionally illiterate tyrant) and Musk and his youthful computer hackers have way to much power over TAXPAYER funds.

There is some waste, etc. in government functions/services, but DOGE hasn't targeted the right areas. What they have done has been unnecessary and chaotic.

complete shit show.

totally unnecessary

Completely unnecessary and chaotic effort that causes waste itself and undermines needed government functions

Criminal.

While it is necessary, it is beyond chaotic. DOGE has no idea of what they are doing, are unqualified and insensitive. The government will hire back many of the people at a greater cost. .

It SUCKS and should be illegal!!!

Arbitrary, vindictive, irrational destructive to our world respect and national character

Unethical, illegal and with no regard for the human costs. This is not the way to fix anything that is wrong with our federal government.

Totally illegal under the existing constitution

Surely there were already experienced departments in place that oversee government department waste. Perhaps THOSE departments needed to be stepped up. What's happening now just feels like a Federal money grab with no plan announced except 'savings cost'

Horribly executed.

IT'S STUPID

Very unorganized and chaotic at its very best of firing very useful and experience individuals who knows there jobs. Only to be stealing from the government and lining up their pockets and companies with government contracts worth millions of dollars.

It is very necessary!

good idea bad execution

They should have an elected official lead at the very least

I think it's necessary and seems to be working but it needs more time before I can form a solid opinion.

COMPLETELY unnecessary and totally chaotic. There were proper methods in place that could have been better used. DOGE is disastrous.

Appendix E: Career Impact Induced by DOGE

Retired

graduate college

don't bother

may need to move from MD

Will choose to move out of MD due to the ridiculous tax increases.

no change for my job

I am not sure. I do landscape design and think if people continue to loose jobs our industry will lose business.

None of the above

Will keep my current education goals, but will look for different jobs than the ones I was originally thinking about

need to work longer loss in 401k

I am retired, worried about major changes to Social Security & Medicare. Small Cost-of-Living Adjustment negated by larger increases in Prescription Drug Plan private insurance premiums.

I have several job opportunities OCONUS. I can not be a subject of this 34 count convicted felon, judged rapist, multi-time bankrupted oligarch

I retired early to avoid the mess that was coming.

Possibly could lose job as contracts are cut or reduced

I am qualified for a government job due to my military background and previous government job experience plus, two college degrees, however, DEI has been removed during Trump's administration, sadly.

Doesn't apply to me, but many close friends, struggling with economic disaster, many will need to move out of state

move out of the country

Waiting for the other shoe to drop. Haven't experienced reverses yet, but certain they are coming.

musk is a DOGE Douche

I expect disruption of federal careers to disrupt my target clientele's ability to hire my services and thus I am concerned I will need to shift my business model to respond.

Unsure at the moment

Retired, but would not consider Federal government employment under the current administration

Unknown yet

Contemplating moving out of the USA.

Will consider moving as economy deteriorates

Am anxious for members of my family who work for government.

May have to leave my current job and go back to school or retire early.

makes my job more difficult

Retired 1

Have cancer

Will need to reconsider my residence in the United States if things continue to get worse

Totally uncertain how much more they can destroy

Trump economic development is superb

Not certain

While I don't expect that I'll have to change my intended major of Poli Sci the "restructuring of federal government" has definitely forced me to reconsider seeking work there later in life.

I have close family affected but am retired and at the moment more secure

Will need to have some backup options. My contract could now be canceled at any time.

Collaborating closely with a USDA laboratory, my organization has had to take over additional projects for which the USDA can no longer work and/or they no longer have the human resources to work.

Discharging Nurses from the VA is the dumbest thing Trump has allowed Elon Musk to do !! Absolutely ridiculous !!

Was considering government employment, now no longer considering it

I will be dependent on Medicare.

Will need to consider leaving the US.

watching what i spend

I am currently retired, but have family that have been fired as a result of DOGE's ill-informed actions.

I worry about the negative impact on property value here if a lot of people have to move.

Am answering this survey because of concerns I have for my grandchildren's opportunities

I am at retirement age, but now with tariffs and tax increases for ordinary citizens, I must continue working.

Also I need to now find NEW work. AND I must return to school for a Masters Degree to train for a new profession.

I'm retired

Currently struggling to find a job after college

will have to temp. support laid off govt. adult children

Abandoning my plans of further education in a research field be of the cuts to federal funding for research, particularly funding associated with projects that support diversity

I will not look for any opportunities to work in an area that relies on federal funding.

Will need to find state employment in locations who believe climate change exists and cares about our environment

Will discourage my children from working at a government job

I am retired from federal govt and I worked in the personnel area for many years. Trump's method is WRONG!

BGE bills are too high, >100% increase from 1 year ago

unsure

Am worried about the future of all Americans

Deeply concerned about all necessary services-Social Security, Postal Services, National Parks, museums, libraries, stock market.

Retired early due to Trumps win

Job will become increasingly more difficult and essentially push me out (teacher)

Will need to look for other jobs.

If social security and/or Medicare benefits are reduced, I will be forced to return to work.

I will need to work multiple jobs to provide for myself

am federal retiree worry some for others at my old workplace

self employed health care provider...worried about loss of federal and other patients for their lack of jobs/healthcare

Worried about my original Medicare and Social Security being cut, eliminated or privatized. Worried about the stock market, thus my retirement accounts, cratering. Worried that a huge Depression is coming and no one in federal government cares or will be competent enough to do anything about it.

Will likely have to look for a new job

None of the above.

Retired but husband is a federal contractor. Future of his job is uncertain

Worried about how I will be impacted as a teacher due to changes at the Dept of Education and federal funding

May need to move out of MD if my transgender daughter loses access to needed health

Will be stuck with limited advancement opportunities

My job depends on people having expendable income and to be able to travel

Concerned about my current retirement benefits such as Social Security income and Medicare.

Retired2

I am a federal employee and I was offered a new fed position that was impacted by the hiring freeze. I'm not sure if that promotion will still be available after the agency reorg.

Retired3

More difficult to find a job after being laid off

My job in education may not be available if federal funds are eliminated or withdrawn

Will have to refuse offers to work with this Administration due to its immoral policies and behavior. In myself I cannot bring myself to work with Kennedy

No idea if there will be any job security in partner's current position

May have to go back to the K12 classroom. I work in higher ed now.

Need to protect my students, for whom all these and the previous page apply.

As an elderly retiree the damage is just beginning

Rethinking best place to live in future.

My major doesn't apply

Considering relocating out of the U.S.

not sure yet; I work in special education

Have watched how devastating it has been to the lives of friends and family.

I have friends and family members who may lose their jobs at the federal level.

I do not know yet. It will take some time for the cuts to filter down to my employer, but I am certain there will be an impact.

Husband may need to secure job in the private sector with potential loss of health and retirement benefits

I am retired.

Scary if Social Security is gutted. I depend on my SS.

Worry about grown children's futures & grandchildren- for all will be wrecked in ensuing years at this rate does not apply

Uncertainty about keeping job

May need to re-enter the workforce.

Concerned for those impacted

May not be able to continue working explicitly in DEI as I have been doing

Many think we're headed for a recession. After studying history, it actually might be a Depression.

Will need to look for a new job if federal grant funding is allowed to be dismantled

I'm not affected yet, but my spouse and I could be RIF'ed if this continues.

I expect career opportunities to shrink.

Retired but worry about children's jobs

I want to live and work in MD I have a job with the state government but after a few years I will need to move out of state if I want to afford a house like I want to - so many young people are leaving Annapolis

Concerned we may need to move in the future, either out of state or abroad

Doesn't apply, I'm retired

I am a lawyer who has not lost a job but have postponed retirement to assist people in need.

Uncertain about Social Security.

I will likely be RIF'd a year before I am eligible for retirement. I will need to find work in the private sector and work for several years longer than expected. Meanwhile the president is intentionally shocking the economy with tariffs. Will be a tough job market for a 62 yo woman!

I am already retired. I worry about my pension.

already retired

retired4

retired5

I regret what has happened and live in fear that retirees may be next!

Fear is immobilizing

Will need to provide financial stability to child who lives outside of AA County and works for the government and is threatened with job being cut.

I haven't lost my job, but my position is federally funded so I'm on the fence right now. If I lose my employment, I may need to retire earlier than I would like to... and having to leave Maryland would be an option that would have to be explored.

B/a

Will need a new job

Am preparing to live without Social Security, which will be a disaster for us

There would not be many contract opportunities (training and consulting services in my case) that would align with my values.

Did not affect my household, sister in law is now terrified of being fired.

Expect a reduction in work load as companies back off compliance

Nothing yet but I work at a public school and am expecting changes bc of dept of education closure

Will need to consider other work opportunities

I am concerned for my son and daughter in law, and for the economy of Maryland and other states with many federal workers. I believe Trump and company are turning the US into a pariah nation.

Will be lucky to keep my job as is

Pray he will be removed from office before it's too late

America's future and stature in the world is being destroyed.

I had to retire due to disability. I have applied for Social Security Disability, but now have no expectation of receiving it to augment my pension.

will negatively impact my income

I am worried about my adult children's jobs.

Thankfully, I retired 3 years ago, but I fully expect this administration will destroy my military and civil service pensions, not to mention social security benefits.

I do not expect welfare programs to still exist by the time I need them.

I am not sure the future of Education.

Considering moving away

Will potentially need to move out of the United States, if possible

N/A

Will likely be unemployed

NA

Time to move outta country

I retired at the end of December with over 35 years of federal service. In keeping up with old coworkers it is shocking to hear what they are now going through. I was fortunate to get out when I did! It was time!

I'm retired already; it doesn't affect me directly

Might be forced to retire prematurely.

Possibility of needing to move based on MD taxes

These questions are so poorly written...like trying to be political...

Get a raise thanks to repeal of Social Security windfall rules.

may have to consider those contractor positions that will replace many of the fed jobs, they cost the govt 3X to 4X but no one's looking at that.

My wife is apart of some contract restructuring to improve efficiency in manpower.

Md. Taxes worry me , might cause me to move

We are a retired household. 1 career federal civil servant and 1 private sector

New Maryland Motto "the FLEE State"

Doesn't apply

I will do what's necessary. Nothing is certain right now.

Will move out of Maryland because of ever increasing taxes

I'm 78 and long retired

no longer thinking of applying to a job I was applying to in the federal government, and worried about family member's jobs

Need to be prepared to find another job due to funding cuts to hospitals

I'm not in federal government.

I am retired so I am watching rather than personally experiencing the turmoil.

This is TBD.

Don't want to lose programs for senior citizens.

none

None apply

I will need to move out of MD because of all the tax hikes!!! Not because of a job loss!!!

It may affect my adult daughter as she works for Hopkins under a DEI granted program. If she loses her job, it means I will need to step up and help her and 2 g-kids.

Time to clean house and greatly reduce waste and fraud.

I don't work for the federal government.

We need it in MD!

I grew up in Ohio and went to college there. Did not ever meet anyone whose life's dream was to work for the federal government. Living now in Maryland for 23 years I know lots of federal employees who brag about goofing off at their jobs and pranking other office employees. Office chair races in the parking lot etc. they work for NASA. My sister in law was a State employee making \$100,000 a year and often when she was between projects she sat around and opened mail. She retired at 55 and her pension from the government is now \$5,000 a month.

Retired and the cost of living in MD is getting out of control.

Might move out of state because of incompetency in local and state government

My job may have additional duties. Less options to switch positions/agency

Stop milking the fed Govt and get a job
employed private sector

Due to seniority, I do not expect to be effected by a Reduction In Forec

Employees are being punished by the extreme abuse of tax money.

Maybe now that DEI is gone people like my can now get a job with the federal government before as a straight white male, it would've been impossible.

Get an f*ing life leftist pigs

I hope to see a more streamlined experience using fed gov service in the future and a reduction in our government spending

Maryland is corrupt more than the Fed Gov

Find different work

Less people are spending money in my area, due to the instability of the job market. So, less people spending money in my business.

As I said before, I am retired and this question is hard to respond to because I am not currently employed nor looking for a jpb

Too soon to tell about FICA

If I need to move out of MD, it will be because of how much of my money the state takes.

Unsure at this time. It's chaos.

DOGE is an axe being used to perform what should be delicate surgery.

I might need to research and apply for jobs with better security so I can manage a stable source of income without my job being in danger. I might take a job that I don't necessarily prefer to do.

Other

The more that people build their lives outside the federal government fiefdoms, the more stability and happiness they will personally control in their own lives.

retired, none apply

I currently do not have a government job, but my parents do, and were lucky enough to keep them.

My current position is plenty. If they offer an increase i would be hesitant because i see that leadership is already struggling and i have no desire to collaborate or risk my own employment status just to negotiate with people that have the final say anyway.

To much chaos to know what to expect and plan for

Will need to be prepared in case of RIF

I am retired and hopefully financially secure. But I expect to keenly feel the loss of federal programs from which I've benefitted--i.e. support for libraries and education, public health programs, national parks, etc.

I will no longer apply for jobs at the VA or military hospitals because of lack of job security

worried DOGE may go after federal retirement benefits

Should probably move out of the country

may need 2nd job.

Will have to work longer instead of retiring

Have applied for Social Security earlier than I intended because I do not now trust them to fully fund it and because of the tariffs I will need the extra income.

I do NOT expect career opportunities to be stable or improve

Don't know yet

I'm retired.

I am retired but many of these things affect my children and grandchildren

I am retired so for me personally I am not affected by employment issues; however, my family and loved ones and people I hear and read about are.

Still waiting to see

I have no other choice but to survive

As a retiree, I don't know yet how this is going to impact me. I just know it's basically corrupt.

Coverage and SSA

The weekly risk of losing my job is causing great mental stress

My job is stable, but I am unhappy in my current position and because of the new administration I will be unable to switch jobs to something that would make me happier and less stressed.

The impact on others may impact our livelihood because they are our clients and customers.

I am a retired federal worker but my child is facing employment challenges.

I am retired so none applies.

Not sure yet but saving and cutting back in anticipation of future hardship.

Thank goodness I just retired. My daughter however needs to rethink her career goals as she graduates from college and had planned to apply to federal government agencies.

too soon to tell

skip

Too early to know.

Taxes are too high and houses are too expensive and they are just duplicate townhomes. They are boring and overpriced.

may lose my current job or be able to continue to provide for my family in my current position.

I am a former federal employee. The U.S. government is not a jobs program. If a program no longer serves the American public, those employees need to find jobs elsewhere!

I am scared for my employment position in the future. We are funded federally and by the state

I am retired so this does not apply to me. But I see it applying to many people around me.

I expect jobs will not be available to cover all the job losses.

Our family's jobs depend on grants. Everything is on hold/in limbo.

Will cause major economic disruption in the state

will be attending Food Pantries in my area

No comment

I have less confidence in the stability of a career in the federal government.

I worry about what my future career might look like.

None of the above apply to me

I am not old enough to have a job, so I don't have a job yet.

Will need increased childcare and public transportation

career opportunities may be stifled

dead wood positions need to be eliminated

Appendix F: DOGE Impact on Maryland's Economy

It will have a positive impact once the dust settles

Destructive

A negative impact on the economy plus, restricts qualified people of color and qualified people to be paid as equals to their non- melanated counterparts who are paid more!

The effects of Doge will be profound for Maryland and the rest of the country. If they are not confronted and reversed, the Maryland economy will be devastated. This is made more dire by Trump's incontinent temperament and inability to act other than impulsively and vindictively. We are in big trouble.

Profoundly unfavorable economic outlook because Maryland is viewed by the current administration as a "Woke" State

If your a blue state your screwed

disaster for overall economy, DC area very hard hit

Everything that jerk touches turns to shit.

Overt Attacks on civil rights and the voters

We will have substantially revise our retirement plans because our retirement funds will be less and our cost of living will skyrocket because of tariffs.

a disaster

MD is a Democratic state, our state will receive minimal federal support. This administration supports partisan support only, continuing to divide our Country.

Destroying both our government, economy, and quality of life.

He has just destroyed the entire world-wide economy, and the entire world knows it, and knows that he did it for no reason except ego.

think MD budget: unemployment, tax losses house foreclosure, car repossessions, hospitality industry impact extremely negative

Hoping it won't be detrimental and unsure of how it will all go

Not only a negative impact, but barreling towards the end of democracy.

not following laws atall

Trump's irratic, dictatorial behavior is frightening, I hope that Congress and the Courts will DO SOMETHING before there are extremely harmful consequences to our government and country. People are afraid to voice their opinions for fear of retaliation such as reducing or eliminating Social Security, or further reduction in Federal jobs and services.

Negative impact on the economy and just about everything else. He's out to ruin the United States.

Trump is Joe Stalin. he is trying to kill us from within and is succeeding.

Negative impact on the USA internationally and at home. Unprecedented flouting of norms and rules

negative impact on economy, stupid, very damaging

Worst impact in my 75 years. Destabilizing, culture changing, idiotic, poorly planned.

potentially economically disasterous

Criminal excess

Horrible and unconstitutional.

Capricious, destructive, irresponsible and dangerous

I suppose there will be a domino effect, as I've heard is happening with some contract work, NGOs and with other companies and state government offices.

a devastating impact on the economy

Catastrophe

Extremely negative impact on the economy

neither pos or neg except politicians will make it negative by overreach

MD continues to compromise their budget and economy.

Negative impact. This effects everyone. From schools/students to professionals. The impact has be unconceivable.

Md needs to stop being dependent on fed funds

Very negative in the short term and it is not clear in the long run

We have a big federal government footprint in Maryland as a whole so if there are a lot of people getting let go, that will have an adverse effect on the surrounding areas, to include losing homes, not spending as much, and possibly people being forced to other areas to live and find work

Might be some hardships coming but will be a net benefit

It needs to happen, Marylanders are too liberal on average to understand they benefit from the federal jobs and likely partake from the gravy train. But shrinking the fraud waste and abuses are good things that need to happen.

Everything he has done so far is positive, except for the tariffs

Maryland keeps spending when they don't have the funds!

negative in that Gov Moore will take my tax dollars to throw at the formerly overpaid fed workers, including those who are on salary thru Sept but will get unemployment, disgusting. He already discriminated against most Marylanders by hostig, with our tax dollars, a fed employee ONLY job fair, why cant we all attend.

Md. will suffer for being Blue

Negative short to medium term

short term pain, Long term mandatory to cut the Deficit. "Modern Monetary Theory" is completely B S. We MUST be fiscally responsible.

Short term negative, long term positive.

It will hurt. We benefit from the bloat and corruption of the federal government

Yet to be seen. I understand what he is trying to do, but execution is not the best

I think that as Maryland absorbs the costs of the programs they feel are important that the tax burden will shift from the federal tax structure to the state tax structure. I do not believe I will see a benefit in my lifetime though.

negative for the short term, because of uncertainty

I expect housing prices and economic growth to experience a 10 - 20 percent followed by a handful of years at 3 - 9 percent growth.

Negative now but positive later

I am concerned about unemployment and inflation.

The only negative impacts that will be permanent are the ones being passed by our state legislators. People need to go find employment. MD is, after all, a fire-at-will state.

The job deficits created will likely hurt the economy in our area. It is too fast with 8% of fed employees out of work it may effect the housing market and domino into other areas.

Our MD Atty Gen keeps suing Trump along with other states to stop his agenda. If the Dems would just get on board, we could have the US debt gone. Md Dems LOVE to tax and spend wastefully though!

Any state run initiative will negatively impact Maryland due to corruption in our pathetic government.

Trump has no impact on Maryland yet. He has only been in office since January. Moore has had a negative impact.

MD is causing its own problems it's not federal

with the governor and state officials that are in office and this time, MD's economy is increasingly spirally downward. It's scary. Looking to move out of state

That's if dummy Moore doesn't throw us into bankruptcy

If you keep resisting EVERY thing Trump does in this state its hard to see improvement
 Super positive for less drugs and less issues with my friends in the border states, but more negative economically
 it's not President Trump, its the lack of budget management in MARYLAND.
 The negative impacts will be a result of terrible Maryland leadership and policies
 I approve of the cuts and restructuring but realize this will negatively impact MD economy given that we over rely on the federal government as an employer
 Doesn't matter what trump does as long as we have Governor Moore in office. He is destroying Maryland!
 Short-term impact on the rate of unemployment (increase) and adverse affects to the economy, as a cascading result
 As long as we are democratically run , we will not prosper regardless of our President
 Good potential but Wes Moore will continue to fight Trump's initiatives
 will start negative, then turn positive as things settle out
 Governor Moore needs to work with the federal government to maintain funding instead of disregarding Executive Order
 I think that the MD Legislature is out of touch with the realities of the financial situation which causes impacts on MD's economy
 It may hurt some but in the long run, it will help run a more efficient government and lower costs to taxpayers
 Maryland continues to spend money it doesn't have
 Privatization is what is needed. Far more efficient than the oversized government.
 We need DOGE in MD!
 I think Maryland will not benefit from Fed Gov largess for the next four years.
 There will most likely be a short-term negative impact but I anticipate a long-term positive impact. We need to focus on bringing production jobs back to the United States.
 I don't think trumps changes will affect MD much but Moore is certainly making it worse
 Could be neutral or even good without Wes Moore and the rest of the state government forcing all people and businesses to leave
 Maryland will only improve if we get Moore out of office and elect a Republican governor.
 Hope it makes elected officials look at how they collect and spend our money and be HONEST, not self-serving.
 Get a productive job lefties
 due to the number of MD residents who are federal employees facing layoffs there will be some sort of impact.
 I do not watch/listen to/read the news
 Short term will be negative but long term will be positive.
 Maryland is the perfect example of where doge needs to look. We pay outrageous taxes on everything and yet roads are poor condition, education especially sped programs are lacking, and yet the leaders of our state continue to get richer? While the rest of us struggle with the economy, child care, auto repairs, etc. They are stealing our money
 Long term, I believe there should be a positive overall impact. In the short term, I suspect it will be somewhat painful for many.
 I think they haven't been both positive and negative impacts.
 Mr.Wes is trying to tax us to death. He states that he is taxing the wealthy, but when you increase car registration that is increasing the tax for everybody, but affects the poor more so.
 in some countries they dont pay income tax, they tariff and fee and more. its nice to have someone think about moving us from making the american tax payer prime source of funding government. like to see more
 Too soon to tell

Short term negative, long term positive

short-term negative, long-term positive

Emotional immaturity and undiagnosed mental/behavioral issues.

I don't know enough about all the changes but from what I know it might impact our economy negatively.

I fail to see what this has to do with LOCAL issues.

Depends on whether the Governor actually tries to hire laid off fed workers in the face of a severe state budget deficit

It will affect the Maryland economy because too many people rely on the Federal Government for income. Our "leaders" in Maryland have driven much of the private sector to other states thanks to high taxes. Maryland is getting exactly what it deserves. Maryland is a great place but it needs to break the addiction to Federal dollars.

Live by the Federal greed, die by the federal greed!!!!

Maryland needs to learn how to live within an affordability budget. Maryland is already one of the highest taxed states and the taxes plus fees are going up.

Maryland state and county taxes too high. Has nothing to do with Trump.

I believe that the economy has been harmed in the short run, I hope that it will become beneficial in the long

Negative for now

Negative impacts to economy and our entire legal system.

All these job cuts are leaving people unable to afford food and housing. Gutting the programs that serve resources for people who are struggling are also being cut so what are these people supposed to do?

Disassembling the US.

Disaster in the making

I'm ok, but I don't want to think about how hard things could get for friends and family. I do not believe that any of us are ok if we are not all relatively speaking ok.

And a negative impact on people's lives- period!

Negative impact on the state due to it's leadership.

MD better stop the virtue signaling or I'm not sticking around to find out.

Maryland's economy will grow or die under our elected officials

Maryland economic issues are self inflicted MD Govt has no desire to put off an initiative without increasing taxes.

there are plenty of jobs out there for people who truly WANT to work. We don't need to fund those who want to get paid for little to no work effort.

There seems to be a influx of employment lawoffs country wide

AIMING TO CRASH then drop interest rates for the Owners' benefit

Gov't of MD continues to oppose/counter everything Trump tries to do.

Some impact but MUST be done!

Marylands Economy is in trouble and was in trouble before Pres Trump took office in 2025

Absolute disaster and motivated by greed for power and control.

Some positive policies, some negative. As of his current term, no improvement made

Appendix G: Anne Arundel County Government's Response to Recent Layoffs

Not impressed with Pam Beidle anymore.

Why would layoffs of federal workers be more important than layoffs of the average worker?

Don't care

Great to help with job fairs, but MD cannot afford to hire all those wasteful DEI positions.

not well in that they done too much and will do more when its not that big an impact and we already had and have many more important issues they havent and dont address

Okay, I acknowledge there is only so much that can be done. However, any action is better than indifference.

not much they can do

They haven't done much. But realistically, how much can they do?

Premature to make a determination - not due to our county but the impacts of cuts are just now beginning to be realized.. DoD cuts are being delayed. Provisional employees, people either recently hired or promoted, constitute a large number of positions that could be eliminated. The wealthy will need to bear a larger burden in our state to help those less fortunate.

AA County seems to be making a laudable concerted effort to address the problems faced by Feds targeted by Doge. But it is a huge challenge.

How is this AACO responsibility?

I'm sure laid off / fired employees can figure out how to go to indeed.com on their own. The response by AA county is a total waste of time and money.

horribly

My daughter would have been laid off, but her boss gave her 4 months to find another job, which she did. They had mainly government contracts and had a feeling something like this was going to happen.

Doing the best they can.

these systems were already struggling, now they are being flooded with more need

was not aware, thank you will share with affect gov staff.

Not personally affected. Retired

Good but how can one entity help such an overwhelming situation when Republicans in Congress are letting the chaos happen.

No help to new grads when federal job offer reneged

making an effort but this is beyond any previous challenge.

Don't know

As well as to be expected under the current uncertainty

Limited options. How do you help the thousands who need help?

Passing bill to provide loans was good

The information is available, but people are struggling their way through so much already.

As well as possible. But we don't have a lot of control since Congress and the courts are not pushing back as much as needed.

Haven't heard of any AACo efforts

Overkill

Not well, but what can they do in a crisis like this

done more tha it should

conducted job fairs but opportunities not commensurate with lost jobs salaries

what response?

N/A

The county does well considering it is not their primary responsibility.

county government needs to stay the heck out of the issue. It should spend the time on all the many issues county residents face daily. they need to stop spending so much time on one segment of the population, fed workers, and help us all, roads, trash, safety, crime, county fees, you name it.

Not AACo government's duty to respond

Not sure hire the county can compensate. This seems more like a feel good for Pittman

I am not really sure due to not seeing what they have been doing.

It's sad that those were all that were paid attention to. I've been unemployed for over a year before the DOGE stuff, and MD didn't care one iota about me...so F all of the people in charge. Care little do you. So reap your downfall.

Not the County's job to do anything

Has responded in the wrong way. The issue is the magnitude of programs and spending is shrinking amount workers can keep for their own usage. The County should be making it easier for the private sector to create/expand jobs.

not for county to compensate for - County government is not welfare or unemployment office

Its like they are just chomping at tehbit to take my tax dollars to give away. There are so many existing safety nets. Theres unemployment as well as everyone should have 3 months salary saved, oh most people don't do that they address that issue, make it easier to save, reduce prices so people can save, encourage savings, make it easier to buy MD bonds.

Don't care unless they save me tax money

For those being layed off because you can't answer 5 things you've done this week, you deserve it. Why should our state hire those too lazy to work for the federal government?

It is not AA County's responsibility to respond to federal layoffs or provide job services to former federal employees.

Don't know

Country should have limited role. Let the free market take over

Why is it the county's Job ???

Why is the federal government layoffs treated any differently than any private company layoff?

Should not be addressed by County Government.

We should not hire except on the basis of "best person for the job"!

County does not reach out to non government citizens that lose their jobs. Do not agree with bending over backwards for government employees and not non government employees who lose their jobs the county does not need to hire more employees, instead it should work to lure more businesses into the area

Too early to tell.

I lost my job years ago, county didnt help me

Has this been done for other industries/companies downsizing or laying off workers? Why do federal employees get special treatment?

All people need to do is look in the internet themselves. We don't need to use our tax dollars to have someone hold an adult's hand.

Pittman needs to help our county before anything else

MD needs yo wake up and stop Moore taxes

Pitman is an idiot

A bloated state government does no good for anyone!

Companies need to layoff employees all the time. This should be no different since government has gotten so big.

Maryland isn't a job program

Why just federal workers? Others have lost jobs where is someone to help them?

They're adults, they can figure it out and find a new job. Stop coddling them:

Wasted money. This should not be your job

Not well saying West Moore blew away Hogan's rainy day fund. The money could have gone to the counties for crisis management.

It's not the county's job to do anything.

I can't say. I've received a lot of emails from my representative about this and it pertains to me as we are a one-income family and my husband works for the federal government. But my representative is so blatantly partisan and hateful toward the Trump admin and conservatives like me, I don't trust a word she says.

Not AACO government responsibility to feed the gravy train. Get your own job!

poor, AAC needs to tighten its hiring too since it should lose both federal and state dollars

An equal number of jobs (or more) not related to government have been lost in MD with zero response

AA County may need DOGE as well

They don't care about anyone else. They didn't care when the state was doing it to us.

AACo does nothing well.

Not our bill to front

It should not be the AA County taxpayers burden to assist Federal employees. Other workers that have been laid off in the past did not receive this.

zero efforts by county government when non governmental employees are laid off

It's not the county governments problem they shouldn't be mixed up in this, and most of these people needed to be fired

Good-as long as they are watching OUR budget and do the best they can.

Stop spending to protect lefties

I do not watch/read/listen to news

Unfairly. Others have been trying to get county/state jobs for a while and now they will be put behind feds

Intentionally don't work for the government....

have an Open House and let federal workers apply for jobs. The Anne Arundel County has never responded to any other workers that have had layoffs. The most recent is how the port workers were ignored after the Key Bridge collapse! None of them were offered assistance! Disgraceful treatment of taxpaying citizens! Where were their services?

way too much response, it shouldnt be a first priority, second or third priority. how about just looking out for us all, providing jobs for us all, looking out for everyone not just feds. ill give you an example of AA county disenfranchising an entire portion of population, at the library they have cards about AA county support to non-profits, no phone number, link to a site, no contact info at all. just a qr code. guess what not everyone has a smart phone so if you dont hav a smart phone and can a qr code, F you, thats an example of AA county government thinking.

I have not been involved

This is a temporary correction that is long overdue. More solutions (e.g., job fairs) and fewer politicians making a lot of noise

I don't believe it's the County government's job to provide specific help for now former federal government employees.

Stupid biased question

Don't care

people loose their jobs everyday, now some special people are loosing their jobs and we have to have tax dollars spent on telling them how to look for employment. seems over redundant and a waste

Need to not offer services that would increase costs to all AACO citizens.

Political pandering to Federal workers.

Good but they like to politize EVERYTHING

They're doing a good job considering how chaotic the environment is. I'm not sure a 'good' job is possible!!!

long-term feds may be unable to find new employment w/o 25% or more salary drop

I am unaware of any efforts to assist.

Doing the best it can while things / executive orders are coming out every day.

Too early to tell

Providing information to residents is important. However neither the county nor the state can absorb this level of job loss

They need to stop giving handouts and people need to stop being coddled

its not aa co or the state of md's problem - too much government overreach is a major problem

I have not needed assistance but i certainly have not seen very much out there offering assistance. This is the first I have seen of anything.

Like a bunch of whining children.

It is not the county's job to provide extraordinary services to counteract DOGE. It is political theater.

Not relevant. AACO can not offer the same pay structures and this would be on top of county manning levels now thus requiring tax raises to support. The market will adjust. It always does.

there is a glut of Government Employees on ALL levels.

Resources are good, MWE website and AA library resources have been helpful!

Appendix H: National Politics – Comments

The approach has been a disaster and will damage this country for years. The back end corruption happening in the Administration has gone unnoticed.

move more deliberately and with a real plan....Rome wasn't built in a day but was destroyed in a few.

Trump is doing exactly what he was elected to do

Eliminate the waste in all government, including Medicaid, Medicare and SS

See nothing good about methods and outcomes

If there is waste or fraud in an agency it should be cut but this administrations chainsaw approach is reckless and sabotaging to our country.

The policies and actions that move to take away the rights of others and promote hatred and bigotry under the guise of Christianity and “patriotism” are disgusting and an embarrassment to our nation.

Change the word views to fears

Taxes are meant to sustain the American people. Social aid like Medicare and Social Security reduce crime rates and help people in generational poverty. The biggest cost to the government is giving companies tax cuts that don't make sustainable jobs and further increase the need for more jobs.

We need less tax cuts, and more definitive taxing of the very wealthy (million and billionaires) - so that they can't just hide their money else where (like in stocks, offshore accounts, etc.)

Do a study and fine tune -- not use an axe.

He is destroying the country, Maryland, AA County, everything he touches turns to shit.

I believe in reducing waste in social programs and military spending, but cutting critical programs like Medicaid or Social Security could have detrimental effects on vulnerable populations.

Worst presidency in history

This country is disgraceful and tariffs will lead to disaster. We are all going to face major economic crisis because of the effects of these tariffs. Complete lunatics are running the country and should be removed from office immediately.

Government doesn't have the same function as private businesses and can't operate as a business

Current administration is horrible. They should reduce waste and fraud, but firing of IGs is not the way. It is the way to graft.

Taxes should not be cut

Everything trump is doing goes against what fdr did to bring this country out of the Great Depression
Public health infrastructure is being gutted, economy is being devastated, America's position in the world is being totally degraded, government's ability to help Americans is being destroyed.

Okay to cut programs...but Congress should make decision allowing for review and debate.

Stop talking about annexing Greenland...it is an ally. Denmark is an ally and part of NATO. We already have a military presence in Greenland. I already plan to shut down my spending so that I do not finance any tariffs...I will wait the tariffs out. Congress needs to grow a backbone and show the president that they are a co-equal part of government.

The Trump administration only helps the Rich point blank

I do NOT support any of the above initiatives and more of Mr. Trump.

Congress and the courts need to step up.

The tax burden should be primarily shouldered by the working and middle classes - reform is needed, but the proposed reforms are going the wrong direction. We need to promote immigration, not discourage it.

Before I address each point, a foundational statement regarding the moral center of our nation needs to be stated: Forming an alliance with Russia's criminal dictator at the expense of a rules-based world order is unacceptable and puts our nation at risk of being on the wrong side of a history that this administration will not be able to write. The administration is comprised of degreed but uneducated self described stable geniuses. A truly populist uprising in the form of (lower case) democratic revolt at the ballot box is needed. Congress needs to stand up to this group of amoral self serving, not vetted for security clearances, individuals before the nation is destabilized beyond repair. I strongly oppose all of the initiatives listed in Q16. It is fact that tax cuts will not generate taxable wealth that will reduce the deficit. Multiple sources have reported that the deficit will be increased. Federal services are insufficient as the currently stand. A reevaluation of prioritization of federal services to rescue/rebuild the country will be required after the fallout from the current administration's missteps settles. Matis said it best: if your cut aid you need by buy more bullets. Pick your poison, I prefer to give them butter rather than deliver foreign aid from the belly of an F-18E/F. Medicare/Medicade and Social Security are earned benefits. SS has a multi-trillion dollar surplus that makes it a stable retirement system for over 70 million US Citizens. Elimination would cripple the county. The largest entitlement program in this nation is the low to 0 tax rate paid by the nation's highest compensated individuals and corporations. Social programs are critically important to any first-world nation. Our education system, K-12 is one of the lowest performing of G20 nations. Our healthcare system is struggling - privatization introduced the greed motive that is hurting hard working Americans. The military budget reflects the political level o Compared to other countries, the United States government does not spend "too much" in relation to the size of the national economy. It taxes those with high incomes TOO LITTLE.

I am concerned about the effects of tariffs and the deportation of many employees of the service and construction sectors will have upon inflation.

How about eliminating the Social Security income cap for people earning over \$250,000? Social Security sustainability issue fixed. How about Federal government repaying all money borrowed from Social Security trust fund? Social Security sustainability issue double fixed. How about eliminating overseas tax shelters for rich people & corporations? How about making millionaire tax deductions strictly contingent upon investment in the US, such as physical improvement of their factory infrastructure, state-of-the-art scientific equipment, latest safety features, etc?

Of course, eliminating waste should be the goal of every institution. Efficiency in operations are important but ruthless and reckless destruction of our government is the goal of a dictatorship or a totalitarian government. We must be vigilant.

We need to stop spending so much money to bomb brown people and tax rich people more. They shouldn't be able to buy elections, either.

Policies are curtailing free speech by interfering with the independence of Higher Education institutions and going after law firms based on their client list.

I mean I support eliminating real waste/fraud/abuse, not just using that as a bogus excuse as they are doing in reality.

I didn't know about him trying to eliminate waste, but I am morally against the military, so I believe cutting military and DOD soending is a good thing.

Rather than extending tax cuts, the focus should shift toward reducing the national debt. Allocating 13% of the budget to debt payments is excessive and warrants a more responsible financial approach.

The entirety of the DOGE operations are an exercise in grift. Trump and his lackeys are slashing programs with no care for the affect they will have on people, both inside and outside the United States. Most all of what they are doing is likely unconstitutional (violating the Impoundment Act, directing the use of funds allocated by Congress, attempting to close agencies which were created by Congress). The egregious violations of constitutional rights of due process are particularly troubling. Their efforts to silence various people and law firms based on supposed violations of free speech and alleged "antisemitism" are

themselves violations of free speech. Never have I seen a more corrupt, incompetent, and willfully destructive regime in my 54 years alive.

Retain the true meaning of Democracy that preserve our collective freedoms and not try to destroy it!
Keep Medicare for all who qualify, tax the rich a more higher percentage than the poor or middle class.
Have a small committee for minimizing waste in social programs.

not addressing inflation!

Shocking how much racism is driving so many of the ill-advised actions

Felon Trump is doing horrible things to our economy and our international relations.

Trump is operating Govt like a business. Govt is NOT a business.

We need to get control of the federal budget so that it can be balanced again. Cuts need to be made to Social Security (e.g. means test benefits; raise the age for collecting).

Trump and Musk are a disaster for America

Maga is conducting an unprecedented, but completely predictable assault on American democracy and the economy. It is treasonous, and I hope they are all held accountable.

No one supports waste, fraud, or abuse. That applies to every issue. But branding every program not meeting some political aim with the waste, fraud, abuse label is simply wrong

bring back inspector generals and get rid of DOGE

Tax the rich! Back in the 50s and 60s when millionaires and corporations paid a fair share of taxes, this country did incredible things, and there was an actual viable middle class. The republicans are only out to satisfy their wealthy donors.

This is a list of phantom solutions to issues, some of which are not problems, and some of which require the attention of Congress. Remember Congress?

The "policies" and how they are being promulgated are aimed at instituting an authoritarian state, which is the biggest concern of all.

Reducing waste is a fine idea if done responsibly. Using a thoughtful scalpel to trim excess, not a hatchet that makes good sound bites, "thousands of useless jobs eliminated, billions of dollars saved" Trump is a goof!

Hubert Humphrey said, "That the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped." By threatening to cut Social Security, Medicare, and child care programs, the Trump administration has failed this moral test.

Some of Trump's goals for making America more financially independent and sound are reasonable, but the reckless and ignorant way the administration is pursuing these goals is horrible and is destroying the country's foreign standing as well as domestic stability and peace. Even if we achieve the goals they're targeting, it won't have been worth the disruption to our economy and our global alliances and good will with other countries.

Elimination of "waste, fraud and abuse" is a catch phrase almost devoid of meaning. Rather than an excuse to reduce program budgets, we should strive for more efficient delivery of those services.

It's about fascism and power, nothing else

I disagree with all of the policies listed in Q16.

Eliminating programs, grants, resources just because the President doesn't like them is bad policy. And as a wannabe dictator he is a grave danger to democracy and the Constitution.

Trump and his ilk are destroying America in every way possible.

We have a clown bus driving the Federal Government

The current administration is moving to government by edict. That is the antithesis of the democratic process

Help the wealthy and powerful but screw the middle , lower and senior citizens

This is all terrifying.

Trump and his policies are a national disgrace. This is a dark spot on American history.

Increase taxes on the very wealthy

Taxes should be restructured to lower/keep middle class taxes low and raised for higher income earners - e.g., over 500k, and additional taxes on those with net worth greater than 500M

Tax cuts for the very wealthiest should not be retained or expanded. Corporate tax rates should not be lowered further. Social programs should not be cut to make tax cuts possible.

Using cleaver instead of scalpel not a good idea

We are going to have to pray and hope for the best til the midterms

All the above need to be protected.

US should eliminate use of for-profit prisons for any reason.

While reducing social programs by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse sounds like a good thing in theory, in practice often times the strictures put in place to try and eliminate fraud, waste and abuse (FWA) result in far too many people losing benefits that they are entitled to compared to the savings. This can actually seem like it is effective at getting rid of FWA since the expenditures decrease, but in reality means people who have earned/need benefits are being denied required support. DOD could in theory have its budget increased dramatically when looking at all the issues it has - not enough troops for global commitments, not enough munitions and artillery shells, aging aircraft and naval fleets, but the DOD budget is big enough they should be able to reprioritize funding within the DOD to find what they need. If they truly need more, then taxes need to be raised on the 1% and/or defense contractors to pay for it.

Trump and his thieves are the worst thing to happen to the US since WWII.

Cutting programs like USAID and other soft power programs and the majority of all the other cuts in order to fund Tax Cuts to the top 1% is flat wrong if a tax increase on the top 1% went up 5% most of the issues would be solved in this country. As for SS Trustfund make everyone pay into the fund at the same rate up to an income of \$750,000 a year.

Trump should be impeached immediately.

No doubt this administration will one giant mess of everything, around the world and here at home.

Waste is negative practice but the DOGE Team is not a team of security cleared individuals and are not qualified to do what they are doing.

Keep all programs approved by Congress. Tax the billionaires!

Do not like radical and false Trump ideology being forced down people's throats by this corrupt administration.

While I support a strong military, I support it through appropriate spending. Through the years congress has been increasing the DoD's budget without the DoD specifically requesting an increase. Not to mention, the military has been trying to develop a new generation naval vessel for more than a decade and has continued to fail. So, this is just one example of our tax payer dollars being used with nothing to show for it.

REnew middle-class tax cuts, but not top 1%

Republicans in congress should grow a set, impeach tRump for treason against the constitution

A horrible time with no precedent unless you count McCarthyism.

Taxes on the wealthy should be increased. Revenue through increased tax audits of people making over \$400,000 should be used to maintain or increase social programs. Decreasing tax revenue for the rich and then announcing we can't afford to help the most vulnerable is a cruel and appealing outcome for many stupid cruel people.

Have you ever seen the movie "Idiocracy"? Make 1984 fiction again.

MAGA has done nothing good or ethical for our country. It has only divided us to made the far right retain control with its dying breath. Our foreign policy is a joke and only alienated our allies and made us weaker as a nation. The ramifications of this administration will be felt for years, and the economic consequences will be, at best, dire.

I am ok with the US stepping back as the world's police and dictator toppler to focus more on making sure services (healthcare, social security) are available for people. However, it must be done appropriately and not in such a haphazard way.

Buyer's remorse. I told you so!

All his policies are terrible. Very poor president not even mediocre.

I am against all of them. Use the Inspector General system to investigate fraud waste and abuse DOGE can all all the waste, fraud, and abuse it wants in (1) defense contracting, (2) oil and gas subsidies, and (3) big pharma subsidies

Trump is doing all the right things. Biden was horrible

Medicaid is a state problem. Each state should manage it on its own, without federal aid.

Benefits like Medicare and Social Security should and will continue for those it was intended for.

However, it has been discovered that millions of accounts are for people who are over 100 years old or people receiving checks in other countries that do not have actual social security numbers. In addition, millions of illegal aliens from the past four years are on medicaid driving up costs to programs that citizens have paid for.

Too many unanticipated consequences. Slower rollout might have negated some of the bad press.

Military spending should be significantly cut to fund social programs that meaningfully help the people Most of the policies and Executive Orders in this administration show that the leaders (I use that term loosely) are clueless, cruel, and cunning

Eliminate the tax cuts previously established. Increase taxes on large corporations, and very wealthy individuals.

Censoring the Smithsonian is ridiculous.

Currently violating 4th amendment and separation of powers in US Constitution — both vital for a functioning democracy

Trump has no idea what he is doing and the effect it has on others. He is and has always been concerned about himself and his own power/wealth.

If there is ACTUAL waste, fraud, and abuse then eliminate it in an intelligent, thoughtful, effective way.

Making up numbers about waste, fraud, and abuse is just BS.

I disagree with absolutely everything that Trump is doing. He is a disgrace!

The republican budget is horrible for the majority of Americans

Trump is a horror show.

It's a disaster!!!

Everyone should be paying their fair share of taxes. For some people. That's nothing because they don't make very much and for some people it's a huge amount because they own 10% of the world.

Get rid of trump,the new dictator.

The rich should pay more into Social Security.

I would love to see tax cuts for lower earning households, and substantial tax increases for billionaires.

Trump is a failed businessman and is a convicted felon that should be in jail.

eliminate any funds that support Musk

While I appreciate the focus of many changes being to put Americans first , the cut to healthcare for US citizens & VA pensioners is cruel! Oversight in our spending is crucial with good people in positions to monitor. Internationally , we can't solve all the problems in this world but we must stand for Democracy!

I think government can do great things and is demonized by the current administration.

Tax the billionaires.

I would support reducing waste, but my definition of waste does not include whole departments.

Reduce military spending overall. Budget for social services and local job creation should be expanded.

Take the appropriate action against real waste fraud and abuse. What's happening now is a cover to give money to the 1%

The government policies recently shows that the priority doesn't lie with helping/protecting citizens but support capital

No concern shown towards those people who are in need of assistance.

I don't disagree with restructuring government entities as long as it's done in a planned out manner.

However, I strongly disagree with first amendment rights being restricted and the fact that people here legally are being detained unlawfully.

I believe tax cuts should be retained for the MIDDLE CLASS. I believe Trump's people plan on providing tax cuts for the wealthy even though they claim otherwise. I think there are some social programs that we can afford to eliminate. Eliminating waste and fraud in ALL of the options listed above is ideal but it'll never happen under any administration. However, Trump's administration has been sloppy and careless by firing people without any regard for how they would be effected by the loss in the long run/how that department would be effected in the long run.

It seems as if so much that the U.S. is good at is being discarded. They seem to think that if you support diversity, equity and inclusion then someone is losing—particularly white men. The audacity of this President trying to take over Greenland, Panama & Canada is so Un-American as is how we are treating our allies. It's a sad time for our country.

The excuse of eliminating waste is being used to illegally or semi legally dismantle the US Government.

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They're destroying our democracy.

Republican policies are only Trump's biases.

Protect social security, medicare, medicaid, education and programs that provide food/medical care to low income people.

I am frightened for my nieces and there offspring.

There are many things that could be done to improve the country but not the chaotic way the changes are being done with very poor choices in Administration he has done.

I disagree with all of the above statements. Drastic measures were put in place by 'executive order' without knowledge or regard for what and who would be affected. I am in favor of cutting back on 'waste' but to make such sweeping changes on the first day(s) in office is irresponsible.

People without being employees and not having security clearances should not have access.

We are watching democracy and the rule of law being destroyed before our eyes. It reminds me of Nazi Germany.

How can you even comment? It's all questions. Will I ever be able to retire without social security? Will my autistic son have the rights currently guaranteed by IDEA? Will my adult children be able to afford healthcare when they age out of my policy? Will cuts to environmental protections make the climate crisis even worse? As a woman, will I lose my right to vote as I have already lost autonomous access to healthcare? As the mother of a trans woman, will my daughter be safe just existing? Will she continue to have access to necessary medications? I thought being pregnant through the pandemic was the darkest thing I'd ever survive, but somehow this is even worse.

Would prefer defense spending to go to programs that improve quality of life instead of destroying it.

Reducing waste, fraud, and abuse is a great goal and should be a goal of every administration at the federal level in order to "keep a clean house". However, this should be completed by people who are familiar with these systems and know WHAT that is to make informed decisions.

This administration is an absolute disaster, and they have made it clear they want to turn us into Russia or North Korea. Trump is a dictator wanna be. All those who wrote and follow Project 2025 are right wing extremists. They want to and ARE in the process of destroying this country. There will be no way to go back. He wants to leave us all poor, sick, without national security, without social security, without health care, without weather guidance. They want to destroy all the agencies so that they can privatize them. They eliminate the weather service so we can't be warned of extreme weather events and protect ourselves and our property, then they eliminate FEMA so that people will leave their destroyed homes and the billionaires will buy up our properties pennies on the dollar. They kick out the immigrants who work on the farms, I guess they want all the federal employees they just fired to pick lettuce. The list goes on and on. They are turning us into a feudal state. President Carter said in 2015 that we are already an oligarchy. World wide country reports have shown the USA as a Deficient Democracy since that time as well. We are now a TechnoFascist Oligarchical Klepto Kakistocracical Dictatorship.

The previous administration left us an excellent economy. Trump has destroyed that and made a mockery of America's standing among other countries! No one can trust us.

These policies are unrealistic and unsafe.

Most of the above statements are too broad for me to agree. Social Security payroll taxes must be continued on ALL annual earnings and not capped at earning of \$168k and above. I think spending should be reviewed and revealed by DOGE so it can be addressed and then spending cut (IE: Medicaid and DOD. Foreign aid should be reduced not ended. Waste, fraud and abuse should monitored by a government department or contractor randomly audits other government agencies. More companies should participate in hiring and training unemployed.

I believe that all decisions will harm the United States rather than help us.

There are fascists in the government fully willing to sell all of our country's government secrets and endanger the national security of its citizens all in the name of accomplishing their agenda and goals to set the country back over 60 years to suit their beliefs, because they can't possibly fathom a progressive future that doesn't put money in their pockets. The blood of this country is on their hands.

Where to even begin?

Trump actions have been disrespectful and not what America is about. He has abandoned our allies and caused more diversity. I grew up in the 60's and he is taking us back there. Trump is not a God and needs to be impeached.

It looks increasingly like the Trump administration / GOP do not want to change or improve government, but take it apart. We are in danger of losing the democratic system and the protections we have.

Efficiency is important but without studying how to do it and eliminating things after figuring out if they need to be eliminated You're simply putting people on the welfare rules and again that cost money

Let the senators hash out how to proceed. Tax more on earning above 500,000

Tax cuts should be at least retained and ideally expanded for those WITH LESS MONEY. Should be dependent on money. Should not favor those who already have enough.

I don't agree with Trump's policies, executive orders, DOGE, or his cabinet appointees.

The uber-wealthy should start paying their fair share of taxes to relieve the burden off the working class.

I 100% believe in cutting waste, but the current administration's definition of waste does not match my definition of waste. Additionally, I support better control of immigration and the deportation of illegal aliens who have a criminal record, but again I believe the current administration use a definition of "criminal" that is exceptional more broad than what most citizens would use. Additionally, I believe that creating pathways to permanent citizenship for people who have been in the country for many years is

important, and I strongly disagree with the recent arrests and revocations of visas and green cards of people associated with protests.

It might be possible to scale back some operations but not by firing probationary employees since that cuts too wide a swath.

Social programs should be funded. Tax the rich.

It's hard to get behind anything that man is doing. They are dismantling the government and turning us into an Oligarchy.

Our government needs to update the standards in our Clean Water Act and our Clean Air Act. The pollutant limits are over 30 years old and don't include many chemicals used in industrial process today. Without this the health and wellness of our nation and its ability to function overall will continue to decline

Every single goal listed shows that regular families don't matter to the billionaires in power.

All of those are terrible options

Finding fraud and abuse is important but no real data to suggest this has been done by current admin

The federal budget can be reduced in a thoughtful manner. DOGE is not the answer.

We live in dangerous times

I don't agree with any of them

It does not feel like hyperbole to worry about death and destruction.

n/a

we need to be helping and supporting our people and environment instead of destroying it all.

Efficiencies can definitely be made, but in a deliberate, methodical way. Not one that hurts the poor and vulnerable.

Newly elected / appointed / given a "gratis" position should receive training in how the government works, how to follow the rules and how to abide by the Constitution before making any stupid changes!

As a therapist, I am seeing a mass increase in depression and hopelessness.

Trump is a disaster

I think the current administration is the beginning of the crumbling of our democratic republic.

None of this is being done without any educated intelligent thought and totally ignoring our laws.

I don't agree with any of his goals and policies

Increase revenue by closing tax loopholes for the Ultra-wealthy. Budget problems solved.

Trump and his policies are an embarrassment.

There are plenty of things the government could cut - funding for unnecessary studies. Things like that can be eliminated. To find things we need to delete need to be found by a logical auditing committee.

I am strongly opposed to all of the president's actions. Yes, immigration is a problem, but make sure those deported are criminals, and treat them in a humane way. Pictures from the El Salvadore prison are harrowing.

We should Tax the ultra wealthy. The middle class is struggling and disappearing.

I strongly do not support eliminating the birthright to citizenship to persons born in this country. I do not think we have the right to take back the Panama canal or acquire Greenland. I do not think we put the economy in a free fall by imposing high tariffs on our neighbors and allies

There is waste to be found in government spending but this administration is not interested in doing the long term and thoughtful work to find it. They are only interested in traumatizing people and making money for themselves.

Tax cuts should apply to the middle and lower classes. Billionaires who are already not paying taxes should be paying more - not less. I want my tax dollars to go to social programs that support and lift communities that need them - not military spending and tax cuts for the rich.

I am all for eliminating waste of tax dollars. However, budgets should be analyzed carefully by experts, and thoughtful, careful decisions should be made rather than broad slashing of budgets and offices without regards to the impact on American citizens.

They are creating hate, ruining the economy, and putting hard-working people out of work. Relationships with our strongest allies have been permanently damaged. If we ever get better leadership, it will take a lot of work to repair those relationships. I am ashamed of the actions the president and his cabinet have taken.

Any efforts to reduce waste in the federal government need to focus on defense spending. Starting with Medicaid is a joke.

All those options are sending the country in the wrong direction

how about we tax these 20 some odd white dude billionaires? that's the only waste i see

It's difficult to say, I'm sure there is some waste to cut but everything should be well thought out first and mass firings are ridiculous and wasteful. And you should not try to change history by getting rid of books and art etc.

Reducing military/DOD spending can be accomplished, but the way it's being undertaken is not going to achieve their goals. They're using a chainsaw or hatchet when a scalpel and careful consideration in conjunction with congressional oversight is how it should be done. However, that's unlikely considering the spineless Republican officials in Congress. They're not going to stand up to the president and DOGE. All corporations/organization have waste, so look at the broader picture to reduce waste everywhere not just the federal government. Consider how the states and big private corporations waste money too

Trump wants to become President for life!!!

I do not support any of Trump's policies

The wealthy should pay their fair share of taxes!

I am all for identifying and eliminating waste if it is done based off proper study and in a manner that is not disruptive to the department at large.

do not take the Panama Canal. it Belongs to Panamanians

Foreign relations is very important but Trump has the opposite belief and now many countries do not like America and it's new polices because of Trump.

not executive branch job to rift federal govt by force and stupidly handled doge and musk. budgets are congress job. no emergency tariffs and no due process for deportees

All bad.

Our Federal government was functioning pretty well until Trump was elected. You want a circus? Hire clowns.

As if economic equity were not so skewed already, the administration wants to take the poor pittance 99% of us retain to further enrich billionaires. Their immigration policies are cruel, arbitrary and unconstitutional. Thanks to some brave federal judges for fighting back. There will be a blue tsunami in the midterms.

Of course eliminating Waste, Fraud, & Abuse is an important action, but not as Trump is doing it. This is NOT the American Way.

While I would support careful and reasoned reduction of government waste, I do not support anything this administration is doing. They are simply dismantling everything without judgement

All of their actions are unconstitutional, illegal, self-interest of the rich, trying to destroy democracy or all of the above

Foreign aid is much too complicated for a "yes-no" option to continue.

Cuts in Federal Agencies are well and good if done thoughtfully over time and truly focus on waste and firing people who don't really do what they are paid to do. There is fraud and abuse I believe but it has to be weeded out in a responsible way.

Taxes should be raised on the wealthy and corporations not cutting services to our most vulnerable citizens.

This requires actual and true evidence of waste, fraud, and abuse.

None of these express my views. These are disruptive policies that will harm many people.

He's gutting the programs and agencies that have made America a strong international leader, and a place you can be proud to be from. I'm horrified by what I'm witnessing and am terrified of what life here will become for the average person. Sickening.

We're destroying everything good about the USA. We have Mob Boss Mussolini stealing and bribing and grifting right out in the open. Corruption is what destroys a country. Welcome to a destroyed country. Maintaining the security of our military and intelligence personnel worldwide is extremely important. Maintaining good relationships with other nations worldwide is also extremely important. We must keep Social Security and Medicare programs intact.

Use existing mechanisms like inspectors general and OMB audits to root out waste, fraud and abuse. Protect citizens' financial and personal data in the process. Keep social security, Medicare, and Medicaid functioning as these are critical to the survival of many Americans. Social Security is our money, hands off! Stop apprehending people who have green cards or student visas; use the proper due process afforded to these people. Stop intimidating law firms and other private businesses and interfering with capitalism and First Amendment rights. This is not small government; it is unconstitutional. Billionaires do not need tax breaks; they should pay taxes like the rest of us and help fund social programs for the entire society. Wealth disparity is unconscionable. We need to continue soft power abroad to facilitate national security. Programs benefiting scientific and medical research help keep us all healthier. Vaccine programs should be continued so they are available to those who want them. Public education helps make citizenry smarter and better able to compete globally. Persecution of LGBTQ community is hateful and unproductive; you will not eradicate trans people with discriminatory actions, but you will kill a lot of them if you don't allow them to exist.

Taxes need to be increased for the top one percent of earned income. If any cuts need to be made to any of these items, there should be a well thought out approach rather than the slash and burn technique that are upending the lives of American federal workers, Killing people abroad that depend on our aid and making our country vulnerable by isolating our allies and opening us up to attack from our foes.

They won't audit the only agency that hasn't passed an audit! All the rest should stay. They service AMERICANS.

This administration's policies are designed to take us back to 1906. Read Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* to get a taste of that era

If these are the stated goals then giving 6 figure salaries to the DOGE employees does not align with these goals.

Policies and services that help the bottom 50-75% of the country should be retained and/or expanded. The military/DOD can't account for money spent already and most foreign excursions in the last 50 years have been a combination of disastrous, wasteful, and/or a complete overreach.

I think a clear-eyed, objective discussion of wasteful spending is always appropriate. The current administration's actions are the opposite of that.

I am not against true waste or fraud. But feeding children is NOT FRAUD or WASTE. Helping sick and needy is not fraud or waste! Protecting our food supply and water supply is not fraud or waste!

Government is for the purpose of protecting our society, not destroying the low level income people. We need NIH, we need protection of our economy. The tariffs are ridiculous and tools of destruction! Giving more to billionaires or turning our country over to them is ludicrous! Special needs children deserve the best education that we can provide to them. Trying to re-create the 1930's is absurd. Trump and his republican loyalists are causing great harm to everything that we hold dear in our so loved United States. I have not met a Latino person that is not hard-working. I hate that they are being rounded up. I am

worried that Florida is putting child labor into play as the Latinos are not available to pick the produce. It is all so terrible!

Budget goals aren't based on facts or common sense research.

None express my views

I do not support any of these priorities. We should be leveling the field by increasing taxes and eliminating loopholes for the rich and increasing our commitment to alternative energy. This includes moving to eliminate our reliance on fossil fuels and increasing environmental protections.

Malignant stupidity, in the words of Paul Krugman

The republicans are treasonous traitors, liars, and toadies of the trump regime. I believe we are entering a 1933 Germany environment.

The Trump admin is corrupt and morally repugnant to me as are their policies

NONE OF THE ABOVE. EVERYTHING THE FELON IS DOING IS HARMFUL.

The program cuts and deportation of immigrants without due process or following judicial rulings is illegal and un-American.

These goals and policies are undermining if not irradicating years of sensible governing.

Our Democracy is vulnerable. Stop Trump, stop DOGE, stop Musk.

The only change that should be made is an INCREASE in taxes on those in the top 1% !!!!

There is waste in government just as in any organization. And more importantly there is duplication of services because it is siloed; one part doesn't know what the other is doing. It also needs more flexibility. But Musk and Trump are doing nothing to remedy those issues. Technology should be able to help but only if correct deficiencies are identified. And they haven't been

There is too much chaos to put it all in here. The tariffs are bizarre. Why gut vital research? Why eliminate the Dept of Ed when we need more resources in the schools? Why are civil rights being erroded? Why is the rule of law being undermined by the government? Why is a crackpot in charge of HHS?

Do not cut back Environmental policies.

Trump is out to destroy the federal government and install himself as "KING"

There is no forethought about the cuts. It is sloppy and unorganized. Folks with institutional knowledge are leaving. People will run from working in the government or in pubic service!

Again, think about what it costs taxpayers for trump to go to Florida every weekend.

When has he ever sacrificed for others? All cuts are calculated to line the pockets of him and his cronies and/or to humiliate and destroy the people he hates. Monster.

I do not support any of these

I am extremely disappointed that Congress has not stood up to Trump and his efforts to set himself up as a dictator. When will our Representatives get a backbone and advocate for their constituents and Constitutional accountability?

Some of these original goals aren't horrible but the execution of them and the people carrying them out are incompetent.

Change is apparently desired per the election of Trump. But, I'd prefer a dictate via Congress for agencies to take desired action. Executive orders are overused bypassing Congress. Far too chaotic changes without planning.

Fully support Ukraine and be active in foreign affairs

I don't agree with any of these

None of the above

Some of the cutbacks might be positive but not in the willy-nilly, destructive way they are happening.

No tax cuts for the wealthy. We know "trickle down" doesn't work ("Flow across", by increasing individual discretionary spending, which often is passed along to small, local businesses). The military has had an over-inflated budget for decades, with limited accountability.

This administration does not care a bit about the people that they are supposed to serve.

It is unconscionable to continue or increase tax cuts to the wealthy while cutting effective government programs that protect the poor, the sick, the elderly, the environment, medical and scientific research, and foreign aid that improves living conditions in the neediest parts of the world.

Q16 - Reestablish the INSPECTOR GENERALS in all agencies so waste, fraud and abuse is MONITORED by professionals.... NOT DOGE or Republican determination. Do not mess with Social Security payments, Medicare, Healthcare in general or Military Retirement Pay.

They're stinkin crazy.

Not at all supportive of efforts to refashion Kennedy Center, Smithsonian, and other institutions to reflect Trump's distorted views.

Impeach Trump

Cutting just for the sake of cutting serves no purpose. THINK before you cut!

I do not support ANY of these actions. The actions being taken by the current administration are destroying the federal government and undermining our democracy and will hurt many citizens. Increase the taxes that the rich pay and use that money as opposed to making it harder for the every day American to survive.

There is institutional waste throughout government, at all levels; however, there are more democratic ways in which to initiate and exact change.

Carefully, intelligently look for ways to scale back federal government

The executive orders have been very disturbing and unsettling as I worry about human rights violations and concern for public health and global outreach initiatives.

I do not agree with most of the Trump administration's views.

I'd be in favor of a careful review of national programs, but I do not support the slash and burn policies of our federal government.

Eliminate Citizens United - get big money out of politics Congress - Do your job and stop handing over your responsibilities to Presidents Supreme Court - Term Limits. Every President gets to appoint one or two to the Supreme Court. Stop the shenanigans. All branches of Government- Once elected represent all the people in your districts.

I only hope that there is enough infrastructure left to rebuild the necessary services and agencies that Trump and his idiots are dismantling.

Immigration policies are cruel, wrong, and illegal. Gutting funding for basic services is wrong. Taking away earned benefits like social security is wrong. Using unsecured chat apps for national security is wrong and illegal. Not following judges orders is illegal. Practically everything tRump had done is illegal.

Give us strength to outlast what is happening

End tax cuts for billionaires and huge corporations

Here's the thing: these are enormous organizations full of public servants. Identifying opportunities for streamlining and reducing costs is a worthy endeavor, but it takes time and concerted effort, not a sledgehammer and an ignorant trillionaire Nazi.

None of the above are good ideas. People will die as a result of this administration.

I disagree with the Administration's stated goal of destroying the federal government and all the programs that have made our nation compassionate and successful. An oligarchy is now running the USA.

There are no policies, only random cruel and harmful actions. He has destroyed our position in the world — which we will never be able to restore bc who would trust us? I wouldn't. He is a traitor (see Jan 6

among many other examples). Discovering that this country is filled with racist, sexist, downright stupid people has been incredibly disheartening.

Tax the rich!

Restore foreign aid

I feel like we will be living under a dictatorship and our democracy is failing and no one is stopping him.

Tax the billionaires and large corporations and there would be no need to cut social services Q16. I wasn't sure how to respond to; confusing

I disagree with all of the above except the reduction of military spending.

I believe every organization needs to examine its effectiveness and spending, so only checked two items which bear review. For decades waste and fraud have been reported about the military. Definitely do NOT reduce social program benefits, healthy to root out waste, fraud and abuse.

Trump and his cabinet know nothing about running the government. They are alienating not only US citizens but, but the governments and citizens of the world.

Trump is all about himself—a narcissistic sociopath. Musk is dangerous.

Trump 2.0 is disastrously following the Leap-then-Look playbook. How can we have a National Town Hall, the better to clarify to ourselves that a) we have a common goal, b) know where the potholes are, and c) have consensus on how to fill them?

The scale back should be done by Congress or cabinet.

This administration's policies are driven by racism, exclusion, fear and hatred

I don't agree with any policy changes Trump has made

Globally and Nationally, , America is losing its respect and reputation as a generous and reliable ally because of everything Trump is being allowed by Congress to do. Trump and MAFA-and all Congressional representatives who are violating their sworn oath to the Constitution should be thrown out of office.

Some should also be tried as traitors-

I checked two options in the above question, but even if there are purported efforts to reduce waste, it's just a smokescreen to make everything harder.

Cuts to Medicare and Social security will result in more poverty and needed health care

Reducing waste is minimally impactful but is, at least, a focused goal not scattershot.

There surely is waste, but it has to be found and examined, not just eliminating jobs and aid .

Medicare, Medicaid and social security should be evaluated for waste, fraud & abuse.

America is in a downward spiral, a collision course.

I have no faith that the Trump administration is doing anything positive for Americans. They are inhuman and happily creating a dictatorship.

Cuts to the military to make it able to keep social programs. Maybe saying each Department head should have been said to cut 2% of dept rather than the slash & burn approach. It got rid of important and valuable services.

Taxes must be increased on the very highest incomes, large assets, and on large estates at transfer upon death..

Taxes on corporations and the very wealthy need to be increased and IRS needs the staff and tools to do it. Government bloat needs more thought and sensible programs to support the people not billionaires.

Bitcoin and A1 are draining the grid. Shouldn't they pay more? or be downsized.

This administration cannot be trusted AT ALL. Every appointment made by Trump is filled with inappropriate people who are not qualified to be in their positions

Chaos! Ignorance based decisions! Intended to destroy America.

Retain tax cuts for low/middle income, ELIMINATE or increase taxes on top 1%

Isolationist policies of our present government are not good for our country.

I thought about checking scale back government operations—but the way it is being done now is so chaotic, cruel, and I believe inefficient that I didn't want to align myself with that approach. I'm for reducing the deficit in a kind, thoughtful way.

They are going in exactly the wrong direction and are focusing on trees rather than the forest. Very very concerned about foreign policy and our abdication of USAID. This will prove to be an irremediable mistake that will damage our country's position in the world, not to mention lead to the deaths of many many people.

I think Medicare and Social Security should have all the funds (I think in the neighborhood of \$35 mil) taken from them by an action of the Senate under the leadership of Mitch McConnell. I swear I think these people do not understand that the workforce of this country pays in all the funds to Social Security and Medicare.

Eliminating waste fraud abuse is a catchy idea but the reality is that there is VERY little of it; the publicity stems from a misunderstanding of how records are coded.

Tax increases should be instituted for the wealthy, and government cuts should be done by Congress after careful consideration by the agencies involved.

SHOW THE PROOF OF waste, fraud and abuse rather than cuts in benefits

Cutting food subsidies, vaccination and clean water programs is short sighted and dangerous to everyone's health, safety, and welfare. Cutting Social Security is asking for a revolution.

Today's leader only care about the billionaires

Trump's policies are designed to destroy our federal government, destroy education, increase financial instability in the household of the average American while handing money over to billionaires. Why would anyone who is not a billionaire support this? We should be helping our fellow citizens, but we are watching everything being dismantled.

The rich should pay their fair share in taxes.

It should go without saying that pissing off our allies abroad is a bad thing, yet here we are, doing just that. Waste, fraud, and abuse cannot be identified by a chainsaw approach. Lives, health, and safety should come first.

The EOs are an overreach of presidential power. It is a scare tactic that is meant to disrupt and confuse. They are creating chaos and will be tied up in legal challenges.

Excessive executive orders are illegal and should not change statute

I don't feel like I live in America anymore. I find the Trump administration deeply disturbing.

Any program will benefit from cuts in waste and inefficiency. However, as executed, the DOGE cuts have been indiscriminate and crippling to basic government functions.

I am appalled by the complete abuse of power by this administration.

Our current government is giving unnecessary tax cuts to the rich, meanwhile taking away needed benefits from the poor

All of these are the acts of an ignoramus...the administration is out for power to the wealthy and the hell with the rest of us.

Cutting foreign aid has long term repercussions and is reprehensible for many programs. Cutting Medicaid in the US is also a poor decision.

Every executive order issued by Trump should be reversed. All government employees should be rehired and every government agency should be reopened. Fire Musk and prosecute him for destroying our economy.

I support eliminating waste fraud and abuse in the federal government as long as true waste fraud and abuse are being eliminated. What DOGE is doing seems to be simply an attempt to destroy the federal government.

Raise the caps on SS withholding and Medicare to fund these forever.

federal agencies already have multiple processes for reducing fraud; DoD weapons and equipment contracts could be evaluated to reduce waste and abuse

I am not opposed to reducing waste and fraud and redundancy. Staff reduction without a well thought out plan does not accomplish this. It leads to chaos, confusion and fear. I might be able to get behind some of his plans if there was a clear and truthful explanation for what the path, process and intended outcome.

Find a logical way to reduce legitimate overspending and waste with public support. The executive orders are an overreach of power that the people vastly do not support. NO TAX BREAKS for millionaires. Change the law so that billionaires can't continue to buy our government.

I am very concerned about Trump and Elon Musk's implementation of their new policies partly through DOGE. Many Marylanders are government workers who have lost their jobs. I work in retail but have friends who lost their jobs. The deportation policy is carried out under false pretenses and without due process. Our veterans Healthcare is at risk and all services have been cut for them. They did away with the DOE. What about free school lunches and grant programs they were managing? Last, the tariffs are going to make our cost of living higher with fewer jobs available due to all of the cuts. Tariffs are taxes on consumers period! It is good to manufacture in America but we don't have the capacity in the short term to change this and making Americans pay a penalty is ridiculous. Our national security has been compromised with the DOGE cuts. We have a DOD that doesn't understand what top secret means and published rather chatted about war plans moments before execution of the event. I virtually disagree with all of the Republicans policies. What is worse is that they are illegally shoving these policies down the American's throats and the Republicans either agree or are too afraid to disagree with Trump.

No one in office is qualified to make such discernments and decisions accurately.

Wealth tax small 2% would help country plus limited campaign speeding strict limits on donations

Threats for Trump being in power a 3rd term are terrifying and illegal.

I feel sad about the direction the country is going in. I am 65 and it seems like all the gains we have made over last 50 years are being destroyed

Help not hurt the citizens, term limits, put ALL who break the law in jail. Path to citizenship for all.

None of these policies are beneficial. Tax cuts go only to the rich. I had to pay taxes. Tariffs are a regressive tax. Civil liberties are being trampled. Our country is becoming an oligarchy or kleptocracy. They should tax higher salaries for social security and collect more federal income taxes from wealthy people

I am extremely concerned about all the areas of our lives (and future generations, and the rest of the world, which unfortunately is also affected by what happens here), from our civil rights, health, education, housing, the rule of law, environment, economy and our ability to be able to meet our basic needs, and more.

Changes are being made without adequate thought or planning. It seems like the Wild West and democracy is being thrown out. No rules seem to be being followed and everything is being done by executive order and complete disregard for the system.

I am terrified on a daily basis that our beloved country is being destroyed in front of our eyes. There are elements of fascism and open racism and misogyny with this administration. I am very worried that we are losing our democracy, and worried that the damage being done could be irreparable.

Doge is destroying our government with its thoughtless actions. The inspectors general in each department were doing a good job getting rid of waste while enabling the various departments to do their jobs more efficiently. Doge and president Trump are destroying our reputation in the world and threatening freedom in our country and abroad. Since the President is governing by executive orders bypassing congress, we now are living under a dictatorship.

The Trump administration's utter disdain for the rule of law and the callous lack of empathy and spine displayed by all Republicans not actively resisting this fascist agenda disgust me.

Federal agencies are tasked with implementing the laws passed by Congress. In other words, at some point a majority of our elected representatives felt that we needed X. There has been no showing that the need no longer exists.

I don't support anything the trump administration has done

The federal government is too large and often times department and agencies are unaware of what other departments and agencies are doing. There is a lack of awareness which leads to duplication of efforts and wasted time/money. However, the manner in which the current administration is severely cutting departments and agencies is inefficient, illogical, and potentially catastrophic to the implementation of vital programs (such as the nuclear facility operations). While inefficient, an audit of programs needs to be performed instead of blindly firing employees and destroying programs.

I think Trump and Musk are being reckless. They are also ruining some things just for revenge. I do think some people were excessively "politically correct" in the past— such as saying "pregnant people" when you can be pregnant if you are biologically female or at least started life that way. (And canceling people for using terms that were accepted a few years ago.) But ending Black history month and other celebrations of the different nations and cultures that make the USA interesting is going too far. And Trump is just ending things that are good because people who like them don't support him.

(Environmentalism, etc.)

Most of the President's agenda, which the Republican House and Senate appear to support, at least publicly, is making our country weaker domestically and abroad, alienates our allies while strengthening our adversaries, denies science, emboldens and further enriches the wealthy and weakens our already fraying safety net. The poor, minorities, marginalized populations, and women will be harmed by these policies.

Trump and his cabinet should be impeached immediately

Trump is blatantly trying to dismantle our democracy. He constantly disregards the Constitution, he is destroying the credibility of the US internationally, and his policies will be incredibly detrimental to the average American. He is the most dangerous thing to happen to this country since the Civil War.

Criminal, cruel, TRAITOR

Current presidential policies are based on hate, fear, egotism, vindictiveness and callus disregard for the affects on humanity.

I vehemently oppose the Trump administration and its cruel and stupid policies

I don't believe anything that Donald Trump says, and I am skeptical that any of his policies will have a positive effect on our society.

I feel there is very likely some areas of the government that should be assessed for validity and necessity, but in a thorough less rushed approach. Not simply cutting just to get rid of numbers.

You don't weed out fraud by getting rid of people and departments by randomly firing people & closing down whole organizations.

Trump's move towards a dictatorship is truly frightening.

I'm seriously concerned about our nation's future.

I am discouraged and disheartened by the retaliatory nature of Trumps approach to governing and the further polarization encouraged

Trump's policies only help himself not the American people! Too arrogant!

Trump needs to be impeached and removed from office

Get rid of trump dodge and musk

There is not ONE positive thing that this administration has done - our democracy is on the verge of collapse.

Keep Social Security, the Postal Service, and the Department of Education. We need FEMA and National Parks and NOAA.

Tax cuts for families under \$400k; Tax increases for those making over a million. The deficit grew because the wealthy don't pay their fair share or have loopholes. Trump wants to give them more tax breaks while hardworking families struggle to survive.

Reduce by following the laws and working with congress-not executive orders based on whims.

Trump can go hell for all I care he's making America worse than what it already is for medicare and social security and all entitlement programs they need to eliminate the waste the ones that should be one the program I see SSDI recipients that are able bodied they re cutting their grass painting the house all sorts of things but they are getting disability what a croc. then theres some folks I know who are on their 3rd generation getting welfare SNAP they work long enough to get unemployment you name it and these family are raised to take take take. Nothings being done about that He is doing a great job! Finally, a real leader, and not another Maryland Congress person earning millions. Medicare and social security should be applied to higher income. There should not be a cap.

I feel reducing military benefits is disrespectful to those who have served

I don't support any of the Trump administration's policies, even when I agree with their stated objectives, because their true objectives are not the same as their stated objectives.

I fully support Trump's efforts to reduce the US military's ability to function as a military. With any luck this will permanently cripple American hegemony.

All implementations have end goal of self-gain by those Republicans supporting this Administration; not all Republicans.

I'm sick of the chaos and dictatorship!

no

No comment

All of these national policies are AWFUL.

Reduce military funding and invest in housing, education, and utilities targeting the most undeserved and isolated. Tax the rich until they drop zeros off their income (whether it's stock assets or liquid).

I do not agree with any of these. More social programs need to be put in place. And, unless the "eliminating waste" is identified, I cannot agree with that. This places too many people at risk for loss of employment and loss of income, and then when social programs are eliminated, it causes larger issues. The goal of government should never be to "break it all" and then build it back up. It should be to support all citizens living in the area so that each person is cared for. Eliminate billionaires. That is where the waste is.

These "goals" are designed to destroy the economy, the government, rule of law, and society.

I'll be the first to admit that I am woefully under-qualified to speak on the direct impacts of these national policies. However, I am thirty years old, have done political work in the past, and plan to continue in the future. I don't see a way any of the policies listed above don't cause major disruption, if not actual destruction, in the way society works today. I agree with the reduction of military spending, but although I think that would be useful, I don't trust this administration to do it. I remember when Trump suddenly pulled the troops out of Syria and did it in a way that was clearly spontaneous and without consideration for a power vacuum or our allies there. It's a situation that would have to be handled delicately and to put it mildly, that is not a skill this administration displays very often, if ever. Reducing social programs in the name of eliminating fraud or abuse is absurd. I've used welfare programs before; the hoops you have to jump through are not worth the benefits you get unless you have no other option, or the restrictions mean you have no way of moving forward off of those programs. For example, disability benefits can be taken if you have assets worth more than \$2,000. This includes savings, and it also means someone on disability can never get married without losing their benefits, because their spouse's income is also included in

those assets. People also claim that food stamps are being abused when someone uses them to buy something the slightest bit fancy - as though they're expected to constantly suffer. The most common situation there that could be considered fraud is selling food stamps to purchase things like pads, diapers, and other hygienic products, as those are not covered. To be completely honest? I'd rather people abuse the system than stop someone who desperately needs that help from getting what they need, especially as the systems are already cruel and difficult to navigate. They're exhausting and dehumanizing more half

We should be taxing the wealthy at much higher rate, and funding public services like healthcare, and provide food to those who cannot afford it. The role of the government is to take care of its people.

Trump and republicans are going to ruin this country.

They are unqualified and uncaring, using a chainsaw to pluck eyebrows

U.S. should not threaten to covet foreign lands such as Canada, Panama, Greenland, etc.

All federal workers salaries are only 6% of the federal governments budget. That's not where the fat is!

Cut Elon Musk's contract to provide high cost /slow speed internet to rural areas and the government will save billion s over the next few years! Cut Musk's Starlink software from the FAA which will cost us more that the competitors. Block Musk from having ANY SAY in ANYTHING related to our Federal Government, Stop the DOD contract for Cybertrucks for the military! HOW STUPID! Get competitive bids and take the lowest one for all NASA/Space contrarcts instead of giving them all to Musk. Cut programs for manned fighter planes. The future is drones and to ignore this is insanity!

These have NOT made the country better....it has made it much, much worse.

WE NEED BETTER NATIONAL REGULARIONS TO SAVE FORESTS!!!!

Waste, fraud and abuse should be actual, not imagined.

Cuts can be made without chaos and scare tactics. If fraud waste and abuse were really something the administration was concerned about why fire all the Inspector Generals? Why fly to Florida every weekend and cost the taxpayers millions of dollars to put money in your pocket. It doesn't make sense.

Worrisome to think about where we will be at the end of 4 years...

weve all heard earners vs burners and in a nutshell that the number one issue in this country. we got to stop the handouts the abuse of tax dollars. among that is one of the highest issues and that is "charities", non profits for the most part a scam. Clintons fly around stay ion four star hotels take vacations and get the clinton foundation to pay for it all, its a non profit and its not jus them all rich people forma non profit and use it like a personal checking account. A hard look at non profits in this county would recover millions in lost tax dollars.

US is becoming a welfare state, all states to dependent on fed handouts.

measured steps - not ruthless, uninformed hacking

Billionaires don't need a tax cut. We need to get the money out of politics, eliminate lobbying and have our politicians start thinking of our country first, their state second and themselves last. Start limiting the spending and cutting the deficit

Trump is destroying American democracy from which we may never recover.

America is now a global laughing stock heading for a new great depression with no allies to help.

Real waste and fraud not what DOGE is calling waste and fraud.

The federal government has to cut mission and then reductions to budget and personnel can follow naturally. The federal government has to stop trying to do everything.

Stop all corporate tax breaks , low interest, government loans , and stop bailing them out when they get themselves in trouble just like every other individual person in this country has to do then so should corporations

increase taxes on the wealthy and on millionaires and billionaires.

Trump has no overall goal for the United States -- and no coordinated approach, either. "Make America Great Again" is a vague bucket that can hold whatever whim Trump wakes up with -- and it's a dog-whistle for the splinter groups that make up his base.

Trump and his policies are a dumpster fire. Pretty much all of them.

Foreign aid should be strategically evaluated to include ONLY programs that support basic life needs not social agendas

Trump's use of Executive Power has been unlawful and unconstitutional. He clearly disagrees with our established system of checks and balances and violates the constitution at will.

our country is headed the wrong way on a one-way street

Make America Great Again! This is what we (the intelligent ones) voted for!

Reducing fraud and waste should be a significant priority.

I genuinely don't understand why you're inquiring about national policies in a survey for college and local government

Too much fraud waste and abuse.

It is exhilarating to actually see a President attack the fat in the federal budget. It is likewise disheartening to see left-wing judges impose roadblock after roadblock in their effort to stymie the will of the populace in favor of their preferred undemocratic objectives.

I agree w/ looking for fraud, waste and abuse w/in the federal government and the fed govt should be held accountable for the tax payer dollars. i agree w/some DEI initiatives when it comes to programs helping disabled persons and veterans. Foreign aid should be eliminated when it used for meaningless programs in other countries such unnecessary programs advocating lgbtq, Now i say that however those people should be afforded the same rights and protections as anyone else. I understand foreign aid should be used for humanitarian purposes.

The government's singular purpose is to serve the citizen. Waste, fraud, and abuse are criminal and need to be eliminated and, where possible, prosecuted.

No one has proposed that Social Security be cut. They are just bringing it up to date and reducing the fraud within Social Security

Need to transition entitlement programs back to individuals and off the government roles. Government programs are too big to manage and they are being abused.

People that violate our laws by entering the country illegally should not be given, driver's license, money, free health care, and allowed to vote while legal Maryland residents are struggling just to make it! In short, Maryland should not be worshipping and following the failed state of California.

I voted for Obama twice, Trump twice, not a MAGA but the far far left tax and spend politicians have ruined the country. Trump is the lesser of two evils (its a binary choice). As much as been heard its not the tip of the iceberg of govt waste. No one is talking about the billions in lost revenue for tax exempt orgs that shouldn't be. The tremendous waste in govt contracts used to augment the govt workforce, and believe me you have no idea (find out about SETA contractors), regardless of what they are supposed to be they are faux govt employees at 4X the expense. Racism, discrimination, never greater and that includes the greater than equal polices, like P Diddy, the millionaires some getting a scholarship, really he's got millions but his kid gets a scholarship. like under Obama the executive order granting a same sex partner all right as a spouse for health insurance coverage and retirement but not anyone else and if you say because they cant get married, BS, at the very time same sex marriage was legal in MD and many states. I just want equality. News lately filled with girl in Georgia that got scholarship offers in all 50 states, how many would she have been denied if she wasn't black. That's what wrong with this country. There is NO, none, zero, lack of opportunities regardless of race creed or color or gender or anything, we had a black president. Who BTW, got all sorts of opportunities because he's black even though he has NO, zero, nada slave ancestry, his father comes straight from Africa his mothers white. Just greater than

equal policies that are keeping discrimination alive. Obamas daughters can get set asides contracts, scholarships, benefit after benefit just because they're black and they are rich, both parents rich and affluent and one was president for gods sake. Thats the number one thing yet to eb addressed and resolved in this country, not so called equity but equality.

Cut all social budgets, except mental, drug and alcohol treatment

Dems are caught supporting waste fraud & abuse, men in women's sports, more than 2 sexes, transgender operations on kids & other 80/20 issues

Foreign aid should be reviewed and cut.

Drain the swamp

I support DOGE

DOGE needs to find the waste, fraud, and abuse. And Congress is going to have to trim the rest of the way to a balanced budget.

Seems like this survey is pretty one sided...

Increase efforts for "made in America"

Your statement that Republican budget goals, including reducing Medicare and Medicaid is inaccurate and potentially qualifies as a push poll question. Republicans are explicitly on the record as opposing any benefit cuts in either Medicare or Medicaid.

Remove the SALT tax cap

Trump is doing what is necessary for the long-term health of our Republic and our nation. It will take years of reform at this level to right the ship of state.

The Federal government needs to focus on protecting Americans and minimizing impacts on taxpayers. Federal government is doing a great job trying to get rid of the illegals and cleaning up the government, getting rid of the freeloaders and the ones who are wasting our money

Impose fiscal responsibility in Government. Impose term Limits on Congress. provide transparency on who donates to Legislarors

In this survey some items were linked making it hard to answer. For example, in Q15 you linked reducing emission standards and reducing EV subsidies/incentives together. I support one, but not the other. This was true in several questions.

Q 16 was too biased. For example, Military spending should obviously have waste /fraud etc. reduced but the overall military budget should be INCREASED because of the rise of Chinese and Russian threats.

Trump government has said they will not cut Medicare and Medicaid and social security, just cut waste and fraud. I believe them.

Not sure.

At least now we HAVE a set of coherent national policies and we know who is responsible for them -- two essentials for a republic

There is too much government overreach in our personal lives. Mandating things such as electric vehicles is an overreaction which is poorly thought out. Significant strides have been made in hybrid and other technologies which makes more sense. Set a goal for less pollution but don't mandate how we get there. Government electives are not subject matter experts. Industry will find a way to get there.

Government overreach restricts our options and stifles innovation

I don't feel that the government should cut Medicaid, Medicare or Social Security. For Social Security, we were all forced to pay into it. The Government has wasted so much money and we the people gets screwed. Reducing the military and/or DOD, in some areas might not be a bad choice but don't reduce our forces to make us vulnerable to attacks from other countries.

medicaid and medicare should be overhauled to eliminate fraud and waste

It isn't necessarily the what, but the how. These policies shouldn't be through executive action. Many of these things should happen via Congress. And the lack of respect for the decisions of the courts is concerning.

paying taxes and money.

All for eliminating waste but expect that to be difficult

Over the years, I have grown more concerned about pollution and transportation issues. Inclusive transit - i.e., more and nicer public transportation, protected cycleways/sidewalks, handicap friendly features like ramps - would reduce costs to the folks doing the bulk of our work in entry level jobs instantly making people more healthy, wealthy, and free. Likewise, more environmental regulation would ultimately save money on healthcare and expensive end of life care.

Getting rid of "fries" in budget bills to appease a specific area should be seriously reviewed and determined the value of such actions. The Congressional members receivevldw tmw free health care.

What? I have worked for what I have and pay what I think is an exorbitant cost for my Galway care (but necessary. I believe all my f these positions should be TERM not life positions.

The purpose of cuts is to save money but the reason for the spending of too much is all based on fraud and abuse. While I am sure that there are things that ALL agencies can do to save money I don't agree that it's all due to abuse. Once again, the reason for change is coming from a negative and accusatory position. Making distributive changes of this size and saying it's because of abuse is scary. There is no plan to fix these issues just shutdown and then figure it out. This is way too much too fast.

Congress should take back its rights/responsibilities under the constitution (s.g. Tariffs, deflation of war) so that the actions of the government reflect decisions of elected representatives. The President should not be able to ignore the laws passed by Congress; he as elected to enforce them.

Policies to encourage us investment in the us are good but should be done more gradually. Diplomacy and foreign aid are important to maintaining alliances in the world. Antagonizing and bullying other countries is disruptive and does not reshape long term relationships in a positive way

We should focus on waste and abuse of agencies/spending instead of just broadly cutting things. They should tax corporations more and decrease taxes for lower income people. Increase taxes and loopholes for ultra wealthy people.

HE IS HORRIBLE!!!! HE DOESN'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT OUR NATIONAL POLICIES!!!!

I have no personal knowledge of government waste. It would not surprise if there could be, so careful auditing of departments would be appropriate rather than across the board, extreme reductions in funding.

We should protect American seniors and veterans. We need to live a life with diversity and equity, our nation is built on racism and I'm not sure we can ever move beyond that scenario. I am Catholic I believe we should help the poor help with illegal ways to enter the country But under no circumstances should we award illegals immigrants with benefits it's against the American way of life

I believe that the current government is not in the better interest of the people,

Drastic decisions being rushed through without anticipating negative repercussions.

Appalling, chaotic actions by this current administration will negatively affect the US globally for years to come.

Tax cuts for the wealthy are unconscionable.

Trump, by using executive orders, is trying to go around congress. We are supposed to have checks and balances.

It is obvious from your slanted survey questions about "local" issues that you are progressives!!!

Maryland gerrymanders the voting districts so that conservatives are lumped in with cities instead of leaving our communities intact!!!

I don't indulge in looking into these budget goals.

Some of the above question #16 items are NOT in Trump's stated agenda. This misrepresents the administration's goals.

Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security should be audited for accuracy and watched for abuse. Foreign aid should be greatly reduced, but not eliminated.

ELIMINATE FRAUD ABUSE AND WASTE ON ALL LEVELS IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL TOO.

TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT BE PAYING ALL THESE TAXES TO SEE FUNDS GOING TO UNNECESSARY WASTE!!! WE NEED A TAX DEDUCTION AND MD NEEDS TO BE RID OF BEING OVER TAXED!

I don't believe president trump's Plan is to eliminate foreign aid , Social programs, Medicare and social security..

I read the newspaper regularly, but I really don't feel that I truly understand what is going on. I feel that the reporting is biased and my opinion is guarded because I don't understand what is really going on and what the impact is going to be.

Make Social Security benefits means-tested. After getting back what has been paid in, retirees should only get further benefits if their income is below a certain level.

It is difficult to make broad statements about policies. Clicking "should be cut" is too simple a choice.

There is waste everywhere. In every department. Do I think foreign aid should be eliminated? No.

However, I think foreign aid should be examined and cut back.

Trump is not, and will not cut SS or Medicaid. If you would do research you would know this is the case.

This should have been done years ago

not sure

Currently, everyone pays into the SS system until a certain salary amount is reached. They need to continue taking SS out with no salary cap. This ONLY benefits the wealthy. Actually, I think you should not pay into the SS system until you have reached \$50K in salary and then start deducting. That way, the wealthy pay the majority. Politicians are always talking a good game that they'll tax the rich but this proposal would do it. Another thing, WHY are Dems ALWAYS taxing and then wasting our tax money?!!! With the expected "savings" in funds from Federal cut backs, pay Social Security back any and all funds that were "borrowed" throughout the years.

The elderly should be taken care of as they paid into a system that has spent their money. Cut Medicaid to EVERY person who doesn't work and chooses to live off of working people's tax dollars.

Why wouldn't anyone want to eliminate wasteful spending?

Regarding rollbacks in incentives for electric vehicle purchases to help the environment: I think the protesters who are vandalizing and burning down Teslas and Tesla dealerships are not only harming the environment by setting fires, they are actually driving people who may have been opposed to electric car mandates to buy Teslas in support of Elon Musk and the job DOGE is doing to stop reckless spending. It's interesting those who were so worried about global warming and gas-powered cars resort to fires and vandalism of a product synonymous with combatting climate change and pollution.

36 trillion in debt is no joke. We as a country cannot survive this way.

Medicaid should be for those people who are documented american citizens who are down on their luck for a short period of time, whether it be from injury(can;t work), loss of a job or for a child. This should not be a lifetime benefit or crutch for those who will not work and/or are illegal immigrants with (multiple children)

It's 100% obvious a liberal made this survey. Medicare isn't getting CUT. Wasteful spending with Medicare is getting cut! Same with Medicaid! People who CAN work MUST work. This is absolutely ridiculous. Some over the "age of 300l" was receiving social security benefits. Are you blind???

Democrats are single handedly ruining this country and STEALING from hard working citizens. Shame on you.

These "goals" are your lies. He is removing waste in medicare/SS. Your questions are lies

If you get rid of the waste and fraud, you wouldn't have to scale down many of the services that people need

While I hold my views on particular issues, it should be noted the way the EOs were executed negatively impacted almost everyone involved. From DEI people being fired/put on admin leave over night, federal teleworkers needing to be back in the office in 2 days (not accounting for those supporting childcare or the elderly), and slashing programs without a plan. Also, what happens to the people who lose the jobs? How does just going on unemployment save money?

Our national debt is 36 trillion dollars. This should have been addressed decades ago, but I'm sick of the government making it the next generation's problem. We need to cut as much government spending as we can before vital government programs go bankrupt.

Love how you twist the question on Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and DOD!! They are looking for FRAUD and WASTE so that these programs can continue because they are important to MOST citizens.

I think they are working hard to fix a system that was hurt over the past four years

I do not like paying taxes for waste for documented waste, fraud, and abuse.

Budget deficit is unsustainable. Waste and fraud must be cut

America has a spending problem and DJT wants to get it back in line. How could I not support that?

If you had phrased the Medicaid/Medicare & SS questions differently I would have checked those two.

Adding "eliminating waste" or something to that effect would have worked.

I FULLY SUPPORT, Donald Trump. Why are you asking these questions?!? What does this have to do with the library?

Not a policy but I do agree with the fact that lots of money in our government is unaccounted for and perhaps wasted. It would be nice to have transparency with our government to see where the money goes.

Eliminate the waste and fraud! I have no problem with immigration when it's done legally. Just as I can't choose to live in another country without obtaining proper visas or citizenship, illegal immigrants should not be able to live here indefinitely and drain our resources.

This is clearly a very biased questionnaire but the current moves are needed .

I am in favor of doing *whatever is necessary* to keep our country fiscally solvent. I do not want to pass this problem on to my children and grandchildren. I know that means making some very difficult and uncomfortable financial decisions. I'd rather do it now than force that burden on future generations.

Across the board, the people need to be taught to be responsible for their own decisions/actions and not reliant on the federal government for years and years. Gov workers should be held accountable to ensure their job is truly needed. This already happens in the private sector through periodic reviews, assessments. Government also needs a revamp in certain areas of the law to encourage families to stay together with father intact in the home. We need a flourishing society, not one lowering the bar to bring in things like legalizing marijuana which we have seen will only result in drug use on the job (high Amazon workers) more traffic deaths, moral decay and more drug abuse. Overall and broadly speaking, the questions we need to ask is: do we want to lift people up or bring them down? And why is the federal government expected to do the job of local governments and local churches?

Where was the biased survey on Pres Biden's cognitive decline? My tax dollars are being wasted on this garbage! The MD Dems and Grifter Wes Moore are terrible for MD.

Foreign aid should be scrutinized.

Foreign aid should be more aligned with current foreign policy; Medicaid should be cut, but that has to be at the state level, too many people are allowed to participate, Medicare & Soc Security MUST be reorganized to make it another 50 years for current workers to benefit from what they have paid in, take back benefit for millionaires, not just find waste, prosecute it, DOD spending should also be vetted, again to align with current foreign policies

A nearly 37 trillion dollar deficit is unsustainable with severe consequences. This is complete incompetence and there's no easy way out of this but it has to be addressed.

Trump is doing a great job cleaning up the mess left by Biden and Obama

America first! As a nation we must take care of our own problems first, before we go and take care of the rest of world.

Foreign aid should be reviewed and cut appropriately. Some programs are nothing more than slush funds like the money that went to Haiti after the earthquake.

Conduct reviews of Federal operations like adults, not like hyper-privileged and misogynistic tech bros. DOGE was a brilliant idea.

We can't keep spending ourselves into a deep pit.

Trump has no plan to reduce benefits. Gaslighting citizens otherwise is just another way Dems/media are demonizing Trump.

The deficit must be addressed. Our country cannot continue to spend and go deeper into debt. Once our deficit is reduced, we could continue foreign aid as needed as long as it is monitored and not going to corrupt governments.

Foreign aid should be REDUCED, NOT eliminated and the aid should be tied to policy or defense goals.

Social security is a forced fund. If we work we are forced to pay into it. You can't rob us and then say we have to receive less because of poor management of our required funds. It's lack of solvency is government mismanagement. If all the funds my husband and I contributed had been placed in a private account we would have much more available for retirement and could pass it on to our children.

Social security is not a gift, we earned it!!!

Seriously though, why is Trump causing a distraction for Russia?

It would cost a fortune to move major Federal offices to other states. Is anyone looking at the extra costs - not the savings - but what it would cost to do this?

There are so many issues. The current administration is reckless and amateurish. Designs on Greenland and Canada are ridiculous, tariffs being added and removed based on a whim are destroying the economy, the administration is filled with sycophants.

I think our country needs change and I support efforts to protect our border, American families and our financial freedom.

Foreign aid should be spent sparingly, our economy should be strong enough to support our disabled and poor, Medicare and Social Security should be more efficiently run and NO money should go to the General Fund. MOST OF ALL, TERM LIMITS SHOULD APPLY FOR ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND SENATE SEATS.

Cut out the funds to leftist NGO's in DEI, environmental green scam, LGBTQ, BLM

If states are not following DEI revisions (and Maryland is not) there has to be sanctions

It doesn't appear that I am well suited to take this survey. I do not watch, read or listen to the news.

We need to take care of our people first.

There are no national policies, just temper tantrums and dumpster fires.

Tax cuts should only be made for lower tax bracket families to make up for the 2017 tax bill he allowed.

No further comment

End the Federal Reserve. Establish a balanced budget mandate. End income taxation which is THEFT.

My views are not represented in Q16. Trump and Republican budget goals should be carefully examined and implemented in a bipartisan manner.

We should not take from others to benefit ourselves including social security, people work hard for that money

Medicare and Social Security should NEVER BE CUT. These programs are funded by employees and their employers. Taxpaying citizens have been paying into these programs as soon as they begin working. This is a DISGRACEFUL SCARE TACTIC TO USE AGAIN AMERICAN CITIZENS!!!

We are the richest nation on the planet; we should have affordable housing, Medicare for all, and generally work to make the lives of Americans better. Instead we spend money on war and the military and give tax breaks to the 1%.

The administration's actions to supposedly cut waste are wreckless and unsubstantiated. Any reductions in resources should be based on sound unbiased studies. Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security should be protected and maintained for all citizens.

When we fail to support ICE, more of our citizens will die of drug overdose.

when i say cut medicare and social security i mean eliminate all the coverage creep for the 40 years, like SSDI has become a generational welfare program. IMHO if they really looked into SSDI recipients %20, %30 fraudulent claims and if not fraud eliminate things like an able bodied 20 year old getting benefits cause they're an addict. it wasnt meant for that and i think more of these people on SSDI, welfare, SNAP and such need to be put to work and off the public dole.

Our most significant problems are not monetary.

My taxes should not be used for the killing of unborn babies.

I'm for eliminating fraud waste and abuse in all programs including SS, Medicare and medicaid
I -- like most people surveyed -- don't really know anywhere near enough to provide meaningful and informed answers to these issues

Your options are too draconian. If you used the word "some" for each choice, I'd say yes to all seven.
Don't use these results unfairly - your questionnaire is defective here.

End weaponization of DoJ by THIS administration and end revenge actions by this president against lawyers/groups who disagree with him.

None of question 16 reflect my views. Elimination of segregation, DEI, messing with Social Security, breaking education system, messing with immigration and citizenship... why is this man allowed to break the government apart? Where are the democrats and independents??? Why are they not protecting us?!?!

Increasing Tariff on Canada, China will negatively affect the nation economy.

Literally almost all of these are the worst ideas I've ever heard

Cutting taxes on the wealthy and not raising Social Security contributions on wealthier Americans place the tax burden on those less able to afford them.

Bunch of unqualified rich people ridding agencies that watch them from abusing consumers and middle class ain't change.

No one wants waste, fraud and abuse in government. There are ways to reduce these in government operations without a total elimination and disruption of services.

There is no plan that allows all of these to happen as a set

We are on the wrong track. Democracy is threatened. The Constitution is being disregarded. Our reputation in the world is embarrassing.

Nooners of the above

Before there are any changes or cuts to federal programs/agencies, there should be a careful, neutral analysis made of program/agency, If there should be changes made or cuts made and the changes/cuts will be beneficial...and legal...then by al means engage. But that's the opposite of what Trump/Musk are doing. They're just acting to fulfill a far right wet dream to eviscerate the federal government. Their actions are harmful and deliberately cruel.

Stop ruining the futures of your children.

Oppose ALL Trump initiatives. Treasonous unamerican vengeful retribution

We are headed for disaster. Trump is a gangster following the nazi takeover example of 1930s Germany. It seems the current administration is using everything in its power to turn the rest of the world against America due to the "America first" mentality they hold, which I believe goes against what this country's values should be. Examples would be the unnecessary tariffs, and the delusional wish to take over Greenland.

Congressional oversight is almost totally absent. It is the job of Congress to enforce good management and cost reductions that make sense.

Congress is the root of all legislation and funding that has defined the federal government we currently have. Simply mowing the "growth" (I.e. federal workforce/agencies) generated by these roots will do nothing to prevent them from growing government further. It is notable and a testament to who runs our nation that no effort has been undertaken to address this and likewise, only a paltry effort has been made to cut funding from the military-industrial complex that President Eisenhower warned us about nearly 70 years ago.

Currently this administration disregards the Constitution and if you observe how they are firing federal workers en masse it's obvious the policies & procedures mean little to them.

I don't know enough to properly assess whether I might agree with certain policies or not. I usually like to know the thought process of why and how we would achieve those before making my decision.

All news coming out of the executive branch is pissing me off.

institute universal basic healthcare coverage

Reducing fraud is a good goal, but I haven't seen any evidence of the fraud they claim to have found

Tax the dodgers

We can't live beyond our means forever, but cuts must be carefully crafted

There is so much to say but as a retiree not only are draconian tariffs causing inflation, it is also decreasing the value of my retirement investments.

Taxes should be flat with no exceptions or breaks. No cutouts for politically-connected bankers, no buying votes with class-warfare breaks. Apply the same rules to everyone. AIPAC, the RNC and the DNC should be all be charged under RICO for racketeering, corruption and defrauding the tax-paying populace.

Misleading political assertions (e.g., cuts to direct benefits like Medicaid and Medicare...not true) are not helpful and diminish the credibility of the critics of these actions.

I was told this survey was going to be about LOCAL issues. All but one or two questions have been about Local issues. It seems that AACC could benefit by having DOGE come through. A survey on local and national politics seems to be very much outside the role of Anne Arundel Community College. This survey is evidence of waste. The time and resources involved in creating this survey could have been allocated to much more productive purposes for Anne Arundel Community College, e.g., improving the quality of the education they provide.

Return Medicaid entitlement to its original plan and purpose.

Rescind or heavily cut down and drawback on Title VII of the Social Security Act, specifically Subtitle C, which addresses child support enforcement, including provisions for the Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program established under Title IV-D of the Act, which aims to ensure child support payments.

Family courts are massively corrupt in which judges and lawyers work in environments for custody battles / high conflict scenarios. Parties "fight" for "access" to their kids (regardless of circumstance) and the system under this act, makes matching state funding via the federal act. I.E. some states match dollar for dollar on what they receive from the federal government when a child support payment is made. The cases = create high conflict, one party pays to see their kid, the state collects money/CS payment, federal government rewards the state and gives the state a kick back matching the CS payment. Insane!

This question is a bit flawed. I don't want ALL foreign aid eliminated...just most of it. NO foreign aid should go to our enemies.

Democratic Party has lost traditional American values. I was a registered Democrat for over 50years, and changed to an Independent and vote mostly Republican.

Noted

I was hoping this survey would be about my local library.

Center for Medicare Services (CMD) indicates its estimate for waste. Fraud and Abuse in the Medicare program will EXCEED \$100 billion - why isn't this being discussed as part of DOGE...

Eliminate Congressional pork barrel projects and set-asides for special groups, etc.

There should be zero foreign given out til we get rid of the national debt, how can we give money away we don't have ???? The fraud and theft of tax dollars must stop.

All stupid so far

The military finds ways to reduce waste, and Congress refuses to accept them because it would close bases in their districts/states. Agencies find ways to reduce waste, and Congress refuses to accept them because it would close/merge buildings in their districts/states. At some point the largest spending points need to be tackled, and these are military and social programs. I'd start by eliminating Congress and their staff pay each time they can't reach a budget and have to issue a CR. Their primary job is to set a budget!

It will take several years to repair the damage done to the economy during the Biden administration.

I believe that it is our duty as one of the world's strongest powers to help countries who are struggling even if they are of no relation to us. We are all here on this earth together and it is better to help all than to withdraw help.

unsure/don't know

We need to definitely cut Federal spending across every dept. 10% everywhere? Cut funding to nonprofits because so many steal the money the Federal Gov't gives them and does not go to the nonprofit cause. Everybody and their brother has a nonprofit these days.

Educating our citizenry to be clear thinkers is our most important national security and economic asset and we should spend at least as much on that as we do on defense. The person currently in charge talks about his low-educated voters. They do not invent or develop advanced technology, transit-oriented communities with affordable housing, etc.

I'm all for reducing true waste and fraud but that is something done best by the agencies themselves and there are legal ways to do that. None of what is happening is reducing waste or fraud.

Perhaps we should eliminate the salary for any judge or member of Congress that fails to carry out their duty to uphold the Constitution.

What does this have to do about/with the library?

Campaign funding needs to be evaluated and restructured to avoid corporations; Majority should rule, not those with the biggest bank accounts

It is unsettling how arrogant and vengeful this administration seems to be.

National policies are being implemented with the mindset that the people of this country are ultimately not important to the functioning of this country, all of the policies being put in place are actively harming all citizens, and any efforts that are being made to reduce government waste are completely useless in their implementation due to an absence of any research or thought behind decisions

We do need to reconsider some programs, but none of it should happen in the chaotic way that is currently the norm.

I didn't vote for him and now people that did are shocked this is happening. Ok when done to others but not them. This is the climate admin has built

I am all for eliminating waste to save money, but I am concerned about who gets to determine what is wasteful. What is the criteria we use to determine whether something is wasteful? How can we ensure that our social programs reach everyone who needs them, but especially our most vulnerable? How can we ensure that our military has the resources to keep us safe and to keep themselves safe while doing so?

Trump's changes made this far have been very chaotic and I don't believe they have been helpful at all. Waste can be found and appropriately cut. TAX BILLIONAIRES.

I fear for our democracy.

Reductions based on facts, not conjecture

Eliminate tax breaks/cuts for billionaires

The stripping of community safety nets will only end up costing more.

Trump admires Putin and probably would have trouble locating Greenland on a map. Putin, who worked in the KGB, is a master at manipulating - or threatening - people, and functionally illiterate Trump is an easy target. Everything he is doing to U.S. is motivated by greed and power, and his tyrannical decisions are modeled after Putin. Act first, even if it's illegal. People can criticize afterwards, but it's too late, Trump's already done what he illegally commanded to have done. He's systematically eroding the Constitution with, so far, very little push back. Our founding fathers worked hard in Philadelphia to create a flexible document that would govern the nation, allowing for amendments as times changed, for a citizen run government. They had recently won a war against tyrannical war by England's royalty. Trump is rapidly on his way to diminishing the role of "the people" in favor of his own version of tyranny. And Congress is not asserting its Constitutional authority to operate as an equal power of government. There needs to be an active campaign to remind U.S. citizens of the 3 powers of U.S. government, and our citizen right to be part of the decision making. Maybe AACC could start offering programs around the county empowering citizens by teaching, in simple language, all of the rights and separation of power granted to U.S. citizens (before Trump declares the Constitution null and void.)

Trump is a fascist. Musk is a white supremacist. They're doing all they can to get rid of anyone who isn't cishet and white. They're evil.

Tax cuts should not be expanded as they will only add to the deficit and mostly benefit the wealthy. The point of the above budget goals is to destroy the democratic government not to make the government smaller. They want to create a whole new way of governing that has nothing to do with democracy. In the end, the losers of the above policies will be the American people who will not have a functional government nor the services that they rely on in their hour of need. The Trump administration with weak-willed Republican backing has also destroyed American worldwide standing for a very long time to come with regards to foreign policy debacles. Such a shameful state of affairs.

I don't think his end goal is anything I'd agree with, but I think a lot of funding could be cut from military. I would much prefer the funding go to other social programs, though.

I dunno. I guess I'm really concerned about public health and am really opposed to threatening allies with our military. It might be nice to return some manufacturing to the US, though I'm not sure the sweeping tariffs are the right solution.

Taxation should be higher for those in the highest tax bracket.

I understand I will disagree with policies that the president/his party support, but they are enacting things illegally, in a rushed manner, without a communicated plan, and seemingly with as much cruelty as possible. We must maintain the three branches of government and not let Trump act as king.

Looking for waste and fraud is very difficult and they don't want to do the work

Taxes should be increased for the wealthy.

In my opinion, rather than look for actual waste and fraud, a dollar amount is decided per agency and cuts are randomly made or the agency is completely dismantled to get to that dollar amount. The thought process is given to what's waste and fraud.

Congress should make a pathway for undocumented immigrants to become citizens, especially those who've been in the US for a decade or more

Reducing military/DOD spending would likely best be accomplished by reducing the budget allocation for contractors and returning it to the departments themselves. Cutting out the middle men would be more efficient

I don't agree with any of these policies

E-verify not enforced. Lobbyists. More State, Fed inspectors in food processing facilities and in fields. End indentured servitude being used on illegals. Stop putting non-English speakers in to schools with english competent students. Low or nocost Healthcare is a right and is a way for Citizens to share in our nation's wealth..stop allowing wealth to use dozens of lawyers. In our MD State and Counties, enforce health codes and documentstion in restaurants and salons.

More despairity between the haves and have nots on a national scale

The U. S budget deficit has been of concern for decades. The last time we were in good shape was at the end of Clinton's second term. Each Republican administration has worsened the situation. Both Republican and Democratic parties have failed to deal with Social Security and Medicare.

It doesn't seem that anything effective has been done so far and many things that appear illegal are being done with no recourse to this horrible administration

There is room for cuts - small and targeted ones - in some agencies, no doubt. But many are already UNDERstaffed, and have decades-old computer systems, which badly need to be upgraded. Just for instance - IRS

I think that we have to recognize that some jobs are underpaid and necessary (example: caregivers, childcare workers) so some sort of aid needs to be given either directly or indirectly to make it possible for people to engage in such professions and still live a decent life.

We are in the middle of a coup by evil people who, while they are incompetent, are going to cause chaos and death. Our country is a laughing stock to the world and we will never get our standing back. We are the third world country full of angry, uneducated citizens who want to pull everyone down with them and I'm embarrassed to be a citizen.

Any major changes should be thoroughly studied and supported by congress. Our current president/wanna-be dictator should not be able to make these sweeping changes without real support. Many of us, myself included, are genuinely fearful for the future of our country.

So much of the action taken seemed to be uninformed with a lack of research, to the extent that it seems they are getting our government for corporate or foreign influences... none of the action taken is benefiting the people of the country

The tax cuts that should remain, should not include the top 2% of our new oligarchs

The bulk of our budget is always defense and we outspend in this area enormously. It has not necessarily resulted in better security for our nation, as the current administrations actions have demonstrated.

Redistribution of that budget to social services to support the people is a better more effective use of funds. This is a government of the people By the people, so care for the people should be a priority. I'd rather be paying for a stranger's chemo than bombs dropping on a stranger's land.

The USA should stop military assistance to Israel, and do more to stop the genocide of Palestinians people. I agree that Hamas needs to be eliminated. The USA needs to step up for Ukraine and take a stand against Russia.

I don't see anything in my future because of this, It feels hopeless

Need all around cuts to reduce deficits, a small amount from every program

Tax cuts should be expanded to lower- and middle-income but reversed (or partially reversed) on the highest-income earners.

Trump is a fascist. He is attempting to compromise attorneys and the rule of law. He's even ignoring court orders! It is disgusting and scary. I hope the Supreme Court stops him. I wish Congress and the Republicans would stand up to him.

It is the process to reduce waste and fraud by DOGE that is dreadful. The DOGE is chaotic and a shame to cover up the true intention of destroying the USA and taking over as a dictatorship

The federal government could be scaled back to save money but not to the scale or the way Trump is doing it.

Cutting waste is okay, tax the rich at appropriate levels just like average Americans, no special deals for congressional retirement & health care, seat term limits

I think that there should be a nonbias internal review of spending. I don't believe you can blanket it all together.

Hoping our country can survive the current assault and corruption of the Trump administration. Hoping the rule of law survives, but not certain it will. Scary times.

End the cap on Social Security and it will be solvent immediately.

Look at private contracting if interested in eliminating waste. Ensure that all budgets and programs are consistent with the Constitution.

Social security should have a flat contribution rate without income ceiling. Our tax laws need to be more equitable

-Tax the extremely wealthy more and apply and enforce tax laws fairly and to protect those who have greater need. -stop all of the illegal and inhumane actions of the current administration -adopt policies to take care of all people -restore reproductive health options -prioritize the environment or nothing else will matter -create a system for reparations -the current federal government is terrifying and I am fearful for the harm they are doing and will do.

Corporal Comeover is a convicted felon who has never successfully run any company or corporation. Just reflect on how he was going to rebuild Atlantic City. He is a draft dodger and unfit to command a brigade of golf carts and surrounds himself with idiots who know nothing about serving this country. He is a prismatic prevaricator - a liar any way that you look at him. He is all about tearing things down, but he is short on specific replacements. He is far too enamored with strongmen and he will gladly sell out this country to court favor with the leaders of North Korea, Russia, China and Hungary. The US population is short on close textual analysis and critical thinking skills in returning such a deeply disturbed and flawed individual to the highest position of power in the world. He's an unfettered, unfiltered, unfeeling, unaltered, and unreal megalomaniac. He and his ilk are going to push this too far. It only takes 7.5 grams of lead to change the storyline and that is what he will likely push this nation - or someone within - to do. Then many Americans who have been hurt and harmed by Trump and his tribe will celebrate Liberation Day!

All illegal immigrants should not be deported across the board. If there are immigrants that committing crimes, I would recommend they be deported. Otherwise, the majority are contributing to our culture and society positively.

Some of their goals sound reasonable ... such as limiting "waste" ... but their actions suggest they are just using "waste" as an excuse to destroy institutions and filter money to the wealthy.

None of these policy are in line with creating better and secure living conditions and options, healthcare, access to community services and programs or a higher standard of living,

The choices are misleading. It's all of the above but with a measure, data driven approach to minimize negative impact. The current approach is too radical and chaotic. Not enough is being done by local governments to counteract misinformation. An example that could be used is the 'Debunking misinformation' applied in Europe (France24) to show how to conduct reverse search to help verify and/

or debunk online misinformation. Our libraries could take a leading role in a debunking misinformation campaign.

I do think the fed government could probably do with an audit. This is not an audit, this is a hostile takeover.

Securing borders and deporting undocumented aliens is a reasonable action. However, ignoring due process, and decimating funding for the immigration system is not the right approach.

FDT

Any activities associated with government waste and spending should be led by the inspector's general of government office in collaboration with the Government Accountability Office

Fraud should be more closely investigated in Medicaid and Medicare and Social Security - these should be a top priority for these agencies.

we need to get our national debt down

This survey shows massive misinformation and is extremely political on the left. Wow!!!

People need to be responsible for themselves and their communities. The federal government needs to only have basic responsibilities over our lives. Bring the people back together again in their own communities.

There is a misguided assumption that we are going to cut off American citizens who are dependent on medicare, ssa or other social programs. If we stopped funding individuals who are not qualified or who are in the country as a result of open borders the solvency of these important programs are less in doubt. All government waste should be done away with regardless of the department - i would like to see wide sweeping reform of the SSDI program - qualifying once for life is NUTS especially as medical technologies have improved many who once qualified could now receive newer treatments and return to the work force full time and not continue to rely on my tax dollars - also MANY who receive SSDI work under the table and abuse the SSDI system (ie tax payer dollars)

He's not cutting social security. Why not ask Us about Moore and how more Marylanders are leaving than ever before

We need to get our country more fiscally viable long term and then we can readdress foreign aid

False commentary and verbal threats should be punishable both financially and in the courts. False statements and propaganda hurts our national image and security,

It was said Social Security would see increased payments to people receiving it.

With an almost \$37 TRILLION debt, we HAVE to make cuts!

TAX THE RICH

Foreign aid should be decreased but not eliminated. Need huge campaign finance reforms. Huge cuts on military/defense needed. Huge investment in green energy and wild spaces and infrastructure needed. Also huge changes in education needed.

none

Don't touch Medicaid or Medicare programs don't touch Social Security either. Look for fraud in the military budget and make cuts there. Don't cut the foreign aid that is our help to some of poor people that needs it the most.

In my view, a more transparent and accountable approach to federal policy-making would not only support social safety nets, but also foster greater trust between the government and its citizens

In regard to federal government operations being scaled back: If it were a uniform reduction of federal government operations, I suspect conservatives and Americans at large would be more supportive, however the reductions being implemented are through the bias of Trump's administration and not related to empirical necessity. In regard to foreign aid being eliminated: Aid to Israel needs to completely halt unchangeably. Beyond that I worry that withdrawing from other alliances may prove dangerous since our military actions are rash and do not translate to our ability to defend ourselves. On reducing social

program budgets by eliminating waste: This would be done similar to other efforts by the Trump administration, impeding on those that need social programs by arbitrarily narrowing them. Social program budgets should be among the last federal programs sacrificed for budget.

Mao's China comes to mind when I think of our current govt.

The major federal expenses are Medicare, Social Security, and Defense budget. So far none of the current administrations actions address those areas.

None i agree with

Any of the above could be done with my blessing but not by an unelected election buying megalomaniac. This is criminal and is completely against the purpose of government by and for the people.

There is a need to cut our deficit but in a controlled, rational way, not as it is being done presently. And certainly not in a way that helps the rich and screws the rest of us.

Reduce tax subsidies to fossil fuel industries and any company showing a certain profit over time.

The deficit is unsustainable.

We need to tie funds at all levels and for all policies to actual requirements that can be assessed for effectiveness. Including foreign aid. Social Security should be sacred and the funds restored to it and not used for either political parties needs. Period.

Don't know

anything the current administration touches is defiled or destroyed

Where fraud, misuse, deceit, and irresponsible management of monies are happening, cuts should happen. Long time overdue with waste and more waste....

Keep up the good work

i don't like politics i am also anti democrats and republicans i don't like neither parties they both are screwing people over they don't care about the american people all they care about is getting rich and feeding there families they don't care about the poor or middle class and trump is just a bad candidate he fired the people who watches over are airlines and a few airplanes crashed what is crazy i am not going to travel at this state of the country and trump is disrespecting are allies canada and uk

It is getting way expensive and problematic for a single person to run family and its gona lead to homeless in future

I support taking excessive funding away from areas where it is wasted, such as the military or foreign aid to the IDF, but President Trump is taking funding away from many useful programs. Even programs that do not look useful on the surface such as national park funding, which brings in more revenue than it takes.

I don't have strong opinions on national policies at this time.

I only agree about maybe reducing military spending to help fund other social programs or science funding.

I think our debt with foreign countries such as China is dangerous and should be dealt with. Reducing waste and fraud in the government and other functions such as social security is a good way to help deal with this problem.

One thing I don't like about Trump is his policies on deportation.

I am appalled by all Trump's actions, particularly the broken promises (contracts) with organizations that had already provided services for which they are not being reimbursed, the vetted refugees who have now lost hope of being reunited with their families and the USAID beneficiaries (individuals and countries) who will die or never trust the US again.

Nope

They don't want to eliminate waste. They want to profit from it.

Appendix I: International Affairs Comments

NATO countries need to pony up their “fair share”. We shouldn’t subsidize them nor should we be the world’s policeman

Negotiate with Russia to give back all of Ukrainian territory in order to have peace.

Ukrainian people deserve to keep their country in peace. Not sure about Gaza except stop slaughtering Palestinians. Netanyahu is a criminal

We should be fully supporting Ukraine in their sovereignty.

Allying ourselves with our enemies? Allowing Russia to invade and keep Ukraine? Talking about displacing and oppressed people to build a fucking resort? What the fuck is wrong him? What the fuck is wrong with the Americans that support him? This is unconscionable and evil. Evil evil evil

None.

Ukraine is important to our and Europe's security

The US should stop supporting genocide against Palestinians. I'm tired of our support in killing innocent people. These war-torn people just protested against HAMAS. Palestine wants to be rid of HAMAS just as much as Israel claims to. Netanyahu tacitly supported HAMAS for years and essentially enabled their 7 October attack.

Rebuilding Gaza while displacing Gaza residents to other countries whoever comes up with this idea needs to go back to school and stays away from public office!

no

Russia bad. NATO good. Canada Good, Mexico has problems, but how many of them are our fault? We should support our allies and not our adversaries. We should use soft power more.

none

Trump is a traitor yet so many are too blind to see

Israel is engaged in war crimes and ethnic cleansing, Russia controls an asset in the Oval Office.

Not our place

Putin is playing Trump like a fiddle on Ukraine. Putin was the aggressor, and should be treated as there international criminal he is. The Palestinian people (NOT Hamas) need our support. It is NOT anti-Semitic to criticize Israel for its treatment of the Palestinian People—which borders on genocide.

Q38 actions by the current administration are folly. NATO without the US will help Ukraine stand up to Russian aggression. Arab nations need to establish and order, perhaps with the assistance of measured NATO Nation leaders such as Canada, Denmark, Finland, France and the UK. Economic transactional state-to-state relationships should be avoided as there is no long term stability. The US should get out of the way if we are not going to support national sovereignty, respect of borders, and nations' self determination.

I don't believe that there will be any solution to problems in Gaza and elsewhere in the area as long as both sides believe that God has determined that their group should be in control of the area.

We have to stop bombing brown people.

Taking Greenland is the same as Russia taking Ukraine

We want cooperation with Greenland and Canada, not to annex them. Russia shouldn't be rewarded at all for its unprovoked attack.

Israel is a genocidal, colonizing force against Palestinians. We should not support Israel. We should support Palestine. It is quite frankly deplorable that any of our political leaders support Israel. They should feel ashamed.

Allowing Russia to achieve any gains would only embolden future invasions. The outcome for Russia must be unfavorable, as there is no viable alternative. Regarding Gaza, the Israeli prime minister's corruption is

evident, and he should be removed from power. He is exploiting recent events as a pretext to cling to his position.

What Trump and Netanyahu have proposed about forcibly displacing Gaza residents would constitute a war crime.

The United States should continue to negotiate with both Russia and Ukraine to peacefully come together without us meddling into their mineral resources as a bargaining chip.

restart US AID

Felon Trump wants to commit more crimes by taking Gaza. He's a disgrace.

Isolation policy did not work in WWII, and it won't work now

I strongly support Ukraine as a sovereign nation.

Stupid nonsense about annexing Greenland and making Canada the 51st State doesn't seem the product of a rational mind

Felon47 is destroying our alliances and cozying up to Putin. I'd like to know what hold Putin and Muskrat have over this psychotic, narcissistic buffoon.

Israel is an apartheid state and should not be receiving support from the US while perpetrating a genocide.

Why is a county survey asking about national/international policies?

The disruptor in chief is at it again. Putin can play trump like a puppet. Let Israel fight their own war without the USA's help.

Help establish a legitimate government for the Palestinians and support a 2-state solution

The framing of "maintaining a military advantage over all other countries" ignores the keystone of our national security, which is our alliances with like minded countries. This is the proper focus of our national security, although it does assume a capable and powerful U.S. military in support of those alliances.

We are Germany in 1939

It has been said by former senior US Intelligence officials that Trump is a Russian asset, and yet he's allowed to "negotiate" with Putin. Sheep negotiating with the wolf.

We should punish those who destroy parts of Ukraine and Israel currently ruling party should be held accountable for Gaza cause it's the only reason for this attack cause they need their party to stay in power and they know once the war powers act is over their man is gone and in prison. The same thing will be happening here when Trump term come close to a close.

This is like living under Idi Amin.

The only piece of Trump's foreign policy that I support is having our allies be able to stand on their own two feet militarily. They need to be just as strong as us but that is not cause for us to break alliances and step all over them.

Support a two state solution or cut off funding to Israel.

Russia must be stopped and Ukraine strongly supported, including entry into NATO. Partnership with Ukraine to defeat Russia and rebuild the Ukrainian economy should be undertaken. Although Hamas needs to be eliminated. Israel should help Palestinians rebuild under USAID guidance and support.

Link amount of US military aid given to Israel, directly with the amount of humanitarian aid Israel permits Gaza & West Bank, and indirectly with the number of illegal (per UN) West Bank settlements.

If Ukraine is willing to cede its territory to end the war, then that is their choice, but not ours. As part of any deal to end the war, Ukraine must have the ability to join NATO, especially if it cedes land. Israel receives more foreign aid from the US than any other nation. If you want to reduce foreign aid, that seems like a place to start.

Russia was and is the aggressor in Ukraine. Ukraine needs and deserves all the support possible. A 2 state solution is the only option in Israel.

We should support Ukraine and stop arming Israel.

We will be fortunate if this Administration does not cause another Depression or WWII.

Trump has demonstrated that our Allies can not rely on America to be a World Leader he has done catastrophic damage to America. His disciples in Congress proposing an amendment to allow Trump a third term and refusing to admit that Trump lost the 2020 election should be removed from office for violating their oath of office to preserve protect and defend the constitution of the United States!

no comment

Trump needs to be impeached for treason

The more we work with foreign countries the safer we are. But stupid cruel people seem to believe differently and enjoy the idea of others suffering.

Hamas and other militant groups and Israel's neighbors have broken EVERY cease-fire and treaty. Diplomacy only delays war in this tribal conflict that has continued from before the founding of the Abrahamic religions to this day.

Current administration doesn't understand Geo politics and foreign policy at all. It is a clown show, that will haunt us for decades.

We need to handle domestic issues and secure interests abroad as well as keep peace with our friends this is not a either or scenario

Trump admin is clown car towing a dumpster fire -- they are not serious people. They disregard how important it is to have friends (allies) to help keep the world safe. America First, sure, but not America Alone.

America's position in the world is severely damaged and there will be serious consequences to that.

More support Israel

The United States should fully support Palestine in the face of an Israeli genocide

Trump's foreign policy concerns me quite a bit. His track record is not great; he ripped up the Iran Nuclear Deal, he pulled out of the Pacific Allowing China greater influence over the very countries in the free association compact (who are traditionally some of our closest partners in the Pacific), and his tariff policy only serves to pass the cost on to the American consumer. Most worryingly, however, is his seeming ambivalence towards authoritarians. I do not mean to suggest Trump is necessarily a committed ideological authoritarian in the sense of truly believing in say the merits of fascism or the necessity of domination, I am partial to the notion that Trump's self-serving quality manifests itself in a very eclectic way oscillating between support and opposition, but this fair-weather approach cannot be stable. As bad as dogma can be a dogmatic approach to freedom is at least principled enough to at least attempt to do what it thinks best combats coercion.

We need to separate the policies and behavior of Netanyahu (sp?) from perceived Anti-Semitism. Yes, Israel is our ally, but its current government has been called out for war crimes & inhumanity. We can support college students in vocal expression of ALL opinions. THAT is American law and tradition.

Foreign aid is beneficial for the US! Stopping Ebola before it gets to the US is in our best interests.

Maintaining/stabilizing poorer nations by helping subsidize food and access to clean water is in the best interest of the world.

My heart breaks for Ukrainians and Palestinians because I have empathy.

We must help Ukraine!

Free Palestine!

We need to really think about the fact that these are human beings we're talking about. We can't throw everyone in Gaza out. That would be horrible.

Don't agree with concessions to Russia or Israel as both are the aggressors in their respective conflicts

No comment.

Trump is crazy to ever trust Putin ! North Korea is also NEVER to be trusted. China is a problem . Israel & Palestine have been fighting since 200 BC ! How are we going to fix this ? How can they watch the news , see their own children being killed & starved & not go to the peace table ? Why is the USA going extremes to fix these people who don't seem to have care for themselves? We need to stay away from Iran ! Dry dangerous place. Lastly , humanitarian issues food , water to Sudan , come on , the USO should never be attacked !! Ridiculous. These are the things Trump's international cabinet members should be working on , while he tries to fix our economy !

Not anything nice.

Since it's obvious Trump and possibly other members of his administration are controlled by or at the minimum sympathetic to Russia's influence, I think any serious discussion of foreign policy in regards to Russia or US foreign policy is pointless.

The US needs to stop worshipping Israel, stop funding the Palestinian bloodshed, start recognizing they're partaking in genocide.

Help should be given to Gaza also. Do not understand picking a side in that war.

Don't like Trump supporting Putin at all. It's an outrage

??? Do I support ethnic cleansing? Seriously? No.

I think both of these are more complicated than what is stated in the above options. I am married to a refugee from Kosovo. They have never been able to financially recover and rebuild their home on the land that they left in Kosovo following the war, despite US support and Nato help. They were displaced to refugee camps, returned home and were unable to rebuild due to the economy, their family members there still struggle to this day. I use this as a reference for Gaza. It is demolished. Who is going to fund the rebuilding? What can the world do to support the rebuild and replacement needed for these families? I don't have answers to these questions but these are the questions I ask. Why is Israel going to rebuild Gaza? Will that mean they are in charge of it now? Wasn't that part of the problem in the first place that Gaza didn't want that? I don't live there, I don't have first hand accounts or cultural understanding to say one way or the other. I do think as an American citizen I would like my tax dollars and political representatives to help facilitate the conversations and listen to all sides in order to bridge the communication gap and find a way to help people get back to their home in a safe way.

1. Trump is a class one idiot and a toadie to Putin. He is destroying the US so that Putin will like him! He has already made the USA into a failed democracy! HELP! No one is stopping him! What are we Americans going to do to stop him, and to stop the MAGA GOP who are hell bent on destroying our wonderful country! There is no going back from this. We are doomed. Something must be done. 2. Re GAZA. Trump wants the Leviathan Oil Fields which are in the Mediterranean Sea just off the Gaza Coast, he wants the oil! (sorry, please check the geographical names for this, but there are articles about it!). Also he just wants to turn Gaza into a resort so he can make more money. Trump & Netanyahu are both hanging on to power because they are both criminals. PS I am an American Jew, and I do not like what is going on there. 3. The Ukrainians are good people! My family came here from Ukraine in 1865. We care about that country! They are democrats and just want to live a free and fair life. Putin must not be allowed to keep Ukrainian lands. Trump is just kowtowing to Putin. Putin will always take more. Trump will always steal everything that he can from the rest of us.

I feel that our foreign policy is a disaster with totally unqualified people put in charge. I have never before worried as much for our safety and security. The Reckless firing of former qualified leaders in Government is frightening!

It seems like humanity is not a consideration in the decisions being made by the current administration. Country takeovers are unethical and the signs of dictatorship. We need to respect one another's geographical boundary possessions.

Russia and Israel are invaders of countries they do not belong in. Their governments are war mongering and evil. Israel is committing genocide while the world turns a blind eye and Russia is the aggressor in invading Ukraine.

Foreign affairs need more work with US providing consistent support like we have over the past 50 years and not disrupting our commitments

Trump's statements about rebuilding Gaza to be Trumpland is disgraceful. Additionally the continued talk about taking over Greenland and Canada is scary. I worry that we are going to be drug into unnecessary war.

FUCK TRUMP

The major advantage that the U.S. has always had was our influence and support around the world. The Trump administration has destroyed that and our nations credibility trust and reliability.

Not well versed in foreign affairs

The people of Gaza have right to their land and homes. They shouldn't have to reside in other countries.

Why support Isreal re-build Gaza when they were the reason it was destroyed in the first place. We should help end the war and injustice that Palestinian people face and have been facing for decades.

n/a

We should have granted Ukraine status as part of NATO before the invasion. HUGE tactical era. If Russia gets to reclaim part of Ukraine, they will not stop at that. Putin & Trump/Musk are tge most dangerous leaders. China has a vigorous economy, a growing middle and upper class, a wealth of cultural history and we should try much harder to build on our current Asian/American alliances. China can assist us as well.

Most serious threat is Trump and his policies. Quickly destroying democracy and replacing with autocracy

Genocide should never be an option. Russia's War of expansion needs to end with the full defeat of Russian forces. Including from Crimea. It's Ukraine, deal with it.

We should strongly support our allies and not look to try to take other countries I.e. Canada and Greenland.

Everything is a disaster and will get worse with the people in charge of making foreign policy decisions at the national level.

Two state solution, rebuild Gaza, return displaced Palestinians, no Israeli occupation.

I am nervous about how these conflicts will resolve with the US on the wrong side.

We should've listened to Washington

US and the countries in the UN should make Israel adhere to original boundaries, and stop allowing settlements that displace Palestinians.

usa should not take back the Panama Canal. It belongs to Panamanians

America can be a voice to help find solutions in international affairs but when America is not directly involved then America do not make a final decision in international problems

We should have a better understanding of changes and not have just one person making decisions on their own, when the country stands to lose in the long run.

President thinks he can make deals with magic wand powers. Senile old ideas and power seeker only. Ukraine should negotiate peace with Russia. Israel should pay for repairing the damage they caused in Gaza.

I'm ashamed of our foreign policy right now. Abandoning our allies, toadying up to our enemies. We are in the Upside Down.

America invading or otherwise annexing Greenland? Oh please, NO. Why not reopen the American Military bases that were previously established in Greenland? Perhaps dedicate one to International cooperation, development & American investment in Greenland vis-a-vis obtaining mineral rights.

Trump's policies on these matters is a travesty

I don't think as a Nation we should ever support a country that is way overly aggressive in causing vast numbers of death and destruction to men and especially women and children. Putin must be stopped. Also, Hamas was the aggressor at first, but what Netanyahu has done to the people of People of Palestine is evil. There is no excuse for that. There should have been a way to forge a peaceful resolution. That war has been going on for generations. Make a compromise and stop killing innocent children and their parents.

There is not enough space to communicate my disgust with America's international pivot. Ukraine is a sovereign nation that was illegally invaded and attacked by Russia. Putin is playing trump. Why should the U.S. grant him one concession? Ukraine isn't even involved in the so-called peace talks. Ukraine should not give up a single brash of wheat to its aggressor. What Hamas did by kidnapping and killing 1500 Israelis was abominable. Israel's response is 100 times an appropriate response. Israel is guilty of war crimes and genocide. Israel has always had the upper hand and has our military weapons. Palestine has slingshots and Molotov cocktails. The U.S. has been unsuccessful reigning in Netanyahu.

Trump is upending our whole world, causing harm to our trading partners and helping evil, loser economies like Russia. I can't say how much this angers me. So hard to watch.

Trump is abandoning our allies for Putin. He is making the U.S. and the rest of the world unsafe. Trump and his staff are a threat to U.S. national security. They don't understand what they are doing or don't care. They are ignorant, incompetent, short-sighted, and greedy.

I don't support imperialist ideas like buying Greenland either.

We should not be offering aid or arms to Israel until the genocide of the Palestinian people ends and they are offered equal status as Israelis.

I do not in any way want to give Ukraine to Russia. I want to keep the pressure on Russia, but Trump has reduced our power, he is in bed with Russia and this is so Anti-American! I suspect his is a Russian Agent. And Gaza? We are not allowed now to speak for these victims? Not Hamas, but the Palestinian people. They are victims all around. No I never want GAZALARGO to exist. I am supportive of Israel but not of genocide of the Palestinians. I am so pro NATO, I can not express it enough! Trump is out to destroy it. Our allies have left us. They have been our friends and we have kicked dirt in their faces. I loath Trumps policies.

Ukraine needs to have a say in the peace agreement. This cannot be between Putin and Trump.

Displacing Gaza residents for Trump to build a luxury resort is beyond disgusting.

Economically hurting our allies with tariffs makes us less safe. Also, cutting public health aid to other countries increases our risk of another pandemic.

We have incompetents in charge. They are aggressively undoing all of the goodwill the US has established over the years. We are now universally hated. So it is again traitorous and they should be tried for treason I might support a NATO backed DMZ on Ukrainian soil to prevent any further incursions but not allowing them to continue to erode Ukraine's sovereignty. Israel should not be supported in their continued genocide and war crimes against the Palestinian people. Criticism against the nation of Israel is not anti-semitism. The Jewish people and religion are a vital part of the US. However, the nation is conducting itself in horrifying ways that we should neither support nor back monetarily.

We are not the ones to make decisions but support all efforts to seek peace now

To take care of domestic matters vs. foreign matters shouldn't need to be a choice. A government as large as ours should be able to do both. Change is hard; we need a government that is ready to make change.

It's time for the boomers and older to step aside and let the younger generation tackle the problems that will be theirs to live with.

Again, he is driven by greed and retribution; nothing else matters to him, not life, liberty, loyalty, democracy or the future of the world..

China and Russia will fill-in the deficits the US leaves but with repercussions. EU should step up military might but without anger at the US for stepping back a bit. FOOD should be left out of tariffs. Countries are asking, what's wrong with America? We must repair relationships with Canada and Mexico quickly.

Trump is under the control of Putin and this will destroy our country.

Russia was the aggressor; they should not be rewarded.

Both of the above are terrible options for our future security.

Russia (Putin) is not our "friend". He is an aggressor and Alliances MATTER. Ukraine is a nation that was invaded. Russia should return ALL territories taken from Ukraine. No exceptions. The Ukrainian children must also be returned to their families. I believe in a two State solution for the Palestinians.

Trump, Vance and the other knuckleheads in cabinet offices he brought into Washington DC are an embarrassment to the citizens of the United States. I want to return to the way it was when we got along with our neighbors and European allies. What they are doing to alienate Canada, Mexico, Greenland, Panama is atrocious. It will take years and years to repair his distain for other countries. If I did not have children or relatives in the US I would seriously want to move to Canada.

What a travesty ... I support the fight for an independent Ukraine, free of Russian control; I support the rebuilding of Gaza for Palestinians with support from an international committee of democratic countries.

No rewards for invaders of other countries. NONE Stand strong with our NATO Partners.

Trump is a Russian asset, obviously. Shutting down USAID is just plain stupid.

No Gazalargo!!

Restore USAID and foreign aid

We are the laughing stock of the world

Russian aggression is not okay in any form. The people of Gaza need to rise up against the terrorists/Hamas and form a country that is for the people, not the terrorists. The fact that Hamas incites war and then uses the citizens as shields is horrifying.

I've always been glad I didn't live under Russia's feeble economy and repressive gov't. Gorby was great in ways that Putin can't understand. Hamas was foolhardy to invade Israel; why hasn't this thousand-year-old conflict been resolved by now?

If MAGA is America First, why are we in the middle of negotiations for four other governments?

Trump's policies are making the world far more unsafe

We should be supporting Ukraine with all military and political power they need

I support the US sending arms and aid the Ukraine and imposing more sanctions on Russia. Russia invaded its neighboring country in a land grab. I do not support sending any military weapons or supplies or any form of aid to Israel. Israel is committing genocide. This mornings news reported bombings of shelters that killed 97 innocent people and caused 100s of thousands to flee. That is cruelty beyond my understanding.

Do every thing possible to pressure Putin. We don't make decisions for Ukraine. Ukrainians do.

Trump is a Russian agent. Gave Putin his wish list and disgraced our country. I support Ukraine and NATO 1000%.

So heartless, unjust, thoughtless and stupid.

I do believe Ukraine will lose territory in a final peace agreement with Russia. I just would not give it away without more concessions from Russia.

All countries must honor others territorial rights and not try to take land by force.

Belief in a 2 state solution in Israel.

Russia is trying to consolidate power and use Ukrainian resources for it's own domination plans. Putin is a dictator who should be stopped, not pandered to. Displacing Gaza residents is a horrible, unacceptable option. Israeli people should understand this, many families having been displaced from their countries of origin during the Holocaust. The Palestinians should be allowed to retain their homes and their lives. Russia will act in its own self interest regardless of what the USA "offers." It will not be pacified until it has all it wants - I'm afraid that's all of Ukraine. I feel the situation in Gaza is hopelessly broken at this point. I feel very sorry for its inhabitants, but I think the concepts of "supporting Israel", "rebuilding", and "displacing residents" are meaningless.

Palestinians deserve to live in their own home land without being bombed, starved, terrorized on a daily basis. We need to protect those children not give Israel more bombs. Russia is our enemy, we need to stop Trump from selling this country to Putin before it's too late for us.

I've visited both countries: Putin is a monumental threat to world peace and peace for European countries. As long as Trump loves him, he will remain so. As for Israel--I'm disgusted by the way they treat Palestinians...it looks like retaliation and it's nothing short of cruel...

We should not bow to Putin or displace the people of Gaza

I DO NOT support bringing peace to the Middle East via ethnic cleansing of Gaza. And let us be clear that the removal of all Palestinians from Gaza IS ethnic cleansing.

We should stay out of the Israel issues and focus on Ukraine and Russia, as those 2 nations most impact the safety of our democracy and further decline in relations between Ukraine and Russia could trigger NATO involvement.

Trump is playing into Putin's hands and ruining decades old alliances.

It's disgraceful the way we are turning our backs on allies

On the question of whether to focus more on national or international issues, my answer is both need to be areas of focus.

USaid is essential for protecting the world, including the U.S.A., from diseases, world hunger, and the resulting unrest (wars) when there is instability. A high ranking military officer has said that if we were not the spending money for aid, he would have to use it to buy bullets. Using soft power is more effective and cheaper.

This is nuts, who is agreeing with this craziness.

I am apauled by Trump's position in these issues

It is upsetting that Trump supporters call anyone who wants Palestinians to be treated like human beings "anti-Semitic."

Russia is not a direct military threat to the US but they are undermining us constantly and dividing us via cyber attacks and social media manipulation. And if they are permitted to prevail in Ukraine, Putin won't be content to stop there. He will proceed in this plan to reconstitute the USSR and that may very likely pull us all into WWII—unless Trump forms a new Axes of Evil with Russia, No Korea, and God knows who else. My God, even writing that sentence seems unthinkable, and yet, everything Trump does seems to be for Putin's benefit and our detriment. What has happened to our country? It's certainty not the one I grew up in.

Palestinians and Ukrainians have a right to self-determination.

Our soft power, humanitarian and outreach efforts around the world is crucial. Scaling it back/eliminating it is penny wise pound foolish. Gives China and Russia the opportunity to fill the voids.

America's complicity in Israel's genocide is a great sin. We will have blood on our hands for all time.

Stop supplying weapons to Israel.

We are offending our friends and coddling up to tyrannical regimes
Trump is making a mockery of the US in the eyes of the world. I oppose EVERYTHING he does
The current administration has wrecked the US's international relationships. Trump and Musk must go.
Russia and Trump are a threat to world peace and economic stability.
I am very concerned with the erosion of democracy in countries abroad and here at home. Supporting dictatorships and failing to collaborate with the EU, NATO, and other international bodies that foster peace is dangerous and stupid.
I support Israel and any actions they take to eliminate terrorism
I do not think that Russia will be an issue now with our current president in place. And Gaza, if rebuilt, will continue to attack Israel. Therefore, it should not be rebuilt, and the citizens should be absorbed into other countries.
Again, these are for self-gain not for the best interest of the people directly affected. Definitely not Ukrainians, Israelis, or Palestinians.
The Hamas folks have infiltrated Palestine so it's impossible to know who can be trusted.
I support ceasing all aid, funds, and military equipment to Israel while it engages in genocide.
Ukraine and Gaza are, and should be recognized, as independent states. Gaza and the Palestinians need to be free from genocide and starvation. Russia has no claim to Ukraine.
The administration's policies and treatment of foreign allies is disgusting and immoral.
I understand that cutting off military aid to Israel will likely result in more anger and violence from Israel, but there has to be consequences for their actions in Gaza. No matter what your stance is on the original attack, their revenge has gone too far. Not to mention their actions in the past - it's hard to condemn the responses from Hamas and the residents of Gaza (which are, to be clear, two separate entities - not every Gaza citizen is a member of Hamas or supports the fighting) when you take into account the actions Israel has taken in the past towards Gaza. I don't condone violence or war - but even Martin Luther King, Jr. knew there were times for peaceful protests and times for violence (not to mention being a peaceful man still got him assassinated). Quite frankly, Israel has committed horrific war crimes even before the attack on the music festival, and the IDF's attitude and conduct over the past year and a half has been horrendous and inhumane. We provided weapons to them; we're complicit in every death at the hands of those weapons. It's a delicate situation, so it's unlikely the current administration will handle it in any useful way, but the very first step needs to be, at the very least, condemning Israel's actions and calling them what they are: war crimes.
The genocide of the people of Gaza is an undeniable atrocity, Israel should at the very least pull out completely from the Gaza strip. However that would not change the fact that the Palestinian people are undeniable being oppressed by a colonial state that stole their land from them, and there will be no justice until there is a free Palestine. Russia cannot be allowed to bully a democratic state and should be forced to relinquish the lands they seized from Ukraine. To allow them to claim those lands would be appeasement policy, like was done leading up to world war 2. We should not concede to an authoritarian state, as it will only encourage them to keep pushing further
Why does the current administration/US attitude seem to be that 'we're the best and should be making decisions for everyone else'??? Considering how young the US is, it's really pathetic how close we are to people jumping back into the "divine right to rule" mindset.
displacing Gaza residents is just cruel. you can't take one's homeland and then throw them out, that's giving colonizer vibes.
We should support Ukraine and the Palestinians. We should stay in NATO and retain strong relationships with our allies. We should work together with Allies to solve Climate Crisis problems and elevate quality of scientific research.
Careful consideration of cause and effect including consultation with experts before acting

Support Israel but don't contaminate other countries with its Hamas (Gaza) terrorist

We need to use a leverage internationally to stop the flow of illegal immigrants into this country. And we need to use it to have them take back all illegals from the Country of origin

Deport College kids here on zzzzzstudent visas if they destroy campuses or Private property

Israel should be supported in eliminating Hamas from Gaza and the West Bank however it decides to do that!

It's about time that we have an administration that is willing to take actions on the world stage and not "lead from behind".

Trump is best president for Israel ever. Van Hollen is a shill for Qatar and should be ashamed.

No.

The options in question 38 force me to answer "somewhat" because they are too limited.

I really don't want to keep funding Ukraine because of our National deficit. At the same time, I don't think Russia should be able to take eastern Ukraine. I'm not fully educated on the pros/cons of the entire matter.

We have problems locally, how can our residents be concerned with issues abroad?

I support Israel against Hamas, but don't think Trump's plan to gentrify Gaza.

I don't think so.

Skeptical any "plan" will work for Russia/Putin; Hamas must be destroyed but I don't know how that can happen without the destruction of Gaza

Thomas Jefferson argued on at least on occasion that the U.S. should align with China in most matters to act as a balance to the European powers. That policy would allow us to spend less on the military and force China to protect shipping lanes vice the U.S. taking on that role.

We should find a way to force Israel to rebuild Gaza and contribute to the effort. Israel should give them their freedom. What Israel did and what we supported was genocide. The response to Hamas' kidnapping was totally out of proportion to the crime.

Fully fund USAID, Voice of America, rejoin WHO. The Inspector Generals for the agencies should be rehired and let them do their job.

I seriously fear that Trump is destroying the economy, our military, and international stability, beyond repair.

Ukraine has a right to live in peace. Russia needs to stay OUT of Ukraine. Israel needs to stay OUT of Gaza.

I feel it is wrong to give Russia any lands that they have invaded. I feel that we need to stay a member and support NATO. I think we need to be a leader in reducing climate change.

Wondering who wrote this oversimplified survey with a definite political slant!

I am against war and violence of any kind for any reason. I don't think the public is completely informed about what exactly is going on so I am unsure of what to do about it.

They will not displace Gazans. Again, do some more research.

China is slowly inching into countries and one day these countries will realize they've been taken over completely. Have relatives in Panama; they say China runs Hutchison which runs the ports. Trump is smart to bring attention to this issue in Panama & Greenland. The Panamanians tell me MANY support Trump and wished the US would come back to the canal zone. China could easily block passage of the canal to US military ships; very scary! Chinese people basically run or own ALL the stores even in the interior of Panama. The Chinese could starve the people into compliance and halt water from coming into their homes easily.

take care of USA first!

If we take care of our citizens and our economy and our military we can become a stronger country. Although we cannot turn our back on helping other countries, we need to help ourselves first. Bridge the divide and be stronger.

Ukraine is a money laundering country that is run by the deep state in preparation for a one world government. Burn it down.

Regarding the question about the threat to peace posed by Russia, I think that the Ukrainian president's resistance to peace talks is as much a threat. This war would have never happened had President Trump been re-elected in 2020, and while I am against Russia taking Ukrainian land, it seems like President Zelenskyy is more interested in obtaining wealth than trying to end the needless bloodshed on both sides. Regarding Gaza, I will only say that I believe in a two-state solution for Israeli and Palestinian citizens. If Palestinians were relocated to one location to rebuild and create a Palestinian state I would be okay with moving them out of Gaza to give them physical distance from Israel. However, I don't like the idea of scattering Palestinians throughout the region.

Stop interfering w other countries

Free all hostages. Then take out Hamas.

Diplomacy does not seem to be working in dealing with Ukraine and Russia. There needs to be an audit of Zelensky's personal finances. Corruption is being ignored with him and his wife. That is US tax payers dollars and we want accountability.

Again written in a VERY biased, dishonest way. I think it would be nice to stop the killing and release the hostages

Stop giving so much aid to other countries. Use that money here, without waste

Again, twisted questions to favor your liberal side.

America FIRST. Assist with peace agreements.

I think we need to help Israel against Hamas but we should do so in a way that preserves the Gaza Strip. I think we should support Israel and oppose terrorist organizations such as Hamas. I don't think it's our responsibility to pay to rebuild. Climate change is not settled as the media and local government says. There is much disagreement in the scientific community. We need to allow discussion of varying views and opinions.

Stop funding Ukraine.

your bias in the questions above is very clear. IE. There is more to it than "displacing Gaza residents to other countries"

Demand itemized list of how and where Ukraine spent out tax dollars

I don't support rebuilding Gaza

Not my circus, not my monkeys. I support Israel. I support Palestinians. I do not support Hamas.

Maryland needs to change its sanctuary status and education policies. Both are not helping residents.

All we can consider is moving to a red state

Saudi Arabia and Jordan have offered to be involved in Gaza. They just needed Trump to jumpstart them into action. The terrorists must not control that area again.

Israel has no right to genocide the true Semites of that region. Shame on them, shame on Israel!

US is paying a higher amount than any other country for NATO and United Nations, not to mention the tariffs imposed on us for years. Why should the US have to pay for that? Think of how that has affected our economy,

I think sending these other countries all this money is abominable. We need to heal ourselves before we shore up other countries with money that seems not to help the wars. Wars in this part of the countries have gone on for a thousand years. And we think we are going to stop it by throwing money and resources at them. I think we should bring our boys home and let them have at it.

unsure

Russia has been manipulating Trump. Open your eyes. Am I the only one who noticed his 180 from the start of the war? What a twit. He's just so much ado about nothing. We're over here renaming bodies of water while Russia does who knows what, now that the spot light has been removed from her.

The Trump administration is money hungry. We have no right to take another country. They only want the minerals and things they can purge for cash. We do not have a right to be involved in this other than to offer aid. It is embarrassing to be an American right now. Every other country is laughing at us and we have a criminal and miscreant for a president. I'm scared to death!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Peace and stability for those countries is important and I want to do anything that could prevent world war 3 but I think the US needs to focus on domestic affairs before anything else right now. Like deporting violent criminal illegals and allowing undocumented immigrants to stay on our soil while tax payers end up supporting them.

Screw the EU and UK. They have sponged off us since ww2

Why does the US have to have such a big involvement in the affairs of others. Why would Russia listen to us? Where are the displaced Gaza residents going to go? Everything seems not well thought out.

Need a question about tariffs disrupting global economy and US alliances.

Stop meddling in the affairs of other nations that are not our problem to solve....

we should keep our military safe in the U.S.

The Israeli government/IDF is a U.S. backed terrorist organization committing genocide against the Palestinian people.

Our government has no business funding a genocide and ethnic cleansing in Gaza, and it doesn't reflect the sentiments of the people living here either. Our taxes shouldn't be going towards Israel's military budget.

Ukraine was corrupt, and a money pit for kickbacks to U.S. politicians long before Russia invasion

why should the state be concerned about foreign affairs dont we have enough problems in this state

Not sure what the purpose of this survey is -- and how it will be used. Should have been more clear about that. Seems to have an agenda. Seems to be overly simplistic.

Another question where the choices can't easily reflect one's real views. And you've left SO much out.

What about Taiwan? Iran? Drug cartels that send harmful drugs to America? Getting US products into countries that keep them out? Dealing with climate change caused by economic development in Third World countries where they want what we have: cars, factories, A/C, luxuries?

Israel government needs to go to international trial and Gaza given as a state of Palestine with half of holy land. Ukraine needs full support and make them part of NATO. Putin needs to retreat and stop expansion effort. And while we are at it- Make Puerto Rico and all other colonies a state and leave Greenland alone. End colonialism once and for all. Go back to the table for pro nature treaties and stop messing with Canada and Mexico for goodness sake. Stop the trade wars and the tariffs threats...Good Lord! Also- if churches can infiltrate government then stop tax brakes and tax churches- or any by separation of gov and church.

The government should concentrate on internal challenges such as hunger, Tax, cost of electricity, cost of education beyond high school.

Trump's foreign policies are a disaster for the US and the world.

Trump's intent to annex Greenland, Canada 51 st state. Create Riviera in Gaza, Bashing Europe and NATO , bowing to Putin. Capped by Tariffs— spreading chaos and fear throughout the world y We

Everything trump is doing is wrong.

N/A.

The current US international policy is disgusting. We have abandoned our allies to the wolves and play innocent to that fact. We are now in bed with the Russians over the Ukrainians and this is sickening. We

have made guarantees that have shaped the way the world is that we just don't seem to back anymore. We have lost any claim to the country that serves as a beacon of hope and security to the rest of the world.

Leave Canada and Greenland alone. I love the Greenland "MAGA" hat...."Make America Go Away."

Free Palestine and Ukraine.

Trumps and Rubio's policies toward international affairs are going to doom us and haunt the USA for generations to come.

Support Ukraine!

Greatly reduce involvement in so many parts of the world and focus on solving domestic problems. Stop playing the role of the world's police force.

Stop all foreign aid including to Israel. Ban all dual-citizens from any position in the US political system including the judiciary.

I don't understand what is meant with the question about "Maintaining US military advantage over all other countries". Again, what does this have to do with local issues? Again, a waste of time and resources by a local community college that would be better spent improving its primary business of providing education.

I have no idea why these politically charged/worded questions are in this survey. Poorly written and definitely leaning with tone to guide button selection. I'd be more concerned with fixing MD, a useless Governor and Lt Gov, crime, fraud etc. Save the national poll questions for more reputable survey campaigns.

Russia has invaded Ukraine on two occasions, they need to walk away period. Israel, has the right to defend their country and its citizens. However not with my tax dollars, that's where America comes first. Stop handing out so much in foreign aid. We can see how much is allocated to countries who don't even like us or support what we do not. So stop it. Spend my tax dollars here in the USA.

Defund overseas policing. We have plenty to take care of in our own country.

I am very concerned about the plight of the Palestinian people and their right to their land.

I do not support Israel and Russia.

Why is anti-Israel discussions antisemitic? How can we support Ukraine but not the Palestinians? Either find a consistent policy or quit meddling in foreign affairs.

As a history major, I am despairing of the current state of global affairs. I have no comment

This administration is on a dangerous course, led by unqualified people who are by and large grifting American taxpayers

Some of these questions, especially the first two, oversimplify the issue, almost with the connotation that the US has played no role in the rising escalation between the countries

I see no resolution for Israeli-Palestinian issues under current administration. It's destined to be a disaster for both parties.

Sanction Israel for its mass-murder campaign in Gaza. Don't put the USA in Putin's pocket. Reaffirm our partnership with Europe.

Putin's not going to stop at Ukraine; it's in Democracy's best interest to protect Ukraine's rights. Over the years I've tried to understand the anger, hatred, killings, wars of the Middle East and hatred continues unabated. It could take God himself to come up with a plan that would work in the Middle East. Being isolationist doesn't work in this day and age. We can't bury our head in the sand when others are suffering and unjustly treated/attacked.

Regarding the need to focus on the fact, domestic affairs, we certainly need to work to end this division. We also need to stop the dismantling of our democracy. I am opposed to bullying other nations into doing what the administration thinks is best. I am opposed to a trade war. I am opposed to all the insults and negativity thrown at other countries who have historically been our allies. I am disgusted by the fact that

the administration even considers, even has the audacity to say it out loud, that we should take over other countries and displace other people. It is bad enough that deportations are taking place without due process. Sending someone to prison and another country who should never have been deported is a tragedy, not an administrative error, and must be corrected. The lack of recognizing that immigrants and people in other nations are human beings with lives and families shows the coldness and self-serving agenda of this administration.

Ukraine is a religious nation. Russia has decimated their churches. Israel is imo committing a form of culture elimination. That is surely affecting US and worldwide citizens of the Jewish faith in bad ways.

Waiting for Anyone to fight back and for the opportunity to correct all the things the Republicans breaks There is a real need to understand that Palestinians both need and want a home and land, and Gaza is that place, for millennia (3,000 years BC). Israel has clearly tried to annihilate those still in Gaza, and is unwilling to participate in a cease fire, even after agreeing to terms.

I do believe that we have to be strong in our military preparations but not overly so, as to be 'feared' by all others. I want strong alliances, a network of allies. This being said, I do think our role in NATO needs to be gradually reduced. NATO should not be dependent on us for its strength. It should be able to protect its members without dependency on the USA. We should be back up when necessary. I also think that we should close some of our bases abroad. There may be reasons for some of them but for many others, not really. Sometimes the presence of a 'foreign power' is viewed unfavorably by the locals. Would we want a foreign base on our soil?

Foreign affairs should be concentrating on benefitting the most people and minimizing suffering, not enriching the egos and wallets of a few.

There is so much injustice and selfish policies being proposed right now. I find myself hoping that instead of booing Americans when our national anthem is sung, others could boo those responsible for the changes being made, and not the nanny, caring, democratic-minded, justice-focused, citizens who still exist.

I made comments on this topic in a previous question. The USA is becoming isolated from the world, and a threat to global peace..

Ukraine / Russia and Israel / Gaza are different situations. We should do all we can to support Ukraine against Russia - the Ukrainians are victims. Israel, Palestine and Gaza are so complicated, I have no idea how to resolve what's going on. It's been a mess my entire life.

Russia is our enemy. Give them nothing. Stop Russian aggression. Stop Trump aggression against Greenland, Canada and Panama Canal. Stop Trump in developing Gaza. Peace was found between Egypt n Isreal, between Ireland n Great Britain between West n East Germany so it can be found in Gaza n Isreal

I stand with Ukraine. Trump needs to read about WW2. Estonia will be next if Ukraine falls. And unfortunately, I don't see any peace any time soon in the Middle East.

Don't trust Russia at all ! We should support our world friends from Russia's land grab. Israel should help rebuild Gaza not us. Make Israel stop fighting get a lasting peace ! Must work together! The fighting is not changing anything just destroying.

Trump wants to align with Russia, Hungary, North Korea. All Dictatorships. I do not support these actions. Threatening NATO allies like Denmark over Greenland is very bad. Trumps treatment of Canada & Mexico is horrific.

We need to support Ukraine after its invasion by Putin!!

What happened to living our ideals?

We need to change our relationship with the government of Israel while still protecting and honoring the humanity of all human beings in that region. The USA should never be complicit in genocide.

Like anyone really listens to the likes of me? Honestly, I have waited my whole life to be the world's benevolent dictator, but the myopic people of Earth have never thought to vote me into office. My solutions are so perfect! If folks opened their eyes, I could run for God and get elected on the first ballot! Keep maintaining active diplomatic relationships with other nations. The current regime with burning bridges will become a political issue for the United States.

Palestine should be free from terrorists and colonizers. It should NOT be razed to be turned into an Israeli/US seaside resort. That's so gross!

I do not support any Russian keeping anything of Ukraine. I do not support Israel for anything. Let the Gaza be.

We need to enter into a closer agreement with Greenland - either as a territory, state, or very close ally. I believe America should let Gazans live their lives in peace. And facilitate in them regaining their freedoms within their land. And put sanctions and pressure Israel to "gain control of itself" and to focus on its own state and not the business of others, particularly Gaza. America should as a role model country, encourage Israel that aggression will not be tolerated and encourage them to focus on their own matters within their own state. And to take pride in having their own state, that rather than bringing unpleasant attention to themselves on the world front by taking Gaza for themselves.

There are so many other foreign conflicts happening right now that the media is not focusing on, so no, Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, are not my problem, the United States of America is the country I care about.

The questions listed in 38 above are not neutral

Q38 is oversimplified

Gaza has already been pretty much destroyed so should be rebuilt for their people.

The status quo has not worked. I'm okay considering novel approaches to bring about different (hopefully better!) results.

Stay out of Israel/Palestine politics/issues

Israel wants to take Lebanon, a major chunk of Syria, of Egypt and the whole West Bank. They get free healthcare, college etc from the US Taxpayer while Americans are homeless, die early ...

I am 100% in support of helping Ukraine. 100% against Russia - we should not negotiate with Russia at all.

I don't America should be as involved in other countries war's because war is horrible on both sides - as both sides would be an aggression, and it would cause more conflict within America itself which I see as unnecessary.

Isolationism did not work for the U.S. in the 1930s, and it will not work now.

Support NATO and allow Palestine to become a state.

This survey is extremely biased.

By this point if anyone does not see the bias and the real customer behind this poll they are just stupid.

What does any of this have to do with AACO? Answer: nothing.

someone needed to stop these wars.....it's a start. people are dying and this is wrong

Even though I don't agree with Trump's offer for Ukraine to give their Eastern portion, I still have to recognize his attempt to end the war in order to prevent the loss of more innocent lives.

the world has come to a end

I think the aid the United States has provided to Israel to destroy Gaza is disgraceful. President Trump's comments on the matter have been disgusting as well.

I believe that international diplomacy should prioritize peaceful negotiations and humanitarian support, especially in regions of conflict like Ukraine and Gaza.

No comment

Trump is trashing the rest of the world's respect for the US.

Nope

Strongly against the Trump administration's support of Israel

Support Gaza. Arrest Netanyahu for war crimes.

Appendix J: County Executive Steuart Pittman's Outreach

I've watched some of his speeches.

Sometimes read the newsletter

watch local news for over an hour every day wbal wjz

news online and TV whatever I can get without registering or signing up, its like his weekly newsletter would like to read it but you HAVE to give up an email why it cant be just posted and free to download, cause they want my email they want an email to send his request for campaign funds and more. what and ASS!

No interaction

TV reports.would like more options

Emailed him

Don't believe I have received any communications.

Emails

Only as reported in network TV news

Trying to start a Citizens Unified Against trump!

I have not interacted with any material from this person

Nothing from him.

I don't use email. would love to meet re copying Sweden's incinerators
none

Read a few fb posts

Attend program where he spoke

Social media

news paper / email news

Don't read weekly

Liked/commented on FB posts.

Interact isn't the correct word. Read the SUN paper thoroughly; anything pertaining to A.A.Co. especially.

Pay attention to TV news which pertains to Anne Arundel County.

emailed positively in return to his email

News articles

Local news

Contacted his office for issues

i have not had an interaction.

Surveys

Public reading on what's happening in the county

Email

Read an article in the Capital about his efforts

Follow him by reading article in The Capital and the Baltimore Sun.

read his Facebook posts

Seen/read news coverage

Social media posts

Protest

Virtual calls and emails to his staff

Meet and greet events

Approached him in person; he listens and follows up. Good man.

No. I am unaware of these events. I'm unhappy with growth in Anne Arundel county.

N/A

I've reached out to District 6 representative, filled out the survey for the Plan 2040, and tried to reach out to Recs & Park about current park development plans, but have received no response.

I'm fairly new to the county and am unaware of these initiatives.

Attended protests

Didn't know he has a podcast!

Letters and phone calls on public issues.

New to Maryland and have no knowledge

sent about 2 letters

I read about him in the news and see signs about new parks planned by him.

None I don't know who this is

read posts on social media

not aware of any

Do not like and do not trust Steuart Pittman

Q&A

Called constituent services to ask what is being done for federal workers

In person @ events

I haven't attended a community forum/live event, but have had the chance to watch recordings of some (also, would recommend and appreciate that these always be recorded and shared later, so people who are unable to attend can still access the information). I also want to thank County Executive Pittman for updating us through his weekly newsletter, online posts, etc.

Completed surveys

Facebook

Read Facebook posts

tried a forum and had to give my name address and all sorts of personal info so didnt. how about some privacy protection

Frustrated with lack of support for drug treatment programs!

After our county executive during Covid body trailer and traveled the United States while the rest of us were locked in her home with a one 800 number to report each other, I have no reason to listen to him

Emailed on occasion

Haven't heard of this individual.

N/A - still new to the area and was unaware he did these things, but will check it out.

Invited Mr. Pittman to join me and other citizens to see problems we were worried about.

too cumbersome and bureaucratic just to participate in that crap why are there obstacles to join like you have to load zoom you have to have a zoom account and like that

Heard him speak.

seeing the local news online

meet him at public events

Try's to hard to put a happy face on every issue. Needs to be more realistic.

no contact

I see my taxes rising, I know who to blame.

would if someone would call back
watch news, read online articles but frankly have little interest cause I know what he has to say, what hell
do. Tax and spend tax and spend. He must sit up at night and think how can I spend more taxpayer
money, how can I get more out of the dollar signs that I see in every resident.
Ignore him
Haven't seen any announcements on the above!!
Steuart Pittman is terrible at his job
Generally not a fan of Mr. Pittman and don't bother listening to much he says.
What a blowhard!
Follow the news
He is one of the worst politicians to ever live.
Met him once. What a dud.
I do not respect him so I ignore him
Don't care for Pittman's policies
Was unaware of the weekly email but just signed up
Follow on Facebook
Represent our community association.
NEVER RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM HIM
Choose not to listen as I don't feel he has done anything for AA county
I've NEVER gotten any form of communication from Pittman; only from Republicans in Annap.
He needs to be ousted from his position.
Review comments in the news don't trust him to tell the truth
I'm sick of Pitts propaganda lies
He's a fraud
No
I think he is a bad leader, personally did not vote for
I watch the news and read newspapers.
Pittman is a disgrace to AACO I can't believe he was voted back in.
I've never seen anything Pittman has posted.
Facebook posts
Absolutely not - I will never forget his actions of helping to keep our kids out of school during Covid. He
goes whichever way the wind blows and if it means more money in his pocket, he's all about it. We
certainly don't need any more of his lack of a moral backbone!
ACORN millionaire Pittman is a progressive nut. He couldn't care less about AACO, only his Marxist
plans.
read local articles
Pittman is a communist
He needs to go!
I don't get his weekly newsletter. I only recall receiving one.
Didn't know any of those items even existed
He's not worth listening to, too corrupt
Have not
avoided any and all methods to listen to him speak his views
I don't care what Pittman has to say

The 3 note checked are only for the County Executive to tout his own agenda. Pay attention to news reports and internet articles.

Read the capital, Pittman is a rich, democrat (party of secession, kkk, Jim crow

Looking forward to him being GONE

havent

Read local news

Several recent news segments as well as capital gazette and many other resources.

Not aware of any initiative

Largely do not hear his views. Should be more in our faces

Meetings

I don't know if I have seen or heard anything but I might have indirectly via my family. I'm just not sure.

Spoke with him at an in person meeting

tried to call him, tried to set up an appointment to speak with him or his office.. denied both

Was not aware of any of the above

Other

Followed on facebook he is a clown

This "question" appears to be more an attempt to plug his podcast and newsletter than an attempt to get information on any one topic.

His communications are biased, immature and transparently weak minded. Grow, Mt. Pittman. up

No idea who this is

I don't care for him.

Did not interact

Skim the newsletter

Contacted his office via email regarding issues in the community, received a response from the office that boiled down to the county will not enforce their own laws and they will not listen to feedback

reading articles in local news

Serves as election judge.

Didn't know about any of these.

The way he writes and the risky takes to focus on what is truth and what is best for all of county residence inspires me. I often share his readings with those in my family and friends circle. It gives me some hope that we still have people willing to take the risks he does

Sarah E & Chris Van Holland

Read Pittman posts on Social Media

Never knew he had a emailed newsletter. Would have like to have heard about the Sunrise Beach fire station before, they plowed down all of the treees, constructed the huge party house and fire station and wrecked the rural nature of Crownsville. I'll bet his horsess don't have to live next to crap like that.

FB news

None. Don't even know who he is.

I try to avoid attention to him

I am not familiar with any of these methods.

I try to keep my interaction as little as possible since he is a snake

None of the above

Pittman is a political hack

Never recd an email to read

needs to do a better job at reaching out
I have watched one of his speeches when the Key Bridge collapsed.
I was not aware of his outreach methods.

Appendix K: Library Services Used Last Couple of Visits

I like to snuggle with books and read, sometimes listening to soft music. I also like to read historical books, about people and places during times of stress as well as good times: ie, Depression era, W-Wars, religious,

I mainly use the library to check out books.

Used computer, printer and checked out books

Use the study rooms to take care of personal business

Checked out books

check out and return physical materials

I mainly use the online offerings but do also often check out music, movies, or physical books. Also have attended a handful of community events.

Borrow books, puzzle swap

Checked out books. Got help from librarian finding books on a particular subject.

Checking out books and attending meetings hosted by organizations within AACounty

To check out books both in person and on Libby

Book club in a private room, and the play area

print stuff for taxes each year and other things need to print cant at home

used wi-fi for employment searches. Checked out books for research

(Note - I live in PG County - but I have used the Anne Arundel Library services before) I used the library services to get classwork done, as well as check out some books I needed for a research paper

Borrowed books, watched movies on Kanopy, and attended meetings and open houses.

I have only use the library to check out e-books, but I am interested in all of these services. We plan on having children soon and want to really use these resources.

Mostly e-magazines for current topics and e-books

I use interlibrary loan a lot. It's really great to be able to access other Maryland libraries and have books delivered to my local. I also visit the library (in person or online) to learn about community events.

Check out physical books

Order books via AACPL inter-library loan service, Marina and extraordinary nationwide inter-library loan program

Marina Interlibrary loan, community building programs, books for my daily commute, printer access, and Wi-if from parking lot.

Lately I've visited the library to check out books, used quiet spaces to study, attend library sponsored programs, and attend a HOA meeting in a meeting room.

Took out books

I use the library to check out books and resources for entertainment and education.

Checking books and scanning shelves

I use Kanopy, online news subscriptions, check out books, and when in a branch, use their internet. I also use the services of the PGCMLS.

Used computer to type a letter. Updated personal information. Checked out a book.

Quickly.

Took my kids to the library to borrow some books

Research topics mostly using the Marina interlibrary services. The books availability is limited especially as it relates to topics that interest me.

Research

Getting physical books that are not available in kindle format.

Document printing and copying

Looking for book

Checking our books and using the computers and printer

Used computers for research, checked out books for leisure reading.

My grand daughter Art contest and display. She won the kindergarten recognition for her Art Work.

I go almost daily to use the library as a free study space and research tool for my college studies.

Lending books, completing college work (using their computers), and socializing with other college students at the library.

Checking out books

Meeting rooms and socializing are important for the community. Obviously checking books as well.

I have multiple e-books checked out almost all the time.

Browsed for and requested books that I was interested in reading.

Research for first source material for science, math, and social science research. Quiet meeting rooms are essential to focus while studying source material for facts needed to support research.

I have checked out physical books and ebooks and DVDs and I have connected to the internet to do research using services the library subscribes to like Proquest.

My most common use is checking out physical books. I generally obtain books using the Marina service.

The AACPL system seldom owns books in which I have interest (U.S. History).

Subject research for a book I'm writing.

Attended public service events, borrowed books...

Check out physical and e-books and DVDs of TV shows.

Our family visits and checks out books often. My son loves doing the search-and-find activities every month! We've also attended kids' library programs whenever anything catches our eye.

Obtaining DVD movies and TV shows. Requesting hard-to-find books through Marina.

Mostly the kids stuff for our 3-yr-old daughter

For the most part, my time spent at the public library entails checking out books, studying/doing research, and, above all, attending clubs/events and hanging out with my friends in a communal space with shared interests.

I check out books, music, and movies

For a meeting

I use the services for research & job searching plus, sometimes to meet people professionally.

got hotspot and used wifi with my computer.

Checked out physical books, downloaded digital books

Borrow books; research genealogy.

Books often, Line Dancing (yay), Yoga

I get the newspaper from the library

Borrowed Books; brought grandchild to one of the children's programs.

Used computer for a wide variety of purposes, read newspapers, browsed for different books and authors.

Books, cds and dvds on hold.

Help with finding good books Help with Smart Alec

Placing hold on books, asking librarians for advice about books, borrowing films on DVD and audiobooks on CD

Borrowing of books

On-line access to Ancestry Libby

checked out books and e-books on Libby

Checked out motion pictures, television series, and books.

I borrow books. But I love that the libraries offer such a wide variety of programs and resources to people.

Browsing for interesting things - music CDs/DVDs. Reading back issues of local newspapers.

checked out books to read and return when done

children's services and checking out children's books.

Mostly to take my grandkids to check out books or attend library programs for kids.

checking out books, attending community dance class

We bring our young granddaughter to various baby/toddler programs at different A.A. Co. county libraries 3 to 4 days a week. These programs are wonderful and irreplaceable as are the staff members who lead them.

I frequent the Broadneck, Busch and mall branches and enjoy all 3

I used the library to conduct research.

Let me rather reflect on the questions. The fact that I do not personally use some of the services, or only use them infrequently, does not mean I don't find them valuable. I fact I think it is very important for the library to have the mission and means of providing a wide range of services to county residents.

Used at a minimum

To check out physical books.

Check out ebooks and magazines very frequently.

Taking out books and attending meetings.

Check out materials

AACPL is an extraordinarily valuable community resource.

To become better informed

brought the grandchildren.

I use the library's subscription to Candid, which is really invaluable to me.

I renewed my library card so I could access the Libby app.

I use audiobooks continuously via Libby. I visit the library occasionally

Meeting rooms, book search and checkout

Borrowing books both physical and electronic

Printing

Checked out physical books

Took out books (hard copies and on line) DVDs of movies and popular shows as well as music.

Child and family programs are the best!

Checked out books and returned books.

Attended a program on dungeons and Dragons, social outreach, and got access to many useful and fun books

It's been a great experience.

We like to walk to Busch library from Eastport, sit & read for a while, & have a Ceremony coffee or Paul's Homewood Cafe snack on the way.

Used the meeting rooms for study/work spaces. Have checked out books and DVDs.

Checked out loaned materials. Using ebooks with app.

Check out books and read magazines

Checking out books and ebooks and magazines.

Checking out fiction books for myself and kids, checking out non-fiction books for myself and kids, using Safari/O'Reilly online book service.

borrowing books, both physical and electronic.

Use of scanners for digitization of photos, slides and negatives.

I have checked out four books in the last six months.

I checked out a book and it was used as a meeting spot for my little sister to do her assignments with friends

Checking out the great historical collections room at Busch Library, and use public computers and wifi internet, and new books sections at many branch libraries

Book checked out

Checking for books

I like to read good non fiction stories. I am not interested in cook books or books for people who are very worried about something.

Children's books.

Entire family checks out books, CDs and movies regularly.

Borrowed books and media, attended group meetings, met with people conducting research.

I really like the ebook availability and integration with Libby.

My wife and I went to donate money. We also got our library cards so we could access the online library.

Everyone has always been super nice and extremely helpful at the Deal Library.

Ancestry research

Checking out books and reading newspapers.

I haven't been to the library in about a year but all the service I said are important are important. Many I just didn't know were available. I heavily used the library for my Masters thesis which is how I was introduced to it.

Books, magazines, streaming video -- mostly entertainment, some current events and biography.

Looked for books -- fiction and also non-fiction. Got help from a very nice librarian in finding what I needed.

Libraries in Anne Arundel have a very liberal bent

borrowed books

Checking out books and other materials

Checking on reading materiel

The last time I used library services was to practice driving with their simulator, before that I had displayed some of my poetry at the library and before that also I used to go the library to get mathematics tutoring.

To help find and order a book from another branch, to read to my grandchild, to find out about community events, etc. I Love the Pasadena library. Terrific staff.

I picked up my holds and browsed the shelves for anything that caught my eye. I also admired the beautiful plants and read the signs on them about what type of plant they are.

Help in researching the national debt. Librarians were most helpful. Checking out ebooks.

looking for books, movies, magazines and using the computers for research and printing

I use Kanopy regularly, which is a library streaming services that hosts many older and more unique and foreign films. I rented a book a few weeks ago. I also rent ebooks to my ereader sometimes.

I checked out books and used the puzzle exchange

Picking up and dropping off physical media placed on hold for loan.

Quiet personal study time

Checking out physical books and magazines; ordering books from other county libraries through Marina
I am continually ordering books online and then picking them up at the library when they notify me that they are in. It is a wonderfully easy experience and one for which I am so grateful. And it's free. The library staff is very friendly, professional and helpful.

To find books or DVDs

Borrowing Pimsleur audiobooks online and accessing Mango for language learning, borrowing books online for reading pleasure, browsing shelves and borrowing books in person, taking grandson to library to choose books

I use the library as a location to meet with my AACLC student. I greatly appreciate the work that the libraries do!

Books for children

Love Homeschool Hangout! Love that the kids can borrow a game or legos to facilitate social interactions.

Mostly checking out books and attending community meetings

I volunteer at the library and check out lots of books.

Checked out books and went to a book club.

Meeting groups and checking out books and story time for kids

Went there to have AARP taxes done, but they no longer provide that.

I have used the library to borrow physical books, audiobooks through Libby, and tickets to museums in Annapolis.

I ordered books through the library website to be sent to the Severn library for me to pick up. Also, I reserved and used the library meeting rooms for my community meetings.

I generally always have an audiobook checked out. I also check out physical books and DVDs.

I checked out some books :)

I use the Libby app through the library multiple times per week to access audio/ebooks. I also visit the branches in person with some regularity to take out books for both leisure and learning (cook books, hobby books, etc.)

I often visit the library as a location to telework from, reserving a study room for myself for several hours. I frequently check out books for myself, or my kids check out a large number of books. We visit for kids activities as well. I am constantly using Libby, etc. for ebooks and audiobooks.

making copies

Checked out books.

Checking out movies or books.

Taking my kids to the library, checking out physical materials.

Hosting book release events, attending pride events, audiobook rentals

Borrowed a book for granddaughter, Borrowed online materials, when not sick participant in events and classes. Granddaughter participants in quite a few events.

mostly book & movie checkout

I have attended professional development classes at library branches for years. I also enjoy borrowing books, music and other media.

In the past few weeks I've been to two different branches, checked out physical books for DIY, career improvement, and enjoyment, taken a class, used the printer, and checked out an audio book through Libby.

Picked up COVID test

I use mango to learn Spanish I use Libby to get audiobooks book I come in the branch physical to get books and use the printing services
 To check out materials and use the computer/ printer
 I used the computer for research and the meeting room
 I use the library as my own research center. I'm able to obtain and use information with books.
 I used the internet for homework study. I use Libby every week, and I visit the library nearly every Saturday. I LOVE the library!
 to check out books put on hold
 Internet & printing & borrowing books
 I check out books quite often. I also online resources regularly
 I go every week if I can, using the computers at minimum, bur I have printed resumes and other important documents for free. I have also checked out books.
 I took my kids there to experience checking out books.
 I used the services a lot when I was attending classes at AACC, especially to borrow a computer and do research. Now, it is mostly to check out books or just see what's new.
 I mostly use the library remotely, checking out ebooks regularly. I am on their email list and keep abreast of what is happening. I really enjoyed going to a craft sway that was at the Odenton library.
 check out book
 Borrowing media and using computers.
 Just in and out to pick up book
 Most recently to request books I then checked out.
 Grandkids go to children's events, me and my adult kids borrow books, utilize community spaces.
 To borrow books for my students
 Visited county art work display and checked out books
 Check out books
 Checked out books.
 Mostly used tech (PC, Fax, Wi-Fi, printer
 Always treated well and with respect. Use of the library with questions answered or they will find what I need. We love going to our wonderful library.
 marina and lending services
 I regularly use the library (Glen Burnie branch) to obtain materials, do research on current events and issues, and attend programs for adults. In addition, I use the library's on-line resources to read ebooks, listen to audiobooks, and watch movies on Kanopy.
 Bought second hand books. My husband always took out books.
 We visit the library frequently for childrens books and play areas. My tween daughter loves the teen area at Odenton, but also really enjoys the scavenger hunts. We enjoy the movie times and lots of the family events. I used Udemy Business to study for the CompTIA Security + exam (I passed!) and frequently listen to courses while I work. For years, I've been a big fan of OverDrive Media so I could download audio books to an MP3 player to listen to while cleaning or gardening. Pretty disappointed to have to use Libby now, though. I need more time away from my phone, not new reasons to be glued to it.
 Was able to attend a meeting of a group that was unable to find another suitable meeting place.
 I have used library systems across my lifetime. Most recently, I have a toddler and our family have benefitted significantly from the early readers programs and the preschool readiness programs. Other friends with kids in my community love meeting there to have a safe place for our children to play

together indoors, run around outside in the grass and explore the gardens around the library, gain social skills in public settings, and freely explore public spaces that are child/family friendly.

I attended an event explaining the development of Bicycle paths in Baltimore. It was wonderful! I check out books, sometimes I put books on hold on the library website, then go pick them up, and then browse other books while there. I meet new people at the library. The library staff are always kind, friendly, helpful, and a pleasure to talk to / work with. I donate foods and other items in the foodbank bins. I look at the art exhibits in the lobby, I love the architectural projects especially. I attended a few evening lectures. I would like to attend art classes too but haven't made it yet. I love the Public Library, it is like Grand Central Station (but quiet of course!). I grew up in a small town where the Library was a hub, and have always loved and admired and NEED Libraries! We all need libraries!

Checking out books. The staff is incredibly helpful and knowledgeable!

ebooks, Kanopy

Printer

Books and family programs for kids and adults

I used the library wi-fi while working, borrowed books, e-books, and just read for a couple of hours.

Faxed documents Met for security clearance

Ebooks and work spaces

My family of four use our county library frequently. We use the databases and the physics collection to learn and enrich our lives. Libraries are so important to citizens.

I take my children to many of the library programs and love the completely separate children's area in our library

Getting books and using the wifi for school work

Checked out language books.

I went in to look for books and use their Wi-Fi/computers.

I used the wifi to study for my school work, and studied with friends.

Always checking out library books; Took a yoga class in our local library's meeting room.

Looking for books

Ordered books from collection

Mainly to check out books for personal use.

Mostly taking out books. Am interested in some of their events, but have never actually attended.

Laziness, I think.

I am a freelance worker and for one project per year, I need to use Adobe Indesign for a couple hours. I am grateful that the Annapolis branch has this software and makes it available!

At this stage of my life I usually just use the library to check out books whether in person or online. But I also use online services. And I hope to use more of the in-person activities as I'm available to do so business purposes in using computer and copiers

Picking up books I put on hold, checking out ebooks, asking a librarian to help me find a specific book on the shelves that I couldn't find, dropping off goods for the community pantry at Discoveries, SEEING CONCERTS (this is the best!!!)

Requested books using my computer. Asked librarian to suggest books suitable for young grandchildren.

Kids play area, taking books out for toddler, reserving a study room to take meetings (I work from home)

Used to access physical and electronic resources.

We checkout books on a monthly basis, use the "cafe" area in Annapolis for quick meetings, and I personally use the cafe for WiFi access while my daughter is at sports practice down the street.

I was just in a library to do some work while in between driving to meetings.

Use online research resources to find old magazines. Reserved books through marina and picked them up at the library. Reserved books available in the county system and picked them up at my convenient branch.

I take my child to preschool story hour and check out books with her. We also use the play area.

I loaned some books and I voted.

I primarily use the library for reading materials. I still prefer having an actual book rather than a digital one.

I check out eBooks or audiobooks from Libby on a weekly basis. I visit the library in person to check out and return books a few times a month. I direct students at my school to use the library's online resources as needed for research projects.

Tutor meets my son at the library. I take my daughter there to play and choose books (she's a toddler), I use the hold option on the website and pick up my books from the library closest to me. I also love browsing the stacks for books I may not know of.

My children and I rented books for leisurely reading and learning on subjects of interest such as plants. Being able to loan books is important because it means we don't have to spend money buying them and storing them in our home plus it reduces waste.

I check out books every week. I use the website to reserve books I want and then browse when I get there and pick a few more. I also come to lecture series whenever they have an author I like.

Books

Returned books and checked out others.

Love the babies in bloom programs with my grandson

Borrowing books and taking pre-school grandchildren to children area.

Libraries are important community builders and access to a wide variety of books and programs (and valid sources) is critical

For computer and resume services

I used the free Wi-Fi and the computers in the library.

Picked up books ordered online, browsed and checked out other books, played with child in kids area

I read a couple of their books and was able to finish my essay for school.

i checked out some books but i remember as a kid renting movies.

Used community meeting rooms, used photocopy equipment, researched local history.

Checked out digital books.

Check out books, use computers, print

We check out actual books and e books

Needed to do some research. Very positive experience at West County library.

Picking up and returning books I ordered online. I wish you had better Foreign Language (Mandarin, Korean) apps as I have to pay for lessons now

Research, meeting, voting

Borrowed books. Got COVID masks

Regularly check out books. Have used free museum passes. Have performed with my chorus at the library

Go to our local library weekly to check out books, movies, and CDs. My children also attend weekly Library classes. Having a free and safe space to attend with children on a regular basis is absolutely crucial.

Children's programs professionally, personal enrichment personally.

Love my Libby!

To check out books for my book club

I've used the library ILL services to obtain journal articles for my job. My federal agency ended our journal subscriptions, so ILL is how I can best keep up-to-date on research in my field.

Mainly to search for new books. As a quiet place to relax, enjoy the plants.

My daughter and I check out books at least weekly and she is a volunteer at the Crofton library branch.

We know many of the library staff personally, and we know many library staff at other branches as well. It is an integral cog in our daily lives.

I use the catalog online almost daily. I go to the library to check out books and movies frequently. I use Libby frequently, and I know Kanopy exists, but I do not use it often. I am happy I can get magazines online if I want them. And I am thrilled The Atlantic is now available to read on the library's website.

I use the library multiple times a month. I use it to check out children's books, let the kids play, take them to story time programs, check out launch pads, play abc mouse, get covid tests, pick up books on hold. I sometimes use the quiet spaces to work. I love the library.

Check out books and movies

Books, copiers, printers

I used the quiet work area during telework because I lack a quiet area at home. I also checked out books about my hobbies.

It is a safe place where my children can play and learn while I socialize with friends. We can access information about all of their growing and ever-changing interests.

I use the library to check out books and like that video games are an option too

Take my kids there to play. Check out physical books.

I used them by taking my neighbor to the library to get her access to books in order to further her interest in reading

Checking out books and ebooks through Libby.

Checked out physical books and DVDs

Honestly, have checked out e-books.

Teen programs and adults books

Browse materials and check them out for myself. Pickup holds. Took my child to a storytime and play zone. Participated in an in person book club.

I primarily use the library to check out physical books.

I've used the library primarily for checking out materials in person and digitally. It is been an invaluable space for entertaining kids in the summertime and for researching topics that are important to me. I've tried to use the library of things, but the objects I was interested in were not available.

Children activities with grandchildren

I obtained a new library card

my daughter loves going to get books and the odenton and crofton branches have great kids sections

Lately just checking out books. I'm a fast reader and go through quite a few.

At home downloading on my kindle.

Borrowed hard covered books

i am a senior citizen & I am an avid reader & enjoy taking advantage of the library.

I checked out books for a project. I used a personal cubicle to work in a quiet space.

I'm using the online databases as a research resource as I'm pursuing a masters degree. I also check out books/ebooks for research or reading pleasure.

To conduct research on community forums and prepare personal documents

I mainly used it to check out physical media rather than to purchase. Even with that being my only use of the service, I understand the need for these spaces for others. Specifically, the libraries serve as bus stops for kids in magnet programs I teach for. These kids need a safe space to go to while waiting for rides, and we already have a significant lack of tertiary spaces for teens and kids alike.

I love to checkout books, use the computer, take my niece and nephew you to children's programs

Library computers, and for early voting:

Checked out books and movies, used the copier, attended programs and used the quiet rooms to study.

Brought kids to visit library to find and check out books

Checking out books and using their computers to do work for school

I often use Libby to download audio books since that's been my primary reading model for the last few years. I also have been borrowing books for a children's reading group I'm leading.

Coming in, talking with friends, and then finding a new book and checking it out

helping student on a project

Used as a work space out of the house and I find perusing the library an enjoyable way to research with physical books / media sometimes over online resources

I went to get library books and i use ebooks on my phone to be able to have access to books easily.

Sit and stitch events

I attended a Homeowners Association meeting in the Library conference room.

To check out a book

I check out about 4-6 books or DVDs per month using the on-line reserving system. I also utilize the on-line downloading & copying services about once a month.

Checked out books for pleasure.

I regularly check out books to read

Computer searches for travel, checking out and returning books

I read books online thru library card

For book or cd rentals

I have used the library to do research on flowers, artists and have taken my granddaughters to classes there in the summer.

Take out books for kids

books and ebooks

I checked out books and movies plus asked the librarian to help me use the library site more efficiently. I've also used the library to order books for me that aren't already in our local or marina system.

Research and workshops

Took my kids to neurodiverse story time and checked out books for them and myself!

I have taken my grandchildren to programs, but they are in school now. I check out books and have conducted Marina searches for materials the system doesn't have. I've attended a few adult programs.

Returned books that I read and picked up some books that were on hold for me.

Place books on hold, come to branch for pickup

Checking out books & ebooks, accessing consumer reports & online newspapers

Attended an early reader book club with my child, and checked out physical books. Also borrow audiobooks weekly.

We attended story time twice and also did Crayon Palooza. We also met up with school tutors.

I have children and we attend frequently for educational and socialization purposes

Borrowed books, took grandchildren to programs

Reserved books for my aged mom and myself friendly staff

borrow and return books, picked up community information material
 I primarily use the library for checking out books - both physical and electronic.
 Mostly story time and playtime with a three year-old, and kindle/libby for borrowing a TON of books
 I frequently check out eBooks, and I sometimes check out physical books. Library services are very important to me and the community
 To pick up reserved books, took a course
 Teen programing, checking out books and movies and using meeting rooms.
 Borrowed books in person or audiobooks through the app
 I checked out books that I used for research, for pleasure, and for reading to my children. My adult daughter with special needs worked on a jigsaw puzzle and got to interact with library patrons and staff.
 My daughter meets her tutor there and we check out books.
 I generally borrow books - on average, 50-60 books a year
 Using meeting rooms or attending a library programming event.
 I mostly borrow books, music, and movies, but also attend events at the library.
 checked out books and magazines, and looked for applicable events
 Used meeting room for HOA meeting; borrowed books
 Checked out books; relied on librarian for information
 I have an audio book all the time. I live for them! I also check out regular books. I pick what I want, put it on hold and come retrieve them when they become available.
 Check out books.
 I use Libby every day and check out physical books at least once a month. I've also received help from librarians about new technology available.
 renting books for my kids and having a quiet workspace for myself
 I have worked in the library, had tutoring sessions and checked out books and DVDs
 I Mostly listen to books on Libby. I occasionally check out physical books. My community holds community meetings there.
 I often check out movies and am sad to see the collection seems to be dwindling.
 Checking out physical books and audiobooks
 Checked out books, met with my Girl Scout troop, and used the computers for quick research
 picking up/dropping off books and movies. More often, I am borrowing through Libby.
 checking books; tax forms; covid tests
 Borrowed physical and digital copies of books
 Picking up books on hold
 checking out books for myself and my children
 We love going to Preschool Storytime at Broadneck Library. I especially love that it is offered during the week outside of normal work hours. We also hit up the play area before hand and read a few kids books.
 Earlier this morning, I used the Libby app to listen to books. I love you all. I have been using this app almost daily but I still go to the library weekly
 Picked up requested books... browsed the collection
 Used e-books and magazines and hard book check outs. Saves me lots of money, especially on my book club reading.
 I go to the library multiple times a week to check out books, and I attend adult programs at the County branches (yoga nidra, meditation, talks)
 Checking out books, meeting friends, audiobooks and Kanopy, community interaction.
 I use Libby all the time

My primary use is Libby and checking out books electronically.
 I borrow books - usually I have to resort to Marina because our library DOES NOT have a strong collection.
 In fact, the Busch Library is embarrassingly weak in its lack of classics and other books.
 Research capabilities very limited. Why the libraries are not connected into the UMD system and other colleges and universities is beyond me. Why do have to go in person to UMCP library. Very, very frustrating. Also, there is too little quiet areas in the library.
 I mostly use the library as a study/work space while waiting for my daughter. The reduction in books in my local library means that I used to love browsing for new selections. That isn't possible or worthwhile anymore as there are very few books on the shelves. I do occasionally request books but I find the online catalog limited.
 Attended Trans Visibility event last week
 Selecting books. And research
 I love the library. Thank you for continuing to have LGbTQ+ books. Librarians always do helpful, great vibe.
 Checked out books to read.
 My genealogy group regularly meets at the Severn Library.
 Used computers, did research, studied, borrowed books
 Study the library's capacity to inform non profits about grant opportunities.
 I tutor a student trying to get her GED there weekly and check out reading materials frequently
 I regularly check out books.
 Check out books. Meeting room. To vote.
 Excellent; an essential resource to the public.
 I use the e-resources all of the time. The library is so very important to my professional and personal well being.
 Used meeting space. However, it has become harder and harder to use the meeting spaces in the libraries
 I enjoy checking out bills and movies, and using the play area with my children
 Story hour for grandchildren. Borrowing books.
 I frequently checked out books before returning to audio books.
 Checked out books & DVDs from AACPL & Marina (other counties have more intelligent and cultured collections of films than we do; why?); used films, e-books and audio books from Kanopy and Hoopla; used music from Naxos; Consumer Reports & other periodicals online.
 Librarians have helped me to find good graphic novels for a teenager, and introduced me to their ability to find books outside the AACPL system through Marina.
 to find and check out books
 Study, research, wifi, quiet
 I have used libraries to check out books, obtain covid tests and masks, use a study space, and coordinate a group project within the last month
 I check out books all the time from the E library
 I went to a public meeting but mostly I use it for book checkout.
 Mostly online to reserve books and in person to return. Often to browse books to find one I might not have known about.
 We used the space for community meetings. At times, I jumped onto the wifi from the parking lot.
 Enjoy looking at all the books and finding those that are of particular interest.
 I attended a meeting about literacy.

I regularly read librarians' book reviews on the library website, check out books, and put books on hold to check out later once they become available. In the past I have also used library computers and Wi-Fi, and have met with students for adult literacy and math tutoring.

Attended a community learning session of Save Our Trees.

Mostly research.

Used for quiet working space.

My son likes to go to the library after school with friends. My other son met his tutor there after school for more than a year.

Downloaded ebooks and emagazines

Online borrowing

checked out audiobooks and movies; used meeting rooms for neighborhood & club gatherings; checked out physical book

Children's events- Babies in Bloom

To obtain a book on hold for me

I attend monthly events and check out books

I recently went to a concert offered in Annapolis. I always check out books and read daily. I have used magazines to make buying decisions. I use library resources online to read the local newspaper "The Capitol" because it is too expensive to have sent to my home anymore.

I attend meeting at our local libraries.

Attended meetings

I use the online services as well as visit local library each week to check out materials, utilize the WiFi, read magazines and newspapers, use the copier and on occasion attend events. Love our library system.

Attend meetings

Meetings

I checked out books, used databases to research family history and the history of Annapolis, read articles from The Atlantic and The Baltimore Banner (I don't have a personal subscription, so rely on the library for access).

Picked up books and dad's, download audiobooks.

I use ebooks almost exclusively

I'm new to the area and was searching for an evening book club; sad none are available in my area.

I use the free printing frequently

Checked out physical and ebooks

Check out reading materials Held Save Our Trees events on multiple occasions. In fact the meeting rooms are very busy and hard to book in the evenings.....which is a good thing!!

Borrowing books and other materials

My daughter attended teen night this week, I checked out a book

Storytime with my granddaughter

Book borrowing

I bring my children but I use it for. Myself online a lot and we use audiobooks for the whole family constantly

Checked out books; used Libby for audio books

Wanted specific books and came in to request them. They had to send away for half of them... but the ones they had there I left with. They emailed or texted me when they came in.

I check out books on a regular basis. I also use the library for community meetings and gatherings

We love the children's story time, and picking out new books for both myself and my kids.

I used the library to search for cookbooks and to check them out.
 Picked up a book to read
 Online books. Reserved meeting room
 Book loans, use of meeting space
 I check out books to read. I am appalled at the few books available on the shelves! Wandering around library shelves introduced me to some of the finest literature in the world!
 Although I don't use most of the services offered, I believe they are critical to the community. The Busch Library staff has been extremely helpful.
 Put a book on reserve and use Libby audiobooks
 Space to work remotely
 Books, meeting rooms
 To check out books. My husband/myself there once a week
 Children and adults in our family often check out audiobooks and use interlibrary loan services.
 Borrowing books, audiobooks, tutoring student(s) and scanning of documents.
 I have mostly been using Libby lately to check out ebooks and eaudiobooks, but have also used the library to donate puzzles for community use and have used their free access to Rosetta Stone and Mango to learn languages. I have also used their access to Candid for grant research.
 Use of public computers sometimes, since I don't have printer at home. Often use the wireless printing service. I place holds/check out many books. I attend programs and public meetings held in the meeting rooms. I occasionally use the space for undistracted reading or paper work sorting, as I live in a small apartment and like the peace and atmosphere the library provides.
 Took 3 of our grandchildren to play with the toys and checkout books.
 Used Libby to get recorded books
 Checking out books that I had put on reserve.
 attended Ann Glenn's film series; checked out books; attended workshops (the one on Deaf communication at the Glen Burnie library was FANTASTIC); picked up free books and shared them with friends; loved picking up free handouts; enjoy reading libraries monthly activity schedule; won't buy any merch but like that it's available
 Research on local history and checking out material
 Borrowed books. used books,used meeeting room
 Hold shelf and self check out.
 Books and Libby
 Checking out books, audio books, magazines, exercise DVD's, etc. Using Consumer Reports to research an item I'm interested in purchasing. Use of computers. Have attended meetings/activities. Utilizing knowledge of librarians working at the desk -- their research skills are fantastic!
 Used meeting rooms, borrowed books digitally
 Checking out books weekly, attending events several times a month, meeting friends weekly, rainy day activity for kids monthly.
 Used Libby to check out and read books, use reading area to access and read national newspapers and magazines
 I went to the library to read in the quiet room while I had car service done, and I went to a county presentation in a library meeting room. I also checked out travel books to prepare for a trip.
 Check out books - fiction and non fiction
 I reserve and check out physical and e-books very often, I occasionally use Kanopy to find movies I can't stream, and I love to attend social events like brewery fundraisers for the library.

book browsing/borrowing, memory lab, meeting space

Club meeting

visit to branches to check out books and pick up ordered books

Mainly books, but also access to national publications like the Atlantic and New York Times

Check out books, receive book recommendations from librarians to support students/clients, use printing services

Helped with finding books and putting on list to obtain them. Also just returned books

The free puzzle exchange and I'm learning a lot to unskill using LinkedIn learning! It helped me get a job i also love checking out books - not enough older young professional groups though - no book club for this group for example and it's only at weird hours we need more things 5-9pm after work

To pick up books, use children's programming, and adult programming (Thank you for the Trans event in Glen Burnie!)

Books, DVDs, online holds

The librarians helped me with research and with learning library online apps.

Borrowed books. Used staff help for research.

Community mtgs, pick up books on hold, quiet place to read, bring grand children to select books and play in kid area

Audiobooks, kindle books

Meeting space, checking out books

Asked a librarian for help finding and old newspaper article; ordered an out of print book.

I tutor weekly and use the study rooms

meetings and checking out books

Checked out books; weekly mentoring meeeting

Used the AARP Tax Service-Very helpful saved me money during tax season. Enjoy reading magazines in the library. Enjoy browsing new books and viewing any art displays on the walls.

Browse the shelves, attend meetings and events

Picking up a "hold" book or periodical. Browsing books, reading, and enjoying the community space.

Learning about the maker space with a volunteer who helped me learn how to set up a sewing machine.

Worked on a challenging writing project in the peace of one of the quiet rooms.

Used a meeting room Borrowed books for family members of various ages

Use their book lending on a weekly basis, have used their research tools such as Consumer Report, and hope to use their lending of museum passes in the next few weeks.

meeting space

Check our books

Used the meeting room for election discussions and often took out books.

Attended a presentation on gun safety in one of their rooms.

Check out books and get COVID tests

To Study

Primarily I go to the library to checkout and return materials. I visit at least once a week.

IN PERSON ACCESS BOOKS AND RESEARCH

LOOKING FOR STUDY BOOKS FOR SCHOOL

Borrowed books and read magazines in person and online. Watched movies online. Did research. Used the Quiet Room to write.

To checkout books

Attend meetings and training sessions

Access to printers/fax machine, checking out books and using wifi.
 went into the library to access their ancestry database; attended events at the library; participated in virtual events sponsored by the library
 Training programs., community meetings, research using library computers
 I use Libby daily to access audio and e-books. I occasionally go to libraries to utilize it as a third-space and for a change of scenery in my remote work.
 I spend a lot of time in the library studying and using their study rooms to focus on doing schoolwork
 Digital media conversion, group meetings, lending books and ebooks
 Space to plan in a calm environment
 We have used the play areas and checked out books. I have also checked out ebooks and audiobooks.
 Visit with grandchild; access ebooks via Libby
 To check out books and attend events
 Used Consumer Reports and participated in Library-sponsored movie and book discussions.
 The main library service I use on a weekly basis is renting books.
 searching for/checking out books; assistance with a library related activity
 I have taken my son to the Edgewater branch to read and play. We have also attended in-person events.
 The primary way that I use the library is that I put physical books on hold and then go to the library to pick them up.
 Used them to get work done and communicate with friends
 Meeting room
 Adult Book Club meetings, checking out books, returning books, making copies, printing.
 Borrowed ebooks through Libby, watched movies through Kanopy, checked out physical books at Crofton library
 borrowing books, meeting room,
 I have had times when my Internet didn't work (or my computer wasn't working).I used the computers to do necessary work. I have also used the copy machines. I have attended meetings in the meeting rooms.
 Checked out books, used foundation/fundraising applications
 Grant reseach, events, use soft wear borrow books
 Took my own computer to do telework when my neighborhood's power was out. Also used access to some databases via the Library's system.
 Ch cold out books
 To order books that were unavailable
 I get books from the library weekly or more often. Attend adult events and would be lost without my AACL.
 HAVE HAD A AACL CARD FOR 64 YEARS.
 Checking out boiks
 I use the online service to reserve materials like books and videos and pick them up in person
 requesting and checking out books
 Borrowed books, movies
 I mostly use the library for checking out books at the moment. But I love that there are opportunities for me to use it as a way to connect with other people, hold/attend meetings, find information and get help
 Attending kids events run by the librarian (specifically DnD for kids), borrowing books
 Picked up books on hold and browsed shelves
 To check out books, attend community meetings, participate in an event
 I visited to attend a program the library was kindly sponsoring, to check out books, and to drop off a note of thanks and a small token of thanks (sweets) for our wonderful library team.

I checked out books and i attended a group craft program.

I primarily use the library for book services and occasionally for museum passes.

Checked out books. Brought my granddaughter to a children's program and let her spend time in the play area.

Checked out books, tutored a student weekly, attend programs in a meeting room.

check out books and attend musical event

Borrowed books from the county and through interlibrary loan, attended multiple events this month, attend the farmers market at Crofton, borrowed ebooks, borrowed a museum pass.

I attended a book club meeting run by one of the librarians

Checked out books and dropped off art supplies/donation

I utilize digital services all the time, including Kanopy and creative bug.

I mostly check out books for my personal reading or to use in my classroom.

I use computers for creating documents, check out both physical and ebooks, fax and scan important documents and use the WiFi. The audiobooks through Libby are a life saver for me. I could not afford to have them if I used a paid service. I would be choosing between food and this enjoyment.

Use libby daily, my preschool daughter uses ABC mouse and loves to go to the library to check out books that have the preschool tag on them and complete the scavenger hunts!, check out library books

Access to printing is very important and 10 free pages a day is a huge help. I check out books very frequently and go to programs that interest me

Borrowing books, attended meetings (I just moved to the area)

I used to use the meeting rooms until they shortened the hours. Now it is impossible to reserve one in the evening. I wish they would go back to letting you go to 8:45 or 8:30. Our condo regime used the library for quarterly meetings. My book club did also. But the hours are too short. I also think the library should have some limit on how many books can be checked out at one time. I see people getting 50 books at one time— that's ridiculous.

I am a novelist and frequently use the library's Inter-library loan service, and Marina to locate rare and out of print books for my research. I LOVE this service! I always receive my requests quickly and usually have lots of time to use the materials.

Libraries were very well kept: very neat and clean. Library staff was polite and helpful. I've never had a bad experience while at the Anne Arundel Libraries

Often we attend for kindergarten readiness and stay to check out books for the kids or myself and my spouse

I have checked out physical and e-books for entertainment purposes and self improvement. I have a child in school so we do a lot of reading as well.

Historic research

ILL for research

I check out books and audiobooks through Libby often. I meet a student weekly at the Annapolis library.

Checking out books in person and online, using the mango language website

Checked out books and CDs. Often use the online website to locate/reserve materials

Borrowed books and asked librarian for recommendations

I mostly use the library for checking out physical materials. When my son was younger we frequented many of the early learning programs for toddlers and young children.

I usually reserve books in advance and go to the library to pick them up.

Libby, Brought kids to play, check out books, story time

Frequently check out books and movies. Occasionally use computers for research Occasionally use library space as quiet area for work

Met with a coworker to work on a project, plant club, media lab, renting books
 Checked out books, both online and in person. Ordered books from the marina system. Accessed magazines through Libby.
 Checkout materials, children's programming
 Holds and loans, out-of-county loans, e-books, checking out physical books.
 Children's programs with my grandchildren. Library sponsored community events. Checked out material
 I browsed the collection to find children's music CDs to check out.
 I check out books regularly, both kinds. I have used language learning, Kanopy, and other things.
 Got tax documents, used ancestry
 I used the library to meet a friend. I like to browse the shelves.
 Checking out books for the grandkids.
 checking out books, doing research
 I received help obtaining ebooks. The librarians walked me through the process and made sure I could do it independently.
 I was able to checkout books for a reasonable time and easy access to return books with book drops
 Computer and printer
 For enhancing my reading experience
 Browsing books in person
 I participated in a protest poster-making party for the April 5th demonstration in DC with my local resistance group. I gave a talk on my recently published book at the library's invitation.
 We have very competent, friendly staff! Thank you.
 Used computer to check emails and print information/forms.
 Used the computers and checked out books
 Love getting books. Can order online and get "hold" and pick up at convenient library
 Tax prep services, used a meeting room, checked out books
 Preschool story time, checked out books
 I used the printer
 I checked out books and used library computers.
 Used a study room. Checked out books and movies.
 Nicely
 Kinda just hung out.
 checked out book before buying own copy; referred friends to resources available at the library
 In person
 I usually request a book via online and pick it up when it comes in
 School purposes, using technology and printers. Meeting with study groups.
 I checked out books.
 I used my library card to get a book. I also used the wifi and books to study.
 Story times, childrens play area, borrowed physical books, borrowed DVD. Use libby for ebooks
 Obsessively
 I attend many library sponsored activities and use the library for community meetings.
 I was regularly in the library before the pandemic--even volunteered. I've done a craft evening and mostly have rented books. Last November I picked up the Women's League of Voters reference for the election
 I love the library!

I used it for school research. Checking out books for both pleasure and work. I often go there to focus on my online classes. When I've lived in other areas, I've participated in library programs. I also voted in the 2024 presidential election at my local library.

I used the computers to make my resume and start job searching and applying. I also placed a book I've been wanting to read on hold.

Acquired books for college research and personal development.

Research, studying with friends

scheduling conflicts have left me unable to attend library events recently - have been borrowing physical books & books via libby

Borrow digital books and pick up books I have reserved online

Just to do my homework in a different environment.

Met up with friends, studied and checked out books.

Meeting space, community-based education, personal learning.

Memory lab, books, movies, magazines, digital books, databases

Borrowing books, getting IRS DOCUMENTS, MARYLAND TAX DOCUMENTS, MOVIES, using the computer and printer, attending group meetings, reading ebooks and emagazines.

Public third-space to read, find new reading materials and local events.

See above

Learning to use a sewing machine

Babies in bloom toddler time baby yoga getting a constant new rotating supply of board books. I also use libby app constantly. Would like to know how to borrow a ukulele and museum passes.

I typically check out books, but have used the meeting rooms extensively

Computer use and printing documents

I checked out books

Preparing for a once in a lifetime trip. Using the meeting rooms for important environmental meetings.

Using the meeting room for a mini recital in an Open Mic night. Over the years, practically living at the Libraries with grandchildren. Having my Grandson help me transfer important VHS tapea into digital form. Puzzle table. I love books and movies! Just talking with my BELOVED LIBRARIANS!! They have

become like family to us. Help with computer problems. Tax and legal question days and nights. Presentations. Family events. Copy machine for my work. On and on

I regularly check out (and read) books. I often place holds and occasionally browse the stacks.

Kids love the library! Checkout books, play with friends. Live to have ebook options.

Request books and DVDs online for pick up at our local branch. Attended virtual and in-person events for adults and teens. Read Baltimore Banner online for free. Accessed employment resources online.

I use the online services frequently. Especially for books that I just want to skim. I go to the physical library to help concentrate on studying and working out of my house.

library does why too much outside its charter that is if it has one, the county exec is really the one responsible for everything at the library the board is basically his surrogates. someday and I will vote for a county exec who clearly defines the charter and stops all the crap like spending my tax money on freaking music instruments and fishing poles, fishing poles what a freaking crock! Buy books! extend your hours!

Children programs

Checked out items, used Wi-Fi, viewed periodicals

Routinely to check out ebooks and to check out DVD and hardcover book\

checked out books -took grandchildren tp play time

Libby for recorded books. Consumer Reports for research.

Picking up books that were on hold.
 Used the video copying equipment
 Audiobooks, Tax info, travel info.
 Books, libby, programs
 Went to discussions.
 Returned books for my wife. Attended a meeting that was set up by someone else.
 Checking out books and DVD movies
 Covid test , Vote
 Research, study spaces, wifi
 Book checkout is always fast and efficient.
 I've recently used the library's programs for children, Kanopy, attended a community event there, and read a magazine while there. (i.e. I didn't check it out of the library).
 I check out ebooks regularly and bring grandkids to the library to keep them busy.
 Love books and access to them.
 Meeting room for community meeting
 Borrow books
 Used the video coping computer/ software.
 Meet for business discussion
 On average, I check out one book and one DVD per week. I don't own my own printer, so all my printing happens at the library.
 Read papers and check out books
 I have checked out books.
 I use the Libby service non stop
 reading newspapers, borrowing books and DVDs
 Consumer research before conducting purchases.
 Pick up books and print out items from my email
 Computer use, checked out hotspot and chrome book
 The restricted hours make use hard. The lack of Adult or higher learning level materials make the library a glorified childcare. The lack of real math, science, and financial items at a higher scholastic level make honest factual research more difficult.
 Using the library to borrow books i didn't want to spend the money to buy or couldn't readily locate to buy, and DVDs of movies and TV shows i didn't own and couldn't access via streaming.
 I used them to print papers.
 I had a long commute prior to retiring and regularly checked out recorded books to make more pleasant and informative use of my driving time. I still appreciate the availability of excellent book for loan.
 computer usage for printing and scanning services
 Rarely
 Reasearch
 I used them to check out a book for personal reading
 Not sure I feel libraries have same vision of above after the witnessing of a recent LGBT event/ protest at N. County Branch and hearing stories of it becoming a homeless shelter and staff being threatened with being fired for taking exception to such non conforming behavior in library environment as it is endorsed by County Exec.

hotspots, not all us have internet at home- I dont. Of course at a cost, had to go to Brooklyn park because of the discriminatory library policy that they can only be checked out there - inclusive not AACPL. Second was use the printing service in library from in library computers. Of course cant print color pages, cant print legal size library policy no just incompetent IT support and library policy not to hold them accountable for providing support. Everything at the library comes at a cost and in every instance doesn't have to be that way, the ones managing the library just don't give a crap.

Used the ILL to obtain hard to find & loan books from other library systems via access to Marina & WorldCat

reserving books

Checked out books and dvd's

Checking out books and audiobooks.

Physical books

Access to computer

Use hold service a lot. Very convenient.

To borrow books. I also use the Libby app.

Reading, checking out books, using Kids play area

Physical book checkouts

Meeting rooms for Community Meetings for new developments

Borrowing books and attending events with my kids

Book checkout, research

I used to go to the library to read. Newspapers and magazines They have cut back so much on the magazines and newspapers. It's not worth going anymore

The library system is absolutely fabulous! We are so fortunate to have such a stellar library system. just to study and check out books

picking up books, using meeting room for community meeting

attended seminars on financial planning

Used the play and children's education areas for my granddaughters.

I have recently borrowed several books, used a computer and used the wi-fi for internet browsing/research using my personal computer.

Meetings, seminars

Libraries are as important to a community as police and fire

Checked out books for my kids to read so we didn't have to buy them on Amazon or Barnes and Nobel.

Simply checking out books

Borrow books, and eBooks

Copying and faxing materials and checking out books to read

Research for job, checked out audiobooks when traveling, pleasure and self growth reading

Research and ebooks

I keep forgetting all that the library has to offer. I need to make looking at the library my first option when looking for anything to read, listen to, and learn.

pick up and return books

Research and interacting with grandchild

Was assisted in finding books outside the AACPL system

monthly meeting, but difficult to schedule around others

To research for books which carry information I want/need, finding sources for entertainment, and having a quiet place to read and learn.

My most recent library visit was to use the computers / printers to complete my federal and state taxes. Library services such as reading books, borrowing dvd's, and streaming Kanopy are my favorite ways to seek entertainment and learn about new things.

On line, canopy, libby

Check out books on cds. Unfortunately, the selection of books on cd media is getting sparse.

Help from librarians obtaining books from marina, help assembling black eyed Susan award books to review/read, pick up books on hold. And constantly use Libby for audiobooks.

The last few times I've used the library in person, it was too check out books and to use the fax machine since it's 2025 and I don't own a fax machine at home.

checked out books..used copy machine..used computer..bought discontinued books.

Play dates, book checkout, attended programs run by library staff, after school for homework

I pick up books ordered online.

I frequently borrow ebooks but also take my grandchildren there for actives and to borrow physical books.

We've also attended some activities for elementary age kids.

I take my granddaughter to the library to socialize with other children. We read books and check out books to take home. While we don't use the computers now because she is too young, I see that this is a very valuable and well used service for others.

Borrowed books for my grandchildren in English as they live in Italy and cannot always get English books which they enjoy. Borrow books for myself for my book club.

Book checkout; borrowed magazines online

I get audiobooks and ebooks A LOT.

Just checking out fiction or nonfiction for recreational reading

Brought in a family member for a book

Checked out books that I had on hold & looking around for new books.

I use library services to listen to audiobooks on Libby and to learn Italian through Mango.

checked out books that I had put on hold

to check out books

I love the community programs like line dancing and paint nights.

I'm person with the assistance of library personnel I love our library it's a warm place that encourages reading in various formats friendly staff

Checking out books, using computer, using printer.

Checking out books, self help materials, etc.

Helpful, pleasant librarians.

I read periodicals and newspapers

I use Libby app very often

Checked out books I had ordered.

Printer services. Checking new books and also in large type. Read digital newspapers.

Read newspapers and magazines

I usually borrow ebooks - haven't actually visited the library in years

Attended county meetings held at library

We checked out books.

Checked out fiction books. Some were transported here from other libraries

Copiers, printers, computer, checking out books, quiet place to relax

I use the online services available
 Physical book lending. Children's areas
 books, ebooks, movies, tv shows
 On line services , fax, meeting room
 My 14 year old daughter uses the library all the time.
 I used library computers, reactivated my library card, and asked and learned how to use some library skill building and training databases
 checked out children's books for my granddaughter
 I check out books and use Marina interlibrary loan.
 I constantly use the audiobooks the library offers. During the summer my family makes use of the physical books.
 Kids play area, checking out books and movies.
 getting books
 Mountain Road library doesn't offer enough community-minded events for adults and teens since moving to the incredibly smaller space in the Lake Shore Plaza.
 Actually the last time I visited a library was to vote.
 Attended book club, check out ebooks for kindle often
 Obtained recommendations for books and DVDs for exercising. Checked out materials; requested materials from other libraries
 Checked out books and attended a yoga class
 Attended a kid educational event, placed holds to pick up books and dvds.
 Just checking out books
 Lately checking out lots of books for me and my husband.
 Assisted my son with his National History Day project, as well as finding audio book versions of books he reads at school as he has a reading delay and the audio books allows him to process information faster.
 Books on hold, meeting rooms, books from other libraries.
 Granddaughter and I go once a month to get books for bedtime reading & to play with toys provided & to interact with other children & caretakers
 The wokeness has caused me stress as I feel like they force you to accept rainbow and trans and so I don't bring my grandson there anymore and I just continue to use for books and movies
 Picked up books that were ordered online.
 I didnt appreciate the Democrat, far left agenda being pushed
 Checked out physical books, browsed offerings
 I reserved my books online& picked them up when notified they were at the branch requested.
 I checked out books via Marina, attended an art program with my best friend, researched trip planning on a library computer, and obtained literature on current events from the library.
 Summer reading program.
 Usually I'm there to pick up books on hold and let my kids browse. Occasionally we meet up with other homeschoolers there.
 checkout books
 Barrowed books for my kid
 I grade work and sometimes research information.
 Using computer to research ancestry that's not available at home. Looking at books and sources in person, taking the time in the library rather than taking them home especially when only needed a quick review.

Explored shelves to find books for my 7 and 9 year old boys. Picked up books on hold for me. Love the interlibrary loan program

Went in to get some information. Found a few books that helped.

I brought my grandchildren and picked out books together.

Preschool program, borrowing books, playing with tablets and kid toys

Research consumer reports for purchases. Placed books on hold and ease of renewal.

Check out books, attend baby storytime

I have young kids so we use the play spaces and attend events like storytime or free play time on occasion, and like to check out kids books. I frequently check out ebooks for myself.

No access to printer/copier so we use the library.

Check out books with my kids. But that stops now that they continue to push trans stuff onto our kids.

Leave kids alone

Checked out blocks, attended chess club

Borrowing books and using printing services

Checking out books and using the conference room

Borrowing audiobooks and books

check out books, return books

Most the time, I use the library as a Passover period from school. Days I need to stay late for a school event ill stay at the library until I'm needed back at school.

Getting books computer services. Yoga class

Preschool programs

Checkout physical books weekly. Attend kindergarten readiness classes with my child. Use the study spaces for homeschool.

Checking out books.

Utilized online resources and have checked out books for school related research

I put books on hold and come in long enough to pick them up. I used to love to bring my children to peruse the shelves and attend library programming, but you've gotten so out of control pushing LGBTQIA+ indoctrination on children (both in the books showcased in prominent positions on your shelves and in your programming) that I simply don't trust you anymore. I also no longer donate to the library.

Only to pick up books. Unfortunately, the library's emphasis on LGBTQ publicly in the library makes it an unwelcoming environment to bring my children. You also rarely have the good books that we're looking for. Therefore, I almost always just put books on hold. We used to love going to the library, but it has become a politically left leaning place. Sad.

I check books out frequently and I love that my daughter goes there for family bingo on occasion. And I certainly appreciate all the offerings listed above for others who do use those services.

Helpful, convenient

Voting, kid's research papers, struts room

I requested books from other libraries.

For my grandson

Checking out books and browsing the library materials.

I usually only check out books.

Take my son to support his reading

check out books. my daughter meets her tutor there

Checked out books and films on DVD

Looked up topics

Brought my child
 Checking out books!
 Research and study space
 Checked out a book.
 Borrowing books
 Found books to read and checked them out
 Picking up or returning books or dvds
 Book checkout
 Checking out or returning books
 Two check out or rerun books and dvds
 Checking out books for research
 The librarian helped me find some children's books on a special topic.
 Pick up holds, browse the stacks. However, when I had small children we loved all the library programs especially all the summer events.
 Check out books and play area
 Checking out books and attending children's programs
 to check out books for my elementary age son
 I take out 6 books at a time and when I'm done I return them and get 6 more. I am particularly happy that I can keep the books for a few more days without fines
 Kids play area and checking out books.
 checked out a book; attended adult computer education classes; accessed library online to conduct research and genealogy
 Checking out books and movies. Using the internet and printer services. The library of things - A friend was able to borrow a device that helped their child (with a physical handicap) experience the outdoors.
 not sure
 Last time I used there services i used wifi and it was a dire need . It's important to have access to this and to have many more wifi hotspots.
 Was accused of. Returning a book with water damage & its consequences although checking alleged damage with personnel present could find no evidence therefore not allowing access to checking out books unless I paid the fine of the cost of a new paperback for a book that was simply showing it's age for a popular book.
 I checked out a hard copy of a book needed for a class taken this past semester.
 I reserve my books online and then go into the branch to pick them up. This is very convenient. I can check them out on the app on my cell phone. I also go to peruse the offerings and find new things I like to read, see, or use. The library has been my lifeline and I'm a lifelong resident. I've used it all my life.
 Reserved a book I wanted to read
 reserved a book
 checking out books and ebooks
 Checked out books, movies, and DVDs
 Hosting breastfeeding support meetings and meeting with Medicaid clients to provide Doula support.
 Check out books, scan library offerings.
 To get books the purpose of libraries, not trans, gay, molestation of little innocent children
 Attended a community event
 The last few times I went to the library were to check out a book to read for personal interests.

Check out books and materials.

Audio Books and Periodicals vis Libby app.

Took out books.

Lately i've been only checking out books to read, but I do highly value this. I love my local library and appreciate it's services!

WIFI access for work while waiting to go elsewhere

Children's area and checking out books mostly, including ebooks

Voted or did research.

Typically use library services in another county other than Anne Arundel.

Printing , checked out physical books and e books,

checking out books and i use Libby app every day for audiobooks

Used their wifi to work on my computer

checked out a book

I always bring my 2 preschool aged kids to the programs twice a week, and I usually have atleast 1 book checked out at all times. I use the computer and printing services very frequently as well.

Checking out books and using their printer.

Mostly to checkout books and use language learning apps for homeschool purposes

I used these services to expand the knowledge of my child in a safe space and the library created a meeting place for myself and other families. My child is an avid reader and appreciates the books as well as play areas, and activities that the public libraries offer. She has the highest literacy level of her entire grade and this isn't solely from my attentiveness but also a credit to the libraries, the programs, and accessibility of opportunities.

Checking out physical books

I check out a lot of books from the library. Practically every single book I read is from the library. I've also gone to the library to study with my friend.

Research, checking out books

Picked up items on hold.

Brought my kids to play and check out books.

Very important

I was trying to use the computer to learn how to type faster.

doing research checking out books

Offended by social justice events.

checked out dvds and audiobook cds

found some good books to read

Checked out e-books; stopped in a library with a child to read on-site.

Audiobooks, tax forms.

Mainly to pickup and deliver books

I primarily use the library to source audio books for reading -- either by CDs or via Libby

I usually look for specific books - books I have learned about and that pique my interest. Then I browse to see what other books the library has. Sometimes I also sit and read a magazine or the newspaper. The library is surprisingly bad for classic books, i.e. not just things like Shakespeare, but famous or noteworthy books that happen to be older -- both fiction and non-fiction. (And my own view is that a lot of the current books I see are just not very good.)

Either attending meetings in the meeting room or checking out books/DVDs

While I myself don't really go to libraries for these services, I completely believe that they are necessary and required. I usually go with friends to talk about recent books we have read or to catch up with one another.

Got books to further my career

Checking out books I had put on hold.

I use program for adults, Teens, and Kids to engage teens in activities.

Mostly for getting personal books to check out.

Meeting rooms and research

Performed research, made low cost photo copies and prints, checked out books.

Checking out books and movies. Reading periodicals online.

Used computrrs and printers. Very useful to us as we don't have a home prinyer

Loaned books, children socialized in book clubs

Mainly to check out books or browse books

Mostly just to check out books.

DVDs, books, Fold3, Marina

Searching for and checking out books.

Internet access and passport application.

Reading magazines like National Geographic Consulting Consumer Reports Voted in library space

Children story time

Infrequently for self. Important to have for total population

I used Kanopy to watch a classic movie, and I used the reference desk to obtain an academic work from an out-of-state university library.

Research, write and work in quiet space, but not enough desks and older libraries don't have easy access to electricity.

I mostly use libraries solely to check out books or to research in the library itself.

Constantly used to get niche books on european and american history that you cant get other places.

Also wifi.

Use printer, explore online materials

I listen to audio books daily and obtain them through the Libby app and my local Anne Arundel Library card.

Take out e-books, occasionally read the newspapers online

I check out books. I would like to see more meeting space

The last time I used library services was to print out some documents. I have yet to check out books or participate in programs, but I plan to do so soon.

Primarily research and checking out books.

checked out books, had librarians help with research, used library computing resources

I only use the library for checking out books and movies. I chose the 'important' options because regardless of whether I use those services, I still find them important.

Checking out books, but primarily use the Libby app. Also used the work spaces for meetings

Went to educational events in the meeting room

Almost daily for reading

We used to use more children's services, but stopped attending when the creepy weirdos demanded access to our children to parade their own adult sexual fetishes. These days we grab books and go.

Ebooks, audiobooks, and Marina very much valued.

I discovered an interest in U.S. history during covid and have borrowed quite a few books since then.

Stop promoting DEI objectives.

Mostly research, fax, and copies.

Computer access

Pre order forthcoming novels then go and pick them up.

To check out physical media (books and cd's), to use public WIFI, as a dedicated work space when I didn't have one at home, and taking my family out for an activity night.

Donated books, software, etc.

Tutoring

My preschool age daughter goes there for playdates with her friends. We think the library is great.

As a paralegal student, majority of my work includes researching different legal topics. My local libraries allow me to conduct research in a quiet and safe environment. I have accessed Westlaw through library services. I also utilize the library to peer-review work I have completed.

I used the library as a safe space to unwind after a rough day, with the quiet environment. I sat in a corner and listened to music and crocheted, it was lovely.

My last visits involved getting my EV car charging set up, checking for new books/movies, finding a work space to do some research for work and/or personal hobby, and planning my activities for the next day/week.

i use to rent out a laptop with all of the softwares i needed. study rooms where i do my work and assignments. sometimes i look for books to pass time or research.

I used computers and on-line services that are only available in the library. I have used on-line books to read.

I mostly visit the libraries to check out books, movies, and other forms of literature. I think access to free books is extremely important to a well educated and thoughtful society.

Used study rooms for group projects.

I asked the staff a question and they were positive, excellent, and very helpful. They were quicker than a computer! They helped put a smile on my face!

Regularly use digital services like Libby, Kanopy, etc.

To find books for a class I am taking and doing research using some of the library-access databases.

Great for kids summer reading.

I bring my 4 yo for story time, play, books, 1k books before K, and other educational programs geared towards young children to support literacy and education outside a formal school environment.

I checked out books, ebooks, and DVDs

Borrowed books and DVDs

Attended library programs, borrowed books (hard copy and electronic), read publications online, and used one as a lounge when I had downtime between appointments.

Art Show, checking out books, activity with Girl Scout Troop, Checking out material for Girl Scout activities

Met with a friend to find and discuss new books, utilized computers and printer to print materials that will help friend acquire new skills

Most recently, I have checked out digital books. A week ago I went and printed my taxes, and flipped through some Consumer Reports and a few other magazines. I've set up an appointment to use the equipment to scan in some of my parent's slides for next week.

Checked out items

I used the library to read and check out books.

Story times with grandchildren, play area for them and borrowing books

Check out books. Our family has attended library programs for teens, particularly LGBTQIA programs.

Borrowed physical, ebook, and audio books.

I primarily use the library's online catalog. I read newspapers and magazines from the library's online collection daily or weekly. I frequently borrow e-books. Occasionally I use the library's online catalog and Marina to locate and reserve items not available from AACPL.

Checked out physical books, online/e-books, used computer in person at library

Took my daughter there to look at what they had

Mostly for checking out books but I also bring my children in for some of the programs (sometimes with other family members), play area, and checking out their own books.

My family very often uses the library for checking out books, study space, community programs and events.

My children played in the kids area. We look at books. We have done some classes

:-) Going to visit my local library today to pick up some books I placed on hold from my home PC. Visit the local library in person at least 1/month; use the online library almost every day, especially for research. BTW, the books on hold are to help me better understand why Trump, who previously probably couldn't locate Greenland on a map, suddenly wants to control it. I GREATLY appreciate the public library and its many resources for the community.

Checking out books, adult programs, research

I bring my laptop to the Severna Park library twice a week while my son is at AACC. I also recently picked up the second season of Yellowjackets on DVD at the Riviera Beach library.

Picking up books that were on hold, searching for books to read, audio books

I go to the library to read books and I leave without checking them out, usually. I like to see the community boards and displays too.

Most recent visits have been browsing the shelves to find a book to check out and using the library as a 3rd space to relax for a couple hours.

I would check books out or study in the library.

Browse the shelves. I love our library system!!!!

I picked up holds for myself and my kids.

Checked out books with my kids

I mostly check out books, but rely heavily on interlinear loan, especially for older books

Attended family programs such as bingo or escape rooms with my family. Took my kid there to play while I relaxed and read or used it as a quiet space to visit.

Used the meeting room and checked out books

I have gone to the library to use the printers there and attended some of the events. I also went to seek the advice of the librarians.

Use of meeting space and Candid / grants database.

Held a meeting there last week, used checkout services and attended a program last month

I've primarily been there in person to check items out or to attend a class/presentation.

I have attended programs and workshops and crafts projects. And I do not buy books, I borrow them from the library all the time... Except for Stephen King, whose books are typically bought as gifts for me.

Checked out a magazine and used a meeting room.

-Taking classes -Borrowing materials (books and movies) -Printing -Donating Food -Donating Coats

Checking out books, printing, scanning

I'm the last month, I've attended two evening programs for adults and reserved a room for a private event

I borrowed books both online and in-person.

Attending a Class, asking librarian research questions, digital subscriptions to magazines, Kanopy for film viewing

I forget

My primary experience is with the Libby app and borrowing electronic items. I also work in the libraries as an AARP Tax Aide volunteer. The libraries' support for our service is outstanding.

Attended a craft program, used computer when my internet was down

Checking out books, bringing son to activity

Selection of books to read, or to pick up requested titles.

Taking my grandson to story time, playtime, checking g out books

Mostly for books, audio books. However if I have a little free time, I enjoy looking through magazines, travel, nature, gardening, art books etc. The Arbutus library in BC county has a marvelous room with salon type chairs and a fireplace 'a reading room' that I wish every library had. I used to live near there and occasionally I still go there to 'browse'. I think that a nice part of a library is that you run into things: books, an art exhibit, crafts, that you might not be looking for but you find anyway.

Checking out books and DVDs, using ILL to access books not in the county, meeting with friends, letting child play in children's area, using Libby.

Use of autobooks for commute; visit to return and pick out new physical books for family

I am a constant user of Libby for both audiobooks and e-books. I strongly rely on the service. I used library when I put physical books on hold and for pick up. I am retired and not in need of the services in general, but I am proud to see them offered to residence in our community who need them. I am in full support of that. I have commented regularly to my husband and others about how proud I am to be a resident of the county whose library system is inclusive. I recognize the pressure being put on through external forces to change that and capitulate to the powers that be. The services and changes that the library has made over the years gives me hope that people who care and are competent are in charge.

For HOA community meetings, checking out books with my kids, story times, finding some news articles and magazines, scavenger hunts

Checked out physical books, use Libby for audiobooks constantly, attend programs

I've used meeting rooms to host meetings and events and I check books out quite regularly. I recently enjoyed using a study room at Rivera Beach.

I request books. My library branch (Severn) is excellent, and librarians are extremely helpful.

I mainly take out digital books but occasionally like to take my son to the library for him to enjoy browsing for new books.

Every time I've used the library in the past year was in order to do research to prepare Biology Club presentations for Broadneck High School. The meeting rooms helped me prepare others, the WiFi, museum passes, and books all helped me get students interested. The library is an invaluable resource.

I went to hang out with my friend and draw, I went to go check out books and read books, I used it to study for my exams, I used it to help with research for school.

1. I take classes. 2. Check out books

browsed for books to borrow, scoped out maker space

Well, right now I have a "banned book" on reserve. I also watch movies on Kanopy once in a while.

Memory Lab, online services for audio books and Ancestry Library edition , as I am mildly disabled

Book club books

Get books for me and my children. My husband recently got cds on how to speak Spanish. As a young mother, the library provide a free place for my child to learn, play and socialize.

Picking up reserved/on hold books, using quiet spaces to read and relax

Checked out books and DVD's using the curbside service.

I regularly use library for books and books on tape.

Informative, useful, and friendly.

Quickly to pick up books I put on hold.

Checking out books and DVDs.

To check out books and to do research

In person: picking up books, meeting with collaborators for my small business,

Checking out books, watching movies on Kanopy

Over time, I have become visually impaired and most of the library services no longer reach m needs.

Computer programs. Word, Gmail, printer, work space

I use my library card # to listen to Audio Books & read newspapers & magazine. Take the grandchildren there who interact with the art supplies & video game station. They like the displays which at times has sparked an interest in a subject where they find a book to read. The afternoon usually ends with them lounging with a book in the relaxing spaces which gets checked out when leaving.

Checking out books, using WiFi, accessing genealogy programs like Ancestry, using meeting rooms to tutor students, attending events in meeting rooms

Mostly to pick up books i placed on hold via website

I have checked out books for my classroom libraries.

Checking out books; obtaining copies of long documents; using meeting rooms; participating in a book club at the library.

Group meetings

Book check out

Checking out physical books and attending educational classes that are offered.

Checking out books and attending Book Clubs.

A couple of years ago when my child was little, story time was such a life saver both in terms of having something to do and being able to meet new people. I love and use a lot of library resources. I check out physical and audio books all the time but nothing compares to actually having a “third space” where we can go and be and not have to pay for the privilege. I love the library very much and feel a deep sense of gratitude.

Check out books, research on AI tools

I read the library ebooks ALL THE TIME since the pandemic. I used to go in person but have switched to online. I read MULTIPLE books a week. I wouldn't be able to support my reading habit without the library. It's wonderful resource.

Mostly use the hold feature for physical checkouts and pick the materials up when they're ready; I use Marina fairly often; I use Libby for audiobooks nearly constantly.

checking out books, meeting room

Checking out books and browsing titles, reading magazines

Reserving books; borrowing books and music

I check out books, ask many questions, use computers and I have reserved meeting rooms.

I've used my local library to check out books and attend programming

checking out items - usually through Marina because AACo has a warped and limited selection

I check out books and videos on line and in person.

The last time I used library services was to print out an important document that I needed urgently. I decided to do it at the library and not Fedex or UPS, since the library does it for free for library card holders.

Checked out books and used the computers.

Checked out books. I am not using the library as much as I used to because I am not supporting the library's liberal left agenda regarding LGBT... Also, many of the fiction books are liberal and not family friendly. I am a conservative and the AACPL is not.

From home via the internet

Well, once the mountain road location was closed I can not travel easily to the Lakeshore location at easily.

To work when I didn't have power and yoga class

I used the meeting rooms to take online/ virtual meetings. I used wifi service , and the public computers. My child LOVES the library - the books the audio books, the toys as well as things like the scavenger hunts and games we can utilize

I bring my young children (since they were born) to use the children's play area and we check out over 20 books per visit.

Checked out books and conducted research

got books, participated in chair yoga class

Research, checking out books and DVDs

Checks out books, took grandchildren to check out books, took grandchildren to program in meeting room

Used to have tutoring done at the library but the noise level got so bad that we have had to stop going

Check out books & audiobooks; use the computer; use the scanner.

I like feeling welcomed and not judged by anyone there. All the staff in all 16 branches are amazing, kind, and helpful.

I mostly participated in music cultural programs and book/media lending.

I simply come in to pick up materials I use for homeschooling. Honestly I wish there were more sophisticated programs for homeschooled teens offered.

Went looking for books in West Street, Odenton - shelves carry very few books on art, practical crafts or on sailing navigation ...

Checked out E-Books for a trip. Used Marina to get a book that was not in AA county.

I borrow books

To checkout books or CD's. Going to blood drives. I love the library - I am very happy with our library system.

For school work

I used the library to check out books for leisure purposes.

During my last visit to the library, I used the library's study rooms to collaborate with a group on a project. The quiet space and access to Wi-Fi made it an ideal environment for working.

Checking out books and DVDs. Miss being able to check out current music cds.

I am privileged to be able to afford many of the resources offered by libraries personally so I mostly go for checking out physical books but I think the rest of what is offered should be retained above all as they are important for a large amount of people. I would imagine that any lack of participation in these is for lack of knowledge on them not lack of need or want.

To check out books and look for movies to borrow.

Requesting and checking out specifically requested books and DVDs

Used computers and printers. Checked out ebooks and hard copy books. Attended yoga.

Activities with children, looking at current books. Checking out children's books

picked up holds and browsed shelves

We borrow children's books and movies, about once a month.

Genealogy look up and using computer services
 checking out books. I can't imagine not having a physical book to hold and read
 Community meetings, research, computers and wifi
 Used printer and scanner.
 Computers and research
 Brought preschooler to program
 Checking out books. Renting movies on line
 I attempted to access physical media and was disappointed by the reductions in available materials as well as shortened hours while staff is clearly on site
 Meeting rooms/work space. I voted there. The library in my area is new and I haven't had occasion at this point to use the services. But I will. Its beautiful.
 The library was clean, well organized, and staffed with positive helpful people
 place to study and learn and even a quiet place to work. copy machine (a bit expensive but available)
 Getting information and borrowing books
 we have books to read and baby books for our baby for free
 The last time I used library services was to study for a test and write a paper.
 Used all services computer printers etc
 for the library i go to a computer to look up videos information studies researching and sometimes checkout books and movies that really it the last time have checkout anything from the local library was like last decade maybe a few years ago what is a long time i mite checkout the library on campus i have been in there before i maybe thinking about looking at books
 I let my kids play in the kid's area. I checked out books for my wife and my kids. I used my library card to use Kanopy for an art course.
 Researching various topics, both online and books/magazines
 Looking for travel info. The selection is kinda lame. Very little on Asia across the system
 I like to take out book, or study in the silence.
 I haven't used the library recently.
 I used study rooms and conducted research.
 I mainly use the library to check out books and read them.
 Used it for research and working space for some school work
 Have been at least 1-2 times a month since I got a library card Jan 2025. Have used Libby app a ton!
 I used the services to check out a book needed for a class I was taking, I also used a study room to complete several pages of notes needed.
 I used the Wi-Fi, study spaces, and check out couple of physical books for me and my little sister. Library services are very important to me and my family.
 I used to go thier to study
 I went to the library to retrieve and return books.
 I used the free wifi to study, as well as their printing service. I also regularly check out books and always have at least 5 items checked out at any given time. Their Marina service is especially useful, because AACPL seems to have fewer items, but it's nice to be able to find them from other counties. This service is very useful when finding textbooks for school.
 My electricity was turned off, and i and my siblings had to do schoolwork, charge devices using the library's resources.

The last few times I used library services, I checked out books for personal reading and school assignments. I used the library's catalog to find specific titles and borrowed them for a set period. The process was quick and convenient, allowing me to access a variety of books without purchasing them. Books, rooms and attended activities by library.

I just checked out 3 books because I love to read and I have recently used the Ancestry website through them for a class assignment. I would be devastated if the library didn't offer these things as I use them very often.

research and self enrichment

I use the computers and space in the AACC library for research and a place to study and print.

I have been using them for my classes and for the assignments as well as like other research tools.

Check out books, work on schoolwork, hang out with friends, participate in library programs

I use Libby all the time, particularly for audio books

Physical books & DVDs are my preference, usually have about 30 items checked out at one time. It's getting harder to find these items with all the digital options now, so I appreciate AACPL has not abandoned these yet. I also use their printing services frequently and hotspots when I travel.

Appendix L: Comments “Do you feel welcomed at the Library?”

Always feel welcome. Great staff

Used the library for a board meeting and staff was awful.

Feel welcome, just buy instead of borrow.

i use it online

not a welcoming place if you're not woke it crimps me to see a rainbow flag and i got nothing against them but its in my face I am not included I am not welcome, no celtic flag no asian flag no Italian flag no insert something here of the many of us not welcome

Christians are not welcome. Tried to start a Christian's reading hour, but was denied. But, Drag Queens were welcomed

More child care for home school than a library

Too left leaning and do not agree whatsoever with drag story time for kids

Oppose DEI Programs at the Library

Too much focus on DEI!

You host transgender events. Ridiculous.

Drag queen storytime and LGBTQ focus is alienating somewhere else

Too much LGBTQ+ Grooming

Get rid of all the DEI garbage

In recent years, the libraries in my area choose to shove inappropriate content in my kids' faces. Political and social ideologies shouldn't be pushed on children. It is up to parents to introduce subjects to their children in the context that suits their belief and values. I pulled my children out of public school for the same reason.

Too woke. Keep libraries to books, not sexuality

Too many homosexual promotions. I have kids and morals.

I don't believe my Christian values are represented or welcomed.

Very political libraries should be neutral.

County libraries support grooming children re Drag Queens.

They push an agenda surprised how political this very survey is!

Stop with the Trans crap. I wouldn't bring my kid to library for anything since that started.

Too liberal with agendas everywhere and I have kids

The libraries cater to social values that are not within the scope of the libraries duties and against my Christian values.

Too much effort.

In the play area the staff complains about the kids

Appendix M: Comments “Other reasons don’t use libraries”

great when child was of school age k-12 fyi

The internet has become my library

Difficult to get out on my own.

I do not have a use for the library anymore.

The prior question asked about using physical resources. I mainly use electronic ones. At this time, I don’t need the other resources offered.

I have no time

Frankly i am lazy and can purchase books.

Life enriching Virtual programing for older adults. We are no longer the people our grandparents or parents were. We use technology. We seek a different kind programming and out reach.

Online books, magazines and audiobooks

Trans crap.

You are not welcoming of conservatives or traditional mothers

used it when I needed it for an essay

Too lazy to go. I get my books through libby and other apps. I am still very much pro library and would speak out most vociferously should “they” come for my books

I don’t require the services at this time

Newborn baby

I don't support trans genders reading programs

I use digital library

Transportation

I can afford to purchase my own resources.

Inappropriate books being offered to kids instead of the classics children’s books

Appendix N: Comments “Other uses of libraries”

I don't like DEI being in children's programs. I was an ECED teacher for 40 years.
Puzzle exchange
I recently attended an awesome musical experience.
Didn't know options
Kanopy
Marina
Line Dancing
Films, audiobooks, Libby
I was unaware of WiFi hotspots and Rosetta Stone, and some others
Libby
Just a nice place to read!
Love those audiobooks
Use online catalog to reserve museum tickets
Retired with health issues but used library all time with young kids and grandkids.
Husband is in the hospital, so not a lot of time for the library
Also use the online catalog to reserve movies and music CDs.
to see if there are groups I can join
The library is so important for me.
Knitting books - wish there were more varieties
ABC MOUSE and Kanopy
Would be glad to hear of services. For example due to this survey I plan to check out using the Rosetta stone i am trying to learn Spanish
When I was young in Baltimore I practically lived at the Pratt's Northwood branch.
The public library is a tremendous support to me (a prolific reader.) There is no way that I could afford to purchase all the books that I read!
just learned about ancestry so will begin to use this!
I wanted a resource the library doesn't carry, but others do, and I plan to learn a new language. I was hoping for Duolingo, but the library has Rosetta Stone, which I suppose I will use.
Read the regular newsetter
I am retired, but I so appreciate the programs available for others.
access current newspapers to which I don't subscribe
Being with my community
Such limited resources even online that it is frustrating, especially when stores like Borders are gone (others are inadequate)
Marina, Hoopla
General information
Use Kanopy, too
Receive e-mails from library -- always open and read. Very informative re: new books, upcoming programs, library closings, etc.
blessings box donation at Busch
Because I am retired, I don't want to buy books so I am truly grateful that I can read books via Libby for free. What a wonderful service!

Just moved to the area
 Inter-library loan and Marina
 Like getting the monthly email for events that are being hosted at the libraries
 Access to Marina
 Story times
 Access journal papers that are otherwise behind \$\$\$ paywalls
 Virtual programs
 Printing services
 Conference Rooms
 marina, tried to use hoopla but found out AACPL doesn't support that like Howard County and others
 Audio books, Marina, Kanopy are all terrific Canopy
 Seniors are often Computer illiterate and could use basic skills training
 Obtained gun locks.
 I use my access to Navy MWR digital library for most of these services, both at home and at the library.
 phone
 I think it is embarrassing how few books are in the Broadneck and Annapolis libraries. There is so much
 wasted space. Some people like to browse for a book. The libraries are half empty. Another thing...the
 libraries stopped collecting fines...cost too much to do it I was told. They stopped collecting used books
 to be resold. BUT now they want donations!! What gives?
 I am appalled that the Glen Burnie library held a trans day of awareness for children! This is now illegal
 and someone should NEVER allow children to be exposed to this travesty
 Fax
 Reserve book online and pick up in library
 Historical newspapers; census records etc
 It's not family friendly. It's not friendly to people with morals.
 Once in a while
 Babies in bloom is awesome
 Didn't know Lib had language learning media
 Hours on a given day, and status of my reserve requests and due dates for what I have
 Print/fax
 Community meetings
 Researching publishers
 public programs online
 Use Interlibrary loan quite often
 Love 1k books before K
 Memory Lab
 Community programming
 Book club
 The fact that I do not use those services is more a reflection of my personal circumstances, mostly that I
 am retired and not needing help with jobs, etc.
 Go to librarians for help finding research sources
 Kuehn Research Library online catalog and on-site Ancestry Library edition. Use to use Ancestry from
 home would like to have that service again
 Community meeting

Mah Jong lessons would be nice.
Research questions and printing
Wireless Printing
Activities
Reading

Teach math and reading and budgeting, banking skills

Tonie and yoto boxes and figures

baking pans and power tools.

Seed bank and tools

Maker hub (3d printing, t-shirt printing, etc.)

A paper shredder! I would even be happy to pay for use. I need one like once a year and go to UPS to do it.

Having a system whereby libraries loan out any number of items could be very helpful. Even stuff like gardening supplies or tool boxes.

Great idea!

Seeds

Cricut machine

video games

craft supplies!

Yoto audio player for kids!

Tools and power tools would be amazing!

Tools like engravers, lawn edgers (manual not motorized), drills & bits, dremel tools, etc.

Classes for adults

YES YES THIS DO THIS!

More museum passes, zoos, aquariums, places that have admission fees, etc.

Parking passes, admission to county owned parks, kids STEAM projects

This would be great because it reduces the need for people to buy items to try out or use only once.

Metal detectors, leaf blowers, power washers, carpet cleaners, pet hair removal tools, sleds, garden gloves and tools

Help getting a patent, start up afterwards

A seed bank would be fun!

Tools

this is one of my favorite library offerings!

Brilliant

Love this!

puzzles

Gardening tools, craft supplies, regular tools

Yes, please tools and board games!

Including tools in the library of things would be amazing

Sewing machine

farmers markets access to food because the trump regime will begin to starve our population. He just canceled 500 million deliveries to food banks.

jigsaw puzzles

Garden supplies

I would love to see tools!

tool lending library. Each household should not have to purchase items that could be shared.

Checking out tablets or Chromebooks now that Aacps doesn't give devices to kids. Would be so helpful for at home practice and homework

Interesting idea

I visited libraries in CT where these are hot items..glad to know we have some but one library even has a performance stage with professional lighting, a recording studio...a wow!!

sewing machines,

3D printing, high-speed photocopying

Yes! I would love to see tools, baking supplies and a variety of creative/'maker' resources such as musical instruments, other arts and crafts supplies that would give the community a chance to try new interests as well as using them for ongoing projects.

I hope all the branches will offer digitizing of home movies, slides, and photos.

I saw one library online that had American Girl dolls to check out, and it seemed like a success program!

Sewing machines or other sewing tools, makerspace

maybe more physical activity?

more crafting items

Yes, to all of it. Lawnmowers, vacuum cleaners, tools including for cars, etc. The sort of things that get daily use but if broken may not be feasibly replaced right away.

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More old classics

Cooking supplies, tool library

Tools, electric bicycles

Sounds like this could be helpful to some people

books

Food pantry would be good.

innovation lab -3D printers, laser printer,etc

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artwork to check out and return

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Video games, other toys

Unsure,

35mm slide projectors for loan

Wifi jet-packs,

3d printer

Tools if you include training and accountability

Board Games, Toys

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Hand tools

Kitchen items!

Gardening tools, craft supplies

Medical items, such as walkers or other short-term use items

I would not use this myself, but recognize that others may need it. This particular comment is true in many of the questions that have been posed.

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Crafting, knitting clubs, book clubs, bbq,

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Better toys in kids area

Although I primarily use the library's online services, I believe it's important to have modern, spacious, and inspiring community spaces that the library can provide. Services for young children, students, and job-seekers are critically important for the community even though I might not need them personally!

Classes

Maybe a "free" section of seed packages donated from the County Extension Services, pocket size copies of the U.S. Constitution that could be donated from VFWs or Am. Legions, etc.

Having a maker space

Staying open later! Evening programs starting at 6pm or earlier are very difficult for working adults with families to attend. Even an extra half hour would be appreciated

More ebooks

expand equipment to copy, scan, digitize all forms of media like Memory lab

More social opportunities for teens

Mah jong or language lessons

More museum/location passes!

Organize and host book clubs and their meetings

Better selection of books

library has lost its defintion

Continual use of Information Desk to help anyone coming in to the library

Stop the trans crap!

Please dont offer free food and gov. benefits at the library

video games!

Tax Help

Wish chromebooks etcetera were given to families with higher incomes as income does not reflect medical bills and students loans which make it impossible to purchase a computer for my son.

Bring back a decent selection of BOOKS

Certain things i said were not important for me but I believe very important to offer in general.

Bring back new/latest music cds from different artists.

Gardening demos outside

computer training

Photoshop/ Adobe services

Great classics books

Physical books

Senior support services

Appendix P: State Government Comments”

What happened to the budget monies left at beginning of Moore’s term?

Clean out the fluff. Rearrange the way money collected, is spent.

Prioritize maintaining programs without raising taxes.

combination of maintain and reduce

reduce funding but use new taxes on businesses restaurants more fines for infractions currently not being fined. Like why are bandit signs fined and at the low rate \$100 and escalating to \$1000 before the queen of sprawl Janet Owens. If raised and enforced would raise \$100,000 the first year easy

Both. Raise taxes on some things and reduce funding for some things. Attack the deficit from both sides.

Evaluate effectiveness of programs; support those; if necessary to do that raise taxes

You need the flexibility to do both.

examine programs for effectiveness and value for the cost of program

Combination of the two.

Prioritizing maintaining programs, implement a single land use tax which scales with income, and eliminate all other state and local taxes.

Why do we subsidize horse racing to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars?

Scale back programs and raise taxes somewhat on very high income/net worth individuals

I understand that taxes help pay for the services that I enjoy having in this state, but if we are going to raise taxes, then we need the SALT rules at the federal level changed back to what they were.

Exempt Seniors over 70 from taxes.

Cut waste/keep helpful programs

Prioritize maintaining programs, finding ones it can cut or consolidate and then if necessary increasing taxes.

Reduce taxes immediately

Some combination of the above

Middle ground

I’ve paid 33% as a Nurse for 40+ years . High income people should pay their 33% , too !!

Maintain its programs without raising taxes for low and average incomes

I support raising taxes on the wealthy with an income beyond a certain amount

Raise tax on higher incomes

Eat the rich. Tax them all.

Too complicated to answer

Do not raise taxes at all and fund where needed.

Combination of both. Have to examine each program for program validity, examine areas to save, areas to eliminate waste or fraud.

Can we find some efficiency in the current programs so that they can be maintained without raising income tax? (I am all for tax on cannabis, alcohol, cigarettes, and vape products! Get some extra revenue AND deter usage!)

Streamline programs and raise some taxes (combination)

stricter rules, limit some programs.

TAX THE WEALTHY

Raising taxes on people who make more than \$500,000 annually

Eliminate waste and "overlap" in existing services & policies. existing policies

Try to not raise taxes but provide the most essential services that benefit the majority of the citizens. I am afraid if tax is increased on cannabis that people will revert back to buying on the street. (note: I am not a user.)

I only believe we should raise taxes to maintain programs if those taxes are not affecting the lower and middle classes. We need to tax the wealthy or cut back on services, unfortunately.

Yes reduce some but needs strong analytics. Why are we spending so much money on Baltimore students when the outcomes are so dismal. Hate to say it but maybe we need to bus them out of the city. Or set up private schools across the board with discipline and ability to kick them out WHILE providing food and laundry and clothing where needed

Prioritize education and community support funding by raising taxes on high earners and for luxury services/items

Need more assessment.

It's more complicated than that.

Look for fraud and waste as opposed to increasing taxes. Look for more operational efficiencies.

Both

Reduce pay role

Become more efficient

I don't know what the best option is because of what's happening at the federal level. I make good money and would ordinarily support a tax increase to help fund the Blueprint, but my spouse and I are federal workers who could lose our jobs, or have more expenses for me to report to the office. I don't support the B2B tax because I think that could impact small businesses.

very carefully look at programs to cut minimize tax increases

There has been no clear explanation for the budget crisis. I do not believe Medicaid or the safety net should be reduced. I also do not support the tax the rich approach. There should be a clear revenue plan all residents contribute to. I favor sales taxes.

A little of both

Reduce unnecessary spending

Balance cost of programs with reduction of waste/duplicated spending

We need an all of the above approach, some services could be cut back so long as they don't impact education, and some high earners could be asked to pay more taxes especially if they rec'd a windfall as a result of federal tax policy

I think taxes can be raised on certain groups and items but we should also take a hard look at how our money is being spent and figure out ways to make it go farther.

Prioritize maintaining programs while raising taxes on people who earn over 300,000. Tax the rich.

Prioritize maintaining necessary programs, raise taxes if necessary.

There has to be some cuts. I know I can't run my family budget like MD Gov does.

The Blueprint is a big problem. Once again, spend money to give teachers raises to teach the same way and get the same dismal results

A mixture of these approaches

Concentrate on efficiency

I think our state should look into the programs just like those are doing at a national level and find out where our surplus went and stop threatening teacher salaries if we don't give into a tax increase

The taxes should be more equitable. If this is a blanket tax increase, and the lower income individuals get disproportionately affected, I cannot support that. I think that those making under 200k should be reassessed for lower taxes. Have you met the economy? Making ends meet is getting harder. Tax the rich. Not the poor.

Entirely depends on which programs and which taxes

It's case by case. We should maintain public services like public transportation, healthcare, food stamps, infrastructure etc. and raise taxes to further bolster them, but we should also be diverting funds away from other places like the police and military.

Raise taxes only on big businesses and only on the highest income earners

The way this is written did not make sense, why workforce we need to reduce services?

a combination of the two choices above. Raising some taxes while reducing funding maintain programs, w/o raising taxes (i.e. cut something other than library services as a way to save money)

reduce corruption and waste

depends on which programs

Some programs are necessary and need a larger budget and others need to be cut

Create a nonpartisan board or review panel review programs to look for fraud, waste and abuse.

Eliminate property tax and cut the budget to allow for collaboration with the state to care for roads, fire, police, etc. All other services are unnecessary.

Reducing program and reducing expenditures. The current policies are driving jobs out of the State.

Reduce programs and spending

Eliminate Red Line and Kirwin (Blueprint) funding.. Reduce programs.

Quit the nonsensical leftist programs and indoctrination

Set priorities and follow them. You can fund everything. Maryland is a mess

reduce funding for Wes Moore's bs spending

Take an approach like DOGE is taking with the federal government to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse and remove funding for controversial programs like DEI initiatives.

Cut funding completely. The state gets involved in areas that should be acts of charitable organizations. It does so inefficiently.

Focus on reducing wasteful spending and spreading funds too thin

Review programs and determine current relevance and sustainability. Cancel programs that have little or no relevance, nor positive outcomes.

Prioritize maintaining programs while raising taxes for the wealthy. Decrease taxes for lower incomes.

Self audit and cut the fat so you don't have to increase taxes.

LOWER THE WASTE FRAUD AND ABUSE AND LOWER THE GOVERNMENT PAY AND WASTE!!

Review spending for waste and unnecessary spending. Stop spending on race based programs and look at the whole community and needs

Our local government needs to stop spending tax dollars on jobs that are not necessary!

They need a DOGE type panel to look at what's being spent and where. I'd bet there are a LOT of useless DEI programs costing us millions that could be eliminated!

why should we as taxpayers increase the amount we have to pay for programs that we don't even use when our state government can't spend the money that they already receive in the appropriate manner. our roads and infrastructure in Anne Arundel County is/are horrible. our electricity costs are through the roof. I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. when is it going to stop

Taxation is theft and Governor Moore doesn't know what he is doing.

There was a surplus when Governor Hogan was in office with the same quality programs that we have now

Where's the \$

Neither. What happened to the budget surplus while he was in office?

Reduce unnecessary programs

Stop spending what you don't have.

CUT WASTE AND FRAUD

make cuts...waste cut personnel

The state wonders why it's in such a fiscal predicament and tries to blame trump, but this problem preexisted his second term. Let's talk about passing the blueprint for education without a dedicated funding mechanism. Did we think that money was just going to magically appear??? We CANNOT JUST RAISE TAXES TO SUPPORT OUR CONSTANT OVERSPENDING!

Where did the money go? Governor Moore is incapable and incompetent. GET HIM OUT

Neither

Cut out the unnecessary programming which in turn reduces funding needed.

It should reduce funding for non essential agencies

Stop wasting money on unnecessary expense.

Reduce taxes even if it means reducing programs.

Keep programs and end frivolous spending - manage the money better and stop spending "Moore"

slow Blueprint, stop Redline and stop hiring employees

State government needs to figure out how to manage tax income, Hogan had us in surplus, Governor Moore needs to cut the wasteful spending. Large salary increases for state employees above and beyond the cost of living while the state is in a large deficit is hugely irresponsible.

The state should stop spending money it does not have

The government should follow the same standards that they require of the private sector to adhere to, keep a budget and adhere to it. A Maryland citizen should not have to be punished with more taxes because our state representative missed managing of our tax money.

cut out the new jobs created in the last 2 years, which we could not afford. Do not cut programs but cut out some of the high paying administrative jobs.

This is a lousy stupid question.

I'm positive MD has waste, fraud & abuse. Find that to fund the existing programs without raising taxes. Baseline taxes. It is what it is. Stop taxing people for making more money. If I work harder I get to pay the government more money? Stop it.

Cut waste first before adding taxes

New taxes should be indexed to inflation/deflation, current tax increases run the risk of hurting the middle class in the medium term.

Maintain programs while raising taxes on legalized drugs, gambling and luxury goods not income, capital gains or property taxes.

We should have the money with the current tax rates, where is it going? Moore is taking trips to Japan and South Korea on our tax money while claiming we don't have the funding for public programs.... Explain that. Its greed and theft and corruption

The state and county government should be run the way we run our home budgets - don't buy it if you can't pay for it!

If raising taxes applies primarily to high income earners over \$500,000 then I would focus on that but if tax hikes are going to affect people earning \$250,000 or less than I think more emphasis needs to be on reducing funding because the cost of living is too high to sustain further tax cuts

Blueprint for MD is terrible.

reduce waste

Look hard to gain efficiencies without raising taxes -- already too high compared with most other states

Once again, an unfair choice. The state should keep tax increases in line with inflation, but it somehow can't ever seem to do that. And there are probably lots of programs that need to be reassessed and reworked. The state has no business bragging about many of its schools, and is only paying lip service to the issues.

Raise taxes and reduce spending

Get rid of programs and reduce funding to others.

Reduce programs and raise taxes

Cut 99.99% of all spending. I trust my neighbors to run their own lives better in the absence of government compulsion far more than I trust ANY politician with the power to take money from people by force to give to their friends.

Zero-based review of existing programs/expenditures and a DOGE-like effort at the state level to find fraud/waste/abuse. Only then should tax increases be considered. Single-party dominance is creating a lot of the problems.

Reduce spending

I think taxes in MD are too high, as it is, for what we're given. How much waste and abuse is embedded in the Maryland state government? To directly answer your question, I think reducing both funding AND reducing taxes is closer to a correct answer.

Cut spending

Raise taxes and at least maintain programs. But don't raise taxes and take away super important things (like the MASSIVE cut to SPECIAL NEEDS and DISABLED community)...that was TERRIBLE. Way to photo op at The Arc Maryland and Special Olympics and then lowblow an entire community GOV. HORRIBLE This Democratic State never saw a tax it didn't like or use to extremes!!!!!!!

Talk to the employees in some of the agencies receiving state money. They know where the inefficiencies really are, not the managers. I know that there has been drastic waste in education spending. Look at storage/warehouses. If you're spending money, but the items aren't being used. That's waste.

A mix of both is important. I believe that reducing spending in small ways and increasing small amounts of taxes is better for the state rather than increasing large amounts on either one.

Raise taxes on wealthy and corporations and eliminate loopholes that allow corporation to not pay taxes while using taxpayer funded infrastructure and services

I think it will require a combination of raising some taxes and reducing funding of some programs, at best. Financial stability & fiscal responsibility are very important to me.

Reevaluate needs of community then decide a balanced approach

The best approach would be to do research on the programs, see where money is going and the impact that it is having and adjusting from there. I have no issue paying more taxes as long as the money is going back into the community rather than spending on military, militarizing the police, so on. Community resources should be the single largest thing that taxes are going to and our government should be focused on helping and resolving issues in our community since it is the most efficient way to eliminate other more broad issues like crime

Assess the ongoing utility of programs, and definitely keep ones made even more necessary by DOGE; raise tax if necessary but in a way that won't hurt low income families

I think they should re-evaluate the fields they are considering lowering funding of, k-12 education shouldn't be less funded for example.

Raise taxes on the wealthy.

A blend of both

depends on effectiveness of the programs; stop throw good money after bad results

perhaps a luxury tax

Restructure spending and reduce waste

reduce funding in over-funded areas, allocate it to areas that would benefit from increased funding
Prosecute groups/people who are non-profit and use money received for the wrong use. Like the non-profit group who purchased a country club and golf course!!!

It needs a combination of both. One method will not be a blanket solution for all budgeting problems.

A bit of both

Throw out the so-called blueprint for education. It was concocted by a bunch of folks who have never taught. More money isn't going to make our students better prepared for the world we've created for them.

Sensible mix of both

Stop stealing our money!

account for bizarre loss of funds

I feel like if the government is going to raise taxes, let it at least be on reasonable things. Not the essentials like education, businesses, or hospitals

Maintain programs and reduce waste and redundancy and lower taxes

reduce funding and raise some taxes

Hogan had it right. Stop spending. If I wanted to live in CA I would.

Depends on the programs, stop hiring or cut salaries

FIGURE IT OUT

Reduce funding for programs that only benefit a specific group and raise taxes on businesses to use to combat climate change

REDUCE PAY for Moore and large team

Focus on getting government waste under control. That will bring a great amount of money to our state.

Get rid of unnecessary programs. Previous governors did not have a deficit

State government should conduct annual audits of any programs that receive state money, to assure there's no fraud, etc. Especially the school systems.

Waste is everywhere. Your own survey calls waste removal out as an option

Appendix Q: Undocumented People – Access to Health Insurance Comments”

The US should move to a single-payer system at the federal level and allow anyone to access those services.

As taxpayers undocumented people should be privy to subsidies.

I don't know exactly what this means but I believe everyone who is in the us at any time should get free health care

Undocumented people should get health insurance WITH subsidies.

Unsure they should be focused on gaining citizenship

charge undocumented individuals a minimal amount for accessing healthcare and offer them healthcare.

Like \$20 monthly

Every human being deserves access to healthcare. The fact that ANYONE has to pay for insurance is inhumane.

Too complicated. I had to repay the subsidies that were afforded me when I had ACA, shouldn't everyone have to do the same?

Undocumented people should have to pay for their insurance and services while working on being documented but haven't yet qualified for the benefits provided by state and federal programs.

Fully agree because they're human beings.

They should pay for health care

We should have universal healthcare and undocumented people should have a clear path to become documented and receive needed healthcare while they are in that process. Healthcare is a right not a privilege.

If undocumented people are working for companies that offer health coverage they should receive that from their employer.

universal healthcare for all

who is picking up the cost?

Give them the subsidies.

Undocumented people shouldn't be given health benefits when they are taken away from State Government Retirees.

Undocumented people are still people and deserve aid, too, so they should also receive subsidies if they require them.

I fully agree with allowing undocumented immigrants to acquire healthcare insurance but I believe they should also receive subsidies.

allow but they need to show proof of LEGAL residence.

Good luck affording it!

Meh

All people deserve care, but then after care is provided, if they are undocumented then pass the info to ICE. Emergencies happen, and people need compassion in that moment, but not an open pocketbook indefinitely.

There should be no assistance for illegal aliens. If they are able to arrange and pay for their own non-governmental medical insurance, provided there is no governmental pressure put on insurers, I couldn't object, but I would expect ICE to monitor that within the law.

Undocumented people should be able to acquire health insurance as long as they pay into it, pay their bills/copays. I don't have a problem as long as they contribute to the program

Oppose - undocumented people are driving up the cost of health insurance for local residents.

Oppose and support deporting them all

Oppose use of public resources to support illegal aliens. If they can obtain insurance in some other way that is a different issue.

If health insurance is affordable and none of our tax money goes to help pay for it, I am in favor of it.

Undocumented people shouldn't be prioritized above citizens. There are citizens who can't afford Healthcare. Undocumented people shouldn't have more access to benefits than citizens!

undocumented people should not be able to acquire health insurance with assistance from our state-

If not here legally shouldn't be eligible for any benefits and should be deported

they should be able to acquire but they need to be able to pay for it

If they are here ILLEGALLY, they should be forced to leave, NOT get insurance. What other country allows illegals in their country and then gives them benefits? NONE!!

Undocumented and non-citizens should be sent back to their country of origin.

In theory I agree with finding ways to lessen the strain on the healthcare system by offering illegal aliens the option to purchase health insurance, however, I have an issue with incentivizing people who did not follow the law to apply for citizenship.

Undocumented people shouldn't be allowed to break the law and then benefit using MY money

Oppose-Undocumented people increase the health insurance bills of others

reduce the undocumented people to eliminate this problem

provide care in emergencies

Pay something!!

not enough data to answer. If it truly reduces uncompensated care and ER use, I agree. But is that a fact or opinion? Lots of people with health insurance go to ER and don't pay the bill. Lots of people Doctor at the ER because they can not afford the up front cost of a co-pay

Only if they pay full price

Undocumented people should not be in this country and therefore have no right to any services - period!

undocumented people shouldn't be able to benefit from government services provided by tax dollars

they should not even be here

I do not have health insurance.. WHY WOULD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND NOT ME? I've been paying taxes on everything, taxed on the same money several times... why would they give illegal immigrants health insurance and not our own people?

Adamantly oppose. Undocumented is just a polite way of saying illegal. I would not expect any other country to enable me to live in their country illegally and do not believe we should ever allow or enable people to live here illegally.

I suspect that few get insurance

Oppose, but private insurance should be available. Again, your questionnaire is defective for leaving this option out

Ban all tax dollars going to non-citizen anything. If a private person wants to buy private insurance, more power to him, but do not involve anyone else's money.

They should have access to insurance, but no subsidies if they are not in the US legally.

Oppose - they don't carry car insurance or any other insurance and that creates a number of issues...why should they get health insurance. So they whack a car, injure or kill someone and they get off the hook and get medical treatment?! Deport!

immaterial; only for legal immigrants

Oppose - Undocumented people should not be able to acquire health insurance USING A GOVERNMENT FUNDED ACTIVITY.

I don't think undocumented people will sign up for healthcare insurance and pay for it.

Fully agree, but in that option you left out the benefit of slowing or halting the spread of infectious diseases

Too vomplex for a "quiz"

if they are working and paying taxes, they should be able to acquire healthcare insurance

If the US wouold simply go back to the immigration laws that existed prior to Ted Kennedy changing things up, we would be in a better place. It is shortsighted to have allowed the collapse of that system as it existed. Now everytime someone holds up a child,to the camera, we are all supposed to cave. My grandparents came into the country through Ellis Island. There was no one to greet them, hand out health care, get them a job, supply housing for them or anything else. They had to work hard, so did my parents and so have I , and so have our children. Was all of that so bad?

as long as they are paying taxes

I think there needs to be more options in place for those who are in need of legitimate emergency medical care rather than handing it out to everyone

I just don't want to end up paying for them in one way or another. I don't know the right answer for this

They should pay

Undocumented people should be sent home and go through proper channels to come to our country. My ancestors had to provide proper documents to come to this country and pay taxes, etc.

If they can afford it then they should be able to purchase. But lets not give it away. My nephew is special needs and he can't get it. He is a citizen of the USA.

I think should be acquired but with some surveys about them

We need to solve the problem of citizens and legal residents being able to receive healthcare first.

I think undocumented people should be allowed to acquire healthcare insurance with subsidies.

It should be subsidized

If they want healthcare they should have to pay

Appendix R: Fossil Fuel Companies – Comments Mitigating Cost of Climate Change

That would Just be a bandaid to the bigger issue, which is overdependence on oil and disposable tools
I don't support. Will on shift more cost on customers that pay the bill
Fully support but concerned that they would pass that buck onto consumers instead of absorb it themselves
I fo support taxing of fossil fuels, but think that electric and hybrid vehicle owners need to pay for their share of using the infrastructure too.
If this is done, the companies would only pass on their increased costs to consumers.
Fully Support just so long as they don't pass on contribution costs to consumers.
It could be a tax on producers but also consumers
That's what ACP compliance payments are / REGGI but we could do more
Support if the cost is not passed down to consumers
It would just raise prices to consumers
Fossil fuel companies don't use fossil fuels, we do. To impose costs on them just makes our costs higher. Tax incentives for green decision making by consumers maybe makes sense.
I am sure the fossil fuel companies would pass on any cost associated w/this to the customer
Fiercely oppose this Attempt at extortion
HUMAN CAUSED climate change is a hoax that has distorted our economy for too long. Climate does change cyclically but on a far grander scale.
Any costs are going to be passed on regular people.
Any requirement for them to contribute to the costs, will just be passed on to the consumer - so I don't support.
Find another way.
Why is the attorney general wasting time and resources with these dumb lawsuits? Didn't they get tossed in court recently? And who/what would the proceeds of any such lawsuit go to benefit? I'm sure that money would just disappear into the ether like everything else
No climate change
how prove? Could tie us in courts and costs for decades
EV production is using materials that are harmful to miners and contributing to pollution. What happens to the batteries? They can't be recycled and end up in landfills, leaching poison into the soil and ground water.
Support as long as the mitigation isn't a huge cost that it makes operating too expensive/unprofitable.
Tax volcanoes
It depends. The state shouldn't treat these companies like a piggy bank, which is where these suggestions seem to lead.
Just another tax that will be passed on to the consumer...will hurt low income people the most.
Climate change is not real
Depends on the policy
coal companies have been devastating Chesapeake tribes; nutrients, acid mine drainage. They are polluting air, land (coal ash), surface and drinking water and are allowed to walk away with impunity
somewhat support but take fee out of profits, don't add it to cost of fuel
They would pass along costs to us
need more details
the climate is always changing
Not if they are going to raise their rates on us AGAIN
I so hate people who think government can fix things

Appendix S: Electricity Generation Alternatives – Comments

Oil

Don't replace the existing, reliable, coal plants

Hydroelectric dams are also a good method for MD, considering the bay

I do not believe in the current state nuclear is perfect because I do not trust the u.s. to implement disposal and car rules effectively enough to stop the ones running them from causing issues. I do however think that with changing and adapting technology that nuclear will reach a point where it is completely safe. Although I know more about other renewable energy sources than nuclear

tidal energy, ocean thermal energy,

Solar panels required on all new homes and on all warehouses and flat roof structures. Less in farm land.

With all of the rivers we have, I feel like we could expand hydropower as well.

More nuclear

Further research and development of hydrogen produced energy.

explore all options

We need a mix of technologies that allow for changes as new green technologies mature.

Hydrogen

Obviously priority should be given to renewables and then fossil with priority to lower impact - e.g., natural gas before coal, but no plant should be closed when it causes huge impact on infrastructure. MD is being stupid on Brandon Shores. Really STUPID. Study the whole problem before making such STUPID decisions!

Hydrogen generators & power plants

what ever happened to conservation?

enhanced capacity of grid technologies including battery storage and digital grid interactions

small nuclear plants

Net metering for home solar producers.

Tidal generators

Hydroelectric would also be amicable, though the cost may require subsidization from the federal government which were it the case would render this approach unrealistic. Granted the same could be said about nuclear, on top of the fact nuclear power plants take nigh decades to construct.

CLEAN (Swedish model) incinerators

Need bright minds to continue to research and development clean energy.

hydroelectricity

what about micro hydrokinetic turbines to generate power from tide and current? maybe on bridge cassions or private piers? I'd also support nuclear if we could develop fusion technology.

Use of the tides in Chesapeake Bay

Explore for other green versions

I am not an expert and do not think my opinion should be weighed. I don't know the effects of natural gas plants or how dangerous nuclear plants are. I have solar on my huse as I feel it is important to capture this power. I would like to see more of this, but have we learned how to store the power?

Tidal current turbine

We need to use all options.

All of the above. Can't be a one size fits all

A mix that moves Maryland towards its environmental goals while preventing rate shock
solar but not wind

Hydro

Give incentives for independent solar homes, that function off grid

Current new technologies

need to look at new sources and reduce energy use, whatever happened to campaigns to reduce use.
like turn off a light type we used to hear

Just get out of the way of energy providers so they can profit and apply profits to improved systems.

Modern life is a global competition and we cannot afford to lose to the totalitarian societies of this world.

I am unsure of all the impacts and downsides to all the different type of energy providers. of course coal
has always been a hot topic due to climate impacts. I am not sure of the negatives of geothermal, wind
and solar. Nuclear power plants will always have a safety aspect to them due to the astronomical
potential damage from a melt down of a reactor

NO ones taking about burning trash, which would be small impact but worthy.

Stop the devastating proposal regarding offshore wind in Maryland. It will ruin Ocean City which we
treasure. Also it is a ridiculous expense for no benefit whatsoever to the climate

Biomass Fired generating plants (wood waste products for fuel

It should be an all of the above solution. Coal fire cannot go away

I doubt people responding will have done much research on this to compare options

Whichever balances safety, cost and reliability

fusion

Climate change is a hoax

You shouldnt have destroyed our energy grid which cause massive increases in cost

None

The mining of and batteries used for non fossil fuel energy are worse for the environment than the fossil
fuels themselves. Oil is in everything. Why don't we try to bring back glass and minimize plastic use
before we switch energy sources.

think outside the box, reduce electric needs as an option. many waus to save arent on the table, like all
county libraries have heat controlled centrally so certain tie of year odenton libray has heat on all the
windows open cause its too hot. bet a true energy audit of all state, city, county spaces could yield a 10-
20 percent reduction. can you assure me there are no incandescent or fluorescent bulbs that could be
LED in county state spaces. Anyone looking at that.

Hydroelectric

Use all sources, don't be dependent upon one type of energy. BGE is ripping us off!

Water powered energy sources

Allow everything, subsidize nothing.

all the ideas are good, but we can't just eliminate something that has gotten us this far, however we have
to continue to expand every possible source of energy moving forward. i did not check Nuclear, because
it has proven time over time as something we can not control or contain when something goes wrong.
natural or man made. so until we find how to control and maintain safety, we should pause on that aspect
of energy. and we have to be careful of what we take out of the ground or ocean's, as to not cause harm
either. imagine every home having solar panels. that alone would reduce cost. so what we spend on
energy can re directed toward something that makes sense, and would be a step in the right direction.

just saying

don't close existing plants

tidal/water current power plants

Distributed Power Plants; State is currently testing Ford F-150s with BGE, needs to be rolled out so solar homeowners have ability to mitigate grid issues and reduce their overall energy costs. Esp. important for low-to-moderate income households for whom energy is a larger percentage of their overall household budget. Could be a guaranteed income plan that doesn't need to be called that.

I want someone with scientific knowledge to be involved in this decision not a retired intel analyst!
not sure what natural gas plants mean, nuclear would be good but not until the problem of waste disposal is solved

I don't have personal expertise and all of these answers. But we do need to acknowledge climate change and do everything we can to support efforts to stop it in its tracks.

no fracking for gas powered plants

Wes Moore and Co are shortsighted if they are going to meet the energy needs of MD while at the same time shutting down all of the coal-fired plants. It would be far wiser to use a blend of technologies. Not this one-size-fits-all small mindedness.

Use other methods in addition to coal fired

The one that doesn't cost me twice as much in electricity.

Get their act together!

I do not know enough. My first thought was expanded use of geothermal options

FULL NUCLEAR I HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS ITS THE ONLY WAY

Cheaper options as utilities in Maryland are way too expensive

Nuclear is the most efficient, downside is disposing of waste

Even well modified coal plants are better these days. Go for clean!

Md should optimize a combination of all methods of alternative fuels in a way that best uses its resources while reducing its coal dependence

Appendix T: State Policies Other Comments

Make state government more efficient by hiring the best candidates for each job, regardless of race or religion. Re-think adding more paid holidays, etc which cost the taxpayers more. Be selective with spending.

Stop spending money we do not have. The politicians who run this state need to get their hands out of citizens' pockets. Government cannot and should not try to solve every problem and should stop inventing and creating problems. Back off!

Out of touch with the population of Maryland

Maryland is broken, for example Nick Mosby can't pay his household bills, but you make him in charge of the lottery. Shameful. Maryland need help. Bad.

Tax the rich.

Stop spending so much.

I believe our Democratic legislators are not correctly reading the changes at the federal level and how they will negatively impact Maryland's deficit both this year and in the future. We are in uncharted territory with our current federal administration, and they did promise it would hurt when elected. Unfortunately, fiscal conservativeness is necessary right now.

Stop spending, freeze hiring, stop creating new fees & taxes & don't push state expenditures to the counties which forces the counties to increase our property taxes & Moore can say he didn't raise taxes.

Stop treating us like we are stupid

Cut spending!

Moore wake up stop Overspending and sending responsibilities for pensions etc down to Counties, which will increase our County income and property taxes ...

High cost of electricity

I don't respect Wes Moore at all. He is an empty suit.

Repeat: more taxes on the wealthiest should be imposed.

He is driving people out of MD thereby reducing revenue this increasing taxes. Should lower taxes to entice people to move to MD

There has to be a major effort to clean up Baltimore and get the homeless people off the street and becoming contributing members of society or housed in a group home of some kind if that's not possible. There are some great things about Baltimore but too little has been done to rectify the nasty ravaged communities. Let's clean up Baltimore!

Moore is a liar

They created too many state jobs when the state is already in a financial crisis. The current administration will put more people in need creating even more poverty. If 1/3 of schools are poverty schools we obviously are not as wealthy a state as the government thinks we are

Stop raising my taxes

Generally feel Governor Moore is doing a good job and will try to protect Marylanders from Trump's reckless and feckless actions.

We get nothing of value from our taxes, just make all the politicians richer

They should open up more jobs to help with the state's infrastructure projects. There should also be a budget set aside for a ferry or another mode of transport across the Chesapeake Bay around the Bay Bridge.

Maryland is becoming the California of the East!!

They can not reduce the budget without cutting spending significantly.

Yes. The Blueprint for Education is a laudable goal, but it is too expensive. Who will pay for it? It's a gift to the teacher's union. Hogan vetoed it because the state can't afford it. The state is already top ranked. Day-long pre-K is just childcare for all, no matter whether parents are working and contributing to the economy, and not is not means tested. In Maryland, everyone wants everything for nothing, and stick it to hard-working dual-earning households, savers and retired people with savings and pensions. Maryland needs to tighten its belt and live within its means, like people and families do.

Waste of time. The politicians are going to do what they want to do

I am ashamed of Maryland for getting in to this mess. It is a shared responsibility of both Democrats and Republicans. They need to grow up, face reality and make some tough decisions and cut some programs. This is also not the time to increase govt state salaries. We must return to solvency quickly. I am so mad at our State legislature

Very frustrated that the State has screwed the retired employees .

Maryland is a diaster and getting worse everyday

I didn't watch the speech because he never says anything.

keep government functioning for the benefit of the people. do not turn things over to the private sector

I wish we could recall Governor Moore. He is the worst governor!

The proposal to redirect/zero out funding for Program Open Space and Ches Bay Restoration Trust Fund to close the budget deficit is bad policy. Perhaps reduce, with a commitment to pay back, but not eliminate for four years.

MD should do all we can to shore up protections for people whom will be disenfranchised or outright threatened by the Trump agenda. We need to step up and take care of our people and not cave to threats of federal funds being cut off.

Both parties should be charged under RICO for defrauding the state, and every Governor including Moore should have their personal assets stripped for signing any deficit spending at any point in their political careers. Enslaving our children tomorrow to buy votes today is an insane political model.

Stop wasting our hard earned money. Cut salaries of elected officials. Have merit based raises for teachers, ie, if scores go up, raises, if scores go down drop salaries, on individual class results

I think the state should increase auto registration fees for licensed drivers who have registered more than one personal vehicle.

Tax and spend. It's his MO

Maryland needs to bring spending down. At the curent rate Maryland is rapidly approaching a catosthropical failure similar to Los Angeles last year.

This governor ruined a surplus and now wants to push the bill onto us in already tough economic times, he should be shamed

Taxes and fees in MD are out of control

I support the governor

Wes Moore is an idiot. How could he go from so much money available to use to a deficit? If he were a financial officer in a corporation, he'd be fired at least and jailed at worst.

Feel leaders are playing word games with public about budget - focusing on supposed tax cuts but ignoring impact of fees being added.

Gov. Wes Moore is not honest with Maryland citizens. Yes, 2023, we have a surplus, but now it was not a surplus??? Or he blames it on Gov. Hogan? He is a poor fiscal manager, and surprisingly a poor communicator.

I think way too much money is spent on education. I support scholarships for higher education but I do not believe that teachers need to have the latest and greatest technology to teach children. Children need to be taught discipline in learning and how to study. From there they can learn anything.

In recent years particularly, one of the most poorly governed and financially managed states in the U.S. Sad result of effectively a one party control situation -- no checks and balances.

Housing needs to be less expensive. Rent increases should be limited, and hedge funds buying up property should be banned.

Impeach Moore! Turning Maryland into California, disgusting!

Stop taxes on vehicles and alcohol. Enough is enough!

Moore doesn't know how to run a state.

Moore came into office with a budget surplus and has run the state into the ground with his wasteful spending

Just like families, Maryland government should become fiscally responsible. If the money's not there, you can't spend it.

I worry Trump will punish MD for being a blue state, and governed by a Black man

Trump and project 2025 are a menace to our constitution, individual freedom of speech, equal rights, and a healthy middle class.

Governor Hogan wanted to away with taxes in federal retirees. This should be brought forward again. Many federal retirees are leaving state because of economics. Other states do this.

Moore is way overspending and needs to cut spending to fix the budget

power is in the people.....don't forget that. It's been taken advantage of for too long.

Please prioritize services and programs - we need to expand them, not cut them.

I'm so proud to be a Marylander! Attorney General Brown is doing a great job checking Trump in the courts.

Get in line with more conservative positions

Raise business taxes and taxes on the wealthy and reduce out of control spending on education (Two new high schools built within two miles of my home. The facilities are like palaces.)

I do not support the governor's proposal to eliminate itemized deductions on income tax forms.

State spending is out of control. Moore has no substance. State budget goes up uncontrollably every year.

He has a terrible mindset for Maryland and the state will end up like Baltimore.

Wish would invest more in wild spaces and stop building

Stop wasting Marylander's hard earned money!!!

Just shocked that we went from a surplus to budget deficit. Maryland taxes are one of the highest in USA. The statements about reasons don't make sense.

Continued high cost of living in MD is going to drive me away as soon as I can retire.

Making too many promises

Budget is out of control. Bring back Hogan.

Governor Moore's proposed tax policies will harm the state's economy and erode its business and high income tax base.

More gun control

None

The plan to eliminate itemized charitable donations will hurt the taxpayers as well as the charities. Horrible idea.

His expenditures are out of control. He thinks he's a celebrity. Just do the work and make it happen without building out government. We don't need it.

Maryland and Gov. Moore must stand firm in opposition to the current federal government's destruction of our social services network.

The state needs a DOGE expert to assess all expenses. There is too much going to waste and services not needed or could be handled by private agencies.

Stop focusing on false green energy

Stop spending

The hiring of more state employees given the large budget gap is stupid !

It is obvious that the Maryland delegation of the opposing political party is caving to its current political leaders rather than demonstrate agreement with the governor: in doing so, they jeopardize the future of all Marylanders. This is the time for ethics and courage.

Too much spending and not doing a good job, schools not educating our children or keeping them safe. I would need to study the issue more carefully; the previous questions regarding the generation of new sources of funding, energy and social services suggests that our state leadership is on the right track. Something to consider would be to establish stronger relationships with like minded states to better control costs of home owners and auto insurance. The impacts of global warming (recent fires in CA and hurricanes in FL) have decreased insurance company profits. An aggregation of states through policy and cooperative agreements could cap insurance rates and profits to companies to reduce the impact on homeowners/auto owners. The cooperative agreements could assume functions being cast adrift by the federal government. State agreements could help to improve/reestablish trade relationships with nations aggrieved by the reckless actions of the inexperienced representative of our federal government. Just a thought.

The blueprint for education MUST be curtailed. Juveniles who repeatedly commit felonies must be jailed.

Californication of Maryland. Funny, born in one state and have lived my adult life in the other. Love them both, but the budgets have got to be controlled. Unsure I can afford to retire here

Taxes, insurance, and energy costs are getting really high and make MD undesirable as a retiree. It's also getting too crowded with so much traffic.

More training for young people who don't or can't attend college. More subsidies for people returning to school to retrain. More funding opportunities for entrepreneurs.

While I do not know what changed from Hogan's budgets to Moore's, it is disheartening to hear the when Hogan left office we had a large budget surplus, and now under Moore we are in a very large deficit. I'm a Dem, but that is something that will be on my mind during the next election cycle

The State has a spending problem and you can't tax your way out of it. Schools should be held accountable for the failings of the students.

Need to rethink Baltimore schools. Pay out a lot of money for each student but results are abysmal. If not in school and studying perhaps students should be put to work helping the community (put them on cleanup duty for roads and the city, help elderly paint their houses and do repairs, etc

Have DOGE or similar look at MD government programs and Government spending.

Maryland needs to focus on truly core issues, not divisive issues like DEI initiatives. Examples include: Increasing road lines for less traffic on MD-100, MD-32, MD-175, and MD-2, providing greater volume of traffic movement east & west surrounding Ft. Meade. The state should prioritize high-speed traffic lanes across a new bay bridge for housing expansion/commutes. Neighborhood roads should be maintained at a much higher quality, not leaving neighborhood roads with cinders all across them where kids ride their bikes and often play.

The Comptroller's office procedures significantly discourage or prevent low-income taxpayers from pursuing appeals or seeking redress when the state makes a mistake with their taxes. Also, the Comptroller's office never seems to answer or acknowledge correspondence, so a taxpayer is left to guess how to proceed to fix a problem.

Maryland policies are more rational than national policies lately. Thank goodness.

The state is doing a poor job of managing the budget, there is no reason to increase taxes to make up for excessive spending. Every program should be analyzed to identify wasteful spending. There is no reason to cut funding from certain programs, if necessary allocated funds once waste is identified. Medicaid, school system, road infrastructure, etc. should not suffer because Moore can't balance a budget Maryland must cut spending, a severe cut. No one likes to have a financial cut but it needs to happen. Some of the ideas for revenue streams of taxing people are wonky.

Schools are extremely important. Please consider summer programs that immerse nonEnglish speaking people in learning the English language. Also, if Maryland gives free lunches to all, Why? If it's done to mask who is poor, use a better way. There are wealthy families who can afford to pay for their childrens' meals.

Maryland needs an audit

I worked for MDOT MAA for 16 years before retiring. We were always short staffed because when someone retired, their work was dumped on someone else when hiring freezes were in place even though the receiver of said work already had their plates full. We appeared to have too many chiefs and not enough indians so to speak.

All they do is spend spend spend.

Counties should be able to enter into or withdraw from any agreement with the federal they wish. The state government should be sure that the rights and safety of CITIZENS are its PRIMARY goal. Anyone living here who is either not a citizen nor have gone through proper channels to begin the process of becoming naturalized are already breaking the law and should not be given any consideration. There have been no opportunities to comment on local, Anne Arundel County policies, which, since this is a survey from Anne Arundel Community College, I would think would be the main focus. Banning plastic grocery bags is a garbage policy and has only made residents' lives worse while not providing any benefit whatsoever. An article in the New York Times this last week focused on such policies and how paper bags do more damage than traditional plastic grocery bags that are more reusable than paper.

Too much spending with poor ROI. Like spending on education that doesn't increase the quality or quantity of educated students. If it ain't working, more money just means it costs more for not working.

Property taxes are too high for middle class families.

We are fortunate to have such a gifted Governor as Wes Moore. Really, truly blessed. He's amazing, positive, ethical, brilliant, genius, the best of us.

Please do more to protect us from Trump policies

Maryland will need to balance the budget. It will hurt everyone in one way or another. Adding to a deficit will not be sustainable in the future. I read comments on Nextdoor Neighbor website. Persons are extremely sad about the cost of energy and taxes. Many are thinking about moving to states with less taxes. I would love to live here because the state offers so much with great hospitals and natural resources. I wish the government would make this state a tax friendly retirement state for the elderly and retirees, so that they would not have to move to another state to pay less taxes. Things like tax breaks on property, no tax on Social Security.

Moore is a joke. I hope he's gone after one term

Spending way to much and not accounting for the spending,

Moore inherited a state in good shape and has spent it all and is now making MD unaffordable for us. Thankfully did not cut DDA budget as badly thought. It is a service in crisis. High staff turnover. Poor wages. Not enough funding to provide good training. Staffing are mainly women holding two jobs and having family's. Clients suffer the consequences!

Need real school choice: charter schools, public funding for students in private and parochial schools, education scholarships, etc. Public schools are an expensive failure.

I think Question 30 is inaccurate or I misread it. There are 4 jurisdictions - I believe - that have these agreements. That is why there is a bill this year to get rid of those agreements with ICE.

Could the State of the State be emailed out by the county executive?

Education, especially PreK to 12, should be prioritized.

If you think the blueprint for schools will help and make more people stay or come to Maryland trust me those who will be able to afford to live in Maryland after this will be sending their children to private schools as they do presently.

Moore needs to be impeached

The State should slow down implementing the Blueprint for Education to spread out the cost. I fear a backlash against it and our current leaders if spending rises dramatically.

We must reduce our deficit without raising taxes. We are driving residents and businesses out of Maryland and into other states.

The most important functions of a state government are education and transportation.

Due to reduction of federal subsidies, the Maryland budget should likewise be reduced.

Maryland needs to focus on moving to an energy system that incentivizes residents to own and otherwise benefit economically from locally produced sustainable energy - Solar/Wind+battery+energy efficiency. Fossil fuels should not be the future.

Just to reiterate what I wrote before about leftist policies destroying the state and driving families away ... I'm an undeclared (not Independent) voter but have never before been so relieved to live in a state run by Democrats. Particularly liking the Atty. General's involvement in suits to stop/amend/slow Trump's actions.

Glad we're a blue state!

Gov More is a major disappointment. All hat and no cattle.

Unfortunately with the state of the country being what it is I am not engaging in news media

I see Hogan's FB posts that Moore took a surplus and turned it into a deficit. I'd like to know how many DEI programs have millions of \$\$ going into them.

I think Governor Moore doesn't understand what the working class

Moore is a thief & a liar

We are one of the highest taxed states. There is no excuse for raising taxes. Efficiencies must be found and that may mean cutting back to core agency missions. For example, the library of things is a great idea to share products (reduce and reuse) rather than people buying their own, but it is not the library's core mission, in my opinion.

Why South Carolina is getting tax cuts, VA is adding to their emergency fund...and we are \$3B in the hole? Where did the surplus Go.??? I would move out of the state if my children where not here. If they move as hoped I will move as well. The state is poorly run and way too expensive for retirees to live here on a fixed income.

Worst governor ever. He's overtaken Martin O'Malley in that category.

State should work on diversifying its workforce while capitalizing on its strengths like healthcare and cyber. Public transit needs to be more available and at a low cost. Increase frequency of existing lines. Not sure Red line will help now and the Purple line has been a fiasco.

Maryland should be a constitutional carry state and all mow full sized magazines. Also make it easier to obtain a firearm legally and punish those that don't or use a firearm in a crime

WE NEED TO ELIMINATE WASTE FRAUD AND ABUSE FOR OUR STATE! THE TAXPAYER IS BEING ABUSED AND WE NEED RELIEF!!

It is a travesty. It is a historic tax increase with little to no cuts. The two largest cuts are not cuts. NOT saving is NOT a cut. And NOT hiring without cutting open positions is also NOT a cut.

Do not propose programs that cannot be sustained.

I do think that *affordable* healthcare should be available to everyone. Honestly the state program was much better than the private we have now which is a problem. I also think that to be able to qualify for federal/state funded Healthcare there need to be more rules, like a certain length of time you can be on it, or a 3 strikes policy with regards to hospital admissions involving drug use (with automatic DNR type thing), stricter check ins with the state to get financial support. More like what they do in Europe where it's pretty much illegal to be homeless and begging for money, but the state takes care of you, but also there are a ton of regulations with that. Like if you literally cannot give back and are disabled that's one thing, but if you are not disabled then you should be required to volunteer a certain number of hours a week and apply to jobs in the mean time like they now do in Maine, and of course this would be subsidized daycare while parents work/volunteer those hours.

I know we are in a tough environment where Trump may punish good governors and county executives.

Protect and support MD residents from the worst of the federal plans

Stop the wasteful spending. Look into fraudulent spending at the state and local level.

The Blue Print for Education needs to be extended to be more affordable.

I think Maryland should reduce it's budget deficits. Fund Education and Public Safety endeavors. And maintain a clean Maryland State. And encourage programs in each county to clean the litter off the streets and highways.

They really need to rethink the Blue Print Plan. I don't think it is working & it is costing way too much money to maintain.

Decreasing the estate tax exemption would help with the budget shortfall.

Spend too much, tax too much, focus on things that don't matter while our cities suffer from crime.

I feel like as a middle classer I will get screwed on taxes regardless of what they say

I'm proud to live in such a beautiful state that cares for its residents' health, education, civil rights, and our environment. Our state leaders have consistently supported policies that uphold that ethos and I expect them to stand strong and stay the course in the face of the inevitable threats from the Trump Administration. Our diversity truly is our strength. Please don't forget that.

Going to push even more people out of Maryland.

I work for the Maryland Department of Service and Civic innovation. And if the governor only knew the cruel things and unfair things that are happening in that program. I was assaulted by my boss and then fired and Dcsi first tried to just drop me and say oh well. And when I finally threatened with legal action they've suddenly started to try and find another job for me. And the boss I worked for was unfair and cruel. She looked down on her employees in a manner that no person should have to go through. And they are doing nothing about what she did. She's still in charge. Still abusing her other employees. And I think that someone should really look into that. I have hope in DSCI. It's an amazing idea that has helped so many people. But there is a group of us. The year before me too. We've all suffered at the hands of a woman who should not be allowed to treat us as though we are dirt for her to walk over. Her name is Barbara Webber, She's the owner of Compass Rose Theater. And I wish the governor could know that his program needs his help. Because the people who are running it currently do not have the same interest as him. We should have goals of nice things, but until we are meeting the basic needs for all residents, our funding and programs should focus there.

Governor Moore is raising taxes and fees on hardworking Marylanders and doesn't have any remorse about the businesses his policies will kill or the families that will be impacted. This state is so out of touch with reality in terms of their spending and the Democrats in charge have zero motivation to bring spending back to a normal level. You would think with a \$3b deficit they would take a hard look at making cuts but instead, they just raise taxes. We are already taxed endlessly in this state and it just gets worse

every year. It's honestly pathetic. But yeah, let's worry about suing Exxon and also banning gas powered leaf blowers because they are "too loud"... These are the heavy hitting issues. (Eye roll)

We keep throwing money at education and never get measurable positive returns. We need to stop creating and sustaining fake middle class jobs paid for by taxpayers

Implement the sugar tax on drinks.

Wes Moore needs to keep his hands out of the money jar.

Horribly run. Such a disappointment

n/a

Democrats had huge positive budget and now have punned us into making choices between heat and rent. These questions are so biasedly asked it's disgraceful. I'm guessing the writers were ALL democrats. You also allowed 4 years of covering for a demented President while he destroyed this country. YOU have allowed criminals into our state and NOW refuse to help get them out. TOTAL failure to govern

Number 49 out of 50 rating for supporting business environment is painful.

This guy is really trying to platform himself to run for President and he's quick to promise but then goes a different way (I.E. cutting the entire budget for Special Needs and Disabled Communities while taking photo ops with Arc Maryland and Special Olympics) GTFO. Useless and he's going to run us lower State Ranking based on his current track record. We need a new GOV. Not a smiling Muppet.

Stop the fraud waste and abuse. There's a general theme.

Where did the surplus go?

Encourage future federal workers to join a federal union to prevent a recurrence of the current mess being created by out-of-touch oligarchs.

Retirees find it difficult to remain in MD...no break in our taxes. Guess that's why they choose to move out of state!

Do not make cuts in public education. We are struggling to help our kids now and buy out of pocket, work over hours and are fearful we will lose positions. We can't hire now and people are going to retire early. Class sizes will grow. We are failing as a society.

I feel the state government is poorly run and we are over taxed and regulated.

No Moore spending - the amount of money for the blueprint bill is absolutely ridiculous and has not helped a student performance at all

Stop spending what we don't have or on what we don't need. Leave the Senior Citizens' limited income alone(No more Taxes or Fees)

I would like Maryland to lead states in creating a law against animal abuse and all cruelty aspects- including prohibiting animal testing to owners' cruelty including negligence.

Cut back on spending!! We need a form of Doge in MD!

State officials are spending too much time and money traveling to conferences and other meetings to "promote the state". They should cut the travel budget for all agencies and top officials and save that money. The energy administration needs to get away from the fossil fuels companies and make a new plan that is not influenced by Hogan's leadership in that office.

spend less, manage better Cut money spent as education which don't educate the legally here children Stop lining the teacher's nest

I just want to clarify that I checked geothermal for a previous question, but when I hit next the check mark seemed to disappear and I can't go back.

I am not sure how we got into the deficit that we are in. I am not happy about this. I pay a lot of property tax and if it continues I may have to move out of state. How can we contain our budget? How did this happen without us anticipating it?

Maryland actively punishes productive, successful citizens and goes above and beyond to push/encourage them to leave the state for better opportunities with less taxing and government overreach

Get Moore out of office

Do not trust data

They need to review there spending, within your own budget you can't overspend and keep going to the bank to borrow.

If I recall properly, he inherited a surplus and now there is a huge deficit and talk of raising taxes. Why?

Moore has been an utter disappointment

Increase taxes on alcohol, marijuana, cigarettes, and other habit-forming, dangerous substances. Hopefully, it would discourage use. Care for the homeless, Mental health and general medical care badly needs improvent.

I read or heard portions of the speech, but not the entire speech.

Pursue cooperation with other surrounding states, Wash DC and federal government but not cave into policies that are discriminating against DEI, or providing services to seniors and low income persons I've been making \$16 an hour for 5 years now. Companies should give us a living wage. We work ourselves to death. Work work work and no time for friends and family. No making memories, just work to die. And still be in debt in the end.

He lies soooooo well - it's almost as if he worships Baal.

Please lower taxes and make necessary cuts to government.

How did we get into this much debt in 18 months?

Moore should be impeached for turning a \$5 Billion budget surplus under Hogan into a \$3 Billion budget deficit in only 2 years . We need a Md. DOGE effort !

Wes Moore is driving businesses out of Maryland and killing us with taxes

Yes Gov Moore should stop lying about not raising taxes, that is a lie plus he increased so many fees that it will increase what I have to spend. Stop spending money we dont have. The salaries of the politicians have gone up faster than inflation, cut their salaries and stop over spending. Education needs to be reign in as well. The results dont warrant the increases and the Kirwan blue print needs to be stopped as this is causing a huge strain on the MD budget.

Maryland needs to cut spending and stop wasting money. **AUDIT THE GOVERNMENT AND FIND THE WASTE**

Gov Moore's failure to maintain fiscal control reflects his lack of caring for our state, as well as wasteful spending, he was voted in on nothing but party line and other factors that offer no value to the office.

Throwing money, LARGE amounts of money, at education does not seem to be improving test scores.

Now we will be throwing even more money at education. What is the saying about the definition of insanity...when you keep doing the same thing over and over without improvement.

Clearly Moore has no idea how to spend my money wisely. I cannot wait to leave this state and this county.

I hope that Governor Moore is becoming more attuned to the political, social and economic realities in which we live, I have lived in Maryland for 42 years, and Gov. Moore is the least communicative with the residents of the state than any other Governor during this time. Too bad, and I wish that he would spend more time communicating with his constituents in Maryland rather than his perceived, potential constituents and audiences around the country.

Governor Moore's plans do not reflect a good understanding of basic economics.

Nope.

Marylands wastewater plants are outdated and constantly overflow polluting the bay with every rain storm. They need serious updates ahead of many of the other funding programs we continue to dump money into.

Please try to balance our budget! I'm sure it won't be easy.

Mandatory audits to justify utilizing tax dollars

Fund Governor Moore's Quantum Capital of the World Initiative with real dollars.

Fully fund school food programs for those in need. Special education for children that qualify. Pay our teachers, police and fire personnel a decent wage.

Just to reiterate that I think it's a huge mistake to allow Atlas group to control our restaurants. Also we need to remember that unless you're Native American, we are all immigrants. If immigrants are not giving due process, than shame on us. Most are not nearly the criminals they're made out to be. After all, we have a felon in the White House!

Hogan had money left what happened to it all??? stop the spending..balance the budget where's the surplus???

The state needs to make responsible spending choices. The Kirwin plan is crazy. Great education needs to start at home otherwise you will not achieve excellence no matter how much money you throw at it. If these citizens of Maryland don't have enough money, they need to cut their personal spending. The out of touch politicians need to learn that basic principle and use it with the state budget

Moore hired 3300 new state employees an \$140,000 average salary. you do the math

Moore is ruining the country and I hope he loses next election.

I have a poor understanding of why the state went from surplus to deficit so quickly.

Our politicians must remain vigilant and proactive against the injustices committed by the current administration at the federal level. They must support and uphold our democratic principles by and for the people, please.

We had a surplus and Moore spent it. With lottery and casinos why do we have a deficit. Bring back Hogan

Public transit could be improved--especially for people who do not live in the city limits. Need to find ways to reduce auto traffic and congestion on our roads. Some streets could be marked to change directions based on traffic need (such as more lanes toward residential areas during rush hr.

Raising taxes without any reduction in spending is stupid.

No Moore taxes!

Moore has got to go.

For the most part, I'm a satisfied Maryland resident. I especially like the following: County senior Centers, public library resources and events, and enjoy Pip Moyer Recreation Center, exercise equipment, classes, and reasonable membership fee. Although, think fee should be same for all Anne Arundel county residents.

Improving access to and quality of mental health services needs to be a top priority.

Would like to know what caused the \$3M deficit.

The MD government should focus on reducing taxes and vastly reducing the budget. That \$5B surplus was wasted just since Moore's term in order to justify the ridiculous new taxes now being passed.

More money will have to support special education if federal funds are reduced.

We have an issue with trash on our roads which makes driving around the state very unpleasant.

Nope

Ineffective at improving the state and created a huge deficit
budgets for the schools should be bigger

Budget has too much spending mandates. Democrats focused too much on emotional social sound good measures and not on practical reasonable sustainable ones.

Make everyone pay thier "fair share". Electric vehicles drive on the roads, don't pay the gas tax to maintain rds. All fees should be broke out so people know what they're paying. Stop teh insane finance charges that are being added and give us a way to report same anonymously. Example, go to 1978 pizza in lake shore, they charge a %3.99 "finance" fee on all purchases, not just credit cards but including cash, cash. So in other words their menu prices are really misleading because every price is really %3.99 hirer, just say that. Seaside seafood in Glen burnie adds a %18 gratuity to all checks, regardless of paying with credit card cash regardless of parties for 5 or more, doesn't matter basically their menu prices are actually %18 hirer across the board. We really need some "tip" regulation, first off nothing should be called a "tip" when its mandatory, that's not a tip that's a fee. Second with tipping not fed tax free I have heard no one in Maryland talk about the lost revenue and how its going to be dealt with. If we need a new separate Maryland state tax on tips that so be it, but this is lost revenue and no one is addressing it. Like lets stop calling those mandatory tips, tips and call them fees and regular income. Its not a gratuity when its mandatory.

We need to support the Wind Farms proposed off Ocean City without hurting the fisherman who use the pier in question (if that is indeed a REAL concern). Perhaps the W F company can find a new location (not in Delaware)

Keep resisting Trump and the fascists

Why is 695 West under constant construction, but no signs of what's being worked on in the median? Is this the best way to use limited funds instead of fixing roads and bridges that really need to be addressed?

Yes, the exit of alternative supply companies for electricity is really bad for my budget- not having any options will raise my bill at least 20%

I dont see real cuts. Crime is going up, housing costs are increasing. The quality of education is subpar...and expensive. I pray every night for school choice

I keep up with local news on several venues. I am appalled at what Governor Moore and our legislature is doing to our state! The far left agenda will only create havoc ;increasing crime and taxes and decreasing the desire or financial ability to live here. I have lived in Annapolis most of my life and never seen the budget in such chaos! This all could have been prevented. We have the weakest leadership in the country other than California coupled with the most liberal views on immigration, homelessness and tax increases. I will most likely be leaving the state that I love with many other conservatives and businesses. Governor Moore should be ashamed !!!

My concern is I have not heard anyone in Maryland advise they are reviewing their programs to see if they can reduce cost. Updated policies and practices would be a good start.

The increased vehicle registration fees and new annual fees for plugin hybrid electric vehicles are very unfair.

maryland policy on golf carts and dirt bikes and atvs needs to be enforced. how is this not child endagerment. i literally saw, this past week, 5, 6 golf carts some driven by minors, some with minors hanging off back, 2 twelve year olds riding double on a dirt bike at high speed and a suped up ATV riding down the road and tha was just this week. no one cares, no one does anything. then theres the lack of enforcement of obscured licenses and tinted windows, understand not a "primary" offense, both should be, lastly theres the complete lack of concern for fire lanes. go around to some of these neighborhoods on weekend and two way streets are blocked with cars parked on both sides creating a narrow barely passable lane a fire engine, an ambulance cant go down. cant tell you how many places have routinely parked delivery truck, like festival plaza at jumpers hole and rt2 routinely has trucks in fire lane. no one cares.

Coming from a family of legal immigrants, it's a slap in the face to all the law-abiding residents and citizens in MD that our state is not cooperating with federal laws regarding immigration. Lawbreakers are lawbreakers, even if the law hasn't been enforced adequately in years, and even if it's a law certain politicians or the businesses who pay them don't like. None of these politicians or businesses care about the people--they just want cheap labor.

I think Wes Moore is going to drive this state into the ground. He is spending too much and taxing people like crazy

Strongly oppose budget cuts to the DDA and Dept. of Aging

Overall, Good job, given the debt

More budget should be put towards maintaining roads. Construction may be disruptive but it's better than destructive potholes.

I'm proud that Maryland is maintaining individual liberty/freedoms as best as possible and fighting back regarding Trump administration's policies

Stop raising user and income taxes

The Governor's speech was high on platitudes and weak in substance. The State should focus on fundamentals (public safety, justice, roads/bridges/tunnels, etc.) and leave the rest for the residents to figure out what they want.

Gov Moore's Social Media posts rarely give specifics of how much, what percentage or where the cuts are being proposed in the budget. Saying, "90%" of Marylanders will see a reduction is not helpful. The video clips need specifics to be worth viewing.

I feel Maryland, and say this with heavy heart, must work on transitioning away from an economy reliant on DC. When I spoke to the President of the Maryland Senate's Chief of Staff she told me that so long as the capital was in DC there would also be desire on the part of feds to live in suburbs outside of it like AA county. But, I feel this approach may be a bit naive. The cost of having a hostile executive, legislature, and judiciary in Washington is the confinement of the free state. We could get away with not enforcing prohibition because we weren't as reliant on the fed then, nowadays for every ten cents of tax payer money one of those cents comes from the paycheck of a federal employee. What happens the federal government demands we cooperate with ICE, what happens when the President orders the Maryland National Guard to comply? I shiver at the thought.

Gov Moore must make MD less dependent on Federal work and make the state more friendly to business and private entrepreneurs!

Why can't MOORE answer any questions about the budget or his "tax cuts" he's a fraud and a failure get him out of here and everyone he appointed with him

Very concerning to hear that community schools cuts were under consideration.

No more taxes!!!!!!

This survey was much too long.

No, not really.

I believe that budget issues are going to get worse over time, due to federal policies. There aren't any really clear paths through this chaos, and I wish the legislators and governor the best as they try to keep the state solvent while maintaining our quality of life as best they can.

Our local economy is very likely about to completely crater. I don't know if there are any good answers to an openly hostile federal government trying to undermine us.

Don't introduce new or enhanced programs unless the legislation contains the specific way revenue will be increased for program funding or which other program will be dropped to acquire the enabling funds.

We had the Kirwin commission 20 years ago that the State was forced to fund with no discernible results. That should be a lesson. STOP THROWING MONEY AT EDUCATION WITHOUT SPECIFIC WAYS TO USE THE MONEY. Baltimore is the example of money doesn't produce results.

The legislature must learn to curb their spending. Our state budget has ballooned in the past decade to an unsustainable level.

Our politicians are stealing our money to pay themselves. They should all work these positions, not for financial gain. If you really cared about this state you would be willing to do it for free, so why is 100,000 a year not an acceptable salary? They do not care about us. It is entirely greed

Not at this time

none at this time.

Governor Moore is more of the same democrat governance. Ever growing government expenditure for sometimes well-meaning changes, but always taking more freedom and capital from the control of the populous.

Taxes in this stat along with bge increase are making it hard to live in the state of Maryland. Especially getting ready to retire in 5 years

Too much spending and the taxpayer has to put out even more money. It is already hard to afford living in Maryland. A lot of people I know said they are leaving the state as soon as they retire.

Tax the rich!

Severely disappointed with Gov Moore and our current and proposed policies leading to state debt and citizens increased taxes. We are becoming California. It would be sad to experience an exodus of good people leaving our state due to economic difficulties and liberal policy increase which are forgetting about balance. Please stop penalizing those who are working hard.

Wes Moore needs to be removed from office with all his other demorat cronies. Moore is a liar and mismanaged the surplus left from Governor Hogan's administration.

Our governor has wasted all of Maryland's surplus. Why did he hire 5000 new employees? When they weren't needed, i'm sure many were probably friends and relatives and he gives them high salaries. This must stop

The General Assembly's proposed budget includes too many taxes that businesses simply will pass along to consumers -- it's not an honest approach to taxation.

Stop the spending, freeze state hiring, lower taxes & electric distribution rates

It seems like we go to great lengths to draw up these solutions when it should be much simpler. A lot of effort goes into protecting corporate interests when we could cast that aside and stand on our own two feet.

I just don't want to see education suffer. We were told the casinos were being made legal to fund education - that hasn't happened. We were told cannabis was made legal to fund road projects - that hasn't happened. Where is the money and why didn't it go to education????

Get rid of fraud and waste, stop expecting taxes payers to pay for programs that give others FREE anything. Give them responsibility, make them earn to grow.

Why do we use limited tax dollars to support the dying horse racing industry? Will we be supporting bringing back the buggy whip industry?

Moore is a tax n spend politician doing his best to buy his votes

Not at this time.

education for special ed. children should have more funding

The budget is a mess. Wes Moore needs to be less on political grand standing and more focused on solving the problems of Maryland.

No.

Get a new governor

This governor needs to pay much more attention to not overrunning budgets and creating the huge deficit we face now. Don't overspend the revenue for a change!

Suggestion: Find a path to home ownership for families living in subsidised housing. Let them purchase their home, especially if they have lived there for a long time and are stable, and taking care of their properties. Pride of ownership. Eyes on the street will increase as owners protect THEIR properties. Stability and so much more.

no tax raises. modify blueprint

Moore is a classic spend and tax democrat wrapped in a slick urbanite package that will hurt Maryland's ability to attract and retain businesses with his out of control taxes. Also the legislatures rubber stamp to the PSC distribution rate hikes to fund Constellation's infrastructure improvements and the newly passed law to institute them as a monopoly again will only hurts Marylanders and our future resale value as we turn into the east coast version of California

HE just wants to serve the special interest group around dundalk, teachers, unions, NAACP and the like. He does nothing selfless and nothing just to help all in Maryland

REDUCE SPENDING!!

More money needs to go into public education - that's why the Maryland casino was created and allowed in the first place. However, it seems as though little of that money actually reaches the public education system here in Maryland. There is also a large amount of standardized testing done, which takes away from a teacher's time to actually teach their class.

Gov. Moore is very cunning in his quest to use his position to run for President of the USA, but he spends money we do not have and he had a budget excess to start!

Moore is a disgrace

Broadband should be available to everyone at affordable cost. After the COVID epidemic and the affordability program was discontinued we returned to a situation where internet providers went back to hiking up prices. Citizens of lower income and seniors on fixed incomes were left without access. So many doctors, government services etc are now online making it very difficult to get service.

Not

not totally briefed on everything , so can't honestly say right now. i imagine there are a lot of issues involving the budget.

Stop spending, reduce waste and lower taxes on residents. Otherwise, the wage earners in Maryland are all going to move to other states.

Wes Moore and Maryland Democrats treat Maryland businesses and taxpayers like whores in their stable. They spend money without reservation and place that overspending burden on our backs.

The budget is out of control because the legislature is pandering to groups to get their votes, not focusing on what's necessary and of value to residents.

Balance the budget, cut the extras, back to basics

Less waste. More on education

Stop lying to the people

The governor is NOT a good fiscal steward. From a surplus to a deficit. Nearly \$10B swing is irresponsible.

Just as any individual or family household that sticks to a budget , the state of Maryland should manage and stick to a budget as well. The state of Maryland should not overspend and should be able to negotiate prices with contractors on behalf of the tax payers.

stop taxing, lower spending

The Democrats are destroying Maryland. Most of us will not be able to afford to stay here or ever retire here.

The members of the legislature seem to get dumber and dumber. It's embarrassing.

We often had a rainy day fund...what happened to it? Infrastructure-roads, bridges maintenance needs to be fully funded

Governor Wes Moore is only focused on becoming Obama 2.0- nothing more. He is very busy worshipping the failed state of California and is clearly trying his best to morph Maryland's image in line with it. He simply buys the vote with free everything to the selected groups, while taxing all others; it's the only thing he knows how to do!

Stop hiring so many new Maryland State employees. Eliminate taxes on retirees.

Taxes are getting too high in the State. I have seriously considered moving to another state. Let the citizens see the budget and comment on it.

The original plan to build a subway in Baltimore and connect it to Washington DC which Hogan shut down should be restarted.

need to focus on priorities and not fund the wants -this is a time to focus on the needs. Need to understand long term impacts before changing laws for feel good short term gains

they need to enforce primary offenses like throwing trash out the car tinted windows illegal u turns and all that unsafe driving

Yes. The politicians should be limited on the number of staff they hire. More audits are needed across the state to eliminate waste. A law should be written to keep the governor, county executive, and all mayor's from spending money that isn't in the current budget. And above all: STOP RAISING TAXES AND FEES - E.V.E.R.Y. Y.E.A.R.!! (No one is fooled by calling a tax a "fee".)

Many liquor stores are small businesses.

Not currently. I don't know enough.

The CVA law should continue as passed and signed into law in 2023. All victims should be compensated. Very frustrated that there was a surplus when gov Moore entered office and in his short time in office he has amassed a deficit

IDD funding must be maintained/increased.

Before DOGE, I was confused on why there is a budget crisis. I see the economic picture going very dark with the Trump DOGE, tariff and immigration actions.

No Moore he is ruining MD

Very curious how we ended up with an enormous budget shortfall in such a short amount of time.

The current plans for "correcting" the \$3b deficit are another bait and switch approach much like the promised Education budget benefits used to sell the legalized casinos. The current plans will drive businesses (and most likely a large number of current residents) out of state leaving the remaining population with continued uncontrolled growth in taxes and fees. The loss of Federal funding as a result if DOGE is just the beginning.

Maryland is becoming too expensive to live in anymore. Taxes too high, spending out of control. The state looks "unkempt" — trash/litter everywhere.

The State is a runaway train as far as spending goes. From a billion dollar surplus to a multi-billion deficit. The Governor needs to rein in his programs and spending.

Yes spent way too much on new programs costing Maryland taxes to go up. Need to slash those unnecessary programs and bring taxes back in line with what they are.

i don't know what to say

Moore is an idiot. Maryland has gone downhill with their far left beliefs.

Where did the 3 billion go that Hogan left Moore. And now we are in the hole 3 billion?

The state taxes & spends WAY too much. One-party rule (Democrats) is ruining the state. The state government should live within its means -- just like regular people have to. The state is taxing people into moving elsewhere. Terribly short sighted. I can't wait to get out of here. Also, the state's progressive/socialist focus is offensive and destructive. The state should take care of the CITIZENS who live here, not illegal immigrants. It's inexcusable that the county & state do not cooperate with federal law

enforcement to keep CITIZENS safe. I'm tired of paying for the cost burdens associated with illegals and lazy people.

Disliked

Reduce regulations in the cities, counties and the state, reduce waste and corruption. Get rid of gerrymandering.

MD supports too many social programs. Why is our total budget higher than Pennsylvania?

As painful as it is, I think we need to step back on some unnecessary projects (I'm looking at you, pointless College Pkwy bike path) in light of the job losses and upcoming recession. I hope the budget prioritizes the hungry and unhoused as well as the recently unemployed over cool but ultimately unnecessary projects.

Maryland is becoming California. Wes Moore wastes money!

Dont feel Moore is the right governor for Md. Nor has the background to oversee government in any capacity.

Everyone likes what the state provides and no one likes that those things cost more all the time. Do not reward irresponsible breeding of humans.

Governor seems like he cares, appreciate that he genuinely makes an effort

MD needs to reduce waste to help balance the budget, not raise taxes. There was a surplus when Moore took office and he didn't manage it well.

Understand that they care and are trying. Prefer Maryland over all other states that have been lived in.

Why does Maryland tax pensions, it drives older people to move to other states?

In general, I think Wes Morre is doing a good job. To achieve budget goals, I suggest a thoughtful examination to see where spending can be reduced, but exempt education and healthcare from cuts, and iincrease in taxes on goods like gasoline, cannabis, and alcohol.

State needs to do more to protect targeted communities under the current adminstration.

Taxes need to be waived for people who have been scammed

Governor Moore and his team have wasted way too much money on programs that are not working. He has also hired 5,000 plus new workers that the state can not afford.

The economy is going in the wrong direction. And those who are running it don't have a clue

Please focus on curbing unnecessary spending and STOP over taxing. The blueprint is unreasonable.

Politicians in general are dishonest liars. We need people who quit pocketing our money and get us out of debt.

Need to control costs of BGE

Kirwan Blueprint is a failure and a waste of money. I does not get to the root of the problem of broken homes and fatherless children. Throwing money at schools does not fix this. We need tax policies that bring manufacturing back to the state, particularly cities, so families can support their children. Tax policies need to encourage marriage to keep families together. We need to reduce the tax burden so our seniors with wealth to stay in the state. It will result in more money for the state. Government officials need to keep their hands our of the cookie jar and focus on the important issues like fixing the water treatment facilities that pollute our bay and that they have taxed us to repair.

I am a state employee at a University and very worried about the MD Budget / Impact of Federal changes. Support and protect transgender humans! With actions and words! Do your best to keep programs that help people and DO NOT capitulate to the current federal government. Protect Marylanders from the federal government!

prefer not to cut funding to important arts programs like independent theatre and symphony

Gambling and casino revenue should be used only for what was promised when they were allowed.

Reduce State sales tax to 5%.

We need to keep all useful programs while cutting waste. Education in the environment should never be on the cutting block. Government salaries and military spending should be on the cutting block.

Md state govt will always spend more than they take in.

The business to business tax seems overly broad. Small business is hurting enough!

what happened to the 5 billion moore admin got from hogan

The "open checkbook" view of the world held by the General Assy is a receipt for financial disaster. Our reliance on the federal government, both for jobs and money, has to be reduced.

Education spending is a black hole. The focus should be on getting more for the money that is spent - not increasing spending.

When will the housing crisis for middle class earners be addressed?

The State should live within its means, just like a well-run business or family. If you don't have the funding in hand - DON'T SPEND

It's an outrageous and incompetent waste of money. Every budget should be cut so we are not spending more than we take in. Governor Hogan warned everyone that we could not afford the Blueprint for Education and people did it anyway. The most polite term I can use is incompetence.

Many people any businesses are leaving due to the cost of living. I do not support my state taxes funding abortion (murdering babies).

Gov Moore needs to reduce property taxes, sales taxes and income tax or more and more retired people will leave the state

We should spend far less on police and far more on infrastructure. The state of road/cycling/pedestrian infrastructure is, frankly, abysmal in AA county.

It's not the time to be cutting LISS or other disability services. Families are hurting. They need an expansion of support services.

Maryland needs to work towards building/upgrading its energy sector to be renewable and independent especially if it wants to achieve its zero emissions goals by 2040. The fact that the state consumes 6 times the amount of energy it produces leaves the state and its citizens vulnerable to energy price gouging and instability. Maryland needs to step up and tighten efficiency standards and renewable energy production.

To lead a Governor must have a plan and his own thought not just rubber stamp the liberal woke agenda - especially at the expense of the working, tax paying citizens of this state

Stop increase of regulatory fees and rates! NO taxes on small businesses! NO inheritance tax!

As much as I was not a Larry Hogan supporter, he did leave office with a budget surplus. I have yet to hear an explanation from Governor Moore of why we now have a shortfall.

Gov. Moore squandered the budget surplus during first two years in office and refuses to take responsibility for that FACT

I don't like his plan to take us back years with reparation, I think it just adds more division

Stop taxing military retirement, stop raising taxes for retirees, the taxes in MD are way too high in general.

Would support a sales tax increase

Governor Wes Moore is a hero. He is fearless.

Budget needs to be cut.

Maryland is poorly run. The legislature is uninformed and makes senseless decisions. The following areas are examples of epoch legislature failures: 1. energy policy and generation. How did we get in a position to import 40% of energy? 2. fiscal management. Maryland has gone from \$5B surplus to \$3+B deficit in three years; you have to be asleep at the switch to let that happen. 3. education reform is aimless and unresourced. How do you enact a bill with understanding the budget implications? Money won't solve the education problem. Solutions begin with the regeneration of the family and the family taking an interest in a child's learning. Unless learning occurs at home, public schools won't solve the

problem. juvenile crime is increasing without any viable means to curb it. We worry about locking up too many disadvantaged people, but if they are perpetrating the crime ... why are we going easy on them. The juveniles know what they are doing. If they commit adult crimes they should be appropriately punished. looks like more taxes and fees under a democratic administration to me.

Certain tax increases are regressive; therefore unfair. Example: sales tax, gas tax.

Smart and doable transportation like more clean energy bus routes and light rail. What happened to the \$ from Biden's infrastructure act? Just personally State roads haven't fixed a road I've complained about for 3 years.

Clearly cannabis is legal in the Maryland State House! He obviously went to the B Obama school of oratory and glibly pontificates as if his dribble is really a solution or a path forward. Definitely not a fan of this slick tap dance.

they need to find new sources of income that aren't targeting tax paying Maryland residents. all those people who work in Maryland and earn that salary but live in Pennsylvania need to be looked at as just one example.

Moore has done poorly - he is seriously damaging our state. I am tired of listening to him make false promises. He goes out of his way to put us in harm's way.

Wes Moore should be focusing on the State of Maryland and make decisions based on our needs and stop being undecided because all he cares about is running for higher office!! We do know what he is doing! He needs to get rid of Vince Schiraldi and get control of these juveniles. They are criminals and they need to be treated as such instead of the "poor little children" they want us to believe they are!!

Increase taxes on the wealthy. Fight back on DOGE, Musk and Trump.

Reparations bill. I haven't seen what is in the bill, and it should not be signed if it has not been widely read and discussed.

Md. needs to cut taxes all across the board except affecting fire and police. The ridiculous Kerwin Experiment needs to be stopped. Is a craven attempt to curry the favor of education unions. The Lunacy of eliminating the statute of limitations on sexual assault at the expense of the state of Maryland is nothing but a buddy dastardly give away to trial lawyers to keep their political contributions coming in. We are heading for very difficult times in this state and we should be cutting taxes With zeal instead of increasing them

Terrible deficit, too much wasteful spending, too little incentives for business expansion, extremely difficult state to live in financially

MOORE HAS GOT TO GO

Services should be provided to citizens first. While undocumented people should get some help, it should be limited and not long-term. There needs to be a clear process for citizenship that does not use county and state resources designated for citizens. It is a drain of system resources.

Please, please stop making the answer to any budget problem raising taxes. People should come up with better ideas-that's why they are voted in.

We had a surplus now Moore wants to raise taxes...where did that money go? He already raised fees, tolls and now he needs to raise taxes...I haven't seen any improvements from his administration. roads are still a mess, again where did the surplus go???

Way too many fees. Programs should be cut instead.

We need to reduce spending and do more with what we have. Families everywhere are on strict budgets and they figure it out. We can cut spending and still offer programs to help people. We need a budget that balances both we can't have everything but healthcare and wellbeing should be put first .

There is no perfect dancer for the complicated issues that we face. I do however appreciate the care and debate that is occurring as opposed to felt tip pen executive orders. I feel that in our county and state we are still focusing on democratic principles.

Bad decisions contributed to 3 billion deficit.

I do not like them.

Right now it's complicated. There is a widespread misconception about Hogan simply building up a surplus (which came from feds, not him) and he didn't use for needed infrastructure etc. So return to Feds. Idiots blame Moore (or Biden) not Hogan). But certainly the traitors in the White House are dismantling our support system and our state and local government, universities including research, our environmental protection and much more will be hit.

Taking after Martin O'Malley wanting to raise taxes and mismanage our tax money

Need to stop the governor and legislature from spending so much!!!

Save Forests!!!!

The driver's license requirements are too restrictive for disadvantaged young people. It is very difficult for many young people to meet the driving hours with a supervised adult since those adults are simply not around. A study should be done to evaluate reasonable supervised driving hours compared with the state's disadvantaged youth population.

Maryland is being run into the ground. Myself, and my girlfriend plan on moving out.

Wes Moore and the democrats in MD are out of control. If they keep this up (raising taxes) they are going to have a huge flight out of MD and then they will really be in trouble when they have far less constituents to tax.

Reduce the debt

Maryland has to learn how to live within a budget and not just increase taxes and fees. Also, Maryland should not be putting programs in place that are not affordable - i.e. Blueprint for Maryland's Future. More education spending does not mean higher test scores (look at <https://www.winginstitute.org/does-state-education-funding>). Several states spend less than Maryland and have higher scores. Effective use of the spending is very important to getting higher scores.

Hogan left the state with a \$2B surplus. The Moore administration doesn't that and within a year we have a projected \$3B deficit. Maryland has always proved to live within its means in the past. What happened. Marylanders are very angry.

Democrats only know how to tax & spend driving state to bankruptcy. Vote Republican!

Wes Moore caused electricity costs to double by closing coal fired plants. He needs to think of the residents and the effects of additional costs, before jumping on the Green New Deal Bandwagon

Control BG & E rate hikes

I wish that Maryland dedicated more funding to infrastructure, public transportation, and helping those with a lower income.

STOP SPENDING LIKE YOU HAVE THE MONEY!!! Where did our surplus go? Housing illegals???

Stop spending!

Understand that Covid funds had to be spent and not money that got spent unnecessarily.

If there are no funds to pay for the 'Blueprint' without raising taxes, it should be dropped. I can't buy in the marketplace if I have no funds--so why should a state be able to do so?

Fully fund teachers pension plan and do NOT assign part of this fund to be supported by local jurisdictions

Some should be used to fix roads

Positive action by governor

Not at this time!

1. Please send us all a video link and/or transcript of Governor Wes Moore's "State of the State" speech presented in January to the Maryland General Assembly? 2. Thank you Wes Moore, you are doing a

wonderful job, please continue! You are upholding our state values and democratic values! We love you!

3. Please Wes Moore send a monthly email update to constituents.

Tax the rich to fund the critical programs that are our social safety net.

Too many to mention.

He is a disaster with the budget. Be careful how you spend my tax money Governor Spend Moore!

Lower and don't raise any more mva services

Blueprint for MD reduced the discount to high school students who use the Jumpstart program to attend community colleges in high school. It is an unfair policy. All students whether public or private or homeschooled should only get 50% off of Community College classes while in high school.

Gov. Moore is spending too much.

Lower tax rates on Seniors over 75 off income is under \$200,000

I don't support reducing any educational funding or reducing funding under the ADA for special needs citizens.

Governor Moore has completely failed Maryland and is not fit to run a lemonade stand. He should be recalled.

I don't mind an increase in taxes as long as it's going to fund important programs as I do realize money is needed for road repairs, state bldgs, to pay state employees; however, there really needs to be a better tax credit for retirees who choose to stay in Maryland

Allocate more money from casinos to teacher's salaries and school meals for students, and stronger literacy programs.

Yes, people in general's Social Security benefits as this will clearly and seriously impact mine as a senior citizen who is about to become age 60 in a month!! Please take action, accordingly, because I have already notified the Washington, D. C. Republican office, although, I am not a Republican.

Not happy with Governor Wes Moore's increased budget nor his ability to resolve budget issues

Governor Moore is leading in difficult times. I believe he is a good leader and listening to all sides before taking direction.

I would like to see a full examination of the use of gaming income and an effort to cut down on lottery/on-line options that encourage gambling addictions.

We need to build back up a statewide emergency fund.

I think he's over taxing the residents

Mr. Moore needs to make sure that he does not raise taxes for the working class and focus on those who make over \$300,000. And there needs be some type of initiative that allows the state to go through and demolish all the homes that are run down and unoccupied that bring down the value of the neighborhoods.

Maryland will continue to lose tax base to help fund "nice to haves" to other that can figure out how to reduce funding and lower the impact on taxpayers

Only that we will have to pay more no matter what!

Need to lower taxes for retirees

I think the governor is doing a great job despite negative media etc.

help federal workers find jobs or new places affordable to live with families whose jobs were taken illegally and legal assistance too

Wish we still had government divided between Republicans and Democrats

Something needs to be done to balance the budget.

If I ran my household budget like the MD legislature tries to run the state budget, someone would put me in jail. Tax and spend and I have no say as to where my tax dollars go. The infrastructure stinks

I am feeling positive about our County, City and State

SAD

how did we go from a surplus to a multi-billion dollar deficit (it's a trick question)

Save ss and medicare.

Stop trying to be like California. Electric vehicle mandate is poorly thought out. Same with lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc Place environmental goals on the mfg and let them figure out the best way to move forward. Don't stop people from using what they currently have

Appendix U: 2020 and 2024 Elections – Comments

Trump cheated in 2024

Biden won 2020

I don't believe that elections are rigged anymore.

Biden and Trump stole 2024

Biden won in 2020 and Trump interfered with counting in 2024

Biden won 2020. Not sure if Trump won 2024 since wasn't challenged like the 2020 election.

I believe Biden won and I also think that Trump claiming he won in 2020 has hurt the country's trust in the election. If he can say and try to convince the public of a stolen election in 2020 who's to say he did not tamper with the 2024 election. That being said I believe the outcome (sadly) but would not be surprised if Elon and Trump tampered with the election and made it unfair

Biden won in 2020 & Trump hoodwinked the Americans to win in 2024

Considering the actions of the current Trump administration I have some questions to the integrity of the 2024 election in swing states

Joe Biden won in 2020 and Trump was fixed in 2024!

Biden won 2020. Elmo Muskrat and Starlink stole the 2024 election by altering vote counts.

Biden won in 2020 and Trump likely interfered with the 2024 election.

Biden won in 2020 but I don't know if Trump's win in 2024 was achieved legitimately

Biden won in 2020. Trump has made statements implying Musk doctored voting machines in PA, so I'm not so sure who truly won in 2024.

Biden won in 2020 but the gaslighting by Trump and Republicans and all the lying allowed him to undermine 2024 election

Biden yes but within the next year we will see evidence that Trump win was invalid.

Trump and Republicans cheated or use shady means to influence both elections. Biden won in 2020, and without Elon and if Biden were healthier, he would have one in 2024. What happened is a catastrophe for the country

Trump should not have been allowed to run in 2024.

Biden won in 2020, the press threw in for Trump in 2024 and Elon may have rigged some voting machines
Obama

Biden won in 2020 and Trump cheated again in 2024.

Biden won in 2020. There was a lot of shady activity in the 2024 election with Musk interfering.

Biden won in 2020 and Trump may have stole 2024 but there is no proof at the moment to support the theory

Biden won 2020 and Harris lost 2024

Biden in 2020, worried about potential interference through voting computers favoring Trump

Biden won 2020, Trump won 2024 (but with significant financial influence from Elon Musk)

Biden won in 2020. Musk rigged election machines in 2024.

Gerrymandering is such a tremendous issue, who can say.

Biden won in 2020 and the 2024 election was rigged

I find this question disturbing

Biden won 2020. Kamala won 2024z

Biden won in 2020, but given Trump's comment about Musk's "help" in Pennsylvania I have doubts about the integrity of 2024 elections.

Biden won in 2020 and there was election interference in 2024 that has not been investigated.

Biden won in 2020 & Harris won in 2024

Biden won in 2020 and Elon Musk bought the 2024 election for Trump

Biden won in 2020 and Trump cheated and stole the election using Elon Musk in 2024

Biden the election in 2020, Trump and his MAGA Loyalists did not accept the fair process and committed acts of treason by means of a coup on January 6th, 2021. The Republican party rigged the 2024 election via voter suppression and "thrown out/missing" votes.

Our last few elections have been infiltrated by third party, foreign operations and cheating/suppressing votes.

Biden won in 2020. I'm not sure if Trump action in 2024 because I don't trust that he plays by the rules. I also don't trust Elon Musk.

TRUMP STOLE THIS ELECTION in 2024

Trump/republicans cheated in both the 2020 and 2024 elections

Biden won in 2020 and perhaps electronic meddling by Elon Musk should be investigated since the President himself said he didn't have to worry about it...

I believe the 2024 election was tampered with by either Trump or Musk and was not the actual correct result

Trump may have been added by Musk in election results. There should be an investigation.

Biden won in 2020 and Trump rigged the 2024 election. Harris actually won.

Trump lost both.

We can't rule out tampering. Unsure who fairly won but clearly by the current rules Biden won in 2020 and Trump in 2024. Not necessarily fairly.

trump didn't win in 2024, Harris lost, the American male population couldn't handle a female president

Trump probably cheated in 2024

Biden won in 2020, and Trump illegally won by billionaires supporting him and stupid people that voted for him

Biden won in 2020 Harris won in 2024. Trump admitted to cheating.

I vote for the person

Biden won in '20 and evil won in '24.

Trump bought the 2024 election and flooded the populace with lies and propaganda. Need to do a much better job in this country to educate people on authoritarianism, WWII, USSR, current Russian, North Korean, Chinese and other authoritarian regimes

I do not like to acknowledge that Trump won. It makes me sick.

Biden won 2020 and Trump "won" 2024

Biden won in 2020. Trump/Musk/Putin stole in 2024

Biden won in 2020. If Trump won in 2024, it was due to voter suppression and misinformation.

Biden won in 2020, but I don't feel 100% confident that the 2024 election results weren't tampered with.

biden won in 2020 but trump with elon musk's help bought the election

Biden won in 2020. Trump manipulated voters and precesses and used lies to get into office in 2024. Not really our president

Trump bought 2024

It breaks my heart to say that Biden won in 2020 and Trump won in 2024. Still can't believe it...

Biden won the 2020 election and Trump/Musk bought their "win."

I doubt Trump won in either

Biden won in 2020 and Harris won in 2024. My vote wasn't even counted until a week after the election.

Biden in 2020, and Harris in 2024 (Trump/Starlink stole 2024)

I suspect foul play in 2024

I wish others had rujn

Biden won 2020 and Trump "stole" the 2024 election with his continual lying and interference from Musk.

Trump/Musk interfered with 2024 election

Biden win in 2020 and trump rigged the system in 2024

Biden won in 2020. Not sure if trump won in 2024.

Biden won in 2020, something very strange about Trump winning all swing states-fishy

Better democratic candidates.

2024 was manipulated by Musk and Russia

Biden won in 2020; however, I believe the Musk paid people in states such as PA to vote for President Trump. I follow them both of social media and they both said it before the election and President Trump confirmed it after the election out of his own mouth

The 2024 election results should be investigated thoroughly. I have deep doubts Trump won every swing state.

Biden won in 2020. Trump and Elon rigged the election to win all of the swing states

Biden won in 2020 and I think a strong possibility exists that musk hacked the vote counts in swing states.

Elon Musk bought the 2024 election for Trump

There were no good choices. The American people lost the most in both elections.

I believe Biden won in 2020. I believe that Elon Musk used unfair financial power to influence the election.

Yes, Trump won in 2024, but I think that if Elon Musk wasn't in the picture, we would have had a different outcome that might have brought more people to the poles to vote for Harris.

Biden won in 2020

Biden won in 202 and I don't know what happened in 2024

I am confident Biden won in 2020. I am suspicious about Trump's 2024 "win"—statistics experts claim that the chances of winning all 7 swing states with those tight margins are infinitesimal. Ballots with Trump at the top and no one down ballot seem strange; ballots with Trump at the top and all democrats down ballot seems implausible. Trump and Elon hints about "little secrets", satellites, and tweets saying "anything is hackable" add to my doubts. I am mystified as to why there were no hand counts, not even one county. If there had been a hand count verifying the results of the 2024 election, I would accept it.

Biden won 2020. Trump cheated 2024

Elon Musk bought the presidency for Trump

Biden won 2020 and Trump rigged 2024 election

I'm not convinced that the 2024 results were correct.

Biden won in 2020 and America lost in 2024

Biden won in 2020 and Kamala won in 2024

Biden won in 2020 and Musk clearly/admitted to/hacked arranged the win for Trump in 2024

Trump did not win

Biden had help

Sorry trump won in 2024

I think the government is corrupt all around so I have no idea.

the hard pill to swallow is the difference in votes between the two voting times, especially with Trump winning the 2nd time in an era that saw more voting focus and awareness than in any other time before Biden literally had more votes than the "largest turnout" for voting in history. Numbers speak.

Biden won, but the "Shadow Campaign" as reported by Time magazine and mass mail-in ballots leave some questions. It was a blessing in disguise though.

Trump won 2024 and there were so many questions about 2020 and suspiciously no interest by Democrat party to investigate, we will never know.

Statistically impossible for Biden to have obtained the number of votes he did in 2020.

The 2020 election was tainted, so "official" results are unknowable.

Unsure in 2020 / Trump won 2024

Trump won in both 2020 and 2024.

Trump won 2024, media hid facts about Biden that tipped the election. His dementia, Hunter's laptop, the corruption in the Biden family

Biden won in 2020 but Dems cheated to do it

The perception of the possibility of fraud widely existed in 2020 due to loose election rules. Whether or not there was any, this possibility needs to be narrowed to remove any doubt in the future.

Fraud in both elections

Biden won in 2020 and Musk bought the election for Trump in 2024

we needed someone better

Trump ONLY won because he bought votes

Biden won in 2020 and Musk "helped" Trump "win" in 2024

You really should rewrite this survey and rethink how you represent it. First of you really want to talk about the party system, you should at least consider questions about revamping the 2 party system to better represent various citizens. It's broken, and neither party truly represents the people. y

NA

2020 was a shit-show, and Trump won in 2024

There was a LOT of cheating by Dems in 2020; hard to determine the actual results, but with monitoring, Trump easily won in 2024.

There were definitely irregularities in the polls in 2020 but I accept the results

We can not undo the disastrous 4 years of Biden but we have proof of voter fraud in PA and Michigan so it is pointless to say Trump won in 2020. Ballot dumping. In the middle of the night. Such corruption needs to end!

trump won 2024, but the mail in ballots, drop in ballots, multi day voting, destroyed all integrity in the election

Not going to get into that argument

corruption was at it's highest in 2020.

I think Biden won, but I don't think he won all the mail ballots he did

I am not sure if we will ever know. I believe Trump won in 2024.

There was election interference from media and social media to intentionally hide serious information that could influence the election. I believe Trump would have won had it been unbiased reporting.

While Biden did win 2020, there is still record of jailed and dead people who voted. I don't wanna say they cheated but I think a higher scale investigation should be conducted.

There was something going on with the 2020 election it was not all kosher

Biden probably won but the rules were changed and things seemed shady. I do think their was more cheating than is typical.

The media and government did everything they could to make sure US voted for a person incapable to carry out his duties. For example, hiding the truth about the Hunter Biden laptop. The country was manipulated. It's amazing what Trump had to fight against to win in 2024. Had the media been honest, he

would have won an even higher amount of votes. The fact that he won demonstrated just how unsatisfied Americans were with Biden and the demoncrat actions and policies.

Trump clearly won in 2024 and someone, most likely Democratic Party, seriously messed with voting machines and counts in 2020

Who cares? Again a meaningless question.

It was a set up

Russia put Trump in office to do his bidding. It was rigged.

these are loaded questions to discredit answers the predetermined goals

The election was rigged in Covid was made so Trump wouldn't win

Biden won in 2020 and Harris won in 2024

Everything sucks

obviously this is about election fraud, my view it goes on all the time, frankly not sure if the actual "winner" won any of last elections anyone remenber hacked the election when hilary lost, florida bush-gore. there not near enough voter fraud investigations

Biden won in 2020 & Trump rigged election in 2024

Biden won 2020, not sure Trump won 2024

Kamala won 2024

DC deserves the biggest middle finger it can get for enslaving the nation through debt. Trump has been the only thing approaching a protest vote in 2016, 2020, 2024. I hope someone even more amusing runs next time.

This is a stupid question. Why are you fixating on something that happened 4 years ago?

Trump won both in 2020 and 2024 (without the quotes around the word "won")

Poor candidates for poor voter choice

still have too many un answered questions about 2020, when i went to bed Trump was winning. then a bunch of Judges got involved an change state legislature policy and sever months later we suddenly had Joe Biden. so something fishy about show how a machine can be changed using a pen. and this was in court so. I have question. 2024 yes he won.

Biden won in 2020 but the 2024 election was interferred with.

No one's business

Biden won 2020, Trump rigged 2024

Very suspicious about 2024 results

Trump cheated

I accept that Trump won in 2024, but I would not be shocked to find out 20 years from now that he did not. You know, just that lingering doubt.

Biden won, Trump?

Biden won in 2020 and Trump might have stolen the 2024 one with the help of Elon Musk

Trump/ Musk stole the 2024 election

I think its a little suspicious how long our election took in 2020 but nobody had a problem with how quick the process was in 2024. The accusations of voter fraud have been treated extremely differently, even by our own government, between the two elections.

I truly believe that something happened during the 2024 election. Harris had a large turnouts and so much support. I also find it very hard to accept that she lost in every swing state, especially with Musk pumping money into everything.

Biden won in 2020 and we all lost in 2024 because too many people feel that a President must have a penis. Look at what happened in 2016 and 2024!

Neither party represents me or many others. They just request \$\$\$. Citizens United- Dems don't mention anymore? Sick and tired of having to choose candidate 2 because I so dislike candidate 1.

Biden won in 2020 and Trump manipulated the results of 2024

I have a hard time believing Trump won all seven (7) swing states in 2024

Americans lost in both elections

I believe Biden won the 2020 election. I believe voter suppression allowed Trump to win 2024

The Trump administration got away with voter fraud.

Biden won in 2020, Trump rigged election machines in 2024

Biden won in 2020 and Trump cheated and bought the election to win in 2024

I think Trump "losing" the 2020 elections gave him some valuable insights for his 2024 campaign and now office

Trump won in 2024 with a mandate, but I am not sure who really won in 2020.

This is such a pointed question and why I am ready to leave Maryland

waiting for the review of 2020 but wonder how a candidate that was not competent could have gotten so many votes in that election

Biden win in 2024 and Elon Musk and Trump made comments they rigged elections in PA

This election some cheating went on but Trump won narrowly

Seriously? That this is even a question is unconscionable. Biden won.

Did Musk tamper with the election results in 2024

Move on from this issue. Inappropriate question

No way to know if 2020 was fair. And Biden was clearly losing his faculties.

I believe the election system is flawed. I believe all voting should be done in person and identification should be required

This is stupid and simply identifying people for reasons that should make everyone uncomfortable

AMERICA LOST

Am non partisan

Biden won 2020, and Trump might have won 2024

Appendix V: Job Approval – President Donald Trump– Comments

He's doing what he said he'd do.

He is saving the country from government overreach.

Only got one of two choices and no way would I ever vote for a back stabber like Kamala

Not qualified to have any supervisor position over even a single person

None.

Worthless

He's a con-man and a front for the technocratic and white Christian nationalist coup that has taken place.

A wretched, fetid weasel who is only in office to make money for his rich cronies. His true VP Elon Musk tells him whatever he wants him to do, which is disgusting and disgraceful.

Chaos not even organized chaos just chaos.

There's never a good reason to trust a republican. MAGA is a cult. Felon 47 should be in jail for Jan. 6 AT LEAST.

I do not trust President Donald Trump to stick to his policies and he is to erratic in his decision making process.

A disaster.

The man is just evil.

A traitor.

Where do I begin. Mr. Trump has no interest in governing America for the better. He is only interested in squeeing money out of the system for the wealthiest of the wealthiest.

He is destroying our economy and image for years to come

A lifelong criminal who should be in jail, he is systematically deconstructing the world's oldest constitutional republic, implementing policies of hate and division, a cancer on America that we may not survive and at best will take generations to recover from.

A disaster for nation and world.

He is a convicted felon and running the government as a convicted felon could be expected to run a government.

Don't get me started!

He is a very dangerous person to have in office. Would love to see him gone!

Trump is a liar and doesn't think about anyone but himself doesn't abide by free speech or the first amendment rights or the constitution

Large swaths of family/friends work for the federal government. Plus, my college is currently being paid for by my family, and the threat of largescale firings in the federal government means that my inability to attend a four year institution is a growing possibility.

He destroying the country

He is untrustworthy, fascist "want to be King" with no morals or respect for his fellow man.

Donald Trump is incompetent to be president.

I believe that I already addressed his being morally bereft but just to belabor the point : Trump is a 34 count convicted felon, it is a fact that he violated the secrets act by illegally retaining classified materials after he was deposed by President Joseph Biden. Trump was found in court to have sexually assaulted Ms. Carroll in Bergdorf Goodman, he is a racist, he is a failed business person, he failed the country during COVID is anti middle class, but failed at his first attempt to embrace Russia over domestic

intelligence agencies. He has no regard for a rules/treaty based world order and embraces chaos as a mechanism to increase his and his wealthy brethren financial interests. During T1, he did deliver a big tax cut to the wealthy - but that did not help 95% of Americans. He is a consummate failure in all aspects of moral integrity.

Mr. Trump displays complete ignorance of economic principles and no sympathy for disadvantaged groups. His foreign policy is dangerous to the world, especially Europe. His domestic policy promotes unfair advantages to his favorite demographic group: white Christian males.

Fuck Trump

Egotistical maniac who doesn't care about America except how it makes him money! He'll be remembered with other great Americans like Benedict Arnold!!

An absolute embarrassment and disaster. I am unsure the US will ever recover from his presidency. The president should be uniting the nation and keeping us strong. Instead we're in chaos. Tariff power needs to go back to congress. He should treat friendly nations like friends.

Trump seems to have triggered the downfall of the economy and our standing in the world.

He is a fascist Nazi that should not have been allowed to run for president due to many reasons including inciting a coup. His policies are an affront to human rights, and he is a horrible person and politician.

I met him years ago while working as a security guard at the Meadowlands Sports Complex. He was unpleasant back then, and his behavior has only worsened over time.

He is a convicted felon, a civilly-adjudicated sexual predator, a serial liar, a narcissist, a terrible businessman, and the worst president that I have had the misfortune to experience in my lifetime. He has no understanding of what he is actually doing, other than trying to direct money into his own pocket, and is likely being manipulated by the Project 2025 people, as well as being a Russian stooge, manipulated by Vladimir Putin and Putin's agents in the United States.

The President is NOT ABIDING by the U.S. Constitution that he is enforcing his own way of government to include the Republicans as well who are standing behind him.

feh!

Trump is a moron with his tariffs and destruction of our democracy. He is acting as a king with no clothes. Allowing Musk act as President is unacceptable.

Total chaos. No direction or thought to the effect of his actions on the country or the world

Confusing how he can keep so many people on his side as he so obviously is just out for himself and his perceived mistreatments

He should be in jail for the crimes he's committed.

Reckless, dangerous to democracy and our country, and likely to bring us into World War Three.

Trump is an expletive

He is destroying democracy and the rule of law. He is a liar and a racist. He is suppressing the first amendment and the freedom of the press/media. His cabinet is both corrupt and unqualified to do their work.

He is ignorant, a pathological liar, a sociopath, a traitor, a criminal, and is doing everything he gets to get revenge on anyone who dislikes him or crosses him, and is hell-bent on destroying democracy.

He is destroying the country. He's breaking the economy, ruining culture, and making us a laughingstock around the world.

Corrupted by power and wealth.

Disruptor in chief. Who cares about Trans this and Trans that and why does he make such a big deal about it?

Fascist dictator

Petty, dangerous narcissist. Huckster in Chief.

The President lacks intellectual curiosity. He does not possess the capacity to lead in any manner other than the fear and intimidation. With all of it's flaws and cultural wounds, America has been a beacon for the world. ...by Executive Directives The President is attempting to extinguish the guiding light of democracy.

This period of time and history will go down as the darkest days in our history and that is if we make it through it, my personal opinion is he wants to be as he said he would be before he was elected a dictator and 2024 will be Americans last elections.

Congenital liar

This guy fucking sucks.

Unconstitutional monarch. Democracy is at stake. Yet folks don't seem to be taking this seriously.

A dangerous individual. I hope we survive this.

Trump is a criminal and should be imprisoned for life + 10,000 years in an El Salvadorian prison. He should be accompanied by his entire immediate family and cabinet and every employee in every agency he has planted and many of his judicial appointments. All should be removed. Every pardoned individual as well.

Trump has wasted our time and resources. He is destroying our standing in the world. He is totally unsuited to public service.

He deserves a lower score but it was not an available option

I think President Trump has legitimate concerns about the size, cost, and reach of the Federal Government, but he seems unaware that he is a president, not a dictator.

His administration clearly is in way over their heads and have no idea what they are doing.

He is the figurehead for political incompetence and corruption.

He's bringing us fascism in the United States.

Ignorant uncaring petty criminal living in a bubble.

It seems the president's policies are designed to destroy the rule of law, damage the country's long term interests and ability to continue to grow economically with a healthy and educated population. The policies are more geared towards authoritarianism, his personal enrichment and those of his supporters. This fascist should be in prison, along with his corrupt family and ass-kissing minions.

Trump has initiated a coup to end democracy in this country.

He is a convicted felon and led the Jan 6 group the rioted and took control of the US Capitol. He never should have been allowed to run for office in 2024.

He is a criminal, is still committing crimes and needs to be impeached immediately.

Train wreck

unknowing, uncaring, uninformed, unthoughtful. The second version is even more destructive than the first

trump is totally unfit to be the President. His record speaks for itself. Six Bankruptcies, Found Guilty of Sexual Misconduct. Convicted on 34 felony Accounts.

he is making enemies of our allies and friends, he is tanking the economy, destroying democracy, damaging the civil service to the extent it will not be to accomplish thier missions, trampling on the bill of rights and due process, targeting all that disagree with withholding funds, firing, legal persecution, so on and so on

Can't stand him. He's a convicted felon who has no business serving as President of the US.

He is violating the constitution and should be impeached as well as kicked out of office. His Department of Government Efficiency is not saving us money and his restructuring of the government is making things worse. he has alienated us from our closes allies and make the government even more inefficient. He did not win the 2020 election and should be in prison for instigating the Jan 6th riots.

The biggest idiot and most dangerous in American history.

Trump is a felon, liar, incompetent, thug who fails at his job every day.

Doesn't follow law he keeps issuing executive orders

Self explanatory

Everything he says is a lie. He pretends to be for the working class but is only interested in maintaining power and helping the rich get richer.

Trump's plan is to shoot first and think about it later

I think the country could do better than a convicted felon and rapist.

He is a con man. Unworthy of holding the office or any government position. Bought and sold by Musk and Russia.

Donald Trump alone would not be a terrible person for the country because he is an idiot. It's the people around him that terrify me. They peddle conspiracy theories, have no idea of the consequences their actions have, and are completely out of touch with the middle class of this country.

He is the worst president in history and should resign

He is an abysmal failure racist and the antichrist

This guy is a fucking disaster. He's a toddler, incoherent, incompetent, and a sorry example of a man.

He doesn't follow the law or the constitution and the damage he has done to our country at home and abroad will never be fully repaired. Attacking Canada and Mexico with tariffs and the threats against Denmark and Greenland, the treatment of Ukraine, etc. have told the world that America is not reliable and will stab you in the back in a second. Meanwhile the economy is tanking.

Excellent job. Tariffs great

promises made, promises kept.

We watch the courts go after him, now his time to drain swamp.

Actively trying to improve the country, Closing the border was huge.

100

Mostly an unlikeable person

Good

I strongly disapprove of Donald Trump's entire policy; tariffs only harm median Americans, his foreign policy is destructive and the furthest thing from grounded in reality, and his admin's opposition to something so fundamental as birth-right citizenship and habeas corpus can only be described as fascist. I understand quite well enough why he was elected, populist rhetoric, inflation under Biden, and the disaster of Harris's campaign. Nevertheless, in spite of this meager mandate; I oppose his policy to the utmost extent possible with the highest concentration of fervency imaginable.

Na

Didn't like the first time. This is beyond the pale.

Nothing about his actions benefits the working people in the US.

He's the worst person to be running our country. He's greedy, immoral, racist, sexist, xenophobic, etc... I can't believe this is what we have to deal with for the next 4 years. He's a disgrace and he's dangerous

Failed businessman, successful felon !

Complete idiot. Narcissistic, greedy, egotistical, selfish, uncaring, and any other negative adjectives you can think of.

Some changes he makes might turn out to be ok

He is a fascist and should be removed from office ASAP

He is a felon and a liar and is following the Nazi handbook on how to ruin a country.

He cares only about himself and the power he holds

Unimaginably horrible

Awful human and terrible president. He is not a leader, he's a mess.

The worse President we've ever had. He has dismantled our democracy.

Trump is a racist, xenophobe and misogynist. He is not smart and not wise. He has authoritarian tendencies and aspirations. He is wrecking this country using intimidation.

I don't support fascists.

This dude is the worst. People living in this country are significantly less safe now than they were when he took office. He has demonstrated time and time again that he does not care about the American people and is willing to break the law to get his way. We are seeing echoes from Nazi Germany with this administration, which is absolutely terrifying to see.

HE IS THE WORSE PRESIDENT EVER TO BE ELECTED!

The economy is going into the trash ! The care of your senior population is unacceptable! Hospitals & ltc facilities should be higher on your agenda !!

Do not trust.

He has no concept of diplomacy. He only understands loyalty. A President governs EVERYONE, regardless of political affiliation. You do not achieve respect and power by stepping on others, well, short term power, yes, but NOT respect.

A shameful disgrace.

He is working to promote his own agenda

He is like a bull ransacking a store with delicate china

He is a bully

Ohhhhhhh I don't know where to begin. He has manipulated all of these people into thinking he is going to save the world, when truthfully he is making it crash and burn. His "cabinet" of people is unfit, he is unfit, and he has shown time and time again that he is a fascist, unintelligent, selfish criminal. The fact that our country (mostly our congress) allows this person to run our country is absurd.

He scares me and I wish he wasn't President. Nevertheless he has a lot of supporters which is depressing.

I really think his dictatorial actions speak for themselves.

Can't do so without profanity

He is a disaster, a racist, bigoted, felon and has no business running a snowball stand, let alone the country.

Corrupt, unethical, treasonous, uninformed, surrounds himself with idiots

I don't trust him. I don't think he knows what he's doing and he is an embarrassment to our country.

I see Trump as a vindictive, uneducated and dangerous man. While I respect the office of the President, I think that this man does not represent the country well. His tariffs, abandonment of Ukraine, his use of ICE as a repressive agent, His disregard for the rights of women, minorities, anyone who is not a white male, is despicable.

Liar, criminal, petty, stupid, tries to destroy government and financial way of life for all. Would not qualify for security clearance and yet can declare a war on our allies and give Russia everything demanded.

He is destroying American democracy, our foreign alliances and our economy

Ugh. Honestly can't even think of him without feeling ill. The first time around he just seemed like an idiot, but this time he's an idiot who used his key to unlock the door for outright evil to walk right inside. And the partnership with Elon Musk? UGGHHHHHHH

The obvious! He is turning our country into North Korea, and robbing us all blind. See my previous comments. This administration is an absolute disaster, and they have made it clear they want to turn us into Russia or North Korea. Trump is a dictator wanna be. All those who wrote and follow Project 2025 are

right wing extremists. They want to and ARE in the process of destroying this country. There will be no way to go back. He wants to leave us all poor, sick, without national security, without social security, without health care, without weather guidance. They want to destroy all the agencies so that they can privative them. They eliminate the weather service so we can't be warned of extreme weather events and protect ourselves and our property, then they eliminate FEMA so that people will leave their destroyed homes and the billionaires will buy up our properties pennies on the dollar. They kick out the immigrants who work on the farms, I guess they want all the federal employees they just fired to pick lettuce. The list goes on and on. They are turning us into a feudal state. President Carter said in 2015 that we are already an oligarchy. World wide country reports have shown the USA as a Deficient Democracy since that time as well. We are now a TechnoFascist Oligarchical Klepto Kakistocracical Dictatorship. Trump is a class one idiot and a toadie to Putin. He is destroying the US so that Putin will like him! He has already made the USA into a failed democracy! HELP! No one is stopping him! What are we Americans going to do to stop him, and to stop the MAGA GOP who are hell bent on destroying our wonderful country! There is no going back from this. We are doomed. Something must be done. 1. Trump is a class one idiot and a toadie to Putin. He is destroying the US so that Putin will like him! He has already made the USA into a failed democracy! HELP! No one is stopping him! What are we Americans going to do to stop him, and to stop the

I feel that I have already expressed my disgust of Trump

Nothing is being thought out. Rushing

I don't agree with his vision that only the super wealthy should prosper and everyone else should suffer for it. I also do not approve of having a convicted felon (and more) as the most powerful person in the world. It's a disgrace to the position of President of the United States, and incredibly embarrassing to be an American.

doing a terrible job as the leader of our country

He's intentionally ruining this country

Idiot

Too many EO's and needs to follow laws and the constitution. Should have a diverse staff.

Do not approve!

i hate him and he's hurting the country with propaganda and communist views

he has no empathy , no political experience , he act like a child , he's racist , xenophobic , a zionist , greedy , mean , hateful , incompetent , he is putting our country in danger and i am scared.

I do not believe it is explanatory to indicate my approval score for this "president." I have no approval and every bit of loathing for this fascist dictator that I can hold within my heart. He is a pathetic, pitiful, and evil little man.

He is a horrible, vindictive and nasty person. Only serves himself and his kingdom.

Self explanatory, Trump is not worthy of the position as Felon 45. I do not respect him, won't believe a word he speaks or obey blindly what he orders.

He has no principles other than self-interest.

The worst president of all time. Very similar to Hitler just as dangerous

I disagree with authoritarian pressure and believe it is congress that should do the job

The man is mentally unstable.

Plainly, he is not a nice person. I believe he does not care about the American people rather he cares about himself and his cronies. I fear that he is going to take our country in the wrong direction, and I worry that he will try to manipulate the law to allow him a other term.

Hopelessly unqualified to be president

He is an unintelligent scathing liar.

He has done nothing right. He wants to be a dictator and this is not how America should be. I believe he only trying to make the rich richer. He's does many things with his executive orders that are illegal.

FUCK DONALD TRUMP - He is ruining this country and giving people who lead with Hate a platform. He NEEDS to go.

His government and foreign policy decisions and executive orders do not help the nation. They make the nation weaker and less able to address its serious issues such as infrastructure failures, educational needs, polluted environment, natural disasters, and climate change.

Chaos racist facist doctrine

Dangerous!

He is awful greedy selfish and could care less about america.

Everything just keeps getting worse and worse during his presidency. I feel like he, himself doesn't know how to be a president. I don't know. The hate crimes, rasicst, misogny, and the ingnorance, is sickning. Families being torn apart, not feeling safe. I just need this presidency to end.

Everything is terrible and every day is worse than the day before.

do not approve

n/a

President Donald Trump, from day one, has been making decisions that do not fairly represent the people of this country. He has gone against our Constitution, and completely contradicted the fundamental beliefs of our country. The majority of the executive orders he has signed and the decisions he has made have been primarily in the benefit of wealthy white men. He continues to target the rights of minority groups as well as the LGBTQ+ community. Despite his promises to "fix the economy" he has imposed tariffs that caused a fall in the stock market as well as RAISED taxes on goods, causing a fall in the overall economy. I can't forget to mention his cabinet picks. He dismantled DEI claiming it was causing "unqualified" people were getting hired for jobs over people who are "qualified" , yet his cabinet picks are far from qualified for the jobs he put them in. He has completely made a mockery of our country and completely broken what we have always know to be Democracy.

he is tearing this country apart.

Doing a terrible job. Only concerned for the very rich and friends he gave government jobs. Extremely self-centered and not worried about the masses. Must remember that he was elected to serve ALL of America not just a selected chosen few.

He is terrorizing our nation while spending tax dollars golfing. He is a disgrace.

I'm an attorney and can't tolerate his evisceration of rules, law, precedent.

He is destroying every good aspect of our country

Felons shouldn't hold public office. Lock him Up.

A criminal, a sexual predator, a very bad person

He is an authoritarian, a fascist, a convicted felon, and an insurrectionist who manages to use the system of white supremacy in this country to evade consequences for his anti-constitutional conduct.

Strongly disapprove of his push and shove approach to our loyal allies and his hiring of unqualified representatives

He is a cancer on society and represents the demise of our society. Same with every individual who voted for him.

No business being in charge of our county.

Very concerned our pesident does not really care about people, especially those who work for the federal government.

It's sad to sit back and watch an extremist try to dismantle our government and feel powerless against it. He is sending our progress backwards in human rights and foreign relations. I'm scared for my children to grow up in this country and doubt I'll live to see all the damage he is doing be able to be undone.

Hateful, white supremacist, incompetent, grifter

Trump is a serious danger for our country's democracy.

He appears to be a narcissist and is acting like a monarch, soon to be a dictator.

Completely unsuited and incompetent to serve in any capacity that affects other people.

I don't approve of anything Trump is doing. He does not have the country's best interest. He's listening to a bunch of yes men and causing havoc in this country. No regard for the average person
he's white privilege personified. he's Musk's puppet. he's throwing our country in the toilet just to make him richer.

He does not know what he is doing. How can you trust someone who lies, appoints people with no qualifications and too many things to describe.

Trump is not trustworthy & the only interests he has for our country are those that will benefit him .

Trump is an Idiot, Liar, Loser, Ignorant asshole that is ruining our country!!! A blind monkey could do better.

No interest in elaborating on this.

He sucks and is running this country into the ground under the guise of making it better

Donald Trump, wants to become the second Hitler!!!!

Efforts to remove DEI indicate a desire to return to white men controlling everything.

He is a crook!

Cheeto man

wants to rule like a king for his rich friends. doesn't understand economics or hurting families. doesn't really care about people unless they can help him like Elon can. BULLY

I am an American and a human being wanting to make a difference for others during my life. I do not approve nor support Donald Trump. His behaviors and decisions go against everything I believe in.

I can not even view what is happening from the oval office right now as political at this point. It's a severe threat to our democracy and completely embarrassing and heart breaking to watch/experience as an American who believes in the American dream. After his term from 2016 to 2020 I am deeply disturbed by the morality and the overall level of competency of Donald Trump. I feel so disassociated / have a hard time comprehending the reality of where our country is headed.

I hate him and everything he is about and what is doing to this country

Trump lies. He's emotionally and mentally sick. He's surrounded by sycophants. He's an embarrassment. I fear for the future because he's our President. His vision will take us back to a time that wasn't so 'great' after all.

How Trump managed to grow up and be educated at some of the finest schools in the USA. and still think, talk and act as he does is not only a complete mystery to me, but a complete shame upon our nation.

Making a mess of the US and making the country look bad

He is a cruel and capricious leader. Has no understanding of our role in the world. Has no interest in learning anything. His only thoughts are for himself.

Oh please. The man is dumb as a rock except for his ability to manipulate those who are angry, feeling themselves threatened or victimized because they've lost power (specifically white men), those who are racist, sexist and generally despicable. Egomaniac but insecure-bad combination

Oh boy. Where would I start. He is only out for revenge and the people around him have drunk the Kool aid
Trump is a misogynistic, narcissistic, pathological liar with no moral center. He is also a convicted felon and a threat to our democracy.

Too much information and it's all flaunting the rules and regulations of what this country was built upon. He is vile, evil, a criminal, dishonest, unhinged, evildoer. He is dismantling the government and has no care for the rule of law or for the constitution. Who the heck is Musk? He bought the election for Trump and now is running roughshod and will significantly benefit.

Illegal actions from an incompetent felon. No sense of United in United States - only revenge and personal gain are priorities

He's an unqualified bafoon with aspirations to dictatorship. He's trash. And has given unfettered access to our nation's data to a billionaire with dreams of grandeur— or dictatorship. .

He is a rapist, a criminal, unethical, unintelligent, incompetent, incapable of doing anything to improve our country, he is pandering and completely unqualified to be in any position of leadership

ignorant, racist and sexist, narcissistic. Doing what may be irreparable damage to the country.

He's been impeached, he's a criminal, and he's also a horrible person. His first, but certainly second, presidency make me embarrassed to be an American.

An absolute Mob Boss. We all see the corruption and the horrific destruction of democracy, and yet he is like Charles Manson: our elected officials can't escape his cult. Sickening.

Trump is incompetent and I do not agree with his actions.

He is destroying the US. We do not need a dictatorship

Dictator wannabe who is corrupt and dismantling our institutions of government, harming our economy, and causing severe harm to vulnerable citizens. He needs to be stopped or at least reined in before we fall into a true fascist state.

He is destroying our country and the world in ways too numerous to list.

He's a felon and a threat to national security and the people of this country who is only interested in making the rich who support him richer.

Trump is a figurehead for Project 2025 and Musk is putting my tax money in his own pockets

He is bringing this country to an Authoritarian regime. We are losing our democracy.

I don't know whether he's intentionally a Russian asset or just a useful idiot but either way it is hurting Americans.

It is hard to imagine a more corrupt or incompetent president than Trump. His policies are mostly focused on getting his friends/donors things and screwing everyone else. I genuinely don't understand how people think Trump cares about the average American--or any American besides himself. Fuck Trump.

I do not even respect him as a human being, let alone as POTUS. He's a liar, a cheat and a bully. He is attempting to destroy all the systems that make our government a successful democracy, because his goal is to become dictator of the USA.

His policies of hate and retribution taint everything he does. The tearing down of our government, the removal of social programs is cruel and unnecessary. His allowing contamination of our water is unforgivable. All his allowances for Russia to rebuild their strength and move in on Ukraine is unforgivable. His use of Elon Musk to slash our government --NIH, FDA, CDC, NOAA, his treat of tearing up Medicaid, his treats on Social Security, his destruction of our economy with stupid Tariffs. His DEI obsession is absolutely unforgivable. His attacks on Universities. I am worried every minute of every day as to what will happen next. We are being destroyed!

A threat to the US and democracy. He wants the US to be an autocracy and I find that very unnerving!

He is a bully, megalomaniac, and wants to be king of the world. He has surrounded himself with "yes" people none of whom will tell him the truth and none are very smart. His analysis lens is through amassing power and wealth for himself and his friends. He faces no consequences.

There are no words.

Donald needs to be placed in prison. Now.

He is a corrupt, amoral felon who should not be in the office of the President

He refuses to follow rule of law.

He wants to be a despot. Stop him.

He is a scourge of the earth and the worst thing to happen to the US in several lifetimes

The man is a sociopath. He is driven only by self-interest. He enjoys being cruel to those who are weak.

He is despicable. No more to say. He lies, promotes hate, cares absolutely nothing about citizens of this or any other country. Egomaniac out for himself only. Loves power and money and adoration.

Have you read the news recently? I have a biomedical research background and worked at universities for the first 20 years of my career and now am changing to support secondary education in Biology. The changes he is making offend me at a practical, knowledge-based level as well as undermining any moral sense of the world.

Acts like a king. Looking out for the richest 1 percent. Actions are offensive to our neighbors in other countries

He is dangerous, incompetent, and selfish. He does not think about the American people who are not billionaires. All he does is sign and does not know what he is talking about. He is a very good marketer. He is not stupid, but he is quite self-centered and narcissistic. I wish he cared about the American people instead of his own selfish ways. All he does decided executive orders and does not work with Congress. He has alienated our allies. We are truly alone as a country.

Convicted felon who has no moral convictions & will sell us out to highest bidder=Musk. Banning books, removing DEI, promoting homophobia & racism, that sounds like Nazi Germany. I believe he fits the definition of a fascist.

Monster driven by greed and retribution, surrounded by greedy sycophants and fearful cowards.

I decline

He is a narcissistic sociopath who wants to become a king!

He is not helping middle class and low class people.

He's a monster

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He's even worse than his first term. His personality and behavior are to get even. Like Mao he's trying to change culture, very disturbing. He acts first then tells the public. He is not a politician. He's not working with Congress or the judiciary.

If he is allowed to continue to "rule" this country, he will destroy this country and rob us of our democracy. He has done NOTHING positive for us.

Impeach him now.

I would give stronger disapproval if it was available

Donald Trump is a dangerous sociopath. I fear a Nazi-style reign and I am terrified for my children and grandchildren.

Nothing good to say

he is absolute trash. I can't even stand to listen to his disgusting, vile voice. he is a selfish, narcissistic, pitiful excuse for a human being with no thought for others.

He is a lying conman who cares for no one but himself and his ability to retain power. He rates 0. His policies will destroy our country and cause more warfare around the world.

He is not very smart, out for himself and rich friends, a liar, and a felon. He loves to stir the pot!

I DISAPPROVE OF DONALD TRUMP. Fascism, Racism, Bigotry, and attacks on All Human Rights to include Women's Rights are not acceptable. Democracy is in danger.

Horrible, criminal and unconstitutional. Doesn't give a damn about most Americans!

Self-serving jerk

He's a fascist idiot

Absolutely NOT presidential material

Really hate this person. He is only in it for personal wealth and notoriety. He is despicable and obnoxious.

Do you really have to ask this question?

The man is a jack ass.

Enough said...he's a despicable human being who instills hate, fear and divisiveness.

I am very worried that he is going to destroy our country or at least make it difficult for those who don't agree with his policies to live here.

Something is wrong with him. I question his motives, his intelligence, and his integrity. I question the people who work for him and allow him to behave the way he does.

He is a chaotic, vengeful person who is not fit to be in office

I do not approve of any of his punitive actions. He's a criminal and a grifter and he is stealing from the American public and destroying our country.

Traitor, Con-Artist. Liar, Blackmailer just to name a few. Would not let him enter my home!

I believe he is destroying the country and allowing unelected wealthy individuals to implement policy and interfere with elections and the rule of law

He is a cheat, liar, felon, rapist and all around scoundrel who disgraces our highest office in the country, maybe even the world.

He is acting like a tyrant and we don't do tyrants here. He makes me physically ill.

He is destroying our country.

No strategic vision. Actions seem erratic

He's full of hate, doesn't care about America. Hasn't done anything to make US better. Only cares about himself. We have lost our place as caring about the world. Doesn't care about the country or its people

He is a pawn of Musk and Putin and has only constantly lies and incorporates other nefarious means to destroy people and the constitution. He is not working for the people of this country. And his cabinet is filled with the most stupid, uninformed, criminal crew he could have assembled. He is a convicted felon who still gets away with everything, including insurrection.

Worst President ever. A dangerous, self-serving, man. Especially dangerous to women.

This president wants (self) aggrandizement and deconstruction of so much else and probably, like his wife, would wear a coat that says "I don't care, do you." Biggest question is, can the USA survive him--or Vance.

Appears to be governing for personal gain and to exact retaliation on people he resents

I believe he is a con man who only makes decisions based on what HE will gain from it.

Creating more problems than solving!!!

zero

BARF

History is repeating itself and it is terrifying. Government censorship in the country is wildly high. It has turned into an oligarchy, and freedom is no longer an option as so many groups are receiving or facing complete loss of rights.

Doing a terrible job, centered only on himself

He needs to go

He is intent on destroying democracy and turning the USA into an authoritarian oligarchy.

Seems to not be following laws, not working with previous allies, seems to not believe in democracy, seems racist

Trump wants to be a dictator and will destroy this country to get what he wants.

He is destroying this country

His disregard for due process and the courts is a threat to our democratic system.

Trump is a convicted felon who has sold out this country and engaged in policies that undermine democracy and capitalism. His cancellation of agencies is illegal but also immoral. Cancelling food to poor nations and canceling soft power is wrong. He projects weakness. and does dumb things that hurt us and benefit authoritarian governments.

Many objections to Trump. The biggest is that he is a blatant liar, constantly, and that he breaks the law constantly. Finally he is the most insulting, uncivil President this nation has ever had.

I don't think he is a law abiding citizen. Doesn't deserve to be head of our government.

Lowest possible rating

The man is very sick, a narcissistic and selfish man who appeals to people who are feeling disenfranchised by our society and government.

He is a very stupid guy who is only rich because of the constant inflow of money from his father's estate.

He is a threat to democracy.

He doesn't care about the majority of the country. He just wants to make deals with the oligarchs and seize as much power as he can.

History will show Trump was an illegitimate president.

He is trying to destroy the fabric of our country and democracy. I cannot understand why this is reasonable or acceptable to anyone.

One thing I have to give President Trump credit for is he is doing exactly what he said he would do. Do I agree with it or like it, no; but at least he said up front what he would do. To me, President Trump is a narcissist. How can he be voted in as President when he has businesses that have failed. If any other person or former President has done the things President Trump has done/is doing, it would not be allowed. It's like he is trying to erase history and make himself a "god."

He is not a legitimate president as he was elected with the help of Russia

The presidency is a joke. Half of these decisions being made are because of a personal vendetta against certain groups of people, it is based off of emotions and not the bettering of the economy.

His actions are tearing apart our 3 co-equal branches of government. He has ruined our relationships with allies. Domestically he creates chaos.

Just doesn't care. Offers no sign of leadership. Creates fear.

He's trying to dismantle our government and install himself as a dictator. He's putting his loyalists and cronies into powerful, important roles that they are fully unqualified to hold.

Irresponsible fails to use system unethical does not work with congress does not appear to understand or like our govt system or us admires oligarchs

A completely unqualified president who makes choices which are harming the American people

He should not be in office.

He must be stopped before he destroys our government.

He is on a revenge tour and in the pockets of oligarchs and doesn't care about the general population at all.

He's a puppet, signing multiple executive orders that are illegal, displaying more symptoms of dementia (aphasia, fixation on illogical topics), allows an unelected billionaire to dismantle federal agencies while he golfs nearly every weekend.

He is doing things that he didn't honestly campaign on that are breaking down our country. He had allowed billionaires and people from project 2025 buy the power for him to make decisions that hurt

middle class Americans. He is using too many executive orders. Elon Musk should have been vetted before being hired. Trump has picked people for his Cabinet that are unfit for the positions.

Man's the worst leader of USA since George111. Ghastly appolgie of a human

A major danger to our democracy, a convicted felon, a very dangerous politician. I see many resemblances between him and Hitler.

Donald Trump is unfit to be President of the United States and is destroying our federal government and democracy.

A thug who cares only about himself. Criminal behavior he keeps getting away with makes him seem impervious to consequence. He's destroying our country. And that he gave Elon free rein to rob us blind is unconstitutional and unconscionable.

I don't approve of him

I hope our democracy can survive his term in office. He will not give up power willingly at the end of his term. Before the election, I heard him say, "If you elect me, you will never have to vote again."

Impeach, impeach, impeach.

Should be charged with treason for his attacks on the Constitution, civil society, and the rule of law

I don't know how he is our president, again. He is running the nation like a middle schooler who wants to hang with the popular kids.

He is a cruel, angry, unimaginative man bent on revenge.

He is tearing down all the institutions of our country. He is a grifter and a dictator.

He is the worst President in the history of the country. Selfish, willfully ignorant, and greedy. He is destroying this country.

horrible news

Mentally Ill Traitor

Really? DOGE, Elon Musk's involvement, choosing "YES" men to support his unhinged view of the world, 99% of the executive orders I have heard about, tariffs. I am especially concerned to see the polarity he creates. Although, from right leaning friends and acquaintances, I gather THEY had equal concerns about Biden's policies????

He's a cruel bully, a narcissist, a compulsive liar, a megalomaniac, and totally unfit for office.

Donald Trump should not have been allowed to run for president given his criminal background. He is attempting an overthrow of our democracy.

He has taken a wrecking ball to our government, the constitution, our standing in the world & our economy. He has filled the cabinets with unqualified & incompetent people. He takes advice from unserious, conspiracy theorists. He is ruining our health care system, our education system, our climate, social security, & everything else he touches, even our Kennedy Center & museums. Just to name a few reasons.

I think government spending needs to be reduced but do not like the methods he chose or his character in general.

Orange Man is dismantling our democracy, it's truly scary for our country's future.

He is permeating all aspects of life with his meanness, from foreign relations and domestic relations and the cultural escapes we could enjoy (Smithsonian, Kennedy center) without his judgement and assumption his way is the only right way

I do not approve of DTrumo! He is narcissistic and a horrible person

He is destroying our democracy and creating severe hardships for our people

He is destroying our country's global reputation & alliances, our economy, the nation's environmental health, human and scientific capital. He is a racist, a misogynist, and a vile and vindictive individual who has violated our Constitution on numerous levels. A TRAITOR!!

He's destructive and uninterested in the future of the world's inhabitants.

He's a twice impeached convicted felon who never should've been allowed to run in the first place, let alone squeaking out a win. Ugh!!!

He seems not to understand that government cannot be run like a business. He does not seem to know anything about the way our government functions. He does not think the rules apply to him. He is a criminal, a rapist, has (historically) a bad business track record, is wasting tax dollars by playing golf each weekend and currying favor from dictators, has no empathy, has no morals, has no ethical standards. Has damaged the standing of the USA in the eyes of the world and has alienated our allies.

Disapprove

None

he sucks

The man is an insane, megalomaniacal, sex offender and a traitor.

He's a nut case!!

Since there was a coup and the democrats basically told the millions of voters who voted in the primaries we don't care about your vote they lost. It's not supporting Trump as much as not supporting the Harris coup and of course the Woke agenda that basically ignored the majority of democrats feel

I'm hoping. Fingers crossed

He is making us safer and is focusing on real problems

Good businessman with great ideas but implementing many changes, perhaps too quickly. Be careful giving so much power to Elon Musk!

It was very evident that Joe Biden was suffering from dementia in 2020 and 9 million new votes showed up. In 2024, those 9 million votes disappeared, and it was finally revealed that Biden was incapacitated. Shame on the media and shame on the Democratic Party.

Trump hasn't been delivering on the promises he made

I do not like fascists

He is doing what has been needed to be done for decades.

He's chaos! Attempting to rewrite the constitution with executive orders. Removing the watch guards in the federal government.

8/10 I'm happy to see all of the unnecessary spending that has gone on, however, until Congress passes a bill all of these things he's taken away, can be put back into place without an act of Congress

I just feel like most of the things he does is for show. Most of the people I know are Trump supporters. I do not mind it too much.

No comment

Disgraceful. (Maybe he breaks things enough that on the other side a dem with real courage and clarity of vision can get rebuild something that actually works, but Dems seem hellbent on appealing to the mushy middle voters, so I won't hold my breath.)

The president has done several unconstitutional acts, and he continues to disrupt the USA in unprecedented ways. I am strongly disapproving at the grab for absolute power. He is attempting to take over the government in whole. The USA does not have Kings, and it is unconstitutional.

He is a cruel man with no business being in office. To put it plainly, I think he's going to destroy the USA. He encourages hatred and bigotry. He has a giant ego, but no real substance to back it up. He doesn't know what he's doing. He doesn't actually know what the role of a president is, despite this being his second term. He's a coward and a bully, as is his VP. When he leaves office, I hope history remembers him as the bitter, cruel, bigoted, ignorant, fascist coward he truly is.

He is unconstitutional idiot who allies himself with fascists.

He is a racist, homophobic, sexist who should not even be allowed to run for office. I am most concerned about what he is going to do in regard to climate change and minority rights.

Racist, Transphobic, Misogynistic, Homophobic, Moron, Fascist

Narcissist baby man who is out for vengeance against those who tried to hold him to account. A cult leader. A wanna be authoritarian.

He should have been impeached the first time...the best I can say about him is that he is a successful scam artist.

ZERO BECAUSE HE IS BREEDING HATE AND RACISM

I think Donald Trump is deranged. In a short time he has dismantled what has taken decades to build in every part of our lives: Environment, Scientific and Medical Research, People's jobs and well being, our standing in the world, relationship with Allies and countries that could become closer Allies. He reacts selfishly according to his whims and to his thoughts of grudges and revenge. He is a charlatan to most of his supporters. He is the worst president ever and could completely destroy this country as we know it. He is against people expressing opinions-There has never been a time more dangerous for our country. what an ass.

At least he is trying to really make changes. He is a disruptor, and the only way to bring about change is to disrupt the norm.

This country is terribly in debt. Need to fix the problem. Need a strong person to make it happen. Getting rid of fraud! Rfk for Maha best move ever!

America us First

I believe he has the best interest of the country and hard choices have to be made.

I don't like his propensity to try to "get even."

Elect a clown expect a circus

He is destroying American democracy and wants to make himself dictator by controlling everything from the Kennedy Center to education to commerce.

The worst

Needs to be impeached and all the other crooked congressman senators that are allowing him to continue the charade and dismantling of our government as we know it
sheer insanity

I think he is ruining our country and any world respect we had.

He is a liar driven by greed only and his election victory and actions since have made me embarrassed to be an American.

Short of randomly launching nuclear weapons at another country, I can hardly think of how President Trump could do a worse job so far in his second term.

Unfit for the office.

He is an embarrassment. Complete buffoon, who lacks ethics and integrity. Should be in jail and not in the White House. Doesn't care for this country and only interested in stuffing his pockets.

A disgrace! Get rid of him

I think he is only concerned about wealthy white males, money and power. Doesn't care about ordinary Americans, the poor, relations among nations. He can't be trusted.

He scares the hell out of me

All candidates for any political office should be required to pass a maturity test.

I think some policies are good but the political figure is bad. And I wish it was another republican candidate.

MAGA!

His success speaks for itself.

Like the policies, not necessarily the brashness

HE said what he wanted to do then tries to do it. He tends to speak like an ass, but tried to take care of Americans. That why I'd vote again.

He is good

Running the country like a business. People who don't cut it are out. Cut wasteful spending. And investigate who approved all those wasteful expenditures.

Only an imbecile would complain about the seriousness with which he is attacking federal bloat/insane costs. It is also a useful object lesson to observe how frantically unaccountable judges throw themselves in the way of the advancing juggernaut of American popular will.

Doing what he said he would.

Trying to limit federal government overreach and transfer power back to the people.

Although Trump can act like a spoiled manchild, he is by far the best candidate available today to restore "some" sanity to the US; we were off the rails!

Lesser of two evils, think he's an ass and wouldn't want to spend any time with him as a person, but vote for the policy not the person. In first elect Biden lost my vote by not running in 2016. This past election the Harris "coup" lost my vote. So somewhat support Trump, but at the 40000 foot level.

I appreciate his willingness to shake things up, remove waste, and pull back on policies that divide people based upon race

Wish he wasn't being stymied by un-elected low-level judges

I'm not a big fan of his personality but I love his common sense policies. Keep implementing policies that are 80/20 supported by the public.

I don't like everything he does, but he is right on most things.

Don't agree with everything, but he was lesser evil than his opponent.

Strong in fighting illegal immigration and destructive woke agenda.

I agree with his actions but wish he would keep his mouth shut.

He is doing what he said

Promises made, promises kept baby! MAGA.

Doing his best to reduce the deficit and big government

Way he is approaching bureaucracy is way overdue and only way to succeed. Wish he'd help Ukraine more.

I have been ecstatic with Trump 47. Much better team, tone, and energy than the already great Trump 45 administration.

President Trump is trying to run the US as a business and not a charity.

He's on his way to a huge, epoch-defining reform of the relationship between citizens and their government that is sorely needed

Government is the problem it is greedy and obese and needs drastic change. Illegal imigrants are ravishing our country and the blood is on the leftist hands and Myorkis' lies

I believe Doge is necessary.

Promises made promises kept

President Trump is doing a great job. He's trying to get rid of all the d*** illegals, closing down the border, which will stop drugs and all the criminals who have coming in the last administration led in hundreds of thousands of illegals. And many of them criminals, we got to get them out of this country

There's a lot of things I don't like about him personally, starting with he is a braggard. But I like all his policies. And I feel we are blessed to have this exact person with all his courage to stop the decline of this country. I welcomed His unusual openness and transparency. I like the fact that he's trying to do reciprocal tariffs. They may not succeed but the fact that they are reciprocal seems to make a lot of sense

to me at this point. He's a flawed person with great policies, an unparalleled self starter, and I hope he succeeds for the good of the country

the media makes him out to be worse than he is. i somewhat support him and feel like overall at the end of his four years the country will be in better shape.

Trump has taken action to change the course of the country and done more in the past two months than the last administration did in their entire term. While things are abrupt ai do believe in time they will turn the course of this country.

I think President Trump is doing what we need to run our country like a business. If we do not have the profits then stop spending. No ore social programs and free rides.

He has worthy goals but is a typical New Yorker when implimenting his strategies

Cutting taxes and government waste.

Trump's actual policies are reasonable but his arrogance and derogatory remarks make it hard to support him. His approach to Canada makes no sense at all.

Don't always like the methods, but believe in the intent.

There is only one person who can correct the downfall of the United States and President Donald Trump is that person.

Amazing. God Bless America.

Trump loves Trump and has Character flaws but he is not trying to line his pockets with bribes like his prediccors

Yes.

Kicking ass, taking names

Follows through with campaign promises, brings law and order

I wish he were cutting waste and corruption faster.

Common sense. Promise's made, promises kept. While not perfect, attempting to return America to proper direction and moral values.

I agree with the general plan but disagree on execution

He is an ass, a bully and used to getting his way. I like somethings that he is doing but not all.

Right ideas, Wrong method.

He is trying to make America Great again, I only hope he knows what he's doing.

Too erratic. Too much reliance on Elon Musk. Too much concentration on executive orders.

Disagreement = enemy

Came out strong with pendulum shifts in many federal policies that needed a change but now seems to be going down bizarre paths more typical of his nature

If I showed any approval, it was an error. I totally disapprove of what he is doing on all fronts. He is in violation of numerous laws and the constitution. He is a danger to the nation.

He has divided the country, established difference rules for the wealthy bs average citizen, and insulted everyone. Not what I want in a president.

He is hurting our country recklessly and claiming it is to help us. He is doing more harm than good. He clearly has personal vendettas and friends who he is hurting/helping using his position. Very large inappropriate use of power.

He has caused chaos in the U.S. and with our allies. Canada, Greenland and the Panama Canal should not be our enemies. Our NATO allies do-not trust our country because of the incompetent leadership of President Trump. His treatment of the President of Ukraine was deplorable and I feel it was done on purpose to embarrass Ukraine. Calling the Prime Minister of Canada "governor" was such an undiplomatic way to greet him or speak of him. Having Musk speak in the Oval Office and at a cabinet meeting was an insult to the traditions of the Office of President of the United States.

I think getting rid of gov. waste is wonderful.

Not smart. Cruel. Selfish. No soul, no heart. Possibly has dementia.

HE IS HORRIBLE!

He is an embarrassment to our country, a liar, a convicted criminal, and someone that is not qualified to be President of the USA.

I am saddened by the Presidents attempt to dismantle our government and his attacks against opponents, he has destroyed our relationship with Allies.

He is a disgrace and an embarrassment to the country. His decisions to date have been awful. He ignores rules and conventions and defies constitutional norms. He has ruined our international relations. He does not understand many things that are basic civics. He is a megalomaniac and very dangerous to the present and future of our country.

He's an asshole.

He wants to be king

He is trying to dig us out if the hole you libs have buried us in

Had some right ideas, need implemented better.

Doing everything he said he was going to do.

I voted for him . Keep going

I think he has good intentions but does not execute them very well.

I feel somethings he has been doing question my vote for him but also i believe he will get this mess under control.

His policies and actions are protecting the US citizen. He is correcting the gross mismanagement by the previous administrations.

He's trying to make a change. If people would give him a change and some support, he might be able to do great things.

HE IS TRYING TO GET OUR COMPANY WITH A BALANCED BUDGET-ELIMINATING WASTE FRAUD AND ABUSE AND MAKING DECISIONS THAT MAKE SENSE

Disappointed with some of his personnel decisions and his gutting of federal agencies without full understanding of internal issues within the various agencies and impacts to citizens. Same with his tariffs and impacts on costs and citizens economic growth

I support some of what he is doing, closing the border, cutting govt but dont support that way he goes about it at times.

Not sure what he is doing, could be good in the long run. He should be more empathetic towards immigrants in this country now because they were allowed to do this illegally up to this point. It might be good that there are more strict laws about entering the country illegally starting now. I am very happy that that are only two sexes recognized. I have worked for the government and know that there is a lot of waste and it is good to have that addressed.

He runs the country like a business and it works. I don't agree with some of his policies, but he knows how to get the job done!

He is cutting spending

He is doing what he said and what is necessary after all the corruption and cheating by the democrats all these years!!

dont know

Great goals but too aggressive in his approach

He's for the working man. Wants to improve our way of life, bring jobs back to the US, America first.

Created DOGE and is finding LOTS of waste by Dems. Getting rid of DEI. Don't even get me started on Dems giving children puberty blockers without parental consent which Trump is against. Dems

weaponized the law; look how they had the FBI raid Maralago but Biden took records as a senator & VP which was totally illegal and nothing happened to Biden. Trump is for American sovereignty; Biden was for open borders even letting in Tren de Aragua!

He is doing the things that need to be done, just maybe he could do it a little more calmly

He has this country in his best interest. He may be a little rough but he is a businessman and knows what it takes to run a business and this country. Hire the best for the job and he only has 4 years to do it so it may be abrupt. Give him a chance like we have done with all Presidents whether we chose them or not. Have an open mind.

Finally someone with common sense to try to get rid of waste in government, NOT require people to be brainwashed with far left liberal propaganda. Schools especially elementary schools should not be grooming our kids toward this transgender anti science fad. It's absolutely ridiculous and I appreciate someone trying to do something about it

President Trump cares about our country

MAGA

He's a no nonsense, get it done person that cares about America First.

he has done more for the country since January 20 than any other president in history

I approve of his goals to rid our government of waste I disapprove of the scattered way he is going about it.

I pray this President will make America great again.

He is not a politician. Unlike both parties, he wants to fix things, and when he was thwarted at every turn in his first term, I'm happy to see that he has found people he can trust. Not necessarily agree with, but who will discuss things with him before taking action and not stab him in the back.

So far so good, trying to do what he promised..getting rid of the swamp. He's making America more respected & stronger by the rest of the world. Those are positive things to me.

Glad someone is finally in office cleaning up the mess the lies this dishonesty and the expenses

Doing what he promised and no one owns him

He is uncovering all the government bloat and corruption. It is the right think to do to get our budget balanced. 36 Trillion dollar deficit will sink future generations more than global warming .

I've voted for him 3 times. The dems cheated in 2020 and everyone knows it. Trump won amazingly in 2024 and will get this country back on track. It's unfortunate the Dems want to stop him and not help America.

He is doing what he said he would do when he ran for president

He's a leader and is exposing corruption and funneling of \$ through DC beaurocracy

Not sure how things will turn out

Will do what's best for America. Cares about its citizens.

He gets things done.

He's the only candidate who was willing to tackle real national problems like national debt and immigration.

Trying to get country back on track. Not in complete on tactics/execution of DOGE.

I think he is trying to wrangle a huge out of control budget with DOGE cuts. It needs to be done and it's not pretty, but it needs to be done.

HAS A LOT OF REORGANIZING TO DO TO MAKE THIS COUNTRY RUN AS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS.

He is destroying every single thing. He is not investigating what works or what needs to be cut out. He just eliminates it all together. Feels like we are going backwards and don't really have good leadership. Feels like he is just trying to make a point and doesn't care who he hurts along the way.

Love him. Finally reducing the size of government and finding the waste. Finally ending the unfair trade agreements that have ruined our middle class.

He is a businessman and understands how to run things. Give him a chance to save this country.
Getting things in order; just too fast without thinking things through.
If there was another candidate would have voted for them. I knew I didn't want Harris so lesser of two evils

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He's doing the right things to get us moving in the right direction
President has and is doing exactly what he captained on. His transparency is remarkable. I have learned more about what is under consideration in the country than i did in 4 year under the past administration.
He is getting our country back on track after four years of an open border, weak foreign policies, out of control spending. DOGE is getting rid of fraud and abuse.
He's governing exactly as he promised he would and I couldn't be more pleased. Promises made, promises kept.
Everything I voted for.
Doing what he promised, smaller government
He is doing exactly what he said he would do, which is why we voted for him to be our President.
I like lots of Trumps ideas but feel as though they can be executed differently. While things within our country are improving. he doesn't do a good job of uniting us. Causing more discourse.
Trump is working to make our country fiscally responsible, eliminating waste and fraud, strengthening our military, eliminating wasteful spending in education, allowing for examination of our country's food sources, allowing for conversations about vaccine safety and allowing for conversations of differing opinions.
I think he is doing what needs to be done. I may not agree with everything he does and says , but I'm getting everything I voted for and approve of mostly what's being carried out .
He's the only one ballsy enough to do what's necessary to clean up the country after the disastrous Biden administration. I'm thankful he doesn't care what people say about him and is forging on despite two assassination attempts and the left trying to throw him in jail.
Effective and promoting effective government focused on basic American principles and priorities.
Think he lacks some statesmanship but is moving our country in the right direction. We need our sovereignty with strong borders. We need to bring jobs and manufacturing back to our country. We need to foster peace in the world. We need more affordable energy.
I don't approve of his style, or manner, BUT, I am thankful that we have defended our border and our laws. It was long-past the time to enforce existing laws and focus on reigning in increased gang and drug activity.
President Trump cares about freedom and the future of the USA. He is against unending wars and nonsensical death. He has religious values. He cares about the financial stability and prosperity of the US and it's people.
He has doe. What he said he would do unlike anyone else in the state of Maryland
I like what he is doing to help America
Looking forward to being safer from illegals comiting crime, no more DEI, men in girl sport, cheaper gas, and I love his belief in capitalism.
He IS the revolution. He's accomplishing more than anyone has ever tried. All government programs should be audited... every year.
Bogged in details, wish would concentrate on a few things, see them through, then next ones
He is working to make us face the fact we were going bankrupt. We have to stand up to our problems and try to fix them. It will take time and patience but someone needs to straighten us out. And stand up to our enemies!!!! Give it time. Be patient!!! See what happens then vote your opinion at the polls.

Things HAD to change after Biden!

We need to cut government waste and know where the money is going.

I believe Trump is bringing our country back to constitutional governance and working towards bringing us back to financial sound principles.

We are lucky to have such a bright and unafraid leader during these dangerous times

He is a clever manipulator and understands how to achieve success. It is actually amusing to observe how he throws out rather outrageous ideas to get others on board with his desired outcome. He shows how much he loves the country in that he ignores the daily media assaults. He just moves forward with an agenda with a long plan in mind. The media fools cannot look past their faces and see a good plan in action.

Trump is a man of his word and when he says he will do something he does. I truly believe he will make our country a better place over his term.

There are places in the government that need to be investigated. Such as Social Security giving checks to people who are no longer living. More scrutiny needs to happen when people apply. That money belongs to the American people who worked hard for it and no one else!

He's an American, the democrats are pure corrupt and anti-American.

Honest, keeps his word.

100% approve

Is putting us in a better position

Doing what he said he would do

He's taking on dept reduction and is striving for peace internationally. He has secured our border-what the Dems did was criminal. He's doing what Americans supported. The Dems is out of touch with our citizens and now they're whining, encouraging violence and undermining the policies for which the majority of Americans voted.

Trying to get the country back on track

Short term some changes are painful but overall moving our nation in a better direction

He needs lessons in etiquette and needs to stop being a blow hard. He has good business ideas but a horrible bedside manner.

Jury still out but a shake up can be healthy and was necessary. Just seems handled roughly.

he's doing a job that needs to be done, making hard and unpopular changes, even if he's doing it in a way that upsets people

enough said

This term he is acting more an unhinged dictator. He has not kept the promises he made from his campaign related to the economy. He is corrupt and only cares about his loyalists.

Less chaos

unsure

Why is he piddling around like a greedy child? I have 4 kids, trust me, he's acting like a greedy child.

Donald Trump is incompetent. He is a lousy human being with no morals. He is greedy and wants to be king god of all. I'm terrified. His actions are not mentally well. I think this country is going to hell fast and the poor people will not survive. He's out for the oligarchs.

Keep up the good fight

President has autocratic leanings that are very concerning

He is doing what he promised he was gonna do. We're getting what we voted for..

Strong political presence making US seem stronger, brings peace with other countries, fighting to protect US citizens and our border

Donald Trump is erratic and can be scary. I am holding my breath until 2028. However, he is doing something to reduce government, stop the spending and eventually reducing the debt. America is in need of help and the Democrats are only spending money, allowing crime with no consequences, not securing our borders and most of all, not keeping the oath of protecting our country even though they take an oath when sworn in as elected officials. I am hopeful that a leader will emerge that we can get behind in 2028. Make America great again. Dem scum tried to impeach, lawfare him to prison, and tried to kill him I don't want to have him to dinner. I think that he was the better option. I wish that his delivery was better but I overall approve.

Good ideas poor execution. Too much unilateral executive orders

Dangerous dumpster fire.

I can't stand the man himself character wise - but much of what he is doing is long overdue and even has been called for by the Libertarian party. Greenland and the Gulf of America were dumb. Most of the other issues 100% on board with.

Worse unqualified president ever. Hires incompetence. His remove DEI initiatives are a complete disaster as well as his fire federal workers plans. He is removing the tax base.

A convicted criminal has no business running our country.

he wants to get our dept lower and gas lower

He is the only person that has the guts to stand for ALL Americans! So many people do not understand tariffs and trade, they just listen to sound bites. The US has the poorest education scores and yet we pour buckets of money into programs that do not work. At one time there was a job for every American no matter their level of education and making a living wage. America was self-sustaining. Is this man perfect, nope, but he loves America and will not leave the White House a millionaire!

HE SUCKS! Hes a criminal who is only interested in bettering the lives of the rich. He does not truly care about the average American.

Goes without saying.

I don't think he cares about the people he is supposed to serve

I don't approve of the fact that a lot of the people in the government are losing their jobs, however, I strongly agree with his dedication to giving REAL BIOLOGICAL WOMEN more rights, especially in sports. Just because a man dresses like a woman does not mean he is one. I value Trump for supporting women. Fascism, trying to erode human/civil rights, oppression of the working class, and misinformation Making an effort to reduce government waste.

50%

The US is a democracy with three parts of government. The executive cannot govern alone.

trying to do what he promised in his campaign

Keep up the good work !

not gonna waste a vote on green party or independent at national level. local level third party candidates can win but national got only one of two choices.

I want change, but in a coordinated way.

Don't like Trump personally, but admire that he's trying to actually get some important things done -- e.g. getting rid of problem illegals, cutting gov't waste, reducing fed debt,, strengthening U.S. economy. Way too soon to judge if successful.

Racist, bigot, unfit to run, and I am very sure that he is trying to establish at the very least a sort of oligarchic regime in the United States and eliminate minority groups.

Can I rate from 0-10 into the negatives? He is exemplary of history repeating himself. Look at how German Natzi conducted business and what he is doing...

Absence of meditation before public pronouncement.

He is a jack -ass piece of shit, liar, civilly liable rapist and criminal. He tried to destroy the very foundation of our democracy. He is an embarrassment and a horror to this country. I wouldn't piss in his mouth if his teeth were on fire.

He's a amoral criminal.

Is going off the rails. He is a danger to our nation and is unstable

Some policies may be needed but the execution and trade offs don't align

Total disaster, incredibly illegal

Trump is a toxic disaster.

He doesn't know what he is doing.

He's an 80 year toddler whose never had to grow up and deal with his daddy issues. He's taking out his deep seated insecurities and ignorance on an entire country in the sad hopes his father will come back and tell him that he's proud of him. He's deeply damaged and possibly mentally ill, with no sign of getting help.

Disgraceful. Psychotic. Narcisstic and borderline treasonist.

He's running America like he's run all his other businesses -- into the ground.

He is making America into a mockery. He is alienating us from our allies and is destroying the economy with his tariffs. He is increasing taxes for the working class and is giving tax breaks to the billionaires.

Also, he is "eliminating waste" by firing people who do not follow his beliefs.

Trump is a conman, a criminal and a total fraud.

These past two months have been a disaster for the country, and in my view Trump is actively harming the country and our relationships with the rest of the world.

I fundamentally disagree with the way he is using all out tariffs and laying off the federal workforce.

Has been a grifter all his life.

daily chaos is not good for anyone

As a convicted felon he should not have been allowed to run.

I don't agree with a lot of the processes being used by President Donald Trump but I can't say for sure my complete thoughts until I research more and give it more time for everything being changed to flesh out more.

worst president EVER!

You misspelled Kennedy Center Chairman.

Absolutely beyond poorly and disgracefully

His tariffs will inflict great harm to the economy. He also seems senile to some extent.

Angry old man out to do things for his own benefit,.. and everyone has to suffer for it.

His policies and views are destroying the dream that is America

Starting trade wars with allies, dismantling rights of disadvantaged/minority groups, pardoning insurrectionists, spreading misinformation, vilifying the press, name-calling opponents, etc.

Should not have been elected for second term. The only things I agree with him on so far this term has been some of his policies related to Israel

He is bad

I wish he had the balls to cut all foreign aid one day 1. US taxpayers should not be forced to pay for foreign governments.

Policies are necessary to save the country from going broke. The opposition is not providing alternative solutions...too much shouting and divisiveness...not providing a rational alternative presented rationally.

He has secured the border, lowered regulations, increased energy, lowered grocery prices, and is actively working to downsize government and eliminate fraud and abuse. He is also making the country safer by expelling criminal illegal aliens.

Must battle against corrupt, biased media. Could be more politic in his public presence.

Promises Made, Promises Kept. Its been 2 months. Give him more time to fix 4 years of brain rot. Dem approval rating is at historic lows (based off ABC, NBC and CNN polls)..let Red take the wheel and see where it goes. Blue had their time.

No human is perfect but President Donald Trump is one of the few people trying to put the Republic back together. Roll your eyes if you want.

He said he would do it. He is!! The Democrats have been decimated by finding out that the American people are not as stupid as they thought.

Is keeping his campaign promises.

Cares about national issues such as immigration and the economy.

this is what a business man does. he not a politician. he get things done. Now if the rest of the circus would get in order, we could become energy independent again and have the best economy ever. cut spending / and waste / let states provide education standards equals with world standards and get rid of the bs. federal government interference and costs. increase border protections as to prevent illegal crossings. look at other countries and how they handle their crossings, armed guards.

Need more time to observe his actions before commenting.

While not always fond of the words he uses the policy making is spot-on and moving us in the right direction.

I've voted Democrat or the last 20 years until 2024. In 2024 I voted red all down the line. The Democrat's insane adherence to gender ideology and identity politics turned me off completely. Every time a person utters the word Latinx a Hispanic Republican is created.

Total ass!

He's an idiot

Total dick

He's chaos incarnate.

I agree with his concepts but think he is the wrong person for the job.

Previously term in office, the US did reasonably well, but this term, Trump seems to be more unpredictable.

I believe President Trump is not making good decisions with the good of the American people at heart. I especially disapprove of the recent government restructuring and the cuts to funding especially to our National Parks

Trump is a 34 count felon man child who has zero respect for the law or this country.

Looking out for himself; Is not working in the best interest of the country which is the #1 role of a President

As noted in previous responses, he is acting incredibly recklessly, using the country as his personal play toy, acting with no regard for the health or well-being of us citizens

Do not approve of the orange turd

I thought he was a despicable person before he ever became President. I expect a President to possess high character standards.

He's an idiot

Donald Trump seems determined to sow division and fear among the citizens of the United States; his allegiance is to himself and to the people who support him, as long as they are useful to him. His goal is

to obtain as much money and status as he can, regardless of the negative impacts on any other human being.

I think he is the worst person to have as a president. I hate that people I love have lost their jobs in such harsh ways because of this man. I do not stand with or for anything he does or says.

Are you kidding me??? He is a threat to our democracy.

Trump won because the majority of Americans didn't vote.

He isn't qualified to be president and he belongs in prison.

He's ruining this country.

He is a complete embarrassment, disgraceful, totally unfit for office and surrounds himself with unfit cabinet members.

First read in depth about him when he cheated contractors for his ocean front casino/hotels out of their pay, tying them up in court till they couldn't afford their lawyer fees anymore and had to drop their suits.

He's only grown more evil since then. He doesn't care about anyone but himself (or Mu\$k, as Mu\$k is very rich.)

Not fit to be President

Just pretty much disagree with the majority of his policies and am very concerned that he does not respect our democracy

He is a horrible, cruel, incompetent leader!

He is beyond incompetent and fuels his own needs to have a legacy rather than listen to the voices of the American people. He is a threat to domestically and internationally.

He thinks he is a king. He is immature, vindictive, and has no regard for the law. He ignores ethical standards. As a Christian, I am appalled by the partnership of Christian nationalists with him - both use each other to seek power.

He has turned the office at the president of the United States into a authoritarian position.

I think President Trump does not consider the American people and is only interested in getting revenge on those who are against him and pandering to his supporters at the expense of the economic stability of American families.

Does there need to be any explanation!

Once again he's turning the US into a global laughingstock and damaging our alliances. And making the US worse for anyone who isn't wealthy and a bigot

Criminal..Con man. Personality disorder? Rapist. Appoints people like him. Thinks he is Putin's buddy. Fully supported by those sharing some of his qualities.

The man is corrupt and ignorant. He shows it over and over again.

He is a felon and sexually assaults women. He has no respect for other human beings and this is demonstrated in everything he is doing.

Obtuse and egocentric.



A conman who gives his cult of supporters permission to give in to their worst instincts while making sure the country and the planet will never recover.

Worst president ever. He is seemingly only concerned with himself and is in constant denial of anything/anyone who does not support his ego. His policies and decisions are not taking our country in a positive direction. It's so unfortunate that enough of our elected representatives are not willing to stand up to what's been happening in the last 2 1/2 months; very scary, unpredictable times!

I am devastated by what is happening in our country due to Donald Trump's selfish, under democratic, and careless behaviors when so many people are afraid for their safety and livelihood

Trash human. Absolute rubbish. Dishonest.

0/10. He is destroying this country with his vindictiveness and childish desire to be a king/dictator.

Oh my god what is there not to say

He is corrupt, a pig (in relation to women, especially) and cruel. He's attempting some sort of power grab in an effort to destroy our freedoms and democracy!

Horrible despicable person who lies, is a felon, and a con man. He is to USA what Hitler was to Germany Disgraceful. I was in London (England) when Zelensky met with Trump. Everyone i saw said it was good for Europe as they have woken up and know the US Government can no longer be trusted. Trump is bad but Congress is enabling him. Our parents fought for a legacy that took us 75 years to build. It has been destroyed in months! When Trump was elected Bannon said it will take 50 years to change what Trump puts into effect. That is what is happening.

Don't like his policy. Don't care for undoing of our government ! Buying off rich donors! Don't like his way of causing inflation, Chaos and alienating our poor who he cares less, our friends in Canada, Greenland elsewhere. Don't like free speech being snuffed out!

My life had been negatively impacted by his choice. Job security, child care, student loans and mental health negatively affected. He speaks and acts without regard for this nation.

Cruelty is the point. Trump disavowed Project2025 during the campaign and is now shredding the country implementing Project2025 led by un elected Stephen Miller and henchman OMB Russ Vought who was barley confirmed by the GOP Senate majority. More very bad things are lurking in Project2025.

He is a self-centered narcissist who always lies about facts. He creates division, uses hateful language, and promotes separating the US from our allies. Tariffs are stupid, and will seriously damage our economy

He is a Manchurian candidate who wishes to destroy the country ...not sure what he owes our enemies (to include Musk) but he is not defending the Constitution nor is congress...

I think he lies about everything and doesn't care about the welfare of citizens at all.

UNFIT for any public office. He is doing incalculable damage to the country and world order.

There is just no rational explanation for America's election of a convicted felon, adjudicated sexual abuser, prismatic prevaricator, tax cheat, sociopath, philanderer, white supremacist, mental defect, misogynistic, bloated aspiring dictator in desperate need of anger management classes to the so-called highest office in the land. He an avatar of retribution, scofflaws, absurdity, chaos, vitriolic anger, and ignorance.

Trump doesn't care about the country or anyone else except himself. He is recklessly and callously ruining relationships across the world, screwing over anyone that isn't in the top 1%, and seems to only know how to lie.

He is sending this country backwards.

just awful

Narcissistic self dealing power driven want to be ruler - With absolutely no concern for the people of this country. Sole focus is eliminate all the rules keeping him and his cronies from becoming richer and monopolizing economic business landscape

I despise him. Unfortunately, he is the result of societal issues that have been rising in the United States. This is partly due to misinformation, but also to real issues that are not being addressed. If people feel the need to vote for somebody like him we know something is seriously wrong. Unfortunately, news, radio, and government agencies do a very poor job addressing issues and citizens feel left alone to deal with their real problems. For example, how come we never hear about the fact that credit cards have raised average interest rates to above 25%. The only thing we hear is to reduce credit card bills when most people are beyond that point. Yet, we argue over irrelevant philosophical, ethical and religious issues. American reality strongly different from the perception that is projected. This is the easiest way to

radicalize a nation. I am originally from Germany and I understand history, and I worry that we are moving down a very dangerous and tragic path.

Hatchet man. Misogynist. Has an 19th century imperialist view of foreign relations that isn't suited to globalized world. Has no moral compass. Has shifting ethics. Has stated he wants to be a dictator. he's an absolute disgrace and I say this as a former Republican who is totally disgusted by the direction the party has taken

I do not believe he is qualified for the job. Does not have a clue as to what the US needs or wants.

I DO NOT SUPPORT A LIAR, A SLANDERER, A THIEF, A ADULTER, AND A RAPIST.

Several actions undertaken by the President are illegal and are a waste of taxpayer money

He fights for the people , America and families!

making needed (if painful) changes

He is doing exactly what he said he would do. In my opinion it's good to see a president more concerned for the American people then he is his own life!!

President Trump is fulfilling his campaign promises at a break neck pace and that is very, very good.

Needs to shut his mouth

To soon to comment. But not satisfied thus far.

he is doing what the voters asked of him

I really appreciate Donald Trump's common sense!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!! He is a phenomonal leader! And the leader we have been needing for the longest time! Who can truly see the " BIG picture " and isn't afraid to stand up for our country. He has a " spine " lol! I appreciate him deporting illegal immigrants! No illegal immigrants in the United States under any circumstances! To be a part of the United States diaspora , one needs to do things the right way! I hope all the money that is saved and reclaimed from ousting illegal immigrants can go back to those in need in the United States and improving the United States!! Whether it is the seniors, those with disabilities, or investing in our beautiful country!! Like investing in clean energy! pleasant clean infrastructure, cleaning our communities, educating our public and keeping drugs free communities.

Have you read the crap list of stuff the government is spending money on. This needed to happen. I am not sure if it will hurt me but I'll figure it out. This spending has been unsustainable a long long time.

It's only 3 full months in.

He's fixing what Biden and people like Moore break

Need to treat the country like a business and do something different because nothing is working to help out national debt and economy. Biden clearly has a medical condition. Harris comes across as a total idiot

Trump has inherited many self inflicted issues from Biden. He has done an excellent job so far and accomplished more in 3 months than any other President in my life time

Cutting waste, tariffs levied equally, international relationships with other leaders

Promises made - promises kept. He can't be bought or blackmailed, unlike most politicians.

He is doing exactly what he campaigned on. Build the wall, and deport illegal immigrants especially the criminal gangs that are now in our country. If they want to be here they should come in the legal way like others have to do.

Scary dictator, incompetent and narcissistic - destroying the earth more than we were, likely lead us into war.

I think thecPres. is going to ruin this country. It is all about his ego to get the rich people rich richer and the lower class's poorer. I think. Musk shouldn't be I. Our government.

there is nothing to approve we need to get him out before he ruin the country.

I think he has some of the right ideas. I truly believe we need to cut government spending. But! I think they was he is going about everything is horrible. No consideration to how this is effecting so many citizens.

He's unhinged, calling himself a king and sewing distrust and discord

He is reducing waste in Government agencies, something that needed to be done for years.

0/10

Donald Trump didn't when to be President, he had a different set of goals to enter the White House on. He set out to get even with everyone who he felt did him wrong and government agency. He also needed money to pay off court rulings against him that he didn't have. So him and Elon decided to scam the world of it's lose money not being used.

I like the focus on reducing government inefficiency but there is room for improvement in ensuring these efforts are actually effective in the long run

He is a hateful buffoon.

Represents our worst tendencies. I did not vote to have a king, let alone one that tramples our rights.

He fully embraces fascism, which I strongly disapprove.

He's an incompetent buffoon who runs everything like a mob enterprise. He should have been barred from running as a felon and have been impeached from the January 6 attack on the Capitol. A disgrace and an embarrassment to the country.

Donald Trump is a loose cannon. He behaves in an irrational impulsive manner, and his behavior shows that he doesn't think things through. He acts off of impulse which is detrimental to the progress and security of the United States. President Trump pardoned convicted felons from January 6. This was a slap in the face to law enforcement who were assaulted and killed on that day. The behavior of those arrested and convicted, and to be part and shows that they are above the law and nothing they do will stop them from this horrific behavior.

Like some things but disagree with some implementations

Buckly up, he is crazy in a planned way.

I am giving him time. I like his stance on immigration and domestic issues. Foreign policy and the tariffs are questionable. Need to see how it plays out

Ugh. Reality charlatan tossing our country into chaos for personal gain

COVID Tyrant

he's out to revenge himself on Everyone doesn't kiss his ass

chaotic but on right track

He is a strong president with dignity.

Within these 2 months of his presidency, he's already affected our relationships with bordering countries and "old friends" He also is eliminating federal governments making people lose their jobs which leads to a whole other can of worms. Additionally, his plan of tariffs backfired which is raising the price of everything.

Bad

President Trump has been changing our nation for the worst, trying to restructure it to benefit the rich. He is very uncouth as well, embarrassing us when other nations have their eyes on us.

Greedy grifter. Not a public servant, really a public parasite.

I have mixed feelings about President Trump's policies, particularly his stance on immigration and foreign relations.

He is a clown

While I disagree with some of Trump's policies, I think others are helpful. His execution could be better, but he does act on problems.

Awful

President Trump has done more in the last few weeks to protect this country and discover fraud within spending. And the old saying is the ones crying wolf are the ones committing the crime.

As far as efficiency and the state of the country when he is president, he is doing an okay job.

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I don't care for a lot of his policies.

Felonious Trump is an unmitigated disaster and national disgrace; a convicted felon, amoral, self serving and unfit for office.

He just causes chaos. Reminds me of some very destructive "leaders" from the past.

Perfer not to answer

He is a petty, vindictive man who cannot be trusted. He has been maneuvered into position by funders who want to destroy democracy. He has always been a crook and abuser. He has no respect for America. I feel that DJT is taking advantage of the American people and his executive power and dismantling (and ignoring) the checks and balances system in place in our democracy. He is simply acting like a bully with no respect for our constitution.

Appendix W: Job Approval – Governor Wes Moore – Comments

Originally liked him, but he's beginning to take the state in the wrong direction. Blame the current budget deficit on the previous Governor? Disingenuous

He is a tax and waste leftist.

Should have known MD was overspending previously and would lead to working class paying even higher fees and taxes

None.

Trying hard

Very articulate and gaining the right attention national wide for Maryland a multitalented leader although I am nervous about the potential cuts that are coming.

While skeptical, I have a more trustworthy perception of democrats.

I don't know enough about him

Overall he's doing ok. I think he spends too much time on national politics and photo ops of him with sports teams and showing how physically fit he is than ops showing how he's helping the less fortunate.

He isn't as supportive of transit as I'd like and the restart of the Red line seems like a waste of resources.

Add Camden line trains on weekends to support sports teams (UMD, O's and Ravens) and reduce traffic.

He's okay.

Mr. Moore is new to the office and has been left with an underfunded state government with many problems. The previous administration swept many problems with juvenile services, education, etc. under the rug. Mr. Moore seems to be interested in helping to rebuild the economy and infrastructure of the state which includes Baltimore City.

He is not doing enough in my opinion, but it could be worse

A rising political star who is doing a very effective job in challenging times while facing racist backlash.

Seems competent...too soon to fully assess.

Wes Moore inherited a State government budget that because of COVID funds was balanced. Maryland for many years has had a budget that has had a structural deficit...this has never been fixed.

Not sure I trust everything he is telling us. Where did the extra money go that was in the budget. Need Hogan back.

Future National leader

Governor Moore has been on the correct side of social issues most impacting our state. I believe that his past performance is a good indicator that he will lead Maryland to a economically, and healthy state in response to federal government incompetence.

Mr. Moore displays a reasonable approach to most issues facing the state, including most of his proposals for dealing with the budget shortfall.

Maryland seems to be going in a good direction and Governor Moore has been leading as well as I expected

National news is getting more attention these days

I like a lot of what he planned on doing, but I honestly don't know too much. I believe I voted for him.

As far as I can see, Governor Moore seems to have the best interests of the citizens of Maryland in mind in his policies and actions.

He knows how to Strategically Lead a Great State!

I strongly believe that Governor Wes Moore could present to Congress Democrats about the President is NOT ABIDING BY THE U.S. Constitution and has strayed to the far right or left from abiding by the U.S. Constitution!

OK

Handled the Key Bridge collapse but could be more aggressive with his budget to deal with the growing state deficit.

Seems to be looking to his next step a little too much

He's doing as well as he can with the issues Felon Trump has given him.

Charismatic but needs to stand tall and cut state employment and particularly overtime.

I am not that keen on Moore's priorities and execution of his duties. He seems phony

He is doing his best for the state, although some of his policies aren't ideal.

Promising views and cares for js

Is between rock and hard place, some of his own making.

Governor is an inspirational leader. It is a bit too early to know if that quality empowers his administration to reach out his lofty campaign goals.

Thought state was in great shape so he started out as of a PR person and he now realizes that he no longer with this record etc be able to run for president as we all know was is only intend at the beginning but is starting to see the light that governor of Maryland is not easy especially with this Trump administration show we'll see.

Governor Moore seems great if not a little untested. That being said, I have really liked him over all.

Failure so far. Look at the deficit and need/desire to raise taxes. Poor showing

Moore is an intelligent and creative leader.

Stand strong, I believe in him

I think he's a solid governor but sometimes I think he's running for president.

I'm glad he's anti-Trump but I don't keep up on local politics.

intellectually brilliant, inspired communicator and thoughtful leader

I have lived through his time in office and I have not had any major conflict with his time on the job. But I feel he needs to be more assertive in his role as Governor.

Same, pertaining to Maryland

no comment

Too much into himself and becoming a national candidate.

Isn't showing real leadership. I am a Democrat who would support a moderate and competent leader from any party (like Hogan. O'Mally, etc).

MD run more like a business

I wish he would step up more as a leader.

He's going a great job

Don't know what he is doing

Heart's in the right place. I'm not sure he knows how to get to where Maryland needs to be.

I think he is doing a good job with the many challenges of the state. I think doing budget cuts and not just taxes was wise and also trying to address education funding -- especially in uncertain times.

Very liberal

Still waiting for him to do something other than take credit for others ideas

I read his books, he is not man we see in public. His words are not very trueful. He has his eye on the White House, we don't need another Obama.

Wasteful spending, poor management,

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Likeable, but has no True North

Fair

I approve of the Governor insofar as he has proved to be competent, there are some areas where I may disagree with him (he seems to be biased towards the fed at times. But given his military background that makes sense and it's not as though this wasn't upfront to the voter base so to speak) though nothing memorable enough for me to state it off the top of my head.

Na

Overall great from what I can see. Once again, at least one or two people from the State government went on the Sweden trip. But I am still waiting for the report. And I am "paying attention" as best I can without email (that is a "STORY"). I love the idea of a Ferry as well as more bike lanes, transit etc. But we need to step it up. Climate Change is upon us. I appreciate the opportunity for input on the budget, and the obvious considered approach to the inherited problem.

Speaks out against the Trump administration. Seems to genuinely care about the state.

Haven't read anything about other than program to hire displaced federal government employees
I think that the Governor could be doing more for Marylanders like defending us to Trump. Maryland is getting screwed over right now and we need to fight back. Now!

He's trying, but needs to stand up against Trump more!

I think he is very innovative and is making sure Maryland is a safe space for all.

You have got to get a handle on crime in Baltimore City, especially around UM & JH & MMC! No one wants to go into the City for their healthcare for fear of car jacking or crime!! You are crippling these fine institutions & the patients! Put a policeman on every corner! Lock these criminals up!

I don't know.

Our past Governor, Larry Hogan left MD fiscally responsible. Now, we are into a large deficit- he claims a major part of that money went to education?? I don't see that at all. Our status in Education compared to other states ranked poorly. We NEED to be fiscally responsible and accountable for all taxpayer's money - where and how it is spent.

He is working diligently to maintain the quality of life in Maryland.

He seems to be more right leaning

He has a bad reputation from what I've been hearing. But I also don't know enough about him personally to pass a real judgement. Many people give him a hard time because he came in after Governor Larry Hogan who was a local favorite.

He's extremely circumspect and political but he seems to be working for Marylanders' best interests so far.

He seems eager to make Maryland better.

I am proud to live in a 'blue' state that is inclusive and progressive. I think that Moore is doing what he said he would do in campaigning.

Same as Pittman. He is trying and while all ideas are not supported, believe he wants to do the most good possible for the most folks.

I have some concerns about the budget proposal and the programs selected for budget cuts. I don't think he's done a very good job with outreach or even clear policy.

I follow Wes Moore on the news, and am also highly impressed and in agreement with his perspective and what he is doing. PS - More money for schools and libraries is ALWAYS a good thing!

I'm just getting to know him and although I voted for him, I am withholding judgment at this time.

Need more time to see how recent events are handled

I think he leans a little too much towards AI taking the place of nurses.

doing a good job

I agree with the policies Gov Moor has put into place

I am pleased with his performance and results. Needs to work hard to get funding to rebuild Key Bridge asap (from Doli shipping company, insurance and government.)

unsure

Wes Moore has destroyed Maryland's economy. As a retiree we are considering moving to a more affordable state.

Not sure how he's doing.

I dont know much about him

Something just really rubs me the wrong way about him, but I am proud to be a Marylander which says something in the current political climate.

Too much tax and spend

I think he's moving the state in the right direction.

Wes Moore needs to Address the states current energy dependance and cost crisis now before the situation compounds further.

Leave No One Behind!

I feel he has the best interest of all marylanders

know him personally I approve

n/a

Amidst all the chaos and destruction caused by the Trump regime, he seems to be doing as much as he can to keep Maryland intact and protect the citizens of Maryland to the best of his ability.

doing a good job, true concern for ALL citizens

I've written him @ BGE, no response

I think the Governor is committed to doing the right thing for Maryland and the nation.

Hopeful

Similar to the above, he is doing his best in the face of adverse federal conditions.

No issues as of now.

I don't know enough about what he is doing

Blueprint for education

Overall, I agree with his policies.

Seems we are being taxed to make up the deficit the state currently has. How did we go through the huge surplus Larry Hogan left?

He's got Maryland future in all his policies

i appreciate him joining other states in their lawsuits against cheeto hitler

I don't keep up on Moore. I plan to start learning more about him and his plans.

I think he's doing a good job considering the pending deficit that existed.

I hope that he does not become a one term Governor.

He has been reasonable and compromises under difficult circumstances.

Making a huge difference for all of Maryland and taking leadership for other state governors. Speaks his mind and is doing what is right!

He is very smart and expertly articulates positions I tend to agree with. I enjoy seeing him and Gov. Newsom on TV.

See previous comments on the survey.

Maryland sound ik

Doing a good job. Professional. Handled the Key Bridge crisis well

Jury still out on Moore. Seems slick. Worry he is just using MD to set up himself as a Presidential candidate. But will see

He makes thoughtful decisions and surrounds himself with good people

Don't have enough information

Moore said the right things going into the legislative session, i.e., we had a huge budget gap to close and raising taxes was not an appropriate knee-jerk response. I feel I don't know that much about his work.

We've lost good coverage by major papers. We subscribe to the Baltimore banner, in an attempt to obtain news.

Happy to see him taking budget issues seriously. Feel confident that he is surrounding himself with good advisors and working as a team with Baltimore and with the state legislature.

He's focused on what ALL the ppl here need.

He doesn't have the right experience and is too full of himself. As an educator, his proposed cuts to the Blueprint tell me he doesn't prioritize our students, which means he doesn't prioritize the future of Maryland.

Every time he is on the news or on NPR or anywhere, he is the best of us. Well spoken, calming, brilliant, reassuring. We're lucky to have him.

Excellent so far. Understand we have a budget shortfall to address and he is explaining it well so voters are informed

He is striking the right balance of competing interests in challenging economic times.

I like Moore's general ideas, but I worry they will be unaffordable, particularly given the mass layoffs of federal employees that will impact Maryland tax revenue

I thought it was odd to not raise the estate tax exemption when faced with the budget shortfall.

I support Wes Moore but find myself disappointed with the budget shortfall, the lack of expansion of public transportation, and the support for building a new Bay Bridge. If we must, let it only be for public transportation.

I think he is doing the best he can in trying times, including managing our state budget deficit.

I like him very much. I thought his idea for adding a purple line for Balt. City was a little crazy. Too much money concentrated in a small area. So much else is needed like housing and better education of the children of Baltimore City. This is so needed and has been for generations now.

He is a thoughtful, pragmatic leader who is willing to compromise and work together with everyone.

We'll see how strongly he continues to fight back against the fascist felon.

Governor Wes Moore will someday save us, both as a state and as a nation.

Tough job and he is doing his best to help ALL Marylanders

He is the future of this country

His leadership style brings about change that improves conditions for every citizen of Maryland. We need his leadership for these next difficult years!

Slick. Will see if he views Maryland as a quick stop-over on way to Presidency.

Creative leader and manager, has a long view

Good job in communicating his decisions

Dedicated, educated, person-to-person. I wish he'd run for another office after this.

He is doing very well.

I do appreciate his standing up to the Trump/Musk authoritarian power grab by working for social and environmental justice.

We had a surplus...

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Pleased with Moore's performance. Ability to be inclusive and I trust him to do is best.

He is creative in finding solutions to successfully improve life for the citizens of MD. He is needed to lead this country.

I would like to know more about how we ended up with such a massive deficit.

Is doing well showing leadership but has been given a mess to deal with - budget shortfalls and the impacts on our state by the Federal Government.

I think he is working for the good of the people. I think he wants to be President someday.

Governor for ALL.

I appreciate his positions on most issues.

Don't understand how we got such a large deficit.

Love his energy and personality. Very nice person.

I think the Governor could be stronger on education and the environment.

Don't support all his efforts

He has been at the forefront of defending Maryland from destructive national policies on immigration enforcement, abortion rights, and other issues of importance to MD.

Represents Marylanders well. Leads with the issues and flooks for the best outcomes.

he is not focused on Maryland but gearing up to presidential campaign

Not sure how we ended up in a deficit, but I appreciate all his efforts to fix it.

Represents Maryland well. Very impressive

He's playing a Trump game and I don't like it.

He means well and keeps informed and committed to MD's progress.

Really impressive response to the key bridge disaster

Integrity, heart, leadership

The budget deficit is not good

He is a forward- looking , caring, brilliant man moving Maryland forward in all aspects, especially social justice issues. Also he wrote a beautiful book, The Other Wes Moore.

He puts in the work!

Trying to balance the budget

Is doing a good job with the key bridge and is trying to reduce the budget deficit.

I like his inclusive style and overall policies. The Bronze Star issue concerns me. He is good at crisis management (Key Bridge)

I asked Gov. Moore a question, but he never answered. He has not been strong enough to stand up to TRUMP.

He took a strong stand on legislation important to me. Impressed by what I hear whenever I see clips of him speaking. Again, I lament Maryland newspapers' decline and we don't get local tv channels. Wish I knew more.

Moore is ok but probably don't know enough about him.

Gov. Moore is trying to do the best for the residents of MD.

His daily briefings with his team on the Key Bridge disaster were excellent and showed that Maryland had the best leadership in the world.

I think he is doing a good job, however, like everyone else, I don't love the large increase for car registration in MD.

I previously voted for Governor Hogan and thought he did a great job; however, I also don't believe that there was a surplus in the amount that was put in the news before he left. So now, I'm disappointed that Governor Hogan is bad mouthing Governor Moore via his, Hogan's, social media.

Disappointed about the deficit

Feel like we still need to know more about him. He is more visible in the media. Presents economic issues that make sense.appears to care about people and represents MD in all areas of government.

Financial oversight

A qualified governor who cares about Marylanders and policies mostly help those who need
The state as been well-run under his administration. He communicates his priorities, is honest about challenges faced by impact of federal economic action; has carefully walked the line in dealing with federal administration

I appreciate his visibility.

Strong Dem

Not sure he is always be transparent with us.

Not happy with Wes Moore's budget decisions.

He cares about all people, not just business interests. Wants to make out state better on all measures. Is not into cronyism.

Money. Billions spent. Why?

He seems to be a strong, articulate leader with good ideas for our state.

Everyone is so mad about the tax hikes, it won't make much of a difference for our family.

Governor Moore Rock!!

He sounds uncertain at times and seems overwhelmed.

Just moved to Maryland.

He has done the best job possible in a difficult time. Got Baltimore Harbor opened quickly after the bridge disaster.

don't read anything about him

Going to chase millionaire out of Maryland

More general media coverage has led me to an overall positive impression

He cares about the people in Maryland

Same as above. For a blue state very hard for low income people to get on Medicaid. No help for those with Alzheimer's to get assistance or care of any kind. Disgraceful.

Ridiculous tax hikes. The state taxes and spending are out of control.

Thoughtful, conscious of balancing improving life for MD residents and yet being fiscally responsible, acknowledging the difficult path. His protection of those with less. His concept of providing educational opportunities in exchange for working for the state. A win win in my opinion

I like Wes Moore. Good communicator

A refreshing change from a "business-focused," rather than a human & environmental welfare-focused leader.

He's a rising star despite the comments from the peanut gallery.

Moore was left with a budget surplus and has created a deficit. Educational programs have been a waste of money with nothing to show for them.

I think Governor Moore wants what is best for Maryland. Especially families, education, and military

Not doing enough to advocate for changes in the juvenile justice system. Advocating for increased taxes.

He doesn't answer questions. He skirts around all the issues.

Bring back Larry Hogan! I voted for Moore. What a disappointment

He is economically inefficient. Came into office with plenty of money and now MD has a huge deficit

Wes Moore needs to stop raising taxes to compensate for his misuse of surplus money available when he took office!

I am so disappointed with Governor Moore. As someone with a business background, I expected a much better job. And I voted for him, but now regret it very much.

too much spending and increasing taxes. too liberal

Haven't been keeping up with him

He lies and is only in it to step up to President. He makes few controversial decisions and campaigns all the time. He thinks we do know!!!

Moore is destroying this state. He is following in steps of Newsom that destroyed CA. MD is well on its way to being the next CA because of Moore's failed leadership.

Very frustrated as he is spending money we don't have. He's spending money on undocumented people while ignoring the benefits taken from State Retirees

0/10 his spending is out of control and it's easy to spend other people's money... we need less debt not more

Too cowardly and middle of the road to take the necessary steps to improve the county for everyone and protect the vulnerable.

I moved here from a red state that's steadily moving backwards, so honestly, any improvement had me feeling relief. There's things I'm sure he could handle better, but I'm not necessarily unsatisfied at the moment.

And I wish the governor could know that his program needs his help. I have hope in DSCI. It's an amazing idea that has helped so many people. But there is a group of us. The year before me too. We've all suffered at the hands of a woman who should not be allowed to treat us as though we are dirt for her to walk over. He needs to know that the people who really could benefit from his program are struggling.

They question if all they worked for is worth it sticking around for two months of verbal and possibly physical abuse. And some of us have worked so very hard and were forced out of their position over something that wasn't their fault. Or something we shouldn't have to deal with in a job environment. The people who are running it currently do not have the same interest as him. And the people who are in this program don't wish this on anyone else. We need his help. And we wish we could find a way to let him know.

Smart man, who is dealing with a world of problems and is the man for this job.

He is one of the reasons why I moved to MD.

The people elect this person but what has he done? NOTHING TO HELP WITH INFLATION HOUSING AND FOOD AND TAXES .

I say the same to Governor Moore. I agree that Green Infrastructure is important (electric cars, etc.) but he too has ignored the cheapest, easiest way to clean our air and water and help to keep our planet as a home-SAVE THE FORESTS! Mitigation is not enough. It takes way too long to make up for losing 100 year old forests. Why are politicians so shortsighted? They should be leading-not following the developers lead.

when first elected he said hed be all residents govenor but has shown he only care about popular and issues that get him press and he has yet to make a tuff decision.

I feel he was more interested in campaigning for a political appointment for most of his term amd ignored maryland interests.

Wasteful spending and increased taxes is Not good for Maryland. Terrible Governor

Obama puppet

Clueless. Just a pit stop to national position.

Completely blew a 5 billion surplus

Handling of the budget deficit is questionable

He is doing great.

Lets see what he does

I believe that the Governor is doing a reasonable job to deal with all of the consequences that MD is facing as a result of the turmoil flowing down from the federal government's actions.

I think he is learning on the job.

He is more interested in national office than Maryland. I don't trust him and I don't think he understands how state government should work particularly in terms of spending, controlled growth and expanding the economy in benefit the citizens

No Moore taxes!

His speeches and policies indicate that he is either untruthful or has an extremely poor memory. His policies indicate he does not understand basic economics.

The governorship is just a step for higher office

A talking suit, nothing comes out of it A lot of nothing

Show me how you helped ME. You didn't.

Terrible person.

How do you lose a substantial surplus budget and then mandate a considerable tax increase when everyone is financially struggling

We are rapidly confirming what a good governor Hogan was, and how inevitably democrat governors disappoint and cost the populace.

Dunn for National office.

Unqualified tax and spend grifter.

Skirts issues. Falls back on oppressed vs oppressors.

Gov. Moore had led us to deficit spending.

He is way too focused on being Obama 2.0 and is generally clueless as to the wants and needs of the common person in Maryland, as well as the US.

Needs to make hard decisions and not worry about next political step....Seema like we are throwing Md residents (baby) out with Bath water

Never ever heard anything he said or did in my favor. Its always tax and spend and never, equality. Its always special interest groups support.

Maryland seems to be less safe, dirtier, less educated, more expensive

Squandered a budget surplus in 2 years & wastes our \$ on a totally ineffective Md. Blueprint for Education. He spends too much time running for President in 2028

Same. Taxes and growth out of control. Government spending out of control. No concern where state money comes from.

Tax & spend liberal

Trust issues and terrible policy.

Déficit went out of control in two years. We are in debt. Also Moore lied about being a bronze star recipient

I disagree with his priorities and his tax increases. He is not honest about the budget and spending issues.

Spent too much and put MD in a deficiate

Could he possibly spend any more money?

He is providing no leadership through a serious budget time. He has no leadership ability.

He's a tax n spend politician

Awful - no substance. Makes tax increases sound like he's cutting for most but increases are big and cuts tiny.

Moore is the embodiment of a tax and spend Democrat, and clearly has one foot out the door to run for president in 2028.

Gov. Moore is interested in campaigning for President of the United States and misses opportunities to lead the State of Maryland without having to raise taxes.

He could easily be worse

For a Military man I am shocked

Stop campaigning and deal with MD

DEI, liar, stolen VALOR

Very poor management, all he wants to do is tax and spend text and spend. He's wasted all the counties in states. Surpluses on wasteful projects and hired five thousand of his friends, which weren't needed and very unnecessary

A nice positive guy Without the courage to make the hard decisions that need to be made at this time in the state. He needs to cut taxes trim services and back away from all the ridiculous things that progressives are doing. He needs to stop the The ridiculous wind turbines off Ocean City.

He's taken us from a surplus to a deficit and continues to make things worse raising taxes and make maryland one of the most costly and least friendly places to live.

While Governor Moore projects an image of forward momentum, his policies are showing signs of economic strain for Maryland. The rise in taxes, and the effects that has on small businesses and residents, is a cause for concern.

He loves himself too much and has national ambitions. He is fiscally irresponsible and out of touch

Tax and spend socialist.

He is irresponsible in not instituting reforms and reductions in the state bureaucracy. Advocating hiring even more state employees in the face of our budget issues is stupid!

Looking to advance his future political career. Bronze Star, really?

The Governor is using Maryland as a stepping stone to the national stage, he will trash Maryland and not give a second thought after he leaves Maryland in ashes.

Bowing to his parties demands. Focus on crime and making it more affordable to live in MD. He is doing neither.

All talk and no action.

I Wish he loved maryland as much as he loves himself. He'd your typical Nonprofit CEO. No P & L experience

No.

More interested in running for president than in running Maryland

Tax and Spend Democrat

He's more interested in looking good for a presidential run than govern this state well. He's a lesser O'Malley, who did very similar things as Governor and was also bad at his job.

Total "woke" adherent. Has total disregard for common sense and laws of the nation. Fiscal irresponsibility to the extreme.

Poorly thought out mandates

Not sure that he represents all Maryland residents, his rhetoric doesn't feel grounded in reality, more a fractured view of our fiscal reality that most Maryland residents can't afford.

Have is a deficit and blamed MAGA. Loser

Not a leader. He is more interested in higher office than making Maryland better.

a high spender that requires higher taxes to support his spending.

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He tries, but too much concentration on future federal office

Cannot stand up the tax and spend General Assembly, only seems to want to run for national office Wes Moore is the worst governor in the history of Maryland. Spends way too much money on special interests. Hires and appoints unqualified people just because they are black. Takes no blame for his

mistakes and blames Trump for all problems. He is critical of Governor Hogan despite the fact that he did a great job and was one of the most popular governors in a blue state.

He does a good job of navigating the conflicting interests in the State. As with Pittman, he has little or no control over the issues that adversely affect our lives.

I'm a part year resident and not well informed re: his performance

Put us in a budget deficit. Doesn't know what he is doing.

Wes Moore is an honorable leader, rare in today's politics.

Wes Moore is making decisions that are not consistent with the lives of everyday people

It is too early to know how his policies will affect us. Trust that he is very smart and at this point appears to be honest and can be trusted to make smart decisions.

He's killing the middle class in MD

Humane. Unsure if he can handle finance and budget.

He is squandering our tax dollars

Needs more transparency in where \$\$\$ is going.

Entered governorship with a surplus and now in 3 billion dollar debt.

I don't like him his politics or his party

Moore is doing a good job. He is fighting for the citizens. He has been at every emergency we have had and seems to be able to have the different departments work well with each other.

Not a fan of him

Created massive deficient spending and does not cooperate with the removal of illegal aliens and supports the illegal aliens.

Spends too much

OUR STATE IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST TAXED STATES AND NOW HE WANTS TO INCREASE THEM WHEN WE HAD A SURPLUS WHEN HE WAS 1ST IN OFFICE-WE NEED HIS RECORDS AUDITED TO FIND OUT THE WASTE FRAUD AND ABUSE IS!! THE TAXPAYERS ARE NOT BEING REPRESENTED-

I don't think he is doing the right things for Maryland. He isn't improving living in Maryland and doesn't have any long term commitment to being in Maryland, just using the state to enhance his future

He is the worst Governor in the history of this state. He just spends and taxes or increased fee with no regard. He needs to stop spending and balance the budget and focus on MD not other aspirations.

Moore is ambitious for his own career and does not care about the welfare of everyone. He is very rich and not empathetic about others. He has spent way too much money on education and other things that the state cannot afford and now he is trying to make the taxpayers pay for it.

He can't handle a budget, spends money he doesn't have, and creates jobs that are not needed

Lies, spending

As I said, his concern is for higher office. He has already put us in a hole as far as the budget goes. Where is the surplus Hogan left? NO IDEA!!!

don't know

He has no idea how to run a state economy or balance a budget. Needs to address the legislation that contributed to Maryland's energy crisis

Tax-and-spend Democrat

He is a joke

Does nothing but raise taxes and FEES. Many Marylanders are already struggling

He is a big spender and the working class in this State cannot afford to have taxes raised for unnecessary spending.

He doesn't care about all the residents. Only those in his party. His comments are divisive. The democrats have ruined Maryland with high taxes and regulations

Oust him and charge him with crimes against humanity.

Way too many taxes and he's killing small businesses

He has wasted 5.5 billion dollar surplus and has increased more taxes and more spending than last year's budget. He needs to go..

He spends too much money and spends all his time campaigning for national office. Maryland is but a stepping stone

I really do not hear to much about what our Governor is doing for this county.

As with most things in this state, spending and budget priorities are way out of whack. I know most people in this state support the changes and Governor Moore, so I'm doubtful anything will change.

Likes to spend our money on wasteful projects, hasn't done much to improve our great state...never hear much from him.

Baltimore has become a dump and it's only getting worse. Used to spend family time down there on the weekends won't even go into the city. The fact that I have to drive through there on my way to and from the hospital with all the panhandlers and homeless people is just as bad.

No Moore he doesn't care. Bout Marylanders

Awful governor. Voters will trounce him in the 2028 presidential primary.

He's awful!!!! Where did our money go so quickly? Then you want to raise taxes?????! No. I hope people wake up to his nonsense.

He started his term by trying to run for national office. Was not focused on Maryland and now has made it less safe, dumber, more expensive and has declined our life satisfaction

I did not vote for this governor, but I thought he would make a good governor. We went from a large surplus into a deep deficit he needs to become more fiscally responsible.

No explanation necessary

Wasted a lot of money

Unqualified and lies

Tax hikes are absurd

He hasn't offered real solutions to any of Maryland's real problems and I don't know of a single thing he's done that I agree with.

Budget deficit due to over spending.

He has negligently wasted our money. He blew through a \$5 billion surplus and incurred an additional \$3 billion deficit. The Governor and legislature plan to tax use with death by a thousand cuts. I am seriously considering moving to another state when I retire to preserve what I have worked and saved for.

TO MUCH SPENDING

Awful. Wasting money, addicted to spending. Want to leave the state because of the cost of living thanks to him.

I think he was a wrong choice for this state. He did no good after the pandemic and is taxing marylanders like crazy

He's only interested in running for president. He is destroying Maryland. And he will continue to destroy the country.

He's not doing any good for citizens or business.

Too much spending

Governor spend Moore is going to tax us out of this state

Budget will put a great burden on all tax paying residents.

Ran our state into a \$3B deficit from a huge surplus. Tax, tax, tax is all he knows. Needs to reduce spending and stop raising taxes and fees. It is difficult to afford living in Maryland.

This years budget debacle absolutely cooked him for me... Just spend Moore Moore Moore...

NO MOORE. Enough said. He's driving out all Marylanders who can't afford his ridiculous tax hikes. Causing small businesses to close. He needs to get out of Maryland and if he really thinks he has a chance at running for 2028 presidency, he's delusional

Tone deaf to the concerns his constituents face.

More taxes isn't the answer

Horrible. He has terribly mismanaged the taxpayer's money and now wants to tax the citizens to make up for his poor decisions.

In the first month, Moore spent Hogan's rainy day fund, meant for emergencies. He has created tax increases and rarely truly addresses us as a state. He has yet to touch the promises made on his campaign.

Wes Moore is fiscally irresponsible and created a huge deficit for our state. Doge needs to come to Maryland next and examine the spending in our state.

Horrible. Can't stand the guy. He's a racist.

See previous comments about leftist policies destroying our state and driving families away ...

Poor with nagging a government and wasting taxpayer money

He thinks by the government spending money and taxing its citizens to death that he can solve all social issues, rather than fostering stronger families to support themselves and offering opportunity. He wants a mini California, which will drive out business and families and lead to more economic problems.

Moore only cares about Moore and his future presidential ambitions. He has no idea how to govern. He is a Soros supporter .He promoted Biden even when the dementia was clearly evident

Spent way too much and seem to blame everyone but himself and his party. Really where did the money all go

Terrible

Moore is making it too expensive to live here in Maryland by raising taxes and not fixing the debt.

Sound bite king

Too busy grandstanding on national stage and not solving MD issues

I think he is trying and I give him some credit but he like the General Assembly spend, spend and spend. If I operated my budget like they do I would be sleeping on the street.

Unbridled spending, no solutions for the budget deficit. He's not concentrating on Maryland.

He is a nice person, but is not strong enough to make firm decisions on the economy and Maryland's budget shortfall.

Respectfully, the Governor is doing a terrible job. I am very concerned where our state will be in the next few years under his leadership. Maryland cannot afford to drive out its residents, and certainly not it's upper middle class - he's making it impossible to live here even with a well paying job. If he increases taxes for middle and upper middle class, there will be no more disposable incoming (what little there is in this current economy) being pumped in to the economy. It's hard enough as it is, our state will tank.

Governor Moore has put our state in a financial deficit and then is proposing more taxes . The state needs to cut their coat according to their cloth.

Not economically bright. Just using this to become President

Gross mismanagement of State funds. It is very upsetting to see his approval of gender mutilation of young people with experimental drugs and surgeries. This is like 1940's Nazi Germany experiments!

He's a fraud.

Fiscally irresponsible

An absolute mess.... Our state was in a much better place financially before he came in...

Spent and spent state funds to a deficit

He is terrible. Spends too much of our money. Wasted the surplus Governor Hogan left.

Taxing us more seems to be all he knows.

Liar, incompetent

wasted money on his own ideas

No Moore Wes Moore

Wasteful spending, causing our deficit. Support for abortion rights, claiming "women's health. BTW, I had an unplanned pregnancy and am grateful that I didn't abort for my "woman's health." It's murder.

Big spender and too much of his time positioning himself for presidential run

We need to get him out of office. I don't know where all the money that Hogan reserved went, but Moore's spending is out of control!

Disappointing. Doesn't do what he says. Shifty. Typical politician. Blame game.

So many new taxes - work on eliminating waste instead of taking more money from citizens that are already struggling with the rising cost of living - there was a surplus under Hogan, where is all this money that's being brought in from gambling and legalized marijuana going?

He is unable to take any responsibility for his actions, only knows how to blame others

He doesn't care about Maryland and he is a liar. Cannot manage a budget and is guilty of wasteful spending. He only wants to tax the state to death to make up for his failures.

Kirwin Educational program—reduce costs.

Governor Moore also appears to care about our state. I think if he can get the budget worked out concerning education a lot of people would be very happy. I have been watching on the news that he's very concerned about this issue.

I am waiting for him to take credit for the success of NC State women's basketball team. Whenever he speaks, I need to watch his hands to ensure he is not robbing from my back pocket (very slimy human being). He will say anything to promote his public position. Stop the head bobbing

A racist Democrat. The only reason he won in this state is because he's a Democrat and black most black folks don't even care what the Democrats stand for as long as they're the same color as them.

He is ruining our economy. He makes terrible choices about how to spend money and has no place as our governor

No Confidence in his leadership and commitment to Maryland. The Teachers Union is so in charge in Maryland, are they co-leaders? His only commitment is to his own ambition and loyalty to the Democratic hierarchy that will fund his ultimate desire. Maryland is a "stepping stone" for his ultimate ambitions.

Trying hard, realizes he is really a Republican

Wes Moore is doing a poor job. I don't ever go to Baltimore anymore.

Terrible Job.

Poor economy, cost of living.

Gov SPEND Moore isn't even from Maryland - we have got to vote better. We all know why he got elected...

I disapprove of Moore reappointing Gininna Jackson Stevenson to Circuit Court. She ran a nasty campaign and smeared people unnecessarily and he thinks people who do that make good judges. They don't.

Need someone who can take the lead and stand by it whether it is popular or not.

he taxes everything, he is making us more in debt

Tax & Spend Sadly, he is like the proverbial "kid in a candy shop" wasting and giving away the hard-earned money of Maryland workers. Poor choices, not a clue and does not seem to surround himself with knowledgeable persons.

HE SUCKS! How did you spend the surplus of money we had from Hogan's time?!

He's in a difficult position, and doing as best as possible in the circumstances

I disagree with his view on abortion.

Squandered a \$5.5 billion budget surplus and is now raising taxes on working class Marylanders.

100%

He only got elected because of his skin color; he is nothing more than a smiling fool who has no real experience leading a state- total disaster!

hes making no effort to reduce waste and salary in state and the counties. doesn't have a plan to handle all that comes with abolishing dept of Education at federal level. that's a huge impact, a huge opportunity.

Nice guy, but not getting much done.

Appears totally biased toward liberal agenda rather than what's best for Maryland -- poor successor to Larry Hogan

While intelligent and eloquent, feel he is being "slick" with the public and not honest about the challenges with the budget and the costs to residents. Too ready to keep things without recognizing that real reductions must be made to keep from saddling public with higher costs during time of inflation and uncertain economy.

He raised the minimum wage which directly affected me, which was really nice.

He should do more to protect Maryland from MAGA policies and politics

Pro-active in dealing with issues.

I think he has some maturing to do to become a little more moderate, because I think that's where he can best serve the state.

The tax increases should be aimed at those who are financially stable enough to weather the coming economic storm on the horizon.

Somewhat disappointed. Too much generalities- an dc less substance.

He is very relatable but I'm worried that he doesn't sweat the details as well as Larry Hogan did. The appointment of Carlos Ayala to the Maryland State Board of Elections was a fiasco. No one in Wes Moore's office appeared to think it necessary to check on his background.

Moore seems unable to get a grip on economic realities and is pushing an anti-business agenda that will hurt the people who voted for him.

I chose "somewhat approve" as while Governor Moore has been good, and I do not really have any huge complaints, there is not much that sets him apart as a truly excellent Governor, and he could likely do more.

I don't get into it very much but I do really like the proposed tax increases on sports gambling and marijuana.

Political athlete

taxes, taxes, taxes

great!

Doing a great job.

He is forward-thinking and positive driven in making Maryland a better State for all inhabitants of the State regardless of political affiliation.

Generally good but needs to do more to close the budget gap

He's an obnoxious bigot who wastes other people's money.

Seems to roll with the "tax and spend" flow...needs to be more critical of the fraud, waste and abuse that exists in the current system. Example...the dismal failure of schools serving at-risk populations, notwithstanding record per pupil funding. There is something wrong with the process and those in charge...the Governor could show leadership by pointing out the obvious failures while promoting solutions, regardless of which party is proposing them.

He came in with a surplus and now we have a significant deficit. He is raising taxes and spending too much on entitlements, DEI, and illegal aliens.

Wes Moore doesn't have the people's best interest in mind. He is a party puppet

In over his head

Talks a lot, doesn't do much, good for photo ops, takes back promises and handshakes. Says what he needs for votes and plays on all sides to get elected. Useless.

Wes is the most fake governor we've ever had. I think he's a bit racist as well.

Democratic where using his office to run for President in 2028. He is the Gavin Newsome of the east coast!

Needs to support ICE.

Focused on his desire to look good, tax increases, and little support for military resident retirees and senior community.

Spending too much. Budget out of balance.

He is running for President in 2028 at the expense of the State of Maryland

He is becoming more interested in his next job. He supports Democrat candidates, no matter their qualifications for a position.

He is just driving the state deeper in the hole.

The state had a surplus and now it's gone. He is not governing Maryland but running for his next elected office.

I haven't followed his term that closely.

Obviously playing for higher office

A Democrat governor in a Democrat controlled state assembly and he can't get a unified plan through quickly.

Governor has taken a strong state economy and turned it into a deficit in record time.

Came into office with ~2 Billion surplus and in less than 2 years, Maryland has a 3+ Billion deficit.

Too early to judge.

I believe Governor Moore is doing the best he can with a job that was handed to him full of holes and he is making good financial decisions even if they are unpopular

His plan to overtax Marylanders is ridiculous

Not familiar enough with things he has done/have not directly seen the impact of his work so I am unable to rate

I think he's trying his best

Similarly to Ms. Pittman, Wes Moore seems to be a pragmatic, open-minded, and principled person who is determined to do what's best for all the citizens of Maryland, regardless of their political views. He strives to create consensus and connection, rather than division.

I'm just not a fan of how he does things.

I don't have any complaints, but also don't know a lot about his work as governor.

Gov. Moore appears to be helping agencies fend off interference from Trump decrees.

Seems like things are going pretty OK in MD

I knew about him before he was governor and like what he brings to the office.

He is dealing with a difficult state economy, the rebuilding of the Key Bridge, and an authoritarian

President who is not above "punishing" Maryland for not going his way in the 2024 election

Somewhat approve; though I know he can't eliminate the 'Blueprint' any more than Hogan could.

Too much PR and grinning!

He is being criticized for the deficit in the budget. However, he has made positive inroads in education and reducing crime.

Westmore is also focused on the right issues and is still willing to take some political risks. He is the middle of a lot of controversy he says, but I still trust his judgment and recognize how hard he is trying to juggle all the pressures that exist when state funding, for example, is being threatened. Finding ways to make things happen in this climate is nearly impossible.

Strong leader, balanced views, open to criticism and listening to communities, I enjoy that he has military background and strives for excellence in his life.

He seems like a hypocrite, no offense

He's looking to the future.

I think he is trying to balance govt during difficult times despite Trump, the FSK bridge collapse, and coming out of pandemic

Worried about his budget handling

Governor Moore is a positive voice for Marylanders, and a great leader, especially regarding the Key Bridge disaster

Increased taxes is always his first option. Leaders need to take responsibility for their actions, which Gov. Moore does not.

Let's face it, Maryland is on one party state. The Democrats gave a huge chunk of money to the weakest Republican opponent so that he would win the primary and go onto lose against More in the general election. They did the same thing with the most incompetent Angela Alsobrooks who campaigned with DNC money on the promise to promote the shredding of babies in the womb and cutting the price of eggs. So tell me, how has that turned out?

Moore was handed a balanced budget with no deficit and he has recklessly ruined that.

Only based on what I hear about him on NPR.

He is handling the key bridge disaster reasonably well. He needs to reduce spending to meet the deficit and put in place policies that will attract business to Maryland

seems more interested in his image as a future presidential candidate than he is with making good decisions for the state

I don't see improvement.

He's terrible!

Costing the state financially and educationally, going against changes that would benefit our state citizens

He has blown the billions of dollars Hogan had in reserves and then spent another 3 billion on wasteful spending to now put us in debt and wants to raise taxes instead of getting to the bottom of and eliminating his wasteful spending. Maybe he needs a Doge team to help him to figure out, you don't keep spending money you don't have. He's not a very good governor in my opinion.

Wes Moore is trying to be a moderate Democrat but he is not convincing.

Clueless & too social Needs to enforce the law

He has caused terrible financial problems for the state. He doesn't know what he's doing.

Tax Moore. Spend Moore. Where's the \$ Hogan left us

I loved his book, The Other Wes Moore which is why I voted for him but I do not like his coddling of criminals and race dividing. I had to pay my probation officer exactly what the judge told me so when I heard that he was letting people off the hook for that, it infuriated me. A 22 year old white girl with no job, I still had to pay my way for the mistake I made and it taught me lessons I needed to learn. I'm done with people making excuses for bad behavior. I'm angry that Baltimore City is still the dump, if not worse, than it's ever been. I should be able to walk and drive downtown and not worry but I can't do that. Governor

Moore is a strong man with incredible values and he pushed himself to be where he is, I don't understand why he doesn't want the same for others.

Tone deaf and looking for the next ladder to climb.

Ruining our state. Literally I don't know one person who voted for him or thinks he is doing a good job. It's getting more unsafe daily. Horrible job

come up with more creative solutions other than increase taxes and robbing Peter to pay Paul
Wes Moore concerns me. He wants to increase taxes on higher income people which encourages them to leave the state. Their departure will have significant financial consequences for the state and those who remain.

He appears to have salesman talk, says the same rhetoric each time.,

He turned a surplus into a deficit

I don't like that he is raising taxes and don't agree with some of the choices he has made for our state.

Doesn't do nearly enough for environment and preserving wild spaces. Never responds at all to my emails.

We should more for children with Autism and other disabilities., no matter how much your parent get pay.

he should concentrtrt on the low class people, the education program and the homeless, Punship the kids who does crimes 16 and under.

I am not sure right now.

He doesn't know what he's doing

He's run amok with finances and has left MD in a financial mess that was not there under hogan

His priorities are wrong for MD

Gov. Wes Moore is a great person and a strong leader.

His messaging has been really accessible and I see updates from him online consistently almost everyday. I like his outreach to veterans in the past few months in direct opposition to the poor treatment of veterans by the Trump administration.

Suddenly had budget issues when he became governor?

Too many taxes

Trying to keep jobs here in Maryland and keeping it an educational powerhouse.

Governor Westmore is stepping up to the plate and handling the responsibilities of MD in a positive manner

Dumber

Thinks a bit too much of himself.

High taxes. Identity politics. All show no substance.

Also focused on special interests and it is shocking how he has spent and wasted our tax dollars

Incompetent and overwhelmed

I think he is all about what makes him great and not what makes Maryland great

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Terrible executive raising taxes and poor control of expenses

slick talker but too far to the left

I like him due to the progress of his work in Maryland and him being a voice for the people. He seems like a politician who could run for president.

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Good positive leader focused on fairness

Appendix X: Job Approval – County Executive Steuart Pittman – Comments

Tax and spend Democrat. No spine

He is a tax and waste leftist.

None.

Makes strong effort

Pittman embodies what local politics should be - taking care of people. I believe his focus is on implementing our informal motto: making AACo a place for everyone.

He is a very present candidate, I can name a number of functions that I could attend to see him face to face.

I appreciate his desire to communicate with the community.

I don't know enough about him

Good communicator. Seems to know what going on in the country.

He's done a good job overall, but south county seems to get a disproportionate share of attention.

He's okay.

Mr. Pittman continues to communicate his position and decision making process with the voters. He seems to be concerned about working for the people.

Idk who he is

A thoughtful, caring and effective leader who represents all County residents.

Talks a good game about controlling growth...but does little.

He is a local businessman whom I respect.

Mr. Pittman's views best align with mine. He defeated a nationally supported right wing candidate who is now on the BOE (read DANGER).

Mr. Pittman has excellent communication skills and uses technology effectively. He demonstrates an interest in furthering the benefits of the county to all residents.

Don't follow or get much information on performance and current state of county politics

National news is getting more attention these days

I don't like some of what he's doing, but I like other things. I do remember specifically not voting for him for several reasons. Plus, if I remember correctly, he likes cops and Israel, both of which are disgusting of him.

I am NOT on the inside looking outward, but I feel that Mr. Pittman is doing a fairly good job with the best that he knows how to perform his job.

OK

Support for core services (fire, police, education) and pushed for more affordable housing.

Believe he does the job out of concern for the community

He's doing as well as he can with the issues Felon Trump has given him.

Levelheaded and open minded

He is doing his best for this county.

I appreciate the leadership under difficult circumstances during Covid. I also respect the communication outreach from the Executive's office through emails and other vehicles.

Doing a good job

The County Executive is a very effective communicator. Not quite as skilled as an administrator.

Hardly hear about him or see him

The county is not well run. County governments departments do not have good cross communications. The county web site is very hard to use and reflects the lack of cross department integration. A top down overhaul is needed starting with Pittman

Pittman is enlightened and optimistic.

I think he understands the counties needs accurately.

I don't keep up on local politics except for the newsletter and I don't always have time to read it.

competent as well as community minded

I have lived through his time in office and I have not had any major conflict with his time on the job.

I'm happy with services and taxes in AA Co.

no comment

Getting too liberal as his term ends. Don't care for his choice to replace him.

Good policies

N/A

Anne Arundel is a county with extremely urban and extremely rural areas. Trying to walk the line of satisfying both demographics is difficult, but I think he handles it well and has a great communications team around him

He's doing a great job

I just don't know what he is doing

A true leader. He articulates clearly his positions and why he's taking certain actions. I admire his candor and courage. He tries always to do the right thing.

He's doing a good job managing short term problems and setting up the County for the longer term.

Thoughtful.

Very poor performance

Has led the counties flat spin and death spiral. Crash is coming.

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Condescending and arrogant. Knows more than everybody

Fair

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Overall great. But I want to see some FIRE in the last two years. This is a golden opportunity to make real environmental progress without having to worry about re-election. We need to use this time to move Maryland ahead.

Haven't read anything about

I think that the County Exec is doing a great job keeping Anne Arundel County on track with green initiatives and social programs

I enjoy his communications and appreciate his attitude.

Kind and wants what is best for all.

I think he is doing fine.

Please don't focus all your spending in Annapolis! Fix these roads ! Get some trash picked up in AACounty ! We are tired of the way our area looks ! Make the criminals pick up trash !! Every day !

I don't know. Haven't heard him doing anything stupid.

The county is doing it's best to respond to the needs of the people.

Not familiar of him

I don't follow him, but he handled the pandemic well from what I remember.

He's doing the best he can under the circumstances in a humane manner.

He communicates often, he seems to genuinely care about his constituents and community.

He keeps in touch with the citizens

While I don't agree with absolutely everything Mr. Pittman does, I think he makes an effort to balance the needs of residents, businesses, and the county itself. I appreciate the effort it takes to keep in touch with residents and explain his decisions. I may not always agree with him, but I think he is reasonable and principled.

Trying. Some policies are agreed and some not but belief that the intent is favorable.

I think he does a good job expressing the reason behind the policy elegantly. I appreciate the personal statements, and his ongoing commitment to pushing AACO into an inclusive future.

I have been reading and following CoExec Steuart Pittman's email newsletters, and am highly impressed and in agreement with his perspective and what he is doing. PS - More money for schools and libraries is ALWAYS a good thing!

I appreciate his efforts to keep us fully informed!

Not sure what he is doing for our county. Things aren't getting better

Steuart Pittman works hard to keep Anne Arundel County the way it is and make it a nice place to live and raise a family.

Not familiar enough with his work to make an informed opinion

I am pleased with his performance and results.

unsure

He is an average leader. He seems to be a follower.

I haven't kept up with all his actions, but before he was county exec I respected him as a horse guy. I think he generally has good views on equity and environmental conservation.

I don't know much about him

Don't know enough! It's not obvious enough what he's doing, but I don't feel like we're in a disaster so that's good!

I almost always agree with C.E. Pittman's policies and actions. I enjoy his letters to the community. I appreciate his transparency. I will be sorry to see him go.

I believe he is trying to do what is best for all residents of the county.

Pittman claimed his role on land management was vital to the county but has not backed that up with responsible land management practices that consider our current environment and the health of our waterways and the bay. Stop approving more building construction on county lands. Use the land for responsible environmental improvement.

Has maintained stability

Love his style of governance!

I really am not aware of what he does.

doing a good job, true concern for ALL citizens

I'm dismayed at the state of education in AA County & his focus on new parks. Fix up the older parks, make education vibrant, esp in informing parents of options in high school. Have more local high schools, rather than large HS.

I think the County Executive does a good job addressing most concerns in AACO.

Hopeful

He is making efforts to keep our county strong during difficult times and adverse conditions created by our current presidential administration

Too much growth. Need to stop cutting down trees to build more stores. Use empty buildings for new stores. Don't need anything else on Rt3.

I occasionally read his weekly Emails. Seems like he is a good person and trying hard at his job to do what's morally right.

Like the county plan for development

Overall, I'm very satisfied with his time in office. One thing that has not improved and has gotten worse is the traffic on Route 3 through Gambrells/Crofton. Also, our property taxes went up at the same time that our house was appraised higher, which results in a double hit for us. As a recently retired teacher, I appreciate his support for AACPS.

There is too much development/future development on the county's portion of Route 3.

He seems approachable concerning local issues

Like his take on environment and excellent providing info.

I don't keep up on Pittman. I plan to start learning more about him and his plans.

Pittman has done a good job.

He has been a fair county executive. AA County has done well under his direction.

Totally transparent, understanding the needs of AA and its citizens.

He cares for the people who most need the County's services.

AA County doing ok

Agree with his policies; appreciate his transparency via his newsletters.

He has been a tremendous disappointment. Doesn't really speak up for the environment (makes it sound like he does), his outreach is pathetic (only listens to what he wants to hear), is much more beholden to special interests than he owned up to.

Ot really knoweledgeable

Don't have enough information

Pittman has tried to be systematic and transparent in policies. His guidance of the county through COVID was exemplary, especially with varying support from the governor at the time.

he's thoughtful and articulate, has good values, and genuinely wants to help county citizens and employees

Pittman is all talk, but when it comes down to it, his most important allegiance is to the police. As an educator, he doesn't follow through on promises and he hasn't made life significantly better for people who are most at need of support.

Everything local goes under the radar. It's so hard to find info and hard to remember, sorry.

Need to maintain balance in building development to avoid overburdening transportation system and education

He is striking the right balance of competing interests.

Fair and balanced

Pittman has done a lot for taking into account the views of taxpayers and stakeholders

He's showing up for his county. He's not capitulating.

I support Steuart Pittman and find his initiatives to be well-thought out and well-done.

I don't pay attention.

It's obvious to me that Steuart Pittman loves Maryland and is doing his best

I think he is doing good work leading our county

He's doing fine. Don't let up the fight for all the good stuff, like protecting the land by denying developers.

Don't have a strong opinion

His concern for the environment and efforts to ease the burdens on the poor.

He ran more anti-growth and pro community, pro environmentalism than he I turned out t be

Good listening, excellent managing, empathy is a strong suit

Good job involving the citizens voices in his decisions

Dedicated, educated, person-to-person. I wish he'd run for another office after this.

He is doing very well.

He is open-minded, concerned about improving our environment, and cares about individuals in Anne Arundel County. He supports social and environmental justice.

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County growth is overwhelming and ugly. No longer a pleasant place to live.

Trying to find jobs for laid off federal workers

He has been accessible to us, explains his position, and I feel he is truly working for his constituents

He has been a strong and evenhanded leader for our County. It is refreshing to see a political leader who is open about being empathetic.

I think he is working for the good of the people.

Well informed and supports causes I am interested in.

I only have a little knowledge about him.

Great person, will be hard to duplicate what he does in another.

Pittman has been great for our County and is a unifier, not a divider. He's smart, compassionate and surrounds himself with great advisors and staff.

He wheels and deals like most politicians. Unhappy with his intent to overdevelop the few public park lands we have in the county. Current gripe is the development of the new South Shore Park in Crownsville. Where was the public input on this proposal? The Department of Recreation and Parks isn't taking public comment at this time.

Works to keep county citizens informed about issues and offers solutions

I think he has done an excellent job of outreach to residents and he has done an excellent job of asking for residents' input on planning.

He has been receptive, caring and practical. I feel he works for the people of AAC

He's been living up to his campaign promises and shares my values.

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I think he wants to think he's for the "people" and often he is. However the unbridled growth, high housing costs (growth in this area is needed but the cost of housing is still too high), and poor transportation options don't seem to be worked on aggressively.

He knows and understands the issues and has sensible ways of resolving them.

Eloquent advocate for community and improved transportation

I think he is honest,

Overall positive. He takes action.

Doing the best he can.

Great communication. Good prioritization of resources.

I believe he communicates well and, in general, has reasonable policies.

Pittman broke his promise to restrain reckless development. He engages in divisive politics and tells neighbors not to listen to neighbors (loud or vocal voices) if he does not like someone's views. He acts like Trump. He was dishonest and cowardly on the Quiet Waters debacles. He cannot be trusted as an elected leader.

Pittman was unreasonable about his reaction to a meeting of over 200 people who were against building an office building in Quiet Waters Park.

I've been impressed with him in meetings and during COVID. I don't have access to much local news with The Capital subscription price increasing and their reporting coverage decreasing.

He is devoted to the job and super smart. Have met him, and read his weekly posts.
 He is working for the best interest of AA county.
 He has a vision for the county
 Really cares about the people of AACO. Handled the pandemic well.
 Thoughtful informed cares
 County has been well-run under his administration. He communicates well, visits multiple sites within county, pays attention to economic growth
 I appreciate his communications.
 Inclusive hard working honest
 He puts too much emphasis on the racial issues.
 I do not trust Steuart Pittman nor his decisions for our economy.
 He's a great balancing forces between development and agriculture and business; protects the Bay and puts human dignity high as a priority
 The county executive makes a tremendous effort to engage citizens in our government.
 Tendency to talk negatively and/or condescendingly and can present with white boy privilege in his talk of actions (past or present)
 Just moved to Maryland.
 I campaigned for Pittman when he ran the first time, and supported his second run. But I am very disappointed with his failure to curb rampant overdevelopment in Crofton/Gambrills.
 I like what I read in his news updates
 I was not aware of the media outreach options offered, and do not have any direct information about CE Pittman
 He cares about people in the county
 Tries hard, can't do everything but needs to do more for low income elderly. They are left behind. Particularly those with health & mental problems. No resources for Alzheimer's patients with little money that can't afford assisted living of any kind. It is a travesty.
 His easy access and communication. His ethical and moral stance in standing up to Trump policies
 Do not follow county politics
 Excellent communicator, wise policies.
 He's doing his best considering how divided and misguided people are.
 Pittman listens to constituents, has a firm understanding of the community he serves, is making well considered and thoughtful decisions.
 Approval
 I am not familiar with his policies
 Never hear about anything he's done!
 He's basically a non-entity.
 He is very focused on the county, which is good, but the development slowdown he promised did NOT happen except in South County. The rest of us have to deal with overdevelopment and traffic.
 Haven't been keeping up with him
 Pittman has destroyed this county by ignoring the real issues.
 He's too busy trying to be a politician!
 1/10 he really encompasses the do as I say not as I do
 Too cowardly and middle of the road to take the necessary steps to improve the county for everyone and protect the vulnerable.

I'm still new to Maryland and this area specifically and don't know a lot about him. The survey shows that he actually does a lot of outreach in the community, which is a good sign, but until I do more active research, I can't make a real decision.

Seems like he has his eye on the ball and is listening to his constituents.

I just moved to MD so do not know much about this office.

The people elect this person but what has he done? NOTHING

I feel that Steuart Pittman has improved his approach to relating and listening to his constituents. I still feel he has given in to developers too much and has not been able to save enough Forests and other Natural Spaces (or create new ones). This is one of the most pressing needs. I know there are so many emergencies but, it is shortsighted to overlook the importance of the hardworking lungs of our Planet. What are we leaving for the generations to come and how will we survive without the pollinators and other wildlife that need habitat. Life as we know it will disintegrate quickly. Thank you.

Few know or remember, he got in by only a few thousand votes, maybe 8000. At that time under Shuh the library had no computers for months and it showed the incompetents of fixing the problems way more than 8000 people were pissed. This last time he won because his supporters poured millions into the far right wing nut job in republican primary and so the choice is one or the other. I couldn't support a dan cox guy, I just dislike pittman less, the politicians need to understand services matter.

He is unpolished and i do not like anything he says when he speaks.

Overbuilding, attracting the lowest earners to the county. Allowing wasteful spending. Our future is my bicycles.

Criminal

From gentleman farmer to part of the machine.

Don't like the lack of cooperation with ICE

I have not seen marked change in county governance.

Will raise taxes and has done poorly on crime. County smells like cannabis.

I don't have any idea about how the County Executive is currently handling their job.

I enjoy his emails keeping us informed

I think he is open and honest and cares about AA County and its residents.

I voted for him based on his promises on taxes and growth, neither of which he had kept. I do not trust him at all

Lockdown Pittman, enough said

He has not done as much damage as he could have done. I believe he is generally honest.

Not a leader

Show me how you helped ME. You didn't.

Like all democrats, Pittman looks for ways to "improve/increase services" which rarely does that, but inevitably increases the burden of taxes and regulation on the populace.

A joke.

Tax and spend democrat.

Skirts issues. Falls back on oppressed vs oppressors.

He is a completely out of touch liberal that lives in an alternate universe. In simple terms, he is the classic "new world" Democrat.

Operates in an arbitrary manner spending appropriated dollars outside that for which they are approved to satisfy special interest

Upon taking office immediately went overbudget, under him budget soared.

Anne Arundel county seems to be less safe, dirtier, less educated, more expensive

His Pro DEI & Anti ICE positions suck. Stu is 1000% woke !

Taxes and growth are out of control. Government spending out of control! Taxes are peoples money not Pittman's and should be spent frugally

Tax & spend liberal

Terrible policy.

Very concerned about over growth

I disagree with his priorities and his tax increases.

Not Good guy he cost us plenty of money and wants to raise taxes

He is doing fair, but could improve. Let's figure out how to make our county prosperous and not a social issue haven.

All he does is expand government and spend.

I support the counties investment in the construction of new public schools, but otherwise I cannot name a single policy or program that Steuart Pittman has done that has made the county better

Pittman has no check on his starting new transportation & transit programs.

He's an old, out-of-touch liberal who lives in a fantasy world where it's still 1975

Become a centrist

See prior comment answer. Too much for Blue Ribbon schools and not quality care of lower income areas of county such as Severn, Pasadena, Odenton. Too much poverty and desperate need of county citizens without resources food, utilities and rent. ACDS is a bureaucracy beyond bureaucracy and pitiful support to those in need! Horrendously poor county roads!

He is another text in spin county executive. He doesn't care about the average person. He doesn't care about taxes

He doesn't act with common sense. From his lack of support for ice to his support for every trendy counterproductive program espoused by the Democrats

I beleive he has been doing an OK job for the county

He has made traffic much worse. school system is not doing a good job. AACO Zoning dept is WAY too Beaurocratic

Tax and spend socialist.

He is somewhat rational in his positions and, while left leaning, is not extreme.

Phony

He was elected after saying he was going to increase taxes and that is what the people voted for.

He should be in jail for his actions during Covid. It needs to be investigated and he should never hold office again for shutting down businesses when the rest of the country was open. The restaurant policies were absolutely ludicrous.

Pittman is focused on his liberal agenda and not finding middle ground and governing for his constituents.

Actually it is a disapproval score. The guy is not pro business

No.

To Liberal for me

He's a blind far-left partisan. He governs as such. Would prefer more moderate leadership here.

Lack of concern for local businesses. Extreme lack of desire to eliminate excessive red tape, corruption, and expense required to accomplish anything positive—particularly as related to businesses.

To focused on party line politics and using platform to spread fear rather than positive ideas.

Do not always agree with his decisions

Too negative. To much concentration on raising taxes
 seems more interested in photo ops
 He is doing a good job navigating the conflicting desires in the county. Many of the problems, like unaffordable housing, lack of housing, expensive food and healthcare, are beyond the control of anyone in government because they are controlled by private industry and profit driven.
 I'm a part year resident and not well informed re: his performance
 I like how Mr. Pittman is educating people about the county government's running.
 I am thankful for the support he has shown for our teachers.
 Steuart Pittman cares about our county and staying connecting with everyone that lives here not just one demographic I love his honesty
 He pays attention to opinions and needs of county residents. He spends time in communities. Overall makes good decisions aligned with community concerns.
 Good speaker, nice person and explains well.
 We pay more and get less- our roads are terrible, taxes are too high but I'll bet we feed, cloth & give illegals our tax dollars
 His office never responds to questions or concerns from citizens.
 Liberal taking credit for Hogan's work
 I don't like him or his politics
 He's okay, i'd wish he'd give us more snow days
 Public education is deficient in the county. Private schools are filled as a result.
 Need to try harder
 OUR CO IS OVER TAXED, SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED AND GAS & ELECTRIC IS TOO HIGH_WE NEED SOMEONE TO STAND FOR THE PEOPLE AND REDUCE COSE
 I don't feel he does a good job
 He
 Pittman is a liberal and is unfair. He did not allow me to go to church during the pandemic. Our next door neighbor has turned his home into a commercial business with huge trucks. We have been complaining about this for over a year and nothing has been done. He supports immorality regarding same sex unions. He does not care about God.
 He is trying to be EVERYBODY'S friend and wasting money taking trips aboard
 Lies ,spending
 dont know
 Tries to appease too many people rather then make smart decisions
 Tax-and-spend Democrat
 He is just a figure head, no real policies sir stands
 Oust him from office and charge him with crimes against humanity.
 He's never done anything good for AA Co
 He ran on the plan to lower the amount of building to be done and instead has increased the building.
 He spends too much money
 Have not really tuned in to Pittman.
 AA County is as close to 50/50 Republican to Democrat as any county in this state. I wish I felt like he listens to those he disagrees with.
 All talk no action
 No trust and he virtue signals but doesn't fix snything

He is another tax and spend government official.

He's a democrat and I didn't vote for him. Ruining AACO.

A money grubbling politician whose pockets have gotten bigger on our decline and who sends lying propaganda to people who just want to do their jobs

Lack of leadership, and too political in his role

He has done nothing

Terrible choices

His handling of the Covid pandemic was terrible. The restrictions were excessive, particularly regarding churches and outdoor areas. I couldn't believe he got reelected after that.

County over development.

Since he was elected, my property taxes have increased nearly \$500. The "bag" tax has also been enacted and crime seems to be on the rise.

TO MUCH SPENDING

Raised my taxes and keeps raising property taxes to the point we are considering leaving the state. It's unaffordable and his ridiculous overgrowth in the county has made a mess of our beautiful county.

He's in it to pursue further personal plans for higher political status.

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He is the worst!

CE is very concerned about all the at risk residents at the expense of the rest of the residents. The redistricting and development bills affect appears to be having a greater impact on North and West of Annapolis - not South

Overbuilding allowed and increase in taxes.

Too much development, out of touch on real issues facing the county, does not align with my views at all

The worst county executive. Quite literally worthless

He only looks out for himself. He actually has no regard for the residents of AAC and what's best for them. Example ~ When the entire county was closed for Covid he kept his vineyard open for business.

I believe Pittman spends too much money and things that aren't important and doesn't do much for our county. I wish he would get of the defund the police train as crime as become an incessive over the years and department numbers are at a low.

Pittman has done nothing to improve Anne Arundel County.

He's a miserable , bias person who focuses more on attacking Trump than tending to the issues in this state. He and Gov spend Moore are ruining this state

See previous comments about leftist policies destroying our state and driving families away ...

Divisive, focused on the wrong things

Terrible leader. Follows liberal politics ahead of making wise decisions for the citizens of the county

Pittman is a Millionaire Marxist. Marxist believe big government and government know what's best for you and controlling your freedom.

Never does what he says talks out the side of hi mouth he is a backstabber

He is awful

Business as usual

County is not poised to handle what is coming, despite months of advance notice

He supports growth without consideration to the outcome. Since I moved here from Montgomery County 26 years ago I am so disappointed in the amount of traffic and congestion of River Rd. Routes 2 and 3. I don't take classes at the college any more due to the traffic on 50. It's scary.

County growth is undisciplined. He f'd up Eisenhower golf course too.

He approved the excessive housing on Riva Road although I think he had good intentions. He spends our money like the wealthy man that he is. Not in touch with ordinary people.

He's a fraud. He locked us down and kept his farm open and the activities held there.

He is a snake who is only interested in his position.

He is letting building go on that isn't necessary. He says he is a framer. He should be protecting the land and supporting the farming communities.

Pittman loves to over developed A.A. CO.

Liar, incompetent

nonstop building in a.a. county

Don't care for him

Abortion, LGBT ideology.

I think he's an idiot

Gets out of his lane. Stick to county issues. Be more nonpartisan.

Another flunkie of Wes Moore who wants to taz us to death.

Riva Road and overdevelopment

I work under his administration (not directly/but a County employee). He communicates openly with us and he seems to care about us more than any other that we have had. I'm pleased with him.

really?

I believe his ideas are not to the benefit of his constituents and more about making profit for the county or himself. I think he places more importance on big business than local.

Too soft on crime and continuing to support the Kirwin Amendment when it has no funding source. And how about the Teachers Union and their hold over the County and State.

He is a typical Maryland dem phony

I disagree with his decision to dramatically change the Annapolis downtown.

Clueless.

Services have been reduced, degraded, and taxes increased. Drinks and parties too much in Annapolis at night with people besides his wife.

Shut Down Stu has been an utter disaster

Pittman hires favorites and disregards qualified people. This causes cronyism in government. He looks out for white males and places them in 6 figure jobs. He does not do this always for blacks has added so many new positions with other positions under them that former administrations didn't need. Right people aren't hired for jobs, constant revolving door of new people in high positions. No consistency in leadership.

idk

Tax & Spend Has no respect for the generations of Anne Arundel County families that have worked hard to maintain a good life. His focus seems to be mostly social issues and deciding what fees can be increased or services taxed while congratulating himself. Didn't Nero fiddle while Rome burned? Anne Arundel County is reaching its breaking point. Many of us cannot afford to live here. I voted for him the first term, never again - promises made, promises broken!

I dont know what he has done

Good and transparent communication.

Locked down the county during COVID and is cluelessly running AACo. The County is taken a turn for the worse since he has taken office.

Built an extremely expensive walk, in Arnold, from Baydal Rd. to Ritchie Hwy. Money better spent on other things

An absolute joke and should resign.

hes directly responsible for library board and the decisions they make are horrible. for example this is a direct verbatim quote from county library book available for checkout by any patron 8 10 years old, "felt him work more lube in my hole .. felt the blunt head of his cock pushing in" and much more like this, on shelf across county libraries. im not anti lgbtq, no problem with gays but how is this sexually explicit content not pornography. where's the sexually explicit material for straight people, of course that wouldnt be allowed but this is? thanks pittman.

He has done very little to improve our schools system or the operations of the county.

Don't follow closely enough to give informed opinion.

Feel as time has gone on he stopped listening to homeowners about development while advancing what he felt needed to be done. Feel he doesn't appoint people who are not from his party or the demographic he is catering to for County committees, which denies county divergent view points.

I had zero clue of this guy until this survey.

I don't hear of anything he does so I'm unsure of kid performance

Living up to expectation

He has navigated a good balance between keeping costs down while maintaining services, while keeping good relationships with county employees.

I have heard the county executive speak at community events such as the Longest Night remembrance for the homeless and I find him very genuine and concerned for the people of Anne Arundel County

N/A.

I don't know much but I do like the way the county is going right now.

Genuinely decent man.

too many "nanny-state" policies (like plastic bags) and not focused on what matters most to the people. varies

Piitman's office made it clear that it was not available to the common resident of the county.

From reading his weekly newsletter, I think he has the correct mindset for looking after his constituents.

One week, he wrote about his travels to Switzerland(I think). He noticed that the walkability/public transportation was at a level that getting around without a car is viable. That's something I personally wish was viable here in the US/Maryland.

Does not seem to have strong plan for success

Don't care.

He needs to abolish sanctuary cities.

Wants to turn AA county into Montgomery.

No idea who this is.

He's a putz. Sorry.

Too liberal. More for undocumented than for citizens of AA county. Using citizens money to support illegals in homes and schools.

Appears to have best interest of county citizens.

Not focused on seniors and needs

really don't know what the person does.

He is becoming more interested in his next job.

The county is poorly run.

He blows

I'm not familiar with anything he's done, so I can't evaluate his efforts.

County Executive showed his indecisiveness during COVID and that he is willing to bend to peer pressure.

Lies about tax increases and in public budget meeting tries to say Anne Arundel taxes are not too high, but compared to other nearby states, Maryland and Anne Arundel taxes are significantly higher.

Ineffective. High taxes and continuing decline in quality of life.

As stated previously, was in contact with his office regarding community issues (raising concerns about the dangers presented by the prevalence of dirt bikes and four wheelers recklessly speeding on large roads and through neighborhoods, including small children (under 12) driving them without adult supervision) and was met with no help. When subsequent concerns were raised regarding the fact that the current processes to deal with these issues have absolutely no impact (the evidence submission portal that seemingly goes into a black hole, the police not responding to issues even when they occur directly in front of them, being told, verbatim, that the police don't come to our neighborhood because "the neighborhood takes care of itself"), was then ghosted by the office and provided no further responses

He's useless

From what I know of Steuart Pittman, he is a pragmatic, open-minded, and principled person who is determined to do what's best for all the citizens of Anne Arundel County, regardless of their political views. He strives to create consensus and connection, rather than division.

I think he did a very poor job during covid.

Pittman has done a good job. I am satisfied with his management of the county.

The county appears to be holding up ok, response to this winter's snow storms was good,

During this survey I learned about his podcast and the site to help federal/ex federal workers, which both seem like positive things.

Feel like he is bringing something different to the table and is very communicative.

He is responsive and concerned about many of the same issues I am.

Invisible to me as a citizen.

He walks the talk and models focused on Democratic principles, inclusion, providing services based on need, supporting like-minded individuals in our communities at the local, state, and federal level.

He explains his views, plans, and updates very well! It's a good people Facing way of managing this position. Demonstrating good leadership qualities.

He seems like a promising fella

Competence

I think he is trying to balance development during very difficult times

Represents and nearest about the people/residents and is very active.

He seems level headed

I'm not very familiar with his performance

Increased taxes is always his first option. Too partisan. Leaders need to do their job.

I look at the overdevelopment all around me and this is not the AA Co that I grew up in. All of my kids have moved away because of the incessant sprawl. Yes, you want to grow, but at what price? You have destroyed the peace and quiet of the Bacon Ridge Reserve by turning lose all the guys on their mountain bikes. RTE 3 North and South is an unjustified nightmare.

I don't follow local politics as much as I should. I rarely see any information and don't watch local TV.

He communicates, communicates, communicates. He involves communities in decision making, like planning and zoning. He encourages community action/ participation in their making their communities better. He wants to develop community leaders.

too favorable to rampant growth in the county

I don't see improvement.

He's done a terrible job representing us

Has made AA a laughing stock and set us back severely

Tax and Spend is Steuart Pittman's Democratic philosophy.

Clueless Instead of looking the other way, enforce the law

I've lived in this county for 40 years. The development is horrible. Loss of land. There's trash everywhere and the roads are in awful shape. And now every square inch of land is being consumed. And their building larger, taller. The beauty of the county is gone. And that is the slogan that Stuart Pittman got my vote with. Never again, though.

He is doing a great job. However, I feel that the construction in Annapolis of new high rises is a matter of controversy. I personally would rather Annapolis embody quaint, idyllic , pleasant small town that is walkable and includes boutiques. Rather than turning Annapolis into a concrete jungle ie. a city. I wish to see the county executive to keep Annapolis traditions and pleasantness alive. As it is a great place of tourists to come relax and even for weekend getaway. It should embrace tourists and the general public, but not lose it's charm by becoming " a city. "

He's done nothing to better aa county.

Something needs to be done with the Crownsville Hospital.

Useless.

local building and destroying of land and trees-he said he would not do this yet here we are

Spends too much

I don't know enough about his policies to comment.

Same old, same old politician. Acts pleasant, accomplishes no/few needed changes

Property taxes have doubled under Pittman to support all the new programs. I have not received double the services.

Mostly everything seems okay. I am very pro-police and very unhappy when Steuart Pittman seemed to be very anti-police. Our police keep us safe.

Made empty promises

He's too controlling - back from Covid times. He does not have everyone's best interests at heart

Too liberal

Mr. Pittman is a strong leader

I believe I liked his platform but I cannot recall any competition of promises. Not on him, that's on me not properly looking for information.

don't know enough

Trying hard to make life better for county residents and making it affordable.

County executive Pittman is handling the responsibilities of Anne Arundel County and a positive manner

Dumb

Political hack

High taxes. Panders to special interest groups for votes. If your not a teacher or first responder you don't matter

Allowing too much development and now serving the residents only special interests

COVID Tyrant

dont know Enough

Seems out of touch with constituents

I don't really know who he is or what he does for the country so I do not have an opinion on him.

Non

No vomment

I approve of Steuart Pittman's efforts to improve community outreach and address local issues, such as affordable housing and environmental concerns.

I don't know who he is or what he does

Our county fees continue to rise and the performance of county offices continue to decrease.

I don't know.

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I am not fluent in politics.

I do not follow county politics closely.

I am not very involved.

He seems to communicate and consider the actual options.

Appendix Y: Job Approval – Other Institutions– Comments

I'm not registered as a Republican nor as a Democrat - I'm an independent and as such, can't vote in any primary. That needs to change

County council showed their true colors with the bag tax, lets screw over the constituents by making them pay 10 cents a bag which the stores freaking get to keep and not even use that money to address all these shortfalls. That one of the many many ways they could address funding we have to pay that now anyway why not make the grocery stores track it and give the money back to the county (minus real cost of lousy paper bag). If I gotta pay for a bag I'd at least like the money to go to lower my tax burden. Like tax breaks for electric cars, MD could start charging a road maintenance fee which they don't pay since MD only charges regular users through gas fees, how about making those electric car owners pay their fair share to maintain the road they freaking use them!

None.

Congress are Trump lapdogs.

Happy with the cancellation in rezoning my home by my county councilman Pete Smith, I watched the hearing online.

No comment

The SCOTUS has lost all credibility by not following precedence and overturning long-held rulings. It has become yet another political branch. Citizen's United was a horrible decision that put us on the path to oligarchy.

The county council are just a group of "seat warmers". The general assembly has their priorities askewed.

Supreme Court is an utterly corrupt political agent with less than zero institutional credibility.

County council leans toward developers.

Republican lead institutions are complicit in the destruction of the US

I'll be honest, I have no idea what's going on with them.

Congress needs to rethink about how they are going about cutting/ reducing government services which I strongly feel that these current actions are NOT for the people however are structured for the " ELITE" as planned by Project 2025, unfortunately and sadly.

Congress & SCOTUS out to lunch!

Congress needs to do their job and rein in Trump on all his illegal acts.

Too many members of congress act to preserve themselves rather than cooperate to make decisions that in balance work for us all

The RepubliCons in the US congress need to get a spine. SCOTUS needs to re-read the Constitution.

Supreme Court is in Trump's pocket

The Supreme Court has to have the spine and courage to save our country.

The republicum Congress is a joke. They bear witness to the fact that a group of baboons is called a "congress". The republicum Senate is a collection of largely old white males who lack any sort of backbone or principles. And the Supreme Court has a majority of unqualified and corrupt justices, unethical partisan hacks.

The Republicans in congress are spineless Trump teat drinkers. The Democrats are nearly as bad and are being very quiet about their colleagues across the aisle.

The Supreme Court has sadly been stacked against many of the causes I believe are best for this country, but so far it seems they are still behaving appropriately for their office.

Supreme Court justices are supposed to be disinterested (impartial) but most are clearly politically biased. At least one openly takes bribes, while another lied to Congress during his confirmation hearings. I have no faith they will adjudicate honestly.

Disappointment in the lack of foresight of MD General Assembly to get ahead of the challenges we are in today.

Republicans in Congress are handing over everything to the billionaires

The core of American democracy has been the Constitutional separation of powers. The Courts and The Congress are reneging their responsibilities. They continue to fearfully bow to the will of an emotionally and intellectually disabled would be autocrat. Courage of conviction is absent in the Judiciary and Representative branches of government.

Our federal government is composed of spineless weirdos who need to be evicted. We NEED ranked choice voting to fix these problems. We NEED to abolish the presidency and expand congress. The presidential cycles creates too much unnecessary political instability.

This country is headed for a serious downfall or total disaster if an immediate course change isn't take.

Democrats do not have a cohesive game plan and need new leadership.

SCOTUS can save US democracy but not sure it will.

The US Supreme Court is taking the country backwards legally and throwing away decades of progress.

The republican led US House and Senate have abdicated their article one powers and have put party above the needs to the nation.

Congress is failing in its duties and I am not optimistic about the Supreme Court.

Supreme court has made some decisions that shake my faith in the rule of law, but have also surprised me a couple of times with decisions that I agree with.

The supreme court member appointed by trump have been supporting trumps insane policies and they gave him a get out of jail free card for his treasonous actions. Several of the justices have accepted monetary favors from individuals and not reported their actions.

US Congress is currently run by Republicans. They don't govern based the best interests of the Country. Party over Country.

The AACO Democratic Select Committee is picking our candidates and they do not represent the demographics of residents. Nonpartisan elections for Annapolis need to be initiated. Open primaries legislation needs to be passed.

The Supreme Court is filled with corrupt liars who have sold out the country for airplane rides and a cool RV.

The current issue with Democrats is that they are getting in their own way. There is no reason why we should not be feeling the effects of the Biden infrastructure bill. However, the review structure they wrote into the bill takes years for a project to get through. Gov. Shapiro can rebuild a section of I-95 in days. Gov. Newsom rebuilt Highway 10 in days. Democrats need to get out of their own way. The populist programs and ideas they have take too long to notice, so they will continue to lose elections.

Shanon Leadbetter is awful and should resign

None I don't know enough about what they are doing.

The Congress is useless - they're not doing their job with the federal budget nor checking the Executive.

The Supreme Court is an unelected political branch, trampling on their credibility by disrespecting precedent. They invent law when it suits them.

State of Maryland way to liberal

Bd Of Ed needs to focus more on improving education results and less on woke thought of the day.

Functions of a broken two party system

I disapprove of the democratic leadership in the United States Congress (particularly in the Senate), though given there has been some scrap of pushback within the party to Schumer's cowardice I do not despise them. The Supreme Court's activist judges have set this country back at least three decades in terms of social progress. I only somewhat approve of the MGA given I feel there is a tendency (at least in the House of Delegates) for Delegates to really occupy themselves with rhetoric and how they'll be

perceived by their constituents on the news as opposed to how level-headed they'll be in their proceedings.

Na

Where are our congress people. I know two are new to congress, but Van Hollen needs to reach out to people (where are the town halls??)

Congress fails to work together because the republicans must cater to the president at all costs. To them, obstructing the dems goals is their goal.

Board of Ed needs to support teachers more! Their job is incredibly important and creates all future careers!

I worked and volunteered for Angela Alsogood.

The Supreme Court has been filled with several right-wing ideologues who are helping to ruin this country. I am generally dissatisfied with how the Democratic party has navigated this administration. They are so stuck in their ways and basically letting the President do whatever he wants. If he is willing to play dirty to do what he wants, others in the government should be willing to step up and fight on behalf of their constituents.

No comment.

Maryland seems to be handling things okay.

The dept. of Education needs complete restructuring in Maryland. Our children need to come FIRST.

Each child and parents should for be accountable for their actions. Behavior issues and lack of self respect and for others have become roadblocks to learning. Salaries, work ethic, job performance at Riva Road need to be evaluated. Our money is going somewhere, but NOT in educating our children.

Congress - on paper they control tariff and the budget executive orders let Trump do crazy things in the short term, but the (especially the Dems) don't push back or have any strong messaging

The library service is fantastic

I don't know what they do, honestly

The state of the Republican Party is in a cult-like form. The "GOP" is now "MAGA" and it's pathetic.

The Supreme Court has been bought. Trump's appointees are so impartial it is laughable. No man is King and has absolute immunity as they pretty much gave him.

DOGE is ransacking our government.

Libraries are great and could use more funding like schools. Pay today or pay alot more in the future without them. If possible, Maryland can tax us for funds to Maryland univerties doing medical research, product creation, or systems integration research. Prisons creating usable products, volunteering at food Bank, ie making use of time requirements with cost coverage.

It's a hard time to trust in anything.

The Supreme Court's decisions to allow a president of the United States to be immune from actions was just deplorable. No human being is above the law in any way, shape, or form. Also money should not be able to buy elections.

I am not familiar with the works of the Anne Arundel Council, or the Maryland Legislature, or similar local state of Maryland bodies.

Citizens United was one of the worst decisions to come from the Roberts' Court. It is heavily politicized and at least two justices should be made to resign.

Our education system is failing our kids. Dont teach to the test

I am equally ashamed of the immaturity of the Congress, both the House and the Senate, the Republicans and the Democrats. I'm old enough to remember when they behaved like educated adults.

Congress and Supreme Court should rule by established laws and US Constitution when making decisions.

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The Republican Party is awful. They need to truly represent those who elected them.. The Democrats need to get their act together. They are not with the times or represent the needs of their constituents.

I think Democrats on the Hill need to do more, take current threats to democracy seriously.

Institutions I approve of: AACPL The US Postal Service National Park Administration National Forest Service

Congress is as much of a clown show as the Trump administration. The Supreme Court hands down some high profile rulings that seem really biased, but also a lot that are not as heavily covered that show the justices voting in an unbiased way.

Due to the Republican majority in Congress, they no longer represent many of the people they were elected to support and help. The Supreme Court should have an ethics guideline so there is no conflict.

The court seems to be corrupted by politics.

Congress is letting Trump ruin the country

n/a

Supreme Court and government agencies should remain true to their beliefs and continue to do what is right and just. Do not just appease the president and friends.

Congress and the Supreme Court have abdicated their roles as coequal branches of government. There is too much money involved in federal government and both branches are influenced heavily by their financial donors.

Congressional Republicans need to step in and finally oppose Trump's complete attempt to control everything. As do the conservative members of the Supreme Court.

No interest in elaborating but appreciate the opportunity to do so.

The Republican Congress and Supreme Court are an embarrassment, cowards to the max. The Democrats are not doing anything about it, need to go to war against these traitors.

I think everyone in the gov't who was on that Signal chat discussing a military attack on the Houthis in Yemen should resign or be fired. Congress should be calling for their resignations right now. They put the security of our citizens and our military in grave jeopardy by their stupidity. Its unforgivable.

I am concerned that the Supreme Court may reflect loyalty to Trump before their loyalty to the Constitution.

I'm too riled and exhausted now. Maryland Democrats don't face any serious competition for their seats. The GOP- party in MD is non-existent. They are in the pocket of the teacher's union. We taxpayers pour a ton of money into education, and get little improvement.

Anne Arundel is better than Prince George's, that's for sure. Very well run, very professional. I came from San Francisco, and sorry, it was run better regardless of what you hear. Potholes immediately repaired, very responsive on even small issues. Housing was another issue - too many hearings and chances for NIMBY neighbors to ruin everything. Gavin Newsom was an amazing mayor, sorry but it's true.

The US Supreme Court and the federal and state court systems should be respected.

Neither the house or the senate are doing their jobs. Are they even there?

Republicans in the U.S. Congress are totally abdicated their duties and simply bending to Trump's whims. They are enabling Trump's worst impulses. They need to stand up for the rule of law.

SCOTUS: as of today they have ruled on the right side of democracy but I do not trust them since they are right wing Christian nationalists

I would like to see the Maryland general assembly demonstrate across the aisle compromise - something woefully missing on the national stage

The MD Legislature likes to kill bills by just not voting on them in committee. I do not respect that. If a Legislator wants to vote against a bill, I think that it's important that I see that as a constituent so I know to vote against that legislator. The current system is spineless and the lack of transparency is offensive.

Congresspeople (mostly Republicans) refusing to compromise at all should not hold office. In this age of internet and electronic communication, Congress should be in session and working more. They can handle things "locally" via the Internet. Campaigning for any office should be restricted to 1 or 2 months before elections. Donations over \$1000 to any campaign made by any entity should be publicly available information. Our Supreme Court should be above corruption and as NON-partisan as possible. There should be term limits to any elected public office.

'Somewhat disapprove' of SCOTUS as a whole, due to recent rulings that elevate the President above the law. However, I approve of some recent rulings that have checked executive over-reach.

I love Chris Van Hollan and Angela Alsobrooks, I love Sarah Elfreth. We need to stand with them in protecting Maryland's laws and protections. We need to keep speaking up! I thank you for this survey.

I never thought I would be embarrassed to be an American, but here we are.

Congress needs to stand up for rule of law and stop being afraid of executive branch.

Congress must hold its own against the Executive branch!

Congress and Supreme Court should be ashamed of themselves

The failure of the Supreme Court to abide by the ethics rules that govern every other judge/federal employee is disgusting. Regardless of their political bent, they are just as self-serving and indecent as someone who takes bribes. Their conduct should be the example for the country and their willingness to recede our basic rights is disgusting.

I wish Congress would actually use that role as a coal branch of government. I am surprised at how the Republicans in Congress are giving up their power to Donald Trump and Elon Musk. I worry about our almost vulnerable populations, because Congress is not working out for them.

Most public servants are ethical and hardworking; few citizens say thank you to them. Timothy Snyder says to protect the institution we value most. Now is the time to protect our institutions and our public servants. USAID? Who is next? Us.

Personally I trust the Postal Service. I think we need them for more services. For the unbanked, for Passport and other services.

Our offices need to focus on the needs of all citizens with a view towards appropriate, sustainable growth. Emphasis on saving the environment, quality of life, economic stability are all important to me.

Supreme Court: sucking up to Trump. Congress: Sucking up to Trump.

Congress is allowing the Executive branch to take all of its power.

The Democrats who try to hold the Rule of Law In the House and Congress.

Our congressional delegation is very good but has an uphill battle.

I'm disappointed in the lack of public access to comment on the development in this county before it happens. Why do we not have more open access to proposals? It's business as usual without public input.

Congress and the Supreme Court are not supporting the citizens of this country the way they are charged to do

Congress needs to stand up to Trump and his undemocratic policies.

Governing is hard. Just do your best to do the right thing by the most people.

Zero base Congress - they have no courage

The supreme court is owned by the trump administration

re the Supreme Court, I'm now seeing Roberts and Coney Barrett upholding the rule of law and have hope the whole court may start showing more integrity.

SCOTUS is an abomination. The blinded republicans in congress are an abomination. Trump and his cohorts are an abomination.

The make-up of the Supreme Court feels unconstitutional, with such clear evidence of a number of judges who perjured themselves.

St. John's Uni, Uni of Maryland, AACC, Annapolis Symphony & Opera, AA County Council, local SS Office, libraries, Lumis Hospital, County Executive Admin, Blues Soccer are great

The Attorney General, the Defense Secretary, and the Health and HS Secretary are the most unqualified, incompetent, and dishonorable people in history and have no business running those Agencies.

Congress - particularly Republicans - support Trump blindly. They have no moral compass or a true interest in service. They want power and enrichment of themselves.

Congress needs to LEGISLATE! Do the JOB they were voted to do.

Republican Congressional people are selling our country down the river to stay in power.

I'm grateful our AG is standing up to them.

Congress and Senate are too busy working against each other to focus on the end result of bettering our country. And I can't trust Supreme Court to be unbiased in their rulings.

Many current individuals are focused on politics and winning instead of the impact that their decisions and actions have upon others.

I read the NYT & WaPo

Congress and the Supreme Court need to act boldly to counteract the executive branch which is trying to usurp power from them.

Congress has abdicated its responsibility and power to the executive branch. The Supreme Court has a credibility problem

Congress has to reclaim its power.

If the courts obey our Constitution and Rule of Law, they'll get the honor of that!

The congress and senate have been totally ineffectual at controlling any of the illegal actions Trump has taken. They seem to be afraid to cross the man.

It's sad that no one is standing up to the bullies in the White House.

Congress is a gerontocracy and needs new blood. Its members need to grow a spine to stand up to Trump or resign.

county council suck they just see dollar signs when they see voters

Boy do those congressional democrats sure love collaborating with fascists

I appreciate that MD is one of the safest states to live in through legislative actions over the last few years.

I am frustrated with congress and the supreme court. Thus far in this presidential term, I have seen the Republican's give up power to the president and then defend him with their "tails tucked". I have seen Democrats turn the other cheek and pretend that what is happening is just business as usual. I am disappointed that the people have let the power go so far. It has caused such hardship in the lives of so many. The government, and Congress specifically, is supposed to fight for the people it represents. I have seen republicans be told that they should not hold town halls because they get "boo"ed. Maybe it is time they listen to what the people want, and not just what the president wants. They do not report to the president. The last 69 days have been a whirlwind, and has harmed so many millions of individuals.

Congress has abrogated their constitutional powers

The federal government is not responding to the needs of the constituents. It's (mostly) petty arguments that have serious real-world consequences. The Republican party/Trump seems to want to sink the nation, but the democrats are trying to stop that without pushing for any significant change/solutions.

Supreme court has sold their souls to the president and will take us all down the toilet with them all!

Doge! Finally getting rid of the abuse that we all know is there!

MD state government, as it is, is never going balance a budget, always take more from citizens, and always be reliant on the fed govt.

Very disappointed with US Supreme Court

The general assembly in Maryland has not come anywhere close to addressing the Juvenile Crimes problem. Secretary Schiraldi should be fired immediately.

US congress is just falling in behind Trump.

If congress (republicans) had any thoughts of their own (i.e. not originating from Trump) I might increase my approval

The Republican members of Congress have completely abdicated their responsibility to serve as an independent check on the Executive Branch of government.

The General Assembly is acting like it is high on drugs. I can't understand how they really are not addressing the deficit with responsible budgeting and instead use smoke, mirrors and lies
Government needs an overhaul. LESS of it. Especially if you didn't care about my unemployment well before Trump took office...you don't care about me. So...F You.

No matter how many TESLAs are vandalized by panicky pissants, I have faith in the President and his DOGE that they will as a minimum make the popular will to reduce government waist really keep the Democrats on their back foot for a good while.

Don't make principled decisions.

Having several teachers and others within my orbit, I can say with absolute conviction that the Maryland Department of Education is being run by a gaggle of clueless liberal idiots, which is really sad!

County Council is limited in ability to drive change and is very much a puppet of County executive based on Party representation within the council districts.

Rarely seen politicians respect, and more often than not disgusted by their rank ignorance or bias.
Example, just passed Equal COLA Act, which is truly biased and show a complete lack of understanding, so now FERS employees get same COLA but CSRS employees don't receive the billions in matching funds for the past 4 decades FERS employees received, how is that "fair". Bottom line its always lets help a special interest group and screw others. The "inflation reduction act" didn't do anything to reduce inflation. Sony Bono got pubic domain a 20 year pause cause Disney didn't want micky mouse to go into public domain. Its never selfless and best interest of the people.

hoping for positive support for the president's agenda

Appointing criminal Nick Mosby to the lottery commission shows how morally bankrupt the Md., Dem Party really is !

Glad Congress can get things done. It's funny how the Democratic Party is losing their minds over everything, when the republicans didn't during Biden.

The gerrymandered super majority in the Maryland general assembly has to end. We will not get better government in Annapolis, unless we have some semblance of a balance of power.

The Anne Arundel County Council is not working across the aisle on the significant issues of planning & zoning (not enough district control) and transportation (future bus lines and ferries that will require subsidizing by tax payers).

MD institutions are run by people who are either out of touch with reality, looking to benefit their ethnic group, or looking to get rich in office.

I am very concerned about the FBI and the hiding of information in the 2020 election about Hunter's laptop and implicating Joe Biden and the obvious lawfare. Of all the improprieties what we all saw occur in the 2020 election were ignored

We have a Supreme Court that seems to be making rational decisions based on the constitution , Rather than their feelings as democratic jurists are prone to do

The Supreme Court Justices seem to be the only adults in the room in DC!

It is a real shame that we can not carve out the voting block of Baltimore City. The corruption of Baltimore is dragging Maryland to the inevitable bankruptcy it is sure to face. Maryland needs its own Donald Trump and DOGE committee.

Liberals ruin EVERYTHING

Board off ED is way too woke and pro MEA Union to deliver quality education policies

No.

The General Assembly has show zero backbone. We need to be off of California EV standards which are already wrecking that state. We need to stop pouring money we do not have into teachers unions. And we need to stop hiring more state employees when we cannot pay the ones we already have.

Congress, and the Supreme Court are up and down institutions right now. More down than up.

Something must be done to stop the unconstitutional overreach that has been allowed to be exercised by a district judicial system that has usurped power not theirs in recent years.

Congress is a disaster. It's either extreme right or extreme left. 80% of the country would be happy in the middle.

The Board of Education needs to focus on teaching the 3Rs, and not DEI.

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Congress cannot stand up for itself (Legislative Branch), but at least Supreme Court seems to show some independence

The Board of Ed of Anne Arundel County is closing one fo the Special Ed centers. This was a decision made behind closed doors and did not include any input from the staff involved. Very sneaky and not how they handle closing other buildings. Normally, barring an unforeseen disaster, schools know 3-5 years in advance if there is going to be a major change. Marley Glen Special School found out with only one year notice.

USAID has dedicated Foreign Service officers who work for the good of those people in other countries who need our assistance. USAID has many contractors working in the countries to guide the people to distribute food aide and medicines. We should not stop these programs. Yes, they should be monitored by the Inspector General of the agency. Also Voice of America is so important to let people know the truth about what is going on in the world. How many journalists have been lost like James Foley? The Voice of America is one way to keep the lines of communication open and it should continue in its role as it has for years. Department of Education is another agency that should be funded.

Congress is a disgrace. Democrats in their failure to respond to Trump and the Republicans in their totally slavish fear of opposing Trump. Basically they have failed to function as constitutionally required.

Apparently, I should have taken the library only questions survey. The whole survey is making me think someone has too much time and money at their disposal. Is local government money spent on this?

Supreme Court may ban tik tok for good, not happy about that

The Congress with the Republican majority has been supporting the Trump Administrations actions.

MD IS NO LONGER AFFORDABLE AND PEOPLE ARE LEAVING THIS STATE AND IS IS JUST SAD. WE NEED REPRESENTATION FOR THE PEOPLE-NOT FOR GOVERNMENT AND TAXES NEED TO BE REDUCED!! PEOPLE WORKING PAYING TAXES ARE TAKING HOME LESS, PRICES ARE HIGHER!! WE NEED LESS GOVERNMENT!!

Each agency needs to have thorough oversight on waste and better productivity within

Dirty voting when out of session.

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DOGE is totally needed and doing a great job. LONG OVERDUE!

The Republican Party is attempting to help with Maryland but unfortunately the Democratic controlled government won't allow anything to pass.

I think the NIH leadership is excellent. Jay Bhattacharya is going to be a great leader.

Mail-in balloting has made it impossible for conservatives to have their voices heard in AA County and in the state. Eliminate mail-in voting, and require voter ID to vote, and maybe Maryland will have something resembling two-party rule someday.

MD voters when will they learn that the democrats are not helping

I have given money to the AACPL and was on it fundraising committee for a few years. I even have the library listed as a charity in my Will. I am having it changed so my church will be the only charity. I do not approve of the liberal policies that included a Transgender party at the Glen Burnie library. I want my money to help those in need.

I will never vote for a Democrat.

GET FRAUD AND WASTE OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT. MAKE THE EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE AND HOLD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE JOB THEY DO.

Mr Schiraldi, is all wrong for this world!

I have almost never agreed with the Board Of Education. I believe everyone who has a seat should have to teach for a certain number of years first. The decisions they make do not help the student nor teachers, and all the money they get is pocketed and not given back.

Congress needs to get on board and start passing laws to enshrine Trump's executive orders. The Supreme Court needs to step in and explain the separation of powers to lower court judges who are attempting to usurp the office of the presidency because of their own partisan leanings.

We pulled our youngest out of public schools as they now do not focus on academics as much as their focus on social issues that may or may not be compatible with our values. ie. We did not want males pretending to be female in the bathroom, locker room or sports with our daughter.

The MD elected Dems are incompetent. I wish we could have DOGE clean up the MD fraud. Election need voter ID and clean voter rolls.

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Congress has done a poor job for years, needs to actually make a budget, not a CR. MD legislature needs to read the room and deal with the conditions of the economy and the business environment that they created in this state.

When you start a project you have to tear things apart to get ready. My husband called that "The throw-up stage". Then you begin to put things back together better than they were and mend. We are in the throw-up stage and at least we have a leader who is willing to try new things and erase waste. We haven't had anyone on either side who was willing to try. Like him or not, terrible personality, give it a chance! We deserve that change or we will fail as a county.

The Anne Arundel County Board of Education is awful, they should not be in charge of making decisions for our county's children. If it does not improve we will move out of the county and possibly out of the state due to current school policies and potential future policies. It's time to get back to the basics, there should be no discussion about gender or sexual preference in school. That is the wildest concept to me, as adults in a workplace do we go around speaking about our sexual preferences? Do we ask colleagues about their gender? Do professors ask students in college what their sexual preference is? You can teach inclusivity/anti bullying and celebrating what makes children unique without making kids feel like they need to 'choose' a sexual preference or a gender. It's too much. There should only be one flag at school, the American flag. If a school wants to teach or have a club focused on these issues they can host them after school hours. The kids are there to learn about math, science, art, physical education, etc. Truly time to get back to the basics.

Congress needs to be investigated for the slush funds and how many on both sides have gotten wealthy at the expense of the taxpayers. The Congress needs to also investigate the lies perpetrated by Dr. Fauci and the World Health Organization. Guess what? Masks never worked! It is like using a chain link fence to

keep out the mosquitos and they knew it all along. Dept. of Education ruined school for so many kids with their insistence to close schools! I am old enough to remember just how much the school systems have declined since the Dept. of Ed's inception. Our country is ranked 40th of First World countries.

Just analyze what the Democrats have done to America.

The dems are responsible for the loss of lives Afghanistan and an American embassy. They suppress the views of the major by allowing men to perform in girl's and women sports. They support the hire and advance of the underqualified to pander in the name of DEI. If you were an airplane passenger, would you care more about the ethnicity of the pilot or her or his skills? Our education system is failing our minorities.

City of Annapolis Mayor and Council inept and an embarrassment. Form of govt causes confusion and very expensive!

General Assembly is not listening to constituents. Stop spending & creating new taxes & fees

County Council approval of overdevelopment

The department of education is so unnecessary. Take it away, and parents will be forced to research their options and actually choose something good for their kids. And why am I paying taxes for an institution I don't use? I'm training up my kids to think for themselves, and not to think what the government is dictating they think.

I work to earn my own money. These institutions feel my money is their money. No financial responsibility. Overreach into personal lives. None are problem solvers. React based on emotions.

My opinion of these offices depends on the day and the matter they're "voting" on

If only we had leaders in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of government not opportunist; the other offices and institutions would fall in place.

Supreme Court better protect our constitution

Congress has ceded too much power to the Executive branch. The Supreme Court has been remarkably impartial.

Most state and federal government programs are not required by the US Constitution - use the 10th Amendment more. Cradle to grave government is not what the Founders had in mind.

Allison Pickard deserves to be fired. She removed a qualified candidate's application for a legislative counsel job and thought nobody would catch her doing that. She is a fraud and wolf in sheep's clothing wearing a Democratic sticker, but is really a MAGA Republican.

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no thanks

Buch of suckers.

Instead of trying to agree on what is best for the country, the House and Senate just block one another
The county compliance office is the worst. They don't feel it's important to help county residents understand the nuances of the regulations.

The General Assembly lacks enough fiscal discipline, and is the real source of Maryland's fiscal woes. It spent too much money in the past few years, and its priorities are wrong, IMHO.

Feel state and county legislatures are not listening to people in the other party, but simply pushing their agenda and ignoring a significant population because "they don't vote with us."

Indiscipline and disrespectful students. Freedom without responsibility.

Congress has not served my needs in decades and the 2 parties do not appear willing to change, let alone legislate.

The Supreme Court severely damaged our country with their stupid presidential immunity ruling last year. Ranks right up there with Citizens United as the two worst Supreme Court decisions in recent years,

I don't think the Founding Fathers planned on the Supreme Court effectively running the country one day, but that's what's happening. I'm not happy about it, but given that Congress has abdicated all responsibility, I don't think the Supreme Court's doing a bad job.

N/A.

I hate the way congress is going and Maryland is doing well in my opinion.

Congress is a disgrace

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State legislative bodies are way too partisan. Anne Arundel County residents are not well represented due to gerrymandering at the state level.

Board of Education for AACPS is rough. The meetings are bad. Dr. Beddell spends half of the meetings making stupid faces, grimacing or staring at the walls. The rest of the board is insufferable. No one has energy, drive or seems to want to be there. Retool, refresh, reelect...change is needed...badly!

Maryland was sold a bridge to far re Maryland Blueprint for education.

Congress is full of suck-ups to Trump. So is the Supreme Court

Your survey is entirely too long

Congress and the Supreme Court both refuse to do their constitutional duties and this vacuum lets Trump run amok.

Us senate and Congress are not doing enough.

The Congress and Supreme Court need to step up and do their job and pit Trump in his place. He is an elected president, not an ordained king

Maryland police might as well not exist, I have seen zero impact from their work, and rather have heard them admit that they do not do their jobs. Between the alarming prevalence of road rage and reckless driving (I have one eye and despite this, I am a better driver than most people on the roads, but it is alarming because due to reduced vision compared to other people, it's incredibly difficult to watch every part of the road for people driving on the shoulders, passing where they shouldn't, driving 80-90, cutting cars off and leaving no room between and or breaking immediately.) since there is no actual repercussions for this behavior, it is incredibly dangerous even just to drive to the grocery store. As suggested to the county executive, part of the prevention of this would be actively countering the dirt bikes and four wheelers, especially when children are the ones driving them. Regarding having one eye and driving in Maryland, I faced a lot of issues going to the DMV. I previously had a license in the state I used to live in and did not face nearly as many issues with their DMV. After spending about an hour between waiting and filling out all the paperwork at the Maryland DMV, we got to the vision exam and the employee very rudely told me we couldn't continue and I would need to leave. After asking why that was so since I hadn't even been asked to do the eye test, I was informed that I wouldn't be able to pass it so they couldn't give me a license. After some confusing back and forth, I was told that since I couldn't cover my eye and read the chart that I would fail the test. They told me that they were not qualified to make the determination that I could see, which frankly is insulting considering they perform vision tests on everyone, so how are they qualified to tell them they can see? I was informed I would need to get an eye exam done by a doctor and bring in a note stating that I had good vision. After getting the note and waiting probably another hou

The majority of the Republics in the Congress are demonstrating an utter lack of moral character, courage, or honesty in the face of a president who is on a path to destroy the institutions and integrity of the United States. Their priority seems to be protecting their own status, without regard for the constituents they pledged to serve.

I have been disappointed by Delegate Kipke and County Councilman Volke for their alignment with Trump. I cannot vote for any lower government officials who support Trump.

Was living between Cecil and Anne Arundel Counties for almost 2 years, between when we bought in AA and sold in Cecil, so still getting to know Anne Arundel. Been especially impressed by AA Public Library, and also by the various ways officials communicate what is happening in AA or how state/national policies could impact AA.

Congress has failed in their duty to follow the Constitution and the checks and balances on the Executive Branch

The Congress has allowed the Executive Branch to usurp its role. There are only a few true Republicans in Congress. Most who used to be are now in the MAGA cult. The Democrats need to offer strong and relevant positions in opposition.

Supreme court is doing a good job trying to uphold the law and hold back the illegal policies that Trump is trying to undertake.

The Supreme Court needs term limits and oversight, especially if some justices are going to ignore propriety entirely

Congress' privileges need to be examined. Waste, Fraud and Abuse. They must produce a weekly/monthly summary of what they did and where they were. How many campaign donation hours spent? Have all candidates paid private and gov venues used during campaigns? Presidential campaigns where millions are received should pay all overtime for police used during rallies, etc when cops are at rallies, they are not able to take care of us the way they want to. Taxpayers foot the bill.

The Supreme Court needs to be restructured by constitutional amendment.

I am a retired educator and have watched local school districts. Try their best to meet the needs of students as things are crumbling around them. Again, there is such external pressure put on those in leadership positions as well as teachers who are trying to do more with fewer resources

The Supreme Court is compromised by corruption - definitely concerned our democracy will falter badly. The Democrats have little power now; the Republicans are using theirs for personal gain and to support our corrupt President. They should be ashamed of themselves! I especially support Jamie Raskin, Sarah Elfreth and Chris Van Hollen.

The Supreme Court should avoid handing Trump too much power, as he will abuse any power he has. We need viable immigration reform; fewer privatized prisons and detention centers-there is no incentive to reform prisoners or 'process' ICE detainees properly...also no incentive to provide better facilities, food, health and sanitation.

General Assembly is too dominated by Democrats -- they are not held accountable for their actions. Democracy is not easy, folks, it is tough. But it works better with an educated electorate. People today know more about Beyonce's lifestyle and they do about the Federalist Papers. The dumbest nutjob in my family has a vote that counts the same as mine. We have seen the dissolution of unbiased factual print and media reporting arising from the growth of journalism major and an unfettered, unregulated digital world. Think of it... in the history of mankind, the internet is the only thing that we have invented that we cannot control. Add to this the use of AI, God help us all.

Our SCOTUS is corrupt and the separation of powers is being eroded.

I have no faith in them

Not focused on unity and what's best for Maryland

Congress at state and national levels. Both sides need to start figuring out what they agree on and stop looking for ways to screw each other. This blue / red nonsense is what caused all of this spending.

Dept of Education needs to go and I worry all the time whether my kids have gotten the best education they need or have just been passed through learning more about sexual identity than how to balance their finances. It's ridiculous!

The schools are failing to educate. Stop indoctrination & start teaching facts and useable skills.

The Board of Education needs to have razor focus on improving the academic performance of county students. Everything else should take a back seat unless our students' academic performance improves. Regarding the Supreme Court, with direct challenges to their authority from the Executive Branch I hold out hope they will continue their jobs unbiased. Congress has ceded their Constitutional role to the Executive to the detriment of the people.

Many members of Congress are more interested in talk show appearances than to act as a co-equal branch of the federal government. Several Supreme Court justices use stare decisis when convenient, then make up their own rules other times.

Congress - Republicans not interested in needs of American citizens or the Constitution, only their power, revenge and being blind sheep to Trump

Most don't care about who they represent, they blindly follow their party!

Maryland is a uniparty state which is bad for everyone.

We are at a breaking point with the division, the immorality and the cost of our nation. We need people who seek to do hard actions and to unite us along common American values.

Congress and the Supreme Court seem to be doing their due justice as usual so they're doing fine

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Local libraries are good resources and MWE

I don't know.

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I have no explanation.

The Board of Education is making impulsive changes that will only treat symptoms not solve any problems, just create more problems

Prefer not to answer