

NATIONAL ONLINE HEALTH CARE SURVEY

Interview Schedule



**PUBLIC OPINION
STRATEGIES**

turning questions into answers

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N=1,000 Registered Voters

Credibility Interval: $\pm 3.53\%$

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A. In which state do you live? **[SHOW DROP DOWN WITH 50 STATES + D.C.]**

21% NORTHEAST
5% NEW ENGLAND
16% MID ATLANTIC
21% MIDWEST
16% GREAT LAKES
5% FARM BELT
35% SOUTH
16% DEEP SOUTH
19% OUTER SOUTH
24% WEST
7% MOUNTAIN
16% PACIFIC

C. Are you registered to vote in **[survey state]**?

100% YES (**CONTINUE**)

D2. Please record your gender.

48% MALE
52% FEMALE

E. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, or by a political party or a candidate for office?

100% NO (**CONTINUE**)

D1. In what year were you born? ____ ____ ____ ____

4% 18 - 24
12% 25 - 34
22% 35 - 44
17% 45 - 54
16% 55 - 64
29% 65 AND ABOVE

D6A. What is your main racial or ethnic heritage? Is it... **(ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY)**

74% CAUCASIAN OR WHITE
11% AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
9% HISPANIC OR LATINO
4% ASIAN
* AMERICAN INDIAN

1% OTHER **(SPECIFY:_____)**

D4A. And, in politics today, do you consider yourself ... **(ROTATE)**

a Republican,
a Democrat,
or something else?

(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, FOLLOW UP SCREEN) Would you call yourself a STRONG (Republican/Democrat) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (Republican/Democrat)?

(IF SOMETHING ELSE, FOLLOW UP SCREEN) Do you think of yourself as closer to **(ROTATE)** the Republican or to the Democratic party?

21% STRONG REPUBLICAN
16% NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
3% LEAN REPUBLICAN

16% UNAFFILIATED / INDEPENDENT / SOMETHING ELSE

2% LEAN DEMOCRAT
14% NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
28% STRONG DEMOCRAT

40% TOTAL REPUBLICAN
44% TOTAL DEMOCRAT

1. Generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

33% RIGHT DIRECTION
67% WRONG TRACK

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as President?

19% STRONGLY APPROVE
27% SOMEWHAT APPROVE
15% SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
39% STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

46% TOTAL APPROVE
54% TOTAL DISAPPROVE

Now turning to issues...

3. Which TWO of the following issues are MOST important to you? (**RECORD FIRST CHOICE, ASK SECOND IMPORTANCE AND REMOVE FIRST CHOICE**) (**RANDOMIZE**)

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
17%	13%	30%	The economy and jobs
11%	8%	19%	Social Security and Medicare
2%	2%	5%	Education
7%	8%	16%	Health care
4%	5%	9%	Terrorism and national security
4%	11%	16%	Taxes and spending
7%	8%	16%	Illegal immigration and border security
1%	2%	4%	War in Ukraine
2%	4%	6%	Race relations
8%	7%	16%	Threats to American democracy
22%	17%	39%	Inflation
7%	7%	14%	Climate Change
4%	6%	9%	Crime
2%	1%	2%	Other (Specify: _____)

4. Addressing which of the following issues would be most beneficial to you personally? (**RECORD FIRST CHOICE, ASK SECOND CHOICE AND REMOVE FIRST CHOICE**) (**RANDOMIZE**)

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
50%	20%	70%	Reducing inflation and gas prices
7%	9%	16%	Increasing job opportunities
4%	8%	12%	Reducing the federal deficit
3%	6%	9%	Strengthening the education system
8%	13%	22%	Reducing crime
16%	25%	41%	Lowering health care costs
5%	10%	15%	Solving the immigration problem
4%	6%	10%	Reducing green house gas emissions
2%	4%	5%	Something else (SPECIFY: _____)

(ASK IF D4A:1-4) (N=560, RESULTS SHOWN OFF TOTAL BASE)

5. With Republicans now in control of the U.S. House of Representatives, what issues would you like to see them prioritize in the coming two years? **(RECORD FIRST CHOICE, ASK SECOND CHOICE AND REMOVE FIRST CHOICE, ASK THIRD CHOICE AND REMOVE FIRST & SECOND CHOICES (RANDOMIZE))**

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
23%	11%	8%	42%	Reducing inflation and gas prices
5%	5%	5%	15%	Fighting the “woke” agenda
3%	7%	8%	19%	Reducing the deficit
2%	4%	3%	9%	Investigating Hunter Biden
4%	5%	7%	17%	Reducing crime
1%	1%	3%	4%	Going after Big Tech
5%	4%	4%	13%	Impeaching President Biden
5%	8%	8%	21%	Lowering health care costs
4%	5%	4%	13%	Building a border wall
1%	1%	2%	5%	Restricting abortion
1%	3%	3%	7%	Cutting U.S. military aid for Ukraine
1%	2%	2%	4%	Something else (SPECIFY:_____)

Now, thinking a little more about health care...

(HALF SAMPLE A, N=490)

6. Generally speaking, do you believe the current health care system is meeting the needs of you and your family?

59% YES
41% NO

(HALF SAMPLE B, N=510)

7. Generally speaking, do you believe the current health care system is meeting the needs of most Americans?

35% YES
65% NO

8. In a word or short phrase, please describe the current state of the U.S. health care system.

SEE VERBATIM LISTOUT

9. Which of these statements do you think best describes the U.S. health care system today?
(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

19% It is in a state of crisis
54% It has major problems
25% It has minor problems
2% It does not have any problems

73% TOTAL CRISIS/MAJOR PROBLEMS
27% TOTAL MINOR/NO PROBLEMS

(ROTATE Q10 & Q11)

10. Thinking about the current healthcare system, who would you say HAS the most control over the type of healthcare coverage you get and who you get it from? **(RANDOMIZE)**

- 13% Me and my family
 - 29% My insurance company
 - 14% My employer
 - 33% The federal government
 - 11% The state government
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11. Now, if you had to choose, who do you think SHOULD HAVE the most say in decisions that affect the type of health care coverage you get and who you get it from? **(RANDOMIZE)**

- 68% Me and my family
 - 6% The health insurance companies
 - 4% My employer
 - 16% The federal government
 - 5% My state government
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(HALF SAMPLE A, N=490)

12. Which statement best sums up how you feel when dealing with the healthcare system?
(ROTATE)

56% I feel helpless, like no one listens to me, and I have almost no say in anything. The system is in charge, not me.

...or...

44% I feel like I'm treated as a valued customer, and the system works with me to improve my health and well-being.

(HALF SAMPLE B, N=510)

13. Which statement best sums up how you feel when dealing with the healthcare system?
(ROTATE)

86% I want more control over my own healthcare and health-related decisions, from how I get coverage to treatments to the doctors I can see.

...or...

14% Healthcare is too complex and I want doctors, the government, and insurance companies to control the process and make a lot of the decisions for me.

14. Thinking now about the role that the federal government plays in health care, do you think there should be more or less government control of our health care system? **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)**

43% There should be LESS government control of our health care system.

24% The current level of government control is about right.

33% There should be MORE government control of our health care system.

15. Which of the following would you most support as an approach to dealing with America's healthcare system? **(RANDOMIZE 1-4)**

47% Keep what works and fix what is broken by changing government rules to allow for a wider range of private health insurance options for people to choose from.

24% Completely replace the current system by ending private insurance, including employer-provided insurance, and moving all Americans into a single government-run health insurance plan.

17% Supplement the current system by offering a government-run insurance plan on the Obamacare health insurance exchange that would compete with private insurance.

5% America's health care system should stay the same as it is now.

8% Something else should be done.

16. Do you think changes to the U.S. health care system should **(ROTATE)** strengthen private sector competition or increase government control and subsidies?

60% Strengthen private sector competition

40% Increase government control and subsidies

17. Which of the following do you think would be a better way to reduce health care costs? **(ROTATE)**

29% Increasing the government's role in regulating and subsidizing health care.
...or...

71% Giving Americans more choice and control over their own health care.

(ROTATE Q18 & Q19)

18. Which comes closest to your view? **(ROTATE)**

- 61% Congress and the president should be focused on getting rid of government rules that deny Americans access to more affordable types of health care arrangements.
...or...
39% Congress and the president should be focused on creating a government-run health insurance plan that is available to all Americans.
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19. Which of the following comes closer to your own point of view? **(ROTATE)**

- 33% Health care is a public responsibility, so every American should be enrolled in a single government plan offering the same coverage.
...or...
67% Health care is very personal, so I should be able to choose the health care coverage that's right for me.
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20. A Health Savings Account (HSA) is a type of savings account for medical expenses, sort of like a 401(k). Money put into an HSA is tax free if used for a qualified medical expense, like a prescription or a medical procedure. Money in an HSA that is not used at the end of the year is rolled over to the next year and can be saved or invested to cover future medical expenses. Now, just based on what you know, do you support or oppose Health Savings Accounts?

- 36% Strongly Support
51% Somewhat Support
10% Somewhat Oppose
4% Strongly Oppose

86%^ TOTAL SUPPORT

14% TOTAL OPPOSE

21. Currently, Health Savings Accounts are only available to people who have a high-deductible health insurance plan, which is just 10% of Americans. Would you support or oppose legislation that would allow any American who wanted one to open a Health Savings Account?

41% Strongly Support
46% Somewhat Support
9% Somewhat Oppose
4% Strongly Oppose

87% TOTAL SUPPORT

13% TOTAL OPPOSE

22. If government rules were changed so that you could have one, would you consider opening a Health Savings Account?

57% Yes

31% No

13% I already have an HSA

(ASK IF Q22:3) (N=128, RESULTS SHOWN OFF TOTAL BASE & TOTAL BASE)

23. Do you like your Health Savings Account?

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SKIP</u>	
12%	93%	Yes
1%	7%	No

(ROTATE Q24 & Q25)

24. Here are two different health care plans. Just based on what you know, which plan would you prefer to improve health care for you and your family? **(ROTATE)**

61% A "Personal Option" plan in which the government allows for more choices, like tax-free Health Savings Accounts, and lets people select affordable options that are right for them, without adding new taxes.

...or...

39% A "Public Option" plan in which the government offers all Americans the option to purchase a public health insurance plan like Medicare, with subsidies for low-income Americans.

25. Here are two different health care plans. Just based on what you know, which plan would you prefer to improve health care for you and your family? **(ROTATE)**

66% A "Personal Option" plan in which the government allows for more choices, like tax-free Health Savings Accounts, that let people select affordable and personalized options that are right for them, without adding new taxes.

...or...

34% A "Medicare for All" plan that would end private health insurance coverage and move every American into a government-run health insurance plan.

(HALF SAMPLE A, N=490)

26. Please read the following statement. After you read the statement, please indicate if you agree or disagree with that statement.

As Democrats continue to push for a government-run healthcare system like Medicare for All, it is important that congressional Republicans pass legislation that addresses high healthcare costs as a means to prevent a complete government takeover of healthcare.

31% Strongly Agree
39% Somewhat Agree
18% Somewhat Disagree
12% Strongly Disagree

70% TOTAL AGREE
30% TOTAL DISAGREE

(HALF SAMPLE B, N=510)

27. Please read the following statement. After you read the statement, please indicate if you agree or disagree with that statement.

As Democrats continue to push for a government-run healthcare system like Medicare for All, it is important that congressional Republicans pass legislation that strengthens our system of private coverage as a means to prevent a complete government takeover of healthcare.

30% Strongly Agree
33% Somewhat Agree
17% Somewhat Disagree
19% Strongly Disagree

64%^ TOTAL AGREE
36% TOTAL DISAGREE

(SPLIT SAMPLE A, N=490)

28. If the Republicans made healthcare more of a priority and made an effort to improve the system, would it make you feel **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse, much worse, or would it make no difference to your opinion about the Republican Party?

20%	Much Better
42%	Somewhat Better
6%	Somewhat Worse
6%	Much Worse
26%	No Difference
62%	TOTAL BETTER
12%	TOTAL WORSE

(SPLIT SAMPLE B, N=510)

29. If the Republicans focused more attention on health care and put forth The Personal Option health care proposal, would it make you feel **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse, much worse, or would it make no difference to your opinion about the Republican Party?

11%	Much Better
35%	Somewhat Better
11%	Somewhat Worse
10%	Much Worse
34%	No Difference
46%	TOTAL BETTER
21%	TOTAL WORSE

30. As you may be aware, there is a form of medical care called telehealth, where doctors and other health care providers conduct medical exams or consultations through a regular phone, a smart phone or the internet. These exams can be conducted over video chat, a phone call or sometimes through secure messaging.

During the Covid outbreak, government regulations were temporarily suspended so that doctors could provide telehealth services to patients. Now that the Covid crisis has passed, **(ROTATE)** should government rules be permanently changed to allow doctors to continue providing telehealth services in the future or should the rules revert back to what they were before Covid?

75% Rules changed permanently
25% Rules reverted back

Now, in this section, we are collecting general data for statistical purposes only. As a reminder, the data are anonymous and your responses will be kept completely confidential. Thinking some more about you...

D3A. What is the last grade you completed in school?

*	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (GRADES 1-8)
1%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-11)
17%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (GRADE 12)
6%	TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
29%	SOME COLLEGE
31%	GRADUATED COLLEGE (e.g. BACHELOR OF ARTS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE)
16%	POST-GRADUATE (e.g. PhD, MD, JD)
18%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
35%	SOME COLLEGE
47%	COLLEGE+

D5A. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM , BOTTOM TO TOP)** conservative, moderate or liberal on most issues?

(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, FOLLOW UP SCREEN:) And would you say you are VERY (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL), or just SOMEWHAT (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)?

16%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
17%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
38%	MODERATE
15%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
13%	VERY LIBERAL
34%^	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
28%	TOTAL LIBERAL

D8A. Regardless of how you feel now, for whom did you vote in the 2020 Presidential election...
(ROTATE) Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

(IF SOMEONE ELSE, FOLLOW UP SCREEN ASK) And, did you vote for... **(ROTATE)** Jo Jorgensen or some other candidate?

44% DONALD TRUMP
51% JOE BIDEN

1% JO JORGENSEN
1% SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY: _____)

2% DID NOT VOTE

D9A. And for statistical purposes only...is your total annual household income greater or less than \$60,000?

(IF LESS THAN \$60,000, ASK:) Is it...
(ROTATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

11% UNDER \$20,000
24% BETWEEN \$20,000 - \$40,000
18% OVER \$40,000

(IF GREATER THAN \$60,000, ASK:) Is it...
(ROTATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

13% UNDER \$80,000
14% BETWEEN \$80,000 - \$100,000
19% OVER \$100,000

35% TOTAL <\$40K
32%^ TOTAL \$40K-\$80K
33% TOTAL \$80K+

D6. Do you currently have health insurance coverage?

92% Yes
8% No

(ASK IF D6:1 – YES, HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE) (N=917, RESULTS SHOWN OFF TOTAL BASE)

D6X. And which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage? **(RANDOMIZE)**

37% A health plan provided through your employer or your spouse's employer
11% A health plan you purchase yourself
3% **(SHOW IF AGE 18-26)** Your parents' health plan
25% Medicare
13% Medicaid
1% Tricare
2% Veteran's Health Administration (VA)
1% Some other way **(SPECIFY): _____**

(ASK IF D6:1 – YES, HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE) (N=917, RESULTS SHOWN OFF TOTAL BASE)

H7. Thinking about the amount and types of health insurance coverage you currently have, do you consider yourself to be:

27% Well-Insured
50% Adequately Insured
11% Under Insured

4% Don't Know/No Opinion

(ASK IF D6:1 – YES, HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE) (N=917, RESULTS SHOWN OFF TOTAL BASE)

H8. How much is your HOUSEHOLD'S' annual health insurance deductible?

25% Under \$1,000
18% Between \$1,000 And \$2,500
17% Between \$2,500 And \$5,000
7% Above \$5,000

25% Don't Know / No Opinion

D10. And, how frequently do you seek health care provider services, such as going to a clinic, the doctor or emergency room? **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

6%	A Few Times A Month
11%	Once A Month
51%	A Few Times A Year
17%	Once A Year
15%	Once Every Couple Of Years

D12. Do you or someone living in your household work for a health care organization, such as a doctor's office, hospital, or clinic that treats patients?

9%	Yes, self
4%	Yes, someone living in household
3%	Yes, both self and someone living in household
84%	No

D13. Do you or does anyone living in your household have asthma, cancer, chronic lung disease, diabetes, heart disease or have a weakened immune system?

22%	Yes, self
13%	Yes, someone living in household
4%	Yes, both self and someone living in household
60%	No
