

Public Opinion Strategies/PhRMA Tracking Poll, December 14-21, 2021

- From the following list, which health care issue is most important to you?
 - 21%, The cost of health insurance premiums
 - 19%, Out of pocket costs not covered by your health insurance, such as copays and deductibles
 - 13%, The cost of prescription medicines
 - 10%, The cost of hospital services
 - 7%, Protections for pre-existing conditions
 - 6%, Unexpected hospital bills
 - 6%, Lack of access to the newest and most effective prescription medicines and treatments
 - 5%, Addressing racial disparities in health care and outcomes
 - 5%, Limited options for health care coverage
 - 4%, Something else
 - 4%, Don't know/Refused
- Next, I am going to read you some statements you could hear about pharmaceutical companies or the coronavirus. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement.
 - The coronavirus pandemic has shown the large and important role pharmaceutical companies have in research and development for discovering new treatments, cures, and vaccines.
 - 45%, Strongly Agree
 - 33%, Somewhat Agree
 - 8%, Somewhat Disagree
 - 13%, Strongly Disagree
 - 1%, Don't know/No opinion
 - America's commitment to protecting innovation in the pharmaceutical industry is key to being prepared for future pandemics.
 - 39%, Strongly Agree
 - 36%, Somewhat Agree
 - 13%, Somewhat Disagree
 - 11%, Strongly Disagree
 - 1%, Don't know/No opinion
 - The pharmaceutical industry deserves credit for their rapid development of effective coronavirus vaccines in less than a year.
 - 44%, Strongly Agree
 - 29%, Somewhat Agree
 - 7%, Somewhat Disagree
 - 17%, Strongly Disagree
 - 3%, Don't know/No opinion
 - The development of effective COVID-19 vaccines and treatments in record time provides hope for new medicines in development such as cancer treatments or medicines for brain and nerve diseases, such as Parkinson's disease.
 - 32%, Strongly Agree

- 31%, Somewhat Agree
 - 11%, Somewhat Disagree
 - 21%, Strongly Disagree
 - 5%, Don't know/No opinion
- Which of the following would you prefer the President and Congress focus on?
 - 36%, Lowering costs for health care, prescription drugs, childcare, and care for the elderly
 - 10%, Republican
 - 40%, Independent
 - 58%, Democrat
 - 58%, Reducing inflation and the cost of living, improving the economy, and creating jobs
 - 85%, Republican
 - 52%, Independent
 - 36%, Democrat
 - 3%, Both
 - 1%, Republican
 - 3%, Independent
 - 4%, Democrat
 - 2%, Neither
 - 3%, Republican
 - 3%, Independent
 - 1%, Democrat
 - 1%, Don't know
 - 1%, Independent
 - 1%, Democrat
 - 1%, Refused
 - 1%, Republican
 - 1%, Independent
- Which ONE of the following parts included in the Build Back Better bill are most important to you personally?
 - 25%, Significantly invests in renewable and clean energy technology to combat climate change
 - 7%, Republican
 - 23%, Independents
 - 42%, Democrat
 - 21%, Provides funding for home health care for seniors and people with disabilities
 - 27%, Republican
 - 21%, Independent
 - 15%, Democrat
 - 12%, Allows the government to negotiate prices of some prescription medicines in Medicare
 - 14%, Republican

- 8%, Independent
 - 12%, Democrat
 - 8%, Provides free universal pre-school education to all three- and four-year olds
 - 6%, Republican
 - 10%, Independent
 - 9%, Democrat
 - 7%, Creates a new national paid family and medical leave government program
 - 5%, Republican
 - 8%, Independent
 - 9%, Democrat
 - 6%, Extends for a year the pandemic child tax credits for parents
 - 7%, Republican
 - 4%, Independent
 - 5%, Democrat
 - 15%, None
 - 31%, Republican
 - 17%, Independent
 - 1%, Democrat
 - 2%, All
 - 3%, Independent
 - 4%, Democrat
 - 4%, Don't know
 - 2%, Republican
 - 6%, Independent
 - 1%, Democrat
- Now, having heard about the Build Back Better bill, do you support or oppose Congress passing the bill?
 - 34%, Strongly support
 - 17%, Somewhat support
 - 8%, Somewhat oppose
 - 34%, Strongly oppose
 - 7%, Don't know
 - Republican
 - 2%, Strongly support
 - 9%, Somewhat support
 - 13%, Somewhat oppose
 - 73%, Strongly oppose
 - 3%, Don't know
 - Independent
 - 25%, Strongly support
 - 23%, Somewhat support
 - 10%, Somewhat oppose
 - 38%, Strongly oppose

- 4%, Don't know
- Democrat
 - 54%, Strongly support
 - 32%, Somewhat support
 - 7%, Somewhat oppose
 - 4%, Strongly oppose
 - 3%, Don't know

Methodology:

Public Opinion Strategies conducted a national brand tracking telephone survey in December 2021 on behalf of PhRMA. The December 2021 survey tracked voters' attitudes and recall about the industry, examined the health care issue environment, and explored attitudes toward government price setting, COVID-19, and the Administration's Build Back Better plan. The survey was conducted among N=800 registered voters (two national replicates of N=400) between December 14-21, 2021. The margin of error for a survey of N=800 is +3.46%.