

## **National Survey**

Method: Online Interviews Universe: Likely Voters 55-Plus Fielded: February 5-12, 2025

Sample Size: 1,600

Margin of Error: +/- 2.5%

### 1. ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE AT YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
YES, REGISTERED	100.0	100.0	100.0

### 2. THINKING AHEAD, HOW LIKELY IS IT YOU WILL VOTE IN THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION FOR CONGRESS?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
DEFINITELY	74.1	65.2	81.5
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIKELY	25.9	34.8	18.5
Very Likely	15.9	20.5	12.1
Somewhat Likely	10.0	14.3	6.5
Mean	2.64	2.51	2.75

## 3. IF THE ELECTION FOR CONGRESS WERE HELD TODAY, WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES HOW YOU ARE LIKELY TO VOTE BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AND THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	48.9	51.1	47.1
Definitely	32.4	31.9	32.7
Probably	12.6	14.1	11.4
Lean	3.9	5.1	3.0
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	40.5	36.0	44.2
Definitely	31.0	27.7	33.7
Probably	6.6	5.9	7.2
Lean	2.9	2.4	3.3
UNDECIDED	10.6	12.9	8.7
Net Diff.	8.4	15.1	2.9
Mean	4.17	4.32	4.05

## 4. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WOULD YOU SAY THINGS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR ARE THEY OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
RIGHT DIRECTION	44.8	47.9	42.2
WRONG TRACK	55.2	52.1	57.8
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	-10.4	-4.1	-15.5

### 5. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DAILY ECONOMIC CONCERNS IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
DAILY COSTS	60.8	61.9	60.0
Cost Of Food	44.3	46.2	42.8
Housing & Rentals Costs	9.3	10.2	8.5
Cost Of Fuel/Utilities	7.2	5.4	8.7
TAXES/SPENDING	16.8	13.4	19.5
Government Spending	11.9	8.5	14.6
Increased Taxes	4.9	5.0	4.9
HEALTHCARE COSTS	12.7	12.8	12.6
Cost Of Health Insurance	7.3	8.3	6.6
Cost/Prscrptn Medicines	5.3	4.5	6.0
JOB/RETIREMENT	9.7	11.9	7.9
Retirement Savings	6.7	6.8	6.6
Unemployment/Job Loss	3.0	5.1	1.4
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0

### 6. FROM THE SAME LIST, WHICH DAILY ECONOMIC CONCERN IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
DAILY COSTS	56.2	57.4	55.1
Cost Of Food	23.6	23.3	24.0
Cost Of Fuel/Utilities	19.6	17.8	21.1
Housing & Rentals Costs	12.9	16.3	10.1
HEALTHCARE COSTS	18.2	17.6	18.7
Cost Of Health Insurance	10.9	10.1	11.5
Cost/Prscrptn Medicines	7.3	7.4	7.2
TAXES/SPENDING	16.6	15.3	17.6
Government Spending	8.4	7.5	9.2
Increased Taxes	8.2	7.8	8.5
JOB/RETIREMENT	9.1	9.7	8.6
Retirement Savings	5.9	5.2	6.5
Unemployment/Job Loss	3.2	4.5	2.1
1ST - DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
2ND - DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0

### **ECONOMIC CONCERN ISSUE COMBO:**

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
DAILY COSTS	84.5	85.4	83.8
Cost Of Food	68.0	69.5	66.8
Cost Of Fuel/Utilities	26.8	23.3	29.7
Housing & Rentals Costs	22.2	26.6	18.6
TAXES/SPENDING	30.6	26.6	33.9
Government Spending	20.3	16.0	23.8
Increased Taxes	13.1	12.7	13.4
HEALTHCARE COSTS	29.0	28.9	29.1
Cost Of Health Insurance	18.2	18.4	18.1
Cost/Prscrptn Medicines	12.6	11.9	13.2
JOB/RETIREMENT	18.2	20.6	16.2
Retirement Savings	12.6	12.0	13.0
Unemployment/Job Loss	6.2	9.6	3.5
1ST - DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
2ND - DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0

### 7. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY ISSUES IS MOST CONCERNING TO YOU?

- 1. COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, CO-PAYS, AND DEDUCTIBLES
- 2. COST OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- 3. COST OF UNEXPECTED MEDICAL BILLS
- 4. COST OF LONG-TERM CARE

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	39.8	46.6	34.2
UNEXPECTED MEDICAL BILLS	23.4	23.0	23.8
LONG-TERM CARE	20.2	14.5	24.8
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS	16.6	16.0	17.1
DON'T KNOW	0.1	0.0	0.1

## 8. FROM THE SAME LIST, WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY ISSUES IS THE SECOND MOST CONCERNING TO YOU?

- 1. COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, CO-PAYS, AND DEDUCTIBLES
- 2. COST OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- 3. COST OF UNEXPECTED MEDICAL BILLS
- 4. COST OF LONG-TERM CARE

		UNDER	OVER
	TOTAL	65	65
Total	1600	720	880
UNEXPECTED MEDICAL BILLS	30.5	29.0	31.8
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	27.1	25.8	28.2
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS	22.9	25.7	20.7
LONG-TERM CARE	19.4	19.5	19.3
1ST - DON'T KNOW	0.1	0.0	0.1
2ND - DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0

### **HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY ISSUE COMBO:**

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	66.9	72.3	62.4
UNEXPECTED MEDICAL BILLS	53.9	52.0	55.5
LONG-TERM CARE	39.5	34.0	44.1
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS	39.5	41.7	37.7
1ST - DON'T KNOW	0.1	0.0	0.1
2ND - DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0

### 9. ARE YOU CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN ANY TRADITIONAL OR SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICARE PLANS OR PROGRAMS?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
YES	57.2	23.6	84.7
NO	42.8	76.4	15.3
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	14.4	-52.8	69.4

### 10. WHICH MEDICARE PLAN ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN? PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	915	170	746
YES, ENROLLED	95.9	84.1	98.6
Traditional Medicare	32.8	34.6	32.4
Medicare Advantage	57.0	48.3	59.1
Medicare Part D Drug Plan	20.6	18.7	21.0
Medigap	13.0	3.9	15.1
NONE OF THE ABOVE	4.1	15.9	1.4
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0

## 11. IN 2022, CONGRESS PASSED A PLAN CALLED THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA) THAT MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO MEDICARE. HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
FAMILIAR	34.9	33.3	36.2
Very	6.4	6.8	6.0
Somewhat	28.5	26.5	30.2
NOT THAT FAMILIAR	65.1	66.7	63.8
Heard About it	48.1	47.1	48.9
Never Heard of it	17.0	19.6	14.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	-30.2	-33.4	-27.6
Mean	2.24	2.20	2.27

## 12. BASED ON WHAT YOU KNOW, DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA), THE \$740 BILLION DOLLAR SPENDING BILL?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
SUPPORT	39.4	38.3	40.3
Strongly	14.8	12.9	16.3
Somewhat	24.6	25.4	24.0
OPPOSE	23.2	22.6	23.7
Somewhat	10.6	11.7	9.6
Strongly	12.7	10.9	14.1
DON'T KNOW	37.3	39.1	36.0
Net Diff.	16.2	15.7	16.6
Mean	2.66	2.66	2.66

13. MANY POLITICIANS IN WASHINGTON SAID THE \$740 BILLION DOLLAR SPENDING BILL, THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA), WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER INFLATION, CONSUMER PRICES, AND THE COSTS OF HEALTHCARE. OTHERS ARGUED IT WOULD DO THE OPPOSITE. OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS, WOULD YOU SAY PRICES FOR THE FOLLOWING THINGS HAVE INCREASED, DECREASED, OR NOT CHANGED?

CONSUMER GOODS LIKE FOOD, CLOTHING, UTILITIES ETC.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
PRICES INCREASED	92.1	91.2	92.9
PRICES DECREASED	2.3	3.0	1.7
NOT CHANGED	5.3	5.5	5.2
DON'T KNOW	0.3	0.3	0.2
Net Diff.	86.8	85.7	87.6

### 14. MY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
PRICES INCREASED	58.3	62.1	55.2
PRICES DECREASED	9.4	7.6	10.9
NOT CHANGED	32.1	30.1	33.8
DON'T KNOW	0.2	0.3	0.1
Net Diff.	26.2	32.0	21.4

### 15. MY MEDICARE OR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES, AND COPAYS

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
PRICES INCREASED	64.8	66.4	63.4
PRICES DECREASED	4.7	3.6	5.5
NOT CHANGED	30.3	29.7	30.8
DON'T KNOW	0.2	0.3	0.2
Net Diff.	34.4	36.7	32.6

16. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, HAVE ANY OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICARE PLANS, SUCH AS MEDICARE PART D DRUG PLAN, BEEN ELIMINATED AND YOU'VE HAD TO CHOOSE A NEW ONE?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	915	170	746
YES	13.3	22.0	11.3
NO	75.8	57.9	79.9
DON'T KNOW	10.9	20.2	8.8
Net Diff.	-62.5	-35.9	-68.6

- 17. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR MEDICARE PART D OR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLAN?
- 1. I HAVE SEEN PRICES FOR MY MEDICARE PART D OR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLAN, INCLUDING PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES, OR COPAYS ACTUALLY INCREASE.
- 2. I HAVE SEEN PRICES FOR MY MEDICARE PART D OR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLAN, INCLUDING PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES, OR COPAYS ACTUALLY DECREASE.
- 3. I HAVE SEEN NO CHANGES IN THE PRICES OF MY MEDICARE PART D OR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLAN.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	915	170	746
INCREASE	46.3	50.3	45.4
DECREASE	12.6	7.8	13.7
NO CHANGES	41.1	42.0	40.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	5.1	8.3	4.4

18. OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS, HAVE YOU SEEN MORE TREATMENT DENIALS OR REQUESTS FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM YOUR MEDICARE INSURANCE PROVIDER?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	915	170	746
YES	26.6	42.7	22.9
NO	73.4	57.3	77.1
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	-46.8	-14.5	-54.1

- 19. AS PART OF THE IRA SPENDING BILL'S DRUG PRICING PROVISIONS, PRESIDENT BIDEN CLAIMED MEDICARE WOULD SAVE BILLIONS AND AS A RESULT, HELP SENIORS. HOWEVER, BILLIONS IN PROJECTED MEDICARE SAVINGS ARE INSTEAD BEING USED TO HELP PAY FOR OTHER UNRELATED SPENDING PRIORITIES LIKE TAX CREDITS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES, SOLAR PANELS, AND SUBSIDIES TO PAY FOR NON-MEDICARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS. WITH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROJECTED MEDICARE SAVINGS FROM THE PLAN BEING USED TO PAY FOR SPENDING PROGRAMS UNRELATED TO MEDICARE, WHICH COMES CLOSER TO YOUR VIEW?
- 1. CONGRESS SHOULD NOT DIVERT MEDICARE REVENUES MEANT TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS TO PAY FOR SPENDING PROGRAMS UNRELATED TO MEDICARE.
- 2. CONGRESS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DIVERT MEDICARE REVENUES MEANT TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS IN MEDICARE TO PAY FOR OTHER SPENDING PROGRAMS UNRELATED TO MEDICARE.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
SHOULD NOT DIVERT MEDICARE	76.2	69.9	81.3
SHOULD DIVERT MEDICARE	23.8	30.1	18.7
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	52.3	39.8	62.6

- 20. NOW AFTER 2 YEARS SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE IRA SPENDING BILL AND BASED ON YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR VIEW?
- 1. I PERSONALLY FEEL THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA) HAS DIRECTLY HELPED ME OR MY FAMILY IN TERMS OF LOWERING INFLATION, CONSUMER PRICES, AND THE COST OF HEALTHCARE.
- 2. I PERSONALLY FEEL THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA) HAS NOT DIRECTLY HELPED ME OR MY FAMILY IN TERMS OF LOWERING INFLATION, CONSUMER PRICES, AND THE COST OF HEALTHCARE.

		UNDER	OVER
	TOTAL	65	65
Total	1600	720	880
DIRECTLY HELPED ME	20.3	21.5	19.3
NOT DIRECTLY HELPED ME	79.7	78.5	80.7
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	-59.4	-56.9	-61.4

21. IT HAS BEEN OVER 2 YEARS SINCE THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA) SPENDING BILL WAS PASSED. BASED ON YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, DO YOU CONSIDER IRA SPENDING BILL TO BE A SUCCESS OR FAILURE?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
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Total	1600	720	880
SUCCESS	26.9	26.0	27.5
FAILURE	73.1	74.0	72.4
DON'T KNOW	0.1	0.0	0.1
Net Diff.	-46.2	-48.0	-44.8

22. SUPPORTERS OF THE PLAN CLAIM THAT ITS MEDICARE PROVISIONS ALLOWING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE DRUG PRICES IN MEDICARE OR IMPOSE 95% TAXES ON DRUGMAKERS FOR CERTAIN MEDICINES IF THEIR PRICES EXCEED INFLATION, AND COLLECT REVENUES IN DOING SO, WILL DIRECTLY LOWER SOME DRUG PRICES AND ALLOW FOR A FUTURE CAP ON OUT-OF-POCKET DRUG SPENDING FOR THOSE IN MEDICARE IN JUST A FEW YEARS. OPPONENTS OF THE PLAN CLAIM THAT ITS MEDICARE PROVISIONS WENT TOO FAR BY IMPOSING EUROPEAN-STYLE PRICE CONTROLS THAT MEAN LESS ACCESS TO MEDICINES AND FEWER NEW LIFESAVING MEDICINES FOR SENIORS, WHILE EMPOWERING THE GOVERNMENT TO COLLECT AND SPEND BILLIONS IN NEW REVENUES FOR SPENDING UNRELATED TO MEDICARE INSTEAD OF PASSING IT ON TO PATIENTS. ARE YOU CONCERNED OR NOT CONCERNED WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE PLAN? AN ESTIMATED \$280 BILLION IN PROJECTED MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS IS BEING DIVERTED AWAY FROM MEDICARE TO PAY FOR OTHER UNRELATED GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
CONCERNED	93.7	92.4	94.8
NOT CONCERNED	6.1	7.5	4.9
DON'T KNOW	0.2	0.1	0.3
Net Diff.	87.6	84.9	89.9

23. MUCH OF THE MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS WILL NOT BENEFIT SENIORS UNTIL AFTER MANY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE USED TO PAY FOR OTHER UNRELATED GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS FIRST.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
CONCERNED	94.0	92.0	95.7
NOT CONCERNED	5.7	7.8	4.0
DON'T KNOW	0.3	0.3	0.3
Net Diff.	88.3	84.2	91.7

24. FUNDS FROM MEDICARE SAVINGS ARE BEING USED FOR TAX BREAKS FOR THINGS LIKE ELECTRIC VEHICLES, SOLAR PANELS, AND SUBSIDIES PAID TO LARGE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES RATHER THAN PASSING DISCOUNTS ON MEDICINES DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUAL SENIORS IN MEDICARE.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
CONCERNED	93.5	91.8	94.9
NOT CONCERNED	6.2	7.9	4.9
DON'T KNOW	0.2	0.3	0.2
Net Diff.	87.3	83.9	90.0

25. IF YOU KNEW THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WERE TRUE, WOULD EACH MAKE MORE LIKELY OR LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA)? IF IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE, JUST SAY SO.

SINCE PASSING THE IRA OVER 2 YEARS AGO, MEDICARE COSTS FOR SENIORS HAVE SKYROCKETED, WITH MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS SURGING BY AN AVERAGE OF 20% AND SOME FACING NEARLY A 50% TO 180% INCREASE. INSURERS ARE NOW WARNING ABOUT EVEN HIGHER COSTS, BURDENING SENIORS WITH UNAFFORDABLE PREMIUMS AND OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	33.8	35.0	32.9
Much	17.5	17.8	17.4
Somewhat	16.3	17.2	15.5
LESS LIKELY	58.4	56.2	60.3
Somewhat	13.2	13.4	13.0
Much	45.3	42.8	47.3
NO DIFFERENCE	7.7	8.8	6.8
Net Diff.	-24.6	-21.2	-27.4
Mean	2.48	2.54	2.43

26. SINCE PASSING THE IRA OVER 2 YEARS AGO, MEDICARE DRUG PLAN OPTIONS HAVE BEEN RAPIDLY DWINDLING, HITTING A RECORD LOW. OVER TWO MILLION SENIORS RISK LOSING THEIR CURRENT PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS AS THE RANGE OF CHOICES CONTINUES TO SHRINK. RATHER THAN EXPANDING ACCESS AND CHOICE AS PROMISED, THE IRA IS STRIPPING AWAY CRITICAL OPTIONS, LEAVING BENEFICIARIES WITH FEWER PATHS TO AFFORDABLE CARE.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	31.2	33.0	29.8
Much	16.0	16.7	15.4
Somewhat	15.3	16.3	14.4
LESS LIKELY	60.3	57.1	62.9
Somewhat	15.7	14.5	16.7
Much	44.6	42.6	46.2
NO DIFFERENCE	8.5	9.9	7.3
Net Diff.	-29.0	-24.1	-33.1
Mean	2.42	2.50	2.36

27. SINCE PASSING THE IRA OVER 2 YEARS AGO, MEDICARE ADVANTAGE COVERAGE FOR SENIORS HAS BEEN SHRINKING WHILE OUT-OF-POCKET PRICES ARE INCREASING. 1.3 MILLION SENIORS ENROLLED IN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS WILL FIND THOSE OPTIONS UNAVAILABLE IN 2025 WHILE MAXIMUM OUT-OF- POCKET COSTS ARE SET TO RISE.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	33.0	33.3	32.7
Much	16.0	16.2	15.8
Somewhat	17.0	17.1	16.9
LESS LIKELY	58.8	57.2	60.2
Somewhat	15.7	15.5	16.0
Much	43.1	41.7	44.2
NO DIFFERENCE	8.2	9.5	7.2
Net Diff.	-25.9	-23.9	-27.5
Mean	2.47	2.51	2.44

28. SINCE PASSING THE IRA OVER 2 YEARS AGO, PRICES FOR NEW DRUGS INCREASED BY 35%.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	30.3	31.8	29.2
Much	15.6	16.1	15.2
Somewhat	14.7	15.6	13.9
LESS LIKELY	61.5	59.4	63.2
Somewhat	15.5	15.0	15.9
Much	46.0	44.4	47.3
NO DIFFERENCE	8.1	8.8	7.6
Net Diff.	-31.2	-27.7	-34.1
Mean	2.38	2.44	2.34

29. THE PRICE OF MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS SAW A CUMULATIVE INCREASE OF 57% UNDER THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION, AND MEDICARE PART D INSURANCE PLAN BIDS FACE INCREASES OF AS MUCH AS 179%.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	30.4	32.0	29.2
Much	15.0	15.5	14.6
Somewhat	15.4	16.5	14.6
LESS LIKELY	60.6	57.5	63.0
Somewhat	13.1	13.7	12.6
Much	47.4	43.8	50.4
NO DIFFERENCE	9.0	10.5	7.8
Net Diff.	-30.1	-25.6	-33.8
Mean	2.37	2.46	2.30

30. THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE AND OTHERS, LIKE THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, WARNED THAT THE IRA'S PROVISION ENABLING THE GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE THE PRICE OF AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN MEDICARE USING PRICE CONTROL MEASURES WILL LEAD TO FEWER LIFESAVING DRUGS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	32.8	34.6	31.3
Much	15.0	15.3	14.7
Somewhat	17.8	19.3	16.7
LESS LIKELY	56.7	54.5	58.5
Somewhat	19.3	17.1	21.1
Much	37.5	37.5	37.5
NO DIFFERENCE	10.5	10.9	10.2
Net Diff.	-23.9	-19.9	-27.2
Mean	2.54	2.58	2.50

31. FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THE IRA, NUMEROUS DRUG DEVELOPERS ANNOUNCED THEY ARE CUTTING BACK OR COMPLETELY SHELVING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS IN SEVERAL DISEASE AREAS OR FOR NEW THERAPIES. SO FAR, OVER 40 RESEARCH PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED, AND OVER 22 MEDICINES HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	29.5	31.0	28.4
Much	13.9	15.3	12.9
Somewhat	15.6	15.7	15.5
LESS LIKELY	60.0	57.4	62.2
Somewhat	18.3	17.2	19.2
Much	41.7	40.2	43.0
NO DIFFERENCE	10.4	11.6	9.5
Net Diff.	-30.5	-26.4	-33.8
Mean	2.42	2.49	2.36

32. BIG HEALTH INSURERS STAND TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT FROM THE IRA BECAUSE IT DIVERTS SOME OF THE PROJECTED MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS TO SUBSIDIZE PREMIUMS PAID TO HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR PEOPLE NOT ENROLLED IN MEDICARE.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	32.5	34.7	30.7
Much	16.2	16.8	15.8
Somewhat	16.2	17.9	14.9
LESS LIKELY	57.8	54.2	60.8
Somewhat	16.2	15.0	17.2
Much	41.6	39.3	43.6
NO DIFFERENCE	9.7	11.1	8.5
Net Diff.	-25.4	-19.6	-30.1
Mean	2.49	2.58	2.42

33. BIG HEALTH INSURERS STAND TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT FROM THE IRA BECAUSE NEW GOVERNMENT DRUG PRICE CONTROLS IN MEDICARE COULD SAVE INSURERS SIGNIFICANT MONEY IF THE GOVERNMENT IMPOSES LOWER PRICES BUT INSURERS DO NOT PASS THE SAVINGS ON TO PATIENTS AND INSTEAD KEEP IT TO INCREASE THEIR PROFITS.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MORE LIKELY	33.1	33.0	33.2
Much	17.0	16.5	17.3
Somewhat	16.2	16.5	15.9
LESS LIKELY	59.3	58.3	60.0
Somewhat	14.6	14.9	14.4
Much	44.7	43.5	45.6
NO DIFFERENCE	7.6	8.6	6.8
Net Diff.	-26.1	-25.3	-26.8
Mean	2.46	2.48	2.45

### **SUMMARY TABLE: LESS LIKELY**

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
NEW DRUGS INCREASED BY 35%	61.5	59.4	63.2
MED PART D PLAN SHOT UP	60.6	57.5	63.0
MEDICARE DRUG PLANS DWNLNG	60.3	57.1	62.9
CUTTING BACK ON RESEARCH	60.0	57.4	62.2
SAVE INSURERS MONEY	59.3	58.3	60.0
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE SHRNKNG	58.8	57.2	60.2
MEDICARE COSTS SKYROCKETED	58.4	56.2	60.3
SUBSIDIZE PREMIUMS	57.8	54.2	60.8
FEWER LIFESAVING DRUGS	56.7	54.5	58.5

### **SUMMARY MEANS:**

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MED PART D PLAN SHOT UP	2.37	2.46	2.30
NEW DRUGS INCREASED BY 35%	2.38	2.44	2.34
CUTTING BACK ON RESEARCH	2.42	2.49	2.36
MEDICARE DRUG PLANS DWNLNG	2.42	2.50	2.36
SAVE INSURERS MONEY	2.46	2.48	2.45
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE SHRNKNG	2.47	2.51	2.44
MEDICARE COSTS SKYROCKETED	2.48	2.54	2.43
SUBSIDIZE PREMIUMS	2.49	2.58	2.42
FEWER LIFESAVING DRUGS	2.54	2.58	2.50

### 34. CONSIDERING THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA)?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
SUPPORT	20.5	20.3	20.7
Strongly	7.5	6.7	8.1
Somewhat	13.1	13.6	12.7
OPPOSE	68.1	67.9	68.2
Somewhat	23.2	23.5	22.9
Strongly	44.9	44.4	45.3
DON'T KNOW	11.4	11.8	11.0
Net Diff.	-47.5	-47.6	-47.5
Mean	1.81	1.80	1.81

35. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE PAUSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACTS CHANGES TO MEDICARE UNTIL CONGRESS CAN ASSESS THE IMPACTS IT HAS HAD ON OLDER AMERICANS AND THE MEDICARE PROGRAM'S FINANCIAL STABILITY AND ABILITY TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE, AND TO IDENTIFY NEEDED REFORMS?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
SUPPORT	64.4	61.1	67.2
Strongly	38.2	34.9	40.8
Somewhat	26.3	26.1	26.4
OPPOSE	24.0	26.7	21.8
Somewhat	12.0	14.1	10.2
Strongly	12.0	12.6	11.6
DON'T KNOW	11.6	12.2	11.0
Net Diff.	40.4	34.4	45.4
Mean	3.02	2.95	3.08

36. WITH THE IRA SPENDING BILL AS IT STANDS, WHICH DO YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE AMERICAN SENIORS ARE MOST LIKELY TO SEE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL DRUG COSTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

- 1. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP INCREASING
- 2. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP STAYING ABOUT THE SAME
- 3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP DECREASING

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
INCREASING	72.5	71.8	73.1
STAYING ABOUT THE SAME	19.2	18.9	19.4
DECREASING	8.3	9.3	7.5
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	64.2	62.4	65.6

37. WITH THE IRA SPENDING BILL AS IT STANDS, WHICH DO YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE AMERICAN SENIORS ARE MOST LIKELY TO SEE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL MEDICARE OR HEALTH PLANS IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

- 1. PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES, AND CO-PAYS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP INCREASING
- 2. PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES, AND CO-PAYS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP STAYING ABOUT THE SAME
- 3. PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES, AND CO-PAYS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP DECREASING

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
INCREASING	75.8	75.1	76.3
STAYING ABOUT THE SAME	18.4	18.6	18.3
DECREASING	5.7	6.4	5.2
DON'T KNOW	0.1	0.0	0.2
Net Diff.	70.1	68.7	71.2

38. EVERY YEAR, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LOSES BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO IMPROPER PAYMENTS, FRAUD, AND OVERCHARGES BILLED TO MEDICARE AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION TO EXPLORE WAYS TO RECOUP THAT MONEY AND HOLD THOSE FOUND TO HAVE ABUSED THE SYSTEM ACCOUNTABLE TO HELP MAKE THE MEDICARE PROGRAM MORE SECURE LONG-TERM?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
SUPPORT	90.5	87.1	93.3
Strongly	63.9	58.6	68.3
Somewhat	26.6	28.5	25.1
OPPOSE	9.5	12.9	6.7
Somewhat	7.2	10.0	4.9
Strongly	2.3	2.9	1.8
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	81.1	74.2	86.7
Mean	3.52	3.43	3.60

39. THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT. THE "PILL PENALTY," CREATED BY THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA), ALLOWS THE GOVERNMENT TO SET THE PRICE OF CERTAIN MEDICINES. SHOTS OR INFUSIONS CAN BE IN THE MARKET FOR 13 YEARS BEFORE BEING SUBJECTED TO GOVERNMENT PRICE SETTING, WHILE CUTTING-EDGE "SMALL MOLECULE" MEDICINES, WHICH TYPICALLY COME IN PILL OR CAPSULE FORM, ARE SUBJECT TO PRICE SETTING AFTER ONLY 9 YEARS ON THE MARKET. ARE YOU CONCERNED OR NOT CONCERNED WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE "PILL PENALTY" ON SMALL MOLECULE MEDICINES? THE "PILL PENALTY" WILL LEAD TO LESS INVESTMENT IN AMERICAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF CUTTING-EDGE SMALL MOLECULE MEDICINES AND THERAPIES THAT CAN PREVENT, TREAT, AND CURE DISEASES, INCLUDING CANCER.

		UNDER	OVER
	TOTAL	65	65
Total	1600	720	880
CONCERNED	86.5	86.2	86.7
NOT CONCERNED	13.4	13.6	13.2
DON'T KNOW	0.1	0.2	0.1
Net Diff.	73.1	72.6	73.5

## 40. A LACK OF INVESTMENT IN AMERICAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF CUTTING-EDGE SMALL MOLECULE MEDICINES AND THERAPIES WILL MEAN FEWER AND FEWER AMERICANS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO LIFE SAVING TREATMENTS.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
CONCERNED	88.4	87.5	89.2
NOT CONCERNED	11.4	12.4	10.5
DON'T KNOW	0.2	0.1	0.2
Net Diff.	77.0	75.1	78.7

# 41. PILLS AND OTHER FORMS OF SMALL MOLECULE MEDICINES ARE MORE CONVENIENT TO TAKE AND PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY, KEEPING PEOPLE AT WORK AND WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THE "PILL PENALTY" WILL MAKE THESE MEDICINES HARDER TO GET, AND INCREASE RELIANCE ON TREATMENTS THAT ARE MORE EXPENSIVE, MORE DIFFICULT TO ADMINISTER, AND LESS EFFECTIVE.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
CONCERNED	87.1	86.4	87.6
NOT CONCERNED	12.8	13.3	12.3
DON'T KNOW	0.2	0.3	0.1
Net Diff.	74.3	73.1	75.2

### 42. THE "PILL PENALTY" IN THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA) WILL MEAN FEWER NEW MEDICINES IN PILL AND TABLET FORM FOR PATIENTS BATTLING CHRONIC CONDITIONS.

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
CONCERNED	86.1	85.8	86.4
NOT CONCERNED	13.8	14.0	13.6
DON'T KNOW	0.1	0.1	0.0
Net Diff.	72.3	71.8	72.7

## 43. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE FIXING THE IRA'S "PILL PENALTY" BY GRANTING SMALL MOLECULE MEDICINES IN PILL AND TABLET FORM THE SAME 13-YEAR PRICE CONTROL EXEMPTION THAT OTHER MEDICINES RECEIVE?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
SUPPORT	77.8	76.0	79.2
Strongly	32.6	30.5	34.4
Somewhat	45.2	45.5	44.9
OPPOSE	22.2	24.0	20.8
Somewhat	16.1	17.6	14.8
Strongly	6.2	6.5	5.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	55.5	51.9	58.5
Mean	3.04	3.00	3.08

## 44. THERE IS NOW A BIPARTISAN REFORM BILL IN CONGRESS CALLED THE EPIC ACT – THE ENSURING PATHWAYS TO INNOVATIVE CURES ACT – TO FIX THE "PILL PENALTY" BY GRANTING SMALL MOLECULE MEDICINES THE SAME TIME PERIOD OF EXEMPTION FROM PRICE CONTROLS THAT OTHER DRUGS RECEIVE. DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS REFORM MEASURE?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
FAVOR	82.4	80.5	83.8
Strongly	31.7	28.3	34.6
Somewhat	50.6	52.3	49.3
OPPOSE	17.6	19.5	16.2
Somewhat	14.2	15.7	13.0
Strongly	3.4	3.8	3.1
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	64.7	61.1	67.7
Mean	3.11	3.05	3.15

### 45. FOR WHOM DID YOU VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
DONALD TRUMP	49.2	51.8	47.2
KAMALA HARRIS	44.2	38.9	48.5
ANOTHER CANDIDATE	2.6	3.1	2.2
DID NOT VOTE	3.9	6.3	2.0
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	5.1	12.9	-1.3

### 46. THINKING ABOUT A POLITICAL PARTY, WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A...?

		UNDER	OVER
	TOTAL	65	65
Total	1600	720	880
REPUBLICAN	42.0	45.7	39.0
DEMOCRAT	35.0	33.2	36.5
INDEPENDENT/OTHER	23.0	21.1	24.5
Net Diff.	7.0	12.6	2.5

## 47. IF YOU WERE TO LABEL YOURSELF, WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE A LIBERAL, A MODERATE, OR A CONSERVATIVE IN YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
LIBERAL	22.6	20.9	24.0
Very	8.8	8.8	8.7
Somewhat	13.8	12.1	15.2
MODERATE	35.5	37.9	33.5
CONSERVATIVE	41.9	41.1	42.5
Somewhat	23.3	23.8	23.0
Very	18.5	17.3	19.6
DK/REFUSED	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	19.3	20.2	18.6
Mean	3.29	3.29	3.29

### **48. WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION?**

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
PROTESTANT	47.8	44.2	50.7
CATHOLIC	26.2	26.5	25.9
AGNOSTIC	3.9	3.7	4.1
JEWISH	2.6	1.7	3.3
ATHEIST	2.4	2.7	2.1
MORMON/LDS	0.9	0.6	1.2
BUDDHIST	0.7	0.6	0.7
SECULAR	0.5	0.4	0.7
MUSLIM/ISLAMIC	0.2	0.4	0.2
OTHER	1.3	1.4	1.2
NONE	13.5	17.7	10.0
DON'T KNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0

### 49. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT MARITAL STATUS?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED	14.0	17.7	11.0
MARRIED	48.5	43.6	52.6
SEPARATED	2.6	4.2	1.3
DIVORCED	21.9	26.3	18.3
WIDOWED	13.0	8.3	16.8

### 50. WHAT IS THE LAST GRADE OF FORMAL EDUCATION YOU HAVE COMPLETED?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
LESS/COLLEGE GRAD	72.1	80.3	65.4
Less/H.S. Diploma	1.7	3.0	0.7
High School Grad.	22.9	25.8	20.5
Some College/Trade	33.4	33.2	33.6
Associates Degree	14.0	18.3	10.6
COLLEGE GRADUATE	27.9	19.7	34.6
Bachelors Degree	19.9	14.3	24.5
Post-Graduate Degree	8.0	5.4	10.1
DK/REFUSED	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Diff.	44.1	60.5	30.7

### 51. WOULD YOU CONSIDER WHERE YOU LIVE TO BE A URBAN, SUBURBAN OR RURAL AREA?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
URBAN AREA	22.0	24.5	19.9
SUBURBAN AREA	50.7	48.2	52.7
RURAL AREA	27.3	27.2	27.3
DON'T KNOW	0.1	0.0	0.1

### **52. ARE YOU FROM A LATINO OR HISPANIC BACKGROUND?**

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
YES	10.0	14.0	6.8
NO	90.0	86.0	93.2

### 53. WHAT IS YOUR MAIN RACIAL BACKGROUND?

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
HISPANIC	10.0	14.0	6.8
AFRICAN AMERICAN	10.0	8.7	11.1
ASIAN	4.0	4.2	3.9
WHITE	75.0	72.2	77.3
OTHER	1.0	1.0	1.0

### **54. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?**

		UNDER	OVER
	TOTAL	65	65
Total	1600	720	880
55-59	24.9	55.3	0.0
60-64	20.1	44.7	0.0
65-69	18.0	0.0	32.7
70-74	15.2	0.0	27.7
75 AND OVER	21.7	0.0	39.5
Mean	66.23	59.24	71.95

### 55. GENDER:

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
MALE	46.0	39.3	51.4
FEMALE	54.0	60.7	48.6

### 56. REGION:

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total	1600	720	880
NEW ENGLAND	5.0	4.0	5.8
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	13.2	12.6	13.8
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	16.1	18.4	14.3
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	6.6	6.4	6.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC	21.9	20.6	22.9
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	5.9	6.3	5.7
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	10.3	11.7	9.2
MOUNTAIN	7.0	7.4	6.7
PACIFIC	13.9	12.5	15.0

### 57. AREA:

		UNDER	OVER
	TOTAL	65	65
Total	1600	720	880
EAST	18.2	16.6	19.6
MIDWEST	22.8	24.8	21.1
SOUTH	38.1	38.6	37.7
WEST	20.9	19.9	21.7

### **58. BATTLEGROUND STATES:**

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	OVER 65
Total Answering	1600	720	880
BGS STATE	22.6	22.4	22.8
NON-BGS STATE	77.4	77.6	77.2