



**HEALTH CARE SURVEY
MAY 24-25, 2022
1,000 Registered Voters**

In thinking about this year’s election for Congress, based on a scale of 1 to 9, where 1 is that you will not be voting and 9 is that you will absolutely be voting, how likely are you to vote in that election?

MEAN: 7.89

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?

1. Right Direction	30
2. Don't Know	9
3. Wrong Track	61

2. Generally speaking, would you say things in health care are headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?

1. Right Direction	31
2. Don't Know	19
3. Wrong Track	50

3. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing in handling health care?

1. Approve	42
2. Don't know	12
3. Disapprove	47

4. Would you say that the American health care system needs... ? (ROTATE)

1. A major overhaul	49
2. A few targeted fixes	43
3. Don't Know	8

5. Would you say that to make improvements to America's health care system, we need... ? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. A major overhaul done quickly	25
2. A major overhaul done in a step-by-step process over time	37
3. A few targeted fixes	31
4. Don't know	6

(ROTATE Q6-8)

6. Who has the MOST POWER to make improvements to America's health care system? (ROTATE)

1. The federal government	43
2. State and local government	13
3. Doctors	5
4. Patients	4
5. Hospitals	4
6. Insurance companies	12
7. Drug companies	5
8. Other (SPECIFY)	1
9. Don't know	12

7. Who should be MOST RESPONSIBLE for making improvements to America's health care system? (ROTATE)

1. The federal government	37
2. State and local government	14
3. Doctors	9

4. Patients	5
5. Hospitals	6
6. Insurance companies	13
7. Drug companies	4
8. Other (SPECIFY)	2
9. Don't know	10

8. Who do you TRUST THE MOST to make improvements to America's health care system? (ROTATE)

1. The federal government	20
2. State and local government	12
3. Doctors	18
4. Patients	10
5. Hospitals	8
6. Insurance companies	6
7. Drug companies	3
8. Other (SPECIFY)	3
9. Don't know	20

ROTATE Q9-10

9. Which of the following positions most represents your view? (ROTATE)

1. When it comes to health care, I prefer laws and regulations set at the local level to account for specific local circumstances and values.	35
2. When it comes to health care, I prefer laws and regulations set at the national level to provide consistency and standards across the country.	55
3. Don't Know	10

10. Which of the following positions most represents your view? (ROTATE)

1. When it comes to health care, I prefer laws and regulations set at the local level to allow for experimentation that identifies what works and what doesn't.	36
2. When it comes to health care, I prefer laws and regulations set at the national level to provide consistency and standards across the country.	54
3. Don't Know	11

ROLE OF INSURANCE

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements? (ROTATE Q11-12, THEN ROTATE Q13-14, THEN 15)

11. Getting good health care requires having good health insurance. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	44
2. Somewhat agree	35
3. Somewhat disagree	11
4. Strongly disagree	6
5. Don't know	4
TOTAL AGREE	79
TOTAL DISAGREE	17

12. Patients with health insurance are treated better by health care providers than those without insurance. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	34
2. Somewhat agree	34
3. Somewhat disagree	14
4. Strongly disagree	10
5. Don't know	9
TOTAL AGREE	68
TOTAL DISAGREE	23

13. I wish I had more health insurance choices. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	29
2. Somewhat agree	34
3. Somewhat disagree	20
4. Strongly disagree	10
5. Don't know	7
TOTAL AGREE	63
TOTAL DISAGREE	30

14. I wish I had more health care treatment choices. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	30
2. Somewhat agree	32
3. Somewhat disagree	20
4. Strongly disagree	9
5. Don't know	8
TOTAL AGREE	63
TOTAL DISAGREE	30

15. When it comes to getting the health care that they need, people should only have to pay what they can afford. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	34
2. Somewhat agree	34
3. Somewhat disagree	14
4. Strongly disagree	8
5. Don't know	11
TOTAL AGREE	68
TOTAL DISAGREE	21

16. Which of the following comes the closest to your idea of what "affordable health care" means? (ROTATE)

1. People pay what they can afford for insurance premiums and treatment	44
2. Everyone pays the same low prices for insurance premiums and treatment	44
3. Don't Know	12

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements? (ROTATE Q17-19)

17. Everyone who can afford health insurance should be required to purchase it. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	29
2. Somewhat agree	30
3. Somewhat disagree	17
4. Strongly disagree	16
5. Don't know	8
TOTAL AGREE	59
TOTAL DISAGREE	33

18. If a person who can afford health insurance but chooses not to purchase it gets sick or injured, they should be 100% responsible for the cost of treatment. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	38
2. Somewhat agree	30
3. Somewhat disagree	13
4. Strongly disagree	10
5. Don't know	9
TOTAL AGREE	68
TOTAL DISAGREE	23

19. It would be better to pay cash for most health care services and only have health insurance for emergencies. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	15
2. Somewhat agree	24
3. Somewhat disagree	21
4. Strongly disagree	32
5. Don't know	8
TOTAL AGREE	39
TOTAL DISAGREE	53

HEALTH CARE RESPONSIBILITIES

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements? (ROTATE Q20-24)

20. We have a responsibility to OURSELVES to live a healthy lifestyle to reduce the amount we have to spend personally on health care. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	41
2. Somewhat agree	42
3. Somewhat disagree	8
4. Strongly disagree	3
5. Don't know	6
TOTAL AGREE	83
TOTAL DISAGREE	11

21. We have a responsibility to OUR FELLOW AMERICANS to live a healthy lifestyle to lower overall health care spending, which will lower health insurance premiums. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	33
2. Somewhat agree	42
3. Somewhat disagree	11
4. Strongly disagree	7
5. Don't know	7
TOTAL AGREE	75
TOTAL DISAGREE	17

22. Able-bodied adults receiving taxpayer funded Medicaid benefits have a special responsibility to maintain a healthy lifestyle to keep their health expenses low. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	35
2. Somewhat agree	39
3. Somewhat disagree	13
4. Strongly disagree	6
5. Don't know	8
TOTAL AGREE	73

TOTAL DISAGREE

19

23. Able-bodied adults receiving taxpayer funded Medicaid benefits should be required to work, be actively looking for work, or go to school to qualify. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	36
2. Somewhat agree	32
3. Somewhat disagree	12
4. Strongly disagree	12
5. Don't know	8
TOTAL AGREE	68
TOTAL DISAGREE	24

24. There should be a time limit to able-bodied adults receiving taxpayer funded Medicaid benefits. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	31
2. Somewhat agree	30
3. Somewhat disagree	14
4. Strongly disagree	15
5. Don't know	10
TOTAL AGREE	60
TOTAL DISAGREE	29

HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WORKING

25. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement? The American health care system is working. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	13
2. Somewhat agree	33
3. Somewhat disagree	27
4. Strongly disagree	23
5. Don't know	5
TOTAL AGREE	46
TOTAL DISAGREE	50

On a scale of 1-9, where 1 is not important at all, 3 is somewhat important, 5 is important, 7 is very important, and 9 is extremely important, how important are each of the following in judging if the American health care system is working? (ROTATE Q26-44)

	MEAN
26. Availability of appointments and number of doctor and provider options to choose from.	6.89
27. Effectiveness of treatments and quality of doctors and nurses.	7.26
28. Overall health of the American people.	7.08
29. Equal treatment and respect given to patients.	7.30
30. Transparency of prices and quality.	7.15
31. Simplicity and ease of navigation for patients.	6.88
32. Number of health insurance options to choose from.	6.60
33. Amount paid in taxes to fund health care.	6.62
34. Sustainability of Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Administration, and other public health care program finances.	7.05
35. Affordability of monthly premiums and out of pocket costs.	7.20
36. Number of Americans without health care insurance or coverage.	6.74
37. Early detection of diseases.	7.28
38. Coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.	7.17
39. Cleanliness of air and water and availability of healthy food in every community.	7.05
40. Amount of waste and fraud.	7.02
41. Patients feeling like they are in control.	6.76
42. Mental health taken as seriously as physical health.	7.20
43. Number of Americans in medical debt.	6.58
44. Price of health care and coverage compared to other countries.	6.69

On a scale of 1-9, where 1 is not at all improve, 5 is somewhat improve, and 9 is greatly improve, how much do you think the following changes would improve the American health care system? (ROTATE Q45-58)

	MEAN
45. Americans can customize their health care coverage based on their personal health and financial needs.	6.69
46. Every American has the same health care coverage.	6.11
47. Health insurance cannot deny coverage for treatment recommended by an in-network doctor.	6.93
48. Patients own and control their medical records and can easily share it with caregivers or when they switch doctors.	6.72
49. Virtual health care is fully utilized so many health appointments can be done at home.	6.29

50. Patients can easily track their vital signs like blood glucose or blood pressure and run common medical tests on their own using their smartphone.	6.43
51. Health insurance follows you from job to job, in and out of the labor market.	6.57
52. Health plans can specialize in care for patients with cancer, heart care, diabetes and other diseases.	6.81
53. Continuous open enrollment for health insurance to allow patients to switch plans at any time.	6.55
54. Patients told upfront how much treatment will cost and do not receive surprise bills after receiving care.	6.98
55. States can import lower priced drugs from Canada.	6.83
56. Drug prices based on what other countries pay.	6.50
57. More doctors and hospitals covered in health insurance provider networks.	6.89
58. Streamlining the approval process for all new drugs and disease treatments based on the Operation Warp Speed model used for the COVID-19 vaccines.	6.45

59. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement? The American health care system is not working. (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1, 5 ALWAYS LAST)

1. Strongly agree	30
2. Somewhat agree	35
3. Somewhat disagree	21
4. Strongly disagree	9
5. Don't know	5
TOTAL AGREE	65
TOTAL DISAGREE	30

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

60. In what year were you born?

1. 18-34	17
2. 35-44	19
3. 45-54	20
4. 55-64	21
5. 65+	23

61. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

1. Republican	35
2. Democrat	37
3. Independent	25
4. Other	1
5. Don't Know	2

62. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative in your political beliefs?

1. Very Liberal	9
2. Somewhat Liberal	14
3. Moderate	38
4. Somewhat Conservative	21
5. Very Conservative	15
6. Don't Know	3

63. Are there children in your household under the age of 18 years old?

1. Yes	31
2. No	68
3. Don't Know	1

64. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	27
2. Married	54
3. Separated	2
4. Divorced	11
5. Widowed	5
6. Don't Know	1

65. What is the annual income of your household before taxes? Is it...

1. Less than 15K	11
2. 15K-30K	14
3. 30K-50K	18
4. 50K-75K	16
5. 75K-100K	16
6. 100-200K	20
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	2

66. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	16
2. Mainline Protestant	13
3. Catholic	25
4. Jewish	4
5. Mormon	2
6. Atheist/Agnostic	11
7. Other	24
8. Don't Know	4

67. What is your race?

1. Hispanic	13
2. African-American	12
3. Asian	3
4. White	69
5. Other	3
6. Don't Know	*

68. Do you or anyone in your household belong to a labor union?

1. Yes	13
2. No	85
3. Don't know	1

69. What was the last grade of school that you completed?

1. Did not complete high school	2
2. High school graduate	20
3. Attended college but received no degree	24
4. Associates degree	13
5. College graduate – Bachelors	25
6. Postgraduate study or degree	16

70. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	41
2. Employed, part-time	8
3. Unemployed	8
4. Self-employed	6
5. Homemaker	7
6. Student	2
7. Retired	27
8. Don't Know	*

71. For which presidential candidate did you vote in the 2020 election? (ROTATE 1-2, THEN 3)

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	41
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	48
3. Third party candidate/Other	3
4. Did not vote	6
5. Don't Know	1

72. Do you currently have health insurance?

1. Yes (CONTINUE TO Q73)	89
2. No (SKIP TO Q74)	10
3. Don't know (SKIP TO Q74)	1

AMONG THOSE ANSWERING YES IN Q72 ONLY

73. From where do you get your health insurance?

1. Employer or spouse's employer	41
2. My parents	3
3. Medicare	28
4. Medicaid	16
5. Individual Market	9
6. Church or Association	*
7. Sharing Ministry or other alternative arrangement	*
8. Other	2
9. Don't know	*

74. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	31
2. Suburban	47
3. Rural	22

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	19
2. South	29
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	20
5. West Coast	12