

National Tracking Poll

Project: 180634

N Size: 1993 Registered Voters

Margin of Error: ± 2%

June 20-25, 2018

Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
P1	<i>Now, generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?</i>		
	Right Direction	826	41%
	Wrong Track	1167	59%
Q172	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?</i>		
	Strongly Approve	437	22%
	Somewhat Approve	390	20%
	Somewhat Disapprove	275	14%
	Strongly Disapprove	788	40%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	103	5%
P3	<i>Now, thinking about your vote, what would you say is the top set of issues on your mind when you cast your vote for federal offices such as U.S. Senate or Congress?</i>		
	Economic Issues	547	27%
	Security Issues	365	18%
	Health Care Issues	348	17%
	Senior's Issues	334	17%
	Women's Issues	86	4%
	Education Issues	137	7%
	Energy Issues	76	4%
	Other	99	5%
Qdem1	<i>Do you currently help or have you recently in the past year helped a relative, loved one, or family member who has been diagnosed with a serious or chronic illness, such as cancer, stroke, or Alzheimers disease with any of the following activities? Making decisions about medical care, including choosing a doctor, specialist or nursing homeDealing with paperwork or bills related to their healthcare coverage, hospital or doctor visitsProviding them with help through the day or night, such as preparing their meals, assisting in dressing and bathing or making sure they take their prescription medication</i>		
	Yes	619	31%
	No	1374	69%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Qdem3	<i>Which of the following best describes your role in your households health care decisions?</i>		
	Have sole responsibility	957	48%
	Shared responsibility	846	42%
	No responsibility for the households health care decisions	190	10%
QUX1	<i>If November's election for Congress were held today, which party's candidate are you more likely to vote for in your district?</i>		
	Republican candidate	670	34%
	Democratic candidate	769	39%
	A third party or independent candidate	140	7%
	Undecided	414	21%
QUX2_1	<i>When it comes to the following issues, which party do you think would do a better job: the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you don't know, just indicate that. Health care</i>		
	The Democratic Party	877	44%
	The Republican Party	576	29%
	Both about the same	296	15%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	245	12%
QUX2_4	<i>When it comes to the following issues, which party do you think would do a better job: the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you don't know, just indicate that. Health care for seniors</i>		
	The Democratic Party	882	44%
	The Republican Party	508	25%
	Both about the same	328	16%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	275	14%
QUX2_5	<i>When it comes to the following issues, which party do you think would do a better job: the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you don't know, just indicate that. The economy and jobs</i>		
	The Democratic Party	666	33%
	The Republican Party	732	37%
	Both about the same	345	17%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	250	13%
QUX2_6	<i>When it comes to the following issues, which party do you think would do a better job: the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you don't know, just indicate that. Taxes</i>		
	The Democratic Party	680	34%
	The Republican Party	718	36%
	Both about the same	331	17%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	264	13%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
QUX2_7	<i>When it comes to the following issues, which party do you think would do a better job: the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you don't know, just indicate that. Government spending</i>		
	The Democratic Party	613	31%
	The Republican Party	665	33%
	Both about the same	433	22%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	282	14%
QUX3	<i>As you may know, Medicare Part D is a program that provides prescription drug coverage to seniors and people living with disabilities. Based on what you know, do you think the program is effective or not?</i>		
	Very effective	429	22%
	Somewhat effective	782	39%
	Not too effective	263	13%
	Not effective at all	68	3%
	Unsure	451	23%
QUX4_1	<i>Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements: For some seniors, Medicare Part D could work better and be made fairer by improving affordability and access for beneficiaries and allowing their costs to be more predictable.</i>		
	Strongly agree	827	41%
	Somewhat agree	673	34%
	Somewhat disagree	93	5%
	Strongly disagree	34	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	366	18%
QUX4_4	<i>Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements: Congress needs targeted improvements to Medicare Part D to improve affordability, access, and predictability for seniors.</i>		
	Strongly agree	905	45%
	Somewhat agree	633	32%
	Somewhat disagree	88	4%
	Strongly disagree	34	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	334	17%
QUX4_5	<i>Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements: Government spending in Part D is out of control, and Congress should drastically cut the size of the program.</i>		
	Strongly agree	185	9%
	Somewhat agree	270	14%
	Somewhat disagree	379	19%
	Strongly disagree	646	32%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	513	26%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
QUX4_6	<i>Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements: We need to find a way to keep the promise and integrity of Medicare Part D, a program seniors rely on, even if it is expensive.</i>		
	Strongly agree	881	44%
	Somewhat agree	577	29%
	Somewhat disagree	162	8%
	Strongly disagree	66	3%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	307	15%
QUX5a_1	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Giving seniors access to more of the savings on their medicines that their Part D insurance plan negotiates with prescription drug manufacturers and fees charged to pharmacists by middlemen.</i>		
	Strongly favor	987	50%
	Somewhat favor	550	28%
	Somewhat oppose	71	4%
	Strongly oppose	32	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	352	18%
QUX5a_4	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Having Part D insurance plans set a maximum limit for what seniors pay out of pocket for prescription medicines in each year.</i>		
	Strongly favor	982	49%
	Somewhat favor	500	25%
	Somewhat oppose	115	6%
	Strongly oppose	60	3%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	336	17%
QUX5a_5	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Allowing seniors to use co-pay coupons to reduce the cost of their medicines, just like many people under age 65, who can get co-pay coupons to reduce or eliminate their co-pays.</i>		
	Strongly favor	994	50%
	Somewhat favor	546	27%
	Somewhat oppose	88	4%
	Strongly oppose	34	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	331	17%

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QUX5a_6	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Having Part D insurance plans offer seniors predictable monthly co-pays for their medicines, so that the cost to a senior does not change widely from month-to-month</i>		
	Strongly favor	990	50%
	Somewhat favor	559	28%
	Somewhat oppose	94	5%
	Strongly oppose	35	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	314	16%
QUX5a_7	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Allowing seniors to flatten out their out-of-pocket payments over the year so they have more predictable costs month-to-month.</i>		
	Strongly favor	865	43%
	Somewhat favor	630	32%
	Somewhat oppose	104	5%
	Strongly oppose	43	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	351	18%
QUX5b_1	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Requiring drug companies to give much larger discounts on medicines to reduce the cost of the program for insurance companies and the government.</i>		
	Strongly favor	1089	55%
	Somewhat favor	448	22%
	Somewhat oppose	92	5%
	Strongly oppose	37	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	328	16%
QUX5b_4	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Allowing pharmacists to tell seniors about cheaper ways to buy prescription drugs.</i>		
	Strongly favor	1319	66%
	Somewhat favor	323	16%
	Somewhat oppose	69	3%
	Strongly oppose	33	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	248	12%

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QUX5b_5	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Requiring insurance companies to directly pass discounts they negotiate with drug companies to seniors.</i>		
	Strongly favor	1189	60%
	Somewhat favor	404	20%
	Somewhat oppose	69	3%
	Strongly oppose	38	2%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	294	15%
QUX5b_6	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Allowing the federal government to negotiate a set price for medicines with drug companies and create a national formulary where certain medicines are approved for insurance coverage.</i>		
	Strongly favor	836	42%
	Somewhat favor	549	28%
	Somewhat oppose	155	8%
	Strongly oppose	95	5%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	358	18%
QUX5b_7	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Allowing seniors to have access to lower co-payments by ensuring seniors can obtain prescriptions from the pharmacy of their choice.</i>		
	Strongly favor	1194	60%
	Somewhat favor	439	22%
	Somewhat oppose	63	3%
	Strongly oppose	15	1%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	281	14%
QUX5b_8	<i>Below is a list of policy changes to Medicare Part D that some in Congress have discussed recently. For each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the policy change. Prohibiting health insurers (or PBMs) from charging fees to a pharmacy after a prescription has been filled which effectively raises seniors out-of-pocket costs at that pharmacy counter.</i>		
	Strongly favor	1090	55%
	Somewhat favor	376	19%
	Somewhat oppose	109	5%
	Strongly oppose	66	3%
	Don't Know/No Opinion	351	18%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
QUX6_1	<i>Now for a little more information about these plans to address the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Assuming each statement is true, please indicate whether you would be more or less likely to support a candidate for Congress who votes for a plan that does the following. Requires seniors to pay at least 5 times more for their prescription medicines than insurance companies in the coverage gap donut hole.</i>		
	Much more likely	191	10%
	Somewhat more likely	178	9%
	Somewhat less likely	188	9%
	Much less likely	1047	53%
	Unsure	390	20%
QUX6_4	<i>Now for a little more information about these plans to address the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Assuming each statement is true, please indicate whether you would be more or less likely to support a candidate for Congress who votes for a plan that does the following. Lowers the share of medicine costs insurers have to cover in the donut hole.</i>		
	Much more likely	655	33%
	Somewhat more likely	445	22%
	Somewhat less likely	179	9%
	Much less likely	187	9%
	Unsure	527	26%
QUX6_5	<i>Now for a little more information about these plans to address the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Assuming each statement is true, please indicate whether you would be more or less likely to support a candidate for Congress who votes for a plan that does the following. Reduces the amount that seniors pay out-of-pocket for their prescription medicines.</i>		
	Much more likely	1084	54%
	Somewhat more likely	488	24%
	Somewhat less likely	79	4%
	Much less likely	39	2%
	Unsure	302	15%
QUX6_6	<i>Now for a little more information about these plans to address the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Assuming each statement is true, please indicate whether you would be more or less likely to support a candidate for Congress who votes for a plan that does the following. Establishes a maximum amount a senior would pay annually to help with catastrophic costs</i>		
	Much more likely	926	46%
	Somewhat more likely	532	27%
	Somewhat less likely	100	5%
	Much less likely	75	4%
	Unsure	360	18%

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QUX6_7	<i>Now for a little more information about these plans to address the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Assuming each statement is true, please indicate whether you would be more or less likely to support a candidate for Congress who votes for a plan that does the following. Gives seniors access to more of the savings on their medicines that their Part D insurance plan negotiates with drug companies.</i>		
	Much more likely	982	49%
	Somewhat more likely	564	28%
	Somewhat less likely	84	4%
	Much less likely	40	2%
	Unsure	323	16%
QUX6_8	<i>Now for a little more information about these plans to address the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Assuming each statement is true, please indicate whether you would be more or less likely to support a candidate for Congress who votes for a plan that does the following. Ensure middlemen can't retroactively charge fees that artificially increase seniors drug costs at the pharmacy counter.</i>		
	Much more likely	1068	54%
	Somewhat more likely	435	22%
	Somewhat less likely	85	4%
	Much less likely	83	4%
	Unsure	322	16%
QUX6_9	<i>Now for a little more information about these plans to address the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Assuming each statement is true, please indicate whether you would be more or less likely to support a candidate for Congress who votes for a plan that does the following. Allow seniors to flatten their payments over the year so they have more predictable costs month-to-month.</i>		
	Much more likely	821	41%
	Somewhat more likely	623	31%
	Somewhat less likely	117	6%
	Much less likely	43	2%
	Unsure	389	20%

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QUX7_1	<i>As you may know, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, are companies that have a role in how prescription drugs are priced and sold in the United States. PBMs are primarily responsible for developing and maintaining the formulary, which is the list of medicines covered by insurance, as well as contracting with pharmacies to sell medicines, negotiating discounts and rebates with drug manufacturers, and processing and paying prescription drug claims. Below are some statements about the role of PBMs. For each statement, assuming it is true, please indicate whether you find the statement concerning or not. PBMs are unnecessary middlemen that just add to the price of prescription drugs.</i>		
	Very concerning	988	50%
	Somewhat concerning	469	24%
	Not too concerning	90	5%
	Not at all concerning	46	2%
	Unsure	400	20%
QUX7_4	<i>As you may know, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, are companies that have a role in how prescription drugs are priced and sold in the United States. PBMs are primarily responsible for developing and maintaining the formulary, which is the list of medicines covered by insurance, as well as contracting with pharmacies to sell medicines, negotiating discounts and rebates with drug manufacturers, and processing and paying prescription drug claims. Below are some statements about the role of PBMs. For each statement, assuming it is true, please indicate whether you find the statement concerning or not. PBMs benefit patients because they negotiate up to 40% discounts on average for medicines.</i>		
	Very concerning	403	20%
	Somewhat concerning	432	22%
	Not too concerning	398	20%
	Not at all concerning	246	12%
	Unsure	514	26%
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	Very concerning	1114	56%
	Somewhat concerning	404	20%
	Not too concerning	87	4%
	Not at all concerning	35	2%
	Unsure	353	18%

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QUX7_6	<i>As you may know, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, are companies that have a role in how prescription drugs are priced and sold in the United States. PBMs are primarily responsible for developing and maintaining the formulary, which is the list of medicines covered by insurance, as well as contracting with pharmacies to sell medicines, negotiating discounts and rebates with drug manufacturers, and processing and paying prescription drug claims. Below are some statements about the role of PBMs. For each statement, assuming it is true, please indicate whether you find the statement concerning or not. PBMs charge retrospective fees that the government has said increases costs and forces more beneficiaries into the coverage gap, or donut hole</i>		
	Very concerning	1062	53%
	Somewhat concerning	412	21%
	Not too concerning	84	4%
	Not at all concerning	30	2%
	Unsure	404	20%
QUX7_7	<i>As you may know, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, are companies that have a role in how prescription drugs are priced and sold in the United States. PBMs are primarily responsible for developing and maintaining the formulary, which is the list of medicines covered by insurance, as well as contracting with pharmacies to sell medicines, negotiating discounts and rebates with drug manufacturers, and processing and paying prescription drug claims. Below are some statements about the role of PBMs. For each statement, assuming it is true, please indicate whether you find the statement concerning or not. PBMs limit certain pharmacies participation in preferred networks which penalizes seniors by forcing them to pay out of pocket if they want to fill prescriptions at the pharmacy of their choice.</i>		
	Very concerning	1057	53%
	Somewhat concerning	452	23%
	Not too concerning	89	4%
	Not at all concerning	30	2%
	Unsure	365	18%
QUX7_8	<i>As you may know, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, are companies that have a role in how prescription drugs are priced and sold in the United States. PBMs are primarily responsible for developing and maintaining the formulary, which is the list of medicines covered by insurance, as well as contracting with pharmacies to sell medicines, negotiating discounts and rebates with drug manufacturers, and processing and paying prescription drug claims. Below are some statements about the role of PBMs. For each statement, assuming it is true, please indicate whether you find the statement concerning or not. PBMs steer patients to use PBM-preferred, mail-order programs to fill all their prescriptions despite patient preference. (N=985)</i>		
	Very concerning	382	39%
	Somewhat concerning	279	28%
	Not too concerning	87	9%
	Not at all concerning	30	3%
	Unsure	206	21%

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QUX7_9	<p><i>As you may know, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, are companies that have a role in how prescription drugs are priced and sold in the United States. PBMs are primarily responsible for developing and maintaining the formulary, which is the list of medicines covered by insurance, as well as contracting with pharmacies to sell medicines, negotiating discounts and rebates with drug manufacturers, and processing and paying prescription drug claims. Below are some statements about the role of PBMs. For each statement, assuming it is true, please indicate whether you find the statement concerning or not. PBMs steer patients to use PBM-preferred programs to fill all their prescriptions despite patient preference. (N=1,008)</i></p>		
	Very concerning	475	47%
	Somewhat concerning	247	24%
	Not too concerning	64	6%
	Not at all concerning	29	3%
	Unsure	193	19%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Registered Voters	1993	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	933	47%
	Gender: Female	1060	53%
	N	1993	
age5	Age: 18-29	329	17%
	Age: 30-44	474	24%
	Age: 45-54	350	18%
	Age: 55-64	376	19%
	Age: 65+	464	23%
	N	1993	
demAgeGeneration	Generation Z: 18-21	102	5%
	Millennial: Age 22-37	502	25%
	Generation X: Age 38-53	509	26%
	Boomers: Age 54-72	747	38%
	N	1860	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	712	36%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	664	33%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	617	31%
	N	1993	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	322	16%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	390	20%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	313	16%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	352	18%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	298	15%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	318	16%
	N	1993	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	648	32%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	476	24%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	660	33%
	N	1783	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1254	63%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	471	24%
	Educ: Post-grad	268	13%
	N	1993	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	1083	54%
	Income: 50k-100k	623	31%
	Income: 100k+	287	14%
	N	1993	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1612	81%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	193	10%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Afr. Am.	253	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	128	6%
xrelNet	Relig: Protestant	493	25%
	Relig: Roman Catholic	399	20%
	Relig: Ath./Agn./None	527	26%
	Relig: Something Else	327	16%
	N	1745	
xreligion1	Relig: Jewish	54	3%
xreligion2	Relig: Evangelical	559	28%
	Relig: Non-Evang. Catholics	579	29%
	N	1138	
xreligion3	Relig: All Christian	1138	57%
	Relig: All Non-Christian	854	43%
	N	1992	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	477	24%
	Community: Suburban	933	47%
	Community: Rural	583	29%
	N	1993	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	607	30%
	Employ: Government	124	6%
	Employ: Self-Employed	150	8%
	Employ: Homemaker	137	7%
	Employ: Student	78	4%
	Employ: Retired	515	26%
	Employ: Unemployed	184	9%
	Employ: Other	199	10%
	N	1993	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	387	19%
	Military HH: No	1606	81%
	N	1993	

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xnr1	RD/WT: Right Direction	826	41%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	1167	59%
	N	1993	
Trump_Approve	Trump Job Approve	827	41%
	Trump Job Disapprove	1063	53%
	N	1890	
Trump_Approve2	Trump Job Strongly Approve	437	22%
	Trump Job Somewhat Approve	390	20%
	Trump Job Somewhat Disapprove	275	14%
	Trump Job Strongly Disapprove	788	40%
	N	1890	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	547	27%
	#1 Issue: Security	365	18%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	348	17%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	334	17%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	86	4%
	#1 Issue: Education	137	7%
	#1 Issue: Energy	76	4%
	#1 Issue: Other	99	5%
	N	1993	
xsubVote16O	2016 Vote: Democrat Hillary Clinton	746	37%
	2016 Vote: Republican Donald Trump	689	35%
	2016 Vote: Someone else	200	10%
	N	1636	
xsubVote14O	Voted in 2014: Yes	1413	71%
	Voted in 2014: No	580	29%
	N	1993	
xsubVote12O	2012 Vote: Barack Obama	896	45%
	2012 Vote: Mitt Romney	536	27%
	2012 Vote: Other	101	5%
	2012 Vote: Didn't Vote	460	23%
	N	1993	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	356	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	458	23%
	4-Region: South	744	37%
	4-Region: West	435	22%
	N	1993	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
Trump_Fav	Favorable of Trump	824	41%
	Unfavorable of Trump	1056	53%
	N	1880	
Trump_Fav_FULL	Very Favorable of Trump	465	23%
	Somewhat Favorable of Trump	359	18%
	Somewhat Unfavorable of Trump	194	10%
	Very Unfavorable of Trump	862	43%
	N	1880	
PHdemHC	HC DEC	294	15%
PHdemOP_INFL	OPINION INFL	134	7%

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