

Third Way National Multimodal Health Care Survey

September 14-21, 2021
1000 Likely Voters

Q.3 Are you currently registered to vote?

| | Total |
|--------------------|-------|
| Yes | 100 |
| No | - |
| (Don't know) | - |

Q.4 I know it's a long way off, but in November 2022, there will be an election for Congress and other offices. What are the chances of you voting in that election - are you almost certain you will vote, will you probably vote, are the chances fifty-fifty, or will you not vote in that election?

| | Total |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Almost certain | 88 |
| Probably..... | 6 |
| 50-50..... | 4 |
| Will not vote | - |
| (Don't know/refused) | 2 |

Now, I'd like you to rate your feelings toward some policies, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that policy. If you have no opinion or have never heard of that policy, please say so.

| | Mean | Fav | Unfav | ID |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|-------|----|
| 5 The Affordable Care Act..... | 52 | 42 | 36 | 89 |
| 6 Medicare for All | 53 | 45 | 36 | 90 |

Q.7 Do you currently have health insurance?

| | Total |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Yes | 95 |
| No | 5 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 0 |



Q.8 (IF YES)¹ Which of the following best describes the type of health insurance coverage you have?

| | Total |
|---|-------|
| Private insurance through your employer or a family member's employer..... | 58 |
| Private insurance you or a family member purchased directly from a health insurance company or exchange | 10 |
| Medicare | 21 |
| Another government insurance program such as Medicaid or Tricare | 8 |
| (Other) | 2 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 2 |

Q.9 (IF YES) How satisfied are you with the cost of your current health insurance coverage?

| | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 38 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 33 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 13 |
| Very dissatisfied | 14 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 1 |
| Total Satisfied | 71 |
| Total Dissatisfied | 28 |
| Satisfied - Dissatisfied | 43 |

Q.10 (IF DISSATISFIED)² Which of the following costs related to your coverage are you most dissatisfied with?

| | Total |
|--|-------|
| Your premium or the amount you pay each month | 38 |
| Your out-of-pocket expenses or the cost of things that are not covered by insurance for a medical procedure or test..... | 23 |
| Your deductible or the amount you need to pay before your insurance kicks in | 19 |
| Your co-pay or the amount you pay for a routine doctor's visit | 7 |
| A surprise bill or costs from unknowingly getting care from a provider outside of your network | 5 |
| Something else | 2 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 7 |

¹ 949 Respondents

² 264 Respondents

Q.11 Thinking more about our U.S. health care system, which of the following do you think is most in need of change?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| The cost of health care for most people | 39 |
| People getting free or subsidized health care they don't deserve | 22 |
| The amount of profit health care companies make | 18 |
| The number of people who are uninsured | 11 |
| The availability of good doctors and specialists | 7 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 4 |

Q.12 I'm going to read you some information about a new proposal to improve our health care system.

(SPLIT A)³ This proposal would improve everyone's health care coverage by placing a cap on how much people would have to pay for all health care costs under their current plan. That means that premiums, deductibles, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket costs would not exceed a certain percentage of what people earn every year. This proposal would simplify the system and would be paid for by protecting people from bills for high-priced surgeries and huge costs for routine things like bandages and aspirin during a hospital stay. This new proposal would provide built-in cost protection for everyone in case of a catastrophic event like a car accident or emergency surgery no matter where they get their insurance.

(SPLIT B) This proposal would improve everyone's health care coverage by setting a maximum amount that people would have to pay for all health care costs under their current plan. That means that premiums, deductibles, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket costs would not exceed a certain percentage of what people earn every year. This proposal would simplify the system and would be paid for by protecting people from bills for high-priced surgeries and huge costs for routine things like bandages and aspirin during a hospital stay. This new proposal would provide built-in cost protection for everyone in case of a catastrophic event like a car accident or emergency surgery no matter where they get their insurance.

After hearing this information, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

| | Total | A | B |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Strongly favor..... | 34 | 37 | 31 |
| Somewhat favor | 33 | 32 | 33 |
| Somewhat oppose | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Strongly oppose | 12 | 11 | 13 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 11 | 10 | 12 |
| Total Favor..... | 66 | 69 | 64 |
| Total Oppose | 22 | 21 | 24 |
| Favor - Oppose..... | 44 | 48 | 40 |

³ Half of all respondents were asked questions marked as SPLIT A. The other half were asked questions marked as SPLIT B.

Q.13 How well do you think you understand this health care proposal and how it would impact you?

| | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Very well | 25 |
| Somewhat well..... | 46 |
| Not too well | 18 |
| Not well at all..... | 9 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 3 |
| Total Well | 71 |
| Total Not well..... | 26 |
| Well - Not well..... | 44 |

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Now, I'm going to read some features of this health care proposal. After each one, please tell me if you favor or oppose that aspect of the proposal.

| | Strng Fav | Smwt Fav | Smwt Opp | Strng Opp | DK/ Ref | Total Fav | Total Opp | Fav - Opp |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 14 (SPLIT A) Every family would have a cap on what comes out of their pocket for health insurance, deductibles, and copayments. This out-of-pocket cap would be on a sliding scale and based on their income. For example, a family of four with a seventy-thousand-dollar income would pay ten percent or less of their income on health care..... | 37 | 35 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 72 | 22 | 50 |
| 15 (SPLIT B) Every family would have a maximum on what comes out of their pocket for health insurance, deductibles, and copayments. This out-of-pocket maximum would be on a sliding scale and based on their income. For example, a family of four with a seventy-thousand-dollar income would pay ten percent or less of their income on health care..... | 36 | 29 | 14 | 15 | 6 | 65 | 29 | 36 |
| 16 This proposal would be paid for by protecting people from bills for high-priced surgeries and huge costs for routine things like bandages and aspirin during a hospital stay. And every person would have just one billing account, instead of handling multiple bills from multiple sources..... | 49 | 28 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 76 | 17 | 59 |

| | Strng Fav | Smwt Fav | Smwt Opp | Strng Opp | DK/ Ref | Total Fav | Total Opp | Fav - Opp |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 17 (SPLIT A) This proposal doesn't kick people off of their insurance plans or force them to find new doctors. For people who already have insurance, the new cost protection would kick in after someone reaches their cap, just like insurance does right now once someone reaches their deductible. | 40 | 37 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 77 | 16 | 61 |
| 18 (SPLIT B) This proposal doesn't kick people off of their insurance plans or force them to find new doctors. For people who already have insurance, the new cost protection would kick in after someone reaches their maximum, just like insurance does right now once someone reaches their deductible. | 39 | 35 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 74 | 19 | 55 |
| 19 Everyone would be eligible for this new proposal, whether they are covered by their employer, by Medicare or Medicaid, or by insurance they buy themselves. | 47 | 26 | 9 | 12 | 6 | 74 | 20 | 54 |
| 20 This proposal would limit all out-of-pocket costs-like premiums, deductibles, and co-pays. | 50 | 27 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 77 | 18 | 59 |
| 21 (SPLIT A) This proposal sets a cap, or upper limit, on health care costs so a surgery or emergency won't cause someone to go bankrupt. | 57 | 26 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 82 | 13 | 70 |
| 22 (SPLIT B) This proposal sets a maximum, or upper limit, on health care costs so a surgery or emergency won't cause someone to go bankrupt. | 54 | 25 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 78 | 18 | 61 |
| 23 People would automatically have this cost protection, without any application process. | 45 | 23 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 68 | 26 | 43 |

Q.24 (SPLIT A) Now that you've heard more information, do you favor or oppose the proposal to place a cap on how much people would have to pay for all health care costs under their current plan?

(SPLIT B) Now that you've heard more information, do you favor or oppose the proposal to place a maximum on how much people would have to pay for all health care costs under their current plan?

| | Total | A | B |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Strongly favor..... | 39 | 42 | 36 |
| Somewhat favor | 34 | 33 | 34 |
| Somewhat oppose | 9 | 7 | 10 |
| Strongly oppose | 12 | 11 | 13 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Total Favor..... | 72 | 75 | 70 |
| Total Oppose | 20 | 18 | 23 |
| Favor - Oppose..... | 52 | 57 | 47 |

Now let me read you some statements from supporters about the new health care proposal. After each one, please tell me how convincing of a reason it is to SUPPORT the proposal - very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing, or not at all convincing.

| | Very Conv | Smwt Conv | Little Conv | Not At All Conv | DK/ Ref | Very/Little/ Smwt Conv | Not Conv |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 25 This proposal addresses the biggest challenges facing health care today-cost. Millions of people face high deductibles and other costs that keep them from getting routine care or the care they need in an emergency. No one should go bankrupt if they have an accident, have a sick child, or get cancer..... | 47 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 4 | 72 | 25 |
| 26 This proposal will make access to health care fair and affordable for everyone by capping costs based on income. The poorest would pay no more than two percent of their income for care and the wealthiest no more than seventeen percent of their income. Once those caps are reached, families will not need to pay any more out of pocket for necessary care..... | 32 | 29 | 11 | 24 | 4 | 60 | 35 |

| | | Very Conv | Smwt Conv | Little Conv | Not At All Conv | DK/ Ref | Very/ Little/ Smwt Conv | Not Conv |
|----|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|
| 27 | Health care billing is full of complications and abuses, with people getting billed multiple times by multiple places, and even getting huge bills for things like bandages and aspirin. All this billing adds administrative costs. If under this new proposal every person had just a single billing account where they could manage all of their health care bills and we ended abusive billing, we could cut costs for everyone..... | 41 | 28 | 11 | 16 | 4 | 69 | 28 |
| 28 | This proposal builds on our current system. It doesn't kick people off of their insurance plans or force them to choose new doctors. Everyone would be eligible for this new proposal, whether they are covered by their employer, by Medicare or Medicaid, or by insurance they buy themselves..... | 34 | 30 | 12 | 19 | 5 | 64 | 31 |
| 29 | (SPLIT A) Health care costs are too high and too complicated. This would make it simpler. It sets a cap, or upper limit, on all your costs-whether it's your premium, deductible, or the cost of a routine or out-of-network visit. | 37 | 27 | 14 | 16 | 6 | 64 | 30 |
| 30 | (SPLIT B) Health care costs are too high and too complicated. This would make it simpler. It sets a maximum, or upper limit, on all your costs-whether it's your premium, deductible, or the cost of a routine or out-of-network visit. | 35 | 30 | 14 | 19 | 3 | 64 | 33 |

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Now let me read you some statements from opponents of the new health care proposal. After each one, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your own mind about the proposal.

| | Very Sers Dbts | Sers Dbts | Minor Dbts | No Real Dbts | DK/ Ref | Total Sers | Total Not |
|---|----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 31 Some say this proposal would have unintended consequences. Just like under Obamacare, this proposal could lead to other problems, like rural hospitals closing or doctors no longer wanting to go into medicine because they might earn less. | 23 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 7 | 45 | 48 |
| 32 This proposal would lead patients to get expensive treatments they don't need because they know their costs are capped. Under this proposal, patients could get multiple unnecessary tests, stay in the hospital longer than they have to, and visit doctors too often, driving up costs and wait times for everyone. | 20 | 24 | 23 | 27 | 6 | 44 | 50 |
| 33 This proposal is a giveaway to the insurance companies. The trouble with our health care system is we have costly insurance company middlemen. This proposal doesn't do anything to prevent insurance company executives from making millions of dollars off the illnesses of Americans. | 23 | 26 | 22 | 20 | 10 | 49 | 42 |
| 34 Figuring out someone's income is not always easy. People earn different amounts from year to year and earn money from different sources. Trying to figure out someone's income in order to set their health care cost cap is going to be more difficult than it sounds. | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 6 | 45 | 49 |
| 35 Health care is an individual's responsibility. It shouldn't be up to Washington politicians to find a way to pay for it. This proposal is just another step toward socialized medicine and government-controlled health care. | 26 | 20 | 13 | 35 | 5 | 46 | 49 |

Q.36 (SPLIT A) Now that you've heard more information, do you favor or oppose the proposal to place a cap on how much people would have to pay for all health care costs under their current plan?

(SPLIT B) Now that you've heard more information, do you favor or oppose the proposal to place a maximum on how much people would have to pay for all health care costs under their current plan?

| | Total | A | B |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Strongly favor..... | 32 | 33 | 30 |
| Somewhat favor | 34 | 34 | 34 |
| Somewhat oppose | 11 | 8 | 13 |
| Strongly oppose | 16 | 15 | 18 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 7 | 9 | 6 |
| Total Favor..... | 66 | 68 | 64 |
| Total Oppose | 27 | 23 | 31 |
| Favor - Oppose..... | 39 | 45 | 33 |

Now, I would like to ask you a few questions to make sure we get a representative sample of voters.

Q.37 What is your gender?

| | Total |
|-----------------|--------------|
| (Male)..... | 47 |
| (Female) | 53 |
| (Other) | - |
| (Refused) | - |

Q.38 In what year were you born?

| | Total |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 18 to 24..... | 6 |
| 25 to 29..... | 5 |
| 30 to 34..... | 7 |
| 35 to 39..... | 7 |
| 40 to 44..... | 8 |
| 45 to 49..... | 7 |
| 50 to 54..... | 9 |
| 55 to 59..... | 8 |
| 60 to 64..... | 11 |
| Over 64..... | 31 |
| (No answer) | 0 |

Q.39 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

| | Total |
|---|-------|
| First through eleventh grade | 1 |
| High school graduate | 20 |
| Vocational or technical school..... | 6 |
| Some college, but no degree | 19 |
| Associate degree | 11 |
| Four-year college graduate or bachelor's degree | 24 |
| Graduate school or advanced degree | 18 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 1 |

Q.40 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or an independent?

| | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Strong Democrat..... | 26 |
| Weak Democrat | 7 |
| Independent-lean Democrat..... | 9 |
| Independent..... | 15 |
| Independent-lean Republican | 11 |
| Weak Republican..... | 7 |
| Strong Republican..... | 24 |
| (Don't know/Refused)..... | 1 |

Q.43 Which best describes your political perspective?

| | Total |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Liberal | 26 |
| Moderate..... | 35 |
| Conservative | 34 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 5 |

Q.44 In terms of your job status, are you...?

| | Total |
|--|-------|
| Employed full-time..... | 55 |
| Employed part-time | 11 |
| Unemployed, but looking for work | 1 |
| Not working, and not looking for work..... | 3 |
| A student..... | 2 |
| Retired | 20 |
| Disabled and unable to work | 3 |
| (Other) | 2 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 2 |

Q.45 Do you have any children younger than eighteen living at home?

| | Total |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Yes | 24 |
| No | 74 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 2 |

Q.46 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

| | Total |
|--|-------|
| White or Caucasian..... | 70 |
| Black or African American | 12 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 10 |
| Asian, South Asian, or Pacific Islander..... | 4 |
| Native American or Alaska Native | 1 |
| Mixed race | 3 |
| Other..... | 0 |
| (Refused) | 0 |

Q.48 In the 2020 election for President, for whom did you vote?

| | Total |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Democrat Joe Biden..... | 45 |
| Republican Donald Trump..... | 38 |
| (Other candidate) | 1 |
| (Did not vote/not eligible)..... | 3 |
| (Don't know/refused) | 13 |
| Biden - Trump..... | 6 |