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 Protect Our Care Online Survey  
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***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

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S2. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, in what year were you born?

18-24 .....	9	[106-108]
25-29 .....	7	
30-34 .....	8	
35-39 .....	8	
40-44 .....	9	
45-49 .....	7	
50-54 .....	7	
55-59 .....	9	
60-64 .....	11	
65 -69 .....	10	
70-74 .....	9	
75 and over .....	6	

S4. In politics, are you a...?

Strong Republican .....	27	[121]
Leaning Republican .....	16	
Completely independent .....	12	
Leaning Democratic .....	16	
Strong Democrat .....	29	
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>43</b>	
<b>Total Democratic</b>	<b>45</b>	

S5. For statistical purposes only, are you...?

Male .....	46	[122]
Female .....	54	
Non-binary/other .....	-	

S6ab. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO", ASK:)** Please indicate your race.

White .....	72	[125]
Black/African American .....	13	
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin .....	9	
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	5	
Native American/American Indian .....	-	
Other .....	1	

S7a. Did you vote in the recent election for president?

Yes, voted .....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>	[126]
No, did not vote.....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	

**(INCLUDE HAWKINS ONLY IN STATES WHERE HE WAS ON THE BALLOT.)**

S7b. Which candidate did you vote for in the election for president?

Joe Biden, the Democrat .....	51	[127]
Donald Trump, the Republican .....	47	
Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian.....	2	
Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate.....	-	

S7c. Which candidate did you vote for in the election for U.S. House of Representatives in your congressional district?

The Democrat .....	49	[128]
The Republican .....	46	
A third-party candidate .....	1	
I did not vote in the election for U.S. House of Representatives. ....	4	

S8. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Did not graduate high school .....	1	[129]
High school graduate .....	28	
Attended technical or vocational school .....	4	
Attended some college, but no degree.....	19	
Graduated 2-year college with an associate's degree.....	9	
Graduated 4-year college with a bachelor's degree .....	22	
Obtained a masters, PhD, or professional degree .....	17	

S9. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed full time.....	42	[130]
Employed part time (less than 35 hours per week) .....	11	
Unemployed but looking for work .....	10	
Full-time student.....	3	
Stay-at-home parent .....	5	
Retired .....	29	

1ab. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president? Do you strongly **(APPROVE/DISAPPROVE)** or just somewhat **(APPROVE/DISAPPROVE)** of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

Strongly approve .....	38	[133]
Just somewhat approve.....	19	
Just somewhat disapprove .....	11	
Strongly disapprove.....	32	
<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>57</b>	
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>43</b>	

2a. Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Democrats in Congress are doing?

Strongly approve .....	25	[134]
Just somewhat approve.....	29	
Just somewhat disapprove .....	15	
Strongly disapprove.....	31	
<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>54</b>	
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>46</b>	

2b. Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Republicans in Congress are doing?

Strongly approve .....	12	[135]
Just somewhat approve.....	33	
Just somewhat disapprove .....	24	
Strongly disapprove.....	31	
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<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>45</b>	
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>55</b>	

3ab. As you may know, Congress recently passed President Biden’s American Rescue Plan to address the impacts of the coronavirus. **[ADD ON FORM A ONLY:** The law includes \$1,400 stimulus checks for many Americans, funding to expand vaccine distribution, and assistance for people who are out of work because of the pandemic, as well as several other provisions.]

Is your overall opinion of the American Rescue Plan very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	All	FORM A*	FORM B **	
Very favorable .....	39	44	34	[138]
Somewhat favorable.....	28	29	27	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	13	13	14	
Very unfavorable .....	13	10	15	
I have not heard enough about it to say .....	7	4	10	
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<b>Total Favorable</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>61</b>	
<b>Total Unfavorable</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4a. The American Rescue Plan lowers the cost of insurance premiums for nine million people who purchase insurance through the Affordable Care Act and helps 15 million people with low incomes get health coverage if they are uninsured. The American Rescue Plan also provides financial assistance to help people continue their health coverage if they lost their job or employer health insurance during the pandemic.

Do you approve or disapprove of these healthcare provisions of the American Rescue Plan?

Strongly approve .....	42	[139]
Just somewhat approve.....	34	
Just somewhat disapprove .....	13	
Strongly disapprove.....	11	
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<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>76</b>	
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>24</b>	

4b. The healthcare provisions in the American Rescue Plan will be in effect for the next two years. Would you favor or oppose action by Congress to make these healthcare provisions permanent?

Strongly favor .....	35	[140]
Somewhat favor.....	31	
Somewhat oppose.....	17	
Strongly oppose.....	17	
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<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>66</b>	
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>34</b>	

5. Every Republican in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives voted AGAINST the American Rescue Plan. How does this make you feel about Republicans in Congress?

More favorable.....	31	[141]
Less favorable.....	46	
Makes no difference either way.....	23	

6. Below you will see some issues that President Biden and Congress might deal with this year, in addition to slowing and stopping the spread of the coronavirus. Which four of these do you think should be the most important priorities for the president and Congress to take action on?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 2 CHOICES

	Combined Top 2 Choices	Combined Top 3 Choices	
Lowering the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs and making healthcare insurance more affordable for more people .....	44	62	[142]
Creating new jobs by investing in infrastructure, clean energy, and manufacturing .....	33	46	>
Reforming the federal tax system and ensuring the wealthy pay their fair share	27	41	
Promoting racial justice and ending systemic racial disparities.....	24	34	
Reforming the political system and ending the power of big money in politics....	23	39	
Passing comprehensive reform of the immigration system.....	19	29	
Reducing the power and influence of technology companies .....	16	26	
Making college more affordable and reducing student debt.....	14	23	

7a. How important do you think it is for President Biden and Congress to take action on each of the following?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY IMPORTANT

	<b>Total Very/ Fairly Important</b>	Very Important	Fairly Important	Just Some- what Important	Not That Important	Not Important At All	
Lower the price of prescription drugs and stop excessive drug price increases .....	<b>90</b>	67	23	8	1	1	[146]
Make health insurance more affordable and lower the cost of premiums.....	<b>86</b>	64	22	10	2	2	[143]
Expand health insurance coverage and reduce the number of people who are uninsured.....	<b>76</b>	51	25	14	5	5	[144]
Reduce disparities in healthcare that result in people of color and low-income people having higher mortality and worse health outcomes.....	<b>74</b>	50	24	14	5	7	[145]

7b. Here is that same list again. This time, please select the two that you feel should be the highest priorities for President Biden and Congress to take action on.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP CHOICE*

	<u>Top Choice</u>	<u>Combined Top 2 Choices</u>	
Make health insurance more affordable and lower the cost of premiums .....	36	72	[147]
Lower the price of prescription drugs and stop excessive drug price increases .	32	62	>
Expand health insurance coverage and reduce the number of people who are uninsured .....	16	36	
Reduce disparities in healthcare that result in people of color and low-income people having higher mortality and worse health outcomes .....	16	30	

8Aa. Who do you trust more when it comes to dealing with the issue of healthcare—President Biden or the Republicans in Congress? \*

President Biden .....	49	[148]
The Republicans in Congress.....	28	
Both equally .....	7	
Neither .....	16	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8aB. Who do you trust more when it comes to dealing with the issue of healthcare—the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress? \*\*

The Democrats in Congress .....	46	[149]
The Republicans in Congress.....	33	
Both equally .....	7	
Neither .....	14	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

8bA. And who do you trust more when it comes specifically to lowering the cost of prescription drugs—President Biden or the Republicans in Congress? \*

President Biden .....	47	[150]
The Republicans in Congress.....	29	
Both equally .....	9	
Neither .....	15	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8bB. And who do you trust more when it comes specifically to lowering the cost of prescription drugs—the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress? \*\*

The Democrats in Congress .....	47	[151]
The Republicans in Congress.....	31	
Both equally .....	9	
Neither .....	13	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9. Please rate your feelings toward each one of the following.

	<b>Total Favorable</b>	<b>Total Unfavorable</b>	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	
The Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare").....	<b>58</b>	<b>42</b>	30	28	15	27	[152]
Medicare .....	<b>91</b>	<b>9</b>	50	41	7	2	[153]
Medicaid.....	<b>82</b>	<b>18</b>	37	45	13	5	[154]

10a. What is your overall opinion of the pharmaceutical industry?

Very favorable .....	12	[155]
Somewhat favorable.....	33	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	35	
Very unfavorable .....	20	
<b>Total Favorable</b>	<b>45</b>	
<b>Total Unfavorable</b>	<b>55</b>	

10b. In general, do you think the amount that pharmaceutical companies charge for prescription drugs is...?

Very reasonable .....	7	[156]
Mostly reasonable .....	17	
Mostly unreasonable .....	38	
Very unreasonable .....	38	
<b>Total Reasonable</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>Total Unreasonable</b>	<b>76</b>	

11. Thinking about prescription drugs, which worries you more...?

Congress will go too far in regulating the cost of prescription drugs and will reduce the ability of companies to invest in the research and development of new life-saving medicines .....	25	[157]
Congress will not go far enough to lower the cost of prescription drugs and will allow drug companies to continue charging excessive amounts that make medicines too expensive for many people .....	63	
Neither worries me .....	12	

**Q.12a AND Q.12b ARE ROTATED.**

12a. In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford to pay the cost of prescription medicine?

Very easy.....	19	[158]
Somewhat easy .....	32	
Somewhat difficult .....	27	
Very difficult.....	11	
Does not apply to me.....	11	
<b>Total Easy</b>	<b>51</b>	
<b>Total Difficult</b>	<b>38</b>	

12b. In general, how easy or difficult do you think it is for most Americans to afford to pay the cost of prescription medicine?

Very easy.....	5	[159]
Somewhat easy .....	17	
Somewhat difficult .....	52	
Very difficult.....	26	
<b>Total Easy</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>Total Difficult</b>	<b>78</b>	

13. Even though both might be important to you, which one of the following better describes what you would like to see Congress do with regard to drug prices?

Lower the cost of prescription drugs .....	58	[160]
Stop excessive drug price increases .....	38	
Neither is important to me.....	4	

14. Below you will see several healthcare policies that Democrats in Congress have proposed. Please rate your reaction to each one.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY FAVOR

	<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>Strongly Favor</b>	<b>Some-what Favor</b>	<b>Some-what Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	
Give Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices .....	<b>93</b>	54	39	5	2	[161]
Give poor and low-income Americans who are uninsured, including seniors, children, and people with disabilities, the opportunity to obtain health insurance at little or no cost ** ...	<b>85</b>	53	32	10	5	[164]
Give poor and low-income Americans who are uninsured, including seniors, children, and people with disabilities, the opportunity to obtain health insurance at little or no cost if they live in a state that has not yet expanded Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act * .....	<b>82</b>	48	34	10	8	[162]
Lower the cost of health insurance for people who purchase coverage on their own ** .....	<b>94</b>	52	42	4	2	[165]
Lower the cost of health insurance for people who purchase coverage through the Affordable Care Act * .....	<b>77</b>	42	35	11	12	[163]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

15. The Democratic proposal would lower the cost of health insurance for people who buy insurance on their own by permanently expanding and increasing the tax credits and subsidies they receive to offset the cost of premiums.

Do you favor or oppose the Democrats' proposal to permanently expand and increase the tax credits and subsidies people can receive to offset the cost of health insurance premiums?

Strongly favor .....	32	[166]
Somewhat favor.....	41	
Somewhat oppose.....	16	
Strongly oppose.....	11	
<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>73</b>	
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>27</b>	

16. Below are some more specific details about legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs. Please rate your reaction to each one.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY FAVOR

	<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>Strongly Favor</b>	<b>Some-what Favor</b>	<b>Some-what Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	
Drug companies would not be allowed to raise the prices of existing drugs beyond the rate of inflation .....	<b>92</b>	65	27	5	3	[169]
All Americans will benefit from the lower drug prices negotiated by Medicare, no matter where they get their insurance from.....	<b>94</b>	62	32	4	2	[171]
Drug companies would be required to roll back their price hikes for thousands of drugs .....	<b>92</b>	62	30	6	2	[170]
Medicare would have the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices on the costliest drugs * .....	<b>94</b>	55	39	5	1	[167]
Medicare would have the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices on the costliest drugs that have no competition in the marketplace ** .....	<b>94</b>	53	41	5	1	[168]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17a. Please look again at these healthcare proposals. If these proposals were presented together in a single package, do you think Congress should or should not pass this healthcare package?

- Give Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices  
**(FORM A)**
- Give poor and low-income Americans who are uninsured, including seniors, children, and people with disabilities, the opportunity to obtain health insurance at little or no cost if they live in a state that has not yet expanded Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act
- Lower the cost of health insurance for people who purchase coverage through the Affordable Care Act  
**(FORM B)**
- Give poor and low-income Americans who are uninsured, including seniors, children, and people with disabilities, the opportunity to obtain health insurance at little or no cost.
- Lower the cost of health insurance for people who purchase coverage on their own

	<b>All</b>	<b>FORM A*</b>	<b>FORM B**</b>	
Definitely should pass the healthcare package .....	49	47	50	[174]
Probably should pass the healthcare package.....	35	34	37	
Probably should not pass the healthcare package.....	10	11	10	
Definitely should not pass the healthcare package .....	6	8	3	
<b>Total Should Pass</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	
<b>Total Should Not Pass</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).



17b. What are the main reasons you think Congress should or should not pass this healthcare package? What specifically do you like or dislike about President Biden's proposals? *Please answer as thoroughly and thoughtfully as possible. Multiple responses are welcome.* [208-218] \*

**Reasons why Congress SHOULD pass this healthcare package:**

Insurance is too expensive, important to make health insurance affordable, attainable	23%
Looks good, makes sense/will help many people, all Americans should have access to coverage	21
Lowering prescription drug prices, affordable prescriptions will be a great help	18
Low-income, poor people need help, important for this to pass, to end disparity in health coverage	13
Healthcare costs in this country are too high, need to lower the cost of healthcare in this country	12
Will allow older/retired/disabled Americans to afford healthcare	3
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Nothing, none	9
Don't know, no response	2

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

**Reasons why Congress should NOT pass this healthcare package:**

Too expensive, costs too much, many people won't be able to afford it	11%
Will raise taxes, taxes will be increased, burden on the taxpayers	5
Congress should not be involved in healthcare, too much government involvement	5
Will affect the economy, increase national debt, waste of money	4
Will be abused, corrupted, people will take advantage of the system	3
Other criticisms, unfavorable comments	6
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Nothing, none, no response	44
Don't know, no response	7

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

18a. Nearly all Republicans in Congress OPPOSE this healthcare package and plan to vote AGAINST it. How does this make you feel about Republicans in Congress?

Very favorable .....	19	[230]
Somewhat favorable.....	20	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	26	
Very unfavorable .....	35	
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<b>Total Favorable</b>	<b>39</b>	
<b>Total Unfavorable</b>	<b>61</b>	

18b. What is your best guess about why nearly all Republicans plan to vote AGAINST this healthcare package? What do you think is their main motivation for OPPOSING these proposals? *Please answer as thoroughly and thoughtfully as possible. Multiple responses are welcome.* [231-241] \*\*

Uncaring, don't care for the people, for the middle class	12%
They are rich, they cater to the wealthy, big business	11
Costly, expensive, will cost the government more money, they don't want to increase debt	10
Republicans support big pharma, they are bought out by the pharma lobbyists	8
They are against anything the Democrats want, put in front of them	6
Republicans oppose this because of President Biden, they would have supported Trump	5
Will increase taxes, taxes will skyrocket	4
They are greedy, main motivation is greed	4
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Don't know, no response	8

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

18c. Looking ahead to the next election for Congress, if the Democratic candidate supported the healthcare proposals we have been discussing and the Republican candidate opposed them, would you be more likely to vote for the Democrat or more likely to vote for the Republican?

More likely to vote for the Democrat .....	53	[242]
More likely to vote for the Republican .....	30	
This would not affect my vote at all either way.....	17	

19a. Below you will see some things you might learn about the proposal to reduce the cost of health insurance for people who purchase coverage (**FORM A:**) through the Affordable Care Act (**FORM B:**) on their own. Please rate your reaction to each item on a scale of zero (not favorable at all) to 10 (extremely favorable).

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY FAVORABLE (RATING "8-10")*

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Total</u> <b>8-10</b>	<b>Extremely Favorable</b>		<b>Not At All Favorable</b>		
			<u>9-10</u>	<u>7-8</u>	<u>5-6</u>	<u>0-4</u>	
This proposal will lower the price of health insurance for millions of middle-class Americans and working families who buy their own insurance, including workers in jobs without benefits and middle-class small -business owners and farmers .....	7.7	<b>62</b>	48	26	17	9	[243-244]
A 60-year-old couple with a household income of \$75,000 will save \$1,389 in monthly premiums--more than \$16,000 in savings a year .....	7.6	<b>59</b>	44	28	19	9	[249-250]
Seven million lower-income Americans will be able to get health insurance with zero premiums as a result of this proposal .....	7.2	<b>57</b>	45	22	16	17	[245-246]
This caps the amount you have to pay in premiums if you buy insurance on your own .....	7.4	<b>57</b>	42	27	21	10	[253-254]
This proposal guarantees that if you buy insurance on your own, you will never have to pay more than 8.5% of your income on health insurance premiums ** .....	7.4	<b>57</b>	40	28	21	11	[257-258]
This proposal guarantees that if you buy insurance through the Affordable Care Act, you will never have to pay more than 8.5% of your income on health insurance premiums * .....	7.0	<b>55</b>	40	24	19	17	[255-256]
A family of four with a household income of \$120,000 will save \$595 in monthly premiums--more than \$7,000 in savings a year ...	7.2	<b>53</b>	39	25	22	14	[247-248]
Black and Hispanic Americans are much more likely than white Americans to be uninsured. This proposal would help close that gap because two-thirds of uninsured Black and Hispanic people would have access to quality coverage with no premiums .....	6.8	<b>52</b>	40	22	18	20	[251-252]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

19b. Which two of these items or examples most make you feel that this proposal is a good idea?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	Combined Top 2 <u>Choices</u>	
This proposal will lower the price of health insurance for millions of middle-class Americans and working families who buy their own insurance, including workers in jobs without benefits and middle-class small -business owners and farmers .....	48	[259]
Seven million lower-income Americans will be able to get health insurance with zero premiums as a result of this proposal.....	32	
This caps the amount you have to pay in premiums if you buy insurance on your own.....	29	
A 60-year-old couple with a household income of \$75,000 will save \$1,389 in monthly premiums--more than \$16,000 in savings a year .....	26	
This proposal guarantees that if you buy insurance [ <b>FORM A:</b> through the Affordable Care Act/ <b>FORM B:</b> on your own] you will never have to pay more than 8.5% of your income on health insurance premiums .....	25	
Black and Hispanic Americans are much more likely than white Americans to be uninsured. This proposal would help close that gap because two-thirds of uninsured Black and Hispanic people would have access to quality coverage with no premiums .....	23	
A family of four with a household income of \$120,000 will save \$595 in monthly premiums--more than \$7,000 in savings a year .....	17	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
 \*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20ab. Getting near the end of the survey, below you will see a statement from (**FORM A:** Republicans in Congress) (**FORM B:** the pharmaceutical industry) **in opposition** to the proposal to give Medicare the power to negotiate for lower drug prices. After you read it, please indicate how convincing you think this statement is.

*Americans depend on the pharmaceutical industry to develop new cures and treatments to save lives, just as it did in developing safe and effective coronavirus vaccines. Putting government price controls on medicines will reduce the ability of the drug companies to discover new life-saving cures and treatments for diseases including cancer and Alzheimer's.*

	<u>All</u>	<u>FORM A*</u>	<u>FORM B**</u>	
Very convincing .....	20	20	20	[263]
Fairly convincing.....	22	22	22	
Just somewhat convincing.....	24	24	24	
Not that convincing .....	19	17	20	
Not convincing at all.....	15	17	14	
<b>Total Very/Fairly Convincing</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	
<b>Total Not That/Not Convincing At All</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
 \*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

21a. Taking the other side of the coin, below you will see some statements in support of the proposal to give Medicare the power to negotiate for lower drug prices. For each one of these, please indicate how convincing you think it is.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY CONVINCING

	<b>Total Very/Fairly Convincing</b>	<u>Very Con- vincing</u>	<u>Fairly Con- vincing</u>	<u>Some- what Con- vincing</u>	<u>Not That Con- vincing</u>	<u>Not Con- vincing At All</u>	
Americans should not pay three times more for medicines than people in other countries do. * .....	<b>84</b>	64	20	10	4	2	[271]
Americans should not pay the highest prices in the world for the medicines they need. ** .....	<b>82</b>	62	20	10	5	3	[272]
Millions of Americans cannot afford their medicines while drug companies make huge profits. Americans should not have to choose between paying for the medicines they need or paying for their food and rent..	<b>82</b>	60	22	10	5	3	[269]
Drug companies raise the price of existing drugs like insulin year after year, with no reason other than that they can. Even during the pandemic and economic crisis, drug companies raised the prices of more than 1,000 medicines. ....	<b>79</b>	55	24	12	5	4	[266]
The drug companies have a monopoly on many drugs because of long-term government patent protections, and the drug companies abuse their monopoly power to charge as much as they can get away with. ....	<b>77</b>	51	26	15	6	2	[265]
The big drug companies are making record profits and are more profitable than most other big corporations. A big share of their profits goes to reward CEOs and shareholders rather than for research and development. ....	<b>74</b>	49	25	14	7	5	[264]
Giving Medicare the power to negotiate lower drug prices for all Americans will save patients \$158 billion over the next seven years and will lower the cost of some drugs by as much as 55%. ....	<b>78</b>	48	30	16	4	2	[267]
The experience with the coronavirus vaccine shows that government price negotiations work. The government negotiated a price to purchase vaccines from the drug companies that developed them, and the drug companies still will make a large profit. ....	<b>72</b>	42	30	18	6	4	[268]
The big drug companies are making huge profits based in large part on research and development funded by the taxpayers, and the government will continue to fund research and development on new cures and treatments to protect innovation after drug prices are reformed. ....	<b>71</b>	40	31	20	6	3	[270]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

21b. Looking at these statements again, please indicate which three you think are the most convincing reasons to give Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices.

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	Combined Top 3 <u>Choices</u>	
Millions of Americans cannot afford their medicines while drug companies make huge profits. Americans should not have to choose between paying for the medicines they need or paying for their food and rent.....	51	[273]
Americans should not pay [ <b>FORM A</b> three times more for medicines than people in other countries do/ <b>FORM B</b> : the highest prices in the world for the medicines they need].....	47	
Drug companies raise the price of existing drugs like insulin year after year, with no reason other than that they can. Even during the pandemic and economic crisis, drug companies raised the prices of more than 1,000 medicines. ....	41	
Giving Medicare the power to negotiate lower drug prices for all Americans will save patients \$158 billion over the next seven years and will lower the cost of some drugs by as much as 55%. ....	37	
The big drug companies are making record profits and are more profitable than most other big corporations. A big share of their profits goes to reward CEOs and shareholders rather than for research and development.....	34	
The big drug companies are making huge profits based in large part on research and development funded by the taxpayers, and the government will continue to fund research and development on new cures and treatments to protect innovation after drug prices are reformed.....	32	
The drug companies have a monopoly on many drugs because of long-term government patent protections, and the drug companies abuse their monopoly power to charge as much as they can get away with. ....	30	
The experience with the coronavirus vaccine shows that government price negotiations work. The government negotiated a price to purchase vaccines from the drug companies that developed them, and the drug companies still will make a large profit.....	28	

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21e. And having heard both sides, would you favor or oppose President Biden's proposal give Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices?

Strongly favor .....	49	[276]
Somewhat favor.....	36	
Somewhat oppose.....	8	
Strongly oppose.....	7	
<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>85</b>	
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>15</b>	

22. Giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower drug prices will save the federal government hundreds of billions of dollars. Which one of the following do you think would be the better way to use this savings?

Lower the Medicare eligibility age to 60 and expand benefits to cover dental, vision, and hearing care.....	37	[277]
Expand health insurance coverage to millions of Americans of all ages and lower premiums for millions more Americans	63	

**FACTUALS: These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.**

F1. How would you describe the area in which you live?

Large city .....	20	[278]
Small city .....	12	
Suburb .....	40	
Small town .....	10	
Rural area .....	18	

F2. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be...?

Very conservative .....	22	[279]
Somewhat conservative .....	20	
Moderate .....	27	
Somewhat liberal .....	16	
Very liberal.....	15	
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>42</b>	
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>31</b>	

F3. Which cable news channel do you watch the most?

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CNN .....	22	[280]
The Fox News Network.....	22	
MSNBC .....	10	
Newsmax .....	4	
OAN--the One America News Network.....	2	
I do not watch cable news.....	40	

F4ab. Do you currently have health insurance coverage? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES," ASK:)** Are you covered by a private health insurance plan through an employer, a private health insurance plan you purchase on your own, or a government plan such as Medicare, Medicaid, or VA Tricare?

Yes--Private health insurance plan through an employer.....	37	[310]
Yes--Private health insurance plan purchased on own .....	11	
Yes--Government plan such as Medicare, Medicaid, or VA Tricare.....	42	
Yes--Other insurance .....	2	
No, do not have health insurance.....	8	
<b>Total Yes, Have Insurance</b>	<b>92</b>	

F5. Please indicate whether each of the following items applies to you

	Yes, Applies To Me	No, Does Not Apply To Me	
You already have been vaccinated for COVID-19 .....	54	46	[311]
You or somewhat in your household has had COVID-19.....	13	87	[312]
You or someone in your household gets your health insurance through the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare .....	15	85	[313]
You or someone in your household gets your health insurance through Medicaid.....	27	73	[314]
You or someone in your household has a preexisting medical condition .....	54	46	[315]

F6. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

\$10,000 or less .....	5	[316]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000 .....	9	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 .....	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 .....	11	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 .....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 .....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000 .....	13	
Between \$100,000 and \$150,000.....	13	
\$150,000 or more .....	9	