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S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at **[ADDRESS ON FILE]**?

Yes	100%
No	-
Don't know/Refused	-

S2. In which industries or professions do you, or any member of your immediate household, work? **[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

VOL:

(None of the above)	87%
Education	11
Finance/Banking/Insurance	3

S3. Did you vote in the 2020 general election this year for President, Senate, Congress, and other offices?

Yes	97%
No	3
Not sure	*

P1. No matter how you may have voted, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, not very strong Republican, strong Republican, or as independent? **[IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW]** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	18%
Weak Democrat	8
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	4
Independent	11
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	12
Weak Republican	32
Strong Republican	13

VOL:

(Don't know/Refused)	2

DEMOCRAT (NET)	27%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	28
REPUBLICAN (NET)	45

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	30%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	57

D150. Which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?

Private insurance provided by your employer	29%
Private insurance provided by your spouse or partner's employer	11
Private insurance provided by a parent, if you are 26 or younger	1
Private insurance that you, or your spouse or partner purchased	4
Private insurance provided through your union	3
Medicare	31
Medicaid	10
The VA	3
Something else (SPECIFY)	3
Do not currently have health insurance	4

VOL:

(Don't know/Refused)	2

B1. Now I have a list of names, groups, and other items, and I would like to get your opinion of each one. Just let me know if there's one you haven't heard of... Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of **[ITEM]**? **[IF FAVORABLE]** And is your opinion very favorable or somewhat favorable? **[IF UNFAVORABLE]** And is your opinion very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable?

	FAV		UNFAV					NET		
	Very	**Some**	**Some**	**Very**	**(CR)**	**NH**	**(DK/Ref.)**	**FAV**	**UNFAV**	**FAM**
• Medicare	32%	43	8	5	10	*	2	75%	13	88
• Health care providers	28%	40	15	10	6	*	3	67%	24	92
• Shelley Moore Capito	27%	29	12	15	10	5	2	56%	27	83
• Joe Biden	17%	14	8	57	3	-	1	31%	65	97
• [SPLIT A] Democrats in the US Senate	13%	17	17	47	4	*	1	31%	64	95
• [SPLIT A] Republicans in the US Senate	18%	41	15	18	7	*	1	59%	33	92
• Joe Manchin	13%	27	24	28	7	1	1	40%	52	91
• [SPLIT B] Chuck Schumer	7%	10	9	49	16	8	1	18%	58	76
• [SPLIT B] Mitch McConnell	3%	24	20	35	14	3	1	28%	55	82

Q19. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Manchin doing as your US Senator? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat **[APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]**?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	32
Somewhat disapprove	23
Strongly disapprove	28
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5
APPROVE (NET)	45%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	50

Q20. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Shelley Moore Capito is doing as your US Senator? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat **[APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]**?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	33
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	16
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	13
APPROVE (NET)	59%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	28

Q21. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Manchin is doing helping to reduce prescription drug prices? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat **[APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]**?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	27
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	23
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	22
APPROVE (NET)	42%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	36

Q22. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Shelley Moore Capito is doing helping to reduce prescription drug prices? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat **[APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]**?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	32
Somewhat disapprove	7
Strongly disapprove	12
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	27
APPROVE (NET)	54%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	19

Q23. In general, do you approve or disapprove of drug companies? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat **[APPROVE/DISAPPROVE]**?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	31
Somewhat disapprove	26
Strongly disapprove	24
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	8
APPROVE (NET)	42%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	50

Q24. Over the past year, would you say that you became more or less favorable towards drug companies, or has your opinion not really changed? **[IF MORE/LESS]** And is that much or just somewhat **[MORE/LESS]**?

Much more favorable	4%
Somewhat more favorable	11
Somewhat less favorable	11
Much less favorable	13
Opinion has not changed	59
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2
MORE FAVORABLE (NET)	15%
LESS FAVORABLE (NET)	24

Q25A. [SPLIT A] Thinking generally, do you think prescription drug prices are:

Going up	70%
Going down	5
Staying the same	16
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	8

Q25B. [SPLIT B] Thinking generally, do you think out of pocket health care costs are:

Going up	78%
Going down	3
Staying the same	14
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5

Q26A. [SPLIT A] Thinking about the last 12 months, have you or someone in your household had a health problem but you did not seek treatment due to cost of care?

Yes - me	15%
Yes -- someone in my household	11
Yes - both	7
No	65
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2
YES (NET)	33%

Q26B. [SPLIT B] Thinking again about the last 12 months, has there been a time when you or someone in your household could not pay for medicine or drugs prescribed to you by your doctor?

Yes - me	12%
Yes -- someone in my household	10
Yes - both	4
No	73
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	*
YES (NET)	27%

Q27. Thinking about the last 5 years, has there been a time when a friend or family member passed away because they couldn't afford the necessary medical treatment for their illness?

Yes -- family member	9%
Yes -- friend	6
Yes -- both	2
No	76
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	7
YES (NET)	17%

V1. Do you support or oppose requiring drug companies to negotiate with Medicare for lower prescription drug prices for all Americans? **[IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat **[SUPPORT/OPPOSE]**?

Strongly support	66%
Somewhat support	21
Somewhat oppose	2
Strongly oppose	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	8
SUPPORT (NET)	87%
OPPOSE (NET)	5

Q28. If you found out that your US Senator opposed requiring drug companies to negotiate with Medicare for lower prescription drug prices for all Americans, would you feel more or less favorable to your US Senator? **[IF MORE/LESS]** And is that much or just somewhat **[MORE/LESS]**?

Much more favorable	9%
Somewhat more favorable	8
Somewhat less favorable	25
Much less favorable	46
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	13
MORE FAVORABLE (NET)	17%
LESS FAVORABLE (NET)	70

B2. I am now going to read you a list of issues that the US Senate could address... for each item please indicate if it is a top priority, major priority but not top, minor priority, or if is it not a priority issue for the US Senate to address for you.

	PRIORITY			Not a priority	(DK/Ref.)	NET PRIORITY
	Top	**Major**	**Minor**			
• **[SPLIT B]** National security	58%	31	7	2	1	97%
• Health care costs	46%	41	8	3	2	95%
• **[SPLIT A]** Jobs	46%	41	5	7	2	91%
• **[SPLIT B]** Immigration reform	41%	32	14	9	4	87%
• **[SPLIT A]** Deficit and debt	38%	42	12	5	3	92%
• Prescription drug prices	38%	43	12	5	2	93%
• **[SPLIT A]** Voting rights	36%	35	15	10	4	86%
• **[SPLIT B]** Infrastructure	31%	43	14	6	5	89%
• **[SPLIT B]** Child care	23%	33	24	18	2	80%
• **[SPLIT A]** Climate change	17%	21	23	37	2	61%

Q35A. [FORM A] Which do you support more?

Give Medicare the power to negotiate prescription drug prices 56%
Limit drug price increases to the rate of inflation 34
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 11

Q36. Which do you support more?

Give Medicare the power to negotiate prescription drug prices only for people who are on Medicare 32%
Give Medicare the power to negotiate prescription drug prices for all Americans, including those who get insurance through their employer 61
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 7

Q37. Which do you support more?

Limit drug price increases to the rate of inflation for people on Medicare 21%
Limit drug price increases to the rate of inflation for all Americans 73
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 6

Q38. Which do you support more?

Let Medicare negotiate on a limited number of high cost drugs 22%
Let Medicare negotiate on all drugs in the Medicare program 72
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 6

Q39. Which do you support more?

Implement stronger price controls for new drugs that are released into the market 80%
Let drug companies decide what is the most efficient price for new drugs 14
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 7

B3. I will now read you some policies to lower prescription drug prices. Please tell me if you support or oppose each policy. Here's first one...**[ITEM]**, do you support or oppose that policy? **[IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat **[SUPPORT/OPPOSE]**?

	SUPPORT		OPPOSE			NET	
	Strongly	**Somewhat**	**Somewhat**	**Strongly**	**(DK/Ref.)**	**SUPPORT**	**OPPOSE**
• Imposing tax penalties to ensure that all drug companies negotiate affordable prescription drug prices with Medicare...	47%	33	5	5	10	80%	10
• Limiting the price that drug companies can charge for medications based on their value to patients and a fair profit based on analysis from an independent, non-governmental review organization of researchers and clinicians with no conflicts with the pharmaceutical industry.	39%	35	5	6	15	74%	11
• Establishing maximum prescription drug prices in US that are no more than 20% above what people pay in Germany, France or Japan...........	28%	30	10	10	22	57%	21

Q43. Thinking about policies to lower prescription drug prices, which of the following comes closer to how you feel:

We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients 74%

By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies' ability to innovate and develop new drugs 12

VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 14

Q43Y. [IF 2 IN Q43] Would you be more or less likely to support empowering Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices from drug companies if Medicare took those savings from lower drug prices and re-invested it in medical research and innovation? Or would you be no more likely than before? **[IF MORE/LESS]** And is that much **[MORE/LESS]** or just somewhat **[MORE/LESS]** likely to support?

Much more likely.. 18%
Somewhat more likely 29
Somewhat less likely 10
Much less likely 9
No more likely.. 31

VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 2

MORE LIKELY (NET).. 47%
LESS LIKELY (NET).. 19

Q44. Thinking about prescription drug pricing reform, which of the following comes closer to how you feel:

Americans pay too much for brand name prescription drugs -- almost four times what people pay in Germany, France, and Japan.. 58%

By letting Medicare negotiate prescription drug prices based on international standards, we will be importing price controls from other countries that do not have health systems as strong as the United States 21

VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 21

Q45. Thinking about prescription drug pricing reform, which of the following comes closer to how you feel:

Drug companies should be focused on developing drugs that maximize public health 86%

Drug companies should be focused on developing drugs that maximize profits 8

VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 6

Q49. If you found out that your US Senator opposed requiring drug companies to negotiate with Medicare for lower prescription drug prices for all Americans, would you feel more or less favorable to your US Senator? **[IF MORE/LESS]** And is that much **[MORE/LESS]** or just somewhat **[MORE/LESS]** favorable?

Much more favorable... 8%
Somewhat more favorable 12
Somewhat less favorable 25
Much less favorable... 40

VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 15

MORE FAVORABLE (NET) 20%
LESS FAVORABLE (NET) 64

Q50. If you found out that your US Senator accepted thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from drug companies and drug lobbyists, would you feel more or less favorable to your US Senator? **[IF MORE/LESS]** And is that much **[MORE/LESS]** or just somewhat **[MORE/LESS]** favorable?

Much more favorable... 2%
Somewhat more favorable 9
Somewhat less favorable 22
Much less favorable... 55

VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 11

MORE FAVORABLE (NET) 11%
LESS FAVORABLE (NET) 77

For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.

D100. Gender **[BY OBSERVATION]**

Male	48%
Female	52
Prefer not to answer/Other	-

Derived Age **['REFUSED' ASSIGNED FROM FILE]**

18-29	17%
30-44	25
45-54	17
55-64	14
65+	27
VOL: (Refused)	-

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	27
Attended technical/vocational school	4
Attended some college but no degree	18
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	12
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	22
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.)	13
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:

Very liberal	7%
Somewhat liberal	12
Moderate	27
Somewhat conservative	22
Very conservative	30
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2
LIBERAL (NET)	19%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	52

Derived Race **['REFUSED' AND 'OTHER' ASSIGNED FROM FILE]**

Black/African-American	3%
White/Caucasian	92
Hispanic/Latino	3
Asian-American	1
Native American	-
Other	1
VOL: (Refused)	-

D310. And, for statistical purposes only, what would you say is your total annual family income before taxes?

Less than $25,000	12%
$25,000 -- $49,999	21
$50,000 - $74,999	23
$75,000 -- $99,999	14
$100,000 -- $149,999	12
$150,000 or more	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	13

Q54. In the November 2020 general election for President, did you vote for Democrat Joe Biden, Republican Donald Trump, or someone else? Or did you not vote in that election?

Voted for Democrat Joe Biden	30%
Voted for Republican Donald Trump	69
Voted for someone else	*
Did not vote in the 2020 general election	1