

A photograph of Martin O'Malley, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red and blue striped tie. He is speaking into a microphone at a podium, with his hands raised in a gesture. The background is a blue wall with a subtle pattern.

**MEET**

# **Martin O'Malley**

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# Meet Martin O'Malley

He's a far-left ex-governor from Maryland, a very liberal state.



*How out-of-touch is Martin O'Malley? His own state rejected him, and 70% of his fellow Marylanders do not think he would make a good president. Ouch.*

## O'MALLEY: TOO EXTREME FOR HIS HOME STATE

Marylanders loved O'Malley's liberal policies so much that they elected... a Republican to succeed him.

It's true. By the time he left office, Martin O'Malley had become too liberal for Maryland, a state that President Obama won with 62% of the vote in 2012. But by the 2014 election, 48% of Marylanders disapproved of the job O'Malley did. Just 41% approved.

That year, O'Malley's lieutenant governor, Anthony Brown, ran as his successor. He was soundly

rejected. Republican Larry Hogan won a "stunning upset" that "clearly reflected unhappiness with O'Malley," Politico reported.

The Washington Post called O'Malley an "albator" for Brown's campaign.

Democrats lost the Maryland governorship because of Martin O'Malley's record. And now Martin O'Malley wants to run for president on that record?

## BY THE NUMBERS: MARYLAND IS SICK OF O'MALLEY'S POLICIES

- **48%** of Marylanders disapproved of O'Malley's job performance, October 2014
- **41%** of Marylanders approved of O'Malley's job performance, October 2014
- **70%** of Marylanders don't think he'd make a good president
- **51%** of voters chose Republican Larry Hogan and rejected O'Malley's successor, November 2014



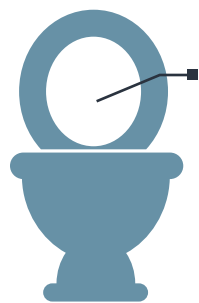
# The “Largest Tax Increase in Maryland History”

A Historic Tax-Hiker



*Martin O'Malley never met a tax hike he didn't like. In 2008, he signed “the largest tax increase in Maryland history.”*

Income tax, sales tax, gas tax, corporate tax: Over eight years, he increased taxes 40 times and doubled the cumulative tax burden. He even levied a “flush tax” on household water and sewage usage.



**O'MALLEY EVEN LEVIED A “FLUSH TAX” ON HOUSEHOLD WATER AND SEWAGE USAGE**

O'Malley is the classic tax-and-spend liberal. Spending went up every year he was in office—and

increased 30 percent over the course of his administration. Near the end of his governorship, the state's budget shortfall swelled to \$1.2 billion.

With higher taxes, increased spending, and budget shortfalls, there's nothing fiscally responsible about the O'Malley record.

And what did the people of Maryland get in return? A “still-sluggish” economy, according to the Washington Post. No wonder Maryland ranks 43rd for business climate. Those tax increases made it an unfriendly state for business and jobs.

## BY THE NUMBERS: TAX AND SPEND

- **40:** times O'Malley increased taxes
- **30%:** Increase in spending
- **\$1.2 billion:** budget shortfall O'Malley left behind
- **43:** Maryland's ranking for business friendliness

# O'Malley Made ObamaCare Even Worse

Maryland's ObamaCare  
exchange was a failure



*“Barely 24 hours after President Obama signed his landmark health law, Gov. Martin O’Malley promised that Maryland would ‘lead the nation’ in putting in place,” reported the Washington Post.*

But Maryland’s ObamaCare exchange ended up being “one of the worst performing in the country.”

Despite warnings about a faulty state exchange website, O’Malley ordered it to go live on October 1, 2013. As CBS Baltimore reported, it “never worked as promised” and was “filled with technical problems.”

It cost taxpayers \$261 million before state officials decided to scrap it. And then state officials decided to scrap it. Yes, it was that bad. Switching to different technology cost an additional \$40 to \$50 million.

**\$261 MILLION:**

**cost of Maryland’s failed ObamaCare  
exchange under Martin O’Malley**

An audit later found that O’Malley also overcharged the federal government almost \$30 million for the Maryland exchange.

O’MalleyCare: it’s like ObamaCare but even more expensive and less functional.

# O'Malley on Energy Issues

Appeasing special interests, he sought to make gas and energy more expensive



Some leaders have energy policies. Martin O'Malley has an anti-energy policy.

At every turn, he opposes energy development and the job creation, preferring instead to raise energy prices on working families.

He is a vocal opponent of the Keystone Pipeline. It's remarkable that he would oppose a popular project that would put people back to work and enhance America's energy security. But at least he takes a position—unlike Hillary Clinton who won't say whether she support or opposes Keystone.

O'Malley also opposes an "all-of-the-above" energy

strategy, which would utilize all available energy sources. In an interview, he told a reporter, "An all-of-the-above strategy did not land a man on the moon."

That's "one giant leap" of logic.

O'Malley supported a regional cap-and-trade program, opposed Virginia's offshore oil exploration plan, and raised the gas tax, which hurt the middle class and working poor.

One Maryland family estimated the gas tax hike would cost them an extra \$450 a year. It's unlikely they found a sympathetic ear from Martin O'Malley.

## O'MALLEY ON THE ISSUES:

- Keystone Pipeline: **NO**
- All-Of-The-Above Energy Policy: **NO**
- Offshore Oil Exploration: **NO**
- Gas Tax Increase: **YES**
- Cap-And-Trade: **YES**

## IN OTHER WORDS...

- Making Energy More Affordable: **NO**
- Increasing Families' Energy Bills: **YES**



# O'Malley's Questionable Legacy on Crime

Observers blame the ex-Baltimore mayor's crime strategies for recent unrest



Before he was governor, O'Malley was mayor of Baltimore. The recent unrest in the city has prompted a closer examination of his record on crime. And that examination hasn't been flattering.

According to Baltimore community leaders, relations between African Americans and police "reached a nadir during O'Malley's tenure." One activist who worked with Baltimore United for Change blamed O'Malley's policies for the outbreak of violence earlier this year. "We don't want him here," the activist told Politico.

Even fellow Democrats, like former Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler, point fingers at O'Malley, saying his tactics led to the targeting of minorities. O'Malley "worsened the problem" and "distrust" grew, according to Gansler.

Other civic leaders agree, saying O'Malley's approach led to "a deep mistrust of law enforcement."

## **O'MALLEY'S CRIME POLICIES UNDER SCRUTINY:**

- He "worsened the problem." – former Democrat State Attorney General
- "We don't want him here." – local activist

- He caused "a deep mistrust of law enforcement." – Baltimore civic leaders

When O'Malley ran for governor, he campaigned on cleaning up the Maryland prison system. Like so many of his promises, he fell short.

As the Washington Post reported, in April 2013, federal prosecutors indicted 13 Baltimore city jail correctional officers for helping the Black Guerilla Family (BGF) prison gang "operate a drug-trafficking and money-laundering scheme from behind bars." In November, federal prosecutors charged another 14 correctional officers.

The FBI special agent in charge said the gang "literally took over" the jail. "The gang leader at the center of the case had impregnated four of the jail guards."

What was O'Malley's response to the scandal?

He emailed Baltimore mayor to say he was "not asleep at the switch." He blamed a "half-hammed" press rollout for the controversy.

So much for that campaign promise.