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Subject: Battleground Voters Show Health Care Can Cost Trump His Re-Election

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that an overwhelming majority of voters in battleground states (Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin) would not consider voting for a presidential candidate who supports even one of the major pieces of Trump's agenda on health care – whether it be eliminating health care protections for people with preexisting conditions, cutting funding for Medicare, or letting let insurance companies stop covering the costs of prescription drugs. It's not just that they oppose the agenda, voters say they won't support a candidate who embraces it.

- If a candidate for President supports plans that let insurance companies stop covering the costs of prescription drugs, 77% of voters say they would not consider voting for them, with only 10% saying they would consider voting for such a candidate.
- 73% of voters say they would not consider voting for a candidate who proposes a budget that includes \$845 billion in cuts to Medicare;
- 72% would not consider voting for a presidential candidate who supports plans that eliminate health care protections for people with preexisting conditions.

When forced to choose between the plans that eliminate protections for people with pre-existing conditions, voters have a higher opinion of being stuck in traffic (47-27), used car salesmen (45-25), and cockroaches (42-28).

Across these key battleground states, the data reveals that Trump would lose – even to the worst villains imaginable – if the Presidential race was defined about his health care agenda. Voters would prefer a Zombie who supports health care over Trump who will repeal it by 4 points (46-42) and prefer Dracula who supports health care over Trump





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A majority (52%) of voters trust also trust Democrats more than President Trump on healthcare, with only 43% of voters trusting President Trump more. Among independents, 59% trust Democrats more, and only 36% of independents trust President Trump.

PPP surveyed 687 voters from Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin from June 17-18, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. The survey was conducted by telephone and behalf of Protect Our Care.





National Battlegrounds Survey Results

Q1 Who do you trust more on the issue of health care: President Trump, or Democrats?

Donald Trump 43%
Democrats 52%
Not sure 4%

Q2 How important is the issue of healthcare when deciding who to vote for in 2020 – is it the most important issue, a very important issue, a somewhat important issue, not that important an issue, or not an important issue at all?

The most important issue 20%
Very important 48%
Somewhat important 24%
Not that important 5%
Not an important issue at all 3%
Not sure 0%

Q3 If a candidate for President supported plans that would eliminate health care protections for people with pre-existing conditions, would you consider voting for that candidate, or not?

Yes 15%
No 72%
Not sure 13%

Q4 If a candidate for President supported plans that would let insurance companies stop covering the costs of prescription drugs, would you consider voting for that candidate, or not?

Yes 10%
No 77%
Not sure 13%

Q5 If a candidate for President proposed a new budget that includes \$845-billion in cuts to Medicare, would you consider voting for that candidate, or not?

Yes 17%
No 73%
Not sure 10%

Q6 Recently the Trump administration’s Justice Department went to court to strike down the entire Affordable Care Act without a replacement. Do you think the Affordable Care Act should be struck down by the courts, or not?

Yes 36%
No 56%
Not sure 8%

Q7 Democrats have several new proposals to lower health care costs and improve the quality of care. I’m going to read you some of them, and after each one, ask if you support or oppose that proposal. Here’s the first one: Stop health insurance companies from selling junk health insurance plans that don’t cover prescription drug costs and don’t protect people with pre-existing conditions.

Support 61%
Oppose 27%
Not sure 12%





Q8 Here's the next one: Currently, Medicare is banned from negotiating with drug companies to get lower prices for prescription drugs. Would you support or oppose ending this ban, so that Medicare can negotiate with drug companies to get lower prices for prescription drugs?

Support 86%
Oppose 6%
Not sure 7%

Q9 Here's the next one: Reducing the cost of premiums for millions of Americans by guaranteeing that more Americans can buy health insurance for less than 10 percent of their income.

Support 70%
Oppose 13%
Not sure 18%

Q10 Here's the next one: End price gouging by pharmaceutical companies on common drugs like insulin or epi pens.

Support 87%
Oppose 7%
Not sure 6%

Q11 Do you support or oppose the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act without any replacement?

Support 35%
Oppose 56%
Not sure 10%

Q12 Which do you have a higher opinion of: removing health care protections for people with preexisting conditions, or cockroaches?

Removing health care protections for people with preexisting conditions 28%
Cockroaches 42%
Not sure 30%

Q13 Which do you have a higher opinion of: removing health care protections for people with preexisting conditions, or being stuck in traffic?

Removing health care protections for people with preexisting conditions 27%
Being stuck in traffic 47%
Not sure 25%

Q14 Which do you have a higher opinion of: removing health care protections for people with preexisting conditions, or used car salesmen?

Removing health care protections for people with preexisting conditions 25%
Used car salesmen 45%
Not sure 30%

Q15 If the candidates for president were Donald Trump, who wants to repeal the health care law including protections for people with pre-existing conditions and Attila the Hun who wants to maintain and improve the health care law including protections for people with pre-existing conditions, who would you vote for?

Donald Trump 42%
Attila the Hun 42%
Not sure 16%

Q16 If the candidates for president were Donald Trump, who wants to repeal the health care law including protections for people with pre-existing conditions and Dracula, who wants to maintain and improve the health care law including protections for people with pre-existing conditions, who would you vote for?

Donald Trump 41%
Dracula 45%
Not sure 14%





Q17 If the candidates for president were Donald Trump, who wants to repeal the health care law including protections for people with pre-existing conditions and a zombie, who wants to maintain and improve the health care law including protections for people with pre-existing conditions, who would you vote for?

Donald Trump 42%
Zombie opponent..... 46%
Not sure 12%

Q18 In the 2016 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump..... 46%
Hillary Clinton..... 45%
Someone else / Did not vote 9%

Q19 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q20 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 40%
Republican 33%
Independent 27%

Q21 If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 83%
African American 9%
Other..... 8%

Q22 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 31%
46 to 65..... 36%
Older than 65 33%

Q23 State

Florida 25%
Michigan..... 25%
Pennsylvania 25%
Wisconsin..... 25%

