

## Morning Consult/PhRMA Tracking Poll – September 18-23, 2021

- To the best of your knowledge, what is the main topic of H.R. 3 legislation being considered in Congress?
  - 6%, Climate change
  - 10%, Voting rights
  - 12%, Infrastructure
  - 21%, Drug pricing
  - 4%, Abortion
  - 3%, Immigration reform
  - 3%, Afghanistan
  - 5%, Taxes
  - 2%, Surprise hospital billing
  - 32%, Something else
- As you may know, H.R. 3 is legislation being considered by Congress that deals with drug pricing. How familiar are you with how the drug pricing proposals in H.R. 3 work?
  - 3%, I am an expert
  - 5%, I know a lot about it
  - 21%, I know at least something about it, but I'm not very familiar with it
  - 18%, I know the name, but nothing about it
  - 52%, I know nothing about it
- Congress is discussing different ways to negotiate lower drug prices. Which of the following would you prefer, even if neither is exactly right?
  - 52%, The Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage plans use the power of representing millions of people to negotiate lower drug prices and offer a variety of competing choices to seniors.
  - 23%, The government decides on a list of drugs that can be prescribed for all government programs, including Medicare, and uses the power of being able to decide on that list of drugs that can be prescribed to negotiate lower prices.
  - 25%, Don't know/no opinion
- Would you favor or oppose government negotiation for drug prices, if it also resulted in the following?
  - Resulted in delays of 2 years or more for new life-saving medicines
    - 6%, Favor – strongly
    - 9%, Favor – somewhat
    - 17%, Oppose – somewhat
    - 53%, Oppose – strongly
    - 15%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Resulted in access restrictions for seniors and people with disabilities
    - 8%, Favor – strongly
    - 8%, Favor – somewhat
    - 15%, Oppose – somewhat
    - 53%, Oppose – strongly
    - 16%, Don't know/no opinion

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- Resulted in the loss of 60 new treatments and hundreds of thousands of high-paying American jobs
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  - 10%, Favor – somewhat
  - 19%, Oppose – somewhat
  - 47%, Oppose – strongly
  - 17%, Don't know/no opinion
- Resulted in the U.S. being more dependent on other countries for new vaccines
  - 8%, Favor – strongly
  - 12%, Favor – somewhat
  - 19%, Oppose – somewhat
  - 44%, Oppose – strongly
- Below are some additional ideas and policies being discussed. Do you favor or oppose each of the following?
  - Lowering taxes for middle class families
    - 56%, Favor – strongly
    - 31%, Favor – somewhat
    - 4%, Oppose – somewhat
    - 2%, Oppose – strongly
    - 7%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Making federal income taxes fairer for working families
    - 59%, Favor – strongly
    - 27%, Favor – somewhat
    - 4%, Oppose – somewhat
    - 2%, Oppose – strongly
    - 8%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Allowing families to choose any health plan that meets their needs
    - 58%, Favor – strongly
    - 29%, Favor – somewhat
    - 4%, Oppose – somewhat

- 1%, Oppose – strongly
- 8%, Don't know/no opinion

*Methodology:*

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- From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you?
  - Out of pocket costs not covered by your insurance, such as copays, deductibles and out-of-network charges
    - 27%, Selected
    - 73%, Not Selected
  - The cost of health insurance premiums
    - 32%, Selected
    - 68%, Not Selected
  - The cost of prescription medicines
    - 26%, Selected
    - 74%, Not Selected
  - The cost of hospital services
    - 21%, Selected
    - 79%, Not Selected
- How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
  - Our local, state, and federal government, the NIH and CDC, and pharmaceutical companies are working together to respond to and solve coronavirus (COVID-19).
    - 22%, Strongly agree
    - 40%, Somewhat agree
    - 16%, Somewhat disagree
    - 12%, Strongly disagree
    - 10%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Policymakers can lower patients' health care costs, while keeping access to innovative, life-saving treatments
    - 37%, Strongly agree
    - 39%, Somewhat agree
    - 10%, Somewhat disagree

- 4%, Strongly disagree
  - Congress needs to focus on common-sense health care reforms that help patients get care and save money.
    - 49%, Strongly agree
    - 35%, Somewhat agree
    - 7%, Somewhat disagree
    - 3%, Strongly disagree
    - 7%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Making sure that seniors and people with disabilities have access to innovative medicines is more important than finding ways to cut costs in health care
    - 27%, Strongly agree
    - 35%, Somewhat agree
    - 19%, Somewhat disagree
    - 7%, Strongly disagree
- Below are some policies that the President and U.S. Congress could pursue to address prescription drug costs. For each one, please indicate whether you favor or oppose the policy:
  - Strengthen the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review and get generic prescription medicines to market faster to increase competition and lower costs.
    - 50%, Favor – strongly
    - 31%, Favor – not strongly
    - 6%, Oppose – not strongly
    - 3%, Oppose – strongly
    - 11%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Have stronger trade agreements that protect American intellectual property around the world
    - 45%, Favor – strongly
    - 27%, Favor – not strongly
    - 7%, Oppose – not strongly
    - 2%, Oppose – strongly
    - 19%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Require Medicare Part D insurance plans to set a maximum limit for what seniors pay out of pocket for prescription medicines in each year
    - 51%, Favor – strongly
    - 24%, Favor – not strongly
    - 8%, Oppose – not strongly
    - 4%, Oppose – strongly
    - 14%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Place a cap on the amount health insurers can make patients pay out of pocket for the deductibles, copays and other out of pocket costs.
    - 55%, Favor – strongly
    - 24%, Favor – not strongly
    - 7%, Oppose – not strongly

- 3%, Oppose – strongly
  - 12%, Don't know/no opinion
- Give health insurers incentives to keep costs of health plans manageable for people who are sick and take prescription medicines.
  - 46%, Favor – strongly
  - 31%, Favor – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – strongly
  - 15%, Don't know/no opinion
- Ensure that deductibles are lower and more affordable so that insurance kicks in earlier when you need to use it.
  - 57%, Favor – strongly
  - 26%, Favor – not strongly
  - 5%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 2%, Oppose – strongly
  - 10%, Don't know/no opinion
- Ensure more predictability in health care so that people know how much they will pay for things like prescription drugs every month
  - 54%, Favor – strongly
  - 28%, Favor – not strongly
  - 5%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 2%, Oppose – strongly
  - 11%, Don't know/no opinion
- Require health insurance companies to be more transparent about what drugs are covered and what you will pay out of pocket for prescription medicines
  - 61%, Favor – strongly
  - 22%, Favor – not strongly
  - 5%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 1%, Oppose – strongly
  - 10%, Don't know/no opinion
- Require hospitals and clinics to be more transparent about how much they mark-up the costs for prescription medicines
  - 64%, Favor – strongly
  - 22%, Favor – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 2%, Oppose – strongly
  - 8%, Don't know/no opinion
- Require hospitals to use the discounts they receive on prescription medicines to help patients in need instead of using those discounts for other purposes
  - 51%, Favor – strongly
  - 27%, Favor – not strongly
  - 8%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – strongly
  - 11%, Don't know/no opinion

- Make sure that the rebate rule policy is implemented in Medicare Part D, so seniors have lower out-of-pocket costs at the pharmacy counter after health plans start passing along the discounts they receive
  - 50%, Favor – strongly
  - 28%, Favor – not strongly
  - 5%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 2%, Oppose – strongly
  - 16%, Don't know/no opinion
- Which of the following issues, if any, do you think is the most important issue that needs to be addressed in the U.S.?
  - 3%, Crime
  - 2%, Education
  - 9%, Health insurance costs and coverage
  - 17%, Immigration and border security
  - 10%, National security and terrorism
  - 3%, Prescription drug costs
  - 4%, Race relations
  - 3%, Taxes
  - 22%, The coronavirus
  - 17%, The economy/jobs
  - 8%, The environment or climate change
  - 2%, None of these issues
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