

Question 3: Do you favor or oppose giving some people under the age of 65 the option to buy insurance through the Medicare program?

		STRONGLY FAVOR	FAVOR SOMEWHAT	LEAN TOWARD FAVORING	NEITHER / NOT SURE / DON'T KNOW	LEAN TOWARD OPPOSING	OPPOSE SOMEWHAT	STRONGLY OPPOSE	Count
Ohio Residents		38.2%	30.7%	2.4%	11.9%	1.6%	7.8%	7.3%	839
Sex	Male	35.5%	30.2%	2.0%	11.5%	3.0%	7.8%	10.0%	406
	Female	40.7%	31.2%	2.8%	12.3%	0.2%	7.9%	4.9%	433
Sex and Race Combined	African - American	55.5%	31.5%	2.6%	7.7%		2.7%		81
	White male	28.7%	31.9%	2.4%	13.1%	3.1%	9.2%	11.7%	337
	White female	39.7%	30.6%	2.8%	12.5%	0.2%	8.4%	5.7%	359
Age	18 to 29	30.3%	32.5%	2.1%	14.6%	1.4%	9.7%	9.4%	153
	30 to 45	44.2%	32.4%	1.3%	13.9%		3.4%	4.7%	179
	46 to 64	46.5%	27.6%	1.7%	8.7%	2.6%	8.6%	4.2%	287
	65 and over	29.0%	32.7%	4.7%	11.9%	0.8%	9.3%	11.7%	204
Education	Less than high school	48.6%	17.2%		24.9%		3.8%	5.5%	94
	High school graduate	32.8%	35.3%	4.2%	12.5%	0.9%	7.9%	6.5%	281
	Some college	37.7%	30.0%	1.3%	10.1%	2.9%	8.6%	9.4%	252
	College graduate	41.6%	31.3%	2.5%	7.8%	1.0%	8.9%	6.8%	205
Poverty Status	138% and below FPL	50.3%	26.4%	0.2%	16.6%		5.2%	1.3%	181
	Between 138% and 200% FPL	39.6%	24.6%	0.9%	11.6%		9.2%	14.1%	116
	Above 200% FPL	34.6%	34.4%	3.5%	8.7%	2.4%	7.7%	8.6%	450
Party Identification	Democrat	61.3%	26.5%	2.1%	4.5%		5.0%	0.6%	314
	Independent	36.5%	26.2%	4.1%	25.0%	1.0%	5.4%	1.8%	120
	Republican	17.9%	34.8%	2.5%	13.9%	3.3%	11.8%	15.7%	313
Ideology	Liberal	64.1%	19.0%	4.8%	6.4%		4.8%	1.0%	150
	Moderate	36.8%	37.1%	3.6%	11.6%	0.5%	8.0%	2.3%	285
	Conservative	22.4%	30.9%	0.7%	15.6%	4.0%	9.0%	17.3%	293
Registered to Vote	Yes	37.9%	32.3%	2.4%	9.8%	1.9%	8.5%	7.2%	704
	No	40.1%	22.9%	2.5%	22.4%		4.1%	8.0%	134
Insurance Status	Insured	37.3%	31.1%	2.4%	12.3%	1.7%	8.3%	7.0%	785
	Not insured / Don't know*	52.7%	24.4%	3.4%	5.3%		1.5%	12.7%	52
General Health Rating	Excellent / Very good	34.4%	28.9%	0.7%	16.6%	3.0%	9.0%	7.5%	363
	Good	29.6%	38.6%	5.5%	9.2%	0.8%	8.0%	8.3%	290
	Fair / Poor	59.2%	22.1%	0.9%	6.9%		5.3%	5.5%	184
Geographical Region	Northeast Ohio	43.0%	25.1%	2.6%	11.7%	1.3%	8.6%	7.7%	333
	Northwest Ohio	29.6%	44.6%	0.2%	8.7%	3.7%	5.5%	7.7%	98
	Central Ohio	37.2%	29.7%	2.9%	13.6%	1.2%	8.3%	7.1%	148
	Southeast Ohio*	42.6%	38.1%	3.9%	7.9%		3.7%	3.9%	64
	Southwest Ohio	33.7%	31.8%	2.4%	14.0%	1.7%	8.5%	7.9%	196
Rural or Urban County	Urban county	44.8%	26.4%	1.7%	9.0%	0.9%	11.1%	6.2%	375
	Suburban county	33.3%	36.4%	2.9%	12.4%	1.0%	4.1%	10.0%	230
	Rural, small city	32.5%	32.2%	3.1%	16.1%	3.2%	6.3%	6.5%	233

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q4a0e What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason that you FAVOR giving some people under the age of 65 the option to buy insurance through the Medicare program?		
	Frequency	Percent
1 THE CURENT SYSTEM IS 'BROKEN'	15	2.6%
2 PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES DO NOT COVER ENOUGH	5	0.9%
3 COST OF HEALTH CARE / COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE (NEC)	21	3.6%
4 CRITIQUE OF EMPLOYER / HEALTH INSURANCE TIE	9	1.6%
15 I SUPPORT SINGLE-PAYER INSURANCE (NEC)	6	1.0%
16 EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE / HEALTH CARE	47	8.0%
17 EVERYONE DERSERVES / HAS A RIGHT TO HEALTH INSURANCE	30	5.1%
18 HEALTH INSURANCE IS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE AT EVERY AGE	5	0.8%
19 AFFORDABILITY / AFFORDABLE INSURANCE FOR ALL	10	1.7%
29 THEY NEED IT / NEED (NEC)	45	7.7%
30 RESERVED FOR SELECT GROUPS / CIRCUMSTANTIAL (NEC)	26	4.6%
31 FOR PEOPLE CLOSE TO THE CURRENT AGE FOR MEDICARE / RETIRED A FEW YEARS EARLY	45	7.7%
32 FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES / SERIOUS ILLNESS / PRE-EXISTING CONDITION	61	10.6%
33 FOR HARDSHIP / POOR / THOSE WHO REALLY NEED IT	40	6.9%
34 SOME PEOPLE CAN'T GET INSURANCE THROUGH AN EMPLOYER	10	1.6%
35 OTHER FORMS OF HEALTH INSURANCE ARE TOO EXPENSIVE	41	7.2%
40 SHOULD HAVE THE OPTION TO PURCHASE / IF THEY WANT IT SHOULD BUY IT	31	5.4%
41 ONLY IF THE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING IT PAY SOME ADDITIONAL FEES	5	0.9%
42 IT WOULD BE A GOOD ECONOMIC POLICY	8	1.4%
43 PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE MORE OPTIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE	21	3.6%
45 CURRENTLY GET INSURANCE THROUGH MEDICARE (UNDER 65)	7	1.2%
46 MEDICARE IS CHEAPER / CHEAPEST OPTION	15	2.7%
47 IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH (NEC)	9	1.6%
996 OTHER*	43	7.4%
998 DON'T KNOW	24	4.1%
Total	579	100.0%

*Other responses include codes with fewer than 5 responses.

q4boe What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason that you OPPOSE giving some people under the age of 65 the option to buy insurance through the Medicare program?		
	Frequency	Percent
3 MEDICARE DOESN'T CURRENTLY HAVE THE FUNDING TO EXPAND	17	12.7%
4 THE BENEFITS OF PEOPLE CURRENTLY ON MEDICARE WOULD BE DIMINISHED	5	3.3%
11 THE GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED WITH HEALTH INSURANCE	6	4.3%
32 PEOPLE WITH JOBS DON'T NEED MEDICARE / GET INSURANCE THROUGH EMPLOYER	10	7.2%
34 PLENTY OF OTHER OPTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE	14	10.1%
35 THOSE WHO HAVEN'T WORKED FOR IT HAVEN'T PAID FOR IT / HAVEN'T EARNED IT	9	6.7%
36 IT IS FOR PEOPLE 65+ / IT TAKES 65 YEARS TO EARN IT	6	4.4%
42 PEOPLE SHOULD PAY INTO IT / NOT A FREE PROGRAM	5	3.5%
50 PEOPLE ARE LAZY / WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SYSTEM	10	7.6%
55 I DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR IT / DON'T WANT MY TAX MONEY FUNDING IT	7	5.2%
996 OTHER*	39	28.7%
998 DON'T KNOW	9	6.2%
Total	137	100.0%

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