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***Politico*/Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Poll**

Voters and Health Care in the 2016 Election

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HC-05. Thinking ahead to the November 2016 election, please tell me how important each of the following health care issues will be when you decide how to vote for President. How about... (INSERT ITEM)? Will that be...?

- a. The future of the Affordable Care Act, the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010 **(Asked of half-sample A; n = 762)**

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Extremely important in your vote	30	33	32	35	33
Very important	29	20	39	20	41
Somewhat important	21	17	20	18	18
Not very important	6	6	5	7	5
Not at all important	12	21	3	18	2
Don't know/Refused	2	3	1	2	1

- b. The future of Medicare, the government health insurance program for people age 65 and over **(Asked of half-sample B; n = 730)**

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Extremely important in your vote	42	30	54	32	56
Very important	35	43	29	42	26
Somewhat important	15	18	13	17	15
Not very important	4	5	2	6	2
Not at all important	2	4	1	3	1
Don't know/Refused	2	*	1	*	*

- c. The future of Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children **(Asked of half-sample B; n = 730)**

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Extremely important in your vote	30	16	44	16	45
Very important	34	32	36	28	37
Somewhat important	24	32	16	35	15
Not very important	7	12	2	14	1
Not at all important	4	8	1	7	1
Don't know/Refused	1	*	1	*	1

- d. Government's future role in providing health insurance to those who don't have it **(Asked of half-sample B; n = 730)**

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Extremely important in your vote	28	13	44	13	44
Very important	31	22	38	22	39
Somewhat important	24	33	15	32	14
Not very important	8	14	2	16	*
Not at all important	7	16	1	14	1
Don't know/Refused	2	2	*	3	2

- e. Government's future role in slowing the rise of health care costs **(Asked of half-sample A; n = 762)**

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Extremely important in your vote	29	31	27	31	31
Very important	37	29	44	30	45
Somewhat important	24	23	23	25	20
Not very important	5	8	2	9	2
Not at all important	5	7	1	5	1
Don't know/Refused	*	2	3	*	1

- f. Future federal policies on abortion **(Asked of half-sample C; n = 751)**

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Extremely important in your vote	25	25	26	23	27
Very important	32	29	35	32	33
Somewhat important	21	20	23	19	23
Not very important	9	13	5	11	4
Not at all important	11	12	10	11	11
Don't know/Refused	2	1	1	4	2

- g. The future level of government spending on research on cures for diseases **(Asked of half-sample D; n = 741)**

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Extremely important in your vote	22	15	28	14	30
Very important	35	33	38	30	39
Somewhat important	31	34	29	40	25
Not very important	6	9	3	8	4
Not at all important	4	7	2	6	2
Don't know/Refused	2	2	*	2	*

h. Future government response to the Zika outbreak (**Asked of half-sample A; n = 762**)

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Extremely important in your vote	13	11	16	10	15
Very important	25	18	33	17	36
Somewhat important	32	33	33	34	32
Not very important	17	22	13	21	11
Not at all important	11	14	3	15	3
Don't know/Refused	2	2	2	3	3

HC-05a-h Summary: % citing each issue as extremely important in their vote

% extremely important	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Future of Medicare	42	30	54	32	56
Future of the Affordable Care Act	30	33	32	35	33
Future of Medicaid	30	16	44	16	45
Government's future role in slowing the rise of health care costs	29	31	27	31	31
Government's future role in providing health insurance to those who don't have it	28	13	44	13	44
Future federal policies on abortion	25	25	26	23	27
Future level of government spending on research on cures for diseases	22	15	28	14	30
Future government response to Zika outbreak	13	11	16	10	15

(Asked of half-sample D; n = 741)

HC-06. Do you think the rich in this country get better health care than the poor, or not?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Yes	82	70	92	71	92
No	15	25	7	21	7
Don't know/Refused	3	5	1	8	1

(Asked of half-sample C; n = 751)

HC-07. Do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to make sure that the rich and the poor get the same quality of and access to health care?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Should be government's responsibility	65	43	92	42	91
Should not	32	54	7	54	6
Don't know/Refused	3	3	1	4	3

(Asked of half-sample D; n = 741)

HC-08. Do you think the federal government should play a major role, a minor role, or no role in trying to make the health care system in the U.S. work better?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Should play major role	57	24	85	28	87
Minor role	26	41	11	43	10
No role	15	34	3	28	1
Don't know/Refused	2	1	2	1	2

(Asked of half-sample B; n = 730)

HC-09. How well do you think each of the following is working? How about (INSERT ITEM)? Is it...?

- a. Medicare, the government health insurance program for people age 65 and over

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Well (net)	70	65	75	69	76
Very well	16	15	20	14	20
Somewhat well	54	50	55	55	56
Poorly (net)	25	28	20	25	19
Somewhat poorly	17	15	16	15	15
Very poorly	8	13	4	10	4
Don't know/Refused	5	7	5	6	5

- b. Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Well (net)	55	44	66	45	66
Very well	12	6	18	8	20
Somewhat well	43	38	48	37	46
Poorly (net)	32	42	23	38	22
Somewhat poorly	22	25	18	22	17
Very poorly	10	17	5	16	5
Don't know/Refused	13	14	11	17	12

(Asked of half-sample A; n = 762)

HC-10. As you may know, the Affordable Care Act is the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010. Overall, how well do you think the Affordable Care Act is working today? Is it...?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Well (net)	43	5	79	12	80
Very well	11	1	22	2	22
Somewhat well	32	4	57	10	58
Poorly (net)	54	94	16	88	15
Somewhat poorly	16	20	11	20	9
Very poorly	38	74	5	68	6
Don't know/Refused	3	1	5	*	5

(Asked of half-sample A; n = 762)

HC-11/12. This is the sixth year since the Affordable Care Act, the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010, was enacted. Do you think the Affordable Care Act should be changed or kept the way it is? (If should be changed, ask) Which of the following do you think should be done to change the Affordable Care Act?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Should be kept as it is	18	4	34	5	33
Existing program should be expanded	8	2	13	3	13
Should be replaced with an insurance program in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government insurance plan like Medicare that is financed by taxpayers	14	4	25	5	26
Should be replaced by an insurance program that would not require people to buy health insurance, but would offer them limited tax credits to enroll voluntarily in different private health insurance plans	16	22	10	24	7
Should be scaled back and each state would design its own plan	14	20	7	20	7
Should be repealed completely.	20	40	2	35	2
Don't know/Refused	10	8	9	8	12

(Asked of half-sample A; n = 762)

HC-13. One of the issues being debated in the election this year is whether or not the federal government should establish a government-sponsored health insurance program that would compete with private health insurance plans. This is often called a public option and would be available only for those eligible for the Affordable Care Act. Do you favor or oppose the government offering such a program?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Favor	48	23	74	25	75
Oppose	42	68	16	67	15
Don't know/Refused	10	9	10	8	10

(Asked of half-sample A; n = 762)

HC-14. Some people have suggested that the federal government limit how much pharmaceutical companies can increase prescription drug prices. Do you favor or oppose giving the federal government this authority in the future?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Favor	64	48	78	52	79
Oppose	32	47	20	43	19
Don't know/Refused	4	5	2	5	2

(Asked of half-sample B; n = 730)

HC-15. In the next decade, spending on Medicare is likely to grow substantially due to more people retiring and health care costs rising. Currently there is a debate in Washington over what should be done about this problem. Which of the following ideas comes closest to your own view about what should be done?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Medicare increase both financial incentives and penalties to encourage doctors and hospitals to practice in ways that are less costly	36	30	39	34	40
Medicare changed to a system where the government gives retirees a limited amount of money to choose among different health insurance plans, including the option of Medicare	22	27	16	25	15
Medicare not changed, with taxpayers and beneficiaries paying more money each year	18	18	20	15	21
Medicare pay doctors and hospitals less money than they receive now	8	4	12	7	10
Don't now/Refused	16	21	13	19	14

(Asked of half-sample B; n = 730)

HC-16. As you may know, Medicare prescription drug prices are rising. Currently, Medicare negotiates with doctors and hospitals to establish the prices Medicare pays for their services. However, Medicare does not negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies, instead relying on marketplace competition to establish prices. Which of the following would you prefer?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Have Medicare use its bargaining power to negotiate lower prescription drug prices from pharmaceutical companies	73	64	83	68	80
Keep current policy that relies on market competition to establish prescription drug prices	19	29	11	24	13
Don't know/Refused	8	7	6	8	7

(Asked of half-sample C; n = 751)

HC-17. In the election, funding of Planned Parenthood has been an issue. Planned Parenthood is an organization that provides family planning and preventative health services. In addition, it provides some abortion services. Currently the federal government provides funding assistance for some of Planned Parenthood's health services, but not for abortions. Do you support or oppose ending ALL federal funding to Planned Parenthood because they provide some abortion services?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Favor	37	47	26	47	29
Oppose	58	48	70	48	68
Don't know/Refused	5	5	4	5	3

(Asked of half-sample C; n = 751)

HC-18. Medicaid is the largest government program that pays for health care for low-income people. Currently the federal government prohibits the use of federal funds to pay for abortions under Medicaid? Do you favor or oppose changing this policy in order to allow Medicaid funds to be used to pay for abortions?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Favor	36	19	57	18	55
Oppose	58	77	36	78	37
Don't know/Refused	6	4	7	4	8

(Asked of half-sample D; n = 741)

HC-18a. Should candidates for President release their medical records, or is this something they should not be asked to do?

	Total likely voters	Trump voters	Clinton voters	Rep voters	Dem voters
Should release	59	63	60	65	58
Something they should not be asked to do	38	34	39	32	39
Don't know/Refused	3	3	1	3	3

HC-03/04. If the 2016 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for...? (In the 2016 presidential election, did you vote for...?) (If don't know who they will vote for or will vote for neither, ask) Which candidate are you leaning toward...?

	Donald Trump, the Republican candidate (including leaners)	Hillary Clinton, the Democratic candidate (including leaners)	Other/ Neither (vol)	Don't know/ Refused
Total likely voters	41	46	8	5