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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Strong Majority of West Virginia Voters Support Swift Action on Build Back Better Economic Plans to Lower Healthcare and Prescription Costs**

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds strong support for plans to lower health care and drug prices among West Virginia voters, the cornerstone of the Build Back Better economic plan. With so many worried about rising costs and inflation, 72% of West Virginians agree that bringing down prescription drug prices and lowering the cost of health insurance premiums would help families like theirs. Just 11% disagree.

Notably, voters want Congress to pass these plans now, not later. A strong majority (71%) of West Virginians say it is important that Congress work to lower prescription drug prices, give Medicare the power to negotiate drug prices, and lower insurance premiums this year.

West Virginia voters have a low opinion of pharmaceutical companies—69% hold an unfavorable opinion, while just 12% view them favorably—and 85% think prescription drug prices are too high. An overwhelming majority of 72% support giving Medicare the power to lower prescription drug prices and there is notable bipartisan support which includes 85% of Democrats, 65% of Republicans, and 65% of independents. This also includes voters across all age groups, with equal support among seniors over the age of 65 and voters between the ages of 46 and 65 (81%), followed by voters between the ages of 18 and 45 (56%). Meanwhile, voters reject the argument from the drug companies that letting Medicare negotiate prescription drug prices will undercut drug companies' ability to innovate and develop new drugs (69%-12%).

In addition, a strong majority of voters also support key plans to improve Medicare and expand Medicaid coverage to lower healthcare costs for Americans:

- 80% support using savings from lower drug prices to provide hearing benefits like hearing aids for seniors on Medicare, including 83% of Republicans and 74% of independents.
- 75% support closing the Medicaid coverage gap by Medicaid, giving low- and moderate-income Americans, including seniors, children, and people who do not get insurance at work the opportunity to get health insurance and little or no cost if their state does not offer coverage under Medicaid. This support includes 74% of Republicans and 63% of independents.
- 71% support lowering the health insurance costs for people who buy insurance on their own by expanding tax credits and subsidies, including 69% of Republicans and 65% of independents.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 790 West Virginia voters from January 24-25, 2022 on behalf of Protect Our Care. The margin of error is +/- 3.5%. 54% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 46% by text message.





## West Virginia Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Joe Manchin's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 51%  
*Disapprove* ..... 34%  
*Not sure* ..... 14%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of the efforts Senator Joe Manchin is making to reduce prescription drug prices?

*Approve* ..... 60%  
*Disapprove* ..... 18%  
*Not sure* ..... 22%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of pharmaceutical or drug companies?

*Favorable* ..... 12%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 69%  
*Not sure* ..... 20%

**Q4** Generally speaking, do you think prescription drug prices are too high, too low, or about right?

*Think prescription drug prices are too high* .... 85%  
*Think they are too low* ..... 3%  
*Think they are about right* ..... 7%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q5** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose giving Medicare the power to lower prescription drug prices?

*Strongly support* ..... 55%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 17%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 6%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 5%  
*Not sure* ..... 16%

**Q6** Many people are concerned about rising costs and inflation. Do you agree or disagree that bringing down prescription drug prices and lowering the cost of health insurance premiums would help families like yours deal with rising costs and inflation?

*Agree* ..... 72%  
*Disagree* ..... 11%  
*Not sure* ..... 18%

**Q7** Now I'm going to read you some policies that Congress is considering, and ask you to tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose them. Here's the first one: Making sure Americans do not pay more for the same prescription drugs than what people pay in other countries.

*Strongly support* ..... 76%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 12%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 2%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 3%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q8** Here's the next one: Giving low- and moderate-income Americans, including seniors, children, and people who do not get insurance at work, the opportunity to get health insurance at little or no cost if their state does not offer coverage under Medicaid.

*Strongly support* ..... 53%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 22%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 10%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 6%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%





**Q9** Here's the next one: Using savings from lower drug prices to provide hearing benefits like hearing aids for seniors on Medicare.

*Strongly support* ..... 57%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 23%  
*Somewhat oppose*..... 5%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 3%  
*Not sure* ..... 11%

**Q10** Here's the next one: Lowering the health insurance costs for people who buy insurance on their own by expanding tax credits and subsidies.

*Strongly support* ..... 46%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 25%  
*Somewhat oppose*..... 7%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 5%  
*Not sure* ..... 17%

**Q11** Thinking about policies to lower prescription drug prices, which of the following comes closer to how you feel: "We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients;" or "By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies' ability to innovate and develop new drugs."

*"We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients."* ..... 69%  
*"By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies' ability to innovate and develop new drugs."* ... 12%  
*Not sure* ..... 19%

**Q12** How important is it to you that Congress work to lower prescription drug prices, give Medicare the power to negotiate drug prices, and lower insurance premiums this year: extremely important, very important, not very important or not important at all?

*Extremely important*..... 47%  
*Very important* ..... 24%  
*Not very important* ..... 14%  
*Not important at all*..... 7%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q13** In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

*Donald Trump*..... 65%  
*Joe Biden* ..... 29%  
*Someone else / Did not vote* ..... 6%

**Q14** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%  
*Man*..... 47%

**Q15** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 35%  
*Republican* ..... 40%  
*Independent* ..... 24%

**Q16** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 90%  
*Other*..... 10%

**Q17** If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

*18 to 45*..... 34%  
*46 to 65*..... 39%  
*Older than 65* ..... 27%



**Q18** What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

<i>High school graduate or less</i> .....	40%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i> .....	25%
<i>2-year college degree</i> .....	10%
<i>4-year college degree</i> .....	14%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i> .....	11%

**Q19** Mode

<i>Landline</i> .....	54%
<i>Text</i> .....	46%



	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Manchin Approval</b>				
Approve	51%	69%	15%	31%
Disapprove	34%	15%	76%	40%
Not sure	14%	15%	9%	29%

	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Manchin Prescription Drug Prices Approval</b>				
Approve	60%	70%	41%	39%
Disapprove	18%	11%	35%	19%
Not sure	22%	19%	24%	42%

	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Pharmaceutical/Drug Companies Favorability</b>				
Favorable	12%	12%	10%	9%
Unfavorable	69%	68%	75%	43%
Not sure	20%	19%	15%	48%





	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Think Prescription Drug Prices Are Too High / Too Low / About Right</b>				
Think prescription drug prices are too high	85%	85%	88%	59%
Think they are too low	3%	2%	3%	10%
Think they are about right	7%	9%	3%	8%
Not sure	6%	4%	6%	23%

	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Giving Medicare Power to Lower Prescription Drug Prices Support / Oppose</b>				
Strongly support	55%	44%	80%	51%
Somewhat support	17%	22%	10%	6%
Somewhat oppose	6%	8%	1%	3%
Strongly oppose	5%	7%	2%	6%
Not sure	16%	19%	8%	33%





	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Lowering Drug Prices, Premiums Would Help Families Deal with Inflation Agree / Disagree</b>				
<b>Agree</b>	<b>72%</b>	69%	78%	64%
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>11%</b>	12%	8%	9%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>18%</b>	19%	13%	27%

	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Making Sure Americans Do Not Pay More Than Other Countries for Prescription Drugs Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>76%</b>	72%	86%	59%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>12%</b>	15%	9%	6%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>2%</b>	3%	0%	-
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>3%</b>	4%	2%	2%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	6%	3%	33%





	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Giving Low-, Moderate-Income Americans Health Insurance Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>53%</b>	39%	84%	35%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>22%</b>	28%	10%	11%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>10%</b>	14%	2%	11%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>6%</b>	7%	2%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	11%	3%	40%

	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Using Savings from Lower Drug Prices to Provide Hearing Benefits to Seniors on Medicare Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>57%</b>	50%	73%	41%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>23%</b>	28%	16%	15%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>5%</b>	7%	3%	1%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>3%</b>	3%	2%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	12%	5%	36%







	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Lowering Health Insurance Costs for People Who Buy on Their Own Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	46%	40%	60%	33%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	25%	26%	25%	13%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	7%	9%	3%	2%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	5%	4%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	19%	9%	46%

	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Statement Closest to Views on Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices</b>				
<b>“We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients.”</b>	69%	65%	80%	55%
<b>“By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”</b>	12%	15%	7%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	20%	13%	41%





	Base	2020 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Congress Works to Lower Drug Prices Level of Importance</b>				
Extremely important	47%	42%	58%	48%
Very important	24%	22%	29%	4%
Not very important	14%	20%	3%	10%
Not important at all	7%	9%	2%	7%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Manchin Approval</b>			
Approve	51%	50%	53%
Disapprove	34%	36%	33%
Not sure	14%	14%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Manchin Prescription Drug Prices Approval</b>			
Approve	60%	61%	57%
Disapprove	18%	16%	22%
Not sure	22%	23%	21%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Pharmaceutical/Drug Companies Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	12%	12%	11%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	69%	68%	70%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	20%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Think Prescription Drug Prices Are Too High / Too Low / About Right</b>			
<b>Think prescription drug prices are too high</b>	85%	84%	85%
<b>Think they are too low</b>	3%	2%	3%
<b>Think they are about right</b>	7%	7%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Giving Medicare Power to Lower Prescription Drug Prices Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	55%	58%	51%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	17%	15%	21%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	6%	5%	7%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	5%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	17%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Lowering Drug Prices, Premiums Would Help Families Deal with Inflation Agree / Disagree</b>			
<b>Agree</b>	72%	73%	70%
<b>Disagree</b>	11%	11%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	16%	19%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Making Sure Americans Do Not Pay More Than Other Countries for Prescription Drugs Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	76%	79%	72%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	12%	10%	15%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	2%	2%	2%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	3%	2%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Giving Low-, Moderate-Income Americans Health Insurance Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	53%	58%	47%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	22%	22%	21%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	10%	9%	11%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	6%	4%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	7%	13%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Using Savings from Lower Drug Prices to Provide Hearing Benefits to Seniors on Medicare Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	57%	60%	52%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	23%	23%	24%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	5%	4%	7%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	3%	2%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	11%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Lowering Health Insurance Costs for People Who Buy on Their Own Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	46%	48%	44%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	25%	24%	26%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	7%	6%	8%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	4%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	17%	17%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Statement Closest to Views on Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices</b>			
“We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients.”	69%	66%	73%
“By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”	12%	13%	10%
Not sure	19%	21%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Congress Works to Lower Drug Prices</b>			
<b>Level of Importance</b>			
Extremely important	47%	49%	45%
Very important	24%	24%	23%
Not very important	14%	12%	17%
Not important at all	7%	7%	6%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Manchin Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>51%</b>	34%	68%	48%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>34%</b>	53%	20%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	13%	12%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Manchin Prescription Drug Prices Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>60%</b>	52%	67%	59%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>18%</b>	24%	14%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	24%	20%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Pharmaceutical/Drug Companies Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>12%</b>	13%	10%	12%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>69%</b>	69%	69%	69%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>20%</b>	18%	21%	19%







	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Think Prescription Drug Prices Are Too High / Too Low / About Right</b>				
Think prescription drug prices are too high	85%	86%	84%	84%
Think they are too low	3%	3%	4%	-
Think they are about right	7%	4%	9%	7%
Not sure	6%	6%	3%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Giving Medicare Power to Lower Prescription Drug Prices Support / Oppose</b>				
Strongly support	55%	72%	44%	47%
Somewhat support	17%	13%	21%	18%
Somewhat oppose	6%	2%	7%	8%
Strongly oppose	5%	1%	6%	9%
Not sure	16%	11%	21%	17%



	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Lowering Drug Prices, Premiums Would Help Families Deal with Inflation Agree / Disagree</b>				
<b>Agree</b>	<b>72%</b>	76%	72%	64%
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>11%</b>	9%	9%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>18%</b>	15%	19%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Making Sure Americans Do Not Pay More Than Other Countries for Prescription Drugs Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>76%</b>	86%	75%	62%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>12%</b>	6%	14%	19%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>2%</b>	1%	3%	1%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>3%</b>	1%	4%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	6%	4%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Giving Low-, Moderate-Income Americans Health Insurance Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>53%</b>	69%	45%	42%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>22%</b>	15%	29%	21%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>10%</b>	5%	10%	17%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>6%</b>	2%	7%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	9%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Using Savings from Lower Drug Prices to Provide Hearing Benefits to Seniors on Medicare Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>57%</b>	67%	54%	47%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>23%</b>	15%	29%	27%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>5%</b>	4%	7%	5%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>3%</b>	2%	2%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	13%	7%	15%



	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Lowering Health Insurance Costs for People Who Buy on Their Own Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>46%</b>	56%	41%	40%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>25%</b>	22%	28%	25%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>7%</b>	4%	9%	7%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>5%</b>	4%	5%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>17%</b>	14%	17%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Statement Closest to Views on Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices</b>				
<b>“We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients.”</b>	<b>69%</b>	75%	66%	66%
<b>“By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”</b>	<b>12%</b>	7%	13%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	18%	21%	17%



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		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Congress Works to Lower Drug Prices Level of Importance</b>				
Extremely important	47%	62%	41%	36%
Very important	24%	20%	25%	25%
Not very important	14%	6%	21%	16%
Not important at all	7%	3%	7%	11%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%	11%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Manchin Approval</b>			
Approve	51%	53%	34%
Disapprove	34%	32%	51%
Not sure	14%	14%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Manchin Prescription Drug Prices Approval</b>			
Approve	60%	62%	39%
Disapprove	18%	18%	21%
Not sure	22%	20%	39%

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		White	Other
<b>Pharmaceutical/Drug Companies Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	12%	11%	20%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	69%	70%	57%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	19%	23%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Think Prescription Drug Prices Are Too High / Too Low / About Right</b>			
<b>Think prescription drug prices are too high</b>	85%	87%	68%
<b>Think they are too low</b>	3%	2%	8%
<b>Think they are about right</b>	7%	7%	2%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	4%	22%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Giving Medicare Power to Lower Prescription Drug Prices Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	55%	55%	58%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	17%	18%	12%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	6%	6%	4%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	5%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	16%	22%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Lowering Drug Prices, Premiums Would Help Families Deal with Inflation Agree / Disagree</b>			
<b>Agree</b>	72%	72%	71%
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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Making Sure Americans Do Not Pay More Than Other Countries for Prescription Drugs Support / Oppose</b>			
Strongly support	76%	78%	59%
Somewhat support	12%	12%	15%
Somewhat oppose	2%	2%	-
Strongly oppose	3%	3%	5%
Not sure	7%	5%	22%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Giving Low-, Moderate-Income Americans Health Insurance Support / Oppose</b>			
Strongly support	53%	52%	56%
Somewhat support	22%	23%	7%
Somewhat oppose	10%	10%	16%
Strongly oppose	6%	6%	4%
Not sure	10%	9%	18%





	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Using Savings from Lower Drug Prices to Provide Hearing Benefits to Seniors on Medicare Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	57%	58%	45%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	23%	23%	26%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	5%	6%	2%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	3%	3%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	10%	23%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Lowering Health Insurance Costs for People Who Buy on Their Own Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	46%	46%	44%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	25%	25%	23%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	7%	7%	2%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	4%	9%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	17%	22%



	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Statement Closest to Views on Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices</b>			
“We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients.”	69%	71%	52%
“By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”	12%	10%	28%
Not sure	19%	19%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Congress Works to Lower Drug Prices</b>			
<b>Level of Importance</b>			
Extremely important	47%	47%	54%
Very important	24%	25%	14%
Not very important	14%	15%	12%
Not important at all	7%	7%	5%
Not sure	8%	7%	15%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Manchin Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	51%	40%	57%	58%
<b>Disapprove</b>	34%	40%	32%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	20%	12%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Manchin Prescription Drug Prices Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	60%	53%	59%	68%
<b>Disapprove</b>	18%	17%	22%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	29%	19%	17%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Pharmaceutical/Drug Companies Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	12%	14%	8%	14%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	69%	68%	76%	60%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	18%	16%	26%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Think Prescription Drug Prices Are Too High / Too Low / About Right</b>				
Think prescription drug prices are too high	85%	77%	89%	88%
Think they are too low	3%	5%	2%	2%
Think they are about right	7%	10%	4%	7%
Not sure	6%	8%	6%	4%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Giving Medicare Power to Lower Prescription Drug Prices Support / Oppose</b>				
Strongly support	55%	41%	57%	69%
Somewhat support	17%	15%	24%	12%
Somewhat oppose	6%	11%	3%	4%
Strongly oppose	5%	9%	5%	2%
Not sure	16%	24%	12%	14%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Lowering Drug Prices, Premiums Would Help Families Deal with Inflation Agree / Disagree</b>				
<b>Agree</b>	72%	59%	77%	78%
<b>Disagree</b>	11%	17%	10%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	24%	13%	17%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Making Sure Americans Do Not Pay More Than Other Countries for Prescription Drugs Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	76%	70%	80%	77%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	12%	13%	13%	10%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	2%	2%	1%	3%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	3%	8%	1%	1%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	7%	5%	10%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Giving Low-, Moderate-Income Americans Health Insurance Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>53%</b>	51%	54%	54%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>22%</b>	16%	25%	23%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>10%</b>	13%	8%	11%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>6%</b>	6%	6%	3%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	13%	7%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Using Savings from Lower Drug Prices to Provide Hearing Benefits to Seniors on Medicare Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>57%</b>	51%	55%	65%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>23%</b>	28%	24%	17%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>5%</b>	3%	7%	6%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>3%</b>	4%	4%	2%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	14%	10%	10%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Lowering Health Insurance Costs for People Who Buy on Their Own Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	46%	43%	49%	46%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	25%	28%	26%	21%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	7%	4%	6%	11%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	3%	7%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	22%	12%	19%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Statement Closest to Views on Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices</b>				
<b>“We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients.”</b>	69%	56%	75%	77%
<b>“By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”</b>	12%	25%	5%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	19%	20%	17%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Congress Works to Lower Drug Prices Level of Importance</b>				
Extremely important	47%	37%	45%	62%
Very important	24%	24%	24%	22%
Not very important	14%	15%	17%	9%
Not important at all	7%	12%	6%	2%
Not sure	8%	12%	8%	5%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Manchin Approval</b>						
Approve	51%	54%	60%	51%	41%	34%
Disapprove	34%	28%	28%	40%	41%	58%
Not sure	14%	18%	12%	9%	18%	8%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Manchin Prescription Drug Prices Approval</b>						
Approve	60%	62%	59%	68%	51%	54%
Disapprove	18%	16%	19%	20%	22%	21%
Not sure	22%	22%	22%	12%	27%	25%







	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Pharmaceutical/Drug Companies Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	12%	14%	9%	5%	10%	15%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	69%	64%	72%	74%	68%	75%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	21%	20%	21%	22%	9%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Think Prescription Drug Prices Are Too High / Too Low / About Right</b>						
<b>Think prescription drug prices are too high</b>	85%	81%	89%	81%	83%	93%
<b>Think they are too low</b>	3%	4%	3%	4%	-	0%
<b>Think they are about right</b>	7%	7%	6%	8%	9%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	8%	3%	7%	8%	2%



	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Giving Medicare Power to Lower Prescription Drug Prices Support / Oppose</b>						
<b>Strongly support</b>	55%	60%	50%	56%	51%	55%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	17%	12%	24%	21%	19%	16%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	6%	2%	8%	5%	8%	10%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	7%	5%	3%	2%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	19%	13%	15%	21%	13%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Lowering Drug Prices, Premiums Would Help Families Deal with Inflation Agree / Disagree</b>						
<b>Agree</b>	72%	71%	76%	75%	67%	68%
<b>Disagree</b>	11%	8%	9%	18%	11%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	21%	15%	8%	22%	14%



	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Making Sure Americans Do Not Pay More Than Other Countries for Prescription Drugs Support / Oppose</b>						
Strongly support	76%	79%	76%	85%	67%	68%
Somewhat support	12%	8%	13%	8%	21%	19%
Somewhat oppose	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	6%
Strongly oppose	3%	4%	3%	2%	1%	4%
Not sure	7%	9%	6%	2%	11%	2%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Giving Low-, Moderate-Income Americans Health Insurance Support / Oppose</b>						
Strongly support	53%	58%	44%	53%	55%	51%
Somewhat support	22%	17%	31%	23%	15%	22%
Somewhat oppose	10%	8%	11%	16%	8%	15%
Strongly oppose	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	9%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%	4%	18%	4%





	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Using Savings from Lower Drug Prices to Provide Hearing Benefits to Seniors on Medicare Support / Oppose</b>						
Strongly support	57%	61%	56%	55%	44%	62%
Somewhat support	23%	17%	27%	29%	32%	21%
Somewhat oppose	5%	3%	3%	2%	12%	11%
Strongly oppose	3%	1%	6%	7%	1%	2%
Not sure	11%	17%	8%	7%	10%	4%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Lowering Health Insurance Costs for People Who Buy on Their Own Support / Oppose</b>						
Strongly support	46%	54%	36%	43%	39%	51%
Somewhat support	25%	16%	35%	35%	30%	20%
Somewhat oppose	7%	6%	10%	6%	3%	10%
Strongly oppose	5%	2%	4%	9%	5%	11%
Not sure	17%	22%	15%	7%	23%	7%





	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Statement Closest to Views on Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices</b>						
“We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients.”	69%	66%	75%	76%	74%	57%
“By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”	12%	13%	10%	3%	10%	19%
Not sure	19%	20%	15%	21%	15%	24%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
<b>Congress Works to Lower Drug Prices Level of Importance</b>						
Extremely important	47%	64%	41%	37%	37%	28%
Very important	24%	13%	26%	41%	23%	37%
Not very important	14%	5%	20%	16%	26%	17%
Not important at all	7%	9%	4%	6%	5%	8%
Not sure	8%	9%	9%	-	9%	10%



	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Manchin Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>51%</b>	56%	45%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>34%</b>	34%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	10%	20%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Manchin Prescription Drug Prices Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>60%</b>	64%	54%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>18%</b>	20%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	15%	30%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Pharmaceutical/Drug Companies Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>12%</b>	15%	8%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>69%</b>	65%	74%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>20%</b>	20%	19%



	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Think Prescription Drug Prices Are Too High / Too Low / About Right</b>			
<b>Think prescription drug prices are too high</b>	85%	87%	82%
<b>Think they are too low</b>	3%	5%	-
<b>Think they are about right</b>	7%	6%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	3%	10%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Giving Medicare Power to Lower Prescription Drug Prices Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	55%	64%	44%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	17%	14%	22%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	6%	7%	5%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	3%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	12%	22%



	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Lowering Drug Prices, Premiums Would Help Families Deal with Inflation Agree / Disagree</b>			
<b>Agree</b>	<b>72%</b>	74%	69%
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>11%</b>	9%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>18%</b>	18%	18%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Making Sure Americans Do Not Pay More Than Other Countries for Prescription Drugs Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>76%</b>	81%	70%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>12%</b>	8%	17%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>2%</b>	2%	2%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>3%</b>	2%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	7%	6%





	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Giving Low-, Moderate-Income Americans Health Insurance Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	53%	58%	48%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	22%	23%	20%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	10%	9%	11%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	6%	4%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	7%	13%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Using Savings from Lower Drug Prices to Provide Hearing Benefits to Seniors on Medicare Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	57%	65%	48%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	23%	19%	28%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	5%	5%	6%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	3%	2%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	10%	13%



	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Lowering Health Insurance Costs for People Who Buy on Their Own Support / Oppose</b>			
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>46%</b>	52%	40%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>25%</b>	21%	30%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>7%</b>	9%	5%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>5%</b>	5%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>17%</b>	14%	20%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Statement Closest to Views on Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices</b>			
<b>“We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients.”</b>	<b>69%</b>	76%	63%
<b>“By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”</b>	<b>12%</b>	10%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	14%	23%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
<b>Congress Works to Lower Drug Prices</b>			
<b>Level of Importance</b>			
Extremely important	47%	66%	30%
Very important	24%	17%	30%
Not very important	14%	10%	18%
Not important at all	7%	4%	9%
Not sure	8%	3%	13%