

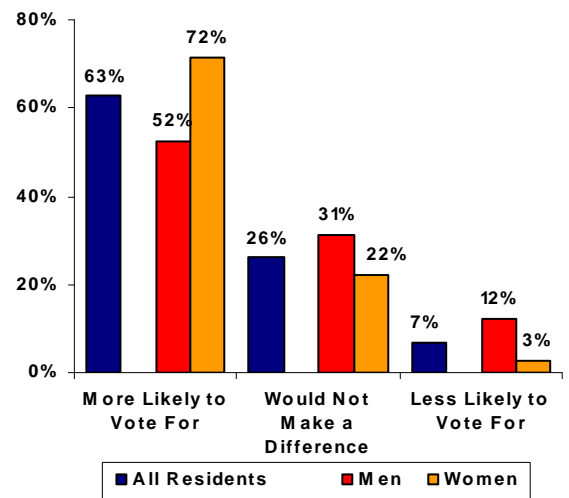
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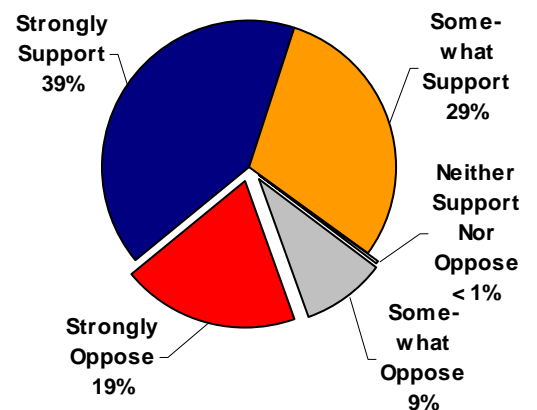
Survey in Brief:

- **Practically all Maryland voters believe everyone should have access to affordable, quality health care.**
 - ✓ At least nine out of ten residents across age groups, genders, and political party affiliation agree that all Maryland residents should have access to affordable, quality health care.
- **The majority of Maryland voters would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supported the development of a health care system that provided access to affordable, quality health care to all Maryland residents.**
 - ✓ Women are significantly more likely than men to say this position would increase their likelihood of voting for a candidate for state office.
- **More than half of Maryland voters perceive the health care system in the state to be either in a state of crisis or have major problems.**
 - ✓ Nine out of ten acknowledge the health care system has at least some problems.
- **Most voters believe that everyone from employers, to the government, to individuals should have to contribute financially to a system that provides affordable, quality health care to all Maryland residents.**
- **A majority of Maryland voters see slot machines as a possible way to pay for a health care system that provides access to affordable, quality health care for all.**
 - ✓ More than two out of three would support allowing slot machines if revenues were used to ensure all residents have access to quality, affordable health care.

Voting Impact on Candidate Who Supports System Providing Everyone Access to Affordable, Quality Health Care



Maryland Residents' Support for Allowing Slot Machines at Limited Locations Across State



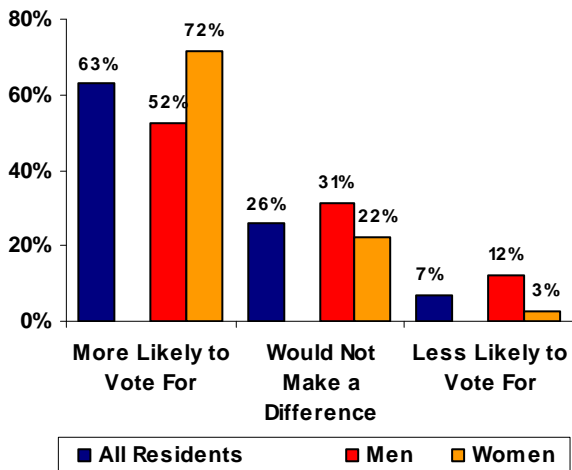
INTRODUCTION: With nearly 800,000 uninsured Marylanders, and health care costs continuing to rise, the issue of having access to affordable, quality health care in Maryland is at the forefront of many residents' minds. AARP's Maryland State Office, in response to its commitment to ensure health and long-term care for all residents and its desire to develop affordable health care options, commissioned this survey to explore the views of registered voters in Maryland. This survey examines their current view of health care in the state as well as potential actions that could be taken to expand health care access to state residents.

METHODOLOGY: 801 random-digit dial telephone interviews were completed between December 19, 2007 and January 19, 2008 among residents of Maryland age 18 and older who identified themselves as registered voters, with 92% voting at least half the time. The overall response rate for this survey is 19 percent with a cooperation rate of 29 percent. The sampling error for this survey is ± 3.5 percent. Data were weighted to represent the actual distribution of age and gender among registered voters in Maryland.

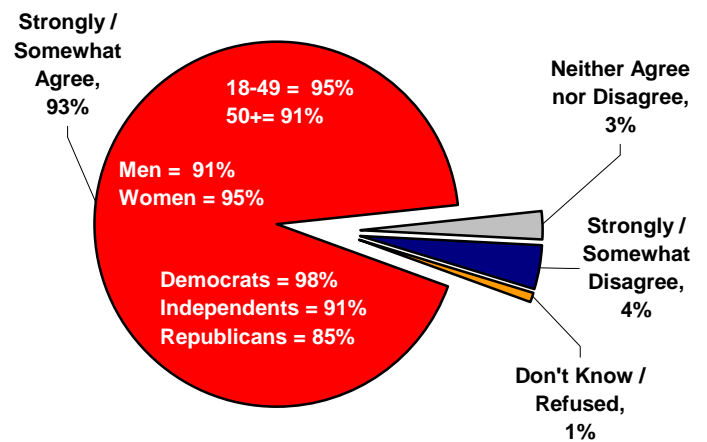
MARYLAND VOTERS BELIEVE EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE

Practically all Maryland voters (93%) believe that everyone, that is all Maryland residents, should have access to affordable quality health care. In fact, three out of four (79%) indicate strong agreement with this principle. This agreement persists across age, gender, and party affiliation. However, despite nearly universal agreement, groups vary in the intensity of this agreement. For example, women are significantly more likely than men to strongly agree with this idea (85% vs. 72%) and Democrats are significantly more likely to agree with this than are Republicans (90% vs. 62%).

Voting Impact on Candidate Who Supports System Providing Everyone Access to Affordable, Quality Health Care



Agreement that All Maryland Residents Should Have Access to Affordable, Quality Health Care



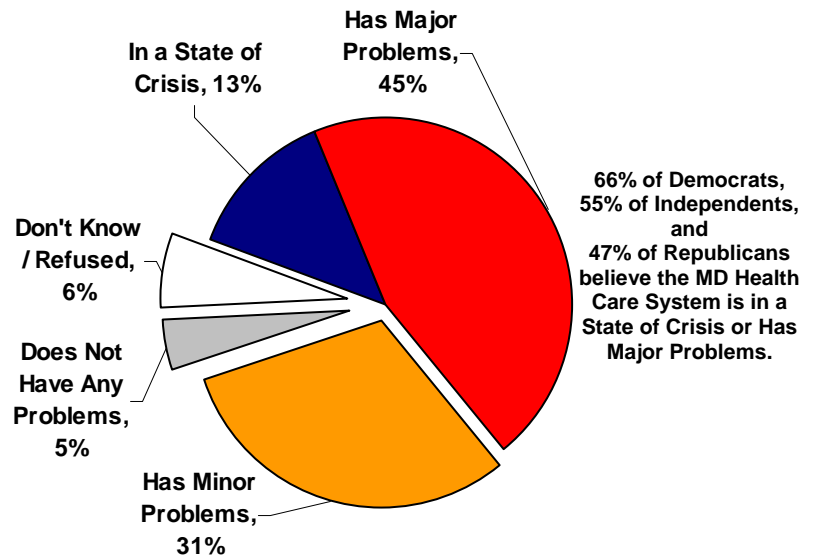
MARYLAND VOTERS MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATE WHO SUPPORTS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Nearly two out of three Maryland voters (63%) say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supported the development of a health care system that provided all Maryland residents access to affordable, quality health care. Another one out of four (26%) say it would not make a difference. Women are significantly more likely than men to say support for a health care system that provides affordable, quality health care for all would increase their likelihood of voting for a particular candidate (72% vs. 52%). Self-identified Democrats and Independents are significantly more likely than Republicans to say support for this type of system would make them more likely to vote for a candidate for state office.

A MAJORITY OF MARYLAND VOTERS BELIEVE HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE IS IN CRISIS OR HAS MAJOR PROBLEMS

Nearly three out of five Maryland voters (58%) describe the state of health care in Maryland as either in a state of crisis or having major problems. Five percent of voters say there are no problems with the health care system. Women are significantly more likely than men to see problems, although the majority of both genders perceive health care is in crisis or has major problems (65% vs. 51%). In addition, the perception of a crisis or major problems crosses party lines, with nearly one-half of self-identified Republicans and more than one-half of Independents and Democrats seeing problems with the health care system.

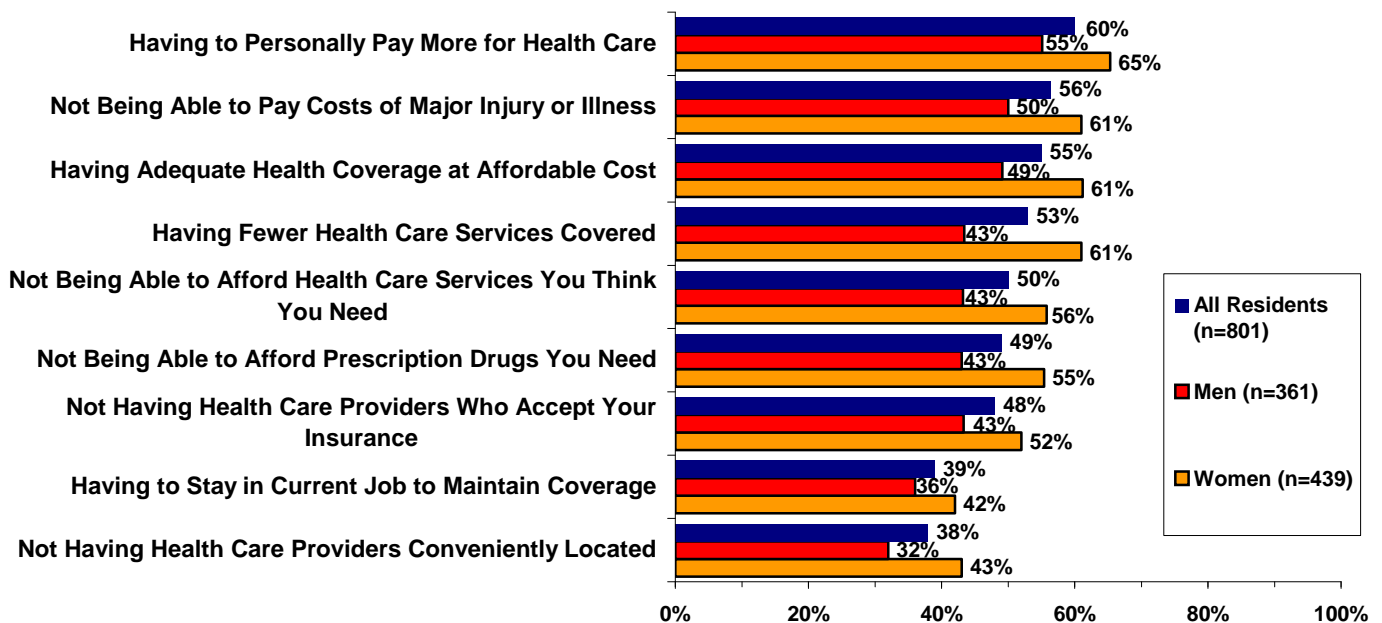
View of the Current State of the Maryland Health Care System



MARYLAND VOTERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT HAVING TO PAY MORE FOR HEALTH CARE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AS WELL AS ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO AFFORD THE COST OF A MAJOR ILLNESS OR INJURY

More than one-half of Maryland voters say they are either extremely concerned or very concerned about personally having to pay more for health care, affording the cost of a major injury or illness, maintaining an adequate level of coverage at an affordable cost, and avoiding a reduction in the health care services covered by their plan. Another one out of four (23%-24%) say they are somewhat concerned about these possibilities. In every instance, women are significantly more concerned than men. Self-identified Democrats are also significantly more concerned about these possibilities than are Republicans.

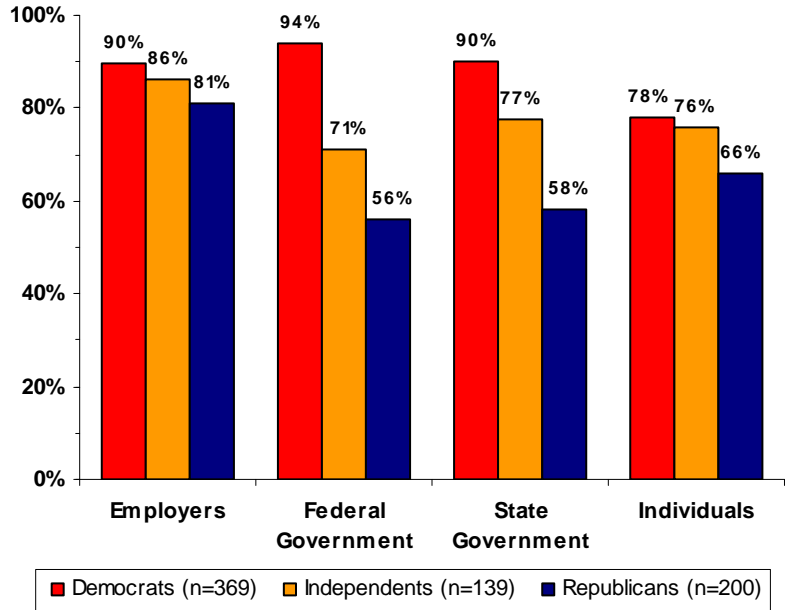
Percent of Maryland Voters Either Extremely Concerned or Very Concerned About Each of the Following Over the Next Five Years



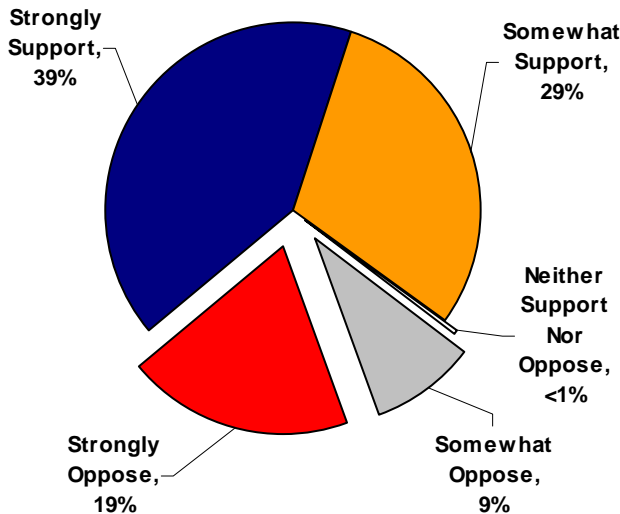
VOTERS BELIEVE EVERYONE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

At least three out of four Maryland voters agree that everyone from employers (84%), to both the federal (79%) and state (78%) governments, to individuals (73%) should contribute financially so that everyone can have access to affordable, quality health care. Even across party lines, the majority of voters agree that everyone should contribute to this kind of health care system. Republicans and Independents are most united in the belief that employers should contribute financially to this system and are least agreed that the government should contribute. In contrast, at least nine out of ten Democrats (90%-95%) believe the federal government, state government, and employers should contribute. Female residents are significantly more likely than male residents to believe all four groups should contribute financially to providing affordable, quality health care for all.

Agreement that Listed Groups Should Contribute Financially to a System that Provides Everyone Access to Quality, Affordable Health Care



Support for Allowing Slot Machines at Limited Locations Across the State



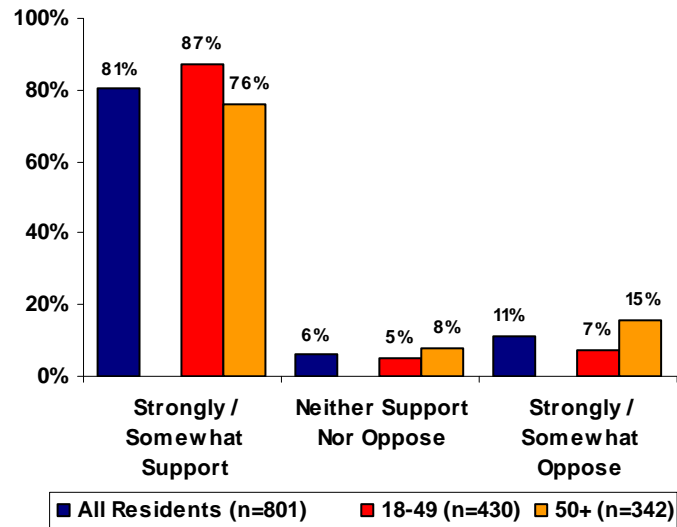
MARYLAND VOTERS SEE SLOT MACHINES AS POSSIBLE WAY TO PROVIDE EVERYONE WITH ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

Two out of three Maryland voters (68%) support allowing slot machines at limited locations around the state, such as race tracks. This level of support holds across age groups, genders, and political party affiliation. Once more, nearly nine out of ten residents (88%) who support slot machines say they would continue to do so if the revenues were used to ensure all state residents have access to quality, affordable health care. Even more significant, one-third of residents (33%) who initially said they opposed slot machines even in limited locations, indicated they would not oppose them if the money were used to ensure access to quality, affordable health care for all.

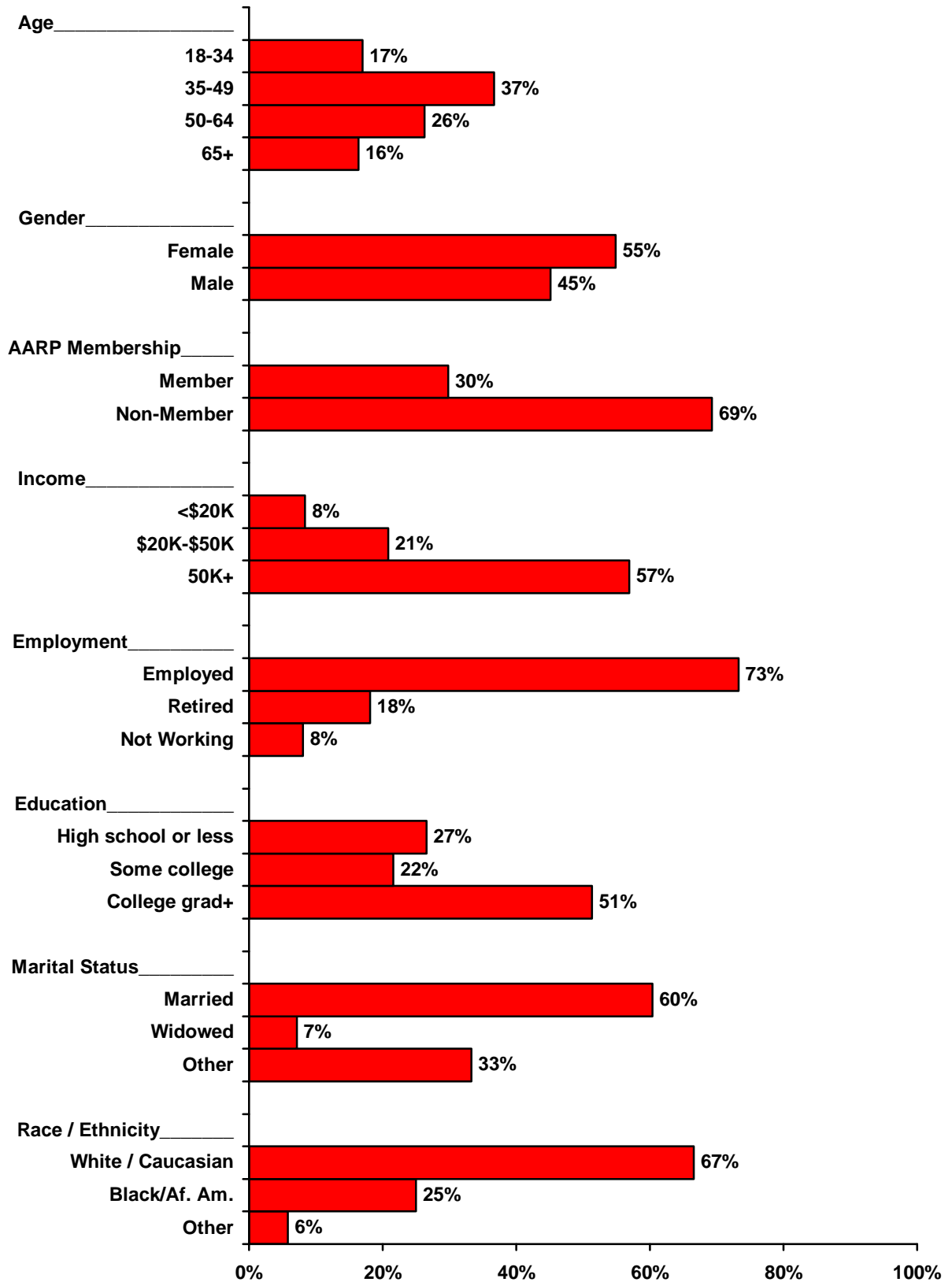
MOST MARYLAND VOTERS SUPPORT SUBSIDIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE INSURANCE TO EMPLOYEES

Four out of five Maryland voters (81%) either strongly support or somewhat support the Maryland State Government providing subsidies to small businesses in the state in order to allow them to offer health insurance to their workers at an affordable cost. Younger voters are significantly more likely than those 50 and older to support these sorts of subsidies, though a strong majority of both age groups are in favor of them (87% vs. 74%). Self-identified Republicans are significantly more likely to oppose these subsidies (22% vs. 10% of Independents and 5% of Democrats).

Support for Maryland Providing Small Business Subsidies to Allow Them to Offer Affordable Health Insurance to Employees



Respondent Demographics



ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE

2007 Maryland Health Care Reform Tactical Survey (Survey Sample: N=801, 18+ Registered Voters)

sampling error = +/- 3.5%

1. Which of these statements do you think best describes the state of health care in Maryland today? Would you say...[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

13%	It is in a state of crisis
45%	It has major problems
31%	It has minor problems
5%	It does not have any problems
6%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

2. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance or government plans such as Medicare, Medicaid, or military benefits?

86%	Yes
14%	No → [SKIP TO Q5]
0%	Not sure → [DO NOT READ] → [SKIP TO Q5]
0%	Refused [DO NOT READ] → [SKIP TO Q5]

3. [ASK ONLY IF Q2=YES] [INTERVIEWERS: IF RESPONDENT GIVES NAME OF INSURER, SUCH AS A SPECIFIC COMPANY, ASK WHETHER 1) THEY PAY FOR THE POLICY ON THEIR OWN, 2) IT IS PAID FOR BY AN EMPLOYER OR PREVIOUS EMPLOYER, OR 3) IF IT IS A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM SUCH AS MEDICARE.]

[INTERVIEWERS: IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING BUT THE NAME OF THE COMPANY PROVIDING THE INSURANCE, PROCEED THROUGH THE QUESTIONS ANYWAY. RECORD COMPANY NAME IN "OTHER" WHICH IS THE LAST ITEM IN LIST.]

[IF NECESSARY: EXPLAIN TO RESPONDENT THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH THE LIST BECAUSE WE HAVE FOUND THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE FORGET THEY HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF COVERAGE AND WE WANT TO BE SURE OUR DATA IS AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE.]

Do you have...

[INTERVIEWERS: IF RESPONDENT INSISTS THEY ONLY KNOW THE NAME OF THEIR HEALTHCARE PLAN AND DON'T KNOW WHO PROVIDES IT OR IF IT IS A GOVERNMENT PLAN, SELECT THE "NAME ONLY" RESPONSE FOR WHATEVER ITEM YOU ARE ON. THIS WILL SKIP YOU TO ITEM 'g' WHICH IS 'OTHER' WHERE YOU CAN RECORD THE NAME. PLEASE USE THIS ONLY IF THE RESPONDENT IS ADAMANT THEY ALL THEY KNOW ABOUT THEIR PLAN IS THE NAME.]

[PROGRAMMERS: PROVIDE THE 'NAME ONLY' RESPONSE FOR ALL ITEMS AND HAVE THIS RESPONSE AUTOMATICALLY SKIP OUT OF SERIES TO ITEM 'g'.]

3. (continued) Do you have... (n=686; have health care coverage)		Yes	No	Name Only	DK/NOT SURE	Missing/ No Ans
a.	A health care plan sponsored by a current employer? IF YES (n=442) ASK: "Do you have any other type of coverage?" [IF NO, SKIP OUT OF SERIES TO NEXT QUESTION, OTHERWISE CONTINUE TO NEXT ITEM]	64%	35%	0%	1%	-
		8%	92%	0%	0%	-
b.	A health care plan sponsored by your spouse's current employer? IF YES (n=59) ASK: "Do you have any other type of coverage?" [IF NO, SKIP OUT OF SERIES TO NEXT QUESTION, OTHERWISE CONTINUE TO NEXT ITEM]	9%	91%	0%	1%	-
		12%	88%	0%	0%	-
c.	A health care plan sponsored by a previous employer (or spouse's previous employer), such as a retirement benefit or COBRA?	7%	93%	0%	<0.5%	-
d1.	Medicare, the program that provides health insurance primarily to people age 65 and older?	21%	79%	0%	<0.5%	-
d2.	[ASK ONLY IF d1 = 'YES'(n=141)] Do you also have a Medicare supplement plan, such as one that pays the co-payments and deductibles of Medicare?	60%	36%	0%	4%	-
d3.	[ASK ONLY IF d1 = 'YES'(n=141)] Do you also have a Medicare Part D plan that covers prescription drugs?	50%	48%	0%	2%	-
d4.	"Do you have any other type of coverage?" [IF NO, (n=138) SKIP OUT OF SERIES TO NEXT QUESTION, OTHERWISE CONTINUE TO NEXT ITEM]	42%	56%	2%	0%	-
e.	Veterans Administration or military benefits?	4%	96%	0%	<0.5%	-
f.	Medicaid, the program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income individuals?	2%	97%	0%	1%	-
g.	An individually purchased health care policy on your own? IF YES: "Do you have any other type of coverage?" [IF NO SKIP OUT OF SERIES TO NEXT QUESTION, OTHERWISE CONTINUE TO NEXT ITEM]	11%	89%	0%	<0.5%	-
		2%	98%	0%	1%	-
h.	Any other insurance coverage or policy? [RECORD] [SKIP OUT OF SERIES TO NEXT QUESTION]	2%	0%	0%	0%	-
i.	No insurance at all [VOLUNTEERED]	-	-	-	-	-

4. How satisfied are you with the level of coverage you receive through your current health care plan? By coverage we mean the medical benefits and health care services you receive through your plan. Are you...[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

23%	Completely satisfied
41%	Very satisfied
26%	Somewhat satisfied
6%	Not very satisfied
3%	Not at all satisfied
1%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

5. Thinking about what you currently pay in out-of-pocket medical expenses, including insurance premiums, prescription drug costs, and co-pays, would you say this amount has...[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

77%	Increased over the past five years
3%	Decreased over the past five years
17%	Stayed about the same
3%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

6. Looking ahead to the next five years, how concerned are you about each of the following? [RANDOMIZE AND READ EACH ITEM THEN READ] “Are you extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, not at all concerned, not sure, or refused?”

		Extremely concerned ▼	Very concerned ▼	Somewhat concerned ▼	Not very concerned ▼	Not at all concerned ▼	Not sure ▼	Refused ▼
a.	Having to personally pay more for your health care	27%	33%	25%	7%	7%	<0.5%	<0.5%
b.	Not being able to afford the health care services you think you need	25%	25%	23%	16%	11%	<0.5%	1%
c.	Not being able to afford the prescription drugs you need	23%	26%	22%	17%	12%	<0.5%	1%
d.	Not having health care providers that are conveniently located.....	16%	23%	23%	20%	18%	1%	1%
e.	Not having health care providers that accepts your health insurance.....	24%	24%	22%	14%	14%	1%	1%
f.	Not being able to pay for the costs associated with a major illness or injury	27%	29%	24%	11%	8%	<0.5%	<0.5%
g.	Having adequate health coverage at a cost you can afford	28%	27%	24%	12%	9%	<0.5%	<0.5%
h.	Having fewer health care services being covered	24%	29%	27%	11%	8%	1%	1%
i.	Having to stay in your current job in order to maintain insurance coverage.....	18%	22%	16%	13%	16%	1%	15%

7. How important do you think it is for Maryland to reduce the number of residents without health care coverage? Would you say it is...[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

46%	Extremely important
32%	Very important
11%	Somewhat important
4%	Not very important
4%	Not at all important
2%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

8. How strongly do you agree or disagree that all Maryland residents should have access to affordable, quality health care? Would you say you...[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

79%	Strongly agree
14%	Somewhat agree
3%	Neither agree nor disagree
2%	Somewhat disagree
2%	Strongly disagree
<0.5%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

9. How strongly do you agree or disagree that [INTERVIEWER INSERT AND RANDOMIZE EACH ITEM BELOW] should contribute so that everyone can have access to quality, affordable health care coverage? Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?

		Strongly agree ▼	Somewhat agree ▼	Neither agree or disagree ▼	Somewhat disagree ▼	Strongly disagree ▼	Not Sure ▼	Refused ▼
a.	Employers.....	58%	26%	6%	3%	4%	2%	<0.5%
b.	Individuals.....	40%	33%	7%	7%	10%	3%	<0.5%
c.	Federal Government.....	60%	19%	4%	7%	9%	1%	1%
d.	State Government.....	52%	27%	5%	6%	9%	1%	<0.5%

10. How strongly do you support or oppose the Maryland State Government providing subsidies to small businesses in the state so that they can offer health insurance coverage to their workers at an affordable cost? Do you....[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

52%	Strongly agree
29%	Somewhat agree
6%	Neither agree nor disagree
6%	Somewhat disagree
5%	Strongly disagree
2%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

11. If a candidate for state office supports the development of a health care system that would provide access to affordable, quality health care for all Maryland residents, would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to for vote that candidate, or would it not make a difference?

63%	More likely
7%	Less likely
26%	Would not make a difference
3%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Now I want to get your opinions on ways to help generate revenues for the state.

12. One way to generate revenues for the state is to legalize slot machines. How strongly do you support or oppose the state allowing slot machines at limited locations, such as race tracks? Do you....[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

39%	Strongly support
29%	Somewhat support
<0.5%	Neither support nor oppose
9%	Somewhat oppose [SKIP TO QUESTION 14]
19%	Strongly oppose [SKIP TO QUESTION 14]
4%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

13. Would you still support the state allowing slot machines at limited locations if the revenues would be used specifically to ensure that all state residents have access to quality, affordable health care coverage?

88%	Yes
8%	No
3%	Depends on how this was done [VOLUNTEERED. DO NOT READ]
1%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

14. Would you still oppose the state allowing slot machines at limited locations if the revenues would be used specifically to ensure that all state residents have access to quality, affordable health care coverage?

59%	Yes
33%	No
6%	Depends on how this was done [VOLUNTEERED. DO NOT READ]
1%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

DEMOGRAPHICS

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

- D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER. ASK ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY: "To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender?"

45%	Male
55%	Female

D2. Would you say that in general your health today is...?

26%	Excellent
36%	Very good
25%	Good
10%	Fair
3%	Poor
<0.5%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D3. Do you currently have any chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, or osteoporosis?

33%	Yes
66%	No
<0.5%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D4. What is your age as of your last birthday? [IN YEARS] _____

3%	18 – 24
14%	25 – 34
21%	35 – 44
26%	45 – 54
17%	55 – 64
10%	65 – 74
7%	75+

D5. What is your current marital status? Are you....[READ OPTIONS]

60%	Married
3%	Not married, living with your partner or significant other
1%	Separated
9%	Divorced
7%	Widowed
<i>Or are you....</i>	
19%	Currently single <u>and</u> never Married
<0.5%	Not Sure
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D6. [IF D5 = 1 ASK: “Are you or your spouse currently a member of A-A-R-P?” IF D5 = 2 ASK: “Are you or your partner currently a member of AARP?” OTHERWISE ASK “Are you currently a member of AARP?”]

30%	Yes
69%	No
1%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D7. What is the highest level of education that you completed? [READ OPTIONS]

5%	0 to 12 th grade, but with no diploma
22%	High school graduate or equivalent
13%	Post high school education, but with no degree
9%	2 year degree
22%	4 year degree
8%	Post graduate study, but with no degree
22%	Graduate or professional degree
<0.5%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D8. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? [READ OPTIONS]

9%	Self-employed full-time
2%	Self-employed part-time
54%	Employed full-time
8%	Employed part-time
18%	Retired and not working at all
3%	Unemployed and looking for work
Or are you....	
6%	Not in the labor force for other reasons
0%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D9. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

3%	Yes
96%	No
0%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D10. What is your race?

67%	White or Caucasian
25%	Black or African American
<0.5%	Native American or Alaskan Native
2%	Asian
0%	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
3%	Or are you some other race? [Please Specify: _]
3%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D11. Thinking about your state elections for Maryland Governor and Legislators in the last ten years, which of the following best describes your voting behavior? Would you say you vote always, most of the time, about half of the time, seldom, or would you say you never vote?

66%	Always
21%	Most of the time
6%	About half of the time
3%	Seldom
3%	Never
<0.5%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D12. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

46%	Democrat
25%	Republican
17%	Independent
7%	Other
2%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
3%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D13. How would you characterize your political views?

33%	Conservative
43%	Moderate
18%	Liberal
1%	None of the above
3%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
2%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D14. What is your 5-digit zip code? _____

D15. In general, how often do you go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email? Would you say several times a day, about once a day, 3-5 days a week, 1-2 days a week, once every few weeks, less often than every few weeks, or do you never go online to use the Internet or check email?

46%	Several times a day
16%	About once a day
8%	3-5 days a week
6%	1-2 days a week
2%	Once every few weeks
3%	Once a month or less
18%	Or do you never go online to use the Internet or World Wide Web?
<0.5%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D16. We realize income is a private matter and so rather than ask you anything specific about your income, I'd like to ask you to please stop me when I get to the category that your includes your household's income before taxes in 2006. Was it....[READ OPTIONS]

3%	Less than \$10,000
6%	\$10,000 to less than \$20,000
8%	\$20,000 to less than \$35,000
12%	\$35,000 to less than \$50,000
9%	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
9%	\$60,000 to less than \$75,000
14%	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
25%	\$100,000 or more
2%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
12%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

That was our last question for tonight. Thanks you very much for taking the time to help us out. Have a great day/night!

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