



Support for Greater Government Role in Health Care for Older Adults

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*Nationally representative sample of 1,505 adults age 18 and older, conducted using the AmeriSpeak® Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago
Margin of error: +/- 3.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

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

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LTC1. Generally speaking, how well do you think each of the following is handled in the United States?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	Extremely/ Very well NET	Extremely well	Very well	Some- what well	Not too/Not at all well NET	Not too well	Not at all well	DK	SKP/ REF
Health care in general	12	2	10	32	56	35	21	-	*
Health care for older adults	11	2	9	34	54	35	19	*	1
Prescription medication costs	6	1	4	19	74	35	39	-	1
Mental health care	5	2	4	23	70	40	31	*	1
The quality of care at nursing homes	6	1	5	31	62	38	24	*	1
Community supports and resources for older adults	11	3	8	40	48	34	14	*	1

N=1,505

LTC2. Is it the responsibility of the federal government to make sure that all Americans have health care coverage, or not?

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	AP-NORC 4/11-14/2019	AP-NORC 7/13-17/2017	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Yes, a federal government responsibility	66	57	62	52
No, not a federal government responsibility	34	41	37	47
DON'T KNOW	*	1	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	1	1

N=

1,505

1,108

1,019

1,110

LTC3. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right? When it comes to the health care system...

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	AP-NORC 5/14-18/2020	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Americans should pay less for their health care, even if it means paying more in taxes	62	57	58
Americans should not pay more in taxes, even if that means paying more for their health care	36	39	40
DON'T KNOW	*	2	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	2	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>	<i>1,001</i>	<i>1,015</i>

LTC4. How concerned are you about having access to high quality health care when you need it?

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Extremely/Very concerned NET	48
Extremely concerned	26
Very concerned	21
Moderately concerned	30
Not too/Not at all concerned NET	22
Not too concerned	17
Not at all concerned	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>

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LTC5. Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Favor NET	Strongly favor	Some- what favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Some- what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
A single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	43	21	22	27	29	12	17	*	1
	6/10-14/2021 ¹ (N=1,071)	38	19	19	26	35	13	22	*	1
	12/5-9/2019 ² (N=1,053)	41	20	21	23	34	10	24	1	*
	4/11-14/2019 ³ (N=1,108)	42	16	26	25	31	11	21	1	1
	1/12-16/2017 ⁴ (N=1,036)	38	19	19	22	39	14	25	1	*
A new government health insurance plan that any American can purchase instead of purchasing a private health insurance plan	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	58	29	30	24	17	9	8	*	1
	4/11-14/2019 ⁵ (N=1,108)	53	19	34	29	17	7	10	1	*
Allowing the federal government and private insurance to negotiate for lower prices on prescription drugs	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	80	50	30	14	5	3	2	*	1
	6/10-14/2021 ⁶ (N=1,071)	72	43	29	21	6	3	3	*	1

¹ June 2021 question stem read: Do you favor or oppose the following health care laws and proposals?"

² December 2019 question stem read: Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following government policies?

³ April 2019 question was asked as a stand-alone question: Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan?

⁴ January 2017 question was asked as a stand-alone question: Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan?

⁵ April 2019 question was asked as a stand-alone question: Would you favor or oppose a new government health insurance plan that any American can purchase instead of purchasing a private health insurance plan?

⁶ June 2021 question stem read: Do you favor or oppose the following health care laws and proposals?"

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AP-NORC		Favor NET	Strongly favor	Some- what favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Some- what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Requiring government and private insurance plans to cover the cost of care provided through telehealth programs, including for prescription consultations, physical or occupational therapy, and mental health services	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	68	38	30	24	7	5	2	*	1

DISPLAY. Some people need ongoing living assistance as they get older. This assistance can be help with things like keeping house, cooking, bathing, getting dressed, getting around, paying bills, remembering to take medicine, or just having someone check in to see that everything is okay. This help can happen at your own home, in a family member’s home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community. And, it can be provided by a family member, a friend, a volunteer, or a health care professional.

LTC6. Now, thinking about who should be responsible for paying for the costs of ongoing living assistance...

How much responsibility should each of the following have for paying for the costs of ongoing living assistance?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

		Very large/ large respon- sibility NET	Very large respon- sibility	Large respon- sibility	Moderate respon- sibility	Small/ No respon- sibility	Small respon- sibility	No respon- sibility at all	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC										
Individuals	7/28- 8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	26	8	17	38	36	28	8	-	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	35	11	23	35	28	20	9	*	1
	8/27-9/14/20 (N=1,893)	29	9	20	36	34	23	11	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	34	12	22	35	29	19	10	1	1
Families	7/28- 8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	23	8	15	37	40	28	12	*	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	15	5	10	32	51	32	19	*	1
	8/27-9/14/20 (N=1,893)	15	5	11	32	51	31	20	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	22	7	14	33	44	26	18	*	1
Medicare	7/28- 8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	57	25	33	31	10	7	3	-	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	51	21	30	36	12	9	3	*	1
	8/27-9/14/20 (N=1,893)	56	24	32	31	12	9	3	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	45	17	28	38	16	11	4	*	1

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AP-NORC		Very large/ large responsi- bility NET	Very large respon- sibility	Large respon- sibility	Moderate respon- sibility	Small/ No respon- sibility	Small respon- sibility	No respon- sibility at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Medicaid	7/28- 8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	53	23	30	32	13	10	3	*	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	41	18	23	37	20	13	7	*	2
	8/27-9/14/20 (N=1,893)	47	21	26	32	19	12	7	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	36	14	22	36	25	16	9	1	2
Health insurance companies	7/28- 8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	60	27	33	30	9	6	3	*	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	52	21	30	38	10	6	3	*	1
	8/27-9/14/20 (N=1,893)	59	23	36	29	11	7	4	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	50	19	32	33	14	9	6	1	1

LTC7. To help Americans prepare for the costs of ongoing living assistance, sometimes referred to as long-term care, would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Favor NET	Strongly favor	Some-what favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/REF
A government-administered long-term care insurance program, similar to Medicare	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	68	34	34	21	10	5	5	*	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	60	35	25	28	10	6	5	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	66	35	31	20	12	6	6	1	1
Tax breaks for consumers who purchase long-term care insurance	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	68	32	36	25	7	4	3	-	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	61	30	30	30	8	5	3	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	70	38	32	21	7	4	3	1	1
The ability to get long-term care coverage through a Medicare Advantage or supplemental insurance plan	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	75	38	37	20	4	3	1	-	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	70	37	34	24	5	3	2	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	75	39	36	20	4	2	1	*	1
Government funding for programs to allow more people with low incomes to receive long-term care in their own homes	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	68	38	30	22	8	6	2	-	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,113)	63	37	26	26	10	5	4	*	1
The ability for individuals to use non-taxable funds such as IRA's or 401(k)'s to pay long-term care insurance premiums	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	66	28	38	25	8	4	4	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	68	37	31	23	8	5	3	1	1
Employers offering a benefit to employees to cover the cost of long-term care insurance plans	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	72	37	35	23	4	3	2	-	1

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LTC8. To help Americans prepare for the costs of providing ongoing living assistance, would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Favor NET	Strongly favor	Some- what favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Some- what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Tax breaks for people who provide care to a family member	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	75	42	33	20	4	3	1	-	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	79	46	33	15	5	3	2	*	1
Changing Social Security rules to give earnings credit to caregivers who are out of the workforce to provide care to a family member	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	69	37	32	23	6	4	2	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	68	36	31	22	8	5	3	1	1
Tax breaks for employers who provide paid family leave to workers	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	69	35	34	23	7	5	2	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	72	37	35	21	6	3	2	1	1
A Medicare benefit that provides temporary care if the caregiver and the care recipient live together and are both Medicare beneficiaries	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	69	33	35	25	5	3	2	*	2
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	72	36	36	21	5	3	2	1	1
Paid temporary leave from work to care for a family member with a serious health condition	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	74	45	29	19	6	5	1	*	1
	3/13-4/5/18 (N=1,945)	76	44	32	16	7	4	2	*	1

LTC9. There are some health care items that Medicare doesn't currently cover. Should Medicare, the national health care insurance program for persons ages 65 and over, pay for each of the following, or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Yes	No	DK	SKP/REF
Dental care	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	87	12	*	1
	2/15-29/2018 ⁷ (N=1,302)	83	16	-	1
Hearing aids	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	86	13	*	1
	2/15-29/2018 (N=1,302)	82	17	*	1
Long-term care, which includes help with everyday activities such as personal care activities like bathing and dressing, preparing meals, and medical transportation	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	81	18	-	1
	2/15-29/2018 (N=1,302)	78	21	*	1
Eye examinations for prescription glasses	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,505)	87	11	*	1
	2/15-29/2018 (N=1,302)	85	14	*	1

⁷ West Health Institute and NORC at the University of Chicago. (February 2018). "Americans' Views of Healthcare Costs, Coverage, and Policy." <https://www.norc.org/Research/Projects/Pages/americans-views-of-healthcare-costs-coverage-and-policy.aspx>

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LTC10. Do you think the federal government spending money to reduce costs to individuals for each of the following was [a good thing, a bad thing/a bad thing, a good thing], or neither a good nor bad thing?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	Very/ Somewhat good thing NET	Very good thing	Somewhat good thing	Neither a good nor bad thing	Somewhat/ Very bad thing NET	Somewhat bad thing	Very bad thing	DK	SKP/ REF
COVID-19 testing	64	45	20	23	13	6	7	*	*
COVID-19 vaccines and boosters	67	50	17	19	14	5	9	-	*
COVID-19 treatment	69	46	23	21	10	5	5	-	1

N=1,505

LTC11. In general, how well prepared do you think each of the following is to handle a future public health emergency such as a pandemic?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	Extremely/ Very well prepared NET	Extremely well prepared	Very well prepared	Somewhat well prepared	Not too/Not at all well prepared NET	Not too well prepared	Not at all well prepared	DK	SKP/ REF
The United States	13	3	10	38	49	35	14	-	*
Your state	19	3	16	42	38	26	11	*	*
Your county	17	3	14	46	36	24	12	*	1
You personally	34	7	27	43	22	16	6	*	*

N=1,505

LTC12. Are you currently providing ongoing living assistance on a regular basis to a family member or close friend, or not?

AP-NORC	7/28- 8/1/2022	5/12-16/2022	3/25-29/2021	8/27-9/14/20	3/13-4/5/18
Yes	15	13	12	17	16
No	85	87	88	83	84
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	1	*	*

N= 1,505 1,001 1,113 1,893 1,945

If age 40+

LTC13. Are you currently receiving ongoing living assistance, or not?

AP-NORC	7/28- 8/1/2022	3/25-29/ 2021	8/27- 9/14/ 2020	3/13- 4/5/ 2018	3/2-29/ 2017	2/18- 4/9/ 2016	4/7- 5/15/ 2015	3/13- 4/23/ 2014	2/21- 3/27/ 2013
Yes	4	6	9	5	4	7	7	7	5
No	95	93	91	95	95	93	93	93	95
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	-	-

N= 1,021 698 1,175 1,522 1,341 1,698 1,735 1,419 1,019

DM5. How would you describe the community you live in now?

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Urban	34
Suburban	49
Rural	17
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)	26
Roman Catholic (Catholic)	16
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)	3
Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)	1
Jewish (Judaism)	2
Muslim (Islam)	1
Buddhist	2
Hindu	1
Atheist (do not believe in God)	6
Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)	6
Nothing in particular	16
Just Christian	20
Unitarian (Universalist)	1
Something else – please specify	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>

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If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Just Christian, or something else:
BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Yes	38
No	62
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,070

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	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Democrat NET	45
Strong Democrat	20
Not so strong Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	19
Republican NET	37
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	11
Strong Republican	14

N= 1,505

IDEOLOGY.

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Liberal NET	23
Very liberal	13
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	47
Conservative NET	28
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	12
UNKNOWN	1

N= 1,505

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AGE

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
18-29	19
30-44	26
45-59	24
60+	31
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>

GENDER

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Married	49
Not married	51
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Employed	55
Not employed	45
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,505</i>

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EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	19
Post grad study/professional degree	16

N= 1,505

INCOME

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	18
\$150,000 or more	10

N= 1,505

Study Methodology

This study, funded by [The SCAN Foundation](#), was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago, The Associated Press, and The SCAN Foundation collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. 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 or a secondary national address frame, both with over 97% coverage of all U.S. addresses, and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, or field interviewers (face to face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% 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 population. Of note for this study, the panel would also exclude adults who live in some institutional types of settings, such as skilled nursing facilities or nursing homes, depending on how addresses are listed for the facility.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between July 28 and August 1, 2022, with adults age 18 and older representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,505 completed the survey— 1,434 via the web and 71 via telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive (\$3) for completing the survey.

The final stage completion rate is 17.7%, the weighted household panel recruitment rate is 19.5%, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.0%, for a cumulative response rate of 2.7%. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

In addition, African American and Hispanic respondents were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for reasons of analysis. The overall margin of sampling error for the 350 completed interviews with African American respondents is +/- 7.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect. The overall margin of sampling error for the 375 completed interviews with Hispanic respondents is +/- 8.0 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 71 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification

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variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2022 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

For more information, visit www.apnorc.org or www.longtermcarepoll.org, or email info@apnorc.org.

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