

## National Tracking Poll

Project: 161012

N Size: 1983 Registered Voters

Margin of Error: ± 2%

October 21-24, 2016

### 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	565	29%
	Wrong Track	1418	71%
P2NET	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?</i>		
	Approve	969	49%
	Disapprove	953	48%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	61	3%
P2	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?</i>		
	Strongly Approve	481	24%
	Somewhat Approve	488	25%
	Somewhat Disapprove	271	14%
	Strongly Disapprove	683	34%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	61	3%
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	652	33%
	Security Issues	433	22%
	Health Care Issues	244	12%
	Senior's Issues	285	14%
	Women's Issues	90	5%
	Education Issues	125	6%
	Energy Issues	70	4%
	Other	85	4%
HLC1	<i>Who do you trust most to make decisions about which treatments or medicines should be given to patients?</i>		
	Doctors	1675	84%
	Government officials	74	4%
	Members of Congress	65	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	169	9%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
HLC2	<i>Which of the following statements come closest to your view, even if neither are exactly right?</i>		
	Medicare spending is out of control and needs to be reduced through government action; government needs to find areas to cut Medicare spending	290	15%
	The government needs to find ways to keep the promise and integrity of Medicare without cuts to the program	1486	75%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	207	10%
HLC3_1	<i>Here are a few ways that have been discussed to help control Medicare spending and keep the program financially sound. Please indicate if you would support or oppose each of the following... Rationing health care</i>		
	Strongly support	123	6%
	Somewhat support	254	13%
	Somewhat oppose	357	18%
	Strongly oppose	1031	52%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	218	11%
HLC3_2	<i>Here are a few ways that have been discussed to help control Medicare spending and keep the program financially sound. Please indicate if you would support or oppose each of the following... Limiting payments to doctors</i>		
	Strongly support	219	11%
	Somewhat support	540	27%
	Somewhat oppose	501	25%
	Strongly oppose	503	25%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	221	11%
HLC3_3	<i>Here are a few ways that have been discussed to help control Medicare spending and keep the program financially sound. Please indicate if you would support or oppose each of the following... Limiting access to certain medications and treatments</i>		
	Strongly support	115	6%
	Somewhat support	218	11%
	Somewhat oppose	417	21%
	Strongly oppose	1074	54%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	158	8%
HLC4	<i>When thinking about changes to Medicare, which of the following statements come closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	Congress should approve any changes to Medicare before they go into effect	1227	62%
	Government officials should be able to make changes to Medicare without the approval of Congress	318	16%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	438	22%

*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	1983	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	925	47%
	Gender: Female	1058	53%
	N	1983	
age5	Age: 18-29	334	17%
	Age: 30-44	477	24%
	Age: 45-54	406	20%
	Age: 55-64	342	17%
	Age: 65+	423	21%
	N	1983	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	699	35%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	685	35%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	600	30%
	N	1983	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	322	16%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	377	19%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	329	17%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	355	18%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	273	14%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	327	16%
	N	1983	
xdemTea	Tea Party: Supporter	509	26%
	Tea Party: Not Supporter	1462	74%
	N	1971	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	620	31%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	492	25%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	687	35%
	N	1799	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1303	66%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	440	22%
	Educ: Post-grad	239	12%
	N	1983	
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	1144	58%
	Income: 50k-100k	610	31%
	Income: 100k+	230	12%
	N	1983	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1615	81%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	177	9%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Afr. Am.	255	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	113	6%
xrelNet	Relig: Protestant	563	28%
	Relig: Roman Catholic	409	21%
	Relig: Ath./Agn./None	498	25%
	Relig: Something Else	309	16%
	N	1779	
xreligion1	Relig: Jewish	46	2%
xreligion2	Relig: Evangelical	586	30%
	Relig: Non-Evang. Catholics	588	30%
	N	1174	
xreligion3	Relig: All Christian	1174	59%
	Relig: All Non-Christian	807	41%
	N	1981	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	477	24%
	Community: Suburban	896	45%
	Community: Rural	610	31%
	N	1983	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	666	34%
	Employ: Government	126	6%
	Employ: Self-Employed	174	9%
	Employ: Homemaker	168	8%
	Employ: Student	73	4%
	Employ: Retired	475	24%
	Employ: Unemployed	137	7%
	Employ: Other	164	8%
	N	1983	
xdemJobStatus	Job Type: White-collar	724	36%
	Job Type: Blue-collar	885	45%
	Job Type: Don't Know	374	19%
	N	1983	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	381	19%
	Military HH: No	1602	81%
	N	1983	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xnr1	RD/WT: Right Direction	565	29%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	1418	71%
	N	1983	
xnr2Bin	Obama Job: Approve	969	49%
	Obama Job: Disapprove	953	48%
	N	1922	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	652	33%
	#1 Issue: Security	433	22%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	244	12%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	285	14%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	90	5%
	#1 Issue: Education	125	6%
	#1 Issue: Energy	70	4%
	#1 Issue: Other	85	4%
	N	1983	
xsubVote14O	2014 Vote: Democrat	687	35%
	2014 Vote: Republican	651	33%
	2014 Vote: Other	63	3%
	2014 Vote: Didn't Vote	579	29%
	N	1980	
xsubVote12O	2012 Vote: Barack Obama	814	41%
	2012 Vote: Mitt Romney	675	34%
	2012 Vote: Other	65	3%
	2012 Vote: Didn't Vote	424	21%
	N	1978	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	362	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	468	24%
	4-Region: South	736	37%
	4-Region: West	417	21%
	N	1983	

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