

National Tracking Poll

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC1_1	<i>Please rate your overall impression of each of the following. — Corporate health insurance companies</i>		
	Very favorable	315	16%
	Somewhat favorable	584	29%
	Somewhat unfavorable	458	23%
	Very unfavorable	480	24%
	Don't know/no opinion	165	8%
SHC1_2	<i>Please rate your overall impression of each of the following. — Drug companies</i>		
	Very favorable	301	15%
	Somewhat favorable	568	28%
	Somewhat unfavorable	541	27%
	Very unfavorable	444	22%
	Don't know/no opinion	148	7%
SHC1_3	<i>Please rate your overall impression of each of the following. — Hospitals</i>		
	Very favorable	738	37%
	Somewhat favorable	832	42%
	Somewhat unfavorable	234	12%
	Very unfavorable	98	5%
	Don't know/no opinion	100	5%
SHC1_4	<i>Please rate your overall impression of each of the following. — Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs)</i>		
	Very favorable	321	16%
	Somewhat favorable	586	29%
	Somewhat unfavorable	388	19%
	Very unfavorable	318	16%
	Don't know/no opinion	389	19%
SHC1_5	<i>Please rate your overall impression of each of the following. — Doctors and medical providers</i>		
	Very favorable	969	48%
	Somewhat favorable	715	36%
	Somewhat unfavorable	151	8%
	Very unfavorable	81	4%
	Don't know/no opinion	85	4%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC1_6	<i>Please rate your overall impression of each of the following. — Nurses</i>		
	Very favorable	1225	61%
	Somewhat favorable	529	26%
	Somewhat unfavorable	87	4%
	Very unfavorable	83	4%
	Don't know/no opinion	78	4%
SHC2_1	<i>And from the same list, how much do you trust each of the following to act in your best interest when it comes to your healthcare? — Corporate health insurance companies</i>		
	A great deal	327	16%
	A fair amount	540	27%
	Not too much	555	28%
	Not at all	444	22%
	Don't know/no opinion	135	7%
SHC2_2	<i>And from the same list, how much do you trust each of the following to act in your best interest when it comes to your healthcare? — Drug companies</i>		
	A great deal	347	17%
	A fair amount	544	27%
	Not too much	587	29%
	Not at all	418	21%
	Don't know/no opinion	107	5%
SHC2_3	<i>And from the same list, how much do you trust each of the following to act in your best interest when it comes to your healthcare? — Hospitals and health systems</i>		
	A great deal	651	33%
	A fair amount	852	43%
	Not too much	294	15%
	Not at all	123	6%
	Don't know/no opinion	82	4%
SHC2_4	<i>And from the same list, how much do you trust each of the following to act in your best interest when it comes to your healthcare? — Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs)</i>		
	A great deal	367	18%
	A fair amount	554	28%
	Not too much	466	23%
	Not at all	326	16%
	Don't know/no opinion	289	14%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC2_5	<i>And from the same list, how much do you trust each of the following to act in your best interest when it comes to your healthcare? — Doctors and medical providers</i>		
	A great deal	964	48%
	A fair amount	717	36%
	Not too much	174	9%
	Not at all	74	4%
	Don't know/no opinion	73	4%
SHC2_6	<i>And from the same list, how much do you trust each of the following to act in your best interest when it comes to your healthcare? — Nurses</i>		
	A great deal	1160	58%
	A fair amount	588	29%
	Not too much	128	6%
	Not at all	40	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	86	4%
SHC3_1	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Health insurance premiums and deductibles are too expensive</i>		
	Selected	948	47%
	Not Selected	1054	53%
SHC3_2	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Corporate health insurance companies denying or delaying coverage for recommended treatments</i>		
	Selected	799	40%
	Not Selected	1203	60%
SHC3_3	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Surprise medical bills</i>		
	Selected	356	18%
	Not Selected	1646	82%
SHC3_4	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Prescription drug prices are too high</i>		
	Selected	795	40%
	Not Selected	1207	60%
SHC3_5	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Patients being required to navigate complex insurance requirements to receive care their doctor ordered</i>		
	Selected	560	28%
	Not Selected	1442	72%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC3_6	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Difficulty finding or keeping doctors who accept my insurance</i>		
	Selected	264	13%
	Not Selected	1738	87%
SHC3_7	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Hospitals and health systems closing or reducing services in my community</i>		
	Selected	291	15%
	Not Selected	1711	85%
SHC3_8	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Access to healthcare in rural areas</i>		
	Selected	354	18%
	Not Selected	1648	82%
SHC3_9	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Bureaucracy in the health care system</i>		
	Selected	455	23%
	Not Selected	1547	77%
SHC3_10	<i>Which of the following do you consider the most serious problems facing the U.S. healthcare system today? Please select up to three. — Don't know/no opinion</i>		
	Selected	113	6%
	Not Selected	1889	94%
SHC4_1	<i>When you think about why healthcare costs keep rising in the United States, which of the following do you hold most responsible? Please select up to two. — Corporate health insurance companies</i>		
	Selected	951	47%
	Not Selected	1051	53%
SHC4_2	<i>When you think about why healthcare costs keep rising in the United States, which of the following do you hold most responsible? Please select up to two. — Drug companies</i>		
	Selected	682	34%
	Not Selected	1320	66%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC4_3	<i>When you think about why healthcare costs keep rising in the United States, which of the following do you hold most responsible? Please select up to two. — Hospitals and health systems</i>		
	Selected	397	20%
	Not Selected	1605	80%
SHC4_4	<i>When you think about why healthcare costs keep rising in the United States, which of the following do you hold most responsible? Please select up to two. — Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs)</i>		
	Selected	335	17%
	Not Selected	1667	83%
SHC4_5	<i>When you think about why healthcare costs keep rising in the United States, which of the following do you hold most responsible? Please select up to two. — The federal government</i>		
	Selected	720	36%
	Not Selected	1282	64%
SHC4_6	<i>When you think about why healthcare costs keep rising in the United States, which of the following do you hold most responsible? Please select up to two. — Doctors and medical providers</i>		
	Selected	205	10%
	Not Selected	1797	90%
SHC4_7	<i>When you think about why healthcare costs keep rising in the United States, which of the following do you hold most responsible? Please select up to two. — Don't know/no opinion</i>		
	Selected	152	8%
	Not Selected	1850	92%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC5	<i>If Congress were to prioritize reforming one part of the U.S. healthcare system this year, which would you most want them to focus on?</i>		
	Bringing more accountability to health insurance company practices, including claim denials and prior authorization delays in care	333	17%
	Lowering prescription drug prices	176	9%
	Reducing medical debt for Americans who can't afford their bills	135	7%
	Preventing cuts to Medicaid, a program serving primarily low-income populations, including children, adults, seniors and disabled individuals	341	17%
	Protecting Medicare, a program serving individuals aged 65 and over, and Social Security from cuts	448	22%
	Addressing the shortage of doctors and nurses in underserved communities	84	4%
	Lowering the cost of hospital care and medical services	378	19%
	Don't know/no opinion	106	5%
SHC6_1_1	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had a claim denied for a treatment your doctor recommended — Yes, me personally</i>		
	Selected	502	25%
	Not Selected	1500	75%
SHC6_1_2	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had a claim denied for a treatment your doctor recommended — Yes, a family member in my household</i>		
	Selected	324	16%
	Not Selected	1678	84%
SHC6_1_3	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had a claim denied for a treatment your doctor recommended — No</i>		
	Selected	1031	52%
	Not Selected	971	48%
SHC6_1_4	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had a claim denied for a treatment your doctor recommended — Don't know/no opinion</i>		
	Selected	179	9%
	Not Selected	1823	91%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC6_2_1	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had to wait for prior authorization approval before receiving care your doctor ordered — Yes, me personally</i>		
	Selected	789	39%
	Not Selected	1213	61%
SHC6_2_2	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had to wait for prior authorization approval before receiving care your doctor ordered — Yes, a family member in my household</i>		
	Selected	431	22%
	Not Selected	1571	78%
SHC6_2_3	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had to wait for prior authorization approval before receiving care your doctor ordered — No</i>		
	Selected	745	37%
	Not Selected	1257	63%
SHC6_2_4	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had to wait for prior authorization approval before receiving care your doctor ordered — Don't know/no opinion</i>		
	Selected	144	7%
	Not Selected	1858	93%
SHC6_3_1	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Been required to try a less effective treatment before insurance would cover what your doctor prescribed — Yes, me personally</i>		
	Selected	575	29%
	Not Selected	1427	71%
SHC6_3_2	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Been required to try a less effective treatment before insurance would cover what your doctor prescribed — Yes, a family member in my household</i>		
	Selected	346	17%
	Not Selected	1656	83%
SHC6_3_3	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Been required to try a less effective treatment before insurance would cover what your doctor prescribed — No</i>		
	Selected	970	48%
	Not Selected	1032	52%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC6_3_4	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Been required to try a less effective treatment before insurance would cover what your doctor prescribed — Don't know/no opinion</i>		
	Selected	170	9%
	Not Selected	1832	91%
SHC6_4_1	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had a claim denied or delayed based on an automated review, without a physician reviewing your case — Yes, me personally</i>		
	Selected	419	21%
	Not Selected	1583	79%
SHC6_4_2	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had a claim denied or delayed based on an automated review, without a physician reviewing your case — Yes, a family member in my household</i>		
	Selected	327	16%
	Not Selected	1675	84%
SHC6_4_3	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had a claim denied or delayed based on an automated review, without a physician reviewing your case — No</i>		
	Selected	1054	53%
	Not Selected	948	47%
SHC6_4_4	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had a claim denied or delayed based on an automated review, without a physician reviewing your case — Don't know/no opinion</i>		
	Selected	262	13%
	Not Selected	1740	87%
SHC6_5_1	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had your care provider become out of network, limiting your ability to continue to see them — Yes, me personally</i>		
	Selected	447	22%
	Not Selected	1555	78%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC6_5_2	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had your care provider become out of network, limiting your ability to continue to see them — Yes, a family member in my household</i>		
	Selected	313	16%
	Not Selected	1689	84%
SHC6_5_3	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had your care provider become out of network, limiting your ability to continue to see them — No</i>		
	Selected	1116	56%
	Not Selected	886	44%
SHC6_5_4	<i>Have you or someone in your immediate household ever personally experienced any of the following from a health insurance company? — Had your care provider become out of network, limiting your ability to continue to see them — Don't know/no opinion</i>		
	Selected	191	10%
	Not Selected	1811	90%
SHC7_1	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — Skipped or delayed a recommended treatment or procedure</i>		
	Selected	603	30%
	Not Selected	1399	70%
SHC7_2	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — Avoided filling a prescription because of cost</i>		
	Selected	537	27%
	Not Selected	1465	73%
SHC7_3	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — Taken on debt to pay medical bills</i>		
	Selected	413	21%
	Not Selected	1589	79%
SHC7_4	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — Chosen a job based on health insurance benefits rather than pay</i>		
	Selected	242	12%
	Not Selected	1760	88%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC7_5	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — Avoided going to urgent care or the emergency room because of coverage concerns</i>		
	Selected	440	22%
	Not Selected	1562	78%
SHC7_6	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — Had a family member who went without insurance for a period because it was unaffordable</i>		
	Selected	310	15%
	Not Selected	1692	85%
SHC7_7	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — Stopped seeing a specialist because they were no longer in-network</i>		
	Selected	288	14%
	Not Selected	1714	86%
SHC7_8	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — Borrowed money from family or friends to cover health care costs</i>		
	Selected	146	7%
	Not Selected	1856	93%
SHC7_9	<i>In the past two years, have you or someone in your household made any of the following decisions because of the cost of health insurance or healthcare? — None of the above</i>		
	Selected	687	34%
	Not Selected	1315	66%
SHC8_1	<i>How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following practices used by corporate health insurance companies? — Requiring doctors to get prior authorization approval before providing treatments they have already recommended</i>		
	Very concerned	955	48%
	Somewhat concerned	577	29%
	Not too concerned	243	12%
	Not at all concerned	94	5%
	Don't know/no opinion	134	7%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC8_2	<i>How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following practices used by corporate health insurance companies? — Denying or delaying coverage for treatments a doctor has ordered</i>		
	Very concerned	1069	53%
	Somewhat concerned	527	26%
	Not too concerned	163	8%
	Not at all concerned	110	6%
	Don't know/no opinion	133	7%
SHC8_3	<i>How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following practices used by corporate health insurance companies? — Requiring patients to try a cheaper, potentially less effective treatment before approving the one their doctor prescribed (also known as "step therapy")</i>		
	Very concerned	957	48%
	Somewhat concerned	568	28%
	Not too concerned	212	11%
	Not at all concerned	114	6%
	Don't know/no opinion	151	8%
SHC8_4	<i>How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following practices used by corporate health insurance companies? — Limiting which doctors and hospitals patients can see within their insurance plan network</i>		
	Very concerned	928	46%
	Somewhat concerned	619	31%
	Not too concerned	211	11%
	Not at all concerned	107	5%
	Don't know/no opinion	137	7%
SHC8_5	<i>How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following practices used by corporate health insurance companies? — Corporate health insurance companies growing through industry acquisitions while reducing the share of premiums spend on patients' actual care</i>		
	Very concerned	954	48%
	Somewhat concerned	607	30%
	Not too concerned	154	8%
	Not at all concerned	95	5%
	Don't know/no opinion	192	10%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC9_1	<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Corporate health insurance companies have too much control over medical decisions that should be made by doctors and their patients</i>		
	Strongly agree	1154	58%
	Somewhat agree	527	26%
	Somewhat disagree	119	6%
	Strongly disagree	64	3%
	Don't know/no opinion	138	7%
SHC9_2	<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Corporate health insurance companies drive up costs without investing in the healthcare needs of the patients they cover</i>		
	Strongly agree	1059	53%
	Somewhat agree	563	28%
	Somewhat disagree	130	7%
	Strongly disagree	75	4%
	Don't know/no opinion	175	9%
SHC9_3	<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — When a doctor recommends a treatment, corporate health insurance companies should not be able to override that decision</i>		
	Strongly agree	1200	60%
	Somewhat agree	481	24%
	Somewhat disagree	122	6%
	Strongly disagree	71	4%
	Don't know/no opinion	128	6%
SHC9_4	<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Hospitals and doctors, not corporate insurance companies, are on the front lines of delivering patient care</i>		
	Strongly agree	1153	58%
	Somewhat agree	515	26%
	Somewhat disagree	117	6%
	Strongly disagree	85	4%
	Don't know/no opinion	133	7%
SHC10	<i>When a patient's doctor recommends a treatment or medication, who do you think should have the final say on whether that treatment is approved and covered?</i>		
	The patient's doctor, based on their medical judgment	1406	70%
	The patient's health insurance company, based on the terms of the plan	445	22%
	Don't know/no opinion	152	8%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
SHC11_1	<i>How much would each of the following positions influence your vote for a candidate running for Congress? — A candidate who supports requiring corporate health insurance companies to respond to prior authorization requests within 24 hours</i>		
	Much more likely to support	748	37%
	Somewhat more likely to support	682	34%
	No difference	368	18%
	Somewhat less likely to support	123	6%
	Much less likely to support	81	4%
SHC11_2	<i>How much would each of the following positions influence your vote for a candidate running for Congress? — A candidate who supports legislation limiting a corporate insurance company's ability to override a doctor's recommended treatment</i>		
	Much more likely to support	813	41%
	Somewhat more likely to support	573	29%
	No difference	369	18%
	Somewhat less likely to support	127	6%
	Much less likely to support	120	6%
SHC11_3	<i>How much would each of the following positions influence your vote for a candidate running for Congress? — A candidate who supports requiring health insurance companies to be transparent about how much of your premium actually goes toward your care</i>		
	Much more likely to support	800	40%
	Somewhat more likely to support	630	31%
	No difference	388	19%
	Somewhat less likely to support	113	6%
	Much less likely to support	71	4%
SHC11_4	<i>How much would each of the following positions influence your vote for a candidate running for Congress? — A candidate who supports holding corporate insurance executives accountable when their companies wrongfully deny patient claims</i>		
	Much more likely to support	845	42%
	Somewhat more likely to support	599	30%
	No difference	368	18%
	Somewhat less likely to support	94	5%
	Much less likely to support	96	5%

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

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Adults	2002	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	948	47%
	Gender: Female	1051	53%
	N	1999	
age	Age: 18-34	491	25%
	Age: 35-44	322	16%
	Age: 45-64	653	33%
	Age: 65+	536	27%
	N	2002	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	257	13%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	580	29%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	514	26%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	623	31%
	N	1974	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	752	38%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	489	24%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	761	38%
	N	2002	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	331	17%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	420	21%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	215	11%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	272	14%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	402	20%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	360	18%
	N	1999	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	638	32%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	601	30%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	670	33%
	N	1908	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1154	58%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	531	27%
	Educ: Post-grad	318	16%
	N	2002	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3_us	Income: Under 50k	876	44%
	Income: 50k-100k	674	34%
	Income: 100k+	453	23%
	N	2002	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1513	76%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	232	12%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	266	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	223	11%
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	545	27%
	Community: Suburban	1005	50%
	Community: Rural	452	23%
	N	2002	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	648	32%
	Employ: Government	171	9%
	Employ: Self-Employed	185	9%
	Employ: Homemaker	96	5%
	Employ: Student	43	2%
	Employ: Retired	614	31%
	Employ: Unemployed	161	8%
	Employ: Other	83	4%
	N	2002	
xsubVote24O	2024 Vote: Kamala Harris	859	43%
	2024 Vote: Donald Trump	885	44%
	2024 Vote: Other	33	2%
	2024 Vote: Didn't Vote	225	11%
	N	2002	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	345	17%
	4-Region: Midwest	449	22%
	4-Region: South	751	38%
	4-Region: West	456	23%
	N	2002	

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