Morning Consult/PhRMA Tracking Poll – January 27-28, 2022

- 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?
  - 41%, Economic issues – like taxes, wages, jobs, unemployment, and spending
  - 17%, Security issues – like terrorism, foreign policy, and border security
  - 12%, Health Care Issues – like the 2010 health care law, Medicaid, other challenges
  - 12%, Seniors Issues – like Medicare and Social Security
  - 5%, Women's Issues – like birth control, abortion, and equal pay
  - 4%, Education Issues – like school standards, class sizes, school choice, and student loans
  - 6%, Energy Issues – like carbon emissions, cost of electricity/gasoline, or renewables
  - 4%, Other
- From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? You may select up to two.
  - Out of pocket costs not covered by your insurance, such as copays, deductibles and out-of-network charges
    - 33%, Selected
    - 67%, Not selected
  - The cost of health insurance premiums
    - 33%, Selected
    - 67%, Not selected
  - The cost of prescription medicines
    - 32%, Selected
    - 68%, Not selected
  - The cost of hospital services
    - 21%, Selected
    - 79%, Not selected
  - Pre-existing conditions protections
    - 16%, Selected
    - 84%, Not selected
  - Unexpected hospital bills
    - 16%, Selected
    - 84%, Not selected
- How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
  - The coronavirus pandemic has shown the large and important role pharmaceutical companies have in research and development for discovering new treatments, cures, and vaccines.
    - 38%, Strongly agree
    - 35%, Somewhat agree
    - 11%, Somewhat disagree
    - 7%, Strongly disagree
    - 8%, Don't know/no opinion

- America's biopharmaceutical companies are doing their part to deliver a strong, more resilient, affordable and equitable health care system.
    - 18%, Strongly agree
    - 29%, Somewhat agree
    - 20%, Somewhat disagree
    - 15%, Strongly disagree
    - 18%, Don't know/no opinion
- Policymakers can lower patient's health care costs, while keeping access to innovative, life-saving treatments.
    - 44%, Strongly agree
    - 34%, Somewhat agree
    - 7%, Somewhat disagree
    - 4%, Strongly disagree
    - 11%, Don't know/no opinion
- Whether it's working to recover from the pandemic, making our economy work better for everyone, dealing with inflation or bringing the price of prescription drugs under control, we need to come together as Americans to find solutions.
    - 57%, Strongly agree
    - 26%, Somewhat agree
    - 5%, Somewhat disagree
    - 3%, Strongly disagree
    - 9%, Don't know/no opinion
- In the middle of a pandemic when vaccines are so important to our health, now is the wrong time for the government to impose tough new regulations or price controls on the pharmaceutical industry.
    - 26%, Strongly agree
    - 25%, Somewhat agree
    - 19%, Somewhat disagree
    - 16%, Strongly disagree
    - 14%, Don't know/no opinion
- Below are some policies that the President and U.S. Congress could pursue to address prescription drug costs. For each one, please indicate whether you favor or oppose the policy:
    - Strengthen the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review and get generic prescription medicines to market faster to increase competition and lower costs.
        - 53%, Favor – strongly
        - 25%, Favor – not strongly
        - 6%, Oppose – not strongly
        - 5%, Oppose – strongly
        - 11%, Don't know/no opinion
    - Have stronger trade agreements that protect American intellectual property around the world.
        - 43%, Favor – strongly

- 28%, Favor – not strongly
- 7%, Oppose – not strongly
- 4%, Oppose – strongly
- 19%, Don't know/no opinion

o Require Medicare Part D insurance plans to set a maximum limit for what seniors pay out of pocket for prescription medicines in each year.
- 52%, Favor – strongly
- 22%, Favor – not strongly
- 6%, Oppose – not strongly
- 5%, Oppose – strongly
- 14%, Don't know/no opinion

o Place a cap on the amount health insurers can make patients pay out of pocket for their deductibles, copays and other out of pocket costs.
- 56%, Favor – strongly
- 23%, Favor – not strongly
- 7%, Oppose – not strongly
- 4%, Oppose – strongly
- 10%, Don't know/no opinion

o Give health insurers more incentives to keep costs of health plans manageable for people who are sick and take prescription medicines.
- 49%, Favor – strongly
- 29%, Favor – not strongly
- 6%, Oppose – not strongly
- 3%, Oppose – strongly
- 12%, Don't know/no opinion

o Ensure that deductibles are lower and more affordable so that insurance kicks in earlier when you need to use it.
- 56%, Favor – strongly
- 25%, Favor – not strongly
- 6%, Oppose – not strongly
- 3%, Oppose – strongly
- 9%, Don't know/no opinion

o Ensure more predictability in health care so that people know how much they will pay for things like prescription drugs every month.
- 55%, Favor – strongly
- 26%, Favor – not strongly
- 6%, Oppose – not strongly
- 3%, Oppose – strongly
- 10%, Don't know/no opinion

o Require health insurance companies to be more transparent about what drugs are covered and what you will pay out of pocket for prescription medicines.
- 62%, Favor – strongly
- 23%, Favor – not strongly
- 4%, Oppose – not strongly

- 3%, Oppose – strongly
- 9%, Don't know/no opinion
  - o Require health insurance companies to pass along to patients more of the discounts on prescription medicines they negotiate with biopharmaceutical companies
    - 57%, Favor – strongly
    - 24%, Favor – not strongly
    - 7%, Oppose – not strongly
    - 2%, Oppose – strongly
    - 10%, Don't know/no opinion

Methodology:
This poll was conducted between January 27-January 28, 2022 among a sample of 2010 Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Registered Voters based on gender by age, educational attainment, race, marital status, home ownership, race by educational attainment, 2020 presidential vote, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.