

May Omnibus Poll (Third Way)

May 20-24, 2026

This poll surveyed 1,776 registered voters via online panel from May 20, 2026 to May 24, 2026. Results were weighted by gender, age, race, education, and 2024 and 2020 vote recall to match population demographics. The margin of error is ±2.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Q1. Who do you blame for the high cost of healthcare in the United States?

	A lot of blame	Some blame	Very little blame	No blame
Doctors	10%	35%	29%	27%
Nurses	2%	10%	26%	62%
Specialists	12%	39%	26%	24%
Hospitals	24%	44%	17%	15%
Hospital administrators	24%	42%	17%	17%
Hospital executives	37%	39%	11%	13%
Government	58%	32%	6%	4%
Health insurance companies	57%	31%	5%	7%
Pharma companies	56%	29%	6%	9%
PBMs	18%	40%	18%	23%
Medical device manufacturers	26%	42%	18%	14%
Private equity companies	37%	40%	12%	11%

Q2. Below are some aspects of the health insurance system. For each aspect, say whether you think the government or the private sector would handle it better?

	Government would do better	Private companies would do better
Making sure everyone who needs care gets it	53%	47%
Limiting the amount hospitals charge	58%	42%
Employing doctors	24%	76%
Approving or denying claims	34%	66%
Ensuring new prescription drugs come to the market	44%	56%
Running hospitals and clinics day to day	26%	74%
Developing new medical treatments and technologies	30%	70%
Getting you an appointment quickly	20%	80%
Handling billing and paperwork	24%	76%
Deciding what treatments and procedures insurance should cover	40%	60%
Running health insurance for people under 65	43%	57%
Managing mental health and addiction treatment programs	32%	68%
Providing healthcare in rural areas with few doctors	44%	56%
Holding doctors and hospitals accountable for mistakes	55%	45%
Protecting patient privacy	38%	62%
Preventing fraud and waste	50%	50%

Q3. Below are some broad theories of how to fix the healthcare system. For each, say how much it would help you:

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Not sure
We should put all Americans on one government-run plan to ensure everyone gets treatments and negotiate against hospitals	28%	26%	10%	22%	13%
We should allow Medicare to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies to get lower rates	51%	34%	5%	3%	7%
We should ban hospitals from merging if it reduces competition	22%	32%	16%	9%	20%
We should ban private equity companies from buying up hospitals and emergency rooms	39%	30%	11%	5%	15%
The government should set price ranges for how much hospitals can charge for different procedures	39%	34%	9%	8%	10%

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	5%

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of James Swimmington?

Strongly approve	0%
Somewhat approve	0%
Somewhat disapprove	0%
Strongly disapprove	0%
Not sure	100%

Q6. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

White	73%
Black or African American	12%
Hispanic or Latino	9%
Asian	3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Other	2%

Q7. What is your age?

18–34	16%
35–49	25%
50–64	29%
65+	30%

Q8. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

No high school diploma	3%
High school or GED	25%
Some college	34%
Bachelor's degree	25%
Graduate or professional degree	13%

Q9. What is your gender?

Male	47%
Female	53%

Q10. What is your annual household income?

Under \$25,000	24%
\$25,000–\$49,999	26%
\$50,000–\$74,999	20%
\$75,000–\$99,999	12%
\$100,000–\$149,999	10%
\$150,000+	6%
Prefer not to say	2%

Q11. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	100%
No	0%
Not sure	0%

Q12. How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 general election?

Definitely will vote	70%
Probably will vote	14%
Fifty-fifty	10%
Probably will not vote	3%
Definitely will not vote	3%

Q13. Who did you vote for in the 2024 presidential election?

Republican Donald Trump	48%
Democrat Kamala Harris	45%
Libertarian Chase Oliver	0%
Green Jill Stein	0%
I did not vote	7%

Q14. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

Democrat	38%
Republican	38%
Independent	22%
Something else	2%

Q15. If you had to choose, would you say you typically lean more toward Democrats or more toward Republicans?

Conditional; If [Independent, Something else] to Q#14

Lean more toward Democrats	35%
Lean more toward Republicans	30%
Neither	35%

Q16. Using the following scale, how would you describe yourself politically?

Very conservative	16%
Somewhat conservative	19%
Moderate	38%
Somewhat liberal	15%
Very liberal	13%

Q17. And in 2020, who did you vote for in the presidential election?

Donald Trump	45%
Joe Biden	48%
Someone else / didn't vote	7%

Q18. If the 2026 Congressional elections were held today, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate?

Definitely Republican	30%
Probably Republican	11%
Probably Democratic	9%
Definitely Democratic	37%
I would not vote	3%
Not sure	9%