

National Tracking Poll

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
USOC1	<i>How much do you agree or disagree that health care costs are unaffordable for people and families?</i>		
	Strongly agree	868	43%
	Somewhat agree	558	28%
	Neither agree nor disagree	401	20%
	Somewhat disagree	86	4%
	Strongly disagree	88	4%
USOC2_1	<i>Thinking about the last two years, which of the following describes your experience with medical or dental expenses for yourself and your family? Please select all that apply. — I have bills that are past due or that I am unable to pay</i>		
	Selected	427	21%
	Not Selected	1574	79%
USOC2_2	<i>Thinking about the last two years, which of the following describes your experience with medical or dental expenses for yourself and your family? Please select all that apply. — I am currently paying off medical bills over time directly to a provider's office</i>		
	Selected	320	16%
	Not Selected	1681	84%
USOC2_3	<i>Thinking about the last two years, which of the following describes your experience with medical or dental expenses for yourself and your family? Please select all that apply. — I have used a credit card to pay a medical bill and am still carrying that balance</i>		
	Selected	294	15%
	Not Selected	1707	85%
USOC2_4	<i>Thinking about the last two years, which of the following describes your experience with medical or dental expenses for yourself and your family? Please select all that apply. — I have been contacted by a collection agency regarding a medical bill</i>		
	Selected	276	14%
	Not Selected	1725	86%
USOC2_5	<i>Thinking about the last two years, which of the following describes your experience with medical or dental expenses for yourself and your family? Please select all that apply. — I have taken out a loan (personal, payday, or home equity) to pay for care</i>		
	Selected	134	7%
	Not Selected	1867	93%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
USOC2_6	<i>Thinking about the last two years, which of the following describes your experience with medical or dental expenses for yourself and your family? Please select all that apply. — None of the above apply to me</i>		
	Selected	1014	51%
	Not Selected	987	49%
USOC3_1	<i>Which of the following health care costs have the biggest impact on you financially? Please select up to 2. — Deductibles</i>		
	Selected	341	17%
	Not Selected	1660	83%
USOC3_2	<i>Which of the following health care costs have the biggest impact on you financially? Please select up to 2. — Copays</i>		
	Selected	394	20%
	Not Selected	1607	80%
USOC3_3	<i>Which of the following health care costs have the biggest impact on you financially? Please select up to 2. — Insurance premiums</i>		
	Selected	475	24%
	Not Selected	1526	76%
USOC3_4	<i>Which of the following health care costs have the biggest impact on you financially? Please select up to 2. — Prices charged by hospitals</i>		
	Selected	439	22%
	Not Selected	1562	78%
USOC3_5	<i>Which of the following health care costs have the biggest impact on you financially? Please select up to 2. — Price of prescription drugs</i>		
	Selected	502	25%
	Not Selected	1499	75%
USOC3_6	<i>Which of the following health care costs have the biggest impact on you financially? Please select up to 2. — Prices charged by doctors</i>		
	Selected	335	17%
	Not Selected	1666	83%
USOC3_7	<i>Which of the following health care costs have the biggest impact on you financially? Please select up to 2. — Price of medical devices</i>		
	Selected	158	8%
	Not Selected	1843	92%
USOC3_8	<i>Which of the following health care costs have the biggest impact on you financially? Please select up to 2. — Don't know/Prefer not to say</i>		
	Selected	417	21%
	Not Selected	1584	79%

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USOC4	<i>Which of the following best describes how you think the health care system should be reformed?</i>		
	Transform our current health care system through large-scale changes	547	27%
	Improve the current health care system through incremental changes prioritizing the biggest problems	898	45%
	Keep the current health care system as-is	148	7%
	Don't know/No opinion	408	20%
USOC5	<i>How much do you trust private health care companies to regulate the costs of health care on their own, if at all?</i>		
	A lot	200	10%
	Some	473	24%
	Not much	538	27%
	Not at all	515	26%
	Don't know/No opinion	275	14%
USOC6	<i>How much do you agree or disagree Congress should be responsible for ensuring all Americans have access to affordable health care, even if that means regulating health care companies?</i>		
	Strongly agree	836	42%
	Somewhat agree	544	27%
	Neither agree nor disagree	445	22%
	Somewhat disagree	78	4%
	Strongly disagree	98	5%
USOC7_1	<i>In the past five years, have you noticed any of the following changes to health care providers in your local area? Please select all that apply. — A clinic or hospital changed its name or logo (e.g., a local hospital joining a larger health system)</i>		
	Selected	511	26%
	Not Selected	1490	74%
USOC7_2	<i>In the past five years, have you noticed any of the following changes to health care providers in your local area? Please select all that apply. — A provider's office was bought by a larger company (e.g., your primary care doctor joined a hospital network)</i>		
	Selected	440	22%
	Not Selected	1561	78%
USOC7_3	<i>In the past five years, have you noticed any of the following changes to health care providers in your local area? Please select all that apply. — Two or more healthcare facilities merged to become one organization</i>		
	Selected	493	25%
	Not Selected	1508	75%

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USOC7_4	<i>In the past five years, have you noticed any of the following changes to health care providers in your local area? Please select all that apply. — A specific merger or purchase of a health care facility or practice through news or official notification</i>		
	Selected	350	17%
	Not Selected	1651	83%
USOC7_5	<i>In the past five years, have you noticed any of the following changes to health care providers in your local area? Please select all that apply. — None of the above / I have not noticed any changes</i>		
	Selected	929	46%
	Not Selected	1072	54%
USOC8_1	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — Overall health care costs</i>		
	Very positive impact	285	14%
	Somewhat positive impact	372	19%
	No impact either way	623	31%
	Somewhat negative impact	444	22%
	Very negative impact	278	14%
USOC8_2	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — Access to local treatment facilities</i>		
	Very positive impact	292	15%
	Somewhat positive impact	462	23%
	No impact either way	770	38%
	Somewhat negative impact	307	15%
	Very negative impact	170	8%
USOC8_3	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — The amount of health care competition in your community</i>		
	Very positive impact	245	12%
	Somewhat positive impact	388	19%
	No impact either way	767	38%
	Somewhat negative impact	394	20%
	Very negative impact	207	10%

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USOC8_4	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — Ability to keep seeing your preferred doctor</i>		
	Very positive impact	344	17%
	Somewhat positive impact	373	19%
	No impact either way	719	36%
	Somewhat negative impact	377	19%
	Very negative impact	189	9%
USOC8_5	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — Quality of care available near you</i>		
	Very positive impact	346	17%
	Somewhat positive impact	458	23%
	No impact either way	741	37%
	Somewhat negative impact	302	15%
	Very negative impact	153	8%
USOC8_6	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — Wait times for medical appointments</i>		
	Very positive impact	277	14%
	Somewhat positive impact	373	19%
	No impact either way	718	36%
	Somewhat negative impact	418	21%
	Very negative impact	215	11%
USOC8_7	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — Health insurance costs</i>		
	Very positive impact	252	13%
	Somewhat positive impact	390	20%
	No impact either way	632	32%
	Somewhat negative impact	433	22%
	Very negative impact	294	15%
USOC8_8	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — Pay for health care providers</i>		
	Very positive impact	284	14%
	Somewhat positive impact	411	21%
	No impact either way	757	38%
	Somewhat negative impact	385	19%
	Very negative impact	164	8%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
USOC8_9	<i>If the hospital closest to you were purchased by a national health care organization, what kind of impact do you think this would have on the following? — Working conditions for staff</i>		
	Very positive impact	251	13%
	Somewhat positive impact	443	22%
	No impact either way	796	40%
	Somewhat negative impact	353	18%
	Very negative impact	157	8%
USOC9	<i>Do you believe the prices charged by the hospitals in the U.S....</i>		
	Fully reflect their costs — hospitals charge only what they need to operate	192	10%
	Mostly reflect their costs — hospitals charge slightly more than they need to	370	19%
	Somewhat reflect their costs — hospitals charge considerably more than they need to	516	26%
	Do not reflect their costs at all — hospitals charge far more than they need to	532	27%
	Don't know/No opinion	391	20%
USOC10	<i>When deciding who to vote for in this year's midterm elections, how important is a candidate's position on health care costs compared to other issues, if at all?</i>		
	Very important	880	44%
	Somewhat important	634	32%
	Not too important	165	8%
	Not important at all	38	2%
	Don't know/No opinion	283	14%
USOC11	<i>In your opinion, which of the following is the top issue Congress should prioritize? Please select one.</i>		
	Lowering health care costs	786	39%
	Increasing health insurance coverage	243	12%
	Improving people's ability to access care	425	21%
	Improving the quality of care provided	226	11%
	Don't know/No opinion	322	16%
USOC13_1	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Allowing the government to set limits on hospital prices to prevent excessive costs for patients</i>		
	Strongly support	695	35%
	Somewhat support	498	25%
	Neither support nor oppose	578	29%
	Somewhat oppose	123	6%
	Strongly oppose	106	5%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
USOC13_2	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Prohibiting extra fees unrelated to the cost of care, such as facility fees charged at offices and clinics far from the hospital</i>		
	Strongly support	736	37%
	Somewhat support	498	25%
	Neither support nor oppose	554	28%
	Somewhat oppose	119	6%
	Strongly oppose	94	5%
USOC13_3	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Prohibiting facility fees for routine, preventive, or telehealth services</i>		
	Strongly support	645	32%
	Somewhat support	482	24%
	Neither support nor oppose	614	31%
	Somewhat oppose	148	7%
	Strongly oppose	113	6%
USOC13_4	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Preventing hospitals from charging more than doctor's offices for the same routine services</i>		
	Strongly support	787	39%
	Somewhat support	458	23%
	Neither support nor oppose	535	27%
	Somewhat oppose	138	7%
	Strongly oppose	83	4%
USOC13_5	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Limiting the price of the most expensive prescription drugs</i>		
	Strongly support	823	41%
	Somewhat support	465	23%
	Neither support nor oppose	510	25%
	Somewhat oppose	101	5%
	Strongly oppose	101	5%
USOC13_6	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Allowing the government to block health care mergers that could reduce competition and raise prices for patients</i>		
	Strongly support	572	29%
	Somewhat support	486	24%
	Neither support nor oppose	638	32%
	Somewhat oppose	160	8%
	Strongly oppose	144	7%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
USOC13_7	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Allowing the government to restrict health care companies from acquiring other parts of the health care system, such as hospitals buying doctor's offices or insurers acquiring other providers</i>		
	Strongly support	501	25%
	Somewhat support	487	24%
	Neither support nor oppose	724	36%
	Somewhat oppose	145	7%
	Strongly oppose	144	7%
USOC13_8	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Requiring health care companies to publicly disclose their ownership structure</i>		
	Strongly support	661	33%
	Somewhat support	528	26%
	Neither support nor oppose	603	30%
	Somewhat oppose	117	6%
	Strongly oppose	92	5%
USOC13_9	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Requiring hospitals to publicly post their prices</i>		
	Strongly support	742	37%
	Somewhat support	522	26%
	Neither support nor oppose	561	28%
	Somewhat oppose	105	5%
	Strongly oppose	71	4%
USOC13_10	<i>How much do you support or oppose Congress doing the following? — Prohibiting hospitals that violate price transparency rules from sending patients to debt collection</i>		
	Strongly support	765	38%
	Somewhat support	468	23%
	Neither support nor oppose	545	27%
	Somewhat oppose	128	6%
	Strongly oppose	95	5%
USOCdem1	<i>Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health coverage at this time? A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare, Medicaid, or the military.</i>		
	Covered by health insurance	1706	85%
	Not covered by health insurance	295	15%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
USOCdem2	<i>For your healthcare are you covered by a... (N=1,706)</i>		
	Plan through your/your spouse's employer	459	27%
	Plan through your/your spouse's union	37	2%
	Plan through your parent or guardian	86	5%
	Plan you purchased by yourself	195	11%
	Medicare for seniors	454	27%
	Medicaid or another government subsidized plan	450	26%
	Military or veterans benefits	25	1%

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

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Adults	2001	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	973	49%
	Gender: Female	1024	51%
	N	1997	
age	Age: 18-34	578	29%
	Age: 35-44	344	17%
	Age: 45-64	614	31%
	Age: 65+	465	23%
	N	2001	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	352	18%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	628	31%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	471	24%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	527	26%
	N	1978	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	673	34%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	663	33%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	665	33%
	N	2001	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	323	16%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	347	17%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	312	16%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	351	18%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	339	17%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	326	16%
	N	1997	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	537	27%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	662	33%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	601	30%
	N	1800	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1275	64%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	454	23%
	Educ: Post-grad	273	14%
	N	2001	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3_us	Income: Under 50k	1139	57%
	Income: 50k-100k	510	25%
	Income: 100k+	352	18%
	N	2001	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1523	76%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	369	18%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	260	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	218	11%
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	656	33%
	Community: Suburban	932	47%
	Community: Rural	413	21%
	N	2001	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	575	29%
	Employ: Government	115	6%
	Employ: Self-Employed	170	8%
	Employ: Homemaker	116	6%
	Employ: Student	64	3%
	Employ: Retired	488	24%
	Employ: Unemployed	340	17%
	Employ: Other	134	7%
	N	2001	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	344	17%
	4-Region: Midwest	408	20%
	4-Region: South	774	39%
	4-Region: West	476	24%
	N	2001	
xdem1	Insured Adults	1706	85%
xdem2	Uninsured Adults	295	15%
xdem3	Employer-Sponsored Insurance	459	23%
xdem4	Union-Sponsored Insurance	37	2%
xdem5	Parent/Guardian Insurance	86	4%
xdem6	Self-Purchased Insurance	195	10%
xdem7	Medicare Insurance	454	23%
xdem8	Medicaid or Government-Sponsored Insurance	450	22%

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdem9	Military/Veteran Insurance	25	1%
xdem10	Private Insurance (Employer + Self-Purchased)	654	33%
xdem11	Registered Voters	1520	76%

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