Americans' Values on Health Policy, By Party Identification

This survey was conducted for The Commonwealth Fund and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, via telephone (landline and cell phone) by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish, **November 5 – December 5, 2020,** among a nationally representative probability-based sample of 2,150 adults age 18 or older. The margin of error for the total respondents is +/-3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Results may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Q3. Currently there is a lot of discussion about what type of health insurance system the U.S. should have in the future. There are four proposals that are currently being discussed. Please tell me for each of the following whether you would support or oppose it.

SHOW FOR FIRST ITEM: First, how about: (INSERT ITEM). Would you support or oppose this? SHOW FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: Next, how about: (INSERT ITEM). Would you support or oppose this? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Would you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose)?) (SCRAMBLE ITEMS A-D)

d.   Allowing people under the age of 65 the option to buy their health coverage through the Medicare program just like one might buy private insurance.

	STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT			SOMEWHAT/STRONGLY OPPOSE			
	NET	**Strongly support**	**Somewhat support**	**NET**	**Somewhat oppose**	**Strongly oppose**	**Don't know/ Refused**
Total	**73**	36	37	**22**	10	13	5
Democrats /Lean Democrat	**80**	42	39	**17**	9	8	3
Republicans/ Lean Republican	**65**	30	35	**29**	11	18	6
p-value for D-R difference	**< 0.01**	< 0.01	0.27	**< 0.01**	0.51	< 0.01	< 0.05

Q4. In the future, how involved do you think the federal government should be in health care? Should it be (more involved), (less involved), or about as involved as it is now? (ROTATE RESPONSES 1&2)

Full sample:

	More involved	Less involved	Involved as it is now	Don't know/ Refused
Total	46	30	21	3
Democrats /Lean Democrat	67	10	21	3
Republicans/ Lean Republican	21	56	21	2
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.94	0.96

Among respondents who **SUPPORT** (somewhat or strongly) a Medicare buy-in option:

	More involved	Less involved	Involved as it is now	Don't know/ Refused
Total	49	26	22	3
Democrats /Lean Democrat	65	10	23	2
Republicans/ Lean Republican	27	49	22	2
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.84	0.96

Among respondents who **OPPOSE** (somewhat or strongly) a Medicare buy-in option:

	More involved	Less involved	Involved as it is now	Don't know/ Refused
Total	37	43	17	3
Democrats /Lean Democrat	74	9	13	4
Republicans/ Lean Republican	12	68	20	1
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.15	0.08

Q5. Do you think it is the responsibility of the government to make sure all Americans have health insurance coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the government?

Full sample:

	Responsibility of government	Not responsibility of government	Don't know/ Refused
Total	58	38	4
Democrats /Lean Democrat	86	11	3
Republicans/ Lean Republican	28	70	3
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.71

Among respondents who **SUPPORT** (somewhat or strongly) a Medicare buy-in option:

	Responsibility of government	Not responsibility of government	Don't know/ Refused
Total	63	33	4
Democrats /Lean Democrat	85	11	4
Republicans/ Lean Republican	35	62	3
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.68

Among respondents who **OPPOSE** (somewhat or strongly) a Medicare buy-in option:

	Responsibility of government	Not responsibility of government	Don't know/ Refused
Total	44	55	1
Democrats /Lean Democrat	90	9	1
Republicans/ Lean Republican	14	85	2
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.43

Q6. Which of the following approaches for providing health insurance in the United States would you prefer--a health insurance system (run mostly by the government), or a system (based mostly on private health insurance)? (ROTATE ANSWERS OPTIONS 1 &2)

	Health insurance system run mostly by the government	Health insurance system based mostly on private health insurance	Don't know/ Refused
Total	46	47	7
Democrats /Lean Democrat	71	22	7
Republicans/ Lean Republican	18	78	5
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.19

Among respondents who **SUPPORT** (somewhat or strongly) a Medicare buy-in option:

	Health insurance system run mostly by the government	Health insurance system based mostly on private health insurance	Don't know/ Refused
Total	49	44	7
Democrats /Lean Democrat	70	23	7
Republicans/ Lean Republican	21	73	6
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.58

Among respondents who **OPPOSE** (somewhat or strongly) a Medicare buy-in option:

	Health insurance system run mostly by the government	Health insurance system based mostly on private health insurance	Don't know/ Refused
Total	39	58	3
Democrats /Lean Democrat	80	17	3
Republicans/ Lean Republican	11	89	0
p-value for D-R difference	< 0.01	<0.01	< 0.05