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# MEDICARE FOR ALL POLLING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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To understand how the issue of Medicare For All is viewed among South Carolina's Democratic electorate, we fielded a survey of 767 likely voters in South Carolina's Democratic presidential primary. The randomized survey was conducted from December 19 through December 29, 2019 for Medicare For All NOW. (For brevity, Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents will be referred to as Democrats throughout this memo.)

As outlined below, the poll finds strong support for Medicare for All, among all demographic groups in the Democratic primary electorate.

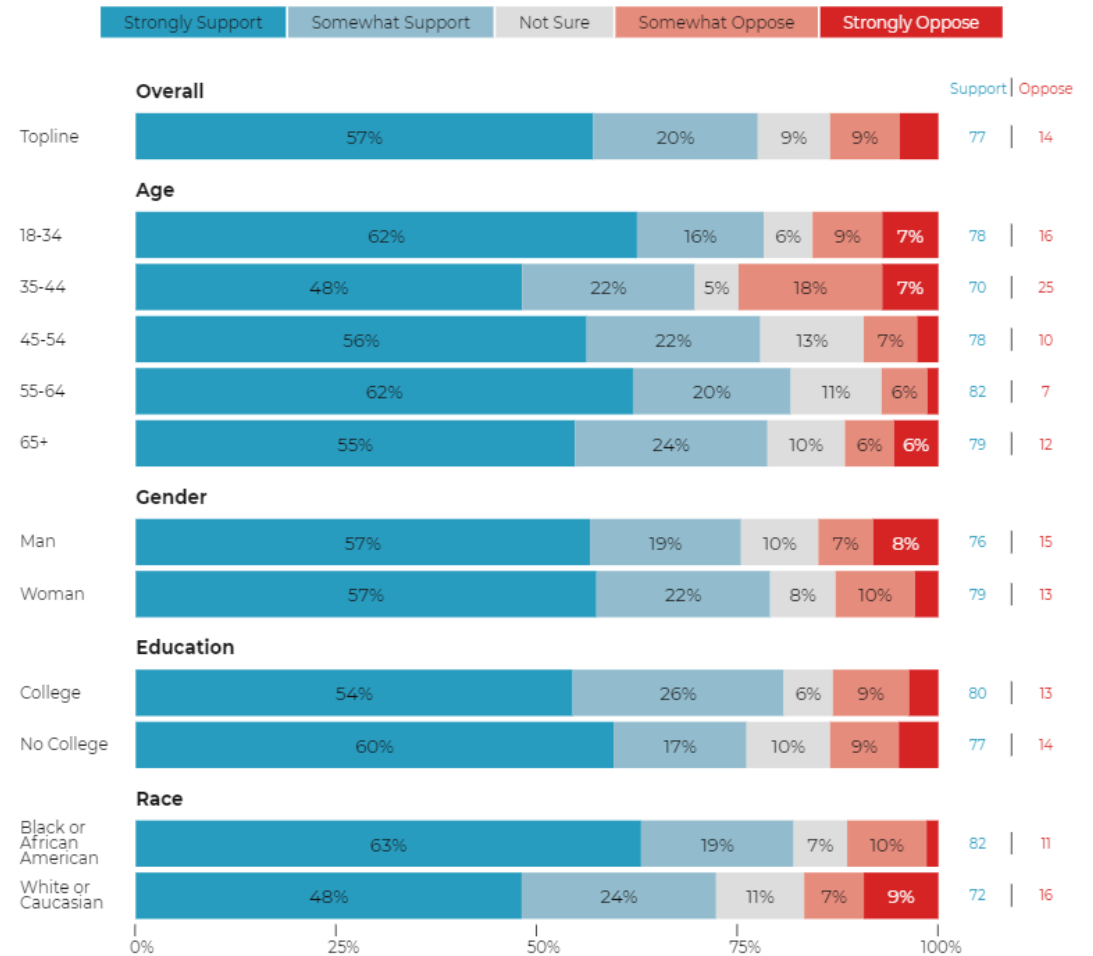
## The findings

Overall, we find strong support for Medicare for All among the Democratic electorate in South Carolina. First, we asked:

*Would you support or oppose improving and expanding Medicare so that it becomes the primary insurer for all Americans?*

We find that **South Carolina Democrats support the policy, by a margin of 77 percent to 14 percent.** This trend is stable across demographic trends, with the strongest support found among black Democrats and Democrats aged fifty-five to sixty-four. In particular, **black Democrats in South Carolina support Medicare for All by a margin of 82-11 percent.**

## South Carolina Democrats Support Medicare Expanding Medicare to Become the Primary Insurer for All Americans



VITMS SC, 767 LV, 12/19-12/29, MoE ±4.6%

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After this, we included a more detailed question on Medicare for All, explaining more about how it would work:

*Now turning back to ‘Medicare for All,’ some have proposed a plan that would put everyone onto a single, government-run plan. This plan would have no premiums, no co-pays, and no deductibles for all healthcare services.*

*Would you support or oppose such a plan?*

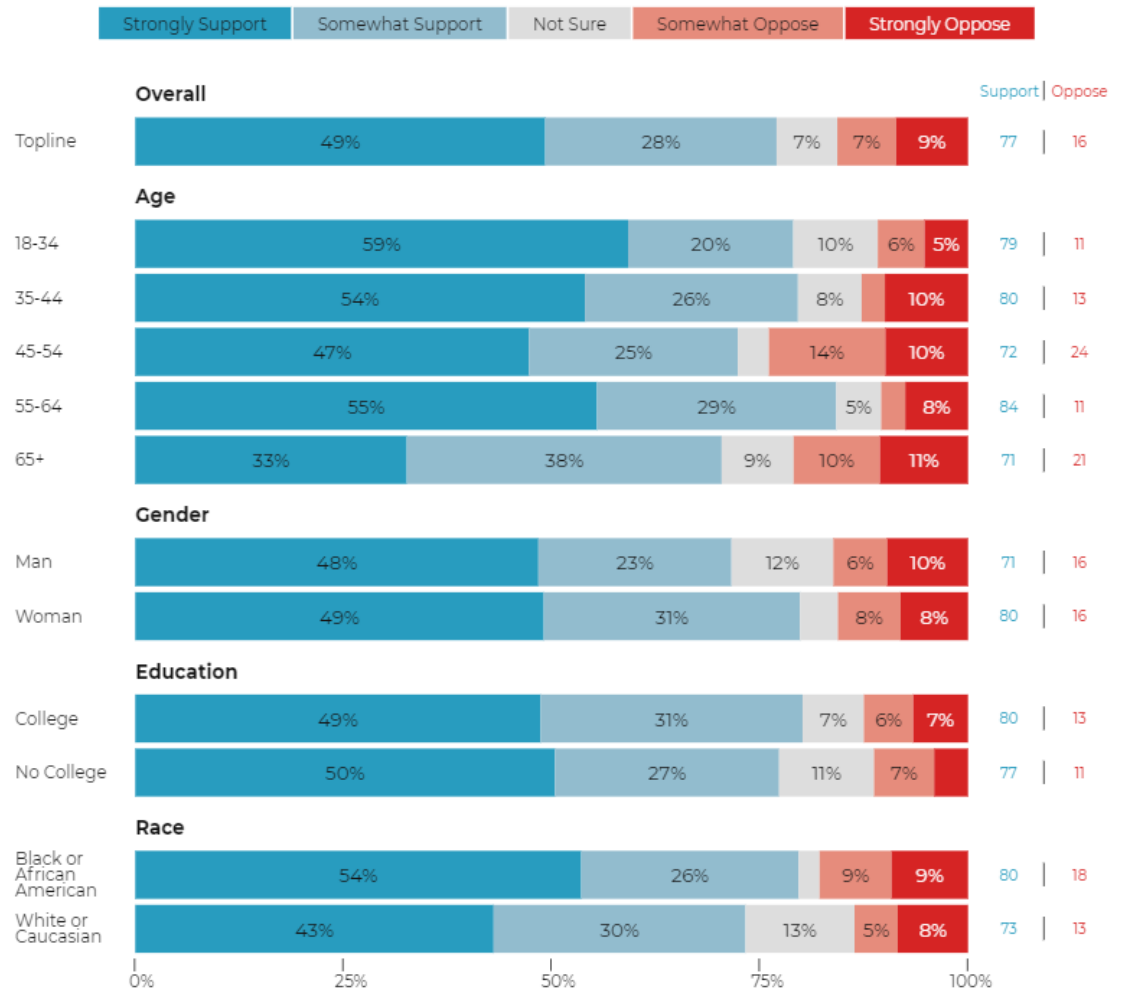
We find that support is similarly strong to the more general question about expanding Medicare. **In this more detailed question, 77 percent of South Carolina Democrats support Medicare for All, and 16 percent oppose it.** Men are less likely to respond positively to this question’s wording; 71 percent supported it in the detailed question, compared to 76 percent for the general question. However, support among women was virtually unchanged: 79 percent in the general question, compared to 80 percent in the detailed question. Voters over the age of sixty-five support it slightly less as well, with support falling from 79 percent to 71 percent. Please see the demographic breakdowns below:

## Methodology

Between December 19th and December 29th, 2019 Data for Progress conducted a randomized survey of 767 likely voters matched to the voter file in the State of South Carolina using a text-to-web survey from respondents from a commercial voter file. To conform to the highest quality polling standards, the sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, urbanicity, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 4.7$  percent.

## South Carolina Democrats Support Medicare for All

When told it includes a single government plan with no premiums, co-pays or deductibles



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