

# Healthcare and the Build Back Better Act

*Key findings from a national survey among 1,200 voters  
Conducted August 30 to September 7, 2021, for Protect Our Care*

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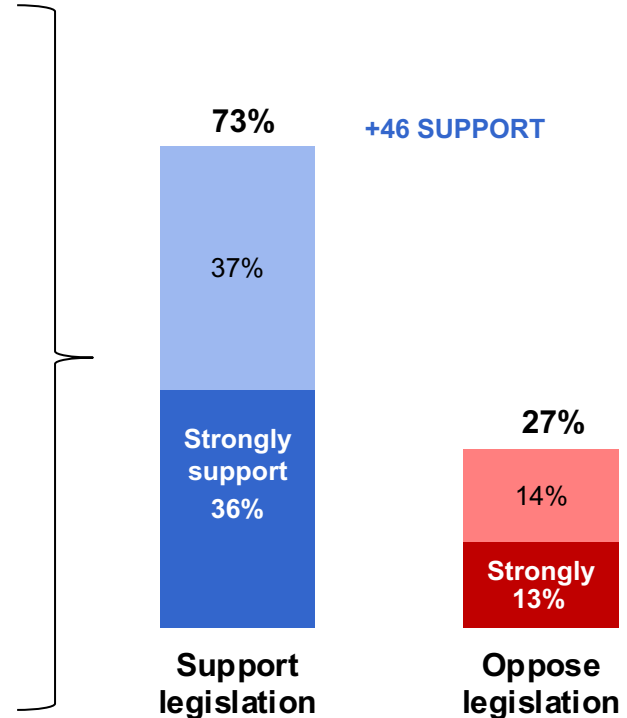
# A large majority of voters support the Build Back Better Act after seeing a list of its provisions, including the price tag.

## Support for Build Back Better Act, after Hearing Provisions\*

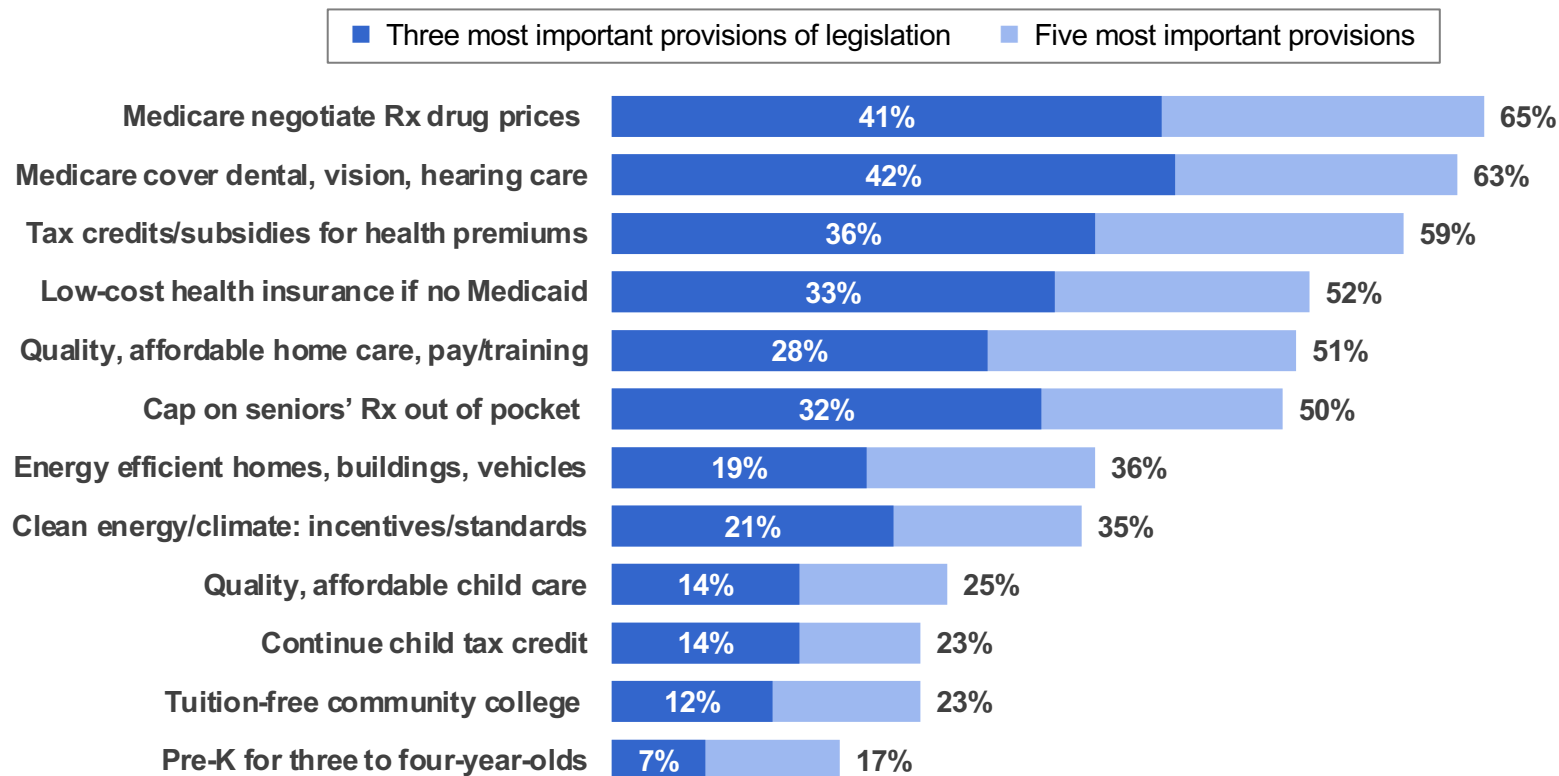
\*Main provisions of legislative package Congress is considering:

- Dental, vision, hearing care more affordable for seniors under Medicare
- Reduce Rx costs: give Medicare power to negotiate drug prices
- Limit/cap seniors' out-of-pocket for Rx drugs on Medicare (currently no limit)
- Affordable health insurance thru tax credits/subsidies to offset cost of premiums
- Give low/moderate-income Americans, incl. seniors, children, people not insured thru work, option to get health coverage at little/no cost if state does not offer Medicaid
- Expand clean energy/combat climate change thru wind/solar incentives, clean energy standards for electricity companies
- Lower energy costs: homes, buildings, vehicles more energy efficient
- Expand access to quality, affordable home care for elderly/people with disabilities, while improving pay and training for home care providers
- Expand access to quality child care that working parents can afford
- Continue the new child tax credit of \$3,000 to \$3,600 per child per year
- Provide two years of tuition-free community college
- Provide pre-kindergarten for three- and four-year-old children

This legislation would cost \$3.5 trillion over 10 years, paid for by raising taxes on corporations/wealthy. It would not raise taxes on anyone earning under \$400,000 a year.



# The healthcare provisions are the most important elements in driving support for the package.



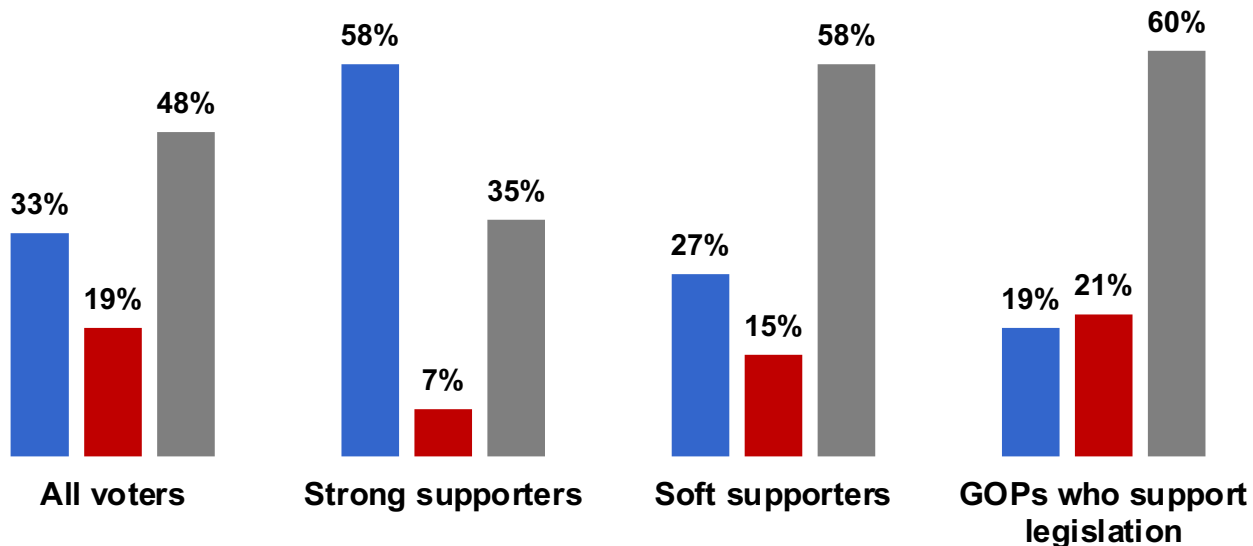
## The healthcare provisions are important to voters across party lines.

<i>Five most important provisions of legislation:</i>	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Medicare negotiate Rx drug prices	61%	60%	70%
Medicare cover dental, vision, hearing care	54%	56%	74%
Tax credits/subsidies for health premiums	60%	52%	60%
Low-cost health insurance if no Medicaid	60%	55%	44%
Quality, affordable home care, pay/training	43%	50%	58%
Cap on seniors' Rx out of pocket	42%	40%	61%
Energy efficient homes, buildings, vehicles	35%	42%	36%
Clean energy/climate: incentives/standards	45%	47%	23%
Quality, affordable child care	24%	30%	24%
Continue child tax credit	26%	25%	20%
Tuition-free community college	33%	30%	13%
Pre-K for three to four-year-olds	18%	14%	16%

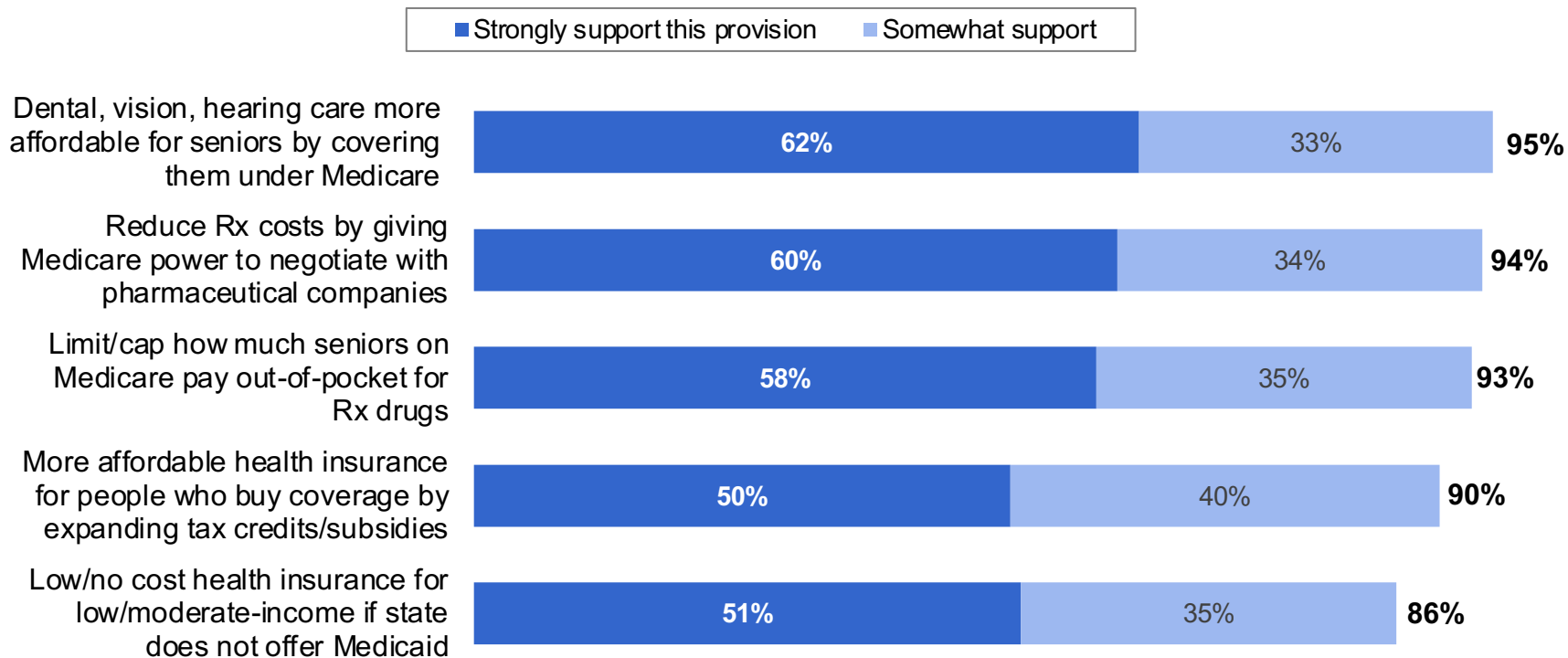
## The fact that this BBB is backed by Biden and Democrats, with no Republican support, has little impact on support for the bill.

■ Makes me more favorable to the legislation ■ Makes me less favorable ■ Makes no difference

President Biden and nearly all Democrats in Congress support this legislative package, but no Republicans in either the U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives support this legislative package.

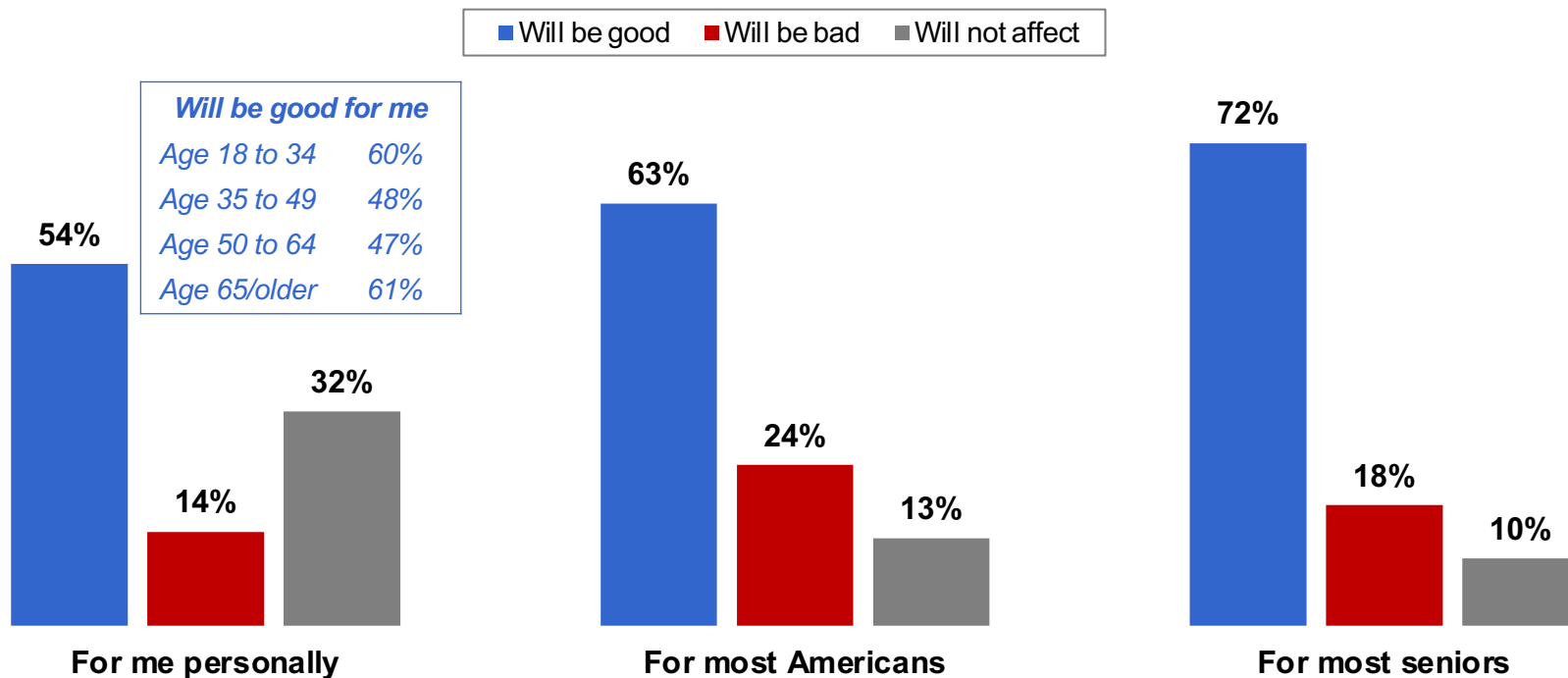


## There is overwhelming support for each of the healthcare provisions, with strong support among majorities of voters.



# A majority of voters say they personally would benefit from the healthcare provisions, and large majorities say others will benefit.

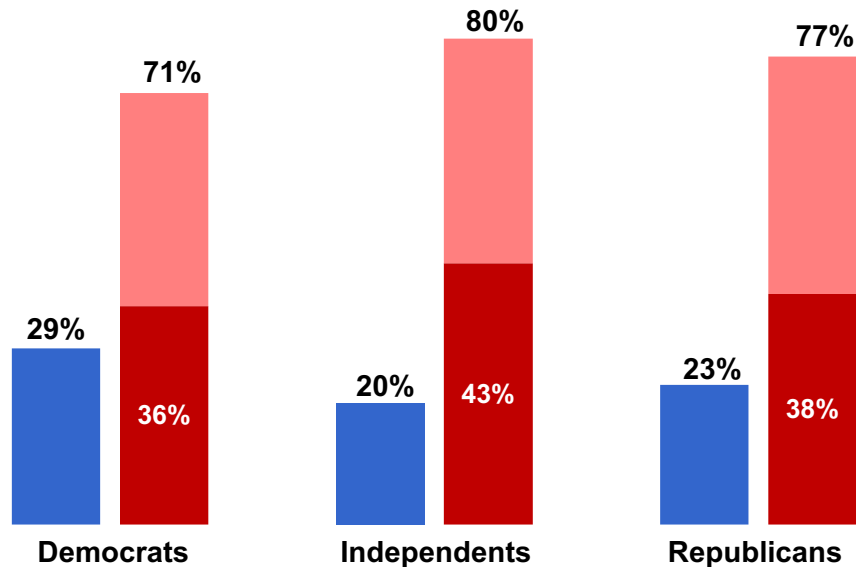
## Expected Impact of Healthcare Provisions of Build Back Better Act



# Across party lines, voters say drug company prices are unreasonable and worry that Congress won't go far enough to lower drug prices.

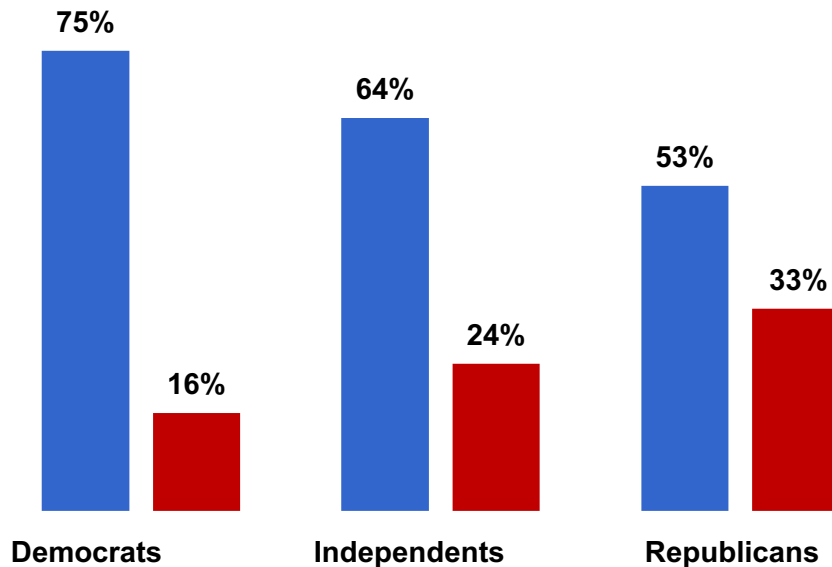
*Amount Pharma Companies Charge for Rx Drugs*

■ Reasonable ■ Very unreasonable ■ Mostly unreasonable



*Bigger Worry about Congress and Pharma Company Prices*

■ Won't go far enough to lower Rx costs ■ Will go too far regulating, hamper R&D of life-saving drugs



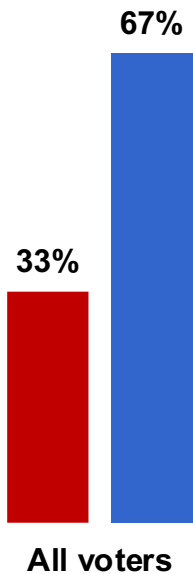


# There are winning responses to opposition claims that action on drug prices will suppress discovery of new treatments. Responses are stronger when they focus on the impact on people.

*Which side's argument is more convincing?*

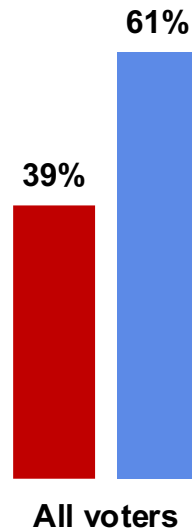
- (same in both pairs) **OPPONENTS** say that by establishing government price controls on prescription drugs, this legislation will **reduce the ability of pharmaceutical companies to invest in the discovery** of new life-saving medicines to treat cancer, Alzheimer's, and other diseases.

- **SUPPORTERS** say **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, and we should not have to pay three times more for medicines than people in other countries do.



Agree with:	Soft supporters	Moderates
Supporters	71%	79%
Opponents	29%	21%

- **SUPPORTERS** say the **drug companies are making record profits** and using the money to reward shareholders and pay gigantic CEO bonuses. They will continue to have plenty of incentive to invest in the development of new drugs, and the government will continue its funding of the research that is responsible for the discovery of many new cures.



Agree with:	Soft supporters	Moderates
Supporters	64%	69%
Opponents	36%	31%

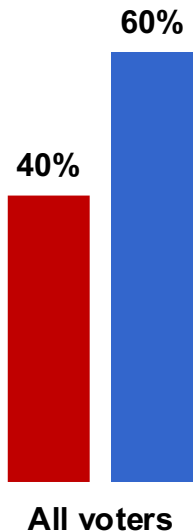
We also win the argument over the opposition’s claim that the bill will restrict which drugs are covered (again, most effectively by emphasizing the real world impacts of high drug prices).

*Which side’s argument is more convincing?*

- (same in both pairs) **OPPONENTS** say this legislation **will prevent seniors from getting the drugs they need** by giving the government the power to decide which medicines it will cover under Medicare.

- **SUPPORTERS** say medicines do not work if patients cannot afford them, and too many **seniors today cannot get the medicines they need because drug companies charge excessive prices**. This legislation will make sure drug companies charge reasonable prices that are more in line with what other countries pay.

Agree with:	Soft supporters	Moderates
Supporters	64%	67%
Opponents	36%	33%



- **SUPPORTERS** say this is just a **scare tactic by the drug industry** that has been declared false by independent fact checkers. The legislation simply requires the drug companies to negotiate with Medicare to set a reasonable price, and it does not impact which drugs Medicare will cover.

Agree with:	Soft supporters	Moderates
Supporters	57%	62%
Opponents	43%	38%

