

Data For Progress

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Sample Online sample of 1,010 voters fielded 10/11/19-10/14/19
 Margin of Error ±3.9%

1. Do you [support or oppose] a policy removing the noninterference clause that stops Medicare from negotiating drug prices? This would allow the federal government to negotiate the price of drugs with pharmaceutical companies.

Strongly support	44%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	8%
Not sure	20%
Totals	101%
Unweighted N	1,024

2. Next, you will read some statements arguing for allowing the federal government to revoke pharmaceutical patents to make it easier to manufacture generic alternatives. Please rank those arguments from 1 to 5, with 1 representing 'most convincing' and 5 representing 'least convincing,' or if you don't find any of these convincing: Other countries permit the hasty development of generic alternatives and the pharmaceutical industry does just fine in those countries.

1	9%
2	14%
3	20%
4	31%
5	26%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	845

3. Next, you will read some statements arguing for allowing the federal government to revoke pharmaceutical patents to make it easier to manufacture generic alternatives. Please rank those arguments from 1 to 5, with 1 representing 'most convincing' and 5 representing 'least convincing,' or if you don't find any of these convincing: America's pharmaceutical industry is doing just fine, with profits and salaries high enough that it's time to put consumers before drug executives.

1	15%
2	23%
3	20%
4	17%
5	25%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	845

4. Next, you will read some statements arguing for allowing the federal government to revoke pharmaceutical patents to make it easier to manufacture generic alternatives. Please rank those arguments from 1 to 5, with 1 representing 'most convincing' and 5 representing 'least convincing,' or if you don't find any of these convincing: The pharmaceutical industry's profits are obscene, and it is a matter of moral justice to allow Americans access to affordable drugs from generic providers.

1	45%
2	21%
3	15%
4	9%
5	11%
Totals	101%
Unweighted N	845

5. Next, you will read some statements arguing for allowing the federal government to revoke pharmaceutical patents to make it easier to manufacture generic alternatives. Please rank those arguments from 1 to 5, with 1 representing 'most convincing' and 5 representing 'least convincing,' or if you don't find any of these convincing: Patents are granted by the government to companies as a privilege, not a right. If these companies are abusing these privileges in the government's eyes through high prices they should lose those privileges.

1	25%
2	27%
3	23%
4	16%
5	10%
Totals	101%
Unweighted N	845

6. Next, you will read some statements arguing for allowing the federal government to revoke pharmaceutical patents to make it easier to manufacture generic alternatives. Please rank those arguments from 1 to 5, with 1 representing 'most convincing' and 5 representing 'least convincing,' or if you don't find any of these convincing: Permitting the hasty development of generic drugs will ultimately enrich America's pharmaceutical industry, as patented American drugs are too expensive to be profitable in other countries.

1	6%
2	15%
3	23%
4	28%
5	28%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	845

7. Would you [support or oppose] a policy allowing the government to revoke patents from pharmaceutical companies if those companies charge prices for their drugs that are too high for most people to afford them?

Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	25%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	10%
Not sure	10%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	1,024