Memorandum: Minnesota voter data

Morning Consult Internal Tracking Poll – November 2020 – MN data

- Top three voting issues (out of 14 options) in Minnesota – % of voters’ top two options:
  - 27% Coronavirus
  - 23% Economy/Jobs
  - 12% Health Insurance Coverage and Costs

- Top three concerns (of 7 options) in Minnesota – % of very or somewhat worried:
  - Going into debt to pay for medical expenses – 57%
  - Not having the coverage I need to afford major medical expenses – 55%
  - Not being able to afford my out-of-pocket costs to pay for hospital bills – 54%

- Top three health care issues (of 12 options) in Minnesota:
  - The cost of health insurance premiums – 40%
  - Pre-existing conditions protections – 30%
  - Out of pocket costs not covered by your insurance such as copays and deductibles – 22%

- Top three solutions by support in Minnesota:
  - Have fair, consistent prices for certain services, like an MRI, so hospitals can’t charge wildly different prices – 89%
  - Cut down on administrative costs and overhead – 89%
  - Provide consumers with information about costs in advance so they can make better choices – 86%

- The top policy solutions out of 14 options Minnesotans saw as priorities for Biden’s first 100 days:
  1. Reduce wasteful spending in health care by eliminating unnecessary procedures, duplicate testing and administrative overhead.
  2. Place a cap on the amount health insurers can make patients pay out-of-pocket.
  3. (tied) Ensure that insurance coverage applies from the first time you use it (vs. a deductible).
  3. (tied) Make out-of-pocket costs like co-pays and deductibles more affordable by providing standardized insurance benefits.

- % agree with the statement: We should not make health care more political by allowing bureaucrats to pick and choose which medicines Americans should get through government price-setting schemes.
  - 79% - Conservative voters
  - 70% - Moderate voters
  - 61% - Liberal voters

- 75% agree with the statement: Keeping a strong American biopharmaceutical industry is a matter of national security to protect us from future pandemics.

- 85% agree with the statement: Keeping a strong and resilient health care system is important to protect against future pandemics.

- 75% of Minnesotan voters believe government should work more closely with the pharmaceutical industry to develop treatments and a vaccine for the coronavirus.
Public Opinion Strategies Internal Tracking Poll – December 2020 – national data
- 87% of voters agree the coronavirus pandemic has shown the large and important role drug companies have in research and development for discovering new treatments, cures and vaccines.

Morning Consult Internal Tracking Poll – February 2021 – national data
- Do you favor or oppose an affordability board that would allow state government to set drug prices? 50% favor; 20% oppose
- If you knew each of the following, would you be more likely to favor or more likely to oppose an affordability board that would allow state government to set drug prices?
  - It would decide what medicines you can and can’t get: 20% favor; 62% oppose
  - It would hurt jobs: 9% favor; 69% oppose
  - It would lower the costs of some drugs: 69% favor; 8% oppose
  - Savings would mostly go to state government and not patients: 14% favor; 70% oppose

Morning Consult Internal Tracking Poll – March 2021 – national data
- Do you favor or oppose an affordability board that would allow state government to set drug prices? 50% favor; 20% oppose
- If you knew each of the following, would you be more likely to favor or more likely to oppose an affordability board that would allow state government to set drug prices?
  - Savings would mostly go to state government and not patients: 14% favor; 70% oppose