

## National Tracking Poll

Project: 190231

N Size: 2001 Registered Voters

Margin of Error:  $\pm 2\%$

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### Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PH1	<i>Which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?</i>		
	Plan through your/your spouse's employer	650	32%
	Plan through your parent or guardian	58	3%
	Plan you purchased by yourself	227	11%
	Medicare	559	28%
	Medicaid	287	14%
	Military or veterans' benefits	72	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	149	7%
PH2a	<i>How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your health insurance coverage? Would you say that you are... (N=1,011)</i>		
	Very satisfied	392	39%
	Somewhat satisfied	424	42%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	83	8%
	Very dissatisfied	53	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	59	6%
PH2b	<i>How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your health care experience? Would you say that you are... (N=990)</i>		
	Very satisfied	337	34%
	Somewhat satisfied	435	44%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	98	10%
	Very dissatisfied	73	7%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	46	5%
PH3a	<i>Of the following two statements, which do you think should be the more important priority: Statement A: Holding down the cost of health care for the government. Or Statement B: Making sure patients have access to the best available treatments. (N=1,011)</i>		
	Strongly Statement A	150	15%
	Somewhat Statement A	119	12%
	Somewhat Statement B	266	26%
	Strongly Statement B	420	42%
	Don't Know/ No Opinion	55	5%

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PH3b	<i>Of the following two statements, which do you think should be the more important priority: Statement B: Making sure patients have access to the best available treatments. Or Statement A: Holding down the cost of health care for the government. (N=990)</i>		
	Strongly Statement A	182	18%
	Somewhat Statement A	145	15%
	Somewhat Statement B	246	25%
	Strongly Statement B	369	37%
	Don't Know/ No Opinion	49	5%
PH4_1	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Health care decisions should be made between patients and their doctors.</i>		
	Strongly agree	1397	70%
	Somewhat agree	449	22%
	Somewhat disagree	69	3%
	Strongly disagree	20	1%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	67	3%
PH4_2	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Doctors can be trusted to make the best treatment decisions for their patients.</i>		
	Strongly agree	533	27%
	Somewhat agree	991	50%
	Somewhat disagree	287	14%
	Strongly disagree	86	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	104	5%
PH4_3	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? The government should try to save money by setting evidence-based treatment protocols for patients.</i>		
	Strongly agree	230	12%
	Somewhat agree	489	24%
	Somewhat disagree	404	20%
	Strongly disagree	485	24%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	393	20%
PH4_4	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? The government should set guidelines for what treatments doctors should prescribe to patients with different diseases.</i>		
	Strongly agree	179	9%
	Somewhat agree	292	15%
	Somewhat disagree	433	22%
	Strongly disagree	890	44%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	207	10%

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PH5_1NET	<i>From the following list, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered? Cost-effectiveness</i>	Selected	409	20%
		Not Selected	1592	80%
PH5_2NET	<i>From the following list, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered? Health outcomes</i>	Selected	961	48%
		Not Selected	1040	52%
PH5_3NET	<i>From the following list, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered? Patient preferences</i>	Selected	557	28%
		Not Selected	1444	72%
PH5_4NET	<i>From the following list, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered? Side effects</i>	Selected	283	14%
		Not Selected	1718	86%
PH5_5NET	<i>From the following list, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered? Doctor's recommendations</i>	Selected	933	47%
		Not Selected	1068	53%
PH5_6NET	<i>From the following list, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered? Cost of treatment</i>	Selected	505	25%
		Not Selected	1496	75%
PH5_7NET	<i>From the following list, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered? Other, please specify:</i>	Selected	13	1%
		Not Selected	1988	99%

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PH5_8NET	<i>From the following list, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered? Don't Know/ No Opinion</i>		
	Selected	71	4%
	Not Selected	1930	96%
PH6	<i>Some propose that the federal government should make Medicare coverage decisions about new treatments based on cost-effectiveness for the average patient. Do you support or oppose the government using cost-effectiveness, based on the average patient, to decide if treatments should be covered for a patient population?</i>		
	Strongly support	177	9%
	Somewhat support	391	20%
	Somewhat oppose	463	23%
	Strongly oppose	637	32%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	333	17%
PH7	<i>Some private health insurance companies have said that they will not cover new drugs if the cost is above a certain cost-effectiveness threshold. These companies say they are trying to reduce drug costs and keep premiums under control. Based on what you know now, do you support or oppose private health insurers using cost-effectiveness, based on the average patient, to decide if treatments should be covered for a patient population?</i>		
	Strongly support	152	8%
	Somewhat support	463	23%
	Somewhat oppose	495	25%
	Strongly oppose	562	28%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	328	16%
PH8	<i>Some patients, doctors and others have raised concerns that cost-effectiveness assessments overlook differences in what matters to individual patients, and can discriminate against some groups, like the elderly or people with disabilities. How concerned would you be, if at all, if the government or your health insurance company decided to make health care coverage or payment decisions using these assessments?</i>		
	Very concerned	1008	50%
	Somewhat concerned	648	32%
	Not very concerned	131	7%
	Not at all concerned	37	2%
	Don't know/No opinion	176	9%

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PH9	<i>In health care, a measure called the quality-adjusted life year or “QALY” can be used to assess the cost-effectiveness of a treatment to the average patient. When combined with the cost of a treatment, a “QALY” can be used to determine whether a treatment is cost-effective to the health care system, based on its effect on the average patient. People who support using “cost per QALY” say this approach can guide coverage and reimbursement decisions to prioritize health care spending. People who oppose this approach are concerned it overlooks individual differences among patients and discriminates against people by assigning a lower value of health to the elderly and people with disabilities, which could inappropriately reduce patients’ access to treatment. Do you support or oppose policymakers using ‘cost per QALY’ to make health care coverage decisions for patients?</i>		
	Strongly support	116	6%
	Somewhat support	296	15%
	Somewhat oppose	496	25%
	Strongly oppose	672	34%
	Don’t Know / No Opinion	421	21%
PH10	<i>If you knew the government or your health insurance company was using the QALY standard to set policy, how concerned would you be?</i>		
	Very concerned	868	43%
	Somewhat concerned	613	31%
	Not too concerned	190	9%
	Not at all concerned	34	2%
	Don’t Know / No Opinion	297	15%
PH11	<i>Current Medicare law includes a safeguard saying the government cannot use cost-effectiveness to make coverage or payment decisions, because it may discriminate against the elderly and people with disabilities. How important or unimportant do you think it is to have this protection?</i>		
	Very important	1207	60%
	Somewhat important	495	25%
	Not too important	90	4%
	Not at all important	37	2%
	Don’t Know/ No Opinion	172	9%
PH12	<i>Currently, the safeguards against using cost-effectiveness in government health care decisions only apply to Medicare. Do you support or oppose expanding this protection to other programs that serve vulnerable patients, such as Medicaid?</i>		
	Strongly support	765	38%
	Somewhat support	596	30%
	Somewhat oppose	215	11%
	Strongly oppose	122	6%
	Don’t Know / No Opinion	303	15%

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PH13	<i>While Medicare has built in safeguards against the use of cost-effectiveness thresholds to determine coverage of medicines for seniors, many other countries, like the U.K., Canada, and Australia do not. Instead, they use average cost-effectiveness determinations to decide whether a drug is covered under their national health care plans. A new proposal would allow the U.S. government to set the price of medicines in Medicare Part B based on prices paid for these medicines in other countries. Many of these countries use average cost-effectiveness determinations to decide whether a drug is covered under their national health care plans. Do you support or oppose Medicare using the results of cost-effectiveness from foreign countries to determine prices here in the USA?</i>		
	Strongly support	210	10%
	Somewhat support	507	25%
	Somewhat oppose	405	20%
	Strongly oppose	387	19%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	492	25%
PH14	<i>Several years ago, Congress established the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), to compare the effectiveness of different treatments for different patients. PCORI is an independent scientific organization that works to provide better information to patients, doctors and decisionmakers, so that they can make more informed health care decisions. Based on what you know, how important or unimportant is it for Congress to continue funding PCORI to provide information to doctors and patients on the effectiveness of different treatments for different patients?</i>		
	Very important	676	34%
	Somewhat important	751	38%
	Not too important	127	6%
	Not at all important	65	3%
	Don't Know/ No Opinion	383	19%
PH15	<i>Some have proposed directing PCORI to help address the issue of drug prices by conducting independent research that compares the outcomes of competing drugs and makes the results available to the public. Supporters say this will hold drug manufacturers more accountable for keeping drug prices reasonable and will give doctors and patients more information. Opponents say the government should more directly control drug prices. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose directing a national research institute like PCORI to conduct research on the comparative health value of different drugs?</i>		
	Strongly support	567	28%
	Somewhat support	835	42%
	Somewhat oppose	138	7%
	Strongly oppose	52	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	409	20%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
P1	<i>Now, generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?</i>		
	Right Direction	740	37%
	Wrong Track	1261	63%
Q172	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?</i>		
	Strongly Approve	448	22%
	Somewhat Approve	348	17%
	Somewhat Disapprove	241	12%
	Strongly Disapprove	916	46%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	48	2%
P3	<i>Now, thinking about your vote, what would you say is the top set of issues on your mind when you cast your vote for federal offices such as U.S. Senate or Congress?</i>		
	Economic Issues – like taxes, wages, jobs, unemployment, and spending	503	25%
	Security Issues – like terrorism, foreign policy, and border security	473	24%
	Health Care Issues – like the 2010 health care law, Medicaid, other challenges	361	18%
	Seniors Issues – like Medicare and Social Security	291	15%
	Women's Issues – like birth control, abortion, and equal pay	102	5%
	Education Issues – like school standards, class sizes, school choice, and student loans	87	4%
	Energy Issues – like carbon emissions, cost of electricity/gasoline, or renewables	94	5%
	Other:	90	5%

*Note:* Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

## Respondent Demographics Summary

### Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Registered Voters	2001	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	937	47%
	Gender: Female	1064	53%
	N	2001	
age5	Age: 18-29	304	15%
	Age: 30-44	503	25%
	Age: 45-54	330	17%
	Age: 55-64	398	20%
	Age: 65+	466	23%
	N	2001	
demAgeGeneration	Generation Z: 18-21	84	4%
	Millennial: Age 22-37	516	26%
	Generation X: Age 38-53	505	25%
	Boomers: Age 54-72	749	37%
	N	1854	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	811	41%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	534	27%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	656	33%
	N	2001	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	347	17%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	464	23%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	269	13%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	265	13%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	321	16%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	335	17%
	N	2001	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	682	34%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	486	24%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	743	37%
	N	1911	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1259	63%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	473	24%
	Educ: Post-grad	269	13%
	N	2001	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	1016	51%
	Income: 50k-100k	673	34%
	Income: 100k+	312	16%
	N	2001	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1618	81%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	194	10%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Afr. Am.	254	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	129	6%
xrelNet	Relig: Protestant	521	26%
	Relig: Roman Catholic	448	22%
	Relig: Something Else	138	7%
	N	1106	
xreligion1	Relig: Jewish	72	4%
xreligion2	Relig: Evangelical	776	39%
	Relig: Non-Evang. Catholics	330	16%
	N	1106	
xreligion3	Relig: All Christian	1106	55%
	Relig: All Non-Christian	193	10%
	N	1299	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	535	27%
	Community: Suburban	970	48%
	Community: Rural	497	25%
	N	2001	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	643	32%
	Employ: Government	125	6%
	Employ: Self-Employed	189	9%
	Employ: Homemaker	167	8%
	Employ: Student	71	4%
	Employ: Retired	554	28%
	Employ: Unemployed	158	8%
	Employ: Other	93	5%
	N	2001	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	348	17%
	Military HH: No	1653	83%
	N	2001	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xnr1	RD/WT: Right Direction	740	37%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	1261	63%
	N	2001	
Trump_Approve	Trump Job Approve	796	40%
	Trump Job Disapprove	1157	58%
	N	1953	
Trump_Approve2	Trump Job Strongly Approve	448	22%
	Trump Job Somewhat Approve	348	17%
	Trump Job Somewhat Disapprove	241	12%
	Trump Job Strongly Disapprove	916	46%
	N	1953	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	503	25%
	#1 Issue: Security	473	24%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	361	18%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	291	15%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	102	5%
	#1 Issue: Education	87	4%
	#1 Issue: Energy	94	5%
	#1 Issue: Other	90	5%
	N	2001	
xsubVote18O	2018 House Vote: Democrat	875	44%
	2018 House Vote: Republican	717	36%
	2018 House Vote: Someone else	85	4%
	2018 House Vote: Didnt Vote	318	16%
	N	1996	
xsubVote16O	2016 Vote: Hillary Clinton	780	39%
	2016 Vote: Donald Trump	717	36%
	2016 Vote: Someone else	146	7%
	2016 Vote: Didnt Vote	352	18%
	N	1995	
xsubVote14O	Voted in 2014: Yes	1440	72%
	Voted in 2014: No	561	28%
	N	2001	
xsubVote12O	2012 Vote: Barack Obama	925	46%
	2012 Vote: Mitt Romney	565	28%
	2012 Vote: Other	74	4%
	2012 Vote: Didn't Vote	436	22%
	N	1999	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	357	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	460	23%
	4-Region: South	747	37%
	4-Region: West	437	22%
	N	2001	

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