

## National Tracking Poll

Project: 150907

N Size: 2042 Registered Voters

Margin of Error:  $\pm 2\%$

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### Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
P1	<i>Now, 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?</i>		
	Right Direction	666	33%
	Wrong Track	1376	67%
P2NET	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?</i>		
	Approve	858	42%
	Disapprove	1137	56%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	48	2%
P2	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?</i>		
	Strongly Approve	300	15%
	Somewhat Approve	558	27%
	Somewhat Disapprove	387	19%
	Strongly Disapprove	750	37%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	48	2%
P3	<i>Now, thinking about your vote, what would you say is the top set of issues on your mind when you cast your vote for federal offices such as U.S. Senate or Congress?</i>		
	Economic Issues	770	38%
	Security Issues	412	20%
	Health Care Issues	292	14%
	Senior's Issues	260	13%
	Women's Issues	74	4%
	Education Issues	128	6%
	Energy Issues	52	3%
	Other	54	3%
PR1_1NET	<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Prescription medicines help patients live longer, healthier lives.</i>		
	Total Agree	1611	79%
	Total Disagree	358	18%
	Dont know / No Opinion	73	4%

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PR1_1	<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Prescription medicines help patients live longer, healthier lives.</i>		
	Strongly Agree	767	38%
	Somewhat Agree	844	41%
	Somewhat Disagree	281	14%
	Strongly Disagree	76	4%
	Dont know / No Opinion	73	4%
PR1_2NET	<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Prescription medicines help patients avoid other, potentially more costly health care.</i>		
	Total Agree	1572	77%
	Total Disagree	374	18%
	Dont know / No Opinion	95	5%
PR1_2	<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Prescription medicines help patients avoid other, potentially more costly health care.</i>		
	Strongly Agree	683	33%
	Somewhat Agree	889	44%
	Somewhat Disagree	294	14%
	Strongly Disagree	80	4%
	Dont know / No Opinion	95	5%
PR1_3NET	<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Prescription medicines help patients stay out of the hospital.</i>		
	Total Agree	1540	75%
	Total Disagree	427	21%
	Dont know / No Opinion	75	4%
PR1_3	<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Prescription medicines help patients stay out of the hospital.</i>		
	Strongly Agree	618	30%
	Somewhat Agree	922	45%
	Somewhat Disagree	322	16%
	Strongly Disagree	104	5%
	Dont know / No Opinion	75	4%
PR2	<i>Who is most responsible for determining what you pay out of pocket (deductible, copay or coinsurance) for a prescription medicine?</i>		
	Insurance companies	1108	54%
	Pharmaceutical companies	355	17%
	The government	338	17%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	240	12%

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PR3	<i>Which of the following do you believe is the best way to determine the price of a prescription medicine?</i>		
	The government should set the prices	499	24%
	The competitive marketplace should determine the prices	1021	50%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	522	26%
PR4NET	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing the federal government to set the price of a prescription medicines? (N=1,004)</i>		
	Total Support	365	36%
	Total Oppose	510	51%
	Dont know / No Opinion	129	13%
PR4	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing the federal government to set the price of a prescription medicines? (N=1,004)</i>		
	Strongly Support	130	13%
	Somewhat Support	236	23%
	Somewhat Oppose	240	24%
	Strongly Oppose	270	27%
	Dont know / No Opinion	129	13%
PR5NET	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing the federal government to create a single list of covered medicines, or national formulary, that would determine which medicines patients have access to?</i>		
	Total Support	573	28%
	Total Oppose	1187	58%
	Dont know / No Opinion	281	14%
PR5	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing the federal government to create a single list of covered medicines, or national formulary, that would determine which medicines patients have access to?</i>		
	Strongly Support	194	10%
	Somewhat Support	379	19%
	Somewhat Oppose	445	22%
	Strongly Oppose	742	36%
	Dont know / No Opinion	281	14%
PR6_1NET	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... ? Patients access to medicines would be limited if the government set the price of prescription medicines.</i>		
	Total Agree	1246	61%
	Total Disagree	569	28%
	Dont know / No Opinion	227	11%

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PR6_1	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... ? Patients access to medicines would be limited if the government set the price of prescription medicines.</i>		
	Strongly Agree	612	30%
	Somewhat Agree	634	31%
	Somewhat Disagree	341	17%
	Strongly Disagree	228	11%
	Dont know / No Opinion	227	11%
PR6_2NET	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... ? Fewer new medicines would be developed by pharmaceutical companies if the government set the price of prescription medicines.</i>		
	Total Agree	1321	65%
	Total Disagree	506	25%
	Dont know / No Opinion	215	11%
PR6_2	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... ? Fewer new medicines would be developed by pharmaceutical companies if the government set the price of prescription medicines.</i>		
	Strongly Agree	653	32%
	Somewhat Agree	668	33%
	Somewhat Disagree	303	15%
	Strongly Disagree	204	10%
	Dont know / No Opinion	215	11%
PR7	<i>In the Medicare prescription drug program, known as Medicare Part D, private Medicare plans offer seniors a range of coverage options to choose from and negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies to get the lowest price for medicines. Some argue that Congress should change the program to let the government set the prices. Do you agree? Which statement do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	Medicare Part D should be changed to let the government set prices for prescription drugs	486	24%
	Private Medicare plans should continue to negotiate prices directly with pharmaceutical companies	974	48%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	582	29%
PR8	<i>Who does a better job negotiating prescription drug prices?</i>		
	The government	467	23%
	The private sector	996	49%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	579	28%

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PR9NET	<i>How important of a priority should the following be for the next president and Congress: Encouraging the development of new medicines to treat or cure cancer, Alzheimers and other debilitating diseases?</i>		
	Total important priority	1765	86%
	Total of priority	197	10%
	Dont know / No Opinion	80	4%
PR9	<i>How important of a priority should the following be for the next president and Congress: Encouraging the development of new medicines to treat or cure cancer, Alzheimers and other debilitating diseases?</i>		
	Very important priority	1178	58%
	Somewhat important priority	587	29%
	Less of priority	146	7%
	Not a priority	51	2%
	Dont know / No Opinion	80	4%
PR10NET	<i>How important of a priority should the following be for the next president and Congress: Reducing patients out of pocket costs (deductibles, copays or coinsurance) for medicines?</i>		
	Total important priority	1736	85%
	Total of priority	224	11%
	Dont know / No Opinion	82	4%
PR10	<i>How important of a priority should the following be for the next president and Congress: Reducing patients out of pocket costs (deductibles, copays or coinsurance) for medicines?</i>		
	Very important priority	1115	55%
	Somewhat important priority	621	30%
	Less of priority	164	8%
	Not a priority	60	3%
	Dont know / No Opinion	82	4%
PR11	<i>Which of the following should be more of a priority for the next president and Congress?</i>		
	Reducing spending on prescription medicines	759	37%
	Encouraging the development of new medicines to treat cancer, Alzheimers and other debilitating diseases	1089	53%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	194	10%
PR12	<i>Which of the following should be more of a priority for the next president and Congress?</i>		
	Reducing spending on prescription medicines	534	26%
	Making sure patients have access to prescription medicines	1351	66%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	157	8%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PR13	<i>Which of the following should be more of a priority for the next president and Congress?</i>		
	Capping the prices pharmaceutical companies can charge for prescription medicines	728	36%
	Reducing the amount insurance companies require patients to pay out of pocket (deductibles, copays or coinsurance) to access medicines	1067	52%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	247	12%
PR14_1NET	<i>How well do the following statements describe the biopharmaceutical companies...Deliver and produce high-quality products and services</i>		
	Total Well	1678	82%
	Total Not Well	364	18%
PR14_1	<i>How well do the following statements describe the biopharmaceutical companies...Deliver and produce high-quality products and services</i>		
	Very well	412	20%
	Somewhat well	1266	62%
	Not very well	283	14%
	Not well at all	81	4%
PR14_2NET	<i>How well do the following statements describe the biopharmaceutical companies...Play an important role in our countrys economic success</i>		
	Total Well	1439	70%
	Total Not Well	603	30%
PR14_2	<i>How well do the following statements describe the biopharmaceutical companies...Play an important role in our countrys economic success</i>		
	Very well	404	20%
	Somewhat well	1035	51%
	Not very well	503	25%
	Not well at all	100	5%
PR15	<i>Do you know that pharmaceutical companies have patient assistance programs that offer free or nearly free medicines to patients without insurance coverage, or not?</i>		
	Yes	1195	59%
	No	847	41%
PR16	<i>Knowing that pharmaceutical companies offer medicines for free or nearly free to patients without insurance coverage, are you:</i>		
	More likely to support the government setting the price controls of medicines	603	30%
	Less likely to support the government setting the price controls of medicines	829	41%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	609	30%

*Note:* Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

## Respondent Demographics Summary

### Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Registered Voters	2042	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	952	47%
	Gender: Female	1090	53%
	N	2042	
age5	Age: 18-29	352	17%
	Age: 30-44	483	24%
	Age: 45-54	393	19%
	Age: 55-64	378	19%
	Age: 65+	436	21%
	N	2042	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	708	35%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	670	33%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	664	33%
	N	2042	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	289	14%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	420	21%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	357	17%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	313	15%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	307	15%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	357	17%
	N	2042	
xdemTea	Tea Party: Supporter	564	28%
	Tea Party: Not Supporter	1456	71%
	N	2019	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	559	27%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	595	29%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	749	37%
	N	1904	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1342	66%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	454	22%
	Educ: Post-grad	246	12%
	N	2042	
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	886	43%
	Income: 50k-100k	671	33%
	Income: 100k+	485	24%
	N	2042	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1663	81%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	182	9%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Afr. Am.	263	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	116	6%
xrelNet	Relig: Protestant	540	26%
	Relig: Roman Catholic	479	23%
	Relig: Ath./Agn./None	436	21%
	Relig: Something Else	327	16%
	<i>N</i>	1781	
xreligion1	Relig: Jewish	71	3%
xreligion2	Relig: Evangelical	630	31%
	Relig: Non-Evang. Catholics	648	32%
	<i>N</i>	1279	
xreligion3	Relig: All Christian	1279	63%
	Relig: All Non-Christian	763	37%
	<i>N</i>	2042	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	450	22%
	Community: Suburban	970	48%
	Community: Rural	609	30%
	<i>N</i>	2029	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	654	32%
	Employ: Government	158	8%
	Employ: Self-Employed	158	8%
	Employ: Homemaker	221	11%
	Employ: Student	77	4%
	Employ: Retired	507	25%
	Employ: Unemployed	126	6%
	Employ: Other	127	6%
	<i>N</i>	2029	
xdemJobStatus	Job Type: White-collar	837	41%
	Job Type: Blue-collar	873	43%
	Job Type: Don't Know	319	16%
	<i>N</i>	2029	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	388	19%
	Military HH: No	1640	80%
	<i>N</i>	2029	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xnr1	RD/WT: Right Direction	666	33%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	1376	67%
	N	2042	
xnr2Bin	Obama Job: Approve	858	42%
	Obama Job: Disapprove	1137	56%
	N	1994	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	770	38%
	#1 Issue: Security	412	20%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	292	14%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	260	13%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	74	4%
	#1 Issue: Education	128	6%
	#1 Issue: Energy	52	3%
	#1 Issue: Other	54	3%
	N	2042	
xsubVote14O	2014 Vote: Democrat	724	35%
	2014 Vote: Republican	719	35%
	2014 Vote: Other	127	6%
	2014 Vote: Didn't Vote	467	23%
	N	2037	
xsubVote12O	2012 Vote: Barack Obama	846	41%
	2012 Vote: Mitt Romney	693	34%
	2012 Vote: Other	147	7%
	2012 Vote: Didn't Vote	356	17%
	N	2041	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	372	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	482	24%
	4-Region: South	759	37%
	4-Region: West	429	21%
	N	2042	

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