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Goucher College Poll results: O'Malley and Brown tied in Democratic primary for Maryland attorney general with more than a third of voters undecided; Lierman leads largely undecided Democratic primary race for state comptroller; Seventy percent of voters undecided in Republican primary for attorney general

BALTIMORE (June 29, 2022)—The Goucher College Poll was conducted from June 15 to 19, 2022. It surveyed 501 Maryland Democratic and 508 Maryland Republican voters and has a margin of sampling error of +/-4.4 percent. Additionally, 403 Democratic and 414 Republican voters were identified as likely voters and asked for their candidate preferences in the upcoming statewide primary contests. The samples of 403 Democratic and 414 Republican likely voters has a margin of sampling error of +/-4.9 and 4.8 percent, respectively.

The poll was funded and co-sponsored by the Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics at Goucher College, *The Baltimore Banner*, and WYPR. **See the [full poll results and results by demographics](#).**

Attorney General and Comptroller Primary Races

The Democratic race for Maryland attorney general is tied between Katie Curran O'Malley (**30 percent**) and Anthony Brown (**29 percent**), with **35 percent** still undecided.

Almost **70 percent** of voters are undecided in the Republican side of the Maryland attorney general primary contest; **17 percent** and **11 percent** say they will vote for Michael Peroutka and Jim Shalleck, respectively.

Brooke Lierman leads Tim Adams in the Democratic race for state comptroller by a margin of **28 percent** to **14 percent**. More than half (**52 percent**) of voters are undecided.

Barry Glassman is running unopposed in the Republican race for state comptroller.

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Methodology Statement

The Goucher College Poll was conducted by telephone from June 15 to 19, 2022, with 502 registered Democrats and 507 registered Republicans living in Maryland. To ensure all Democratic and Republican voters are represented, the poll utilized a random selection of Maryland voter lists containing all currently registered voters identifying party and matched with a dual-frame random sample of cellular (80 percent) and landline (20 percent) numbers. Braun Research collected the data and Dynata supplied the sample of telephone numbers. Interviews were conducted from 1 to 9 p.m. Interviewers attempted to reach respondents with working phone numbers a maximum of five times.

For a sample size of 501 Democrats and 508 Republicans, there is a 95 percent probability the survey results have a ± 4.4 percentage point sampling error from the actual population distribution for any given survey question. For a sample size of 403 Democratic and 414 Republican likely voters, there is a 95 percent probability the survey results have a ± 4.9 and ± 4.8 percentage point sampling error from the actual population distribution for any given survey question, respectively. The margin of error is higher for sub-samples. In addition to sampling error, all surveys are subject to sources of non-sampling error, including question-wording effects, question order effects, and non-response bias. The margin of error is not adjusted for design effects. Data is weighted by gender, age, race, educational attainment, and county/region to match known estimates of voter characteristics.

Question Design

BRACKETED ITEMS []: Items and statements in brackets are rotated to ensure respondents do not receive a set order of response options, which maintains question construction integrity by avoiding respondent agreement based on question composition. Example: **[agree or disagree]** or **[disagree or agree]**

PROBE (p): Some questions contain a “probe” maneuver to determine a respondent’s intensity of opinion. Probe techniques used in this questionnaire ask respondents if their responses are more intense than initially provided. Example: Do you have a **[favorable or unfavorable]** opinion of Mayor Brandon Scott?
PROBE: Would you say very favorable/unfavorable?

OPEN-ENDED: No response options are provided for an open-ended question, i.e., it is entirely up to the respondent to provide the response information.

VOLUNTEER (v): Volunteer responses mean the interviewer did not offer that response option in the question as read to the respondent. Interviewers are instructed not to offer “don’t know” or “refused” or “some other opinion” to the respondent, but the respondent is free to volunteer that information for the interviewer to record.

About the Goucher College Poll

The Goucher College Poll is conducted under the auspices of the Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics at Goucher College. The center is directed by Dr. Mileah Kromer, associate professor of political science. Founded in 2012, the Goucher College Poll seeks to improve public discourse in Maryland by providing neutral, unbiased, and independent information on resident opinions. The Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics is a member of the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations and the American Association for Public Opinion Research Transparency Initiative. For more information or to view archived polls, please visit www.goucher.edu/poll.



Sample Demographics:

The results are in column percentages and may not add up exactly to 100 due to weighting and rounding.

		Registered Democratic Voters <i>n</i> =501 +/-4.4%	Democratic Likely Voters <i>n</i> =403 +/-4.9%	Registered Republican Voters <i>n</i> =508 +/-4.4%	Republican Likely Voters <i>n</i> =414 +/-4.8%
Gender	Male	42%	43%	57%	60%
	Female	58%	57%	43%	40%
Age	18-24	12%	11%	4%	2%
	25-34	16%	14%	13%	12%
	35-44	15%	13%	13%	12%
	45-54	16%	17%	19%	18%
	55-64	17%	18%	25%	27%
	65+	24%	26%	26%	29%
Race	White	53%	56%	92%	93%
	Black	43%	40%	5%	4%
	All other	5%	4%	3%	3%
Education	High school graduate/GED or less	26%	22%	38%	35%
	Some college or associate degree	24%	22%	28%	27%
	Bachelor's degree or higher	50%	56%	35%	38%
County/Region	Montgomery County	18%	19%	10%	10%
	Prince George's County	20%	20%	4%	4%
	Baltimore County	14%	13%	14%	14%
	Baltimore City	14%	14%	3%	2%
	Anne Arundel County	8%	8%	13%	13%
	Central Region	10%	10%	19%	20%
	Western Region	6%	6%	15%	15%
	Eastern Shore Region	5%	6%	13%	13%
	Southern Region	6%	5%	8%	9%
Counties included in region:					
• Central: Carroll, Harford, and Howard					
• Southern: Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's					
• Eastern Shore: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester					
• Western: Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington					
Ideology	Conservative	10%	9%	65%	69%
	Moderate	48%	48%	29%	27%
	Progressive	37%	40%	4%	3%
	Don't know/Refused (v)	5%	3%	2%	1%

Topline Results:

Q: INTEREST was administered to the 501 Democratic (MOE=+/-4.4%) and 508 Republican voters (MOE=+/-4.4%). Questions appear in order in which they were administered to the respondent. The results are in column percentages and may not add up exactly to 100 due to weighting and rounding.

Likely Voter Screen:

Q: INTEREST	As you may know, Maryland will hold statewide primary elections in July. How interested are you in these elections: [extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all] ?	Democratic Voters	Republican Voters
	Not interested at all	5%	6%
	Somewhat interested	22%	23%
Likely voter screen:	Very interested	37%	33%
	Extremely interested	34%	37%
	Don't know (v)	1%	1%
	Refused (v)	0%	0%

Q: LV was administered to voters who indicated that they were somewhat, very, or extremely interested in the statewide primary elections:

Q: LV	Which of the following statements best describes you?	Democratic Voters (n=470)	Republican Voters (n=469)
	I probably will NOT vote in the upcoming primary elections.	2%	1%
	I MAY vote in the 2022 primary elections.	12%	10%
Likely voter screen:	Unless some emergency comes up, I WILL vote in the 2022 primary election.	19%	17%
	I DEFINITELY WILL vote in the 2022 primary election	67%	71%
	Don't know (v)	0%	1%
	Refused (v)	0%	0%

Democratic likely voters:

Q: DEM_AG and **Q: DEM_COM** were administered to the 403 Democratic voters identified as likely voters (MOE=+/-4.9%). Questions appear in order in which they were administered to the respondent. The results are in column percentages and may not add up to 100 exactly due to weighting and rounding.

Q: DEM_AG	Next, I'm going to ask you about two other statewide Democratic primary races. If the Democratic primary for Maryland attorney general were held today, which of the following candidates would you support for the Democratic nomination? [candidates randomized]	Democratic Likely Voter
	Katie Curran O'Malley	30%
	Anthony Brown	29%
	Some other candidate (v)	5%
	Undecided or don't know (v)	35%
	Refused (v)	1%
Q: DEM_COM	If the Democratic primary for state comptroller were held today, which of the following candidates would you support for the Democratic nomination? [candidates randomized]	Democratic Likely Voter
	Brooke Lierman	28%
	Tim Adams	14%
	Some other candidate (v)	4%
	Undecided or don't know (v)	52%
	Refused (v)	2%

Republican likely voters:

Q: REP_AG was administered to the 414 Republican voters identified as likely voters (MOE=+/-4.8%). Questions appear in order in which they were administered to the respondent. The results are in column percentages and may not add up to 100 exactly due to weighting and rounding.

Q: REP_AG	Next, I'm going to ask you about another statewide Republican primary race. If the Republican primary for Maryland attorney general were held today, which of the following candidates would you support for the Republican nomination? [candidates randomized]	Republican Likely Voters
	Michael Peroutka	17%
	Jim Shalleck	11%
	Some other candidate (v)	2%
	Undecided or don't know (v)	68%
	Refused (v)	1%