NATIONAL SURVEY OF SENIORS REGARDING THE
MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT
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Hello, this is ____ with Dynata, a national public opinion research company. We're talking with seniors today about some prescription drug issues. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation (DO NOT PAUSE).

A. Are you under the age of 65, or are you 65 or older?

>   UNDER AGE 65 .... GO TO QUESTION B
>   65 OR OLDER .... GO TO QUESTION C
>   REFUSED .... THANK AND CLOSE

B. Is there anyone else in your household age 65 or older?

>   YES .... May I speak with that person please? GO TO INTRO
>   NO .... THANK AND CLOSE

C. Have you signed up for the Medicare prescription drug benefit, also known as Medicare Part D?

>   YES 1   GO TO Q. D
>   NO 2   THANK AND CLOSE
>   DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 3   THANK AND CLOSE

D. Are you registered to vote in the state where you live?

>   YES 1
>   NO 2   THANK AND CLOSE
>   DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 3   THANK AND CLOSE

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1. In general, would you prefer (ROTATE: a Republican or a Democrat) as your next representative in Congress?

>   REPUBLICAN 40%
>   DEMOCRAT 39%
>   DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATES (VOL.) 9%
>   DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION (VOL.) 13%

Now, I would like to read you a list of names of people and groups and have you tell me, for each one, whether you've heard of that person or group and, if so, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them. If you haven't heard of the person or group, just say so: (RANDOMIZE)

		FAV	*UNFAV*	*NO OPINION*	*NEVER HEARD OF*
2.	Donald Trump	42%	49%	9%	0%
3.	Nancy Pelosi	39%	49%	10%	3%
4.	Drug Manufacturers	21%	52%	20%	8%
5.	Health Insurance Companies	44%	31%	21%	4%

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.
Results based on 800 respondents, with a margin of error of plus-or-minus 3.46 percent.

6. How many *prescription* drugs do you take on a daily basis?

> ZERO 8%
> ONE 11%
> TWO OR THREE... 26%
> FOUR OR FIVE 23%
> MORE THAN FIVE.. 31%
> DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)................... 1%

Attitudes Toward Current Part D Plan

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7. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your current Medicare Part D prescription drug plan?

> SATISFIED 83%
> DISSATISFIED... 14%
> DON'T KNOW 4%

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8. Does your current Medicare Part D prescription drug plan cover the drugs you need?

> YES... 82%
> NO... 12%
> DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION... 6%

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9. Would you say your current Medicare Part D prescription drug plan is convenient or inconvenient to use?

> CONVENIENT.. 92%
> INCONVENIENT 5%
> DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION... 3%

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10. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the number of pharmacies that are included in your current Medicare Part D prescription drug plan?

> SATISFIED 90%
> DISSATISFIED... 6%
> DON'T KNOW 4%

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11. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the amount of money you pay out of pocket for prescription drugs with your current Medicare Part D prescription drug plan?

> SATISFIED 67%
> DISSATISFIED... 30%
> DON'T KNOW 4%

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12.   Do you get most of your prescriptions (ROTATE: through a mail-order pharmacy, in person at a chain pharmacy like CVS or Walgreens, in person at big retail stores like Wal-Mart or a grocery store, or in person at a local independent pharmacy)?

MAIL ORDER 24%
CHAIN PHARMACY 34%
RETAIL STORE OR GROCERY STORE 21%
LOCAL INDEPENDENT PHARMACY 17%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 4%

Attitudes Toward Part D Proposal

13.   Have you seen, read, or heard anything recently about proposed changes to the Medicare Part D program?

YES 25%
NO 73%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 3%

14.   As you may know, drug manufacturers set list prices for their brand name drugs. Manufacturer rebates are price concessions provided by drug manufacturers.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services has proposed eliminating the use of rebates in negotiations between health plans and drug manufacturers. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to eliminate these rebates?

GOOD IDEA 25%
BAD IDEA 45%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 30%

15.   And, generally speaking, do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the federal government to regulate the negotiations between private companies?

GOOD IDEA 40%
BAD IDEA 43%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 18%

16.   Which of the following comes closer to your view about drug rebates: (ROTATE)

   a)   Rebates drive up the cost of prescription drugs because they force the drug manufacturers to increase their list prices so they can then give rebates to health insurance plans that provide drug benefits to consumers.

   b)   Rebates reduce the cost of prescription drugs because they force the drug manufacturers to compete with other manufacturers to keep costs low and be included in the list of covered drugs for consumers by health insurance plans that provide drug benefits for consumers.

DRIVE UP COST 31%
REDUCE COST 41%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 28%

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Now I would like to read you a list of statements regarding the proposed elimination of rebates in negotiations for prescription drugs covered by Medicare Part D plans. For each of the following, please tell me if that statement makes you more likely to support the elimination of rebates, less likely to support the elimination of rebates, or if the statement has no effect on your opinion regarding the elimination of rebates. (RANDOMIZE):

	MORE LIKELY	*LESS LIKELY*	*NO EFFECT*	*DON'T KNOW*
17. The Department of Health and Human Services commissioned four studies showing eliminating rebates would increase costs for seniors before finally finding one that said it would cut costs, and is only focusing on the one that supports their proposal.	20%	32%	33%	15%
18. This plan is supported by the major drug manufacturing companies currently setting list prices for prescription drugs.	21%	32%	36%	12%
19. The Department of Health and Human Services admits that this plan will increase premiums for seniors by 25 percent.	26%	44%	20%	10%
20. Recent studies have shown that drug manufacturers are continuing to increase prices for brand-name drugs even though the rebate levels have not changed.	29%	29%	30%	13%
21. Medicare Part D consistently costs the federal government less than originally estimated.	26%	18%	41%	14%
22. Eliminating rebates in Part D negotiations will increase the cost to taxpayers by $196 billion.	23%	37%	27%	13%

23. If the Department of Health and Human Services eliminates the rebate negotiations from Medicare Part D and premiums go up, would that make you more likely to vote for President Trump's reelection, less likely to vote for President Trump's reelection, or would that have no real effect on your vote?

MORE LIKELY 11%
LESS LIKELY 32%
NO REAL EFFECT 51%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 6%

24. If your U.S. senator or representative supported eliminating the rebate negotiations from Medicare Part D and premiums go up, would that make you more likely to support his or her reelection, less likely to support his or her reelection, or would that have no real effect on your support?

MORE LIKELY 6%
LESS LIKELY 44%
NO REAL EFFECT 46%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 5%

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Demographics

Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

D1. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an Independent, or a Democrat)?

REPUBLICAN 33%
INDEPENDENT... 28%
DEMOCRAT... 33%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED 6%

D2. Thinking back to the presidential election in 2016, did you vote in that election, or were you not able to vote that year? IF VOTED, ASK: And did you vote for (ROTATE: Donald Trump, the Republican, Hillary Clinton, the Democrat), or did you vote for a third-party candidate?

YES, TRUMP 40%
YES, CLINTON 36%
YES, THIRD PARTY 5%
NO, DIDN'T VOTE 5%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED 14%

D3. What was the last year of school you completed?

LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL 3%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE 21%
SOME COLLEGE 27%
COLLEGE GRADUATE 25%
POST-COLLEGE 21%
REFUSED.. 4%

D4. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

65 TO 69 .... 29%
70 TO 74 .... 32%
75 TO 79 .... 20%
80 TO 84 .... 11%
85 TO 89 .... 5%
90 OR OLDER 3%
REFUSED.. 0%

D5. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF "NO," ASK: What would you say is your main race: white, African-American, Asian, or something else?

YES/HISPANIC 4%
NO/WHITE.. 83%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN................................. 7%
NO/ASIAN 1%
OTHER 5%
REFUSED.. 1%

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D6.   Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

$15,000 OR LESS 9%
$15,000 TO $30,000 .... 14%
$30,000 TO $50,000 .... 16%
$50,000 TO $75,000 .... 16%
$75,000 OR MORE 27%
REFUSED... 19%

D7.   Gender (from observation)

MALE 45%
FEMALE 55%

That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

D8.   WRITE IN STATE FIPS CODE: _____

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