

National Tracking Poll

Project: 180115

N Size: 20429 Registered Voters

Margin of Error: ± 1%

January 16-29, 2018

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	8683	43%
	Wrong Track	11746	57%
Q172	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?</i>		
	Strongly Approve	4611	23%
	Somewhat Approve	4404	22%
	Somewhat Disapprove	2629	13%
	Strongly Disapprove	8038	39%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	747	4%
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	5903	29%
	Security Issues	3899	19%
	Health Care Issues	3855	19%
	Senior's Issues	3231	16%
	Women's Issues	923	5%
	Education Issues	1091	5%
	Energy Issues	729	4%
	Other	798	4%
NC1_1	<i>Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? Pharmacists in general</i>		
	Very favorable	6387	31%
	Somewhat favorable	10110	49%
	Somewhat unfavorable	1744	9%
	Very unfavorable	719	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1469	7%
NC1_4	<i>Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? Pharmacies</i>		
	Very favorable	5192	25%
	Somewhat favorable	10169	50%
	Somewhat unfavorable	2664	13%
	Very unfavorable	1044	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1359	7%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
NC1_5	<i>Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? Your pharmacist</i>		
	Very favorable	8729	43%
	Somewhat favorable	8052	39%
	Somewhat unfavorable	1042	5%
	Very unfavorable	476	2%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	2129	10%
NC1_6	<i>Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? Doctors</i>		
	Very favorable	7725	38%
	Somewhat favorable	9495	46%
	Somewhat unfavorable	1761	9%
	Very unfavorable	546	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	902	4%
NC1_7	<i>Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? Nurses</i>		
	Very favorable	11799	58%
	Somewhat favorable	6703	33%
	Somewhat unfavorable	783	4%
	Very unfavorable	286	1%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	859	4%
NC1_8	<i>Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? Hospitals</i>		
	Very favorable	5758	28%
	Somewhat favorable	9817	48%
	Somewhat unfavorable	2922	14%
	Very unfavorable	961	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	972	5%
NC1_9	<i>Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? Pharmaceutical companies</i>		
	Very favorable	2061	10%
	Somewhat favorable	4855	24%
	Somewhat unfavorable	6318	31%
	Very unfavorable	5838	29%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1356	7%
NC1_10	<i>Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? Health insurance companies</i>		
	Very favorable	2391	12%
	Somewhat favorable	6171	30%
	Somewhat unfavorable	6362	31%
	Very unfavorable	4374	21%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1131	6%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
NC2_1	<i>Have you visited any of the following in the past 12 months? Pharmacist</i>		
	Yes	15225	75%
	No	5204	25%
NC2_4	<i>Have you visited any of the following in the past 12 months? Emergency room</i>		
	Yes	6335	31%
	No	14094	69%
NC2_5	<i>Have you visited any of the following in the past 12 months? Primary care physician</i>		
	Yes	15357	75%
	No	5072	25%
NC2_6	<i>Have you visited any of the following in the past 12 months? Specialist physician</i>		
	Yes	10050	49%
	No	10379	51%
NC2_7	<i>Have you visited any of the following in the past 12 months? Urgent care center</i>		
	Yes	6086	30%
	No	14343	70%
NC3_1	<i>When thinking about healthcare, how easy or difficult is it to access each of the following? Pharmacies</i>		
	Very easy	12304	60%
	Somewhat easy	6096	30%
	Somewhat difficult	956	5%
	Very difficult	303	1%
	Dont Know / No opinion	769	4%
NC3_4	<i>When thinking about healthcare, how easy or difficult is it to access each of the following? Doctors</i>		
	Very easy	7599	37%
	Somewhat easy	8256	40%
	Somewhat difficult	2959	14%
	Very difficult	779	4%
	Dont Know / No opinion	836	4%
NC3_5	<i>When thinking about healthcare, how easy or difficult is it to access each of the following? Emergency room</i>		
	Very easy	8766	43%
	Somewhat easy	6654	33%
	Somewhat difficult	2467	12%
	Very difficult	860	4%
	Dont Know / No opinion	1683	8%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
NC3_6	<i>When thinking about healthcare, how easy or difficult is it to access each of the following? Nurses</i>		
	Very easy	9013	44%
	Somewhat easy	8181	40%
	Somewhat difficult	1566	8%
	Very difficult	363	2%
	Dont Know / No opinion	1306	6%
NC3_7	<i>When thinking about healthcare, how easy or difficult is it to access each of the following? Primary care physicians</i>		
	Very easy	8905	44%
	Somewhat easy	7552	37%
	Somewhat difficult	2365	12%
	Very difficult	741	4%
	Dont Know / No opinion	866	4%
NC3_8	<i>When thinking about healthcare, how easy or difficult is it to access each of the following? Specialist physicians</i>		
	Very easy	5293	26%
	Somewhat easy	7570	37%
	Somewhat difficult	4415	22%
	Very difficult	1529	7%
	Dont Know / No opinion	1621	8%
NC4	<i>As you may know, many states allow pharmacists to perform basic healthcare services for patients, similar to a primary care physician. However, due to current federal laws, these services are not made available through the Medicare program for qualified enrollees. Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare enrollees to receive basic health care services from their pharmacists, much like they would from their primary care physician?</i>		
	Strongly support	6505	32%
	Somewhat support	7203	35%
	Somewhat oppose	2399	12%
	Strongly oppose	1283	6%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	3040	15%
NC5_1	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare enrollees to receive each of the following types of care from their pharmacists? Health tests, such as blood pressure</i>		
	Strongly support	13029	64%
	Somewhat support	5283	26%
	Somewhat oppose	716	4%
	Strongly oppose	391	2%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1010	5%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
NC5_4	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare enrollees to receive each of the following types of care from their pharmacists? Immunizations</i>		
	Strongly support	12358	60%
	Somewhat support	5239	26%
	Somewhat oppose	1031	5%
	Strongly oppose	654	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1146	6%
NC5_5	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare enrollees to receive each of the following types of care from their pharmacists? Tests for flu or strep throat</i>		
	Strongly support	11532	56%
	Somewhat support	5628	28%
	Somewhat oppose	1316	6%
	Strongly oppose	716	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1236	6%
NC5_6	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare enrollees to receive each of the following types of care from their pharmacists? Help with managing illnesses like diabetes</i>		
	Strongly support	10226	50%
	Somewhat support	6269	31%
	Somewhat oppose	1643	8%
	Strongly oppose	840	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1452	7%
NC6_1	<i>How likely are you to support a candidate for your congressional district who works on securing each of the following types of services for Medicare enrollees? Health tests, such as blood pressure</i>		
	Very likely to support	11657	57%
	Somewhat likely to support	6111	30%
	Not too likely to support	632	3%
	Not at all likely to support	327	2%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1701	8%
NC6_4	<i>How likely are you to support a candidate for your congressional district who works on securing each of the following types of services for Medicare enrollees? Immunizations</i>		
	Very likely to support	11298	55%
	Somewhat likely to support	5861	29%
	Not too likely to support	918	4%
	Not at all likely to support	555	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1796	9%

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NC6_5	<i>How likely are you to support a candidate for your congressional district who works on securing each of the following types of services for Medicare enrollees? Tests for flu or strep throat</i>		
	Very likely to support	11043	54%
	Somewhat likely to support	6115	30%
	Not too likely to support	937	5%
	Not at all likely to support	510	2%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1825	9%
NC6_6	<i>How likely are you to support a candidate for your congressional district who works on securing each of the following types of services for Medicare enrollees? Help with managing illnesses like diabetes</i>		
	Very likely to support	10664	52%
	Somewhat likely to support	6138	30%
	Not too likely to support	1143	6%
	Not at all likely to support	532	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1953	10%
NC7_1	<i>How credible do you view each of the following sources when it comes to information about how to save money on prescription drugs? Pharmacists</i>		
	Very credible	7737	38%
	Somewhat credible	9110	45%
	Not too credible	1798	9%
	Not credible at all	631	3%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1153	6%
NC7_4	<i>How credible do you view each of the following sources when it comes to information about how to save money on prescription drugs? Doctors</i>		
	Very credible	6173	30%
	Somewhat credible	9288	45%
	Not too credible	2822	14%
	Not credible at all	926	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1220	6%
NC7_5	<i>How credible do you view each of the following sources when it comes to information about how to save money on prescription drugs? Hospitals</i>		
	Very credible	4373	21%
	Somewhat credible	8342	41%
	Not too credible	4536	22%
	Not credible at all	1640	8%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1537	8%

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NC7_6	<i>How credible do you view each of the following sources when it comes to information about how to save money on prescription drugs? Health insurance companies</i>		
	Very credible	3404	17%
	Somewhat credible	7041	34%
	Not too credible	5437	27%
	Not credible at all	3325	16%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1223	6%
NC7_7	<i>How credible do you view each of the following sources when it comes to information about how to save money on prescription drugs? Pharmaceutical companies</i>		
	Very credible	2644	13%
	Somewhat credible	4924	24%
	Not too credible	5931	29%
	Not credible at all	5632	28%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1297	6%
NC8_1	<i>In your view, how convincing or unconvincing are the following arguments to get tested for the flu or strep throat at a pharmacy when symptoms arise? Getting tested for the flu or strep throat helps to quickly determine whether an antibiotic may be needed to treat the illness. If an antibiotic is not needed, that prevents the antibiotics from being overused, and helps to assure they will be effective when in fact they are needed to treat an illness.</i>		
	Very convincing	9207	45%
	Somewhat convincing	7331	36%
	Not too convincing	1828	9%
	Not at all convincing	750	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1313	6%
NC8_4	<i>In your view, how convincing or unconvincing are the following arguments to get tested for the flu or strep throat at a pharmacy when symptoms arise? Getting tested for the flu or strep throat helps patients gain quicker access to the medications that can help make them feel better. The tests ultimately will lead to cheaper treatment for patients, rather than always relying on doctors' office visits.</i>		
	Very convincing	9258	45%
	Somewhat convincing	7310	36%
	Not too convincing	1858	9%
	Not at all convincing	741	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1262	6%

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NC8_5	<i>In your view, how convincing or unconvincing are the following arguments to get tested for the flu or strep throat at a pharmacy when symptoms arise? Getting tested for the flu or strep throat at a pharmacy prevents added frustration and worsened symptoms that result from having to wait a lengthy period of time before getting a doctor's appointment.</i>		
	Very convincing	8193	40%
	Somewhat convincing	7186	35%
	Not too convincing	2598	13%
	Not at all convincing	1084	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1369	7%
NC8_6	<i>In your view, how convincing or unconvincing are the following arguments to get tested for the flu or strep throat at a pharmacy when symptoms arise? Pharmacists are highly trained, educated, and well-equipped to administer tests for the flu or strep throat. Seeing a pharmacist to get tested ensures more people can be seen by a trained medical professional, and makes the whole system work better.</i>		
	Very convincing	8075	40%
	Somewhat convincing	7672	38%
	Not too convincing	2418	12%
	Not at all convincing	884	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1380	7%
NC9	<i>When deciding whether to buy an over-the-counter medication or other health and wellness product (such as vitamins) for the first time, how important is a pharmacist's recommendation to you?</i>		
	Very important	7067	35%
	Somewhat important	8341	41%
	Not too important	2897	14%
	Not at all important	1066	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1059	5%
NC10_1	<i>For each of the following groups and organizations please indicate which statement comes closest to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. Hospitals</i>		
	Are businesses looking out for their bottom lines	8090	40%
	Are organizations whose main purposes are to serve people like you	10488	51%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1852	9%
NC10_4	<i>For each of the following groups and organizations please indicate which statement comes closest to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. Health insurance companies</i>		
	Are businesses looking out for their bottom lines	14760	72%
	Are organizations whose main purposes are to serve people like you	3900	19%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1770	9%

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NC10_5	<i>For each of the following groups and organizations please indicate which statement comes closest to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. Pharmaceutical companies</i>		
	Are businesses looking out for their bottom lines	15630	77%
	Are organizations whose main purposes are to serve people like you	2940	14%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1859	9%
NC10_6	<i>For each of the following groups and organizations please indicate which statement comes closest to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. Pharmacies</i>		
	Are businesses looking out for their bottom lines	6641	33%
	Are organizations whose main purposes are to serve people like you	11731	57%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	2058	10%
NC11	<i>To the best of your knowledge, do the programs pharmacies have to improve or contribute to your community (such as philanthropic programs, supporting local or various health causes, or operating in a socially conscious manner), exceed your expectations, meet your expectations, or fall short of your expectations?</i>		
	Greatly exceed expectations	1761	9%
	Somewhat exceed expectations	3004	15%
	Meet expectations	6577	32%
	Somewhat fall short of expectations	2649	13%
	Greatly fall short of expectations	918	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	5521	27%
NC12_1	<i>Should pharmacy benefits be covered under each of the following programs or not? Medicaid</i>		
	Yes, they should be covered	16743	82%
	No, they should not be covered	1379	7%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	2308	11%
NC12_4	<i>Should pharmacy benefits be covered under each of the following programs or not? Medicare</i>		
	Yes, they should be covered	17674	87%
	No, they should not be covered	985	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	1769	9%
NC12_5	<i>Should pharmacy benefits be covered under each of the following programs or not? TRICARE for military families and veterans</i>		
	Yes, they should be covered	17131	84%
	No, they should not be covered	949	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	2349	11%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
NC13_1	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? Patients who are prescribed opioid medications</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	10522	52%
	Mostly part of the solution	4234	21%
	Dont know / No opinion	5673	28%
NC13_4	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? Pharmacies or pharmacists</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	5576	27%
	Mostly part of the solution	8968	44%
	Dont know / No opinion	5885	29%
NC13_5	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? Health insurance companies</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	7646	37%
	Mostly part of the solution	6217	30%
	Dont know / No opinion	6567	32%
NC13_6	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? Doctors who prescribe opioid medications</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	11349	56%
	Mostly part of the solution	5042	25%
	Dont know / No opinion	4037	20%
NC13_7	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? Companies that manufacture prescription opioid medications</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	10961	54%
	Mostly part of the solution	4319	21%
	Dont know / No opinion	5149	25%
NC13_8	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? Companies that sell or distribute prescription opioid medications</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	11667	57%
	Mostly part of the solution	4072	20%
	Dont know / No opinion	4690	23%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
NC13_9	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? People who illegally sell prescription and illegal opioids</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	16198	79%
	Mostly part of the solution	2236	11%
	Dont know / No opinion	1995	10%
NC13_10	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? Government agencies (e.g. the FDA, CDC, etc.)</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	7366	36%
	Mostly part of the solution	7691	38%
	Dont know / No opinion	5372	26%
NC13_11	<i>Thinking about the following and their roles in the opioid epidemic, would you say they are mostly part of the problem or part of the solution? Law enforcement</i>		
	Mostly part of the problem	3832	19%
	Mostly part of the solution	11529	56%
	Dont know / No opinion	5068	25%
NC14_1	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following potential measures that could be taken to help fight the opioid epidemic? Rules that would limit the initial fill of certain opioid prescriptions to seven days as a way to reduce the likelihood that a patient becomes addicted and to reduce the number of opioids out there in the public domain</i>		
	Strongly support	9208	45%
	Somewhat support	5944	29%
	Somewhat oppose	1911	9%
	Strongly oppose	1294	6%
	Dont know / No opinion	2073	10%
NC14_4	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following potential measures that could be taken to help fight the opioid epidemic? Rules that all prescriptions must be handled electronically, rather than paper or fax prescriptions, to reduce the likelihood of fraud and abuse of prescriptions</i>		
	Strongly support	9093	45%
	Somewhat support	6348	31%
	Somewhat oppose	1723	8%
	Strongly oppose	806	4%
	Dont know / No opinion	2460	12%

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Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Registered Voters	20429	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	9526	47%
	Gender: Female	10903	53%
	N	20429	
age5	Age: 18-29	3214	16%
	Age: 30-44	5145	25%
	Age: 45-54	3490	17%
	Age: 55-64	4219	21%
	Age: 65+	4362	21%
	N	20429	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	7320	36%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	6413	31%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	6696	33%
	N	20429	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	3149	15%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	4171	20%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	3079	15%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	3334	16%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	3298	16%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	3398	17%
	N	20429	
xdemTea	Tea Party: Supporter	5490	27%
	Tea Party: Not Supporter	14852	73%
	N	20342	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	6458	32%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	5053	25%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	7336	36%
	N	18846	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	13428	66%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	4537	22%
	Educ: Post-grad	2464	12%
	N	20429	
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	11005	54%
	Income: 50k-100k	6612	32%
	Income: 100k+	2812	14%
	N	20429	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	16637	81%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	1827	9%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Afr. Am.	2627	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	1165	6%
xrelNet	Relig: Protestant	5593	27%
	Relig: Roman Catholic	4210	21%
	Relig: Ath./Agn./None	5431	27%
	Relig: Something Else	3027	15%
	N	18261	
xreligion1	Relig: Jewish	539	3%
xreligion2	Relig: Evangelical	5840	29%
	Relig: Non-Evang. Catholics	6104	30%
	N	11944	
xreligion3	Relig: All Christian	11944	58%
	Relig: All Non-Christian	8458	41%
	N	20403	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	5186	25%
	Community: Suburban	9416	46%
	Community: Rural	5827	29%
	N	20429	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	6506	32%
	Employ: Government	1346	7%
	Employ: Self-Employed	1693	8%
	Employ: Homemaker	1926	9%
	Employ: Student	579	3%
	Employ: Retired	5315	26%
	Employ: Unemployed	1749	9%
	Employ: Other	1314	6%
	N	20429	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	3916	19%
	Military HH: No	16513	81%
	N	20429	
xnr1	RD/WT: Right Direction	8683	43%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	11746	57%
	N	20429	

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	N	20429	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	5903	29%
	#1 Issue: Security	3899	19%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	3855	19%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	3231	16%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	923	5%
	#1 Issue: Education	1091	5%
	#1 Issue: Energy	729	4%
	#1 Issue: Other	798	4%
	N	20429	
xsubVote16O	2016 Vote: Democrat Hillary Clinton	7544	37%
	2016 Vote: Republican Donald Trump	7973	39%
	2016 Vote: Someone else	1836	9%
	N	17354	
xsubVote12O	2012 Vote: Barack Obama	9007	44%
	2012 Vote: Mitt Romney	6328	31%
	2012 Vote: Other	927	5%
	2012 Vote: Didn't Vote	4137	20%
	N	20400	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	3731	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	4819	24%
	4-Region: South	7585	37%
	4-Region: West	4293	21%
	N	20429	

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