



To: Interested Parties

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Subject: Voters Strongly Support Medicaid, Oppose Any Cuts

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A new national Public Policy Polling survey finds that voters nationally strongly support Medicaid and are opposed to cutting it, especially to fund tax breaks. **66% of voters oppose cutting Medicaid, as opposed to just 19% who support cuts.**

- 74% of Democrats and Independents oppose cutting Medicaid, while a plurality of Republicans, 49%, also oppose cuts.
- Only 34% of Republicans support cutting Medicaid.
- Rather than cut Medicaid, a majority of voters (52%) want to see it expanded, compared to just 35% who don't.

71% of voters overall say they are opposed to cutting Medicaid to fund the Republican tax plan passed last year – including 82% of Democrats, 70% of Independents and 60% of Republicans.

- Learning that Medicaid covers 6 in 10 nursing home residents, and 40 percent of costs for long-term care that seniors depend on, made voters 63% less likely to support cuts.
- Voters were 53% less likely to support cuts after learning that if Medicaid funding is cut, 1 in 5 Americans—seniors, children, and individuals with disabilities—will be at risk of losing access to healthcare.

When it comes to the Affordable Care Act, 66% say they want to keep what works about the law and fix what doesn't, while just 29% say they want to repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law. 82% of Democrats and 68% of Independents want to keep and fix the law and, 44% of Republicans want to keep what works about the ACA.

Public Policy Polling interviewed 741 national registered voters on April 18-19, 2018. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.1%. This survey was conducted using automated telephone interviews. The poll was conducted jointly for Protect our Care and SEIU.



National Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 6%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Medicaid?

Favorable..... 53%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 23%

Q3 Do you support or oppose cutting Medicaid?

Support 19%
Oppose 66%
Not sure 15%

Q4 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Medicaid should be expanded so more people can have health care.

Agree 52%
Disagree 35%
Not sure 13%

Q5 Which of the following would you most like to see the Congress do about the Affordable Care Act, given the choices of keeping what works and fixing what doesn't, or repealing it and starting over with a new healthcare law?

Keep what works and fix what doesn't..... 66%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law..... 29%
Not sure 5%

Q6 If Medicaid funding is cut, then 1 in 5 Americans—seniors, children, and individuals with disabilities will be at risk of losing access to healthcare. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support cuts to Medicaid, or does it not make a difference?

More likely..... 18%
Less likely 53%
Doesn't make a difference 20%
Not sure 9%

Q7 Medicaid covers 6 in 10 nursing home residents, and 40 percent of costs for long-term care that seniors depend on. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support cuts to Medicaid, or does it not make a difference?

More likely..... 12%
Less likely 63%
Doesn't make a difference 20%
Not sure 4%

Q8 The tax bill Republicans passed and President Trump signed into law gives big tax breaks to the rich and wealthiest corporations and they're now funding it by cutting Medicaid. Do you support or oppose cutting Medicaid to fund their tax breaks?

Support 13%
Oppose 71%
Not sure 15%

Q9 In the 2016 presidential election, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump 40%
Hillary Clinton..... 46%
Someone else / Did not vote..... 14%





Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%

Man..... 47%

Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 41%

Republican..... 33%

Independent..... 26%

Q12 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If you are black or African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic / Latino 9%

White 73%

Black / African-American..... 12%

Other..... 6%

Q13 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 26%

46 to 65..... 45%

Older than 65..... 28%

