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Subject: Health Care Top Priority Issue for Voters In Various States Across the Country

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On the 8th anniversary of passage of the Affordable Care Act, new Public Policy Polling surveys find health care is a top issue, voters reject repeal and voters support pro-health care candidates in 5 top battleground states.

HEALTH CARE IS A TOP ISSUE

The survey finds that health care is a top priority issue for voters in Arizona, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Tennessee, and Wisconsin when deciding who to vote for in the upcoming election.

- **ARIZONA:** Health care is ranked as a top issue for 68% of voters (21% saying it is the most important issue and another 47% saying it is very important). Only 9% say it is not that important or not important at all.
- **NEVADA:** Health care is ranked as a top issue for 65% of voters (27% saying it is the most important issue and another 38% saying it is very important). Only 14% say it is not that important or not important at all.
- **PENNSYLVANIA:** Health care is ranked as a top issue for 71% of voters (25% saying it is the most important issue and another 46% saying it is very important). Only 6% say it is not that important or not important at all.
- **TENNESSEE:** Health care is ranked as a top issue for 71% of voters (31% saying it is the most important issue and another 40% saying it is very important). Only 6% say it is not that important or not important at all.
- **WISCONSIN:** Health care is ranked as a top issue for 72% of voters (25% saying it is the most important issue and another 47% saying it is very important). Only 9% say it is not that important or not important at all.



VOTERS DISAPPROVE OF GOP'S HEALTH CARE REPEAL

In each of these states, voters are rejecting the Republican health care repeal:

- **ARIZONA:** Arizona voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 17 points (53% to 36%). Among independent voters, the disparity is even wider with only 24% supporting the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 63% opposing them.
- **PENNSYLVANIA:** Pennsylvania voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 17 points (52% to 35%). Among independent voters, the disparity is even wider with only 24% supporting the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 59% opposing them.
- **NEVADA:** Nevada voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 7 points (42% to 49%). Among independent voters, the disparity is even wider with only 30% supporting the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 58% opposing them.
- **TENNESSEE:** Tennessee voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 10 points (47% to 37%). Among independent voters, only 35% support the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 41% who oppose them.
- **WISCONSIN:** Wisconsin voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 20 points (55% to 35%). Among independent voters, the disparity is even wider with only 32% supporting the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 55% opposing them.

VOTERS WANT TO FIX AND IMPROVE HEALTH CARE, NOT REPEAL IT

If given the choice between repealing health care or improving the Affordable Care Act, voters overwhelmingly want to make it work.

- **ARIZONA:** Only 38% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 56% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.
- **PENNSYLVANIA:** Only 33% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 60% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.
- **NEVADA:** Only 40% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 55% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.

- **TENNESSEE:** Only 42% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 49% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.
- **WISCONSIN:** Only 31% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 63% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.

PRO-HEALTH CARE CANDIDATE WIN AGAINST ANTI-HEALTH CARE ONES

In each of these 5 battleground states for 2018, the Democratic candidate who supports health care has a lead over the Republican candidate who supports health care repeal.

- **ARIZONA:** In a hypothetical US Senate election matchup, voters prefer Democrat Kyrsten Sinema over Republican Martha McSally 46-41. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Sinema's lead grows to 71-17 over McSally.
- **PENNSYLVANIA:** In a hypothetical US Senate election matchup, voters prefer Democrat Bob Casey over Republican Lou Barletta 54-36. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Casey's lead grows to 56-29 over Barletta.
- **NEVADA:** In a hypothetical US Senate election matchup, voters prefer Democrat Jacky Rosen over Republican Dean Heller 44-39. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Rosen's lead grows to 61-21 over Heller.
- **TENNESSEE:** In a hypothetical US Senate election matchup, voters prefer Democrat Phil Bredesen over Republican Marsha Blackburn 46-41. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Bredesen's lead grows to 56-26 over Blackburn.
- **WISCONSIN:** In hypothetical US Senate election matchups, voters prefer Democrat Tammy Baldwin over Republican Leah Vukmir 51-39 and Republican Kevin Nicholson 51-38. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Baldwin's lead grows to 72-21 over Vukmir and 71-21 over Nicholson.

PPP surveyed 547 [Arizona](#) voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error for AZ is +/- 4.2%. PPP surveyed 720 [Nevada](#) voters from March 15-17, 2018. The margin of error for NV is +/- 3.7%. PPP surveyed 1,056 [Pennsylvania](#) voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error for PA is +/- 3.0%. PPP surveyed 1,014 [Tennessee](#) voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error for TN is +/- 3.1%. PPP surveyed 910 [Wisconsin](#) voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error for WI is +/- 3.3%. The surveys were conducted using automated telephone interviews.