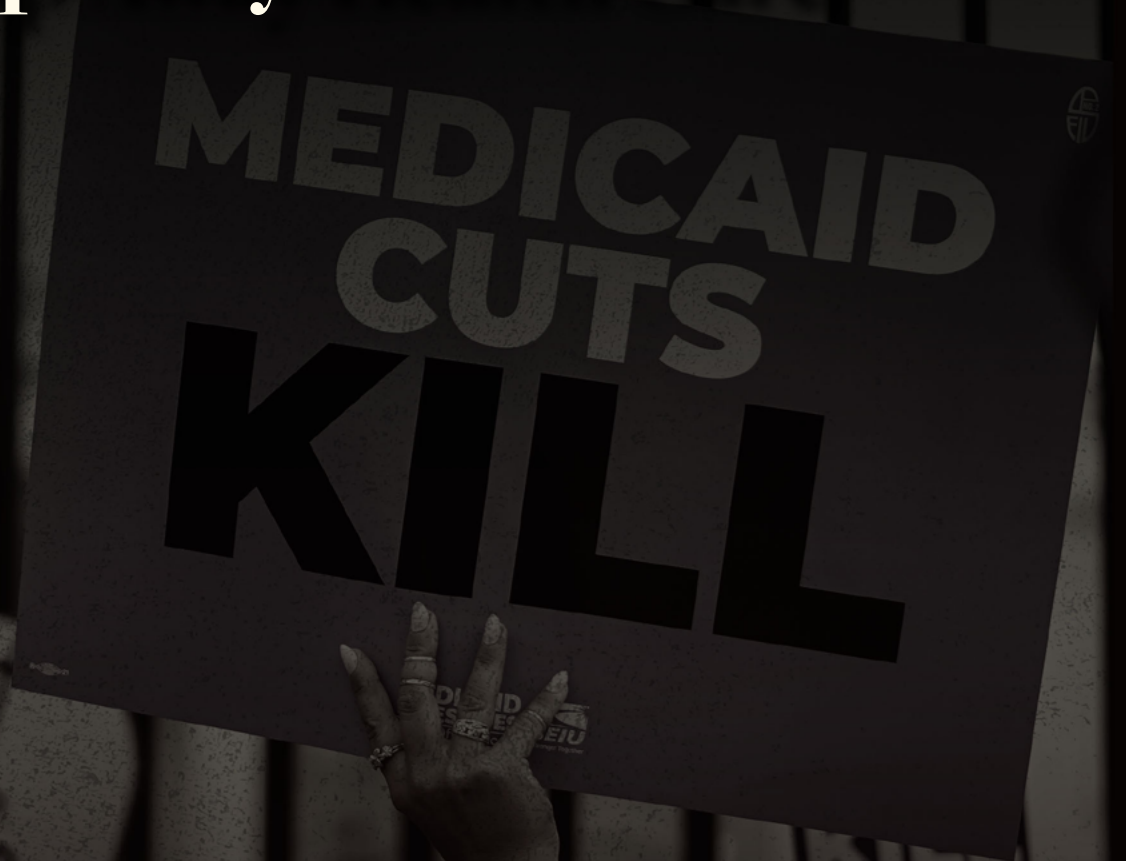


New Report

Summer From Hell: Republicans Take the Heat Following Devastating Vote to Rip Away Health Care



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“I do think it’s gonna be a health care election, but I think it’s gonna be wrapped into this whole issue of affordability,” said Brad Woodhouse, executive director of Protect Our Care. “There’s a wicked brew here that is amassing against Republicans, and it’s all self-inflicted,” Woodhouse added. “They’ve committed political suicide.”

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Summer may be coming to a close, but Republicans are only just beginning to feel the heat as outraged Americans face the consequences of the Trump-GOP bill. Constituents are angry about the big, ugly bill, which takes health care away from more than 15 million people and raises costs for tens of millions more in order to fund tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations.

Hospitals, nursing homes, and care facilities across the country are shutting down in the wake of these draconian cuts, and premium costs are skyrocketing for families across the nation. Hundreds of hospitals, nursing homes, and care facilities across the country are reducing services, laying off workers, or closing their doors. Patients will be forced to travel hours, sometimes hundreds of miles, to reach the nearest emergency room – even in life-or-death situations. Entire communities are being stranded without essential care. Meanwhile, insurance companies have already indicated that, because of the GOP budget bill, they plan to raise premiums for 24 million Americans by an average of 15 percent. At the same time, Republicans eliminated key tax credits that helped over 20 million Americans afford coverage. Combined, these changes mean millions will see their premiums nearly double this fall. But instead of warning families about the huge cost hikes headed their way, the Trump administration is covering them up.

There's no question that Donald Trump had a terrible August. Polling shows that Americans broadly disapprove of the big, ugly bill and the unpopular, dangerous Trump-GOP war on health care, with [less than a third](#) of Americans currently saying they are satisfied with the direction Trump and Republicans are taking our country. Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress broke our health care system, and now they own every single devastating consequence.



New CBO Score Breaks Down Trump and Republicans' Big, Ugly Bill. A new damning CBO score on Trump and Republicans' Big, Ugly bill showed that it will:

- Rip health care away from over [15 million Americans](#), including seniors, children, veterans, and people with disabilities, to pay for tax breaks for billionaires like Elon Musk and large corporations.
- Cut [over \\$1 trillion](#) from Medicaid and the ACA to pay for handouts to the wealthiest Americans.
- Hike premiums for over [24 million](#) Americans, including rural Americans, small business owners, and middle-class families.
- Impose a sick tax on over [20 million](#) low-income people, hitting them with new bills each time they see a doctor for diabetes, arthritis, or other illnesses.
- Threaten to shutter over [330 hospitals](#), [570 nursing homes](#), and [hundreds of clinics](#) across the country, forcing more Americans to travel further for maternity care and emergency rooms, and face longer wait times and higher costs.
- Generate billions in tax breaks for the rich by choking seniors and working families in red tape


and making it harder to enroll in [Medicare](#) and [Medicaid](#).

- Trigger nearly [\\$500 billion](#) in cuts to Medicare by exacerbating the national deficit.
- Force low-income seniors to pay [thousands](#) more each year for health care by raising their premiums and out-of-pocket costs.
- Force over [5 million people](#) into medical debt by causing families who lose their coverage to take on an average of \$22,280 in medical debt when they previously had none.
- Give away at least [\\$5 billion](#) to drug companies at the expense of seniors and taxpayers by driving up the cost of prescription drugs for seniors on Medicare.

Republicans Take Heat: GOP Members of Congress Faced Angry Constituents At Town Halls Across The Country During The August Recess:

- Politico: [GOP's Summer Town Hall Push Gets Heated](#)
- The Missouri Independent: [Mark Alford Faces Questions About Trump Medicaid Cuts, GOP Priorities In Missouri Town Hall](#)
- The Patriot-News: [From Epstein To Medicaid: Fact-Checking Scott Perry's Claims Made In His Town Hall](#)
- The Cincinnati Enquirer: [Ohio GOP Congressman Warren Davidson Fields Questions Amid Shouting At A Lively Town Hall](#)
- The Daily Beast: [GOP Rep Quizzed on Trump's Math In Trainwreck Town Hall](#)
- The Hill: [California Republican Drowned Out By Boos At Town Hall](#)
- The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [GOP Rep. Bryan Steil Holds An In-Person Town Hall Event And Is Greeted With Boos Over Trump Bill](#)
- The Daily Beast: [Furious Voters Scream at Republican Defending Trump in Town Hall Disaster](#)
- The Hill: [Nebraska Republican Booed Over Medicaid Cuts During Town Hall](#)
- PBS: [Nebraska Republican Appears At Town Hall, Shouted Down By Hostile Crowd On Trump's Tax Cuts](#)
- CNN: [GOP Rep. on "Spirited" Town Hall Where He Heard Boos & Jeers](#)
- ABC News: ["Vote Him Out!": Town Hall Erupts In Anger At Nebraska Gop Congressman Over Trump Megabill, Policies](#)
- The New York Times: [A G.O.P. Congressman Faced Hometown Voters. It Wasn't Pretty.](#)

Headlines Show Disastrous Fallout From The Trump-GOP Health Care Disaster.

 *Hospital Crisis Watch: Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Care Facilities Across the Country Reduce Services, Lay Off Workers, and Close Their Doors*

- [CNN](#): Experts Say Rural Emergency Rooms Are Increasingly Run Without Doctors
- [Healthcare Dive](#): Hospitals Prepare for \$149B Cut to Medicaid State-Directed Payments

- [Bloomberg](#): A \$50 Billion Slush Fund Won't Save Rural Hospitals
- [Bloomberg](#): Medicaid Cuts Set to Drain Revenue at Elite Teaching Hospitals
- [HuffPost](#): Experts Say Trump's Big Bill Will Shut Down This 1 Type Of Hospital — And It'll Impact Multitudes
- [The 19th](#): Pregnant People in Rural Parts of the Country Are Running Out of Places to Give Birth
- [UpNorthNews](#): Rural Health Care Faces 'Death Spiral' From GOP Medicaid Cuts
- [Capital B](#): Medicaid Cuts Endanger Life-Saving Care for Black Families in Rural America
- [Mother Jones](#): This \$50 Billion Band-Aid Won't Save Rural Health Care
- [WTOC](#): Local Rural Hospital Losing Millions of Dollars Following Cuts From One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- [Las Vegas Sun](#): Hospital Shortages Catching Up With Underserved Rural Communities



Premium Disaster Watch: Health Care Costs Spike For Tens of Millions of Americans

- [The Independent](#): People On 'Obamacare' Health Insurance Are Set To See Premiums Jump By 18% - Study.
- [Healthcare Dive](#): ACA Plans Want To Hike Premiums By Median Of 18% Next Year: KFF.
- [Investopedia](#): ACA Health Insurance Premiums Set To Post Biggest Jump In 7 Years.
- [Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker](#): How Much And Why ACA Marketplace Premiums Are Going Up In 2026.
- [Georgetown University Center for Children and Families](#): New Federal Budget Law Spells Trouble for Patients with Insulin-Requiring Diabetes
- [CBPP](#): Administration's ACA Marketplace Rule Will Raise Health Care Costs for Millions of Families
- [Kiplinger](#): Plan for Higher Health Care Costs in 2026: Projected Medicare Part B and Part D Premiums
- [Barron's](#): Retiring Early? Prepare for Higher Healthcare Premiums.
- [Washington Informer](#): Trump's 'Big Ugly' Law Set to Trigger Soaring Premiums and Cut Health Subsidies
- [The Lever](#): Why Your Health Insurance Premiums Could Explode Next Year
- [Axios](#): Workers to Bear Brunt of Health Cost Increases in 2026
- [Healthcare Dive](#): Large Employers Forecast 'Daunting' 9% Hike in Healthcare Costs Next Year
- [Politico](#): Employers Worry About Costs
- [AG Daily](#): Rural Americans Face Rising Health Costs as Premiums Climb
- [KFF](#): Why Young Americans Dread Turning 26: Health Insurance Chaos

Trump and Republicans' Dangerous, Unpopular Health Care Agenda Tanks In The Polls



Americans Continue To Reject Trump and Republicans' Big, Ugly Bill

- [53 percent](#) say the Big, Ugly Bill will hurt the average American
- [51 percent](#) oppose Trump and Republicans' Big, Ugly Bill
- A majority ([63 percent](#)) believe Republicans put the interests of the rich ahead of those of working Americans.



Trump Disapproval Soars

- [Less than a third](#) of Americans – a dismal 31 percent – currently say they are satisfied with the direction of the country
- [60 percent](#) disapprove of Trump's performance on inflation and the cost of living.
- [58 percent](#) of Americans disapprove of Trump's job performance, up 7 percent since April.
- [Less than 40 percent](#) of Americans approve of Trump's job performance.