

STOG0010

Sample Registered Voters
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1. Is paying for prescription drugs a problem?

Major problem	22%
Minor problem	21%
Not much of a problem at all	49%
Not sure	8%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)

2. Regarding ways to lower the cost of prescription drugs, which of the following two statements comes closest to your view?

To reduce costs, the government should strictly control the price of prescription drugs, even if it leads to drug shortages or fewer new drugs coming to market in the future	32%
To reduce costs, the government should promote greater competition and cut the red tape that increases costs, so that we avoid jeopardizing new prescription drugs coming to market	68%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)

3. Which plan do you prefer?

Government set prices	41%
Reform the FDA	59%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)

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The FDA should not have approved the drug, since experts disagree about whether it is effective.	20%
The FDA was right to approve the drug in spite of this disagreement, to give individuals afflicted with Alzheimer’s the right to try it.	49%
Don’t know/not sure	31%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)

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The FDA should not have approved the drug, since the high price tag will limit who can access it and drive up costs.	24%
The FDA was right to approve the drug, since it's better for patients to have the option to access expensive drugs, rather than not have the option.	45%
Don't know/not sure	31%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)