

National Survey Survey of Likely Voters

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Methodology

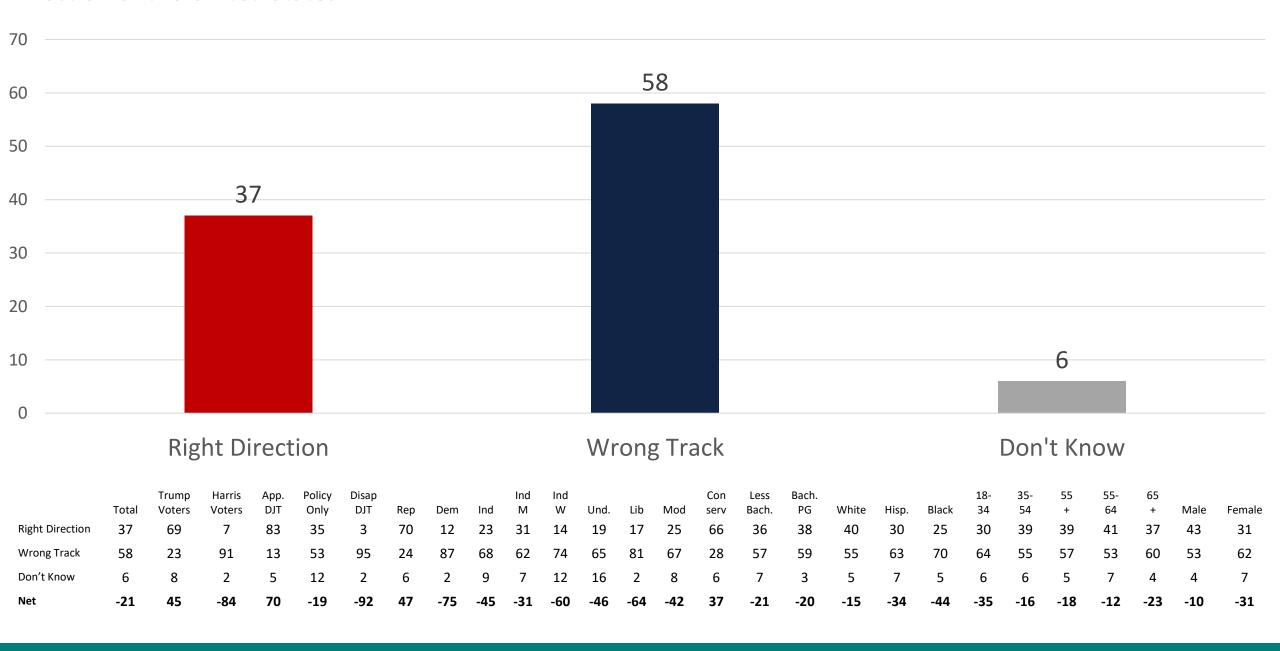


This national survey was conducted among 1,600 likely voters between October 8-12, 2025.

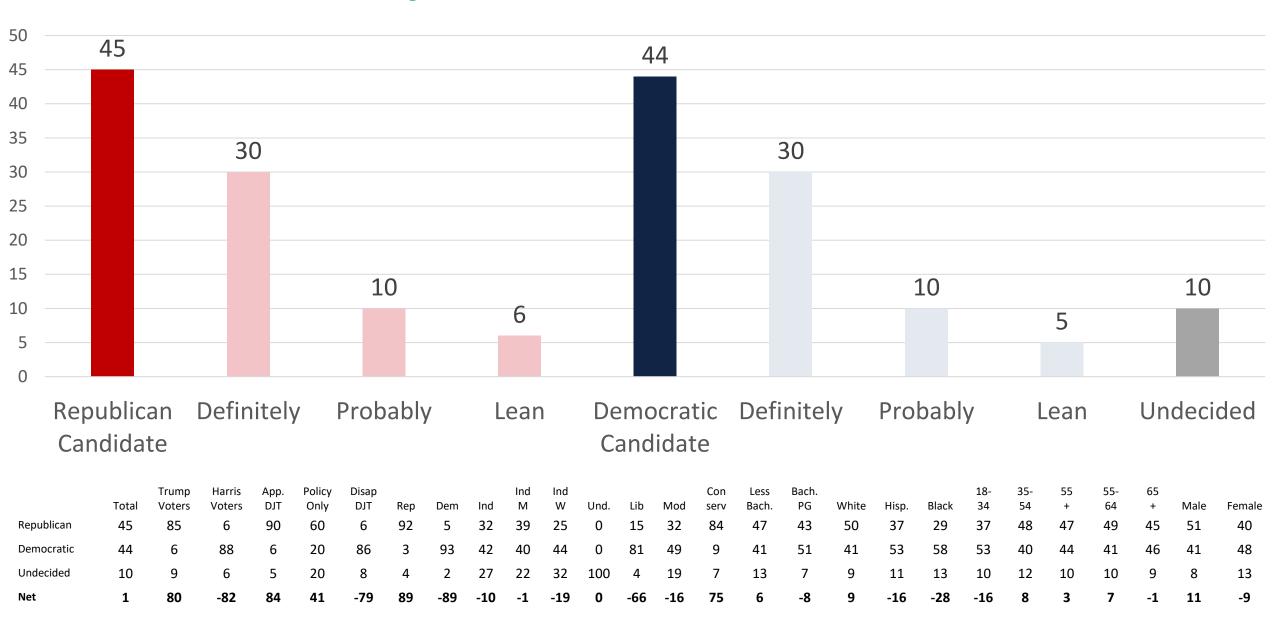
All interviews were conducted online. The accuracy of the sample of 1,600 likely voters is within +/- 2.5% at a 95% confidence interval. The numbers in this presentation have been rounded and may not equal 100%.

Party		Gender:		Education:	
Republican	37%	Male	48%	Less/Bachelors	61%
Democratic	33%	Female	52%	Bachelors/PG	39%
Independent	30%				
		Race:		Regions:	
Age:		White	72%	East	17%
18-24	7%	Hispanic	11%	Midwest	22%
25-34	14%	Black	11%	South	38%
35-44	17%	Asian	4%	West	23%
45-54	18%	Other	2%		
55-64	20%				
65+	26%				

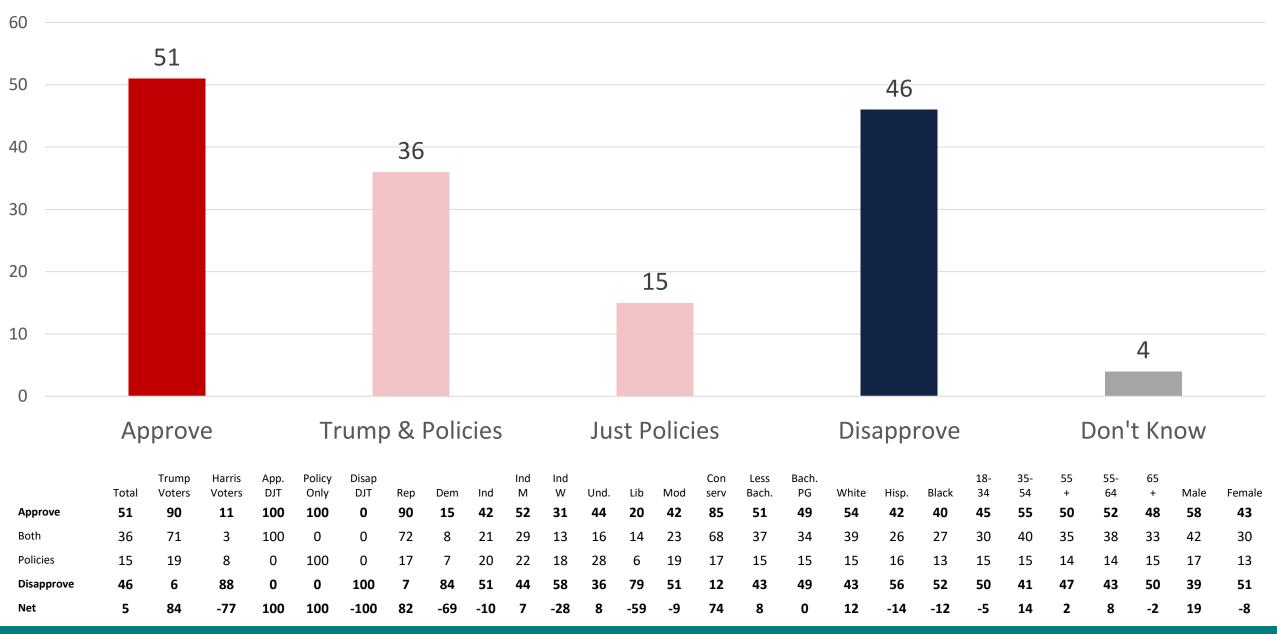
Direction of the United States



Generic Ballot for United States Congress



Donald Trump Job Approval



What do you consider the biggest issue facing our country?

	Total	Trump Voters	Harris Voters	App.	Policy Only	Disap DJT	Rep	Dem	Ind	Ind M	Ind W	Un	decide	h.d		
Economy & Inflation	43	40	45	33	49	48	39	44	47	39	55	OII	52	.u		
Healthcare Costs & Access	15	6	24	6	10	23	7	24	15	17	13		14			
Immigration & Border	14	23	5	27	12	5	23	6	11	13	7		7			
Crime & Public Safety	11	17	5	20	13	4	16	6	10	12	8		10			
Climate Change	6	3	8	3	5	8	4	8	5	4	5		3			
National Security	5	6	4	6	6	4	7	4	5	5	5		7			
Other	5	3	8	3	4	8	3	6	7	9	4		5			
Don't Know	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2		3			
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Economy & Inflation	42	50	37	45	40	40	49	50	4	6	50	37	44	32	40	46
Healthcare Cost Access	21	17	8	16	13	14	13	23	1	4	13	17	13	19	13	17
Immigration & Border	7	11	22	15	13	15	17	9	1	4	12	15	16	14	15	13
Crime & Public Safety	6	9	18	11	11	12	10	9	1	0	11	12	11	12	14	8
Climate Change	11	4	2	3	9	6	4	4	7	7	6	4	3	5	6	5
National Security	5	4	7	5	6	6	3	2	5		5	6	6	6	6	5
Other	8	4	4	4	7	6	2	2	3	3	3	9	5	11	6	4
Don't Know	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	1	2

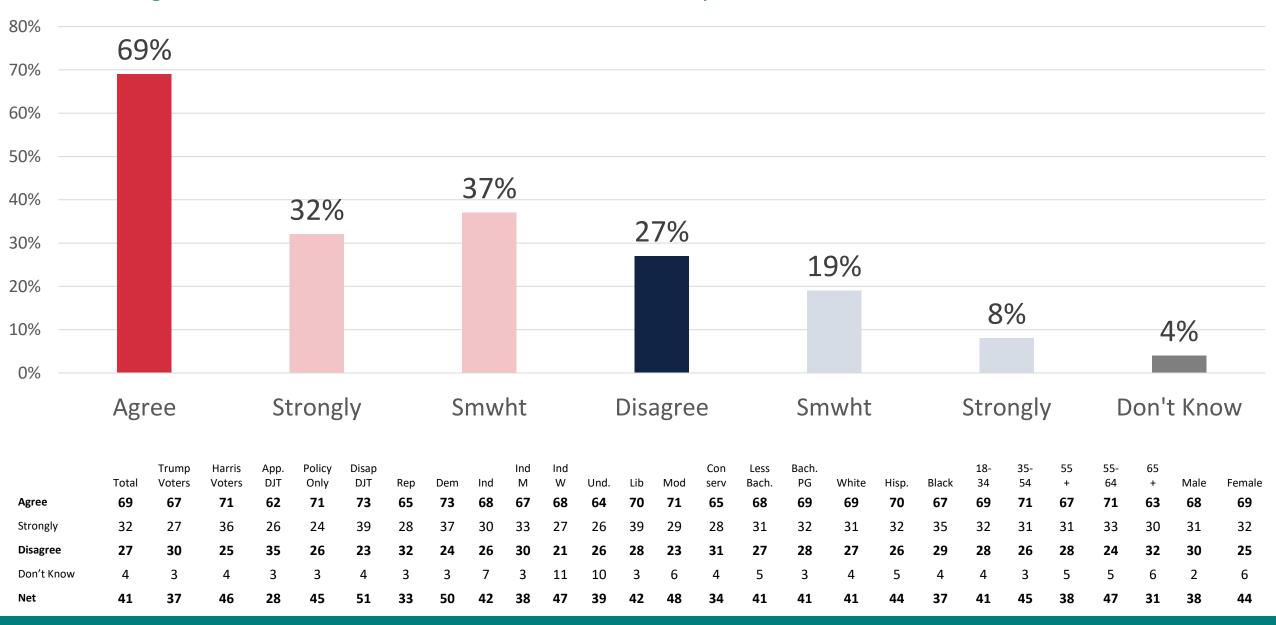
What do you consider the biggest issue facing our country? 1st & 2nd Choices

	1st Choice	2 nd Choice	Combo Total	Trump Voters	Harris Voters		Policy Only	Disap DJT	Rep	Dem	Ind		nd In VI V		decided
Economy & Inflation	43	22	65	60	69	54	70	71	60	70	65	5 6	50 7	0	68
Healthcare Costs & Access	15	27	42	27	58	23	38	58	26	58	45		14 4		41
Crime & Public Safety	11	18	28	41	15	45	33	14	40	18	27		30 2	3	31
Immigration & Border	14	13	27	43	12	48	29	10	44	12	22	2 2	25 1	8	17
National Security	5	9	14	16	13	16	15	13	17	13	14	4 1	15 1	2	14
Climate Change	6	8	13	7	21	8	7	20	7	20	14	4 1	12 1	6	9
Other – 1 st	5	5	5	3	8	3	4	8	3	6	7	,	9 4		5
Don't Know – 1 st	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		0 2)	3
Other – 2 nd	*	2	2	1	3	1	2	4	1	3	4	,	5 3	}	6
Don't Know – 2 nd	*	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		0 2	<u>)</u>	3
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Economy & Inflation	64	71	59	66	63	63	73	69	70	68	61	65	58	63	67
Healthcare Costs & Access	57	46	26	43	41	41	45	51	43	41	43	41	44	40	44
Crime & Public Safety	14	27	43	30	27	29	24	31	23	33	28	27	28	31	26
Immigration & Border	15	22	42	27	26	28	28	22	26	27	27	29	25	29	24
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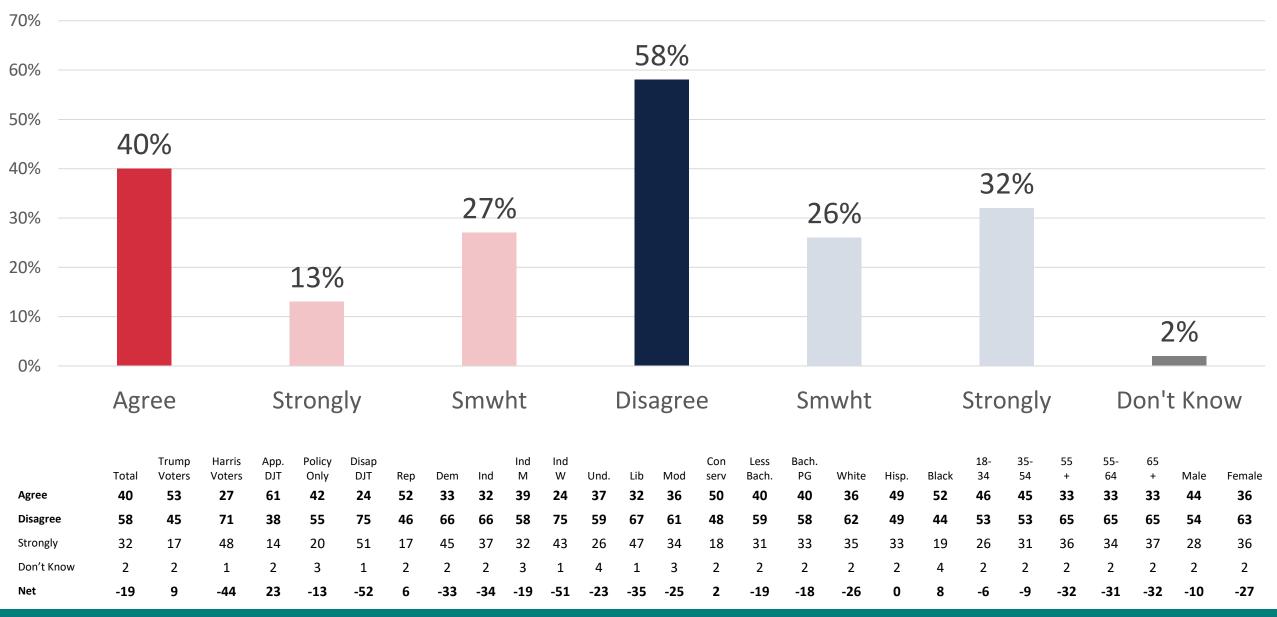
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Special interest groups directly influence federal decision-	Agree 81	Strongly 42	Somewhat	Disagree 12	Somewhat	Strongly	Don't Know 8	Net +69
making. The government's scope of power has expanded far beyond its original intent.	78	47	31	19	12	7	4	+59
Competition and innovation spur the best outcomes for patients and consumers.	72	27	45	20	14	5	8	+52
The federal government interferes too much in Americans' daily lives.	69	32	37	27	19	8	4	+41
The government is responsive to citizens' needs.	40	13	27	58	26	32	2	-19

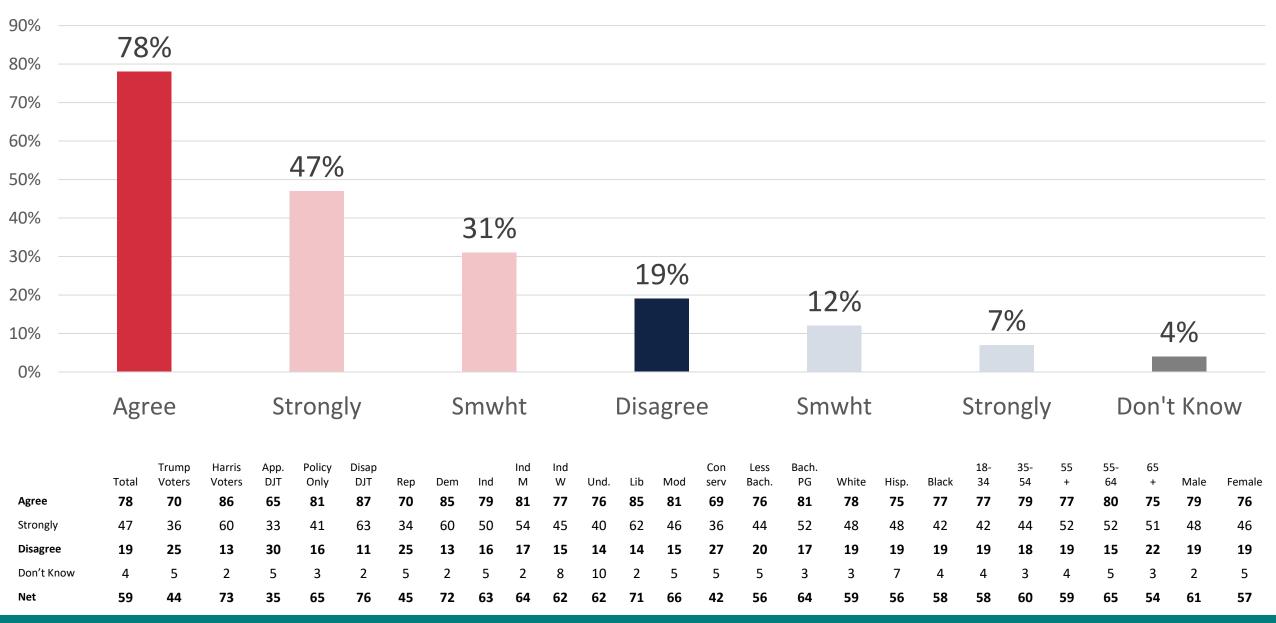
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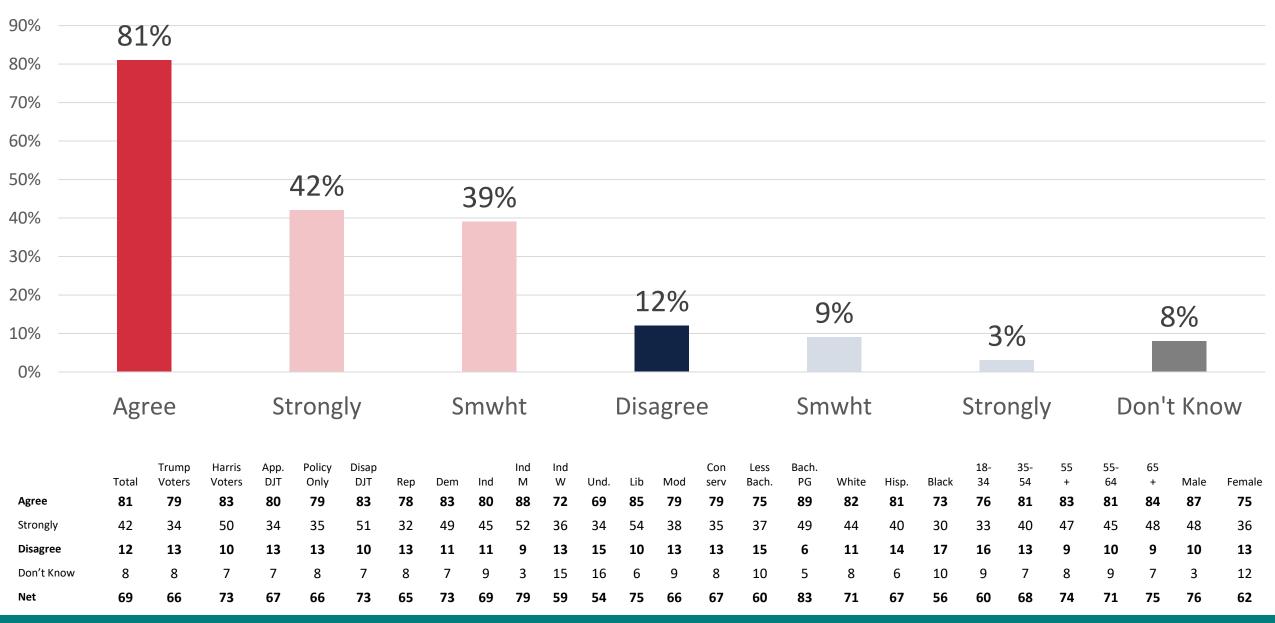
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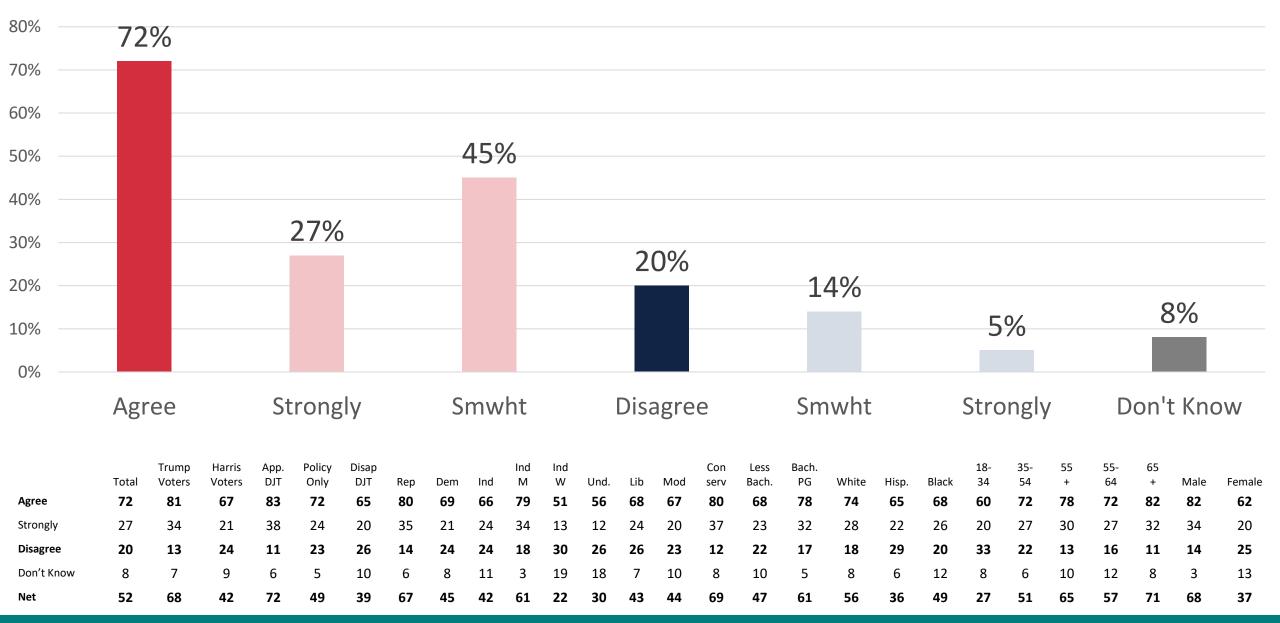
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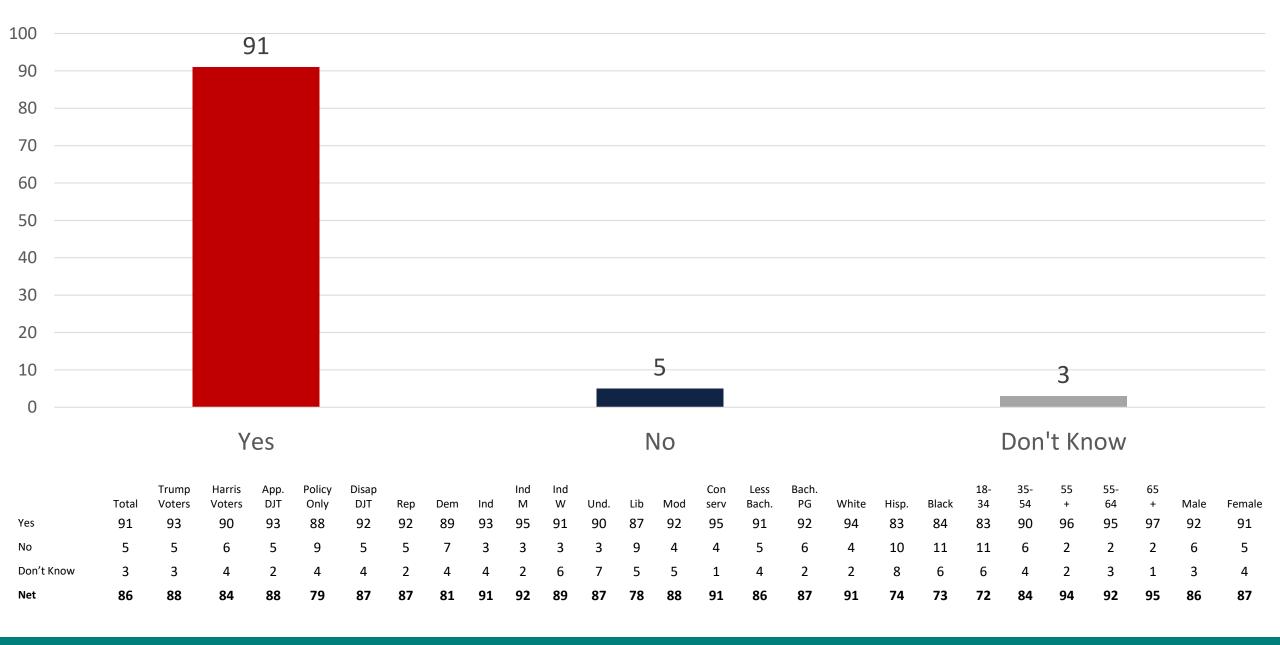
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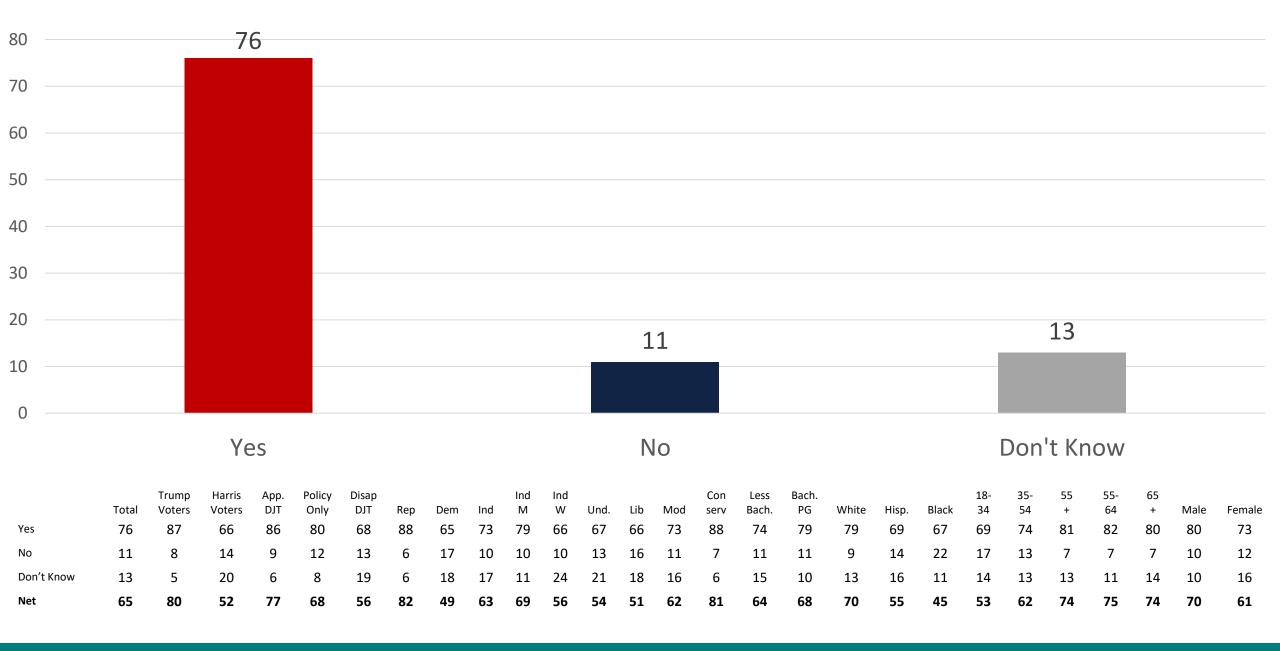
Please answer "yes" or "no" for each of the following questions.

Do you believe government programs should be reviewed regularly to determine if they are achieving their goals?	Yes 91	No 5	Don't Know	Net +86
Do you think the government has a responsibility to be transparent to its citizens about how their tax dollars are being spent?	90	7	3	+84
Do you believe government agencies should be held accountable when they spend taxpayer dollars on programs that don't deliver results?	88	6	6	+81
Do you believe inefficient and ineffective government programs should be eliminated?	76	11	13	+65
Do you believe the federal government should focus on core responsibilities rather than expanding into new programs and initiatives?	69	16	15	+53

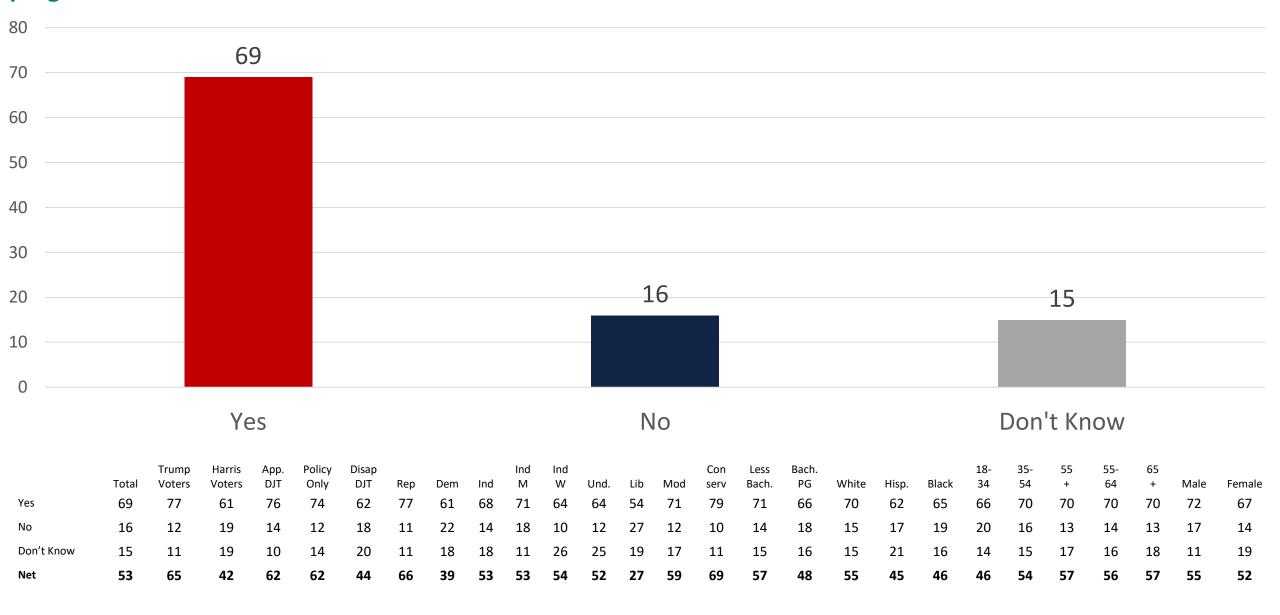
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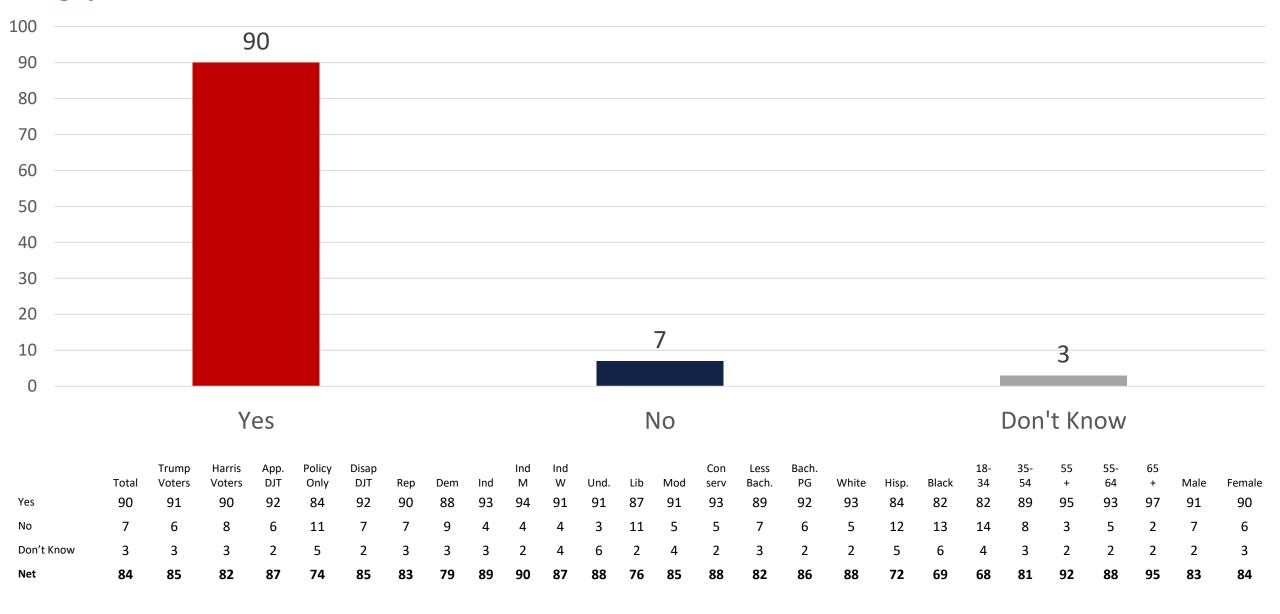
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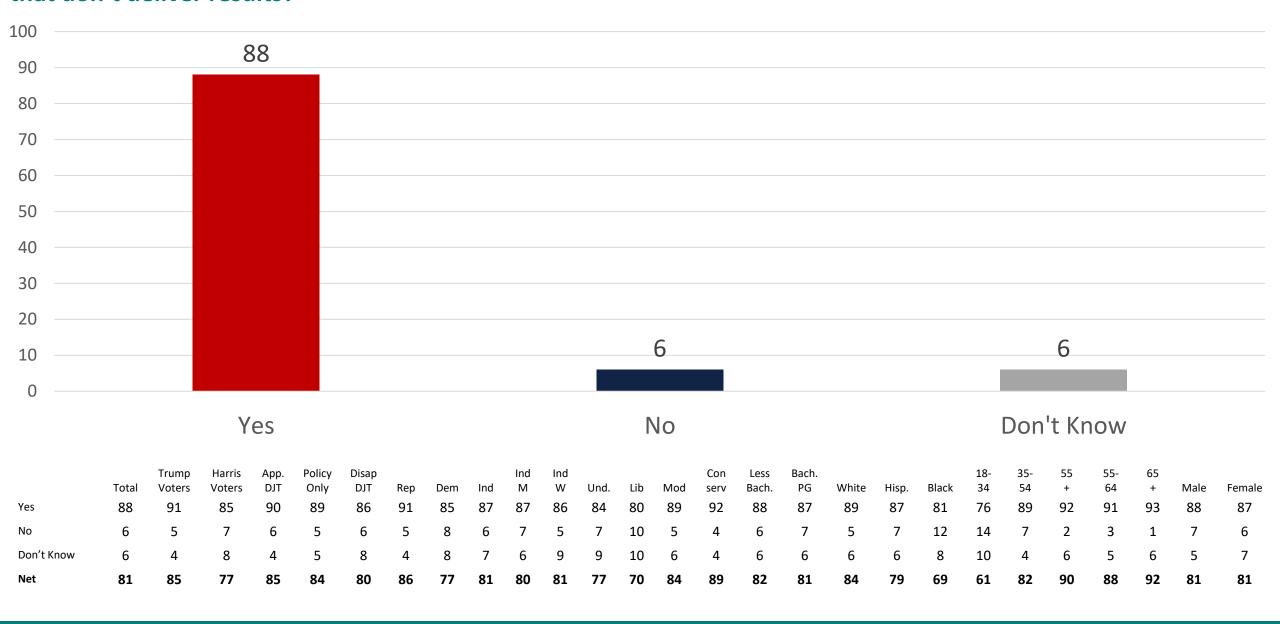
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From the following list, which cost of living issues are the greatest concern for you personally?

		Trump	Harris	App.	Policy	Disap				Ind	Ind					
	Total	Voters	Voters	DJT	Only	DJT	Rep	Dem	Ind	M	W	Un	decide	d		
Groceries/Food	54	51	59	49	50	60	50	58	54	51	59		53			
Housing/Rent/Mortgage	35	29	38	29	31	39	28	41	37	35	40		39			
Healthcare/Insurance	34	28	42	27	32	41	28	40	34	37	31		30			
Utility Bills	21	24	18	24	20	18	25	18	19	20	17		13			
Taxes/Federal or State	20	27	14	26	28	14	27	13	19	18	21		22			
Prescription Drug Costs	8	10	7	9	9	7	9	7	8	9	8		6			
Gas	7	8	6	9	6	6	8	6	8	9	6		9			
Cost of College	4	4	3	4	7	3	5	3	4	5	3		6			
Childcare	3	3	2	5	3	2	3	3	3	3	3		3			
Other	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1		1			
None	3	4	2	5	2	2	4	2	2	1	3		5			
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	Lib	Mod	serv	Bach.	PG	White	Hisp.	Black			54		64	65+	Male	Female
Groceries/Food	56	56	50	59	47	55	49	57	50	0	55	55	57	54	51	57
Housing/Rent/Mortgage	38	39	28	39	28	30	49	49	54	4	40	22	28	18	31	38
Healthcare/Insurance	41	32	30	30	40	37	29	24	23	3	30	42	34	47	36	32
Utility Bills	18	19	24	22	18	22	16	18	13	3	21	23	26	21	20	21
Taxes/Federal or State	13	19	28	15	29	22	14	13	14	4	21	23	23	23	23	18
Prescription Drug Costs	9	8	8	9	7	9	7	8	6)	7	11	8	12	9	7
Gas	7	7	8	9	5	7	9	8	8	3	9	6	5	6	8	6
Cost of College	4	5	4	3	5	4	6	4	10	0	5	1	2	0	3	5
Childcare	3	3	3	2	4	2	6	6	9)	3	1	1	1	3	3
Other	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	C)	1	1	1	1	1	1
None	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	2	4		2	4	3	4	3	3

What is your biggest concern generally when it comes to policy changes made by the federal government that impact your healthcare?

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	Total	Voters	Voters	DJT	Only	DJT	Rep	Dem	Ind	M	W	Un	decide	ed		
Cost of Healthcare	53	52	54	52	50	55	52	54	54	53	55		53			
Restrictions/Drug Coverage	21	20	23	19	20	23	19	21	23	26	19		18			
Altering Healthcare Plans	11	11	10	12	13	10	13	11	8	7	10		9			
Access to Preferred Doctors	10	11	10	11	11	10	10	11	10	11	9		8			
Don't Know	5	7	3	7	6	2	7	3	5	4	7		12			
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Cost of Healthcare	52	56	52	51	56	54	50	51	5	0	55	54	56	52	53	54
Restrictions/Drug Coverage	25	17	21	21	20	21	21	20	2	0	19	22	20	24	22	19
Altering Healthcare Plans	10	9	14	11	10	11	12	9	1	1	11	11	11	12	10	12
Access to Preferred Doctors	11	11	8	10	10	9	15	16	1	4	11	8	8	7	11	9
Don't Know	3	7	6	6	4	6	2	5	(5	4	6	5	6	5	6

What is your biggest concern generally when it comes to policy changes made by the federal government that impact your healthcare? 1st & 2nd Choices

	1st Choice	2 nd Choice	Combo Total	Trump Voters	Harris Voters	App. DJT	Policy Only	Disap DJT	Rep	Dem	Ind	Ind M	Ind W	Undecided
Cost of Healthcare	53	21	74	72	77	71	71	77	71	74	77	76	78	69
Restrictions/Drug Coverage	21	28	49	44	55	42	50	55	45	52	50	56	43	44
Altering Healthcare Plans	11	26	37	39	34	39	35	35	40	39	31	29	32	27
Access to Preferred Doctors	10	17	28	30	25	32	27	25	28	27	28	29	28	29
Don't Know – 1st	5	5	5	7	3	7	6	2	7	3	5	4	7	12
Don't Know – 2 nd	*	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	6	8

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Cost of Healthcare	73	75	73	72	76	75	70	71	70	77	73	74	73	74	73
Restrictions/Drug Coverage	54	45	47	49	47	49	45	45	45	47	51	47	55	50	47
Altering Healthcare Plans	37	36	37	37	36	35	43	39	38	34	38	39	37	37	36
Access to Preferred Doctors	28	28	27	26	29	26	34	31	32	30	24	28	21	27	28
Don't Know – 1 st	3	7	6	6	4	6	2	5	6	4	6	5	6	5	6
Don't Know – 2 nd	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	2	4	3	4

Who do you feel has the largest influence on federal healthcare programs?

		Trump	Harris	App.	Policy	Disap				Ind	Ind	
	Total	Voters	Voters	DJT	Only	DJT	Rep	Dem	Ind	M	W	Undecided
President/His Admin	20	12	29	10	13	31	14	28	19	19	20	15
Special Interest Groups	18	19	17	19	16	18	18	14	21	26	16	14
Health Insurance Corps.	18	18	17	20	19	15	18	16	19	20	17	18
Federal Health Admin. Agencies	12	15	8	15	16	7	14	10	11	11	11	9
Elected Officials/Congress	11	11	11	9	15	10	10	12	9	9	9	10
Drug Manufacturers	9	12	5	13	8	6	13	6	7	6	8	11
Hospitals	4	4	4	6	6	3	5	6	3	3	3	5
Don't Know	10	9	9	9	8	9	9	8	11	7	17	19

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President/His Admin	28	22	11	19	21	19	24	21	22	18	21	17	24	16	24
Special Interest Groups	20	14	20	16	22	20	15	9	12	17	21	19	22	23	13
Health Insurance Corps.	18	16	19	16	21	18	13	17	21	17	17	18	15	18	17
Federal Health Admin. Agencies	7	12	14	12	11	10	13	19	17	12	8	10	7	11	12
Elected Officials/Congress	11	12	9	11	10	10	12	13	7	11	12	13	11	12	9
Drug Manufacturers	5	9	11	11	6	10	6	8	6	12	8	8	7	10	8
Hospitals	4	4	5	5	3	4	8	6	7	6	2	3	2	4	4
Don't Know	7	12	10	12	6	10	9	8	8	8	12	12	11	6	13

Who do you feel has the largest influence on federal healthcare programs? 1st & 2nd Choices

	1st Choice	2 nd Choice	Combo Total	Trump Voters	Harris Voters	App. DJT	Policy Only	Disap DJT	Rep	Dem	Ind	Ind M	Ind W	Undecided
Health Insurance Corps.	18	19	36	39	33	42	38	32	40	33	35	38	32	32
President/His Admin	20	11	31	19	44	17	24	46	21	44	30	28	31	26
Special Interest Groups	18	13	31	31	32	30	31	32	31	28	34	41	26	22
Elected Officials/Congress	11	14	24	22	27	19	24	28	21	29	23	22	24	22
Drug Manufacturers	9	14	23	29	17	29	24	17	28	17	24	25	24	26
Federal Health Admin. Agencies	12	11	23	28	19	29	26	18	26	20	22	23	21	23
Hospitals	4	7	11	13	10	14	15	8	13	12	8	9	6	7
Don't Know – 1 st	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	9	9	8	11	7	17	19
Don't Know – 2 nd	*	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	5

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Health Insurance Corps.	35	33	40	34	39	37	34	32	37	40	33	35	32	38	34
President/His Admin	44	34	18	30	34	29	34	36	37	28	31	28	34	28	34
Special Interest Groups	35	25	34	27	36	33	25	17	20	29	37	34	40	37	25
Elected Officials/Congress	25	25	22	25	23	23	25	33	24	22	26	26	26	25	24
Drug Manufacturers	18	23	28	24	22	24	20	19	21	27	22	23	21	25	22
Federal Health Admin. Agencies	17	24	26	24	22	21	28	32	29	25	18	21	17	23	22
Hospitals	11	10	12	12	10	11	14	14	14	14	8	9	7	12	11
Don't Know – 1 st	7	12	10	12	6	10	9	8	8	8	12	12	11	6	13
Don't Know – 2 nd	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3

Who do you blame most for the high cost of health care?

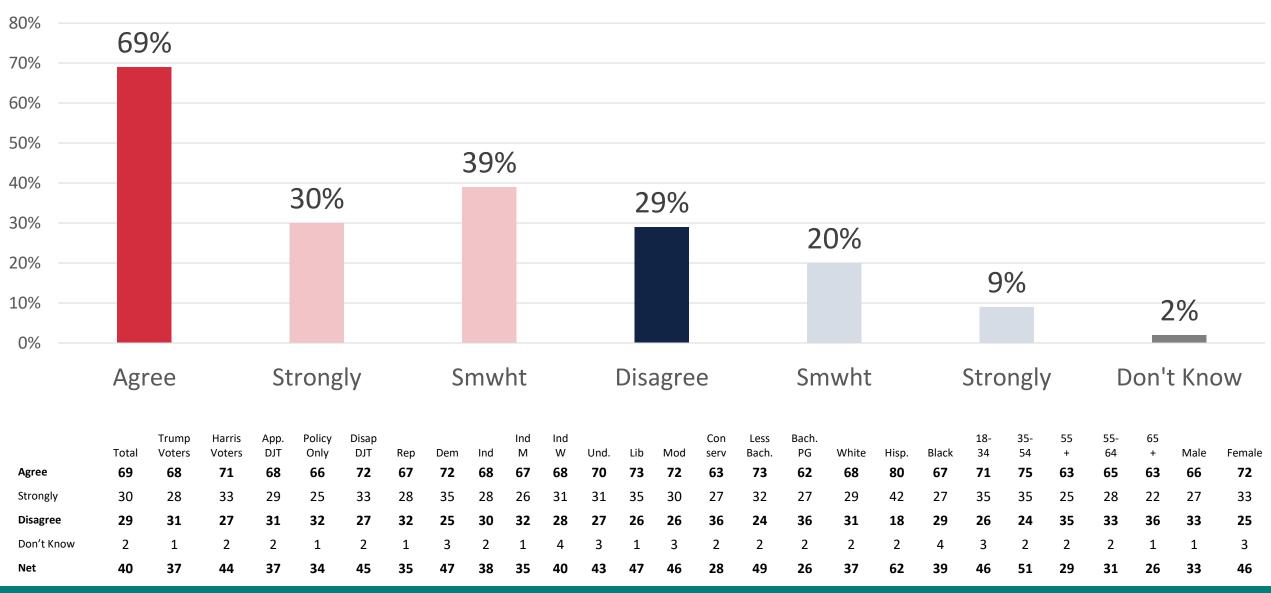
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Congress/Federal Govt.	33	22	45	22	25	46	21	43	38	33	44	33
Health Insurance Companies	29	32	26	32	34	26	34	27	26	26	25	23
Drug Manufacturers	14	17	11	17	15	10	18	11	11	12	9	13
Hospitals/HC Providers	9	12	7	12	13	6	12	8	7	10	4	9
Pharmacy Benefit Managers	7	9	6	10	8	6	8	6	9	9	8	7
Don't Know	7	8	5	7	6	5	7	5	9	9	10	15

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Congress/Federal Govt.	42	38	21	33	34	31	42	40	41	32	32	29	34	32	35
Health Insurance Companies	25	27	34	28	31	31	28	18	27	30	29	29	29	30	28
Drug Manufacturers	13	12	16	15	11	14	11	15	12	16	13	15	12	14	14
Hospitals/HC Providers	9	8	11	9	10	9	9	10	10	10	9	11	7	11	8
Pharmacy Benefit Managers	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	10	5	8	8	6	10	8	7
Don't Know	4	8	9	8	6	8	4	8	6	5	9	11	8	6	8

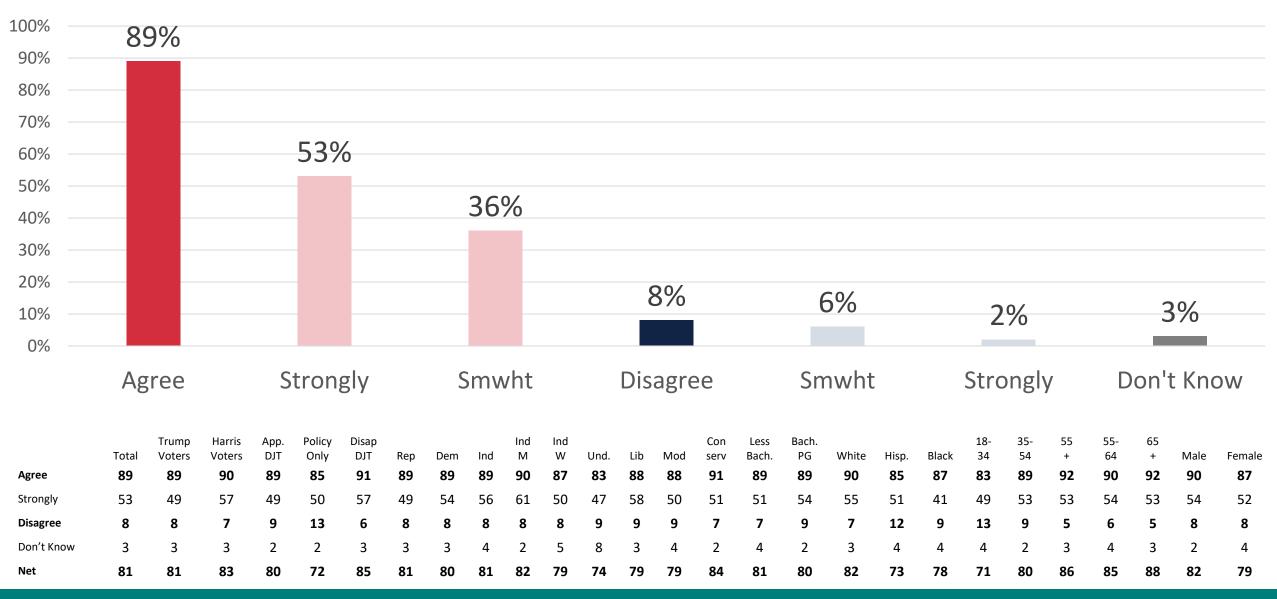
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The healthcare system has become unnecessarily complex.	Agree 89	Strongly 53	Somewhat 36	Disagree 8	Somewhat 6	Strongly 2	Don't Know 3	Net +81
Healthcare costs are a major burden on my family.	69	30	39	29	20	9	2	+40
The more that the government is involved in healthcare, the worse it becomes.	68	35	33	25	17	9	7	+43

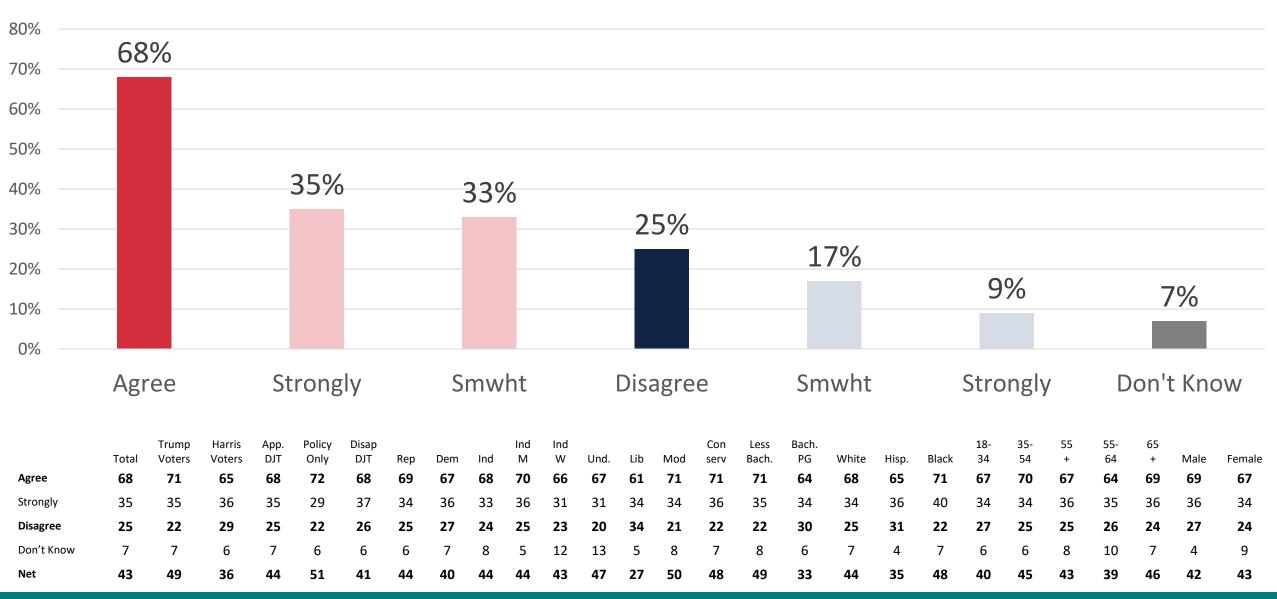
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The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) is a federal program established in 2010 under President Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA). Below is a description of the program.

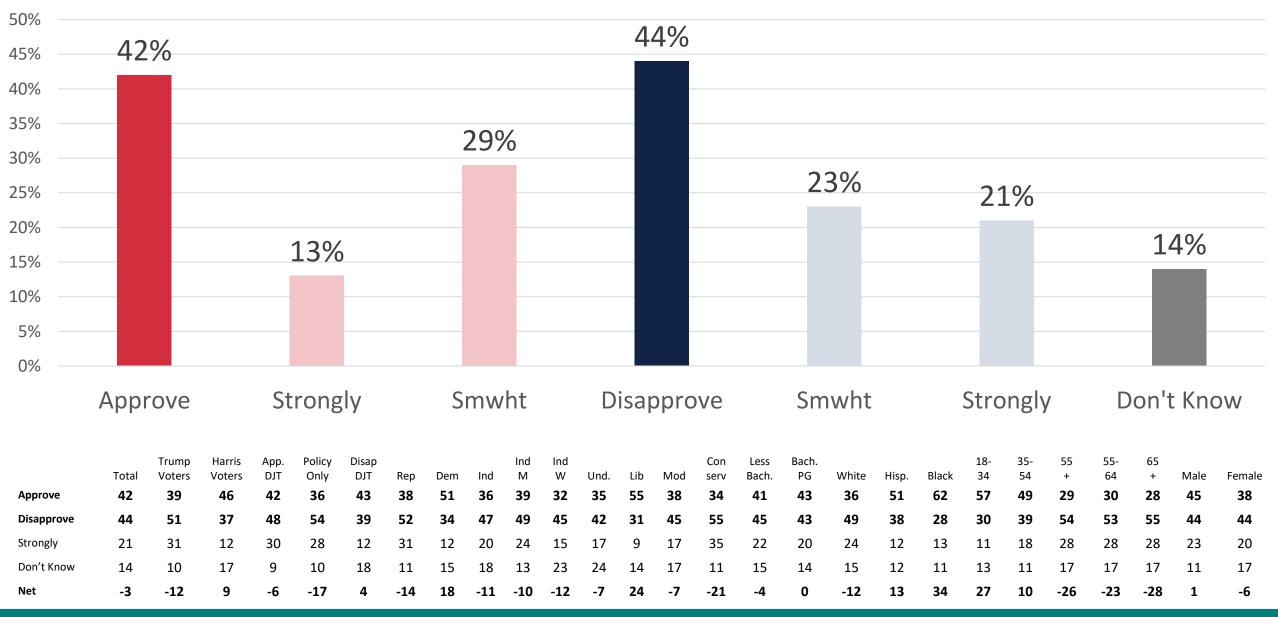
With a \$10 billion per decade budget, CMMI was intended to test new demonstration models in Medicare and Medicaid to lower healthcare costs, improve care and deliver billions of dollars in savings for American families. However, according to a September 2023 Congressional Budget Office study, CMMI generated a net loss of more than \$5 billion through 2020 and is projected to lose another \$1 billion through 2030.

The CBO report also found that CMMI's demonstration models provided little if any improvements to health care costs or patient outcomes as promised, and even adversely disrupted some patient care plans when their models were implemented. The agency has come under criticism for failing to deliver promised savings and pursuing nationwide, mandatory tests that forced doctors and patients into new care models.

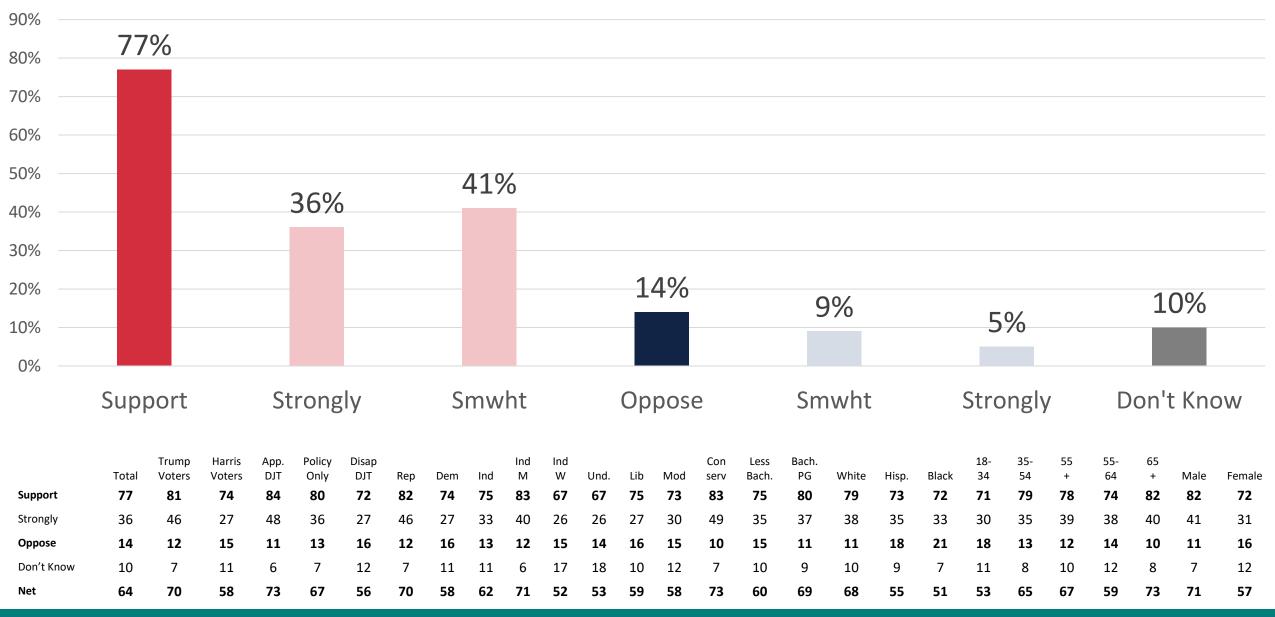
Members of Congress agree that CMMI has not had adequate oversight and transparency and failed to improve care for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Based on what you have learned about the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) federal program, please answer the following questions.

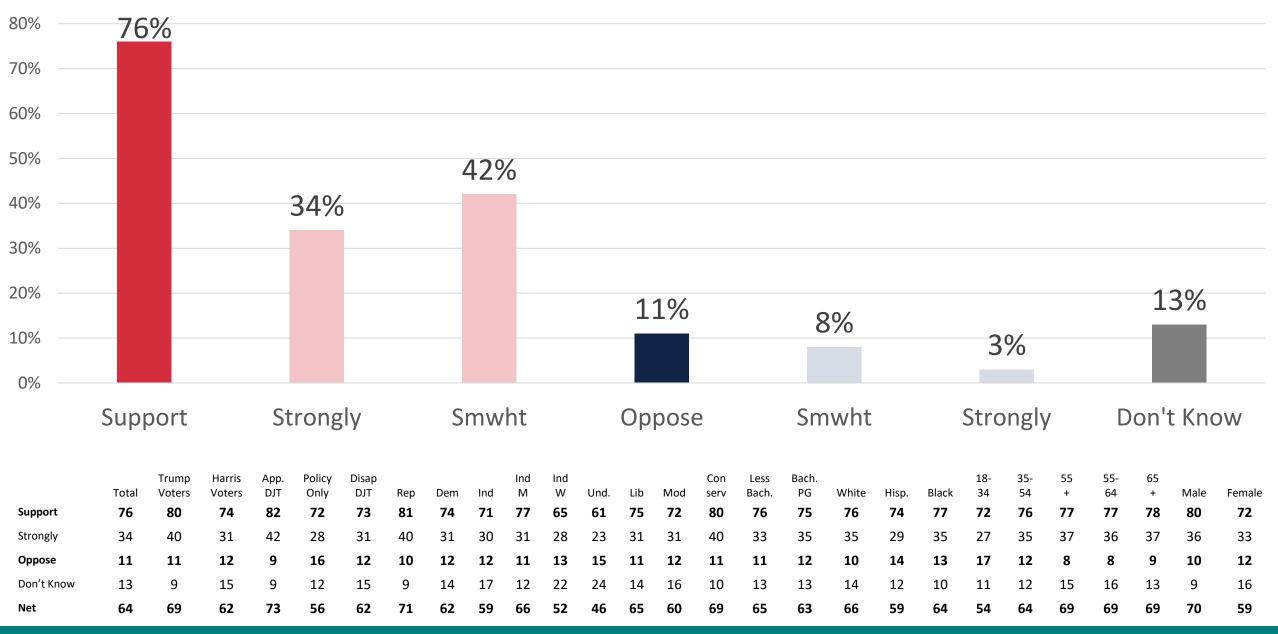
Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) is doing to lower healthcare costs and improve care?



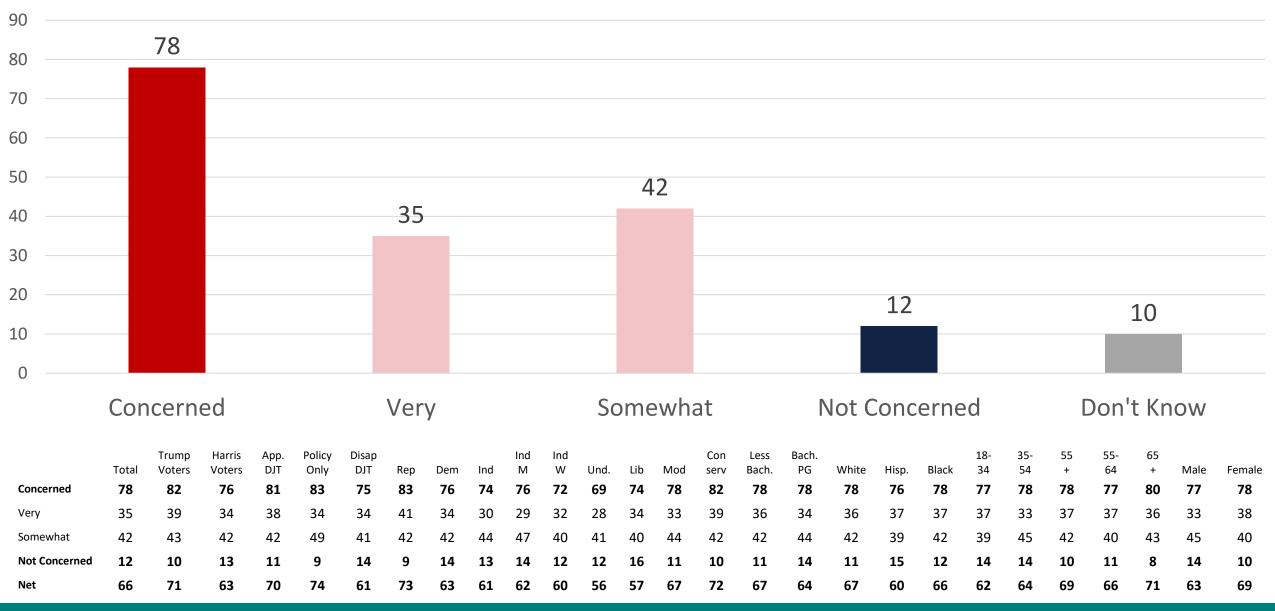
Do you support or oppose increasing oversight and accountability of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to ensure money is being spent prudently and efficiently?



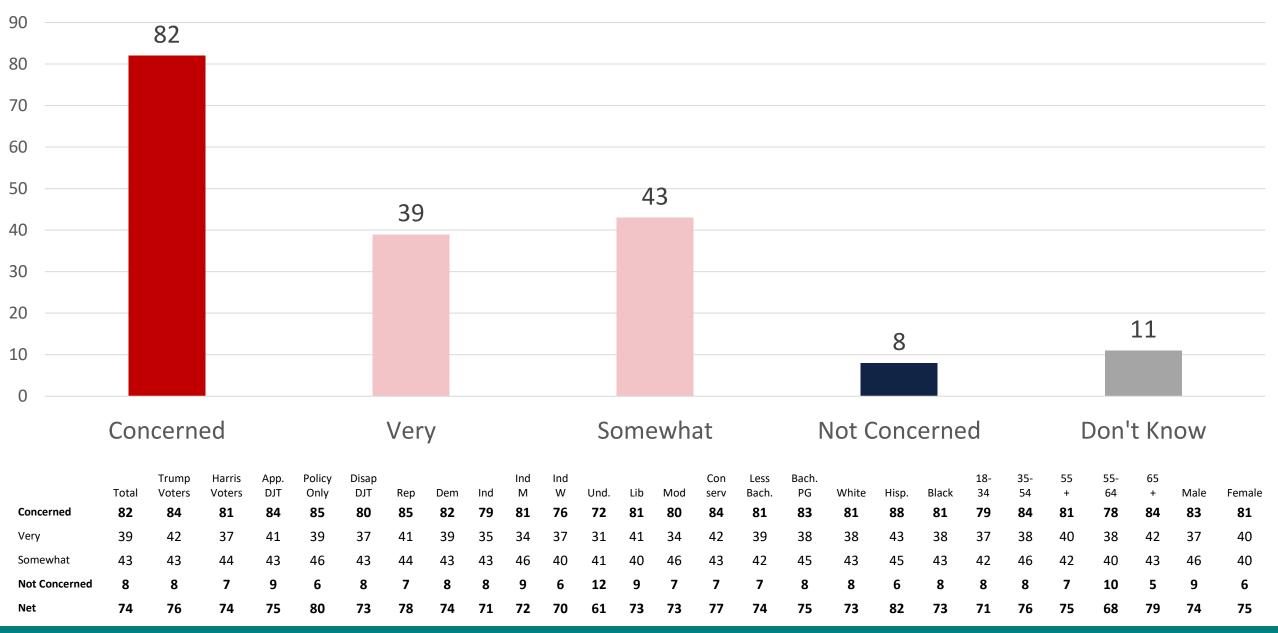
In an effort to promote oversight and accountability of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), do you support or oppose establishing safeguards to protect patients and doctors from being forced into mandatory, national changes?



How concerned are you that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) increases government influence and control over personal healthcare decisions that should be left up to patients and their doctors?

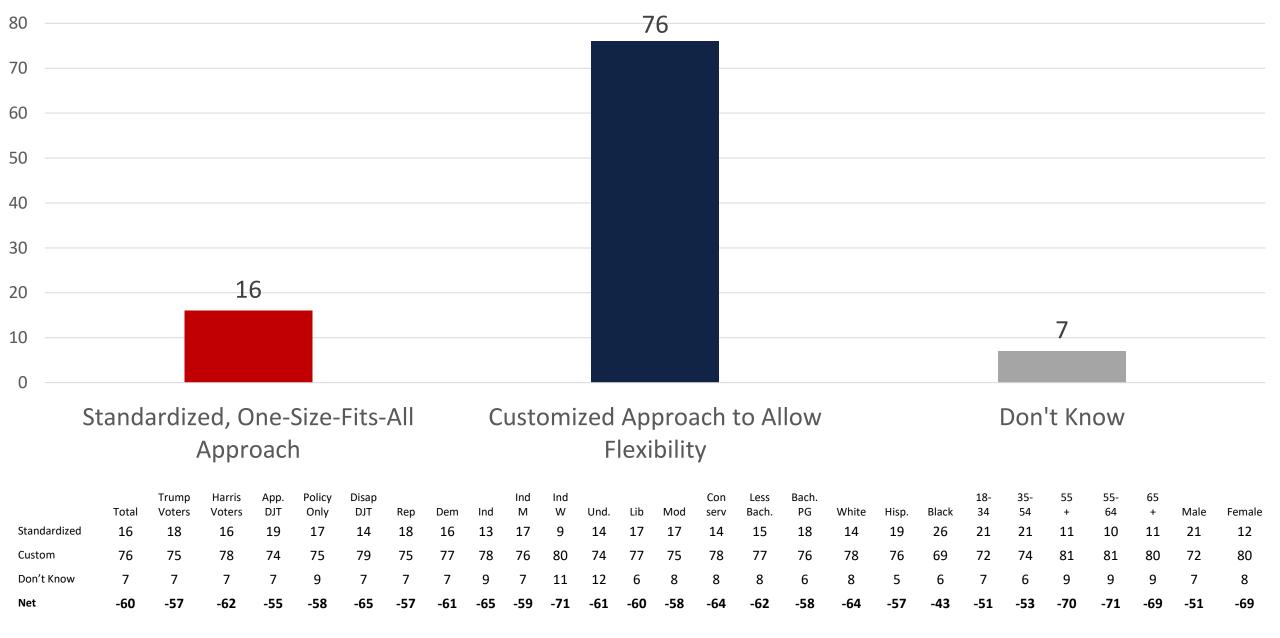


How concerned are you that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) federal program could pose a risk of special interest groups or corporate agendas manipulating healthcare programs in ways that could adversely impact your healthcare?

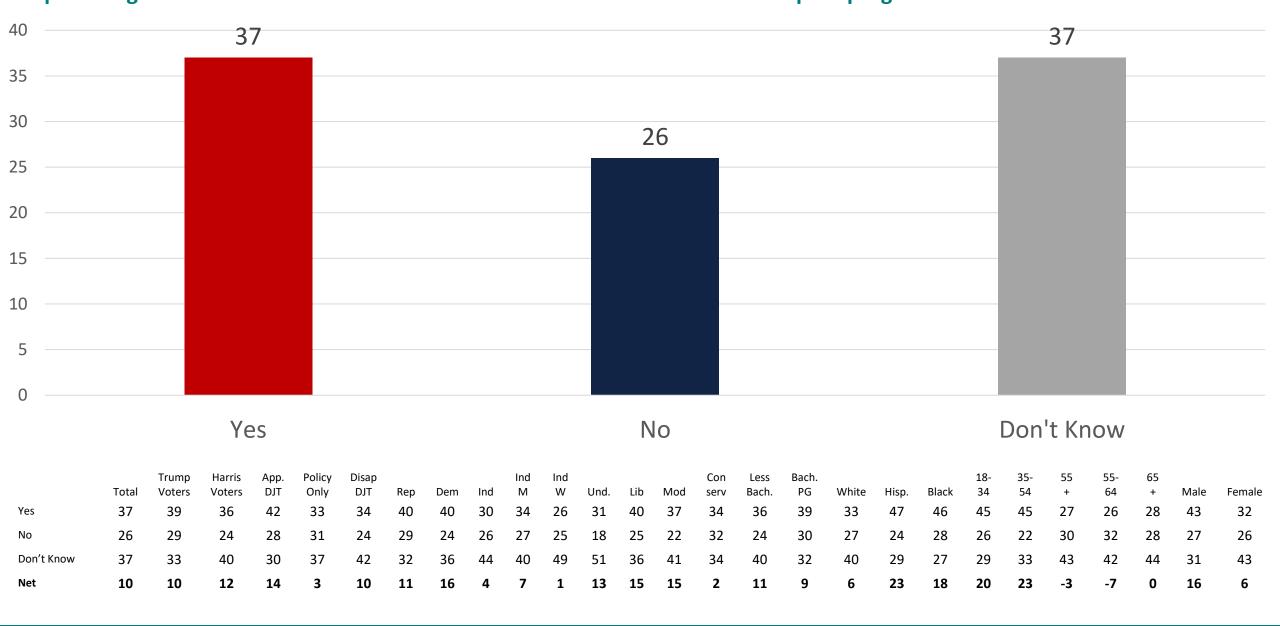


For each of their Medicare and Medicaid models, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) creates a one-size-fits-all approach to deliver healthcare to diverse patient populations across the country. The one-size-fits-all approaches often limit flexibility, innovation, and patient-doctor decision-making.

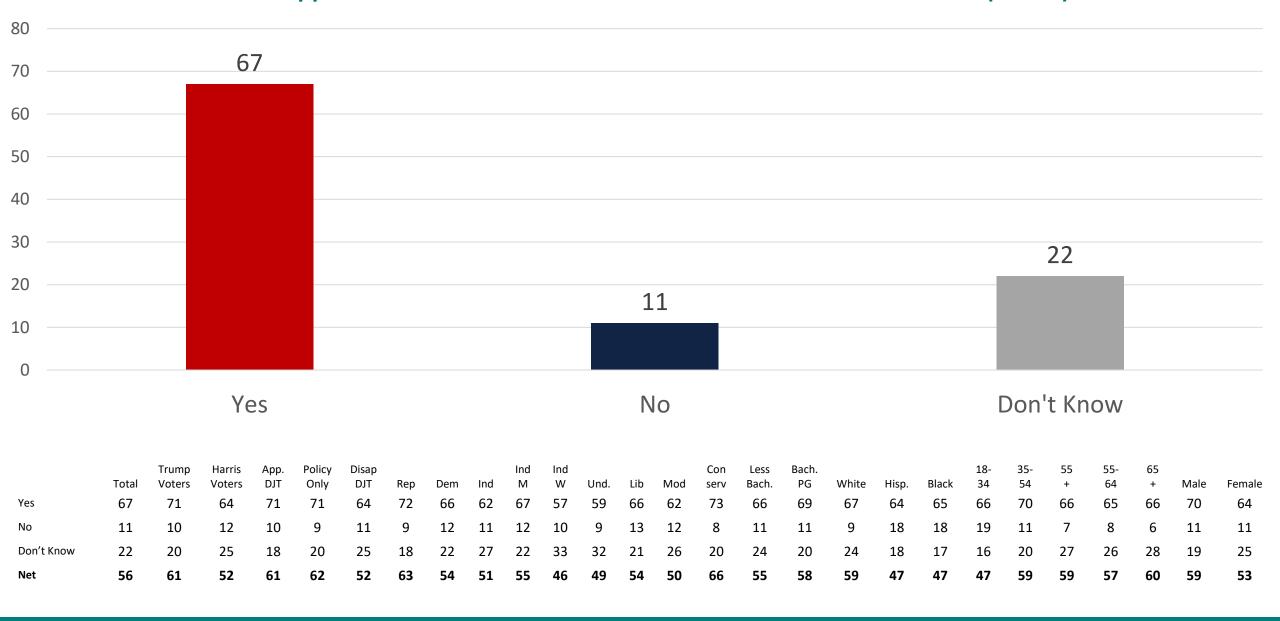
Which approach do you think is better for patients?



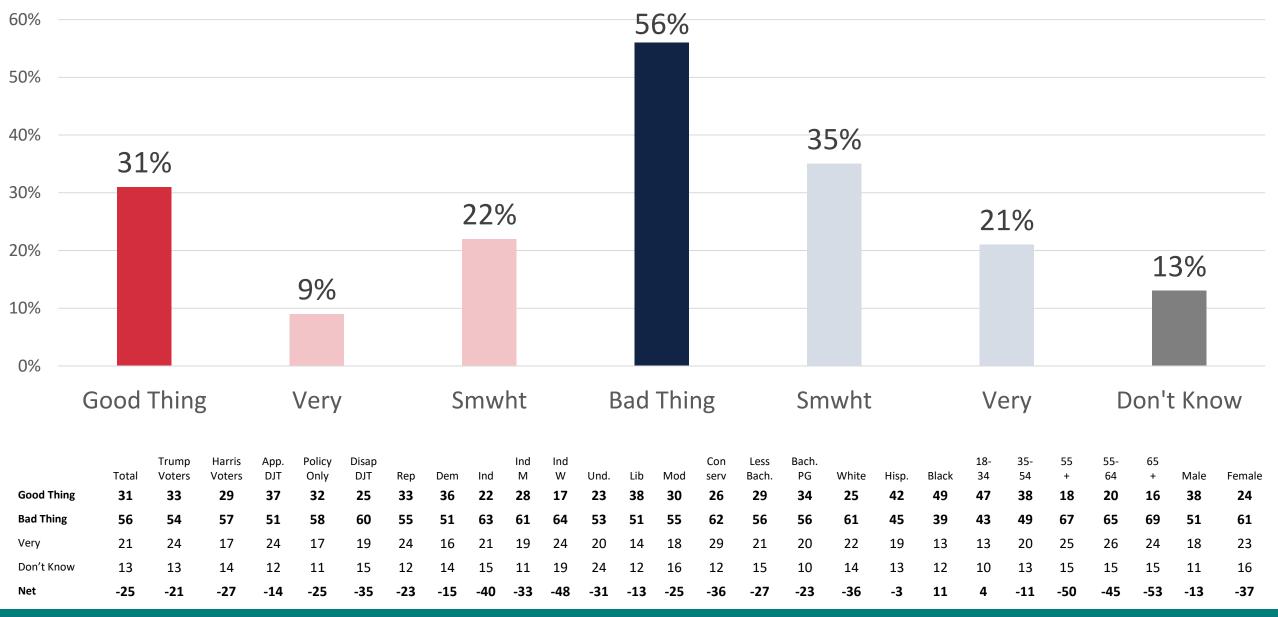
Do you think that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) should pursue nationwide, mandatory changes despite Congress' intent for CMMI to ONLY run demonstration tests to assess if pilot programs could be successful?



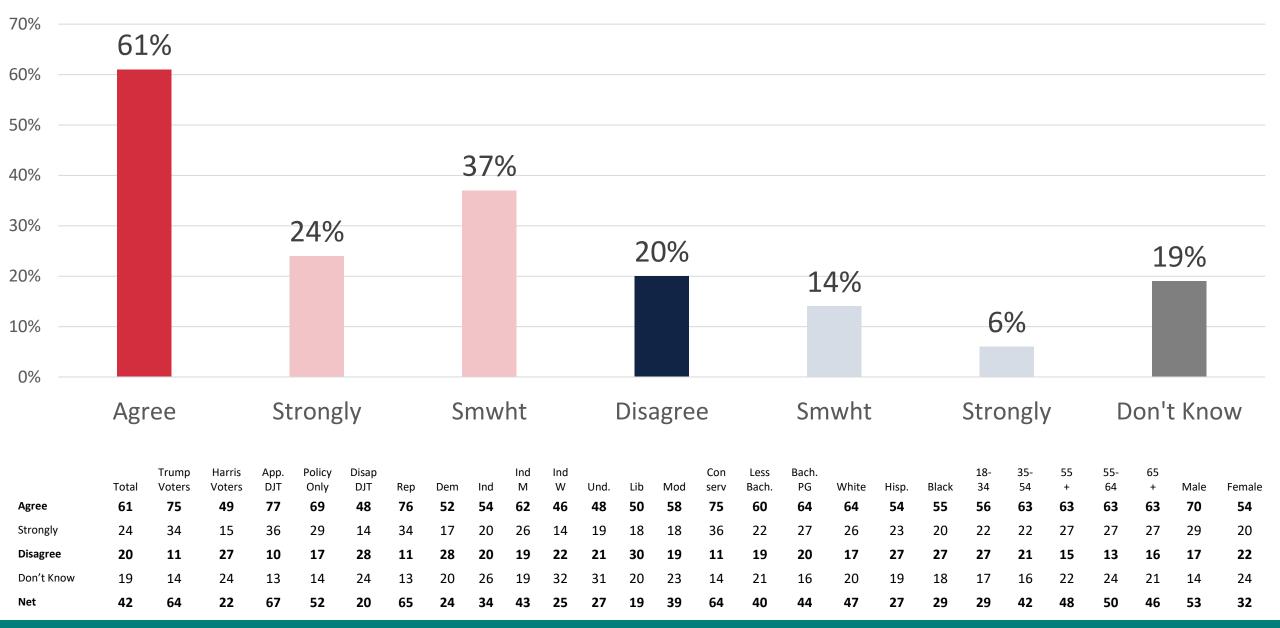
Do you believe conducting small scale, voluntary tests that help doctors and patients tailor care to individual needs would be a better approach for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)?



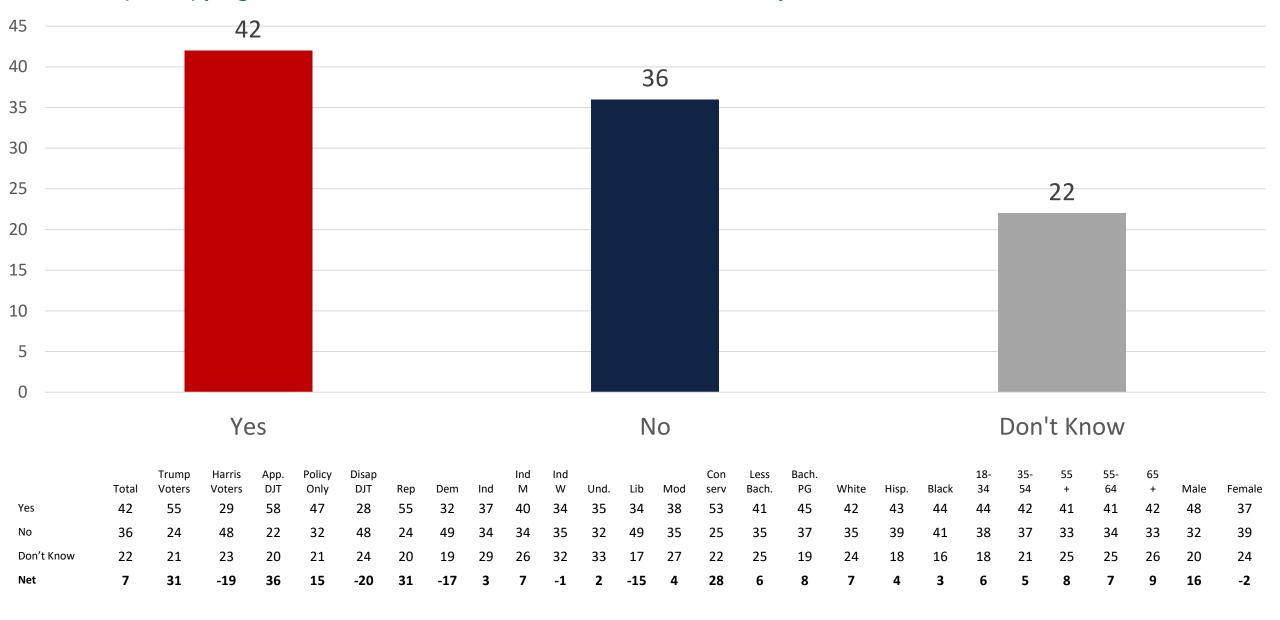
Do you think the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation mandating standardized, one-size-fits-all approaches to healthcare are a good thing or bad thing for individual patients?



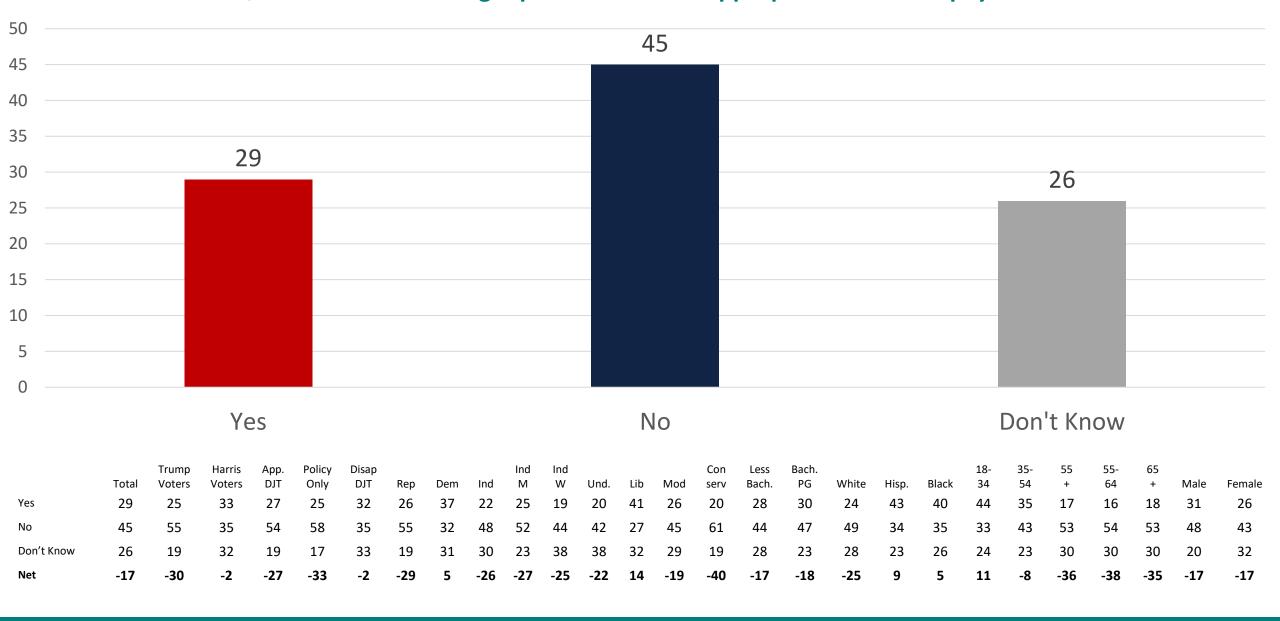
Do you agree or disagree that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's models that have routinely failed to generate substantial savings should be eliminated, even if not deemed to be a failure by the agency itself?



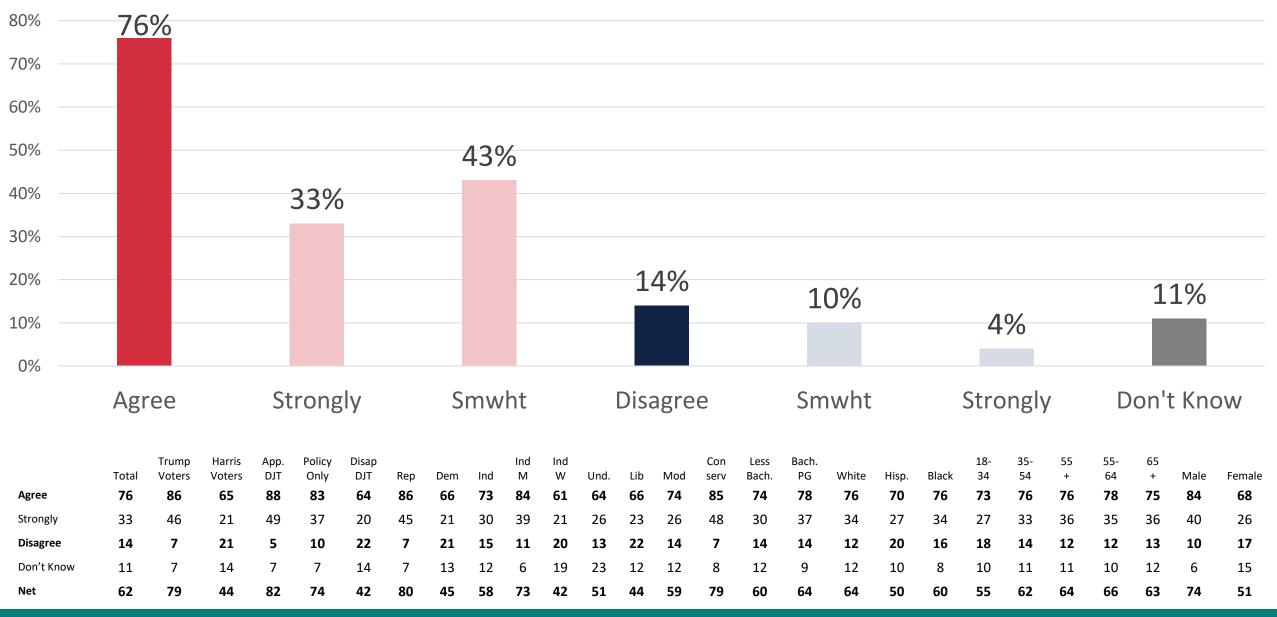
Considering concerns around the program's cost and effectiveness, do you believe all Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) programs should be frozen until a full review and audit of performance is conducted?



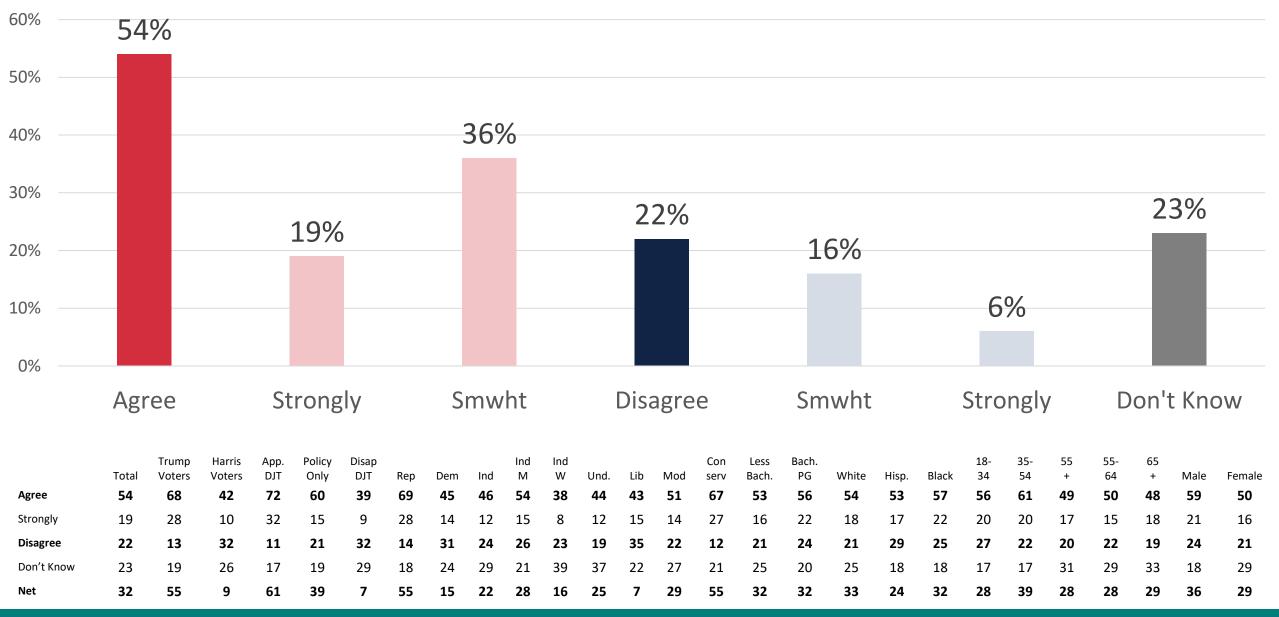
Considering its failure to generate a net savings for taxpayers, do you believe the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation \$10 billion dollar budget per decade is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars?



Do you agree or disagree that Congress should enforce proper oversight mechanisms to ensure that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's models are eliminated when they fail to achieve their stated objectives?



Do you agree or disagree that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's models undermine the benefits and cost savings of private-sector innovation and competition?



Now, would you say you approve or disapprove of the job the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) is doing to lower healthcare costs and improve care?

