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Re: Maryland Voters' Views on Redistricting

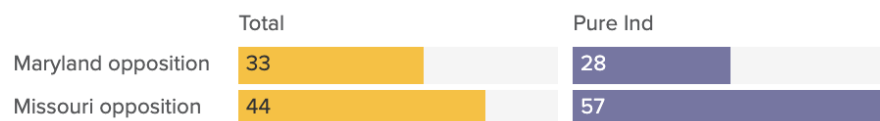
A new survey of likely 2026 voters in Maryland¹ shows that Marylanders are overwhelmingly opposed to red-state Republicans' attempts to redraw their congressional maps, and they see Maryland's own potential redistricting as a necessary countermeasure to check Donald Trump. Only 1 in 3 Maryland voters oppose redistricting in their state, which is significantly lower than opposition in recent polls of other states where redistricting is being considered. Maryland Democrats indicate that they are likely to support primary candidates that support Maryland redistricting by wide margins.

Opposition to Maryland redistricting is low, particularly among independents.

Only 33% of likely voters in Maryland oppose redistricting—far lower than the 52% of Indiana voters who opposed that state's new maps in [an August poll](#) or the 44% who opposed Missouri's redistricting [last month](#). Notably, only 28% of independent Marylanders who lean toward neither party oppose the possible redrawing of the state's maps, which is half as many as the 57% of pure independents in Missouri who opposed their state's redistricting.

Opposition to Redistricting

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Maryland voters believe that redistricting is necessary both to provide a check on Trump and to undo some of the substantive damage being done by the Republican Congress.

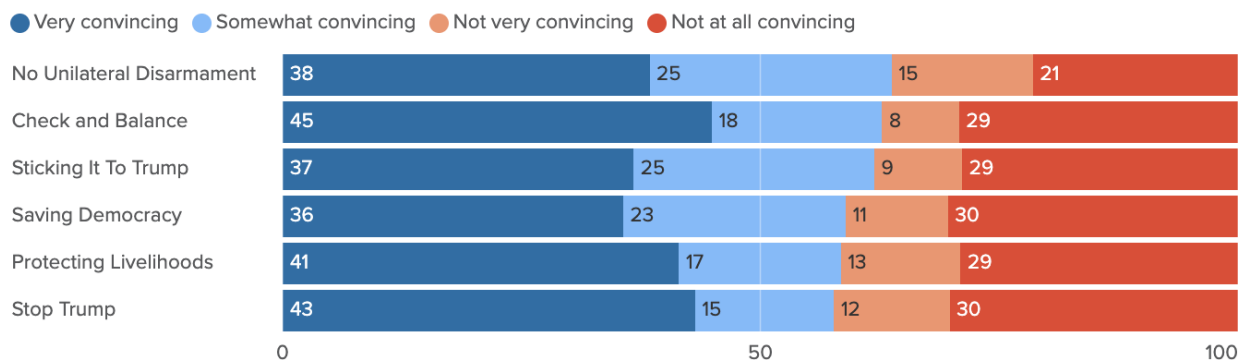
A significant majority of respondents responded positively to every argument that was tested in support of redistricting. For example, 85% of Democrats, 65% of pure independents, and 23% of Republicans had positive responses to a message which argued that Republicans in Texas and Missouri are bullying the country by redrawing their maps, and that Maryland needs to respond

¹ Polling was conducted online from October 8-10, 2025. Using a combination of text-to-web and targeted advertisements on social media to attain a representative sample, Change Research polled 909 likely 2026 voters in Maryland. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, region, and 2024 presidential vote. The modeled margin of error was 3.5%.

by redrawing its own. The degree to which these messages resonate—even across party lines—shows that voters are able to distinguish between the redistricting being pursued by some red states, and the attempts by blue states to level the playing field.

Pro-Redistricting Messaging

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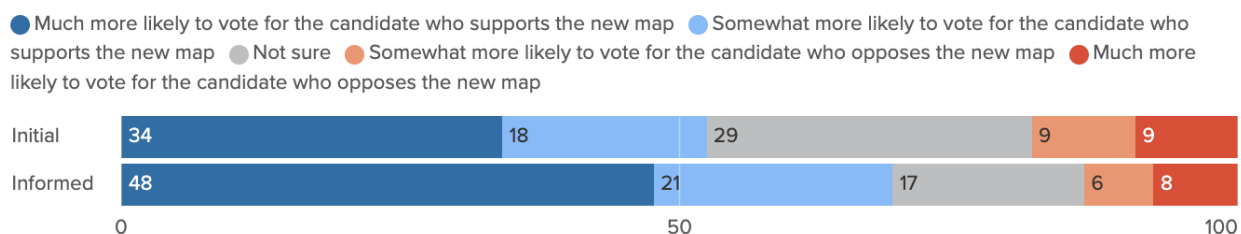
Intro: "Below, you will read some arguments both for and against Maryland's state legislature changing the congressional map. Please indicate how convincing you think each argument is."

Democrats overwhelmingly prefer primary candidates who support redistricting.

Initially, 52% of registered Democrats indicate that they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports a redrawn map, while only 18% would be more likely to vote for one who opposes it. After they read arguments on both sides, Democrats' preferences become significantly more lopsided: 69% would be more likely to vote for a pro-redistricting candidate (including nearly half who would be *much* more likely to support such a candidate), while only 14% would be more likely to vote for an anti-redistricting candidate.

Shift in Democratic Primary Preferences

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Q1: In the 2026 Democratic primary, if you had a choice between one Democrat who supported redrawing Maryland's congressional map to help Democrats win more seats, and one who opposed it, who would you vote for?

Q2: And again, in the 2026 Democratic primary, if you had a choice between one Democrat who supported redrawing Maryland's congressional map to help Democrats win more seats, and one who opposed it, who would you vote for?

Taken together, these results suggest that the Democratic base will respond extremely positively to action from the state legislature on redistricting—and that, if public opinion in Maryland follows California’s trajectory, voters outside the Democratic base are likely to follow.