

NORC AmeriSpeak Omnibus Survey: Knowledge about Medicare-for-All Remains Low and People's Views Differ on What the Policy Would Do

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Nationally representative sample of 1,021 English-speaking adults age 18 and over, conducted using an Omnibus survey of the AmeriSpeak® Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago. Of the 1,021 respondents, 79 completed the survey by phone and 942 via the web. Margin of error +/- 4.26 percent. The poll and analysis was self-funded.

AmeriSpeak® is designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

NOTE: All results show percentages among respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Q1. How concerned are you about each of the following issues in the United States health care system?

Q1A. Overall amount the U.S. spends on health care

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Very Concerned	47
Somewhat Concerned	24
Neutral	17
Slightly Concerned	7
Not at All Concerned	3
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Q1B. Patient out-of-pocket costs

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Very Concerned	62
Somewhat Concerned	21
Neutral	9
Slightly Concerned	6
Not at All Concerned	1
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Q1C. Quality of care

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Very Concerned	47
Somewhat Concerned	27
Neutral	15
Slightly Concerned	5
Not at All Concerned	3
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Q1D. The number of people without health insurance coverage

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Very Concerned	49
Somewhat Concerned	22
Neutral	16
Slightly Concerned	7
Not at All Concerned	4
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Q1E. Access to doctors and hospitals

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Very Concerned	39
Somewhat Concerned	30
Neutral	16
Slightly Concerned	6
Not at All Concerned	7
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Q1F. Coverage for health care services, such as procedures, lab tests, and prescription drugs

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Very Concerned	53
Somewhat Concerned	27
Neutral	10
Slightly Concerned	4
Not at All Concerned	4
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Q2. How much have you heard about a proposal called "Medicare-for-All"?

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
A lot	13
Some	40
Not at all	46
Don't Know	0
Skipped	1

Q3. When you think about a “Medicare-for-All” plan, who do you think would be eligible to participate?

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
All Americans	51
Only Americans Age 50 and Older	23
Only Americans Who Don’t Have Access to Other Sources of Insurance	23
Don’t Know	*
Skipped	3

Q4. When you imagine a “Medicare-for-All” plan, do you expect that enrollment would be...

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Optional	55
Mandatory	41
Don’t Know	*
Skipped	3

Q5. How do you believe a “Medicare-for-All” plan would impact each of the following aspects of the U.S. health care system?

Q5A. Overall amount the U.S. spends on health care?

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Reduce Overall U.S. Health Care Spending	29
No Change	21
Increase Overall U.S. Health Care Spending	47
Don’t Know	1
Skipped	2

Q5B. Patient-out-of-pocket costs?

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Reduce Patient-out-of-Pocket Costs	49
No Change	22
Increase Patient-out-of-Pocket Costs	26
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Q5C. Quality of care?

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Improve Quality	28
No Change	38
Reduce Quality	30
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Q5D. The number of people with health insurance coverage?

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Increase the Number of People with Health Insurance Coverage	69
No Change	19
Decrease the Number of People with Health	8
Don't Know	1
Skipped	3

Q5E. Access to doctors and hospitals?

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Improve Access to Doctors and Hospitals	42
No Change	30
Reduce Access to Doctors and Hospitals	24
Don't Know	1
Skipped	4

Q5F. Coverage for health care services, such as procedures, lab tests, and prescription drugs?

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18 - 12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Expand Coverage for Health Care Services	44
No Change	23
Put Limits on the Health Care Services that People Can Receive	29
Don't Know	*
Skipped	2

Demographics

GENDER

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18-12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Male	48
Female	52

AGE

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18-12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
18-29	21
30-44	25
45-59	26
60+	29

RACE / ETHNICITY

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18-12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
White, non-Hispanic	63
Black, non-Hispanic	12
Other, non-Hispanic	2
Hispanic	16
2+, non-Hispanic	3
Asian, non-Hispanic	3

EDUCATION

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18-12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some College	28
College graduate or above	32

MARITAL STATUS

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18-12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Married	48
Divorced	15
Widowed	4
Separated	2
Never Married	24
Living with Partner	6

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18-12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Working – as a paid employee	52
Working – self employed	9
Not working – on a temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	7
Not working - retired	19
Not working - disabled	8
Not working - other	6

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18-12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	8

REGION

AmeriSpeak 12/13/18-12/16/18	All Adults (N=1021)
Northeast	18
Midwest	21
South	38
West	24