**REPORT and ANALYSIS**: Nationwide Mixed Mode<sup>1</sup> Survey Among 1,000 Registered Voters Oversample of Seniors (467 Total) Registered Voters

### <u>America is Sick of No Real Solutions for its Healthcare System</u> <u>Which Party Will Stand and Deliver?</u>

- I . Healthcare remains a top concern for Americans, who will consider it alongside other issues as they head to the polls in 2024. Republicans have a double-digit trust deficit on this issue and are seen as having no clear plan for healthcare. Ignoring voter pleas on healthcare could cost them precious political currency, and majority control of Washington.
  - ★ Healthcare remains a pressing and urgent concern for Americans, with 4-in-10 individuals ranking it as a top or top three issue, while an additional 4-in-10 consider it among their top 10.
  - ★ By double digits, Democrats are trusted more than Republicans when it comes to lowering health insurance premiums (47% Dems 31% GOP) and lowering prescription drug costs (47% Dems 34% GOP)
  - ★ 6-in-10 disagree with the statement, "The Republican party has a clear plan to reform healthcare and lower healthcare costs" (28% agree).
    - Just a quarter of Seniors and suburban voters and only 15% of Independents say Republicans have a clear plan for healthcare reform.
  - ★ 40% agree and 49% disagree when voters are asked the same statement about the Democrat party, "The Democrat party has a clear plan to reform healthcare and lower healthcare costs."
    - A plurality of Seniors (46%), Independents (50%), and suburban voters (49%) disagree Democrats have a clear plan, even as they are much more likely to say Democrats have a plan than Republicans.

### II. To cure the healthcare system, we must first know what (Americans think) ails it.

★ Despite a majority of Americans reporting recent visits to a doctor for checkups or conditions, a significant percentage encounter challenges related to healthcare affordability and coverage. Approximately 2-in-10 individuals indicate facing obstacles such as unaffordable hospital bills, doctor visits, or prescription medicines. Relatedly nearly 1-in-5 respondents report

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 50% online, 35% Cell phone, 15% Landline

being unable to secure a prescription because it wasn't covered by insurance.

- Those responsible for managing healthcare within their households express similar struggles with affordability and access (ample coverage).
- ★ There is no single remedy to healthcare concerns in the United States because there is no one symptom. Survey respondents expressed unease about various aspects of the healthcare system.
  - Top Concerns:
    - 16% cost of monthly premium payment
    - 10% amount paid in deductibles
    - 10% surprise medical bills
    - 7% cost paid when filling or refilling prescription drugs
    - 6% cost of hospital services
    - 32% all of the above
    - 11% none of the above
  - Demographic breakdowns reveal nuanced patterns in healthcare concerns.
    - Seniors aged 65 and above, along with individuals responsible for managing healthcare decisions within their households, are more likely to express broad concerns encompassing all aspects of healthcare.
    - Conversely, respondents aged 30-49 and those who have declined care due to cost are more likely to focus on the affordability of healthcare, including premiums, deductibles, surprise bills, prescription costs, and hospital services.
- ★ Nearly 6-in-10 voters nationwide agree that they are not receiving adequate value for the price they pay for healthcare coverage; a third say the ROI is fair.
  - "I pay a lot for my healthcare coverage, and I don't feel like I am getting what I pay for, because my insurance still makes me pay too much for medicine, treatments, and services." (58% Agree - 34% Disagree)
  - o Parents of kids under age 18 (67%), those who manage healthcare decisions for family members (60%), those who care for family members on Medicare/Medicaid (59%), and those who could not get care because of costs (70%) are more likely to agree with this statement.

 The data reveals that healthcare affordability remains a pressing concern across various demographic groups. Seniors and caregivers reliant on Medicare/Medicaid, report facing challenges with medical bills and prescription coverage at notably higher rates compared to the general population.

III. The Inflation Reduction Act, clocking in at \$750 billion, was passed on a purely partisan vote and has been criticized as being "excessive government spending", "a misnomer that does not reduce inflation", "a green energy/climate bill." What's missing is a fact-based, passionate criticism of it as negatively impacting healthcare.

- ★ The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022, touted by Democrats as a solution to curb rising costs, faces significant skepticism from the American public regarding its efficacy in reducing inflation and "making healthcare more affordable"<sup>2</sup>. Across various demographic groups, a substantial majority believes the IRA has exacerbated rather than alleviated economic pressures, particularly concerning items like groceries, energy, and health insurance.
  - o 8-in-10 say **grocery costs have increased** since the IRA became law
  - 7-in-10 say the same about the price of gas and home energy
  - o 6-in-10 agree when it comes to **health insurance**
  - And a plurality (48%) claim the same about **prescription drugs.**
  - Vast majorities of <u>Republicans</u>, <u>Independents</u>, <u>Seniors</u>, <u>and Suburban</u>
     voters say costs have skyrocketed for everyday essentials, energy,
     and health insurance since the IRA was signed into law.
  - Of those who say health insurance and/or prescription drug costs have increased, a majority place the blame on the "government getting more involved in healthcare" (32%) and "insurance companies" (27%).
- ★ Facts and figures move minds when it comes to the impact of IRA on healthcare. Over 6-in-10 are less likely to support the Biden-Harris-Democrats signature domestic policy when exposed to any and all of 8 true statements:
  - The treatments and drugs currently being researched and tested will be influenced by the government rather than patient needs. (64% less

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CHAIRMAN JEFFRIES STATEMENT ON HOUSE PASSAGE OF THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT | House Democrats (dems.gov)

#### likely to support IRA - 18% more likely to support IRA)

- The IRA cut Medicare by nearly \$300 billion to fund Democrat priorities like healthcare for illegal migrants, subsidies for big health insurers, and tax credits for electric vehicles. (64% less likely to support IRA -18% more likely to support IRA)
- Inflation has not been reduced, in fact, Medicare prescription drug insurance premiums have already increased by 20% and are on track to increase by another 20% next year. (64% less likely to support IRA 18% more likely to support IRA)
- This is having a real-world impact. Due to the Inflation Reduction Act, the CEO of CVS Health recently announced on its earnings call that CVS would begin focusing on reducing health insurance benefits for consumers, increasing health insurance prices, and exiting certain markets to make up their profit losses. (64% less likely to support IRA 20% more likely to support IRA)
- The IRA spends \$3 billion to fund hundreds of new government bureaucrats who will determine the costs and availability of drugs, inserting more government control between you and your doctor. (63% less likely to support IRA - 19% more likely to support IRA)
- The IRA caused Medicare drug plans to leave the Medicare Part D option, resulting in fewer plans available that are more expensive due to less competition. (61% less likely to support IRA - 16% more likely to support IRA)
- The IRA reduces research, development, and innovation for new treatments and cures because of government price fixing. (60% less likely to support IRA - 20% more likely to support IRA)
- The IRA increased spending on things like electric vehicle tax credits and subsidies to big health insurers while canceling policies enacted under the last administration that would have required drug discounts to be passed on to seniors. (60% less likely to support IRA - 20% more likely to support IRA)

- \* Similar data is found when confronted with statements regarding the healthcare impacts of the IRA, as over 70% of Americans in each of the following five statements reject the IRA. That includes over 7-in-10 Independents and Suburban voters,
  - Rather than you and your doctor deciding what is best, unelected bureaucrats are now empowered to make the final decisions about your health and what medicines you can have access to. (73% less likely to support the IRA)
  - Government bureaucrats are deciding what treatments are available to seniors. (73% less likely to support)
  - The federal government is rationing care and seniors are losing access to the treatments prescribed by their doctors. (71% less likely to support)
  - Medical research is being politicized at the expense of innovation and peoples' health: there will be fewer treatments available to sick patients and it risks the discovery of potential cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and cancer. (70% less likely to support)
  - Medicare is cutting patient services and care for seniors to pay for the costs of social agenda policies like electric vehicles and student loan forgiveness. (70% less likely to support)
- \* More than 6-in-10 Americans believe the IRA was focused on unrelated government spending (61%) rather than reducing costs and improving healthcare (24%).
  - Even those favorable toward Biden are split, with 36% believing the IRA focused on unrelated programs, 38% believing it aimed to reduce costs, and 25% being unsure or undecided.
- \* Voters say the IRA helped the government and politicians, not consumers.
  - Just 12% say the IRA benefits consumers, patients, and families and only 4% say it benefits Seniors. 38% say it benefits government bureaucrats and 20% say it benefits politicians.

As 7-in-10 combined overwhelmingly say Consumers, Patients,
 Families (45%) and Seniors (24%) benefit the LEAST from Biden's signature Inflation Reduction Act.

## IV. There is an unmistakable call for decisive action to address the pressing issue of exorbitant drug prices, reflecting a shared concern among Americans for fairer pharmaceutical pricing and increased consumer protection.

★ The data unequivocally demonstrates widespread agreement on proposed solutions aimed at curbing drug costs and rectifying the current pharmaceutical landscape:

#### **★** Passing Discounts Directly to Patients:

 We need to ensure that all price discounts negotiated between drug manufacturers and insurance companies get passed along directly to patients at the pharmacy counter. (86% agree)

#### **★** Market-Based Strategies for Older Medicines:

 We need a market-based approach that would lower the cost of all medicines that have been on the market for more than 13 years without competition, so they automatically get priced the same as cheaper, more affordable generic drugs. (83% agree)

#### **★** Enhanced Congressional Oversight:

 We need greater Congressional oversight on health insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers to ensure that they are not overcharging Medicare and Medicaid. (78% agree)

#### **★ Simplified Price Reduction Processes:**

 Instead of spending \$3 billion in taxpayer money and hiring hundreds of bureaucrats to make decisions better left to doctors, Congress should develop a simple process to lower prices for seniors when competition has not worked.
 (78% agree)

### **★ Lowering Medicare Premiums**:

Congress should take action to reduce Medicare premiums which increased by 20 percent this year and are on track to increase another 20 percent next year. (77% agree)

#### V. Political currency to be had if the GOP is bold enough to collect it.

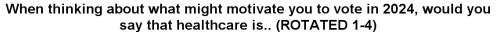
★ The data underscores a resounding mandate from voters, transcending demographic divides, for congressional candidates to prioritize specific actions in healthcare reform. Additionally, it sheds light on key determinants

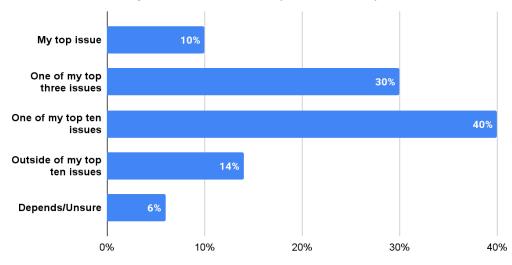
influencing voter allegiance to candidates.

- ★ Top Priority Actions for Congressional Candidates:
  - Empowering patients with more choices, reduced costs, and improved care: An overwhelming 84% of voters endorse candidates championing these objectives, signaling a demand for patientcentric healthcare solutions that foster competition and affordability.
    - Provide more choices, lower costs, and better care for patients directly.
  - Upholding the sanctity of the patient-doctor relationship: A significant 79% majority supports candidates advocating for healthcare decisions to remain between patients and their doctors, free from undue government intrusion. This reflects a staunch commitment to preserving individual liberties and healthcare autonomy.
    - Believes that the Federal Government should stay out of your doctor's office. Healthcare decisions should be made between you and your doctor, not the bureaucrats in Washington DC.
  - Ensuring fair distribution of medication savings to patients: Threefourths of voters (75%) back candidates advocating for increased transparency and fairness in medication pricing, highlighting a widespread desire for cost-sharing practices.
    - Believes that insurance companies and their pharmacy benefit manager middlemen should share more of the savings they get on medicines directly with patients.
  - Strengthening oversight to combat fraud and abuse in healthcare systems: A substantial <u>75% majority</u> of voters prioritize candidates who pledge to enhance Congressional scrutiny of health insurers and Pharmacy Benefit Managers, signaling a collective resolve to root out inefficiencies and safeguard taxpayer funds.
    - Calls for greater Congressional oversight of health insurers and Pharmacy Benefit Managers on fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid.
- ★ Rejection of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA): A majority (55%) of voters express a preference for candidates committed to overturning the IRA, echoing concerns over its perceived failure to address *healthcare inflation* effectively and durably.
  - Notably, this sentiment is shared by significant proportions of Seniors (50%) and Independents (52%).

- \* Warning: There is skepticism towards high-deductible health insurance proposals as written in this survey. Policymakers must ensure they are clear and specific when discussing healthcare proposals, a soundbite or one-liner could enrage rather than engage voters: Overall (45%) of voters, and 53% of Seniors, exhibit apprehension towards candidates advocating for such plans. Despite their promise of lower premiums and comprehensive preventative care coverage, voters remain wary of potential financial burdens imposed on patients, absent a fuller, clearer explanation.
  - Promotes high-deductible health insurance, which offers lower monthly premiums and fully covers preventative care, but requires patients to pay for sick visits, medicine, surgeries, and other treatments until a minimum deductible is met.
- ★ The lexicon voters' demand for healthcare policies centered on choice, affordability, individual autonomy, and accountability. Candidates aligning with and articulating these principles stand poised to earn widespread support across party lines.

# Healthcare continues to be a vote motivator for Americans: 4-in-10 say healthcare is the top or top three issue in 2024 while another 4-in-10 say it is within their top ten.





Notable Crosstabs	Top Issue	Top 3 Issue	Top 10 Issue	Not Top 10 Issue
Seniors (65+)	9%	26%	39%	18%
Women	11%	32%	37%	14%
Men	8%	26%	42%	18%
AARP Member	12%	31%	38%	15%
Age 30-49	8%	31%	40%	16%
Non-White	13%	32%	37%	15%
Favorable-Trump	8%	24%	41%	22%
Favorable-Biden	14%	36%	36%	9%
Undecided 2024	12%	20%	40%	14%
Midwest/N. Central	8%	27%	42%	18%

Trump and Biden have identical images nationwide (41% Favorable).

Republicans in Congress have a net -26% favorability image, while

Democrats in Congress have a -12% favorability image.

Health insurance companies have the second lowest net favorability image of the six tested, at -21%.

- ★ Biden has a split image with Seniors (48%-49%) while Donald Trump is viewed negatively by a majority (56%).
- ★ Independents view Republicans in Congress negatively (just 18% favorable) but view Democrats in Congress favorably by more than double that number (38% favorable).
  - Meanwhile, self-identified Republicans (73% favorable) are more likely to be less favorable of their party in Congress than self-identified Democrats (83% favorable) are of Democrats in Congress.
- ★ The Inflation Reduction Act, purposefully misnamed, has a +8% net favorability rating while 27% have no fixed opinion on the law.
  - Those aged 18-29 and 30-49 tend to view the Inflation Reduction Act more favorably (43% each) than other age groups.
  - White voters are split on the IRA (36%-37%) while Non-white (45%) and Black voters (52%) have a more favorable view of it.
  - Women over age 65+ (20%), Minority Women (24%), Minority Seniors (29%), those with a high school or less education (22%), and those with gross annual income under \$50K (23%) are more likely to have no opinion of the IRA.

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Favorable	41%	41%	35%	41%	33%	40%			
Unfavorable	<b>57</b> %	57%	56%	33%	59%	52%			
Heard of/No Opinion         2%         3%         9%         17%         7%         7%									
Never heard of	*	*	*	10%	1%	*			

### <u>Democrats dominate by double digits when asked which party is trusted</u> more on healthcare issues.

Public polling reveals that the GOP holds significant advantages on crucial issues such as the economy, crime, immigration/border security, and foreign policy.<sup>3</sup> While Democrats only retain advantages on healthcare and abortion.<sup>4</sup>

Republicans can no longer cede this issue to Democrats, which makes up nearly a fifth of the economy<sup>5</sup> and remains an important issue that affects all Americans. The GOP should go on offense as they did with education in 2021 and 2022, where they eliminated a decades-long double-digit lead for Democrats on education<sup>6</sup>.

Thinking about the two political parties in the United States, which party do you trust more to handle each of the following issues, (ROTATE) the Democrat Party or the Republican Party?

	Trust Democrats	Trust GOP	Neither
	Total: 47%	Total: 31%	Total: 16%
Lowering health insurance premiums	Seniors: 46% GOP: 7% Ind: 52% Suburbs: 49%	Seniors: 31% GOP: 72% Ind: 18% Suburbs: 31%	Seniors: 18% GOP: 15% Ind: 24% Suburbs: 16%
	Total: 47%	Total: 34%	Total: 13%
Lowering prices people pay for their prescription drug prices.	Seniors: 48% GOP: 9% Ind: 49% Suburbs: 51%	Seniors: 31% GOP: 75% Ind: 21% Suburbs: 32%	Seniors: 15% GOP: 11% Ind: 23% Suburbs: 16%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 6 months out, a tight presidential race with battle between issues and attributes: POLL - ABC News (qo.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 6 months out, a tight presidential race with battle between issues and attributes: POLL - ABC News (go.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Healthcare Spending Will be One-Fifth of the Economy within a Decade (pgpf.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Democrats Cede 'Party of Education' Label to GOP: Poll | Education News | U.S. News (usnews.com)

### Republicans are widely viewed as lacking any coherent healthcare reform strategy, far more so than the Democrats.

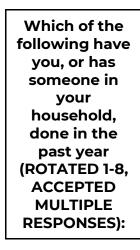
Just a quarter of Seniors and suburban voters and 15% of Independents say Republicans have a clear plan for healthcare reform. A plurality of Seniors (46%), Independents (50%), and suburban voters (49%) disagree Democrats have a clear plan too but still are significantly more likely to say Democrats have a plan than Republicans.

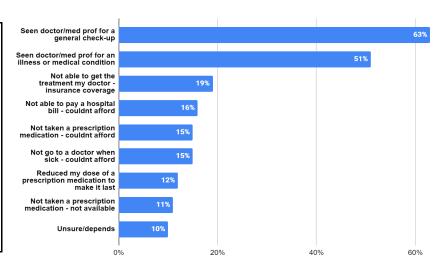
Republicans cannot overcome the significant trust deficit in healthcare until they present a comprehensive plan that resonates with voters, especially considering the 14-year mark since the enactment of Obamacare. Merely criticizing Obamacare or the Inflation Reduction Act won't suffice; Republicans must articulate a compelling vision for healthcare in America, emphasizing solutions over rhetoric.

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	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE	Unsure/ Depends
	Total: 28%	Total: 59%	Total: 13%
"The Republican party has a clear plan to reform healthcare and lower healthcare costs."	Seniors: 25% GOP: 59% Ind: 15% Suburbs: 26%	Seniors: 62% GOP: 24% Ind: 72% Suburbs: 63%	Seniors: 13% GOP: 17% Ind: 13% Suburbs: 12%
	Total: 40%	Total: 49%	Total: 11%
"The Democrat party has a clear plan to reform healthcare and lower healthcare costs."	Seniors: 41% GOP: 11% Ind: 36% Suburbs: 41%	Seniors: 46% GOP: 79% Ind: 50% Suburbs: 49%	Seniors: 13% GOP: 10% Ind: 14% Suburbs: 11%

While most Americans say they have been to a doctor in the last year, a significant number nonetheless cite troubles with affordability and coverage. Nearly 2-in-10 said they couldn't get an Rx because insurance didn't cover it, and 15% each said they couldn't afford a hospital bill, a doctor's visit, or a prescription medicine.





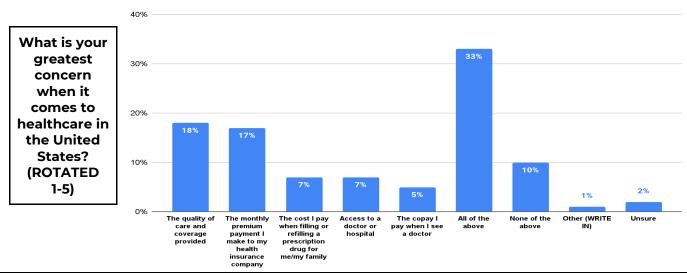
Notable Crosstabs	Doctor for checkup	Doctor for condition	Not go to a doctor	Not pay	Couldn't afford Rx	Rx wasn't available	Reduced dosage	Not get Rx cause insurance
Seniors (65+)	64%	51%	5%	6%	8%	8%	6%	13%
Caregiver Medicare/ Medicaid <sup>7</sup>	60%	52%	14%	18%	19%	15%	16%	24%
Manage HC <sup>8</sup>	60%	52%	14%	19%	19%	15%	16%	24%
GOP	64%	50%	15%	14%	16%	11%	13%	20%
Dem	63%	51%	12%	11%	14%	8%	10%	17%
Voted for Mix	58%	44%	16%	19%	<b>17</b> %	15%	8%	<b>17</b> %

 $<sup>^{7}</sup>$  Caregiver Medicare/Medicaid: cares for a family member who is on Medicare or Medicaid.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Manage HC - manage healthcare decisions for a family member

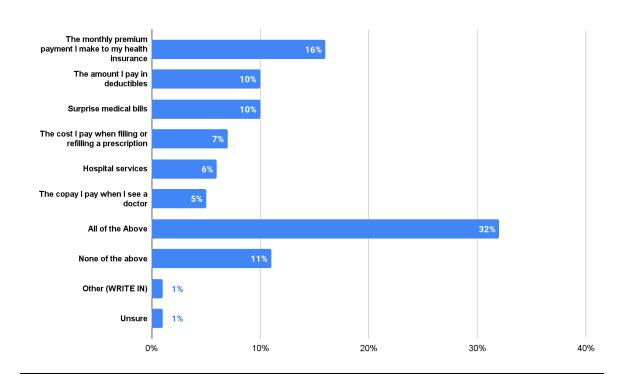
# <u>Healthcare concerns in the United States vary: one-third cite multiple issues, while another third prioritize either quality of care and coverage (18%) or monthly premium costs (17%).</u>



Notable Crosstabs	Quality	Premium	Cost Rx	Access	Copay	All	None
Seniors (65+)	16%	12%	9%	8%	1%	29%	20%
Caregiver Medicare/Medicaid	15%	15%	8%	7%	6%	35%	12%
Manage HC	16%	17%	8%	<b>7</b> %	6%	34%	10%
Women	17%	15%	<b>7</b> %	6%	4%	31%	13%
Men	17%	16%	8%	6%	5%	31%	13%
AARP Member	15%	16%	10%	<b>7</b> %	4%	29%	14%
Age 30-49	21%	18%	4%	5%	6%	37%	<b>7</b> %
Non-White	17%	11%	8%	<b>7</b> %	<b>7</b> %	37%	9%
Favorable-Trump	17%	16%	8%	5%	5%	30%	16%
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# The whole system needs fixing: Americans fret over healthcare costs, including bills and insurance, and tend to express concern about all aspects of the cost of healthcare.

And what is your greatest concern when it comes to the cost of healthcare? (ROTATE 1-5)



Notable Crosstabs	Premium	Deduct	Surprise Bill	Rx Cost	Hospital Services	Copay	All	None
Seniors (65+)	15%	5%	9%	<b>7</b> %	8%	3%	26%	22%
Women	14%	9%	8%	8%	8%	4%	34%	14%
Manage HC	16%	12%	9%	8%	8%	4%	32%	10%
Declined care due to cost <sup>9</sup>	12%	11%	9%	9%	<b>6</b> %	8%	40%	5%

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> \*Declined care due to cost: in the past year, they have not gone to a doctor, not been able to pay a hospital bill, or taken a prescription medication because they could not afford it

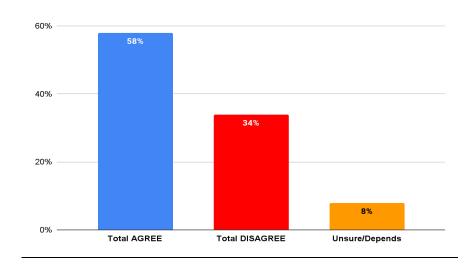
Caregiver Medicare/									
Medicaid	14%	9%	10%	10%	<b>7</b> %	3%	35%	11%	

### Nearly 6-in-10 agree that they are not getting what they pay for when it comes to health insurance.

- Yet, <u>Seniors</u> feel the complete opposite as a majority disagree with the following statement. Those <u>ages 50+</u> are split evenly on this question (45% agree and disagree). While <u>voters under age 49</u> by a wide margin (+42%) agree with this statement.
- Those <u>favorable toward Trump</u> are more likely to agree with this statement (57%) than those <u>favorable toward Biden</u> (48%).
- Parents of kids under age 18 (67%), those who manage healthcare decisions for family members (60%), those who care for family members on Medicare/Medicaid (59%), and those who could not get care because of costs (70%) are more likely to agree with this statement.

Generally, do you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statement?

"I pay a lot for my healthcare coverage, and I don't feel like I am getting what I pay for, because my insurance still makes me pay too much for medicine, treatments, and services."



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Notable Crosstabs	Agree (TOTAL 58%)	Disagree (TOTAL 34%)	Unsure (TOTAL 8%)
Seniors (65+)	33%	56%	11%
Women	52%	38%	10%
Men	55%	37%	8%
AARP Member	47%	45%	8%
Age 30-49	66%	26%	9%
Non-White	60%	32%	8%
Healthcare-Top Issue	64%	30%	5%
Undecided 2024	49%	35%	15%
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Declined care due to cost	70%	22%	8%
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Independents	55%	37%	8%
High School/Less	61%	30%	8%
Parents of kids under the age of 18	67%	26%	<b>7</b> %
Suburban	54%	39%	<b>7</b> %

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022, touted by Democrats as a solution to curb rising costs, faces significant skepticism from the American public regarding its efficacy in reducing inflation *and* making healthcare more affordable.

- Over 8-in-10 say grocery costs have increased after the IRA passed
- 7-in-10 say the same about the price of gas and home energy
- 6-in-10 when it comes to health insurance, and a plurality (48%) say the same about prescription drugs.
- Vast majorities of <u>Republicans</u>, <u>Independents</u>, <u>Seniors</u>, <u>and Suburban</u> voters say costs have increased for everyday essentials, energy, and health insurance since the IRA was signed into law.
- Stakeholders are struggling: A majority (51%) of voters ages 50+, who are more likely to take prescription drugs<sup>10</sup>, say costs have increased for their prescription drugs 31% say costs have stayed the same, 7% say costs decreased and 11% are unsure.
  - While just 43% of voters ages 18-29, who are less likely to take prescription drugs, say costs have increased – 32% say costs have stayed the same, 9% say costs have decreased and 16% are unsure.
- Secondly and most importantly, a plurality of voters including notable demographics say costs have increased while those that say the IRA decreased the cost of prescription drugs are mired in single digits (8% total).

QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Took Prescription Medication During the Past 12 Months, by Sex and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021 | MMWR (cdc.gov)

In 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was signed into law. Since then, do you believe costs for each of the following have (ROTATED) increased, decreased, or mostly stayed the same?

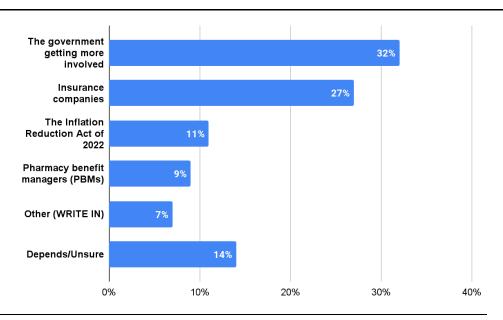
	COSTS INCREASED UNDER IRA	COSTS DECREASED UNDER IRA	COSTS STAYED THE SAME
	Total: 81%	Total: 5%	Total: 11%
	Seniors: 88%	Seniors: 2%	Seniors: 7%
	GOP: 90%	GOP: 3%	GOP: 5%
Groceries and everyday	Ind: 84%	Ind: 3%	Ind: 10%
essentials.	Suburbs: 84%	Suburbs: 4%	Suburbs: 10%
	Total: <b>72</b> %	Total: 7%	Total: 18%
	Seniors: 76%	Seniors: 4%	Seniors: 16%
	GOP: 87%	GOP: 3%	GOP: <b>7</b> %
	Ind: 71%	Ind: 5%	Ind: 21%
Price of gas and home energy.	Suburbs: 72%	Suburbs: 5%	Suburbs: 20%
	Total: 59%	Total: 4%	Total: 28%
	Seniors: 55%	Seniors: 4%	Seniors: 32%
	GOP: 68%	GOP: 3%	GOP: 18%
	Ind: 56%	Ind: 2%	Ind: 34%
Health insurance	Suburbs: 60%	Suburbs: 3%	Suburbs: 28%
	Total: 48%	Total: 8%	Total: 31%
	Seniors: 48%	Seniors: 6%	Seniors: 33%
	GOP: 61%	GOP: 5%	GOP: 20%
	Ind: 47%	Ind: 6%	Ind: 34%
Prescription drugs	Suburbs: 48%	Suburbs: 8%	Suburbs: 32%

Of those who say health insurance and/or prescription drug costs have increased, a majority place the blame on the government getting more involved in healthcare (32%) or blame insurance companies (27%).

Culpability for those two entities is mostly consistent across various demographics.

45% of those favorable toward Trump blame "the government getting more involved" and 13% blame "insurance companies". Among those favorable toward Biden, the exact opposite is true - 45% blame "insurance companies" and 13% blame the government.

ASK OF THOSE WHO SAID "INCREASED" to previous questions on Health Insurance and Prescription Drugs: (n=802) And who or what is to blame for your increase in healthcare costs? (ROTATED 1-4)



Notable Crosstabs	Govt more involved	Insurance Companies	PBMs	IRA of 2022	Unsure/ Depends
Seniors (65+)	28%	25%	14%	11%	15%
Women	33%	27%	11%	8%	15%
AARP Member	27%	30%	14%	10%	13%
Age 30-49	33%	27%	<b>7</b> %	14%	10%

Non-White	30%	30%	11%	12%	12%
Favorable-Trump	45%	13%	6%	15%	13%
Favorable-Biden	13%	45%	16%	9%	14%
Undecided 2024	24%	19%	6%	5%	32%
Healthcare-Top Issue	28%	26%	13%	18%	5%
Manage HC	30%	29%	10%	13%	11%
Declined care due to cost	33%	25%	10%	11%	13%
Caregiver Medicare/Medicaid	31%	27%	9%	11%	12%
Independents	27%	30%	11%	8%	16%
Parents of kids under the age of 18	28%	31%	8%	14%	13%
Suburban	30%	26%	10%	13%	14%

## More than 6-in-10 are less likely to support Biden's signature policy, the Inflation Reduction Act, after learning about each of the following 8 facts about the law and its impact on healthcare.

Republicans must add "impact on healthcare" to the laundry list lexicon when discussing the Inflation Reduction Act - beyond what is already discussed about this law, its effect on the national debt, inflation, and misguided purposes like its climate investments and \$80 billion to the IRS. <sup>11</sup>

As you may or may not be aware, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was passed by Democrats in Congress without any support from Republicans, it is what President Joe Biden refers to as his signature legislation. President Joe Biden signed this into law in 2022. After reading the following true facts, according to news reports, about the IRA, are you more or less likely to support it?

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	Total MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT IRA	Total LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT IRA	Unsure/ Depends
The treatments and drugs currently being researched and tested will be influenced by the government rather than patient need.	Total: 18%  Seniors: 17%  GOP: 12%  Ind: 14%  Suburbs: 15%	Seniors: 64% GOP: 80% Ind: 65% Suburbs: 66%	Total: 18%  Seniors: 19% GOP: 8% Ind: 21% Suburbs: 18%
The IRA cut Medicare by nearly \$300 billion to fund Democrat	Total: 18%	Total: 64%	Total: 18%
priorities like healthcare for illegal migrants, subsidies for big health insurers, and tax credits for electric vehicles.	Seniors: 13% GOP: 11% Ind: 12% Suburbs: 15%	Seniors: 69% GOP: 83% Ind: 67% Suburbs: 69%	Seniors: 19% GOP: 6% Ind: 21% Suburbs: 16%
Inflation has not been reduced, in fact, Medicare prescription drug	Total: 18%	Total: 64%	Total: 18%
insurance premiums have already increased by 20% and are on track to increase by another 20% next year.	Seniors: 14% GOP: 10% Ind: 14% Suburbs: 17%	Seniors: 66% GOP: 82% Ind: 65% Suburbs: 66%	Seniors: 20% GOP: 8% Ind: 21% Suburbs: 17%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Kerry: Inflation Reduction Act 'amazing' bill but 'I'm not sure how much it has to do with inflation' | Fox News

This is having a real-world impact. Due to the Inflation Reduction Act, the CEO of CVS Health recently announced on its earnings call that CVS would begin focusing on reducing health insurance benefits for consumers, increasing health insurance prices, and exiting certain markets to make up their profit losses.	Total: 20%  Seniors: 13%  GOP: 9%  Ind: 16%  Suburbs: 19%	Total: 64%  Seniors: 67%  GOP: 87%  Ind: 63%  Suburbs: 66%	Total: 17%  Seniors: 19%  GOP: 4%  Ind: 21%  Suburbs: 15%
The IRA spends \$3 billion to fund hundreds of new government bureaucrats who will determine the costs and availability of drugs, inserting more government control between you and your doctor.	Total: 19%  Seniors: 17%  GOP: 9%  Ind: 15%  Suburbs: 18%	Total: 63%  Seniors: 64%  GOP: 85%  Ind: 63%  Suburbs: 64%	Total: 18%  Seniors: 19% GOP: 6% Ind: 22% Suburbs: 17%
The IRA caused Medicare drug plans to leave the Medicare Part D option, resulting in fewer plans available that are more expensive due to less competition.	Total: 16%  Seniors: 15%  GOP: 10%  Ind: 13%  Suburbs: 15%	Total: 61%  Seniors: 61%  GOP: 77%  Ind: 61%  Suburbs: 63%	Total: 23%  Seniors: 24%  GOP: 13%  Ind: 26%  Suburbs: 22%
The IRA reduces research, development and innovation for new treatments and cures because of government price fixing.	Total: 20%  Seniors: 14%  GOP: 13%  Ind: 16%  Suburbs: 17%	Total: 60%  Seniors: 64%  GOP: 78%  Ind: 61%  Suburbs: 65%	Total: 20%  Seniors: 22%  GOP: 9%  Ind: 23%  Suburbs: 17%
The IRA increased spending on things like electric vehicle tax credits and subsidies to big health insurers while canceling policies enacted under the last administration that would have required drug discounts to be passed on to seniors.	Total: 20%  Seniors: 17%  GOP: 12%  Ind: 15%  Suburbs: 19%	Total: 60%  Seniors: 62%  GOP: 80%  Ind: 63%  Suburbs: 62%	Total: 20%  Seniors: 22%  GOP: 8%  Ind: 22%  Suburbs: 19%

## When confronted with statements regarding the healthcare impacts of the IRA, over 70% of Americans in each of the five statements, including over 7-in-10 Independents and suburban voters, reject the IRA.

The following items are some things that people have said are a result of the Inflation Reduction Act. For each, please tell me if you are more or less likely to support/oppose the IRA after hearing it.

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	Total MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	Total LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT	Unsure/ Depends
Rather than you and your doctor deciding what is best, unelected bureaucrats are now empowered to make the final decisions about your health and what medicines you can have access to.	Total: 14%  Seniors: 10%  GOP: 9%  Ind: 10%  Suburbs: 14%	Total: 73%  Seniors: 75%  GOP: 88%  Ind: 76%  Suburbs: 76%	Total: 13%  Seniors: 15%  GOP: 4%  Ind: 15%  Suburbs: 10%
Government bureaucrats are deciding what treatments are available to seniors.	Total: 14%  Seniors: 9% GOP: 6% Ind: 10% Suburbs: 14%	Total: 73%  Seniors: 75%  GOP: 90%  Ind: 75%  Suburbs: 74%  Total: 71%	Total: 14%  Seniors: 16%  GOP: 4%  Ind: 15%  Suburbs: 12%
The federal government is rationing care and seniors are losing access to the treatments prescribed by their doctors.	Total: 13%  Seniors: 10%  GOP: 8%  Ind: 9%  Suburbs: 13%	Seniors: 72% GOP: 87% Ind: 74% Suburbs: 73%	Total: 16%  Seniors: 19%  GOP: 6%  Ind: 17%  Suburbs: 14%
Medical research is being politicized at the expense of innovation and peoples' health: there will be fewer treatments available to sick patients and it risks the discovery of potential cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and cancer.	Total: 15%  Seniors: 11%  GOP: 7%  Ind: 12%  Suburbs: 14%	Total: 70%  Seniors: 71%  GOP: 88%  Ind: 71%  Suburbs: 72%	Total: 15%  Seniors: 18%  GOP: 4%  Ind: 17%  Suburbs: 14%
Medicare is cutting patient services and care for seniors to pay for the costs of social agenda policies like electric vehicles and student loan forgiveness.	Total: 15%  Seniors: 11%  GOP: 8%  Ind: 11%  Suburbs: 15%	Total: 70%  Seniors: 72%  GOP: 88%  Ind: 71%  Suburbs: 71%	Total: 15%  Seniors: 17%  GOP: 4%  Ind: 17  Suburbs: 14%

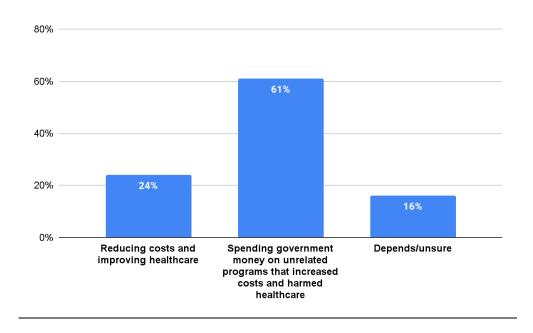
## More than 6-in-10 Americans believe the IRA was focused on unrelated government spending rather than reducing costs and improving healthcare.

Even those favorable toward Biden are split, with 36% believing the IRA focused on unrelated programs, 38% believing it aimed to reduce costs, and 25% being unsure or undecided.

Among seniors 65 and older, 61% perceive the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) as geared toward unrelated programs, with only 19% believing it intended to reduce costs. This sentiment is echoed across genders, with around 6 in 10 men and women sharing similar perceptions.

Those prioritizing healthcare or facing cost-related healthcare challenges tend to lean toward the belief that the IRA was focused on unrelated programs rather than cost reduction.

After learning some facts about the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), do you believe the IRA was more focused on (ROTATED) reducing costs and improving healthcare OR spending government money on unrelated programs that increased costs and harmed healthcare?

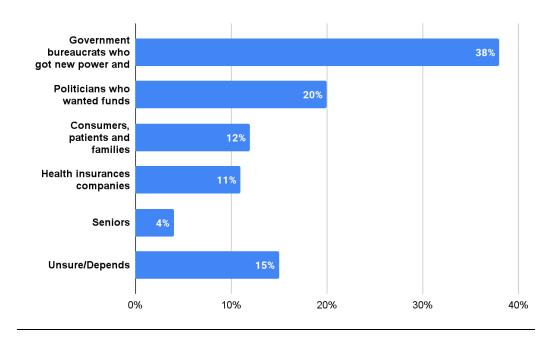


After learning some facts about the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), do you believe the IRA was more focused on (ROTATED) reducing costs and improving healthcare OR spending government money on unrelated programs that increased costs and harmed healthcare?

Notable Crosstabs	Reducing Costs (TOTAL 24%)	Unrelated Programs (TOTAL 61%)	Depends/Unsure (TOTAL 16%)
Seniors (65+)	19%	61%	19%
Women	23%	61%	16%
AARP Member	27%	53%	20%
Age 30-49	26%	59%	15%
Non-White	23%	59%	18%
Favorable-Trump	12%	82%	6%
Favorable-Biden	38%	36%	25%
Undecided 2024	5%	61%	33%
Healthcare- Top Issue	23%	59%	17%
Manage HC	26%	60%	14%
Declined care due to cost	21%	63%	16%
Caregiver Medicare/Medicaid	27%	60%	13%
Independents	20%	61%	19%
High School/Less	19%	65%	16%
Parents of kids under the age of 18	24%	63%	13%
Suburban	24%	61%	15%

There is a clear broad skepticism about the Inflation Reduction Act's effectiveness in achieving its intended purpose, as just 12% say the IRA benefits consumers, patients, and families; only 4% say it helps seniors.

And who do you believe benefited the most from the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)? READ AND ROTATED

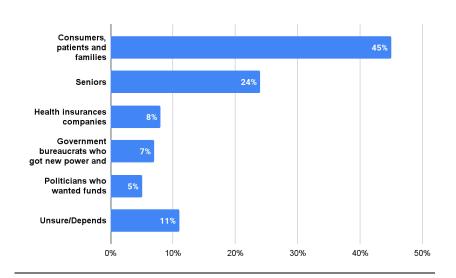


Notable Crosstabs	Bureaucrats	Politicians	Consumers	Insurance companies	Seniors
Seniors (65+)	39%	19%	13%	8%	3%
Women	40%	17%	12%	12%	4%
Men	36%	23%	13%	9%	4%
AARP Member	32%	15%	18%	9%	5%
Age 30-49	35%	23%	14%	12%	5%
Non-White	34%	20%	14%	12%	4%
Favorable-Trump	54%	26%	3%	<b>7</b> %	2%

Favorable-Biden	19%	13%	25%	14%	<b>7</b> %
Undecided 2024	39%	22%	3%	13%	**
Healthcare-Top Issue	32%	21%	10%	14%	6%
Manage HC	<b>37</b> %	22%	15%	10%	4%
Declined care due to cost	41%	18%	11%	12%	<b>4</b> %
Caregiver Medicare/Medicaid	39%	21%	13%	10%	5%
Independents	40%	19%	12%	12%	3%
Parents of kids under the age of 18	41%	21%	12%	11%	4%
Suburban	39%	20%	13%	11%	4%

A combined 7-in-10 affirm that consumers, patients, families (45%) and seniors (24%) benefit the LEAST from Biden's signature Inflation Reduction Act. This matters only if voters are made aware of the facts, and if those who rushed it through on a purely partisan vote are made to eat and own it.

And who do you believe benefited the least from the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)? READ AND ROTATED



Notable Crosstabs	Consumers	Seniors	Insurance Companies	Politicians	Govt Bureaucrats
Seniors (65+)	35%	29%	6%	6%	8%
Women	43%	26%	<b>7</b> %	4%	8%
Men	44%	22%	8%	6%	9%
AARP Member	32%	26%	11%	<b>7</b> %	9%
Age 30-49	47%	20%	10%	5%	10%
Non-White	45%	23%	6%	<b>7</b> %	9%
Favorable-Trump	55%	26%	4%	3%	8%
Favorable-Biden	28%	23%	13%	<b>7</b> %	10%

Undecided 2024	41%	29%	5%	4%	2%
Healthcare-Top Issue	<b>37</b> %	30%	6%	5%	10%
Manage HC	45%	22%	10%	5%	10%
Declined care due to cost	46%	22%	8%	6%	8%
Caregiver Medicare/Medicaid	41%	25%	10%	6%	10%
Independents	46%	23%	6%	5%	<b>7</b> %
Parents of kids under the age of 18	50%	19%	9%	5%	9%
Suburban	46%	23%	8%	5%	8%

# Lead with Solutions: There is a strong public mandate for actions that ensure drug pricing fairness and protect consumers from financial burdens imposed by the current pharmaceutical structure.

Here are some solutions that have been suggested to help lower drug prices. For each, please indicate if you agree or disagree.

	Total AGREE	Total DISAGREE	Unsure
	I OLAI AUREE	Total: 8%	Olisule
	Total: 86%		Total: <b>7</b> %
We need to ensure that all price discounts	Seniors: 88%	Seniors: 6%	Seniors: 6%
negotiated between drug manufacturers and	GOP: 85%	GOP: 10%	GOP: 5%
insurance companies get passed along directly to	Ind: 87%	Ind: 6%	Ind: <b>7</b> %
patients at the pharmacy counter.	Suburbs: 90%	Suburbs: 5%	Suburbs: 5%
	Total: 83%	Total: 8%	Total: 9%
We need a market-based approach that would	10tal: 85%	Seniors:	10tai: 9%
lower the cost of all medicines that have been on	Seniors: 87%	6%	Seniors: 7%
the market for more than 13 years without	GOP: 88%	GOP: 6%	GOP: 6%
competition so they automatically get priced the	Ind: 82%	Ind: 9%	Ind: 9%
same as cheaper, more affordable generic drugs.	Suburbs: 85%	Suburbs: 7%	Suburbs: 8%
	Total: <b>78</b> %	Total: 13%	Total: 9%
We need greater Congressional oversight on	Seniors: 79%	Seniors: 12%	Seniors: 9%
health insurance companies and pharmacy	GOP: 78%	GOP: 16%	GOP: 6%
benefit managers to ensure that they are not	Ind: 74%	Ind: 16%	Ind: 10%
overcharging Medicare and Medicaid.	Suburbs: 78%	Suburbs: 16%	Suburbs: 6%
1	Total: <b>78</b> %	Total: 11%	Total: 11%
Instead of spending \$3 billion in taxpayer money and hiring hundreds of bureaucrats to make	Seniors: 76%	Seniors: 11%	Seniors: 13%
decisions better left to doctors, Congress should	GOP: 83%	GOP: 10%	GOP: 7%
develop a simple process to lower prices for	Ind: <b>79</b> %	Ind: 10%	Ind: 12%
seniors when competition has not worked.	Suburbs: 77%	Suburbs: 12%	Suburbs: 12%
	Total: <b>77</b> %	Total: 13%	Total: 10%
Congress should take action to reduce Medicare	Seniors: 72%	Seniors: 15%	Seniors: 13%
premiums which increased by 20 percent this year	GOP: <b>77</b> %	GOP: 16%	GOP: <b>7</b> %
and are on track to increase another 20 percent	Ind: 76%	Ind: 14%	Ind: 10%
next year.	Suburbs: 78%	Suburbs: 13%	Suburbs: 9%

## Three in four voters nationwide, including seniors, Independents, Republicans, and suburban voters, are willing to reward a candidate for Congress that takes the four following actions:

- 1) Provide more choices, lower costs, and better care for patients directly.
- **2)** Believes that the Federal Government should stay out of your doctor's office. Healthcare decisions should be made between you and your doctor, not the bureaucrats in Washington DC.
- **3)** Believes that insurance companies and their pharmacy benefit manager middlemen should share more of the savings they get on medicines directly with patients.
- **4)** Calls for greater Congressional oversight of health insurers and Pharmacy Benefit Managers on fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid.

Furthermore, a majority (55%) are more likely to vote for a candidate who would overturn the IRA - after learning about its many flaws.

Yet, a plurality would be less likely (45%) to vote for a candidate who pushed for high-deductible health insurance. Public policymakers must be cautious when introducing new complex ideas that require thoughtful explanations, not simple sound bites.

I am now going to read you some statements, and for each, please tell me if knowing this would make you more or less likely to vote for that candidate for Congress?

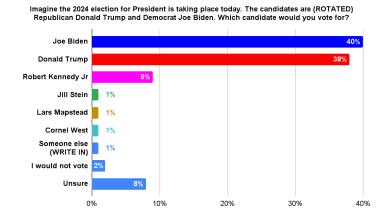
	Total MORE LIKELY	Total LESS LIKELY	Unsure/ Depends
	Total: 84%  Seniors: 88%  GOP: 89% Ind: 87%	Total: 7%  Seniors: 3%  GOP: 6% Ind: 6%	Total: 9%  Seniors: 9%  GOP: 5% Ind: 7%
Wants to provide more choices, lower costs, and better care for patients directly.	Suburbs: 86%	Suburbs:	Suburbs: 7%
Believes that the Federal Government should stay out of your doctor's office. Healthcare decisions should be made between you and your doctor, not the bureaucrats in Washington DC.	Total: 79%  Seniors: 82%  GOP: 88% Ind: 84%	Total: 10%  Seniors: 8%  GOP: 6% Ind: 7%	Total: 11%  Seniors: 10% GOP: 5% Ind: 9%

	Suburbs: 82%	Suburbs: 9%	Suburbs: 9%
	Total: 75%	Total: 14%	Total: 12%
Believes that insurance companies and their pharmacy benefit manager middlemen should share more of the savings they get on medicines directly with patients.	Seniors: 78% GOP: 78% Ind: 76% Suburbs: 77%	Seniors: 9% GOP: 12% Ind: 13% Suburbs: 13%	Seniors: 13% GOP: 10% Ind: 12% Suburbs: 9%
Calls for greater Congressional oversight of health insurers and Pharmacy Benefit Managers on fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid.	Total: 75%  Seniors:     75%  GOP: 76% Ind: 74%  Suburbs:     77%	Total: 13%  Seniors: 11% GOP: 15% Ind: 14% Suburbs: 14%	Seniors: 13% GOP: 9% Ind: 12% Suburbs: 9%
Would overturn the Inflation Reduction Act.	Total: 55%  Seniors:     50%  GOP: 83% Ind: 52%  Suburbs:     56%	Total: 23%  Seniors:	Total: 22%  Seniors:     21%  GOP: 11%  Ind: 22%  Suburbs:     17%
	Total: 34%	Total: 45%	Total: 21%
Promotes high-deductible health insurance, which offers lower monthly premiums and fully covers preventative care, but requires patients to pay for sick visits, medicine, surgeries, and other treatments until a minimum deductible is met.	Seniors: 25% GOP: 38% Ind: 30% Suburbs: 33%	Seniors: 53% GOP: 45% Ind: 50% Suburbs: 49%	Seniors: 22% GOP: 17% Ind: 20% Suburbs: 18%

### In a potential six-way matchup, Trump and Biden are virtually tied nationwide.

### Seniors favor Biden over Trump, yet Trump is gaining ground in Biden's 2020 coalition, particularly among young voters and minority men.

Trump's surge among young voters, suburbanites, minority men, and moms, along with his narrow deficits among white women, underscores the erosion of Biden's coalition. This trend is notable given Trump's 2.1% popular vote loss to Hillary Clinton in 2016, despite securing 304 Electoral College votes.



Notable Crosstabs	Biden	Trump	RFK Jr.	Undecided
Seniors (65+)	46%	39%	<b>4</b> %	<b>7</b> %
Minority Men	45%	35%	8%	<b>7</b> %
Women	42%	35%	10%	8%
Men	38%	44%	<b>6</b> %	<b>7</b> %
AARP Member	54%	33%	5%	6%
Age 18-29	34%	35%	13%	12%
Age 30-49	35%	<b>42</b> %	10%	<b>7</b> %
Non-White	46%	28%	12%	8%
Midwest/N. Central	42%	<b>37</b> %	8%	8%
Mountain	41%	44%	<b>7</b> %	6%
White Women	41%	40%	<b>7</b> %	8%
Suburban	42%	38%	8%	<b>7</b> %

### Strategic Recommendations

Republicans need a modern plan and a fresh playbook on healthcare for a post Obamacare repeal and replace world. Republicans should not cede this issue, which makes up nearly a fifth of the U.S. economy,<sup>12</sup> affects every American, and claims a majority of women as its consumers and providers.

Bolstering credibility and increasing action on healthcare is sound policy and smart politics. Post-COVID, Republicans finally went on offense on education, exposing failure, exulting the stakeholders (schoolchildren) and elevating free-market alternatives to conventional schools. Now many polls show the two major political parties are parity or within the margin of error on the matter of which does better handling the issue. This reversed a decades-long double-digit advantage for Democrats on education, an advantage they still enjoy with respect to healthcare. Recent polling shows healthcare<sup>13</sup> is one of three issues where Democrats and Biden still maintain a significant lead.

**Just what the doctor ordered: truth serum about Obamacare...** As this survey demonstrates, fourteen years after the passage of the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare, Americans are still mostly dissatisfied with their healthcare.

Since Obamacare was signed into law the facts speak for themselves: Premiums have increased by 80%, total healthcare costs for a family of four now exceed \$30,000 a year – up \$12,000 since 2010, deductibles have increased over 50% since 2013, and 26 million people are still uninsured.<sup>14</sup>

...and about the Inflation Reduction, which despite its name, raised costs and compliance for taxes, climate, and healthcare. In this survey, we find that the vast majority of Americans are not pleased with the provisions that raid Medicare and force unwelcome government family members Big Brother and Uncle Sam into our doctor's offices and our lives. This must become part of the lexicon for Republicans, who already spend considerable amount of time criticizing other aspects of the IRA – "excessive government spending", "a misnomer that does not reduce inflation", "a green energy/climate bill", "IRS was given \$80B to target taxpayers".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Healthcare Spending Will be One-Fifth of the Economy within a Decade (pgpf.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Fox News Poll: Who is leading the presidential race and other frequently asked questions about 2024 | Fox News

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Obamacare's Failed Promises I Issues (americafirstpolicy.com)

Opposition to the IRA is just a piece of it; the GOP must also finish their sentences and deliver meaningful, measurable healthcare reform that provides more options, higher quality and lower costs. As Republicans learned in the 2022 midterm election, they must lead with solutions, not problems, with specifics, not one-word generalities. Here we tested numerous solutions – like market-based strategies that would lower prescription drug prices without giving government bureaucrats more money and power.

### Survey Methodology

Commitment to Seniors recently commissioned a National Mixed Mode Survey among 1,000 Likely Registered Voters with an oversample of Seniors (n=467), for a total of 1,200 interviews. This quantitative research was conducted between May 10-13, 2024. Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of voters were interviewed from such demographic groups as age, gender, race, and geographic region. The margin of error is ± 3.0% at the 95% confidence interval for the overall survey, M.O.E.s for subgroups are larger.