

# PAN Foundation

# Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation

**2020 ELECTIONS: SENIORS TRACKER** 

**OCTOBER 2020** 

### **KEY POINTS**



A plurality of senior voters on Medicare report the have already voted in person.

- The percent of senior voters who report they have already voted increased 31% over the past two weeks.
- Reported voting methods differ greatly by party identification: 55% of Democrat senior voters report they have already voted, compared to 32% of Republicans. Nearly half of Republican voters (47%) plan to vote in person on election day.
- 2 With the election two weeks away, COVID-19 is top-ofmind as senior voters cast their vote.
  - The percent of senior voters selecting COVID-19 as one of their top 2 issues increased 9% over the past two weeks.
  - Similarly, this increase in the importance of COVID-19 is seen among Democrat, independent, and Republican voters.
  - The same is true among senior voters in swing states. Two in three (65%) say COVID-19 is a top-two issue.
- 3 Senior voters are not optimistic Congress will pass a COVID-19 relief bill before the election on November 3.
  - Two thirds of senior voters (64%) do not think Congress will pass a COVID-19 relief bill before the presidential election, a 23% increase over the past two weeks.

A majority of senior voters support placing a cap on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescriptions drugs in the Medicare Part D program (85% total support, 61% *strongly support*).

And nearly three quarters (72%) of senior voters on Medicare support "smoothing" the out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications throughout the year.

Seven in ten senior voters say that a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications is important in their decision about who to vote for this election cycle.

- A third of senior voters in swing states (36%) say a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs is *very important* in their vote for president, a 9% increase over the past two weeks.
- Similarly, 2 in 5 senior voters in swing states (37%) would be much more likely to support a candidate who supported capping what seniors pay out-of-pocket, a 13% increase over the past two weeks.



- Self-isolation is an increasing concern among senior voters.
- The percent of senior voters who are very concerned about isolation or self-quarantining increased 7% over the past two weeks.

#### Methodology:

Wave 1: This poll was conducted between August 7-10, 2020 among a national sample of 1000 senior voters on Medicare.

Wave 2: This poll was conducted September 3-6, 2020 among a national sample of 1,000 senior voters on Medicare.

**Wave 3:** This poll was conducted October 2-5, 2020 among a national sample of 1,000 senior voters on Medicare.

Wave 4: This poll was conducted October 16-19, 2020 among a national sample of 1,000 senior voters on Medicare.

The interviews were conducted online, and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of senior voters on Medicare based on gender and race. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.



## 1 Voting + Top Issues in 2020



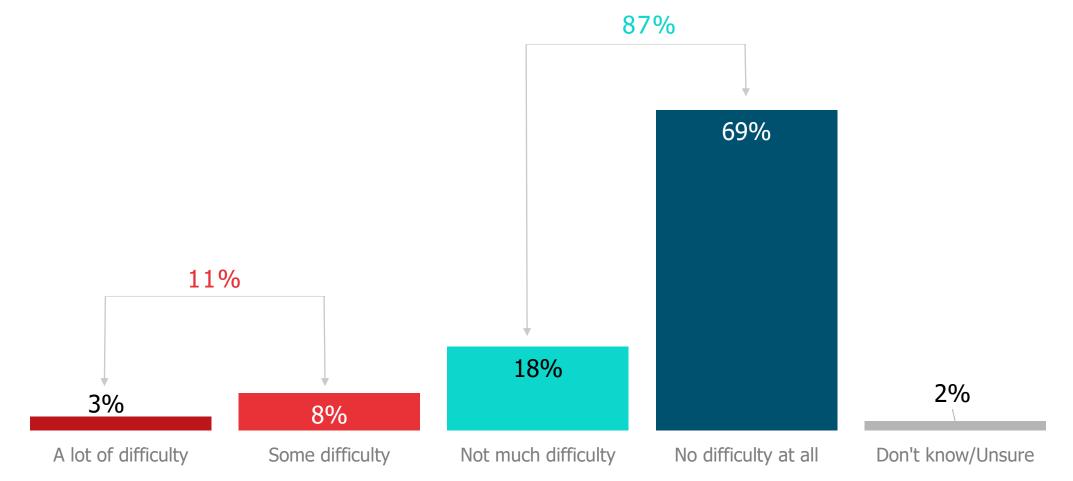


Health Care during COVID-19



VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | OCTOBER 2020

A strong majority of senior voters on Medicare (87%) **do not** think it will be difficult to vote this year amid COVID-19.



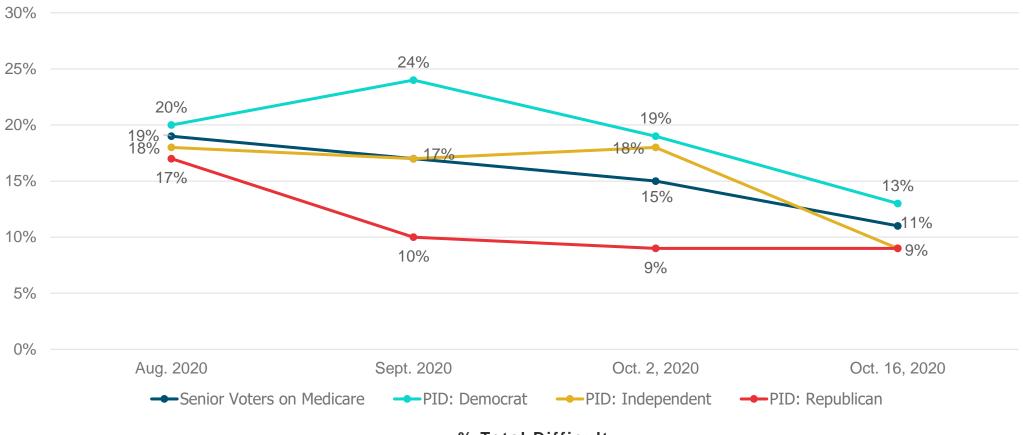
### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | OCTOBER 2020

A majority of Biden (68%) and Trump (75%) voters do not expect any difficulty voting in this year's election.

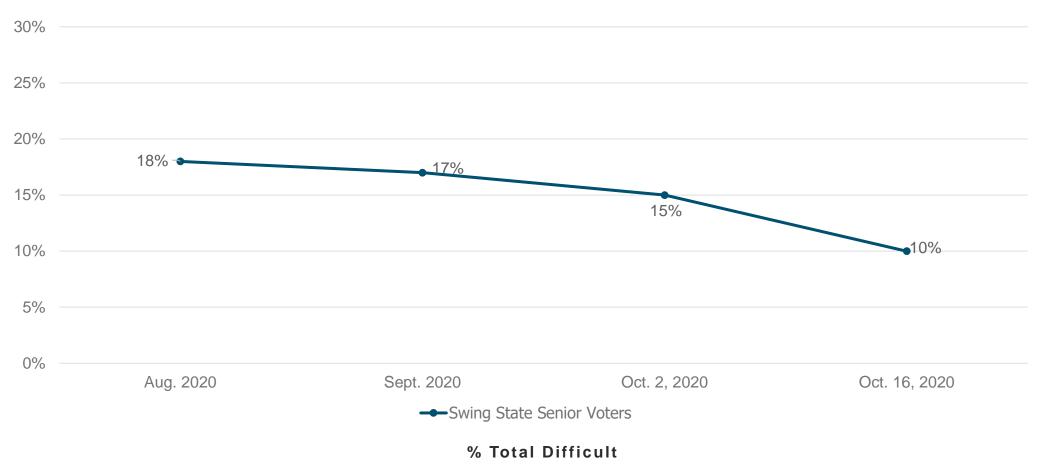
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Senior Voters of Medicare	3%	8%	18%			69%		11%
Male	3%	7%	17%			73%		10%
Female	2%	9%	19%			67%	3%	11%
PID: Democrat	4%	9%	16%			68%	3%	13%
PID: Independent	3%	6%	25%			65%		9%
PID: Republican	5	3%	15%			74%		9%
Educ: < College	3%	8%	17%			69%	3%	11%
Educ: Bachelor's degree		7%	23%			67%		9%
Educ: Post-grad	3%	10%	14%			73%		13%
Income: Under 50k	3%	9%	20%			65%	3%	12%
Income: 50k-100k		7%	19%			70%		10%
Income: 100k+		7%	10%		8	0%		9%
Community: Urban	4%	9%	15%			69%	3%	13%
Community: Suburban		9%	19%			68%		11%
Community: Rural	(	5%	18%			73%		8%
Biden Voters	3%	8%	19%			68%		11%
Trump Voters		7%	15%			75%		9%

### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

The percentage of Democrat and independent Medicare voters who expect difficulty voting continued to decrease over the past two weeks.



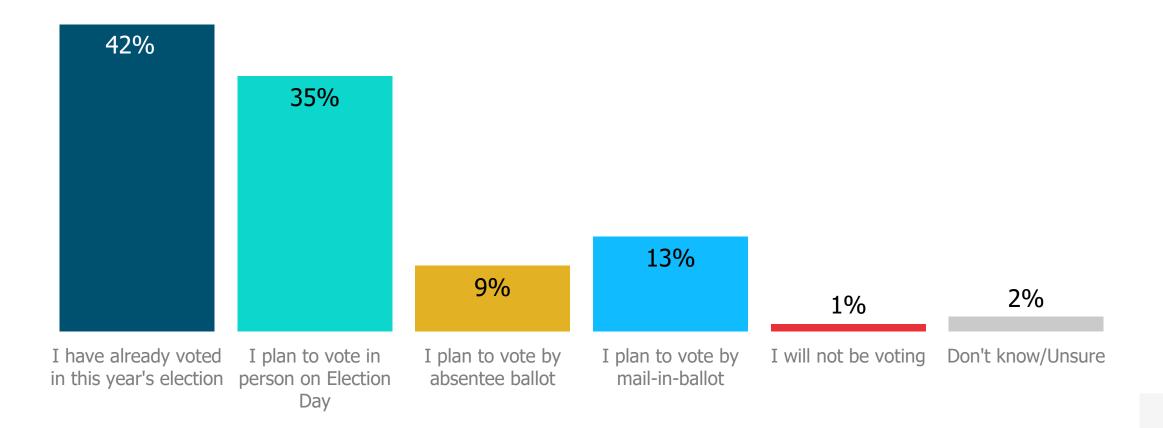
Since August, the percent of senior voters who expect to experience difficulty when voting in the election has steadily decreased.



### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | OCTOBER 2020

The plurality (42%) of senior voters on Medicare have already voted this year, while 35% plan to vote in person on election day.

Which of the following applies to you when it comes to voting in the 2020 presidential election?



### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | OCTOBER 2020

Reported voting methods differ greatly by party identification: 55% of Democrat senior voters report they have already voted, compared to 32% of Republicans. Nearly half of Republican voters (47%) plan to vote in person on election day.

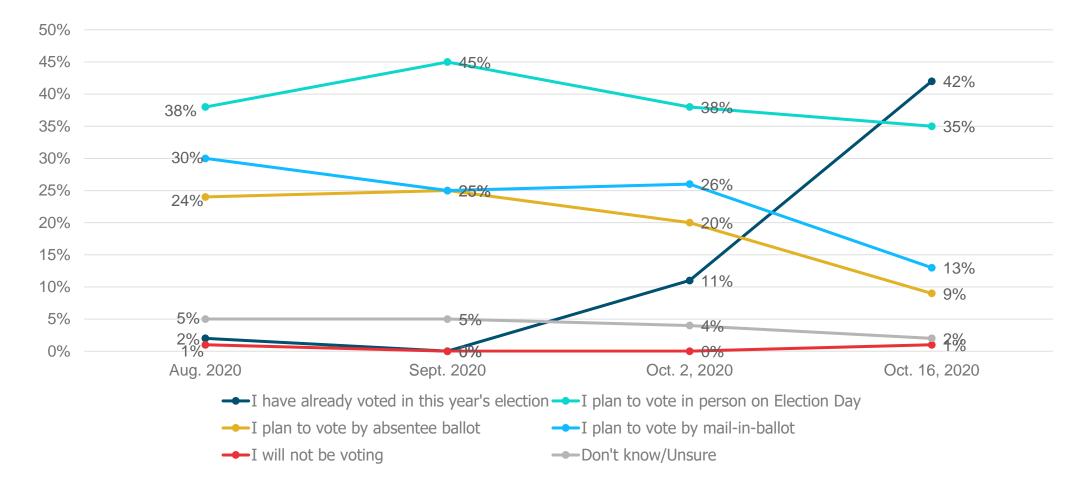
Which of the following applies to you when it comes to voting in the 2020 presidential election?

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Senior Voters of Medicare	42%		35%	ç	9%	13%	<mark>2</mark> %
Male	40%		38%		9%	12%	<b>1%</b>
Female	43%		32%		3%	13%	<mark>2</mark> %
PID: Democrat	55%		23%		8%	12%	1 <mark>%</mark>
PID: Independent	35%	35%		11%		16%	<mark>2</mark> %
PID: Republican	32%	42	7%		8%	11%	<mark>2</mark> %
Educ: < College	40%		40%		7%	11%	<mark>2</mark> %
Educ: Bachelor's degree	37%	359	%	10%		16%	1 <mark>%</mark>
Educ: Post-grad	49%		21%	11%		15%	3%
Income: Under 50k	40%		36%		7%	14%	1 <mark>%</mark>
Income: 50k-100k	43%		35%		9%	11%	<mark>2</mark> %
Income: 100k+	43%		28%	11%		16%	<mark>2</mark> %
Community: Urban	41%		33%	9%		14%	<mark>2</mark> %
Community: Suburban	42%		32%	9	%	14%	<mark>2</mark> %
Community: Rural	40%		41%		7%	9%	1 <mark>%</mark>
Biden Voters	55%		21%		9%	13%	1%
Trump Voters	29%	52	%		8%	8%	<mark>2</mark> %

### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

The percent of senior voters who report they have already voted increased 31% over the past two weeks.

Which of the following applies to you when it comes to voting in the 2020 presidential election?

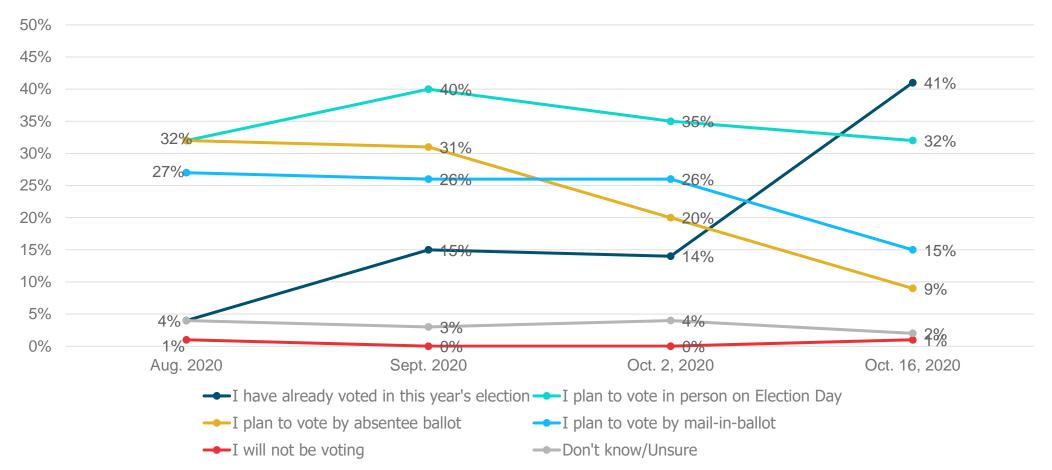


### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

Similarly, the percent of swing state voters who report they have already voted in the election increased 27% over the past two weeks.

Which of the following applies to you when it comes to voting in the 2020 presidential election?

**SWING STATE VOTERS\*** 



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### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | OCTOBER 2020

Senior voters are most likely to say COVID-19 (78%), the economy (76%), healthcare (74%), and national security (64%) are *very important* issues when they cast their vote.

 Thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, how important, if at all, are each of the following issues when you cast your vote?

 Very important
 Somewhat important

 Don't know/No opinion
 Not too important

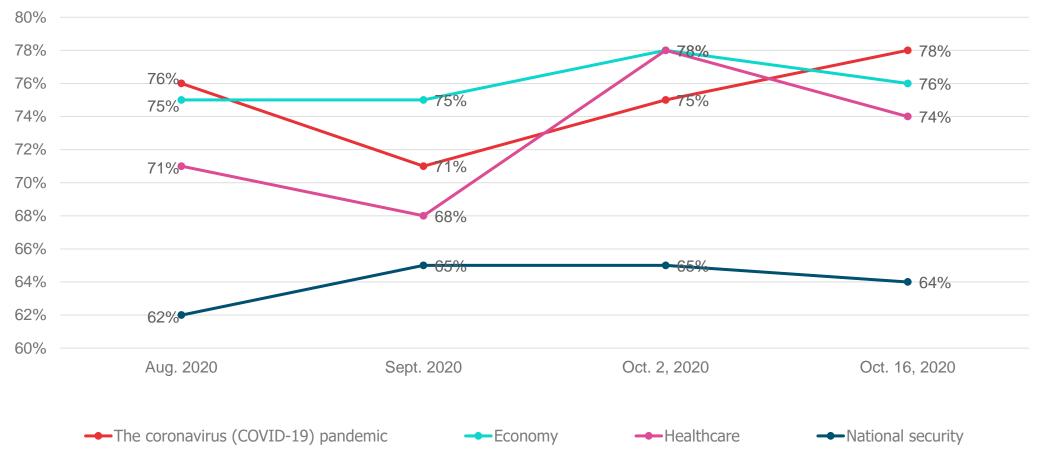
 Not at all important
 Net Importance

+84 4%3% The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic 78% 13% +95 Economy 76% 21% 3% +92 Healthcare 74% 22% +87 National security 5% 64% 29% +62 Gun policy 52% 28% 12% 6% 3% Immigration 51% 35% 10% +73 Climate change 46% 22% 15% 16% +37 **2%** 10% 4% +71 Education 44% 41% 4% Infrastructure 42% 9% 43% +74 3% 14% Racial inequality 39% 31% 13% +43 3% Trade 36% 47% 13% +68 31% 6% The opioid crisis 42% 18% +49 3% Women's issues 30% 38% 20% 10% +38

### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

Over the past two weeks the percent of voters saying COVID-19, the economy, healthcare, and national security are *very important* to their vote remained consistent.

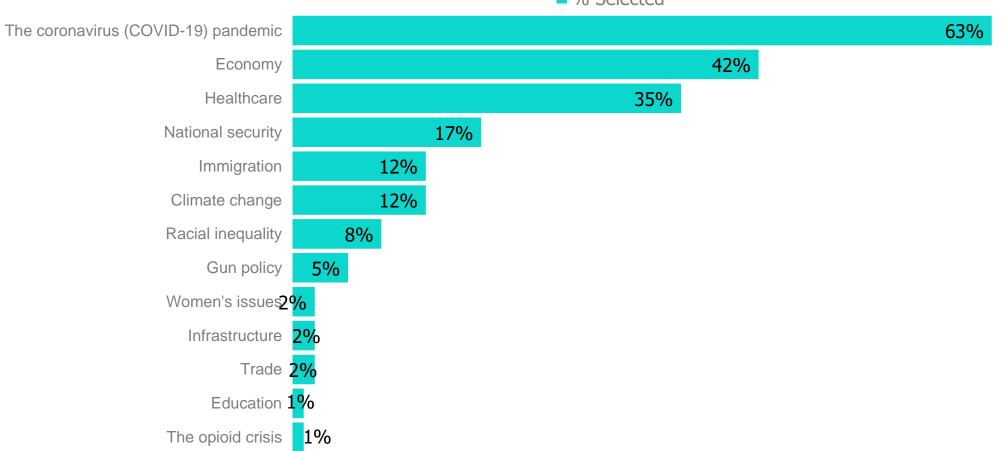
Thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, how important, if at all, are each of the following issues when you cast your vote?



### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | OCTOBER 2020

When respondents are forced to select their top two voting issues, the same three stand out: COVID-19 (63%), the economy (42%), and healthcare (35%).

And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? Please select your top 2 issues.

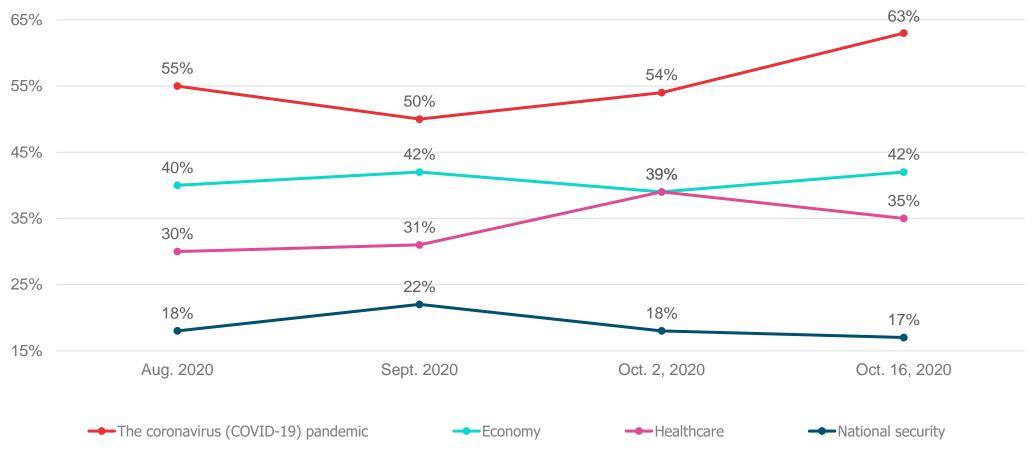


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### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

The percent of senior voters selecting COVID-19 as one of their top 2 issues increased 9% over the past two weeks.

And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? **Please select your top 2 issues.** 

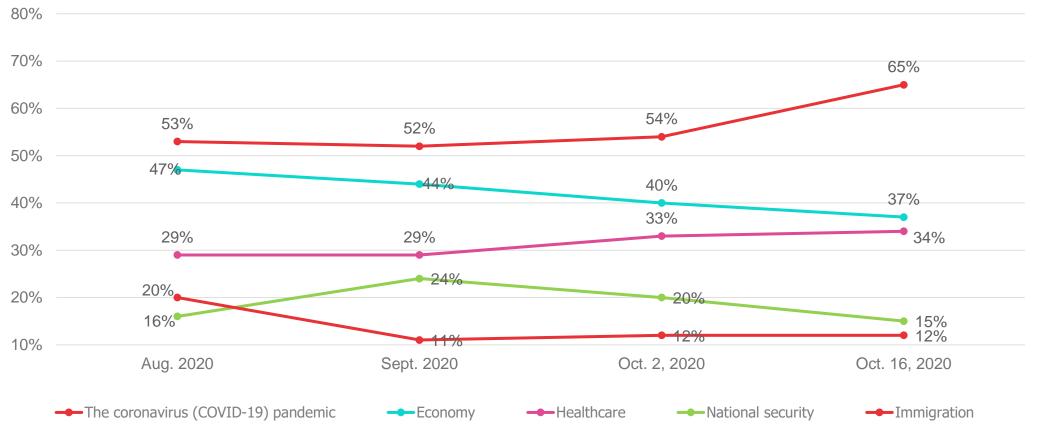


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The same is true among senior voters in swing states. Two in three (65%) say COVID-19 is a top two issue when casting their vote in the election.

And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? **Please select your top 2 issues.** 



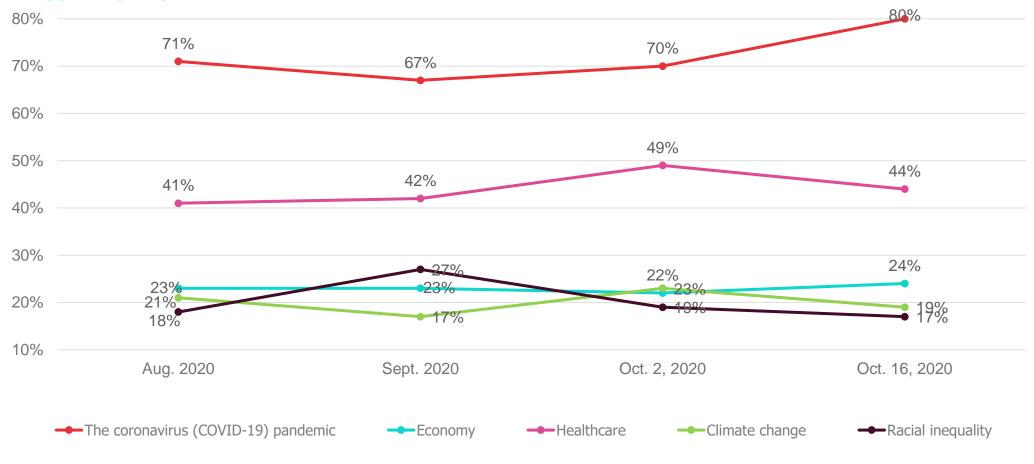


\*Showing top 5 issues

\*Swing state voters comprised of senior voters in PA, MI, FL, WI, and AZ

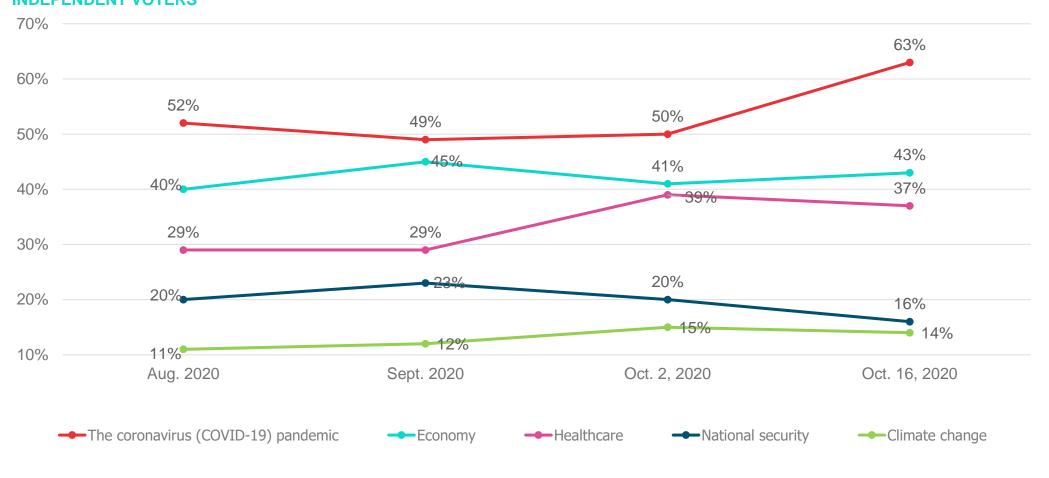
Similarly, the percent of Democrat senior voters selecting healthcare as a top issue increased 10% over the past two weeks.

And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? **Please select your top 2 issues**. **DEMOCRAT VOTERS** 



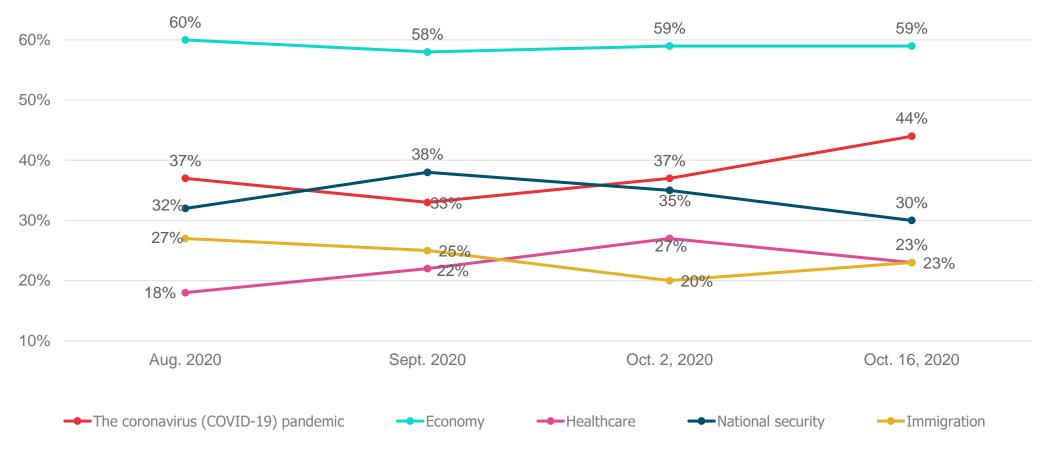
And the same is true among independent senior voters. There was a 13% increase over the past two weeks among those selecting COVID-19 as a top two issue.

And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? **Please select your top 2 issues**.



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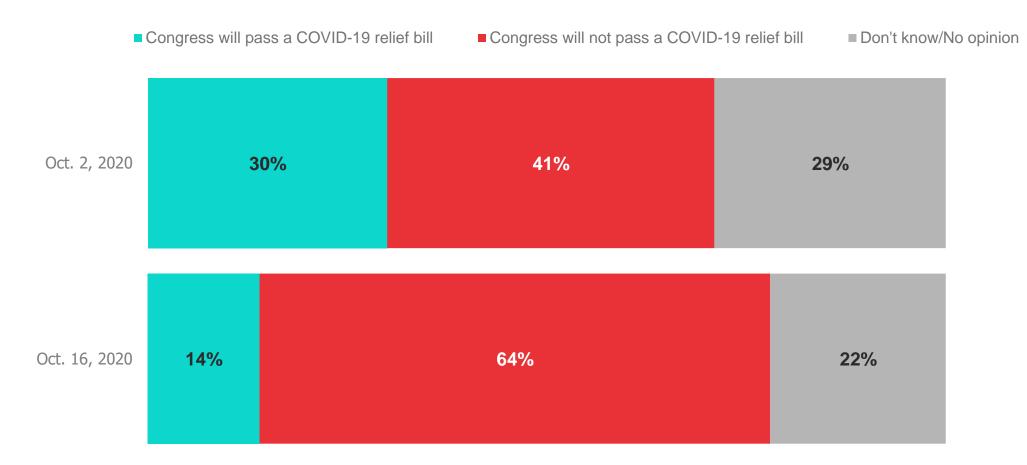
However, among Republican voters, the economy remains the most important issue. At the same time, there was a 7% increase over the past two weeks in COVID-19 being selected top issue. *And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote?* **Please select your top 2 issues. REPUBLICAN VOTERS** 



% Selected

### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | OCTOBER 2020

Two thirds of senior voters (64%) are not optimistic Congress will pass a COVID-19 relief bill before the presidential election, a 23% increase over the past two weeks. *Based on what you know, do you think Congress will or will not pass a COVID-19 relief bill before the presidential election on November 3, 2020?* 



### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | OCTOBER 2020

Trump voters are slightly more optimistic than Biden voters than Congress will pass a COVID-19 relief bill before the election (18% vs. 12%).

Based on what you know, do you think Congress will or will not pass a COVID-19 relief bill before the presidential election on November 3, 2020?

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Senior Voters of Medicare	14%	64%	22%
Male	14%	66%	20%
Female	14%	63%	23%
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PID: Independent	11%	63%	26%
PID: Republican	16%	60%	24%
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Congress will pass a COVID-19 relief bill Congress will not pass a COVID-19 relief bill Don't know/No opinion



## 1 Voting + Top Issues in 2020





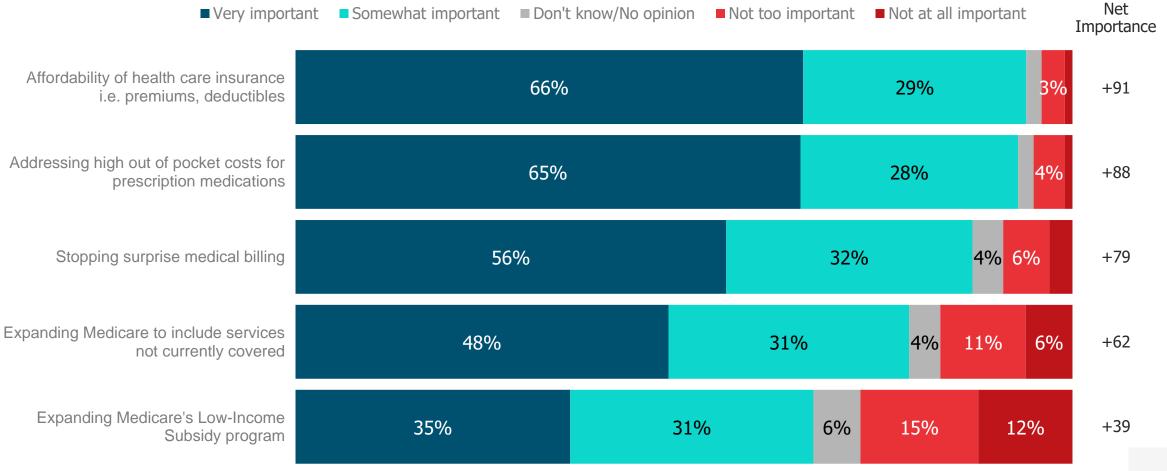
Health Care during COVID-19



### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Affordability of health insurance (66%) and addressing high out-of-pocket costs (65%) are *very important* health care issues to senior voters on Medicare.

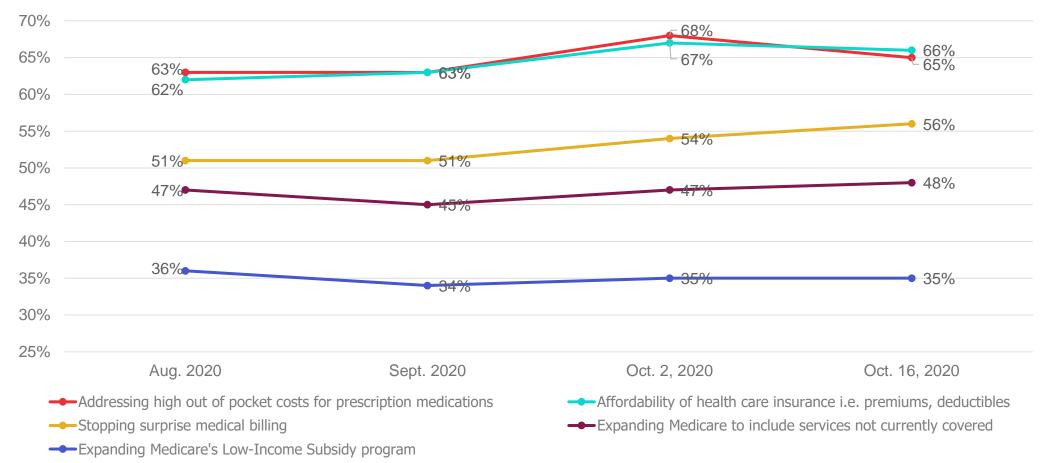
Now focusing on health care issues, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, how important, if at all, is a candidate's plan on each of the following when you cast your vote?



### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

The percentage of senior voters rating high out-of-pocket costs and affordability of health care *very important* to their vote in November remained the same over the past two weeks.

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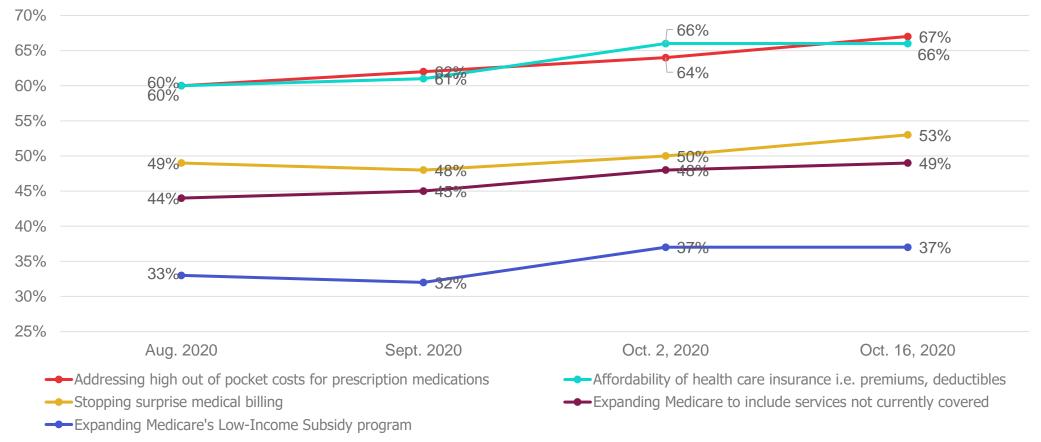
### % Very Important

### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

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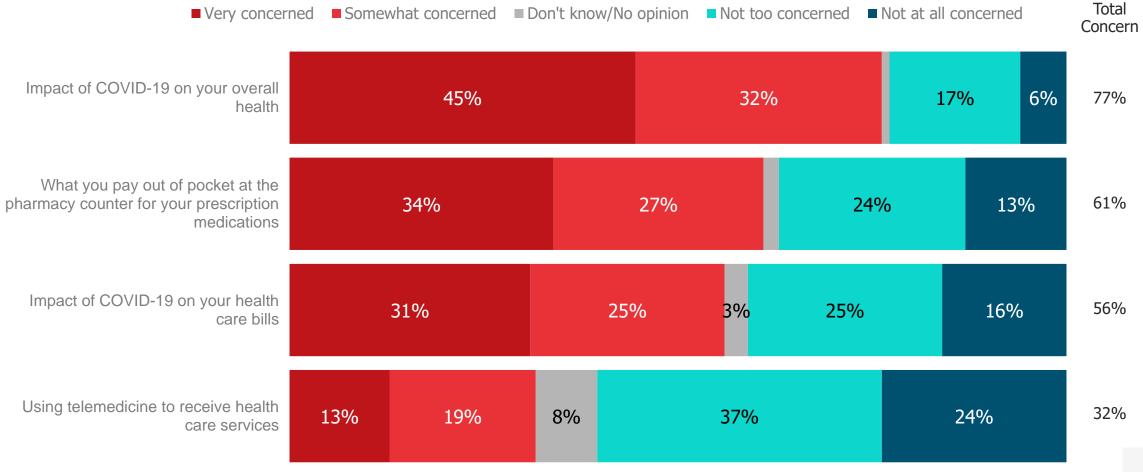
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### % Very Important

### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Amid COVID-19, senior voters are quite concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on their overall health (77% *concerned*) and what they pay out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs (61% *concerned*).

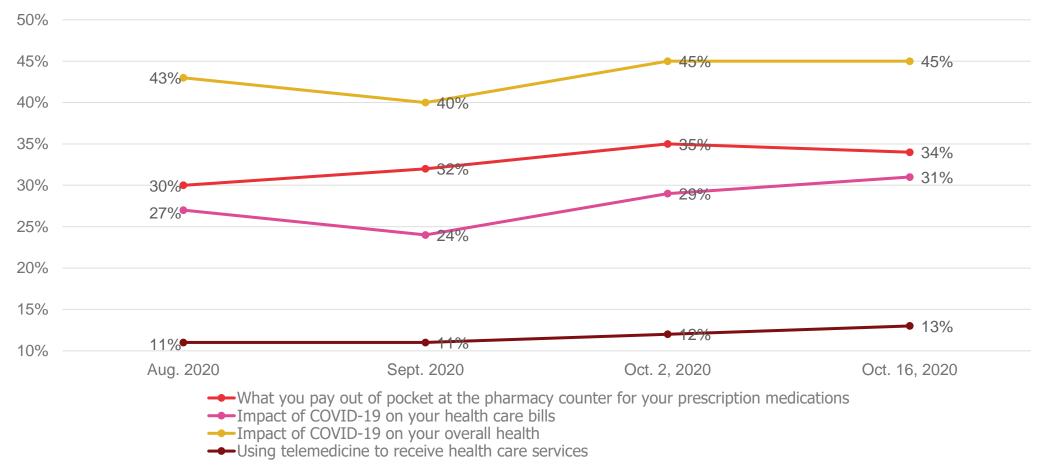
### Thinking about your health care, how concerned are you, if at all about each of the following?



### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

The percent of senior voters on Medicare who express high concern about the impacts of COVID-19 remained the same over the past two weeks.

Thinking about your health care, how concerned are you, if at all about each of the following?

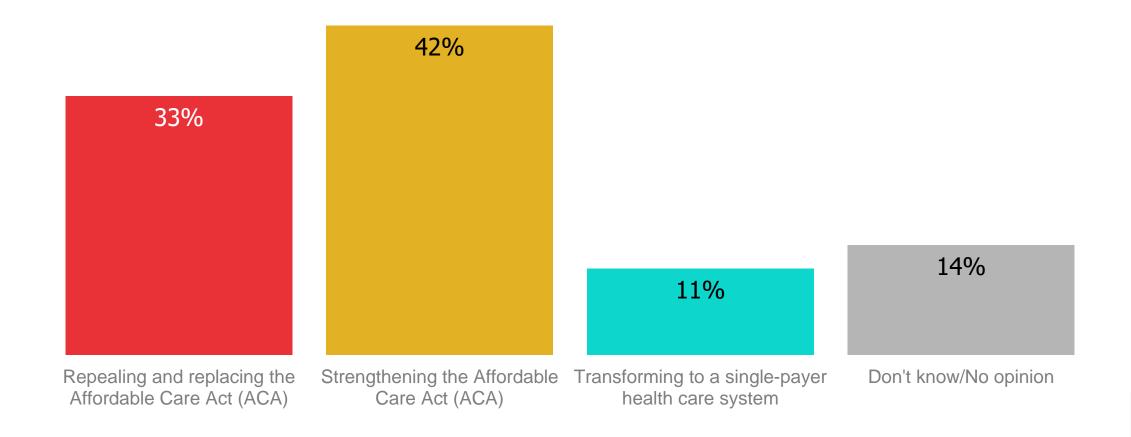


% Very Concerned

### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Two in five senior voters on Medicare (42%) want to strengthen the Affordable Care Act (ACA) rather than repeal and replace the ACA (33%) or move to a single-payer system (11%).

As you may know, there have been different proposals to reform the U.S. health care system. Of the following options, which health care reform plan do you support the most?



### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

This issue divides along partisan lines for senior voters: a majority of Democrats (68%) want to strengthen the ACA, while a majority of Republicans (66%) want to repeal and replace the ACA.

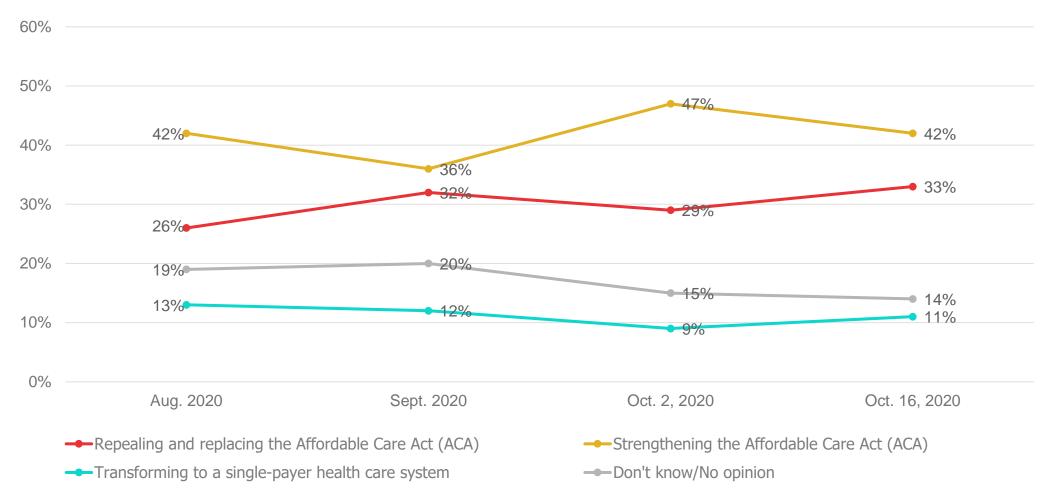
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Repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Strengthening the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Transforming to a single-payer health care system Don't know/No opinion Senior Voters of Medicare 42% 14% 33% 11% Male 38% 37% 13% 13% Female 28% 46% 10% 16% 4% PID: Democrat 68% 15% 13% **PID:** Independent 28% 41% 15% 17% **PID:** Republican 15% 4% 66% 15% Educ: < College 34% 39% 8% 18% Educ: Bachelor's degree 47% 11% 12% 29% Educ: Post-grad 32% 43% 17% 8% Income: Under 50k 28% 41% 13% 18% Income: 50k-100k 38% 44% 8% 10% 41% 10% 14% Income: 100k+ 35% Community: Urban 25% 46% 14% 15% Community: Suburban 35% 43% 10% 13% Community: Rural 34% 37% 11% 18% Biden Voters 2% 71% 16% 11% **Trump Voters** 10% 5% 16% 70%

### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

The percent of senior voters on Medicare who selected strengthening the ACA decreased 5% over the past two weeks after an 11% increase at the beginning of October.

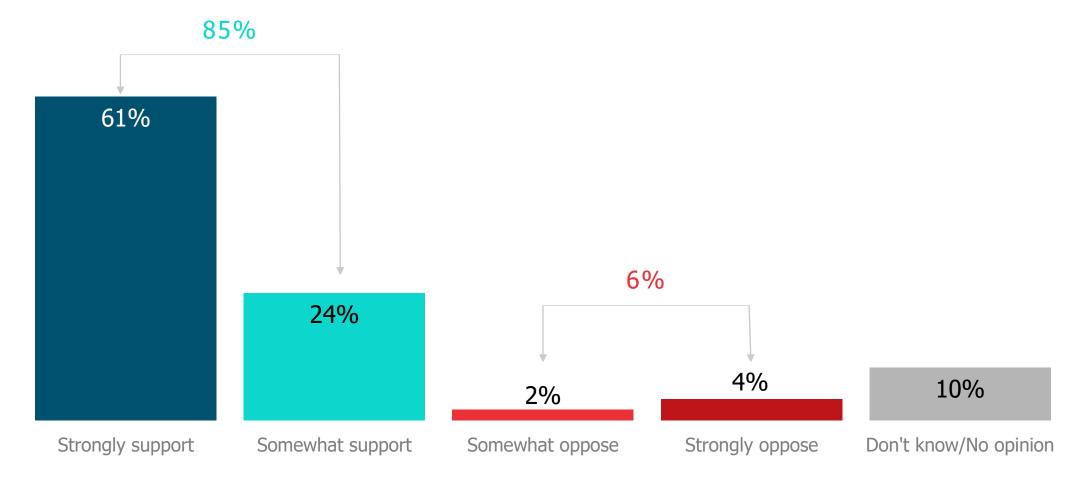
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### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Eighty five percent of senior voters on Medicare support placing a cap on what seniors pay out-ofpocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program.

Currently there is no cap or limit on what a Medicare beneficiary pays out-of-pocket each year for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. Congress is considering legislation that would cap or limit what seniors on Medicare Part D spend on prescription drugs. Do you support or oppose legislation that places a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program?

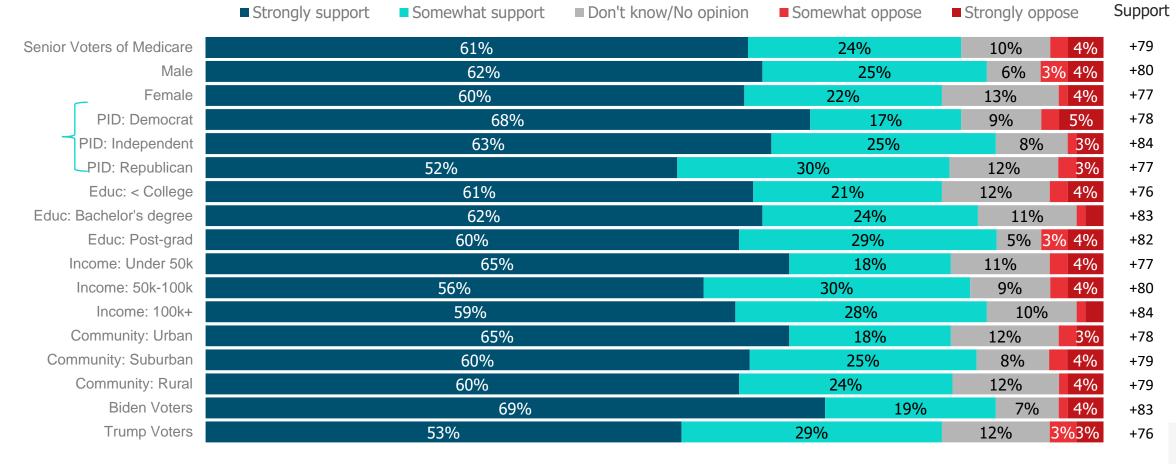


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### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

A bipartisan majority of senior voters on Medicare support placing a cap on what seniors pay out-ofpocket for prescription drugs, although intensity of support is higher among Democrat voters.

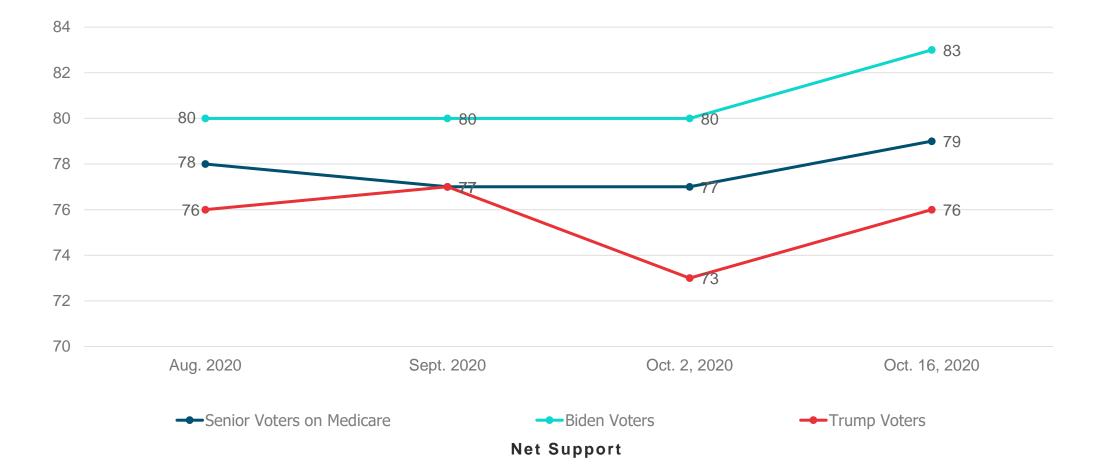
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### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

Net support for implementing a cap on out-of-of pocket costs in the Medicare Part D program remained high among Biden and Trump voters over the past month.

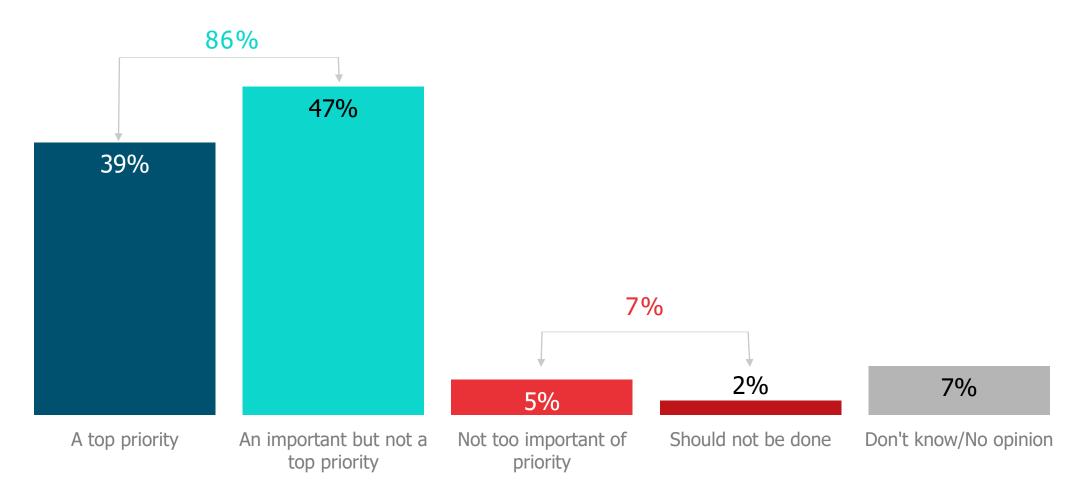
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### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Eighty-six percent of senior voters think a cap on out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program should be an important priority for Congress.

Based on what you know, how much of a priority, if at all, should it be for Congress to pass legislation that places a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program?



### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Biden voters are more likely than Trump voters to think this cap on prescription drugs for Medicare Part D should be *a top priority*.

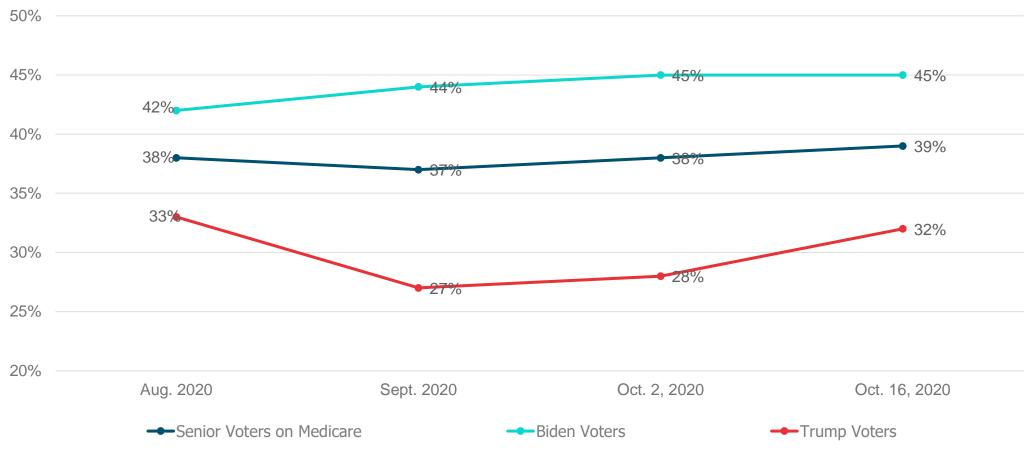
Based on what you know, how much of a priority, if at all, should it be for Congress to pass legislation that places a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program?

A top priority	An important but not a top priority	■ Don't know/No opinion	Not too important of priority	Should not be done
Senior Voters of Medicar	re 39%		47%	7% 5%
Ma	e 41%		46%	4% 7%
Fema	e 37%		48%	10% <mark>3%</mark>
PID: Democra	at 44%		45%	6% <mark>3%</mark>
PID: Independe	nt 41%		50%	5% <mark>3%</mark>
PID: Republica	in 32%		47%	9% 8% 3%
Educ: < Colleg	e 42%		44%	8% 4%
Educ: Bachelor's degre	e 32%		51%	9% 6%
Educ: Post-gra	d 39%		49%	3% 7%
Income: Under 50	0k 43%		43%	8% 4%
Income: 50k-100	0k 34%		51%	6% 6% 3%
Income: 100k	+ 37%		50%	7% 5%
Community: Urba	n 43%		45%	6% 5%
Community: Suburba	n 39%		47%	6% 5% 3%
Community: Rur	al 36%		48%	9% 5%
Biden Vote	rs 45%		46%	5%
Trump Vote	rs 32%		49%	7% 8% 3%

### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

The percentage of Trump voters who think this legislation should be a *top priority* increased 4% over the past two weeks.

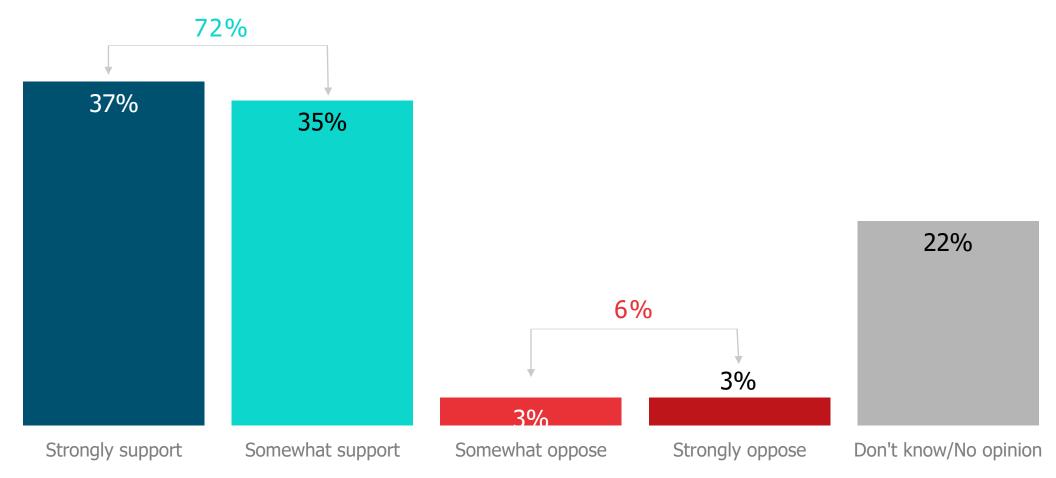
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# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Nearly three quarters (72%) of senior voters on Medicare support legislation that would "smooth" the out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications throughout the year.

Currently, Medicare beneficiaries pay a large percent of their out of pocket costs for prescription medications in January of each year when deductibles reset. Congress is considering legislation that would evenly distribute these costs throughout the year. Do you support or oppose legislation that would evenly distribute beneficiaries throughout the year?



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# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

A majority of senior voters across demographic groups support evenly distributing out-of-pocket cost for prescription drugs throughout the year under Medicare.

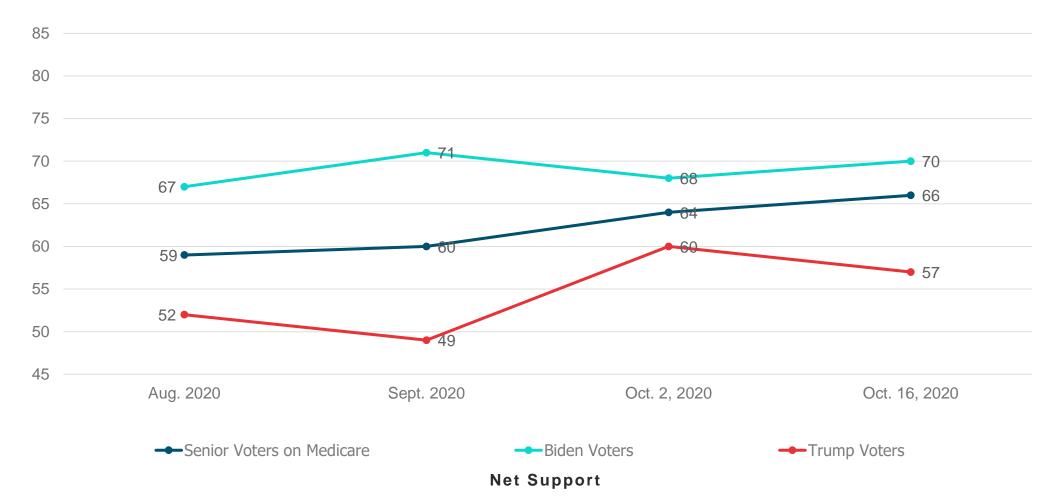
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	Strongly support	Somewhat support	■ Don't know/No opinion	Somewhat oppos	se Stron	gly oppose	Support
Senior Voters of Medicare	37%		35%		22%	3%	+66
Male	38%	, D	37%		18%	4%	+68
Female	35%		33%		25%	3%	+62
PID: Democrat	4	3%	30%		21%	<mark>2%</mark>	+67
PID: Independent	35%		40%		20%	<mark>2%</mark>	+70
PID: Republican	31%		37%		24%	6%	+60
Educ: < College	36%		35%		21% 4%		+63
Educ: Bachelor's degree	37%		34%		24%	<mark>3%</mark>	+66
Educ: Post-grad	38%	)	35%		22%	4%	+67
Income: Under 50k	36%		34%		23%	4%	+62
Income: 50k-100k	35%		39%		20%	3%	+68
Income: 100k+	4	3%	28%		23%	4%	+65
Community: Urban	42	2%	32%		19%	5%	+66
Community: Suburban	37%		35%		22% 4		+64
Community: Rural	33%		37%		25%	<mark>2%</mark>	+66
Biden Voters	42%		33%		21%	<mark>2%</mark>	+70
Trump Voters	29%		38%	23	%	6% 4%	+57

# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

Net support for legislation that would evenly distribute out-of-pocket costs over the course of the year remained consistent over the past two weeks.

Currently, Medicare beneficiaries pay a large percent of their out of pocket costs for prescription medications in January of each year when deductibles reset. Congress is considering legislation that would evenly distribute these costs throughout the year. Do you support or oppose legislation that would evenly distribute beneficiaries throughout the year?

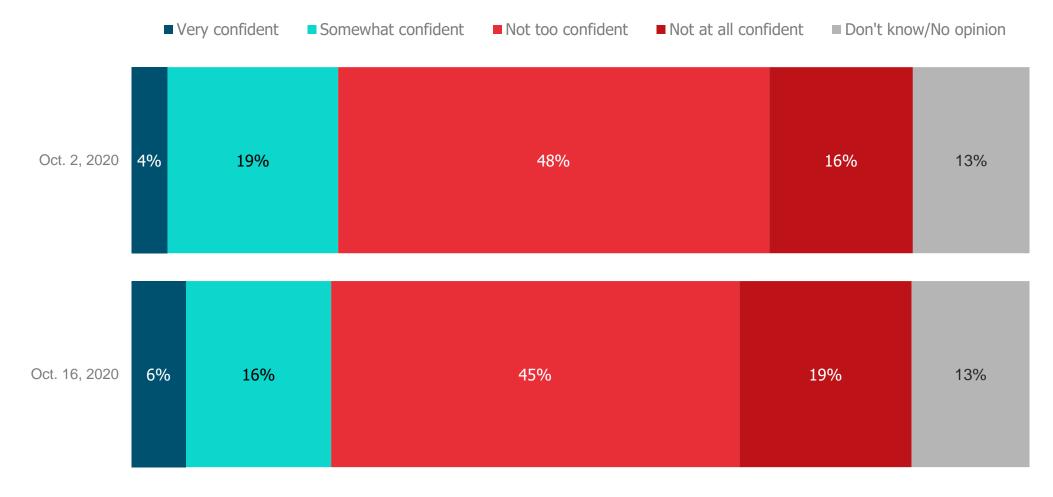


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# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Two-thirds of senior voters on Medicare (64%) are not confident Congress will pass legislation that places a cap on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs.

Based on what you know, how confident are you, if at all, Congress will pass legislation that places a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program?



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# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

A bipartisan majority of senior voters on Medicare are not confident Congress will pass legislation that will cap OOP costs for seniors on Medicare.

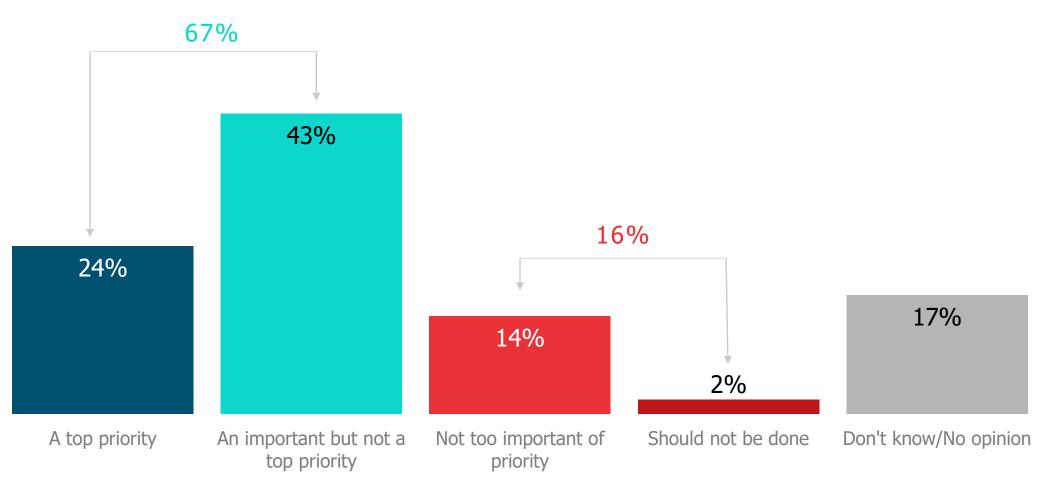
Based on what you know, how confident are you, if at all, Congress will pass legislation that places a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program?

	■ Ve	ery confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	ent ∎Don't k	now/No opinion						
Senior Voters of Medicare	6%	16%		45% 19%		19%	13%						
Male	6%	17%		45%		22%	10%						
Female	6%	15%		45%		17%	16%						
PID: Democrat	7%	14%		47%		19%	13%						
PID: Independent	4%	15%		43%		25%	13%						
PID: Republican	5%	20%		45%		16%	14%						
Educ: < College	7%	17%		45% 16%		16%	15%						
Educ: Bachelor's degree	6%	15%		44%		20%	15%						
Educ: Post-grad		16%		48%		25%	8%						
Income: Under 50k	8%	16%		43%		19%	15%						
Income: 50k-100k	4%	20%		47%		16%	13%						
Income: 100k+		9%	<mark>% 4</mark> 9%			27%	10%						
Community: Urban	9%	<u>9%</u> <u>16%</u> 45%		45%		17%	13%						
Community: Suburban	5%	19%	43%		43%		43%		43%			20%	12%
Community: Rural	5%	10%	50%		<mark>% 5</mark> 0%			18%	16%				
Biden Voters	ers 6% 14% 48%		48%			21%							
Trump Voters	6%	18%		43%		17%	14%						

# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

A quarter of senior voters (24%) believe it should be *a top priority* for Congress to pass legislation that evenly distributes out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs throughout the year. *Based on what you know, how much of a priority, if at all, should it be for Congress to pass legislation that evenly distributes* 

out of pocket costs for prescription medications for Medicare beneficiaries throughout the year?



#### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

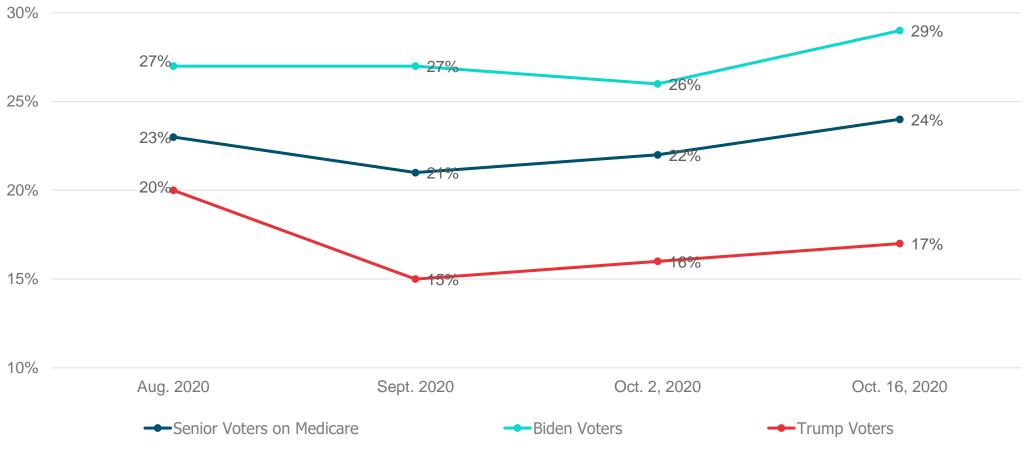
Democrat senior voters are more likely than their Republican counterparts to think passing legislation that smooths out-of-pocket costs should be a *top priority* for Congress. Based on what you know, how much of a priority, if at all, should it be for Congress to pass legislation that evenly distributes out of pocket costs for prescription medications for Medicare beneficiaries throughout the year?

A top priority	An imp	ortant but not a top priority	Don't know/No opinion	Not too importa	ant of priority	Should not be de	one
Senior Voters of Medi	icare	22%	44%		16%	15%	3%
r	Male	18%	46%		13%	19%	4%
Fer	male	26%	43%		180	% 11%	3%
PID: Demo	ocrat	28%	4	4%		15% 10	)%
PID: Indepen	ndent	19%	43%		17%	17%	4%
PID: Republ	lican	17%	44%		16%	18%	5%
Educ: < Col	llege	25%	43%		19%	6	3%
Educ: Bachelor's de	gree	21%	42%		12%	20%	5%
Educ: Post-	grad	17%	48%		13%	19%	3%
Income: Under	r 50k	26%	43%		169	% 12%	3%
Income: 50k-2	100k	19%	45%		18%	15%	3%
Income: 10	00k+	17%	45%		13%	21%	5%
Community: U	Irban	32%	39	9%	1	7% 120	%
Community: Subu	ırban	20%	45%		14%	17%	4%
Community: R	Rural	18%	47%		19%	13%	3%
Biden Vo	oters	26%	45%		15	% 13%	
Trump Vo	oters	16%	45%		16%	18%	5%

# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

The percentage of senior voters who think smoothing legislation should be a *top priority* remained the same over the past two weeks.

Based on what you know, how much of a priority, if at all, should it be for Congress to pass legislation that evenly distributes out of pocket costs for prescription medications for Medicare beneficiaries throughout the year?

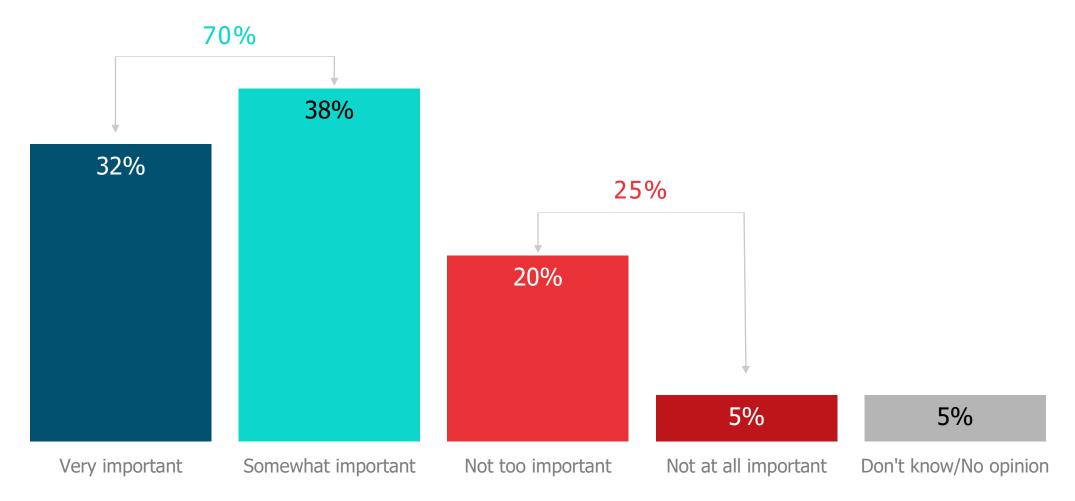


% Top Priority

# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Seven in ten senior voters say that a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications is important in their decision about who to vote for this election cycle.

Thinking about the 2020 presidential election, how important, if at all, is a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications in your decision about who to vote for?



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# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

A candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications is important to senior voters across the political spectrum, although intensity of importance is higher among Democrat voters.

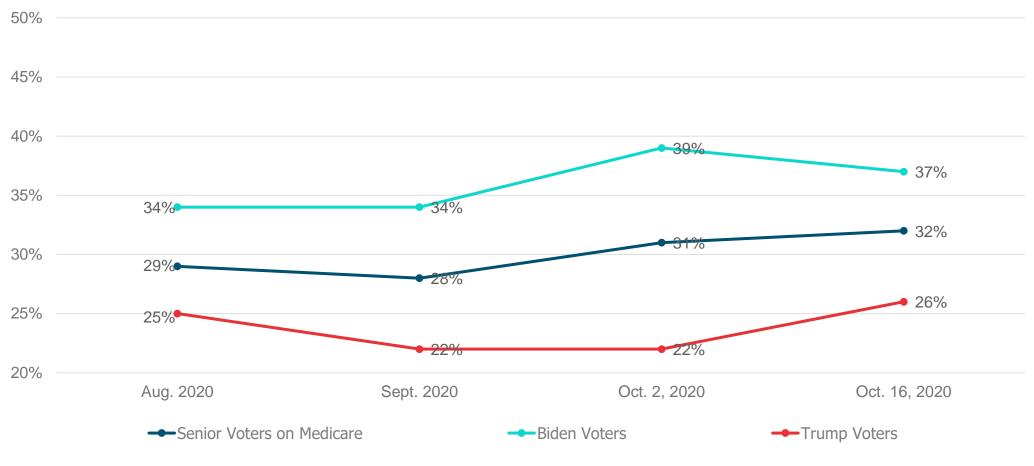
Thinking about the 2020 presidential election, how important, if at all, is a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications in your decision about who to vote for?

	Very important	Somewhat important	■ Don't know/No opinion	Not too i	mportant	Not at all imp	oortant	Importance
Senior Voters of Medicare	32%		38%		5%	20%	5%	+45
Male	32%		36%	5%	6	22%	5%	+41
Female	32%		39%		6%	18%	5%	+48
PID: Democrat	3	9%	37%		6%	16%	3%	+57
PID: Independent	29%		40%	(	5%	21%	4%	+44
PID: Republican	27%		37%	4%	2	4%	8%	+32
Educ: < College	34%	, 0	38%		6%	17%	4%	+51
Educ: Bachelor's degree	30%		36%	5%		22%	7%	+37
Educ: Post-grad	27%		39%	<mark>2%</mark>		26%	6%	+34
Income: Under 50k	36	%	36%		7%	17%	3%	+52
Income: 50k-100k	28%		39%	2% <mark></mark>		24%	6%	+37
Income: 100k+	27%		39%	6%		21%	7%	+38
Community: Urban	34%	)	31%	5%		25%	5%	+35
Community: Suburban	31%		41%		5%	18%	5%	+49
Community: Rural	32%		35%	6%		21%	6%	+40
Biden Voters	37	'%	39%		4%	17%	3%	+56
Trump Voters	26%		36%	6%	25	5%	8%	+29

# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

The percentage of Trump voters who think a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs is *very important* to their vote increased 4% over the past two weeks.

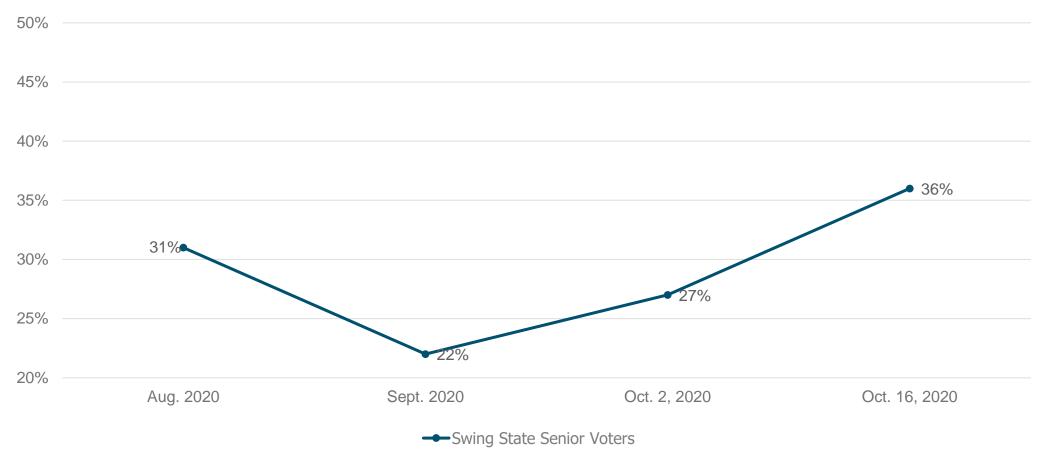
Thinking about the 2020 presidential election, how important, if at all, is a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications in your decision about who to vote for?



#### HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

A third of senior voters in swing states (36%) say a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs is *very important* in their vote for president, a 9% increase over the past two weeks.

Thinking about the 2020 presidential election, how important, if at all, is a candidate's plan to address out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications in your decision about who to vote for?

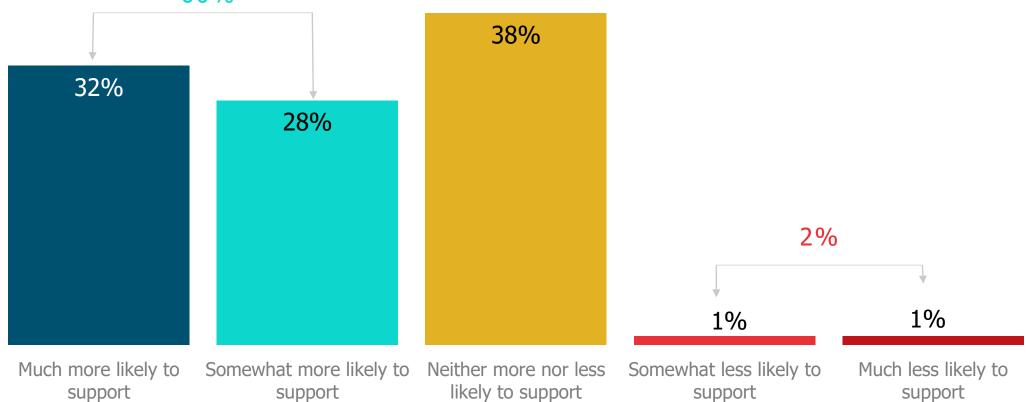


% Very Important

# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

A candidate supporting a cap on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program is not very risky: 60% of senior voters are more likely to support that candidate while just 3% are less likely to support a candidate for that stance.

Would you be more or less likely to support a 2020 presidential candidate who supported placing a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program, or would it have no impact on your support either way?



60%

# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | OCTOBER 2020

Across demographic groups, senior voters are more likely to support a candidate who supported placing a cap on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program.

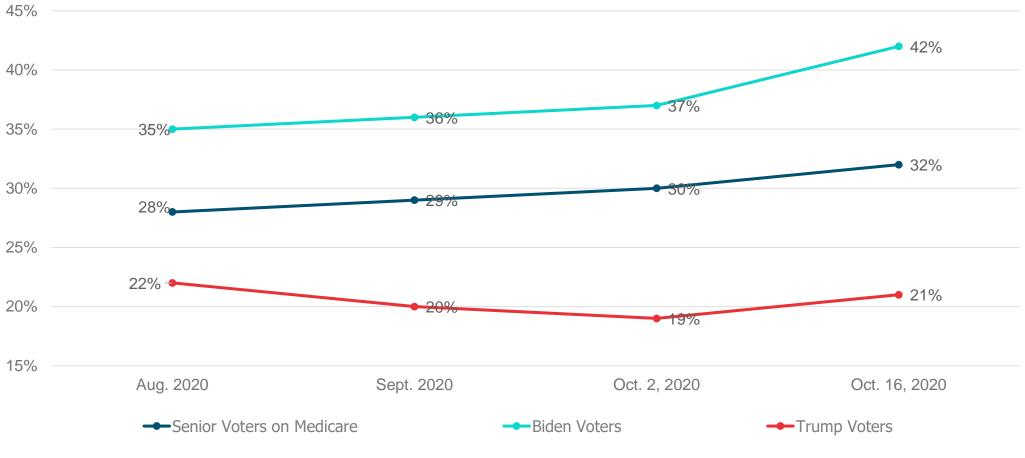
Would you be more or less likely to support a 2020 presidential candidate who supported placing a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program, or would it have no impact on your support either way?

	luch more likely to support		more likely to support	Neither	more nor less likely to support	Net Support
S S	omewhat less likely to support	Much less	likely to support			
Senior Voters of Medicare	32%		28%		38%	+58
Male	32%		32%		35%	+63
Female	32%		26%		41%	+56
PID: Democrat	42%		28%		28%	+68
PID: Independent	28%		33%		38%	+60
PID: Republican	23%	25%		E.	50%	+47
Educ: < College	30%		31%		37%	+60
Educ: Bachelor's degree	37%		23%		39%	+59
Educ: Post-grad	30%		27%		41%	+55
Income: Under 50k	38%		27%		34%	+63
Income: 50k-100k	25%	33	3%		40%	+56
Income: 100k+	28%	22%			48%	+48
Community: Urban	36%		29%		35%	+64
Community: Suburban	31%		30%		37%	+59
Community: Rural	30%		24%		45%	+54
Biden Voters	42%		30%		28%	+70
Trump Voters	21%	27%		50	0%	+46
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## HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

The percentage of Biden voters who would be *much more likely* to support a candidate who supported a cap on what seniors pay out-of-pocket increased 5% over the past two weeks.

Would you be more or less likely to support a 2020 presidential candidate who supported placing a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program, or would it have no impact on your support either way?

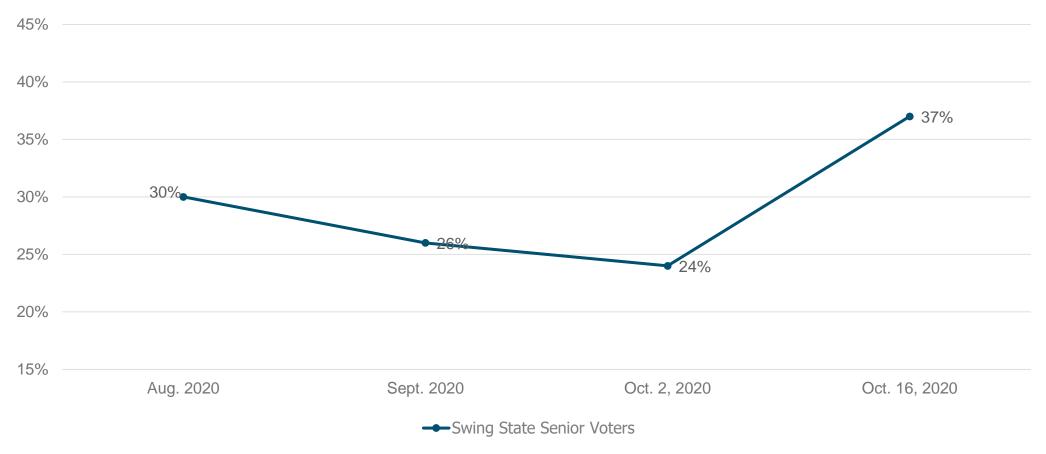


% Much More Likely

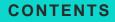
# HEALTH CARE POLICY IN THE 2020 ELECTION | TREND OVER TIME

Two in five senior voters in swing states (37%) would be much more likely to support a candidate who supported capping what seniors pay out-of-pocket, a 13% increase over the past two weeks.

Would you be more or less likely to support a 2020 presidential candidate who supported placing a cap or limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D program, or would it have no impact on your support either way?



#### % Much More Likely



# 1 Voting + Top Issues in 2020





Health Care during COVID-19

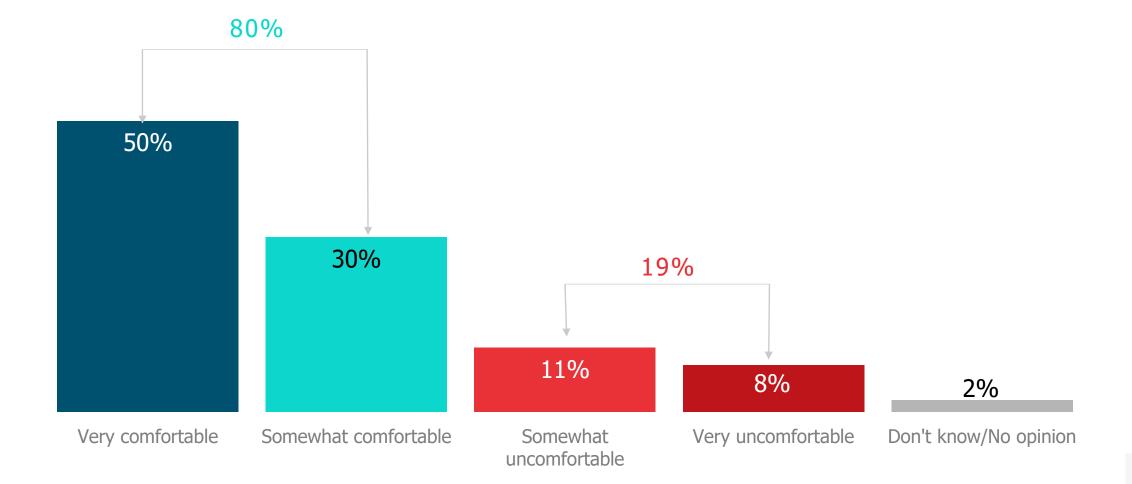


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# HEALTH CARE DURING COVID-19 | OCTOBER 2020

Four in five senior voters on Medicare are currently comfortable going to their doctor to receive routine medical care in person.

Currently, how comfortable or uncomfortable are you going to your doctor to receive routine medical care in person?



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# HEALTH CARE DURING COVID-19 | OCTOBER 2020

Republican seniors and Trump voters are more likely than their Democratic and Biden-voting counterparts to feel *very comfortable* receiving routine medical care in person.

Currently, how comfortable or uncomfortable are you going to your doctor to receive routine medical care in person?

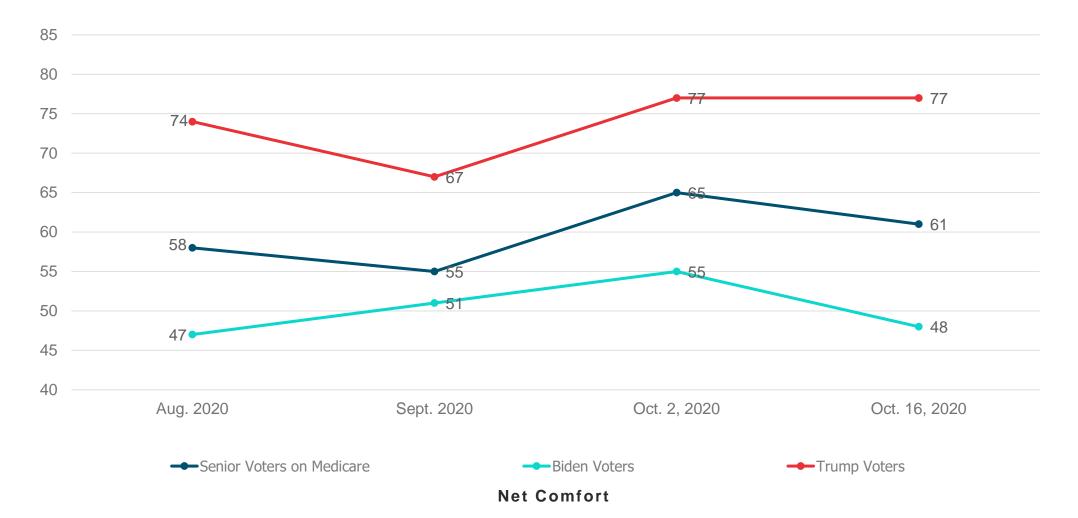
	■Very comfortable ■Somewhat comfortable ■Don't kn	ow/No opinion Somewhat uncomfort	table Very uncomfortable	Comfort
Senior Voters of Medicare	50%	30%	11% 8%	+61
Male	53%	31%	9% 6%	+69
Female	47%	30%	12% 10%	+55
PID: Democrat	41%	33%	11% 11%	+52
PID: Independent	43%	32%	15% 9%	+51
PID: Republican	62%	25%	8% 4%	+75
Educ: < College	49%	29%	12% 7%	+59
Educ: Bachelor's degree	51%	33%	7% 8%	+69
Educ: Post-grad	48%	28%	12% 11%	+53
Income: Under 50k	50%	27%	11% 9%	+57
Income: 50k-100k	45%	38%	10% 7%	+66
Income: 100k+	58%	23%	12% 8%	+61
Community: Urban	46%	32%	12% 7%	+59
Community: Suburban	52%	30%	10% 8%	+64
Community: Rural	47%	29%	12% 9%	+55
Biden Voters	40%	33%	13% 12%	+48
Trump Voters	61%	27%	8% 3%	+77

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# HEALTH CARE DURING COVID-19 | TREND OVER TIME

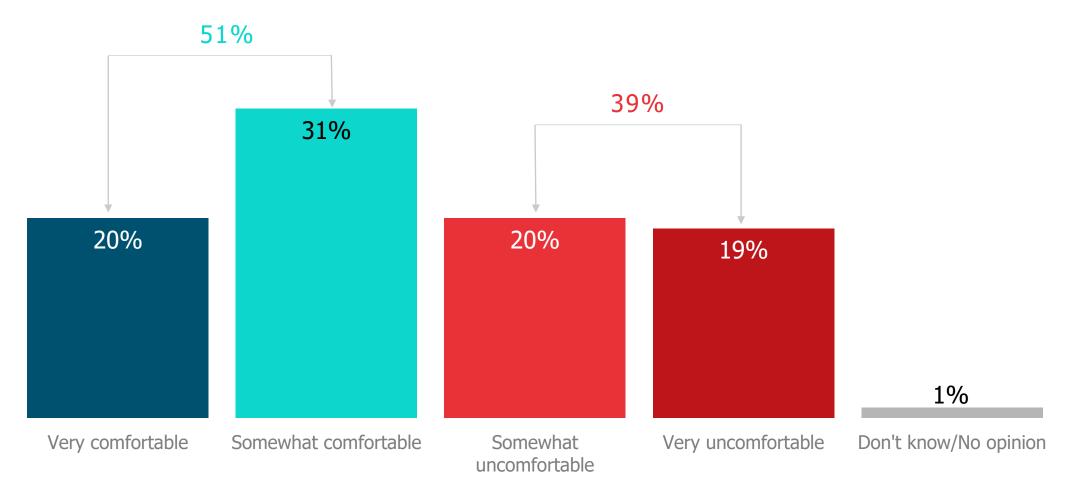
Among senior voters, net comfort going to the doctor to receive routine medical care slightly decreased (-4%) over the past two weeks.

Currently, how comfortable or uncomfortable are you going to your doctor to receive routine medical care in person?



Senior voters are more likely to be comfortable (51%) rather than uncomfortable (39%) using telemedicine for routine medical care.

As you may know, **telemedicine** is the remote administration of health care by phone, video, instant messaging, or other digital means. How comfortable or uncomfortable are you using telemedicine for routine medical care?



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# HEALTH CARE DURING COVID-19 | OCTOBER 2020

Senior voters with a higher level of income are more likely to express comfort using telemedicine for routine medical care.

As you may know, **telemedicine** is the remote administration of health care by phone, video, instant messaging, or other digital means. How comfortable or uncomfortable are you using telemedicine for routine medical care?

Very comfortable
Somewhat comfortable
Don't know/No opinion
Somewhat uncomfortable
Very uncomfortable
Comfort

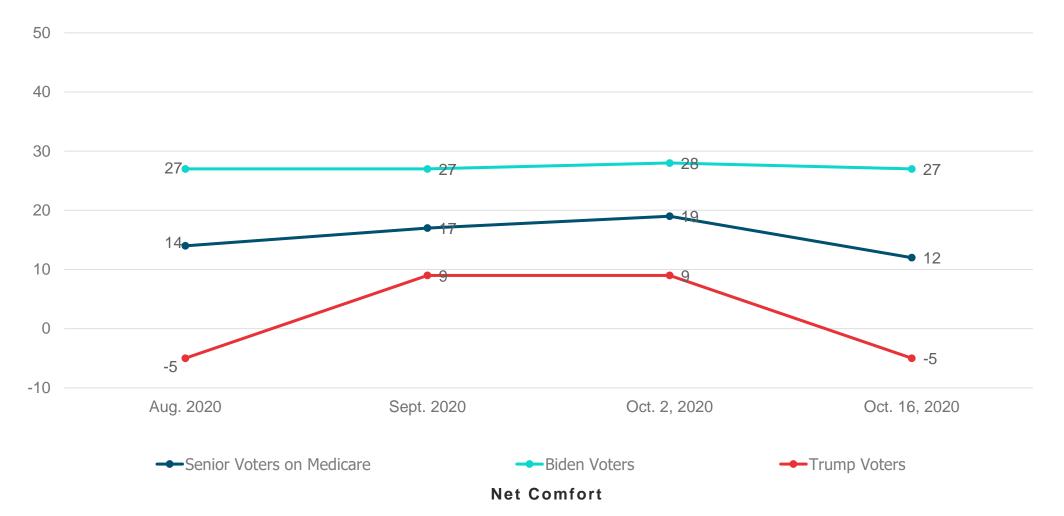
Senior Voters of Medicare	20%	31%	10%	20%		19%	+12
Male	23%	27%	10%	17%		22%	+11
Female	18%	33%	9%	23%		17%	+11
PID: Democrat	25%	33%		11%	19%	13%	+26
PID: Independent	20%	29%	9%	21%		21%	+7
PID: Republican	16%	30%	9%	21%		24%	+1
Educ: < College	18%	28%	12%	21%		21%	+4
Educ: Bachelor's degree	26%	28%	6%	19%		21%	+14
Educ: Post-grad	21%	39%		7%	19%	14%	+27
Income: Under 50k	21%	26%	12%	20%		21%	+6
Income: 50k-100k	21%	31%	8%	20%		19%	+13
Income: 100k+	18%	42%		7%	21%	12%	+27
Community: Urban	21%	30%	13%			14%	+15
Community: Suburban	21%	30%	8%	21%		20%	+10
Community: Rural	18%	32%	12%			22%	+12
Biden Voters	25%	34%		9%	20%	12%	+27
Trump Voters	16%	27%	0%	20%		28%	-5

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# HEALTH CARE DURING COVID-19 | TREND OVER TIME

Net comfort using telemedicine for routine medical care decreased 14% among Trump voters over the past two weeks while it remained consistent among Biden voters.

As you may know, **telemedicine** is the remote administration of health care by phone, video, instant messaging, or other digital means. How comfortable or uncomfortable are you using telemedicine for routine medical care?



A third of senior voters on Medicare (34%) report they've personally delayed seeking routine medical care since the start of COVID-19.

Since the start of COVID-19, have you personally delayed seeking routine medical care, such as an annual physical, mammogram, or colonoscopy?



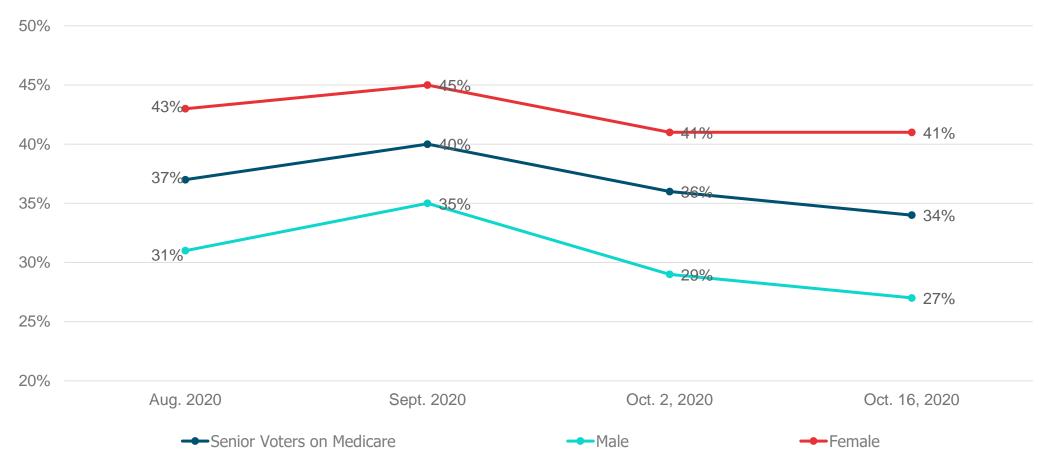
Women senior voters are 14 points more likely than their male counterparts to have delayed seeking routine medical care since the start of COVID-19.

Since the start of COVID-19, have you personally delayed seeking routine medical care, such as an annual physical, mammogram, or colonoscopy?

	Yes	■ No
Senior Voters of Medicare	34%	66%
Male	27%	73%
Female	41%	59%
PID: Democrat	37%	63%
PID: Independent	37%	63%
PID: Republican	29%	71%
Educ: < College	33%	67%
Educ: Bachelor's degree	32%	68%
Educ: Post-grad		60%
Income: Under 50k	33%	67%
Income: 50k-100k	36%	64%
Income: 100k+	34%	66%
Community: Urban	32%	68%
Community: Suburban	34%	66%
Community: Rural	38%	62%
Biden Voters	38%	62%
Trump Voters	30%	70%

The percent of men and women who have delayed seeking medical care during COVID-19 remained consistent over the past two weeks.

Since the start of COVID-19, have you personally delayed seeking routine medical care, such as an annual physical, mammogram, or colonoscopy?



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# HEALTH CARE DURING COVID-19 | OCTOBER 2020

Of the testing impacts of COVID-19, senior voters on Medicare are most concerned with contracting the virus, followed by spreading the virus and not being able to physically visit family and friends.

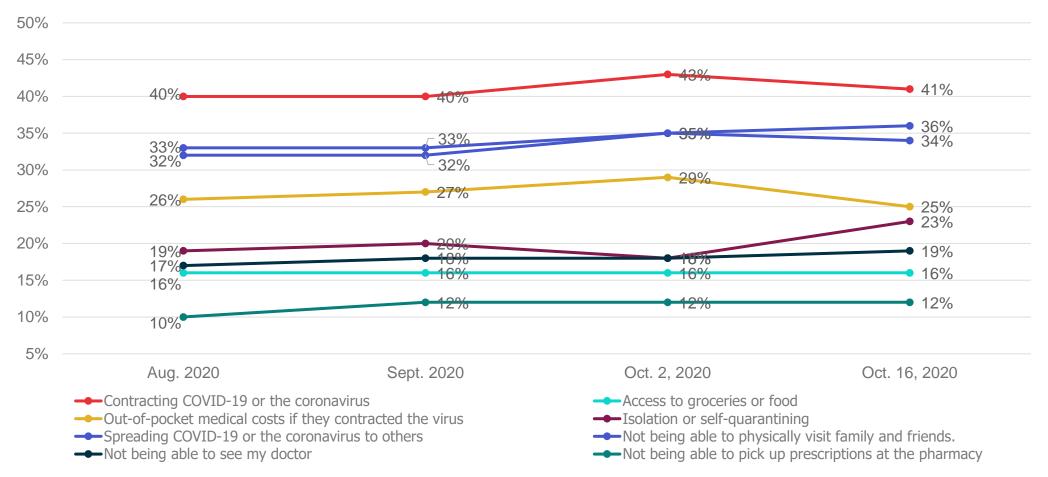
How concerned are you, if at all, about being impacted by COVID-19 or the coronavirus in the following ways?

Very concerned	Somewhat c	concerned ■ Don'	't know/No opinio	n 📕 Not too c	concerned N	ot at all cor	ncerned	Net Concern
Contracting COVID-19 or the coronavirus		41%		33%		17%	7%	+50
Not being able to physically visit family and friends.	36	36%		32%		8%	12%	+38
Spreading COVID-19 or the coronavirus to others	34%		28%	28%		, D	13%	+27
Out-of-pocket medical costs if they contracted the virus	31%		25%	4%	21%		19%	+16
Isolation or self-quarantining	23%		27%		29%		19%	2
Not being able to see my doctor	19%	26%		28%		24	1%	-7
Access to groceries or food	16%	22%		30%		30%		-22
Not being able to pick up prescriptions at the pharmacy	12% 14	4%	29%		4	3%		-46

# HEALTH CARE DURING COVID-19 | **TREND OVER TIME**

The percent of senior voters who are *very concerned* about isolation or self-quarantining increased 7% over the past two weeks.

How concerned are you, if at all, about being impacted by COVID-19 or the coronavirus in the following ways?



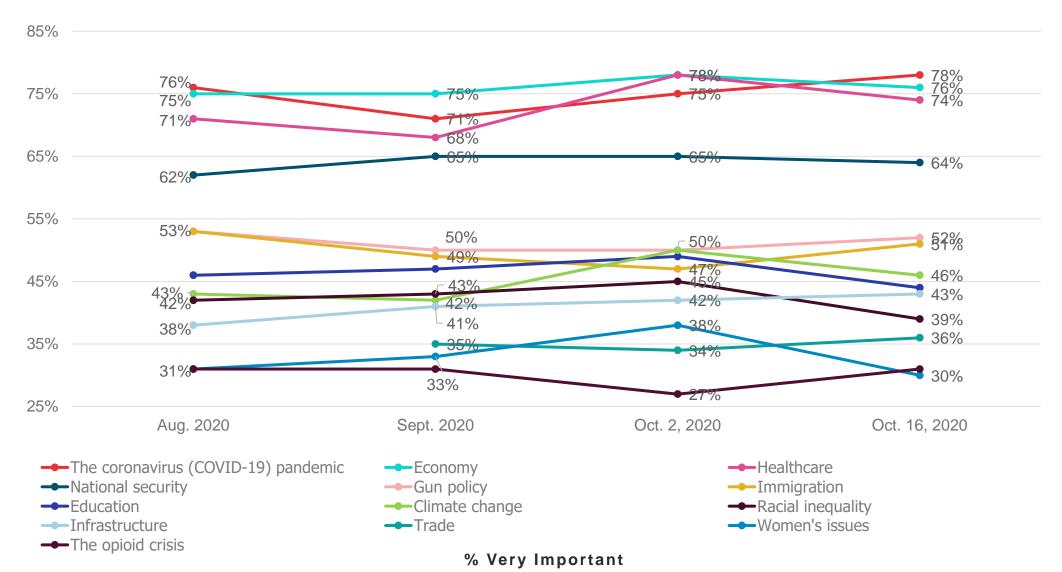
% Very Concerned



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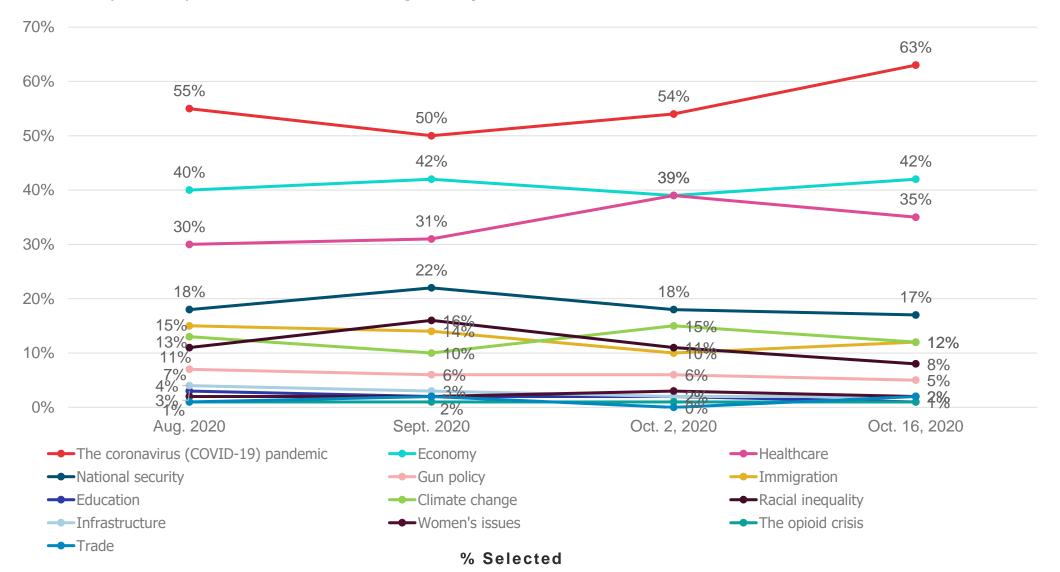
# VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

Thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, how important, if at all, are each of the following issues when you cast your vote?



#### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

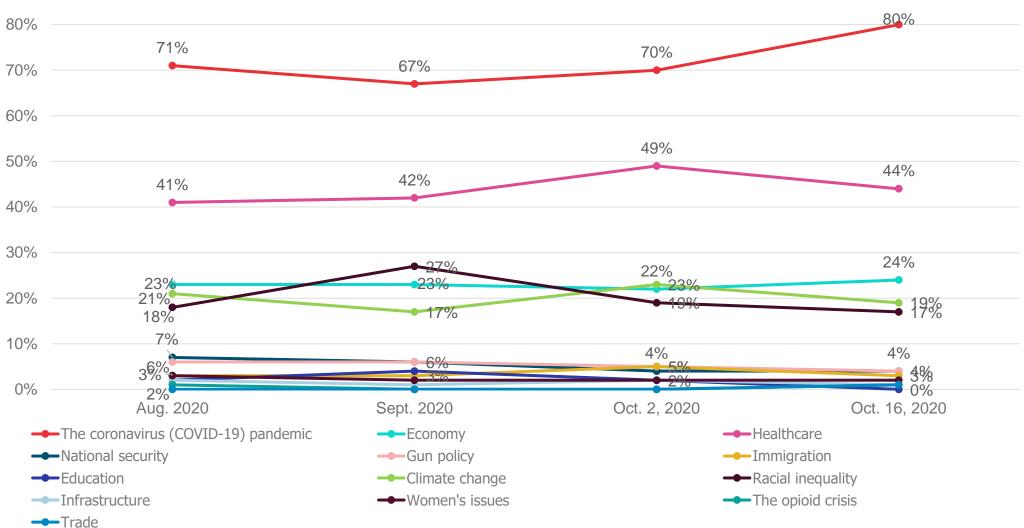
And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? **Please select your top 2 issues.** 



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#### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? **Please select your top 2 issues.** 



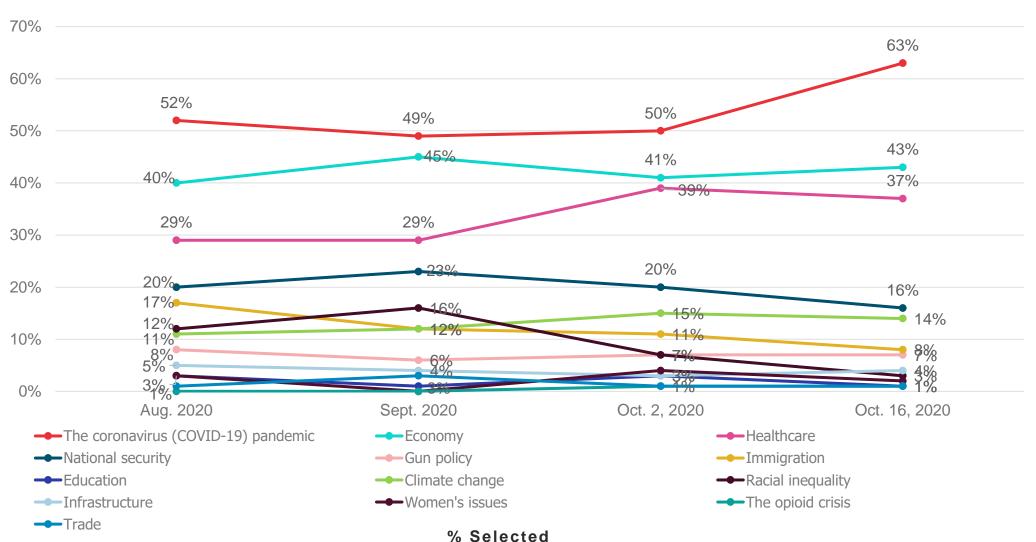
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**DEMOCRAT VOTERS** 

#### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

**INDEPENDENT VOTERS** 

And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? Please select your top 2 issues.



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#### VOTING + TOP ISSUES IN 2020 | TREND OVER TIME

And, thinking about your vote in the 2020 presidential election in November, what would you say are the top issues on your mind when you cast your vote? **Please select your top 2 issues.** 



