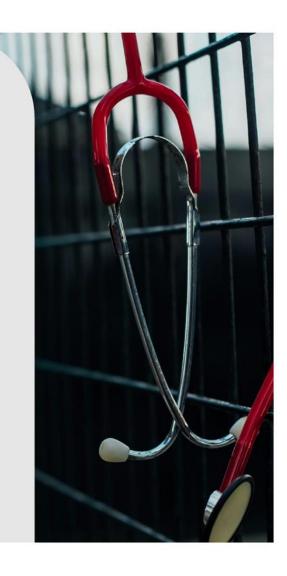


# Democrats Have a Winning Hand on Healthcare

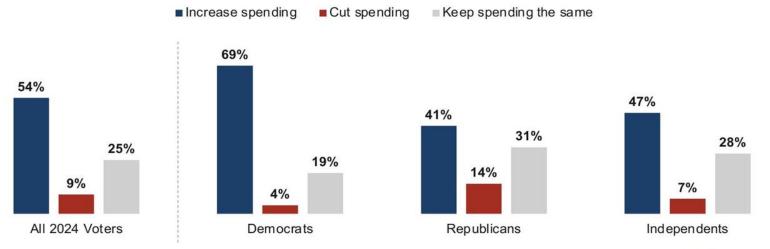
Key findings from a survey among 1,503 voters nationwide Conducted January 16-20, 2025.





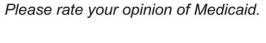
### Most voters want to <u>increase</u> funding for healthcare, and very few think healthcare spending should be cut

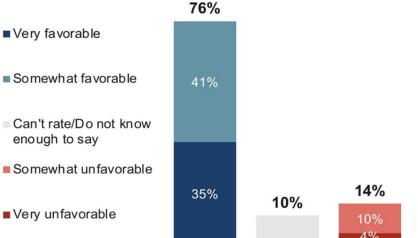
Do you think the federal government should increase the amount of money it spends on healthcare, cut the amount of money it spends on healthcare, or keep the amount it spends on healthcare about the same as it is now?



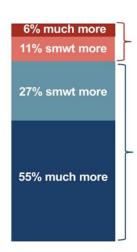


## A large majority of voters have a favorable opinion of Medicaid and see it as an important source of health coverage rather than as a wasteful welfare program.





Which one of the following statements do you think better describes Medicaid today?



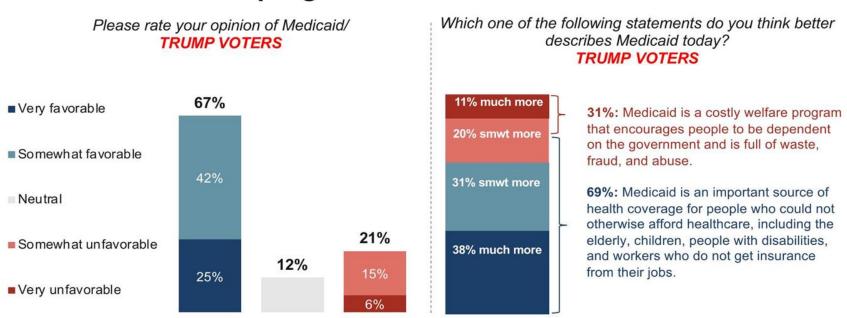
**18%:** Medicaid is a costly welfare program that encourages people to be dependent on the government and is full of waste, fraud, and abuse.

**82%:** Medicaid is an important source of health coverage for people who could not otherwise afford healthcare, including the elderly, children, people with disabilities, and workers who do not get insurance from their jobs.



Note: Medicaid is personal to many Americans: 37% say they, or someone in their immediate family, benefit from it, including 38% of Trump voters.

## Like voters overall, Trump voters are favorable to Medicaid and see it as an important source of healthcare rather than as a wasteful welfare program.

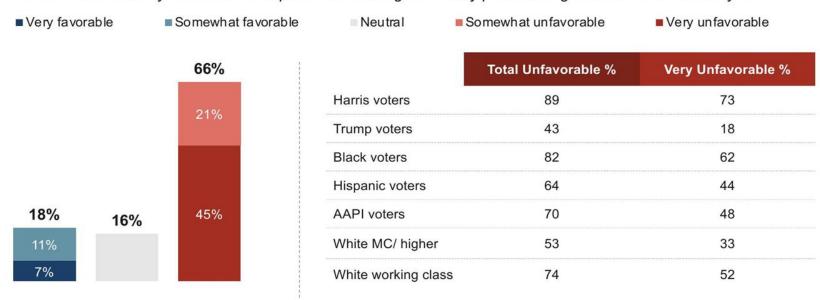




85% of working class and lower-income whites say Medicaid is an important source of health coverage, including 62% who feel strongly that way

#### Two-thirds of voters, including over 40% of Trump voters, say the GOP's push to cut Medicaid makes them unfavorable to Republicans.

How would it make you feel about Republicans in Congress if they push for large cuts to Medicaid this year?





#### These facts about Medicaid are particularly important to voters.

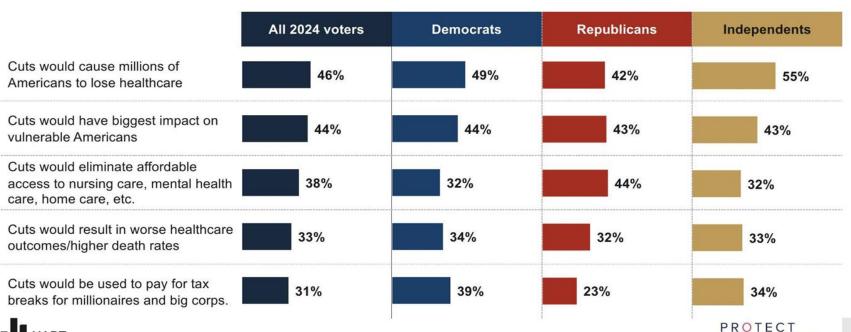
- Medicaid provides essential care for over 10 million adults with disabilities, and Medicaid is the only source of health coverage for millions of children with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities.
- Medicaid provides healthcare to almost half of all children in America, helping over 30 million children get the healthcare they need.
- Nearly a million non-elderly veterans--many of whom suffer with chronic conditions--rely on Medicaid for all or part of their healthcare.

- Over eight million lower-income seniors rely on Medicaid for affordable and essential healthcare, from vision care to long-term care.
- Medicaid helps pay the costs for almost twothirds of all nursing home residents nationwide and plays a key role in helping families afford quality nursing home care for their elderly parents and family members with disabilities.
  - Medicaid provides essential home care services that allow elderly people and people with disabilities to stay in their homes and communities, while reducing burdens on families.



### Biggest concerns about Medicaid cuts are millions losing coverage and impact on key vulnerable populations.

Top 2 biggest concerns





Voters are most concerned about the impact of Medicaid cuts on seniors and children, and veterans are a priority for Republican voters.

	All 2024 voters	DEM	GOP	IND
Low-income seniors	51%	51	50	47
Children	42%	43	40	40
Veterans, including those with chronic conditions	29%	19	40	21
Workers who cannot get insurance from their jobs	22%	26	17	26
People of color, including Black, Latino, and Native American communities	15%	25	5	14
Families dealing with mental illness	13%	13	13	17
Rural communities and people who live in rural American	11%	10	11	20
Families dealing with drug addiction	4%	2	5	5



# Medicaid Is A Lifeline For Moms and Kids.

Medicaid serves over 31 million children and 18.5 million women

- Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that serves low-income adults, seniors, and children.
- Medicaid provides health care to **nearly half of all mothers** and children, including:
  - Health care and assistance in school for over 2.3 million children with disabilities
  - Maternity care and postpartum care for a full year in 49 states
  - Annual physicals, dental visits, and vision care
  - Screening and treatment for mental and behavioral health





#### GOP Budget Harms Moms & Kids

#### \$880 billion in Medicaid cuts:

- Equivalent to nearly a year of Medicaid spending
- Throw millions of women and caregivers off health care in states with Medicaid work requirements and trigger laws
- Threaten coverage for 31 million kids
- Risk health care for:
  - more than half of Black and Latino moms and kids
  - o half of children in rural areas
- Force rural hospitals to close and lead to more maternity care deserts



# Medicaid Cuts are Part of the GOP War on Health Care

- Republicans are sabotaging the Affordable Care Act.
- Refusing to extend ACA tax credits will increase premiums by an average of 90% for over 20 million people and lead 5 million to lose coverage.
- Trump Administration proposed a rule this week that rolls back ACA protections and kick up to 2 million off coverage. This follows a 90% funding cut for navigators.
- Americans can't afford to lose health care, especially when Trump is driving the economy into a ditch.
- Repealing or sabotaging the Affordable Care Act which could take away health care from 24 million people who buy their insurance on their own

