



**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Stephen Clermont, Change Research  
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**Re:** Statewide Survey of Voters in Arizona, Colorado, and Iowa

To examine the role the issue of health care is playing in the key U.S. Senate races that will determine control of the body in 2021 and beyond, Change Research conducted surveys of 624 likely voters in Arizona, 885 likely voters in Colorado, and 716 likely voters in Iowa. The following highlights key findings from the survey, which was done for Protect Our Care:

- **Health care is a top factor in determining the outcome of the 2020 race.** Voters choose health care as the number two issue in all three states behind the economy and ahead of crime, taxes, and immigration<sup>1</sup>. Independents are in the middle ranking COVID as a top issue along with many others. Seniors in Arizona and Iowa rank health care at the top (46% economy in AZ, 45% health care in AZ, - 50% health care, 47% economy in IA) and second in Colorado (44% economy, 39% health care, 39% Supreme Court vacancy). The voters who select health care as a top issue are overwhelmingly supporting the Democratic senate candidate – 71% for 25% Mark Kelly in Arizona, 81% to 14% for John Hickenlooper in Colorado, and 69% to 23% for Theresa Greenfield in Iowa.

**% Selected**

<b>AZ</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>IA</b>	
52	50	51	The economy and jobs
<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Health care</b>
33	33	38	Crime and public safety
36	36	33	The Supreme Court vacancy
25	30	32	Taxes and the budget
26	23	28	Safety from COVID-19
29	34	28	Climate change and the environment
28	28	24	Racism and discrimination
25	17	16	Immigration

- **Majorities of voters in these key swing states disapprove of the Trump Administration lawsuit at the Supreme Court that seeks to overturn the Affordable Care Act.** In Arizona, 53% disapprove of this lawsuit while just 41% approve of it. Voters in Colorado (55% disapprove, 40% approve) and Iowa (52% disapprove, 43% approve) feel similarly. Most of those who disapprove of this lawsuit *strongly* disapprove of it (49% in AZ, 52% in CO, and 47% in Iowa). Women, in particular, hate this lawsuit as 60% in Arizona, 64% in

<sup>1</sup> Safety from COVID-19, as opposed to treatment, is a top issue with Democrats while Republicans ranked it near the bottom in all three states (46% selected by Dems in AZ - 9% by Republicans, 42% selected by Dems in CO - 4% by Republicans, 53% selected by Dems in IA - 6% by Republicans).

Colorado, and 63% in Iowa disapprove of it. Independents in Arizona (20% approve-71% disapprove) and Iowa (32% approve-51% disapprove) oppose this lawsuit.

- Republicans, Independents, and Democrats all strongly support a variety of proposals on health care, proposals that the Trump Administration’s upcoming lawsuit in front of the Supreme Court puts at risk.** This includes giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower drug prices, guaranteeing insurance companies cannot charge women more than men, guaranteeing insurance companies cannot charge higher premiums to those with pre-existing conditions, prohibiting insurance companies from charging older Americans up to five times more than younger Americans, and prohibiting insurance companies from putting a lifetime cap on benefits. Not only do voters support these proposals overall, more than 70% *strongly* support them. President Trump is out of step even with his own party – three-quarters or more of Republicans in all three states support these proposals.

**% Support**

<u>Arizona</u>		<u>Colorado</u>		<u>Iowa</u>		
All		All		All		
Voters	GOP	Voters	GOP	Voters	GOP	
93	91	92	87	94	92	Giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower drug prices
90	84	88	80	89	84	Guaranteeing insurance companies cannot charge women more than men simply because of their gender
92	86	89	79	91	81	Guaranteeing that insurance companies cannot charge higher premiums to people with pre-existing conditions
86	81	87	82	90	85	Prohibiting insurance companies from charging older Americans five times more than others just because of their age
85	77	85	74	86	80	Prohibiting insurance companies from putting a lifetime cap on insurance benefits for people born with complicated medical problems or undergoing years of expensive medical treatments

- Voters trust the Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate over their Republican opponents on health care policies most important to voters.** Voters trust Democrats the most on protecting Medicare, protecting those with pre-existing conditions, and making health care more affordable and accessible. Voters also place their faith in Mark Kelly, John Hickenlooper, and Theresa Greenfield more than Martha McSally, Cory Gardner, and

Joni Ernst to safely reopen schools and the economy, underscoring how poorly these sitting Republican senators have responded to the challenges of our time.

**Net Trust Democratic Candidate (% Trust Dem - % Trust GOP)**

<u>Arizona</u>		<u>Colorado</u>		<u>Iowa</u>		
% Trust Dem	Net Trust	% Trust Dem	Net Trust	% Trust Dem	Net Trust	
50%	14	49%	11	48%	<b>10</b>	Protecting Medicare
49%	12	50%	11	47%	<b>9</b>	Protections for people with pre-existing conditions
50%	10	49%	11	47%	<b>8</b>	Making health care insurance more affordable and more accessible
48%	8	48%	9	45%	<b>5</b>	Keeping (Arizonans/Coloradans/Iowans) safe during the coronavirus pandemic
48%	7	46%	6	45%	<b>5</b>	Holding health insurance and drug companies accountable
47%	5	46%	5	45%	<b>5</b>	Reducing the cost of prescription drugs
47%	6	46%	5	44%	<b>2</b>	Safely reopening schools and the economy

**Methodology**

*Polling was conducted online from September 30th through October 2nd, 2020 in Iowa and from September 30th through October 3rd, 2020 in Arizona and Colorado. Using Dynamic Online Sampling to obtain a sample reflective of the 2020 electorate, Change Research polled 647 likely voters in the state of Arizona, 885 in Colorado, and 716 in Iowa. Each respondent was reached through advertising on social media with an invitation to participate in a survey and are not part of any long-established online panel. Results were weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity, region of the state, and 2016 presidential vote to reflect the distribution of likely voters in each state. The margin of error 5.3% in Arizona, 3.9% in Colorado, and 4.1% in Iowa. For any questions, please visit [www.changeresearch.com](http://www.changeresearch.com) or email Stephen Clermont at [stephen@changeresearch.com](mailto:stephen@changeresearch.com).*