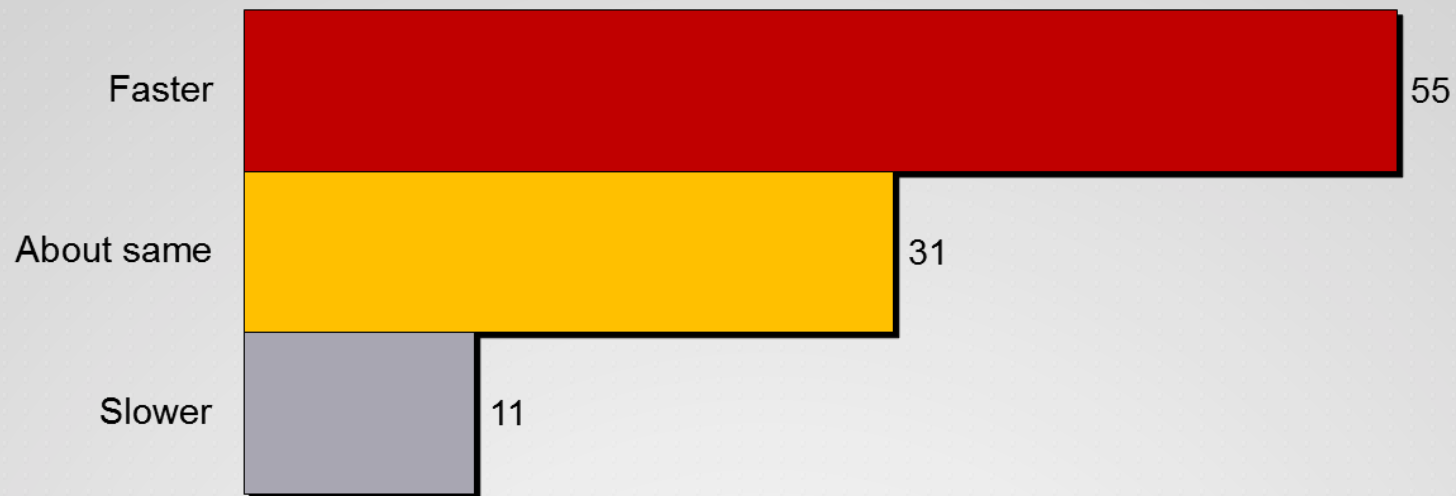


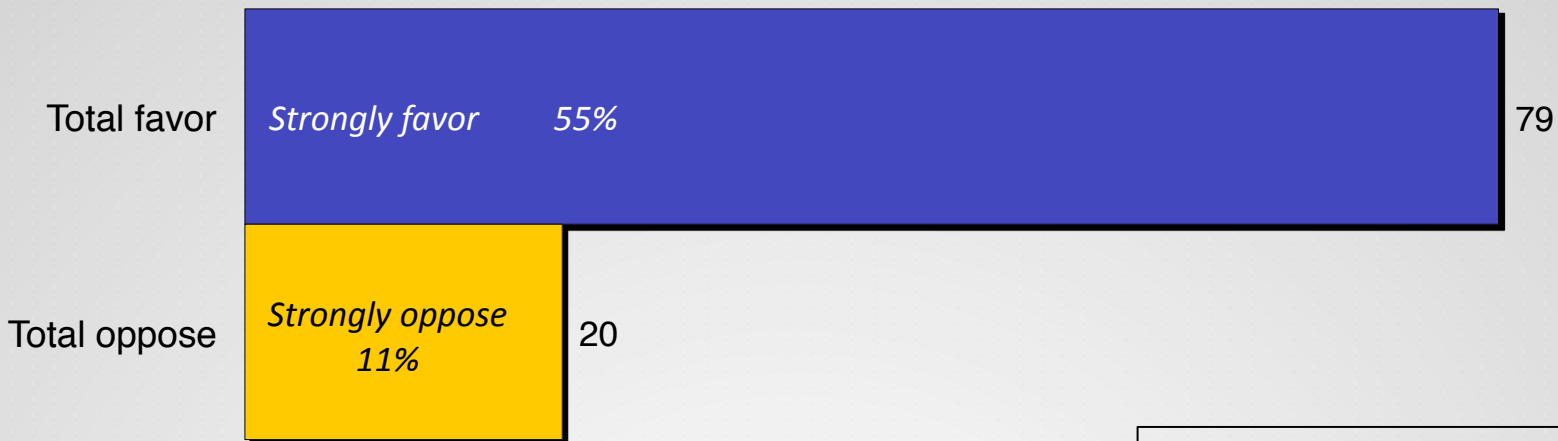
Most MD Voters Believe Cost of Living Has Been Rising Faster Than Wages

Is it your impression that over the last year or so, the cost of living in Maryland has risen faster, about the same, or slower than wages have risen?



Very Strong Support for Proposed Increase In State Minimum Wage to \$10/hr

There is a proposal that may come up in the state legislature this year to raise the minimum wage in Maryland. The current minimum wage for workers in Maryland is \$7.25 an hour, or about \$15,000 a year for someone working a 40-hour work week. There is a proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$8.25 this year, and then increase it to \$10.00 by the year 2013. Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this proposed increase in the minimum wage?



80% of voters favor adjusting minimum wage annually in future years to keep pace with the cost of living

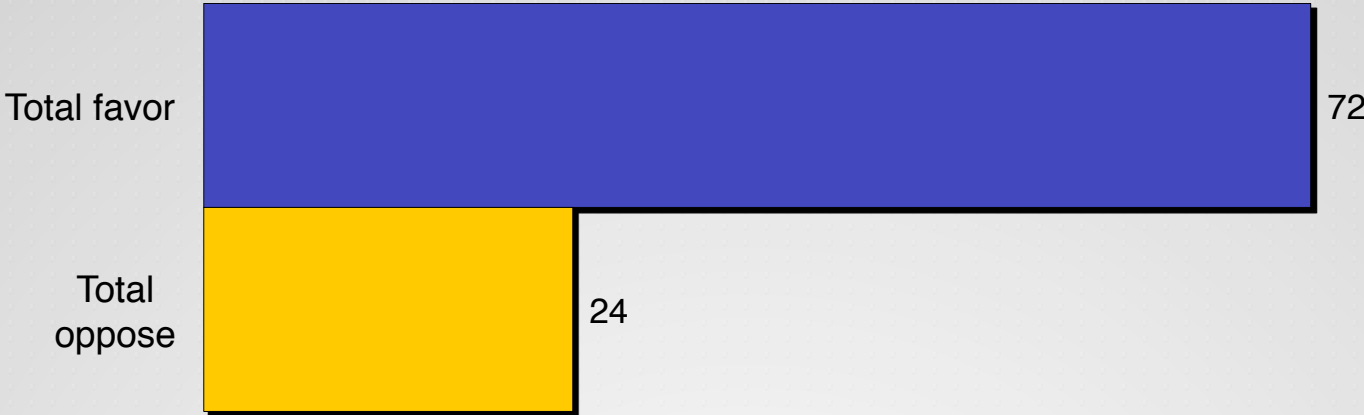
Support for Minimum Wage Increase, By Subgroups

	Favor	Oppose
All voters	79%	22
Eastern Shore	72	24
Baltimore City	85	14
Balt. Suburbs	78	21
DC Suburbs	81	19
Western MD	79	19
Men	71	26
Women	85	14
White	73	25
African-American	95	5

	Favor	Oppose
All voters	79%	22
Democrats	89	11
Independents	75	24
Republicans	60	37
Tea Party voters	62	36
Under \$30K	89	6
\$30K-\$49K	88	12
\$50K-74K	84	14
\$75K-\$150K	75	25
\$150K+	77	22

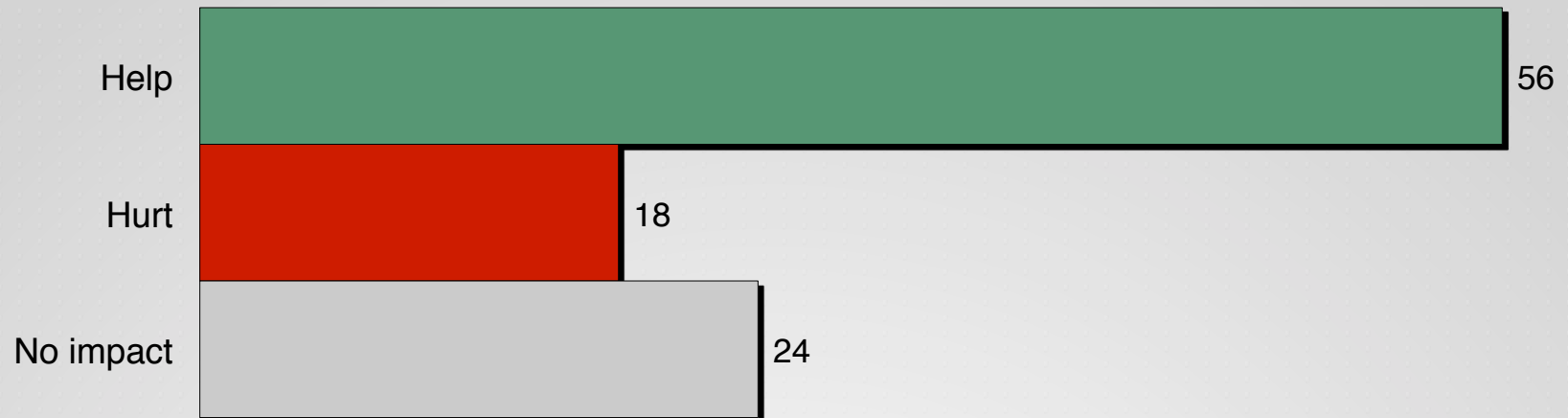
Most Voters Also Support Boost in Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers

The current minimum wage for workers in Maryland who receive tips – such as waiters and waitresses – is set at 50% of the standard minimum wage, or about \$3.63 per hour. There is a proposal to increase the rate for tipped workers to 70% of the standard minimum wage. Would you favor or oppose this change in the minimum wage for tipped workers?



Minimum Wage Increase Seen As Helping MD Economy

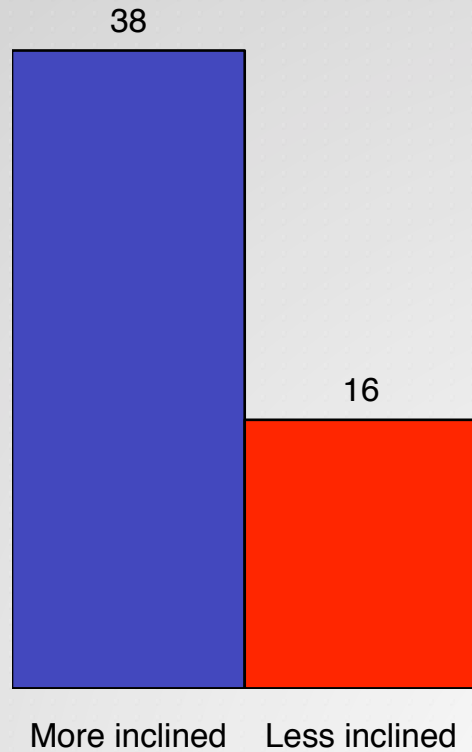
All things considered, do you think that increasing the minimum wage would help the statewide economy, hurt the statewide economy, or not have much impact on the economy either way?



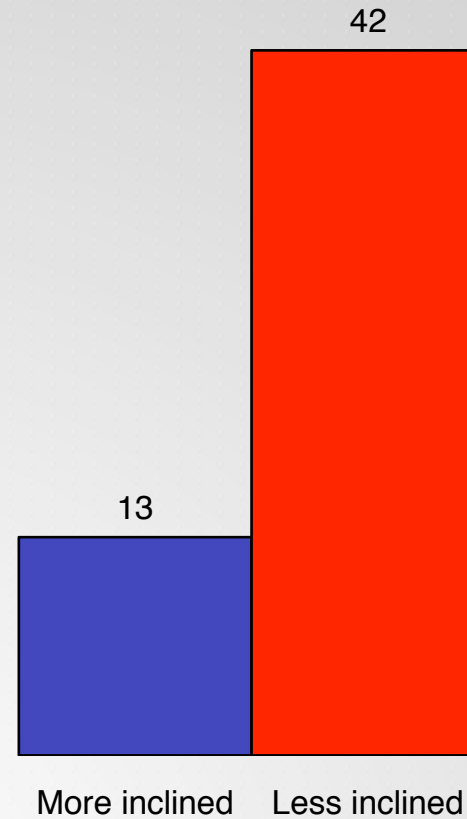
Impact of Minimum Wage Vote On Legislative Elections

Would you be more /less inclined to vote for your own state legislator for reelection if he/she voted...

In favor of increasing the minimum wage:



Against increasing the minimum wage:



About the Survey

- ▶ Interview dates: Nov. 29-Dec 1, 2010
- ▶ Sample size: 600 registered voters in Maryland
- ▶ Key demographics:

Eastern Shore	14%	Democrats	56%
Baltimore City	11	Independents	17
Baltimore Suburbs	33	Republicans	27
DC Suburbs	31		
Western MD	11		