

National Tracking Poll

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N Size: 1000 Older Adults (60+) On Healthcare

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PH2_1NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. The economy / jobs</i>		
	Selected	235	24%
	Not Selected	765	76%
PH2_2NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. COVID-19 pandemic</i>		
	Selected	478	48%
	Not Selected	522	52%
PH2_3NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. Health care costs and coverage</i>		
	Selected	267	27%
	Not Selected	733	73%
PH2_4NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. National security and terrorism</i>		
	Selected	206	21%
	Not Selected	794	79%
PH2_5NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. Immigration and border security</i>		
	Selected	354	35%
	Not Selected	646	65%
PH2_6NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. Education</i>		
	Selected	23	2%
	Not Selected	977	98%
PH2_7NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. Crime</i>		
	Selected	79	8%
	Not Selected	921	92%

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PH2_8NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. Taxes</i>		
	Selected	89	9%
	Not Selected	911	91%
PH2_9NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. Infrastructure</i>		
	Selected	125	13%
	Not Selected	875	87%
PH2_10NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. Other, please specify</i>		
	Selected	75	8%
	Not Selected	925	92%
PH2_11NET	<i>Now, from the following options, which are the two MOST important issues that need to be addressed by Congress right now? Please select up to two. None of the above</i>		
	Selected	3	0%
	Not Selected	997	100%
PH3_1NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Containing the COVID-19 pandemic</i>		
	Selected	503	50%
	Not Selected	497	50%
PH3_2NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Reducing hospital-related out-of-pocket costs (e.g., not covered by your insurance), such as copays, deductibles, and out-of-network charges</i>		
	Selected	126	13%
	Not Selected	874	87%
PH3_3NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Reducing prescription drug out-of-pocket costs (e.g., not covered by your insurance), such as copays and deductibles</i>		
	Selected	207	21%
	Not Selected	793	79%
PH3_4NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Reducing health insurance premiums</i>		
	Selected	169	17%
	Not Selected	831	83%

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PH3_5NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Ensuring protections for pre-existing conditions</i>		
	Selected	143	14%
	Not Selected	857	86%
PH3_6NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Preserving the financial stability of the Medicare program</i>		
	Selected	406	41%
	Not Selected	594	59%
PH3_7NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Eliminating unexpected medical bills</i>		
	Selected	83	8%
	Not Selected	917	92%
PH3_8NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Addressing racial disparities in health care</i>		
	Selected	34	3%
	Not Selected	966	97%
PH3_9NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Investing in research for future treatments and cures</i>		
	Selected	61	6%
	Not Selected	939	94%
PH3_10NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Increasing options for health care coverage</i>		
	Selected	95	9%
	Not Selected	905	91%
PH3_11NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Addressing the opioid crisis</i>		
	Selected	41	4%
	Not Selected	959	96%
PH3_12NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. Other, please specify</i>		
	Selected	29	3%
	Not Selected	971	97%
PH3_13NET	<i>From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? Please select up to two. None of the above</i>		
	Selected	12	1%
	Not Selected	988	99%

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PH4	<i>Do you currently have prescription drug coverage through Medicare (the government health insurance program for individuals 65+ and people with disabilities)? (N=748)</i>		
	Yes	532	71%
	No	216	29%
PH5	<i>Overall, how satisfied are you with your Medicare health care coverage? Are you (N=532)</i>		
	Very satisfied	262	49%
	Somewhat satisfied	229	43%
	Not very satisfied	24	4%
	Not at all satisfied	9	2%
	Don't know / No opinion	8	2%
PH6	<i>Overall, how satisfied are you with your Medicare prescription drug coverage? Are you (N=532)</i>		
	Very satisfied	235	44%
	Somewhat satisfied	228	43%
	Not very satisfied	35	7%
	Not at all satisfied	17	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	17	3%
PH7_1	<i>The following statements may or may not describe your opinion about your Medicare prescription drug plan. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? My plan works well and without hassle (N=532)</i>		
	Strongly agree	229	43%
	Somewhat agree	234	44%
	Somewhat disagree	42	8%
	Strongly disagree	13	2%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	14	3%
PH7_2	<i>The following statements may or may not describe your opinion about your Medicare prescription drug plan. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? I understand how my plan works and how to use it (N=532)</i>		
	Strongly agree	202	38%
	Somewhat agree	253	48%
	Somewhat disagree	52	10%
	Strongly disagree	16	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	8	2%

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PH7_3 <i>The following statements may or may not describe your opinion about your Medicare prescription drug plan. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? My plan is a good value (N=532)</i>	Strongly agree	234	44%
	Somewhat agree	223	42%
	Somewhat disagree	45	8%
	Strongly disagree	21	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	9	2%
PH7_4 <i>The following statements may or may not describe your opinion about your Medicare prescription drug plan. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? My copays and/or coinsurance amounts on brand name medications are affordable (N=287)</i>	Strongly agree	103	36%
	Somewhat agree	101	35%
	Somewhat disagree	34	12%
	Strongly disagree	25	9%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	23	8%
PH7_5 <i>The following statements may or may not describe your opinion about your Medicare prescription drug plan. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? My copays and/or coinsurance amounts on generic medications are affordable (N=245)</i>	Strongly agree	112	46%
	Somewhat agree	101	41%
	Somewhat disagree	21	9%
	Strongly disagree	7	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	4	2%
PH7_6 <i>The following statements may or may not describe your opinion about your Medicare prescription drug plan. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? My monthly premium is affordable (N=532)</i>	Strongly agree	240	45%
	Somewhat agree	208	39%
	Somewhat disagree	52	10%
	Strongly disagree	20	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	11	2%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PH7_7	<i>The following statements may or may not describe your opinion about your Medicare prescription drug plan. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? My total out-of-pocket costs are reasonable (N=532)</i>		
	Strongly agree	204	38%
	Somewhat agree	199	37%
	Somewhat disagree	76	14%
	Strongly disagree	40	8%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	13	3%
PH7_8	<i>The following statements may or may not describe your opinion about your Medicare prescription drug plan. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? My plan covers all the medications my doctor prescribes (N=532)</i>		
	Strongly agree	221	42%
	Somewhat agree	176	33%
	Somewhat disagree	65	12%
	Strongly disagree	36	7%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	33	6%
PH8	<i>Thinking specifically about your prescription drug plan, which would you prefer?</i>		
	You pay a slightly higher monthly premium (between \$1 to \$10 more) for comprehensive prescription drug coverage but then have a lower deductible, and lower co-pays throughout the year.	568	57%
	You pay a lower monthly premium for basic prescription drug coverage but have a higher deductible, and higher co-pays throughout the year.	146	15%
	Don't know / No opinion	286	29%
PH9	<i>Which scenario for your prescription drug plan would you prefer?</i>		
	Maintain your access to a wide range of innovative and effective prescription drugs, even if some drugs have high prices	438	44%
	Keep the cost of prescription drugs as low as possible, even if it means fewer innovative and effective new drugs for diseases are available to you	388	39%
	Don't know / No opinion	174	17%
PH9a	<i>And, which of these two options would you prefer?</i>		
	A lower limit on yearly out-of-pocket costs, with patient having the responsibility to pay 25 percent of the cost for prescription drugs until the limit is reached	321	32%
	A higher limit on yearly out-of-pocket costs, with the maximum copay for all prescription drugs set at a fixed dollar amount	360	36%
	Don't Know / Unsure	319	32%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PH9b_1	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Lowering the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 60</i>		
	Favor strongly	237	24%
	Favor somewhat	187	19%
	Oppose somewhat	188	19%
	Oppose strongly	268	27%
	Don't know / No opinion	120	12%
PH9b_2	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Expanding government health insurance coverage for lower-income people in states that have not expanded their Medicaid program</i>		
	Favor strongly	304	30%
	Favor somewhat	278	28%
	Oppose somewhat	105	10%
	Oppose strongly	151	15%
	Don't know / No opinion	162	16%
PH9b_3	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Placing a limit on out-of-pocket costs, such as co-pays, that older adults have to pay each year for things like prescription drugs (N=490)</i>		
	Favor strongly	270	55%
	Favor somewhat	169	35%
	Oppose somewhat	18	4%
	Oppose strongly	15	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	18	4%
PH9b_4	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Creating an out-of-pocket cap for drugs in Medicare for low-income beneficiaries (N=510)</i>		
	Favor strongly	217	43%
	Favor somewhat	200	39%
	Oppose somewhat	28	5%
	Oppose strongly	22	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	44	9%

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PH9b_5	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Expanding Medicare coverage to include hearing aids, dental, and vision coverage</i>		
	Favor strongly	611	61%
	Favor somewhat	266	27%
	Oppose somewhat	35	4%
	Oppose strongly	39	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	49	5%
PH9b_6	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Financially penalizing drug companies for raising prices faster than inflation</i>		
	Favor strongly	600	60%
	Favor somewhat	256	26%
	Oppose somewhat	45	4%
	Oppose strongly	30	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	70	7%
PH9b_7	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Closing loopholes that allow drug companies to extend their patents or prevent generic competition</i>		
	Favor strongly	578	58%
	Favor somewhat	241	24%
	Oppose somewhat	41	4%
	Oppose strongly	34	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	106	11%
PH9b_8	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Basing out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for older adults on the lower amount that insurers pay for a drug, rather than the higher list price (e.g. sticker price)</i>		
	Favor strongly	553	55%
	Favor somewhat	311	31%
	Oppose somewhat	16	2%
	Oppose strongly	14	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	106	11%

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PH9b_9	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Capping the maximum out-of-pocket cost per month for insulin at \$50</i>		
	Favor strongly	494	49%
	Favor somewhat	244	24%
	Oppose somewhat	42	4%
	Oppose strongly	13	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	208	21%
PH9b_10	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Establishing a maximum price for the most-used prescription drugs based on prices from other countries (N=482)</i>		
	Favor strongly	214	44%
	Favor somewhat	166	34%
	Oppose somewhat	22	5%
	Oppose strongly	12	2%
	Don't know / No opinion	68	14%
PH9b_11	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Establishing a maximum price for drugs that no longer have patent protections, but for which there is no generic competition (N=518)</i>		
	Favor strongly	210	41%
	Favor somewhat	181	35%
	Oppose somewhat	20	4%
	Oppose strongly	23	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	84	16%
PH9b_12	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Including a no-interest payment installment option that allows seniors to evenly spread out-of-pocket expenses throughout the calendar year instead of requiring them to pay all at once</i>		
	Favor strongly	363	36%
	Favor somewhat	405	40%
	Oppose somewhat	51	5%
	Oppose strongly	29	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	152	15%

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PH9b_13	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Requiring more transparency for drug costs so people understand the percentage of a drug's cost that is attributable to middlemen</i>		
	Favor strongly	530	53%
	Favor somewhat	357	36%
	Oppose somewhat	13	1%
	Oppose strongly	7	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	93	9%
PH9b_14	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices that do not have competition or exclusivity in the Part B program</i>		
	Favor strongly	477	48%
	Favor somewhat	320	32%
	Oppose somewhat	51	5%
	Oppose strongly	26	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	126	13%
PH9b_15	<i>The following is a list of potential policies Congress is considering related to health care and prescription drug prices. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the following? Maintaining the current U.S. ecosystem for medicine and vaccine development</i>		
	Favor strongly	251	25%
	Favor somewhat	408	41%
	Oppose somewhat	78	8%
	Oppose strongly	39	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	224	22%
PH9c_1	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Lowering the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 60 (N=424)</i>		
	Selected	152	36%
	Not Selected	273	64%
PH9c_2	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Expanding government health insurance coverage for lower-income people in states that have not expanded their Medicaid program (N=582)</i>		
	Selected	160	28%
	Not Selected	422	72%

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PH9c_3	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Placing a limit on out-of-pocket costs, such as co-pays, that older adults have to pay each year for things like prescription drugs (N=439)</i>		
		Selected	180 41%
		Not Selected	259 59%
PH9c_4	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Creating an out-of-pocket cap for drugs in Medicare for low-income beneficiaries (N=417)</i>		
		Selected	94 23%
		Not Selected	323 77%
PH9c_5	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Expanding Medicare coverage to include hearing aids, dental, and vision coverage (N=877)</i>		
		Selected	538 61%
		Not Selected	339 39%
PH9c_6	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Financially penalizing drug companies for raising prices faster than inflation (N=856)</i>		
		Selected	252 29%
		Not Selected	604 71%
PH9c_7	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Closing loopholes that allow drug companies to extend their patents or prevent generic competition (N=818)</i>		
		Selected	221 27%
		Not Selected	597 73%
PH9c_8	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Basing out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for older adults on the lower amount that insurers pay for a drug, rather than the higher list price (e.g. sticker price) (N=864)</i>		
		Selected	248 29%
		Not Selected	616 71%
PH9c_9	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Capping the maximum out-of-pocket cost per month for insulin at \$50 (N=738)</i>		
		Selected	165 22%
		Not Selected	572 78%

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PH9c_10	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Establishing a maximum price for the most-used prescription drugs based on prices from other countries (N=379)</i>		
	Selected	91	24%
	Not Selected	288	76%
PH9c_11	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Establishing a maximum price for drugs that no longer have patent protections, but for which there is no generic competition (N=392)</i>		
	Selected	73	19%
	Not Selected	319	81%
PH9c_12	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Including a no-interest payment installment option that allows seniors to evenly spread out-of-pocket expenses throughout the calendar year instead of requiring them to pay all at once (N=768)</i>		
	Selected	88	11%
	Not Selected	681	89%
PH9c_13	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Requiring more transparency for drug costs so people understand the percentage of a drug's cost that is attributable to middlemen (N=887)</i>		
	Selected	104	12%
	Not Selected	783	88%
PH9c_14	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices that do not have competition or exclusivity in the Part B program (N=797)</i>		
	Selected	238	30%
	Not Selected	559	70%
PH9c_15	<i>And which of the following policies do you think should be the top policies for Congress to enact? Please select up to 3. Maintaining the current U.S. ecosystem for medicine and vaccine development (N=659)</i>		
	Selected	77	12%
	Not Selected	582	88%

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PH10	<i>The federal government does NOT currently negotiate directly with drug companies to get a lower price on medications. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose allowing the federal government to directly negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on medications that would apply to both Medicare and private insurance?</i>		
	Favor strongly	449	45%
	Favor somewhat	340	34%
	Oppose somewhat	37	4%
	Oppose strongly	42	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	131	13%
PH11favopp_1	<i>The following are arguments some people have made for or against having the federal government negotiate prescription drug prices. Would you favor or oppose allowing these negotiations if you heard the following? It could limit people's access to newer prescription drugs (N=525)</i>		
	Favor strongly	30	6%
	Favor somewhat	102	19%
	Oppose somewhat	156	30%
	Oppose strongly	114	22%
	Don't know / No opinion	122	23%
PH11favopp_2	<i>The following are arguments some people have made for or against having the federal government negotiate prescription drug prices. Would you favor or oppose allowing these negotiations if you heard the following? People could save money on their prescription drugs (N=525)</i>		
	Favor strongly	300	57%
	Favor somewhat	182	35%
	Oppose somewhat	6	1%
	Oppose strongly	8	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	30	6%
PH11favopp_3	<i>The following are arguments some people have made for or against having the federal government negotiate prescription drug prices. Would you favor or oppose allowing these negotiations if you heard the following? The federal government could save money by paying less for prescription drugs for people on Medicare (N=525)</i>		
	Favor strongly	221	42%
	Favor somewhat	191	36%
	Oppose somewhat	24	5%
	Oppose strongly	43	8%
	Don't know / No opinion	45	9%

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PH11favopp_4	<i>The following are arguments some people have made for or against having the federal government negotiate prescription drug prices. Would you favor or oppose allowing these negotiations if you heard the following? It could lead to less research and development of new drugs (N=525)</i>		
	Favor strongly	40	8%
	Favor somewhat	90	17%
	Oppose somewhat	152	29%
	Oppose strongly	115	22%
	Don't know / No opinion	128	24%
PH11oppfav_1	<i>The following are arguments some people have made for or against having the federal government negotiate prescription drug prices. Would you oppose or favor allowing these negotiations if you heard the following? It could limit people's access to newer prescription drugs (N=475)</i>		
	Favor strongly	35	7%
	Favor somewhat	85	18%
	Oppose somewhat	141	30%
	Oppose strongly	91	19%
	Don't know / No opinion	123	26%
PH11oppfav_2	<i>The following are arguments some people have made for or against having the federal government negotiate prescription drug prices. Would you oppose or favor allowing these negotiations if you heard the following? People could save money on their prescription drugs (N=475)</i>		
	Favor strongly	271	57%
	Favor somewhat	163	34%
	Oppose somewhat	7	1%
	Oppose strongly	6	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	29	6%
PH11oppfav_3	<i>The following are arguments some people have made for or against having the federal government negotiate prescription drug prices. Would you oppose or favor allowing these negotiations if you heard the following? The federal government could save money by paying less for prescription drugs for people on Medicare (N=475)</i>		
	Favor strongly	205	43%
	Favor somewhat	186	39%
	Oppose somewhat	25	5%
	Oppose strongly	20	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	40	8%

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PH11oppfav_4	<i>The following are arguments some people have made for or against having the federal government negotiate prescription drug prices. Would you oppose or favor allowing these negotiations if you heard the following? It could lead to less research and development of new drugs (N=475)</i>		
	Favor strongly	45	10%
	Favor somewhat	99	21%
	Oppose somewhat	144	30%
	Oppose strongly	96	20%
	Don't know / No opinion	91	19%
PH13	<i>Now, which of the following options most closely matches your view of what direct negotiation means to you?</i>		
	Drug company says the government must pay the amount they request for a drug, or they will not sell it to Medicare and Medicaid	39	4%
	Either the drug company or government proposes an initial price for a drug, then there is a back-and-forth negotiation, and the price ends somewhere in the middle	589	59%
	Government tells drug company they will not pay more than a set amount for a drug, and if the drug company does not agree, Medicare and Medicaid will not offer the drug	161	16%
	Other, please specify	17	2%
	Don't know / Unsure	194	19%
PH14_1	<i>Allowing the government to directly negotiate may reduce prescription drug prices, but other effects may occur as well. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following? To save money, the federal government could establish a closed formulary (limited list of medications that would be covered) under Medicare.</i>		
	Very concerned	389	39%
	Somewhat concerned	344	34%
	Not too concerned	117	12%
	Not concerned at all	24	2%
	Don't know / No opinion	125	13%
PH14_2	<i>Allowing the government to directly negotiate may reduce prescription drug prices, but other effects may occur as well. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following? Which medications are covered could be decided based on the 'value' of a patient's life by looking at their medical conditions and age.</i>		
	Very concerned	473	47%
	Somewhat concerned	268	27%
	Not too concerned	105	11%
	Not concerned at all	33	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	120	12%

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PH14_3	<i>Allowing the government to directly negotiate may reduce prescription drug prices, but other effects may occur as well. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following? There is no guarantee that patients could save money as a result.</i>		
	Very concerned	435	44%
	Somewhat concerned	318	32%
	Not too concerned	114	11%
	Not concerned at all	28	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	105	10%
PH14_4	<i>Allowing the government to directly negotiate may reduce prescription drug prices, but other effects may occur as well. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following? Government savings on prescription drugs could be used to help balance the budget.</i>		
	Very concerned	268	27%
	Somewhat concerned	257	26%
	Not too concerned	240	24%
	Not concerned at all	102	10%
	Don't know / No opinion	134	13%
PH14_5	<i>Allowing the government to directly negotiate may reduce prescription drug prices, but other effects may occur as well. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following? Government savings on prescription drugs could be used to pay for unrelated government spending (e.g., non-health care).</i>		
	Very concerned	372	37%
	Somewhat concerned	304	30%
	Not too concerned	139	14%
	Not concerned at all	70	7%
	Don't know / No opinion	115	12%
PH14_6	<i>Allowing the government to directly negotiate may reduce prescription drug prices, but other effects may occur as well. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following? Taxing medications could result in an estimated 60 fewer medications coming to market in the coming years.</i>		
	Very concerned	394	39%
	Somewhat concerned	297	30%
	Not too concerned	124	12%
	Not concerned at all	57	6%
	Don't know / No opinion	128	13%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PH14_7	<i>Allowing the government to directly negotiate may reduce prescription drug prices, but other effects may occur as well. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following? Money saved on prescription drugs could be used to pay for other government spending priorities.</i>		
	Very concerned	364	36%
	Somewhat concerned	269	27%
	Not too concerned	174	17%
	Not concerned at all	69	7%
	Don't know / No opinion	125	12%
PH14_PH14_8	<i>Allowing the government to directly negotiate may reduce prescription drug prices, but other effects may occur as well. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following? An unregulated third party could be tasked with establishing the prices the government is willing to pay for a medication.</i>		
	Very concerned	292	29%
	Somewhat concerned	314	31%
	Not too concerned	183	18%
	Not concerned at all	38	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	172	17%
PH15	<i>In practice, current Congressional proposals on government direct negotiation on drug prices would allow the government to tell drug companies they will not pay more than a set amount for a drug. If the drug company does not agree, Medicare and Medicaid will not offer the drug – effectively allowing the federal government to set the prices of drugs. After learning more, would you favor or oppose allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on medications that would apply to both Medicare and private insurance?</i>		
	Favor strongly	205	21%
	Favor somewhat	265	26%
	Oppose somewhat	222	22%
	Oppose strongly	141	14%
	Don't know/ No opinion	167	17%
PH16	<i>How familiar are you with how the Veterans Health Administration (VA) operates for prescription drug coverage?</i>		
	Very familiar	33	3%
	Somewhat familiar	118	12%
	Not too familiar	231	23%
	Not familiar at all	618	62%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PH17_1	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Veterans receive high-quality health care</i>		
	Strongly agree	125	12%
	Somewhat agree	243	24%
	Somewhat disagree	259	26%
	Strongly disagree	150	15%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	223	22%
PH17_2	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Veterans receive the most cutting-edge care and latest medications and treatments</i>		
	Strongly agree	122	12%
	Somewhat agree	165	17%
	Somewhat disagree	243	24%
	Strongly disagree	151	15%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	319	32%
PH17_3	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I would trade my current coverage in favor of a system that resembles the VA</i>		
	Strongly agree	77	8%
	Somewhat agree	121	12%
	Somewhat disagree	157	16%
	Strongly disagree	190	19%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	455	46%
PH18	<i>There's a proposal in Congress to make Medicare prescription drug plans operate more like the VA system. Would you support or oppose this proposal?</i>		
	Strongly support	115	12%
	Somewhat support	201	20%
	Somewhat oppose	76	8%
	Strongly oppose	92	9%
	Don't know / No opinion	516	52%
PH19_1	<i>For each of the following statements, would it make you more likely or less likely to support the proposal to make Medicare prescription drug plans operate more like the VA? Nearly 9 in 10 Medicare beneficiaries are satisfied with their current drug coverage.</i>		
	Much more likely	142	14%
	Somewhat more likely	259	26%
	Neither more nor less likely	384	38%
	Somewhat less likely	132	13%
	Much less likely	83	8%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PH19_2	<i>For each of the following statements, would it make you more likely or less likely to support the proposal to make Medicare prescription drug plans operate more like the VA? Most seniors would oppose making Medicare prescription drug coverage more like the VA system if it meant that some medications currently available under Medicare were no longer covered.</i>		
	Much more likely	100	10%
	Somewhat more likely	121	12%
	Neither more nor less likely	350	35%
	Somewhat less likely	245	25%
	Much less likely	182	18%
PH19_3	<i>For each of the following statements, would it make you more likely or less likely to support the proposal to make Medicare prescription drug plans operate more like the VA? The VA relies on an unregulated third-party to establish a calculation that puts a value on a patient's life based on their medical conditions and age.</i>		
	Much more likely	67	7%
	Somewhat more likely	118	12%
	Neither more nor less likely	361	36%
	Somewhat less likely	218	22%
	Much less likely	230	23%
PHdem1	<i>Which one of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?</i>		
	The VA, Veterans Health Administration, or VA Health	9	1%
	Tricare	2	0%
	Medicare	695	70%
	Your state's Medicaid program	42	4%
	A health plan through your or your spouse's current employer	192	19%
	A health plan you purchase yourself	55	5%
	COBRA coverage through a former employer	5	0%
PHdem2	<i>Have you been diagnosed with a medical condition requiring regular medical treatment such as the need to take prescription drugs every day?</i>		
	Yes, I have been diagnosed with one medical condition	246	25%
	Yes, I have been diagnosed with more than one medical condition	547	55%
	No, I have not been diagnosed with a medical condition	206	21%
PHdem3	<i>Do you currently take prescription drugs?</i>		
	Yes	793	79%
	No	207	21%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PHdem4	<i>Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?</i>		
	Yes	177	18%
	No	822	82%
	Not sure	1	0%
PHdem5	<i>Do you use the VA, Veterans Health Administration, or VA Health as an additional source of health insurance coverage?</i>		
	Yes	63	6%
	No	925	92%
	Not sure	12	1%

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Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Older Adults (60+) on Healthcare	1000	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	464	46%
	Gender: Female	536	54%
	N	1000	
age	Age: 45-64	252	25%
	Age: 65+	748	75%
	N	1000	
demAgeGeneration	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	772	77%
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	405	40%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	244	24%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	351	35%
	N	1000	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	152	15%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	252	25%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	118	12%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	127	13%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	194	19%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	157	16%
	N	1000	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	250	25%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	309	31%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	426	43%
	N	985	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	668	67%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	193	19%
	Educ: Post-grad	140	14%
	N	1000	
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	530	53%
	Income: 50k-100k	318	32%
	Income: 100k+	152	15%
	N	1000	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	812	81%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	95	9%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	70	7%

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	119	12%
xdemReligion	All Christian	635	63%
	All Non-Christian	60	6%
	Atheist	45	4%
	Agnostic/Nothing in particular	187	19%
	Something Else	74	7%
	N	1000	
xdemReligOther	Religious Non-Protestant/Catholic	67	7%
xdemEvang	Evangelical	246	25%
	Non-Evangelical	452	45%
	N	698	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	208	21%
	Community: Suburban	520	52%
	Community: Rural	271	27%
	N	1000	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	142	14%
	Employ: Government	14	1%
	Employ: Self-Employed	47	5%
	Employ: Homemaker	28	3%
	Employ: Retired	717	72%
	Employ: Unemployed	25	2%
	Employ: Other	27	3%
	N	1000	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	254	25%
	Military HH: No	746	75%
	N	1000	
xnrl	RD/WT: Right Direction	414	41%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	586	59%
	N	1000	
xdemBidenApprove	Biden Job Approve	482	48%
	Biden Job Disapprove	506	51%
	N	988	
xdemBidenApprove2	Biden Job Strongly Approve	295	30%
	Biden Job Somewhat Approve	187	19%
	Biden Job Somewhat Disapprove	107	11%
	Biden Job Strongly Disapprove	399	40%
	N	988	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemBidenFav	Favorable of Biden	487	49%
	Unfavorable of Biden	498	50%
	N	985	
xdemBidenFavFull	Very Favorable of Biden	325	33%
	Somewhat Favorable of Biden	162	16%
	Somewhat Unfavorable of Biden	88	9%
	Very Unfavorable of Biden	410	41%
	N	985	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	191	19%
	#1 Issue: Security	276	28%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	80	8%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	303	30%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	19	2%
	#1 Issue: Education	9	1%
	#1 Issue: Energy	33	3%
	#1 Issue: Other	88	9%
	N	1000	
xsubVote20O	2020 Vote: Joe Biden	468	47%
	2020 Vote: Donald Trump	422	42%
	2020 Vote: Other	16	2%
	2020 Vote: Didn't Vote	93	9%
	N	1000	
xsubVote18O	2018 House Vote: Democrat	432	43%
	2018 House Vote: Republican	369	37%
	2018 House Vote: Someone else	24	2%
	N	825	
xsubVote16O	2016 Vote: Hillary Clinton	403	40%
	2016 Vote: Donald Trump	422	42%
	2016 Vote: Other	52	5%
	2016 Vote: Didn't Vote	122	12%
	N	999	
xsubVote14O	Voted in 2014: Yes	785	79%
	Voted in 2014: No	215	21%
	N	1000	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	185	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	217	22%
	4-Region: South	375	38%
	4-Region: West	223	22%
	N	1000	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
PHxdem1	VA Health (Primary)	9	1%
	Tricare	2	0%
	Medicare	695	70%
	Medicaid	42	4%
	Employer Health Insurance	192	19%
	Self Purchased Private Insurance	55	5%
	COBRA	5	0%
	N	1000	
PHxdem2	Medicare Part D	532	53%
PHxdem3	Chronic Condition	794	79%
	No Chronic Condition	206	21%
	N	1000	
PHxdem4	Take Prescription	793	79%
	Does not Take Prescription	207	21%
	N	1000	
PHxdem5	Veteran	177	18%
	Not a Veteran	823	82%
	N	1000	
PHxdem6	VA Health (Additional Insurance)	63	6%

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