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Prescription Drug Pricing Polling Results, 2016 – 2018

There is strong evidence that Americans across the political spectrum support reforms to increase access to medicines and curb pharmaceutical industry monopoly abuses.

- 90% of Americans say passing legislation to bring down the price of prescription drugs should be a top or important priority ([Kaiser March 2018 Poll](#))
- 84% of voters are more likely to back candidates who support taking action to lower prescription drug prices ([Social Security Works March 2018 Poll](#))
- 83% of Americans say Republicans in Congress are not doing enough, 82% say Democrats in Congress are not doing enough, and 77% say President Trump and his administration are not doing enough to bring down the cost of prescription drugs. ([Kaiser March 2018 Poll](#))
- 92% of Americans favor allowing Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on medications ([Kaiser April 2017 Poll](#))
- 86% of Americans support requiring drug companies to release information to the public on how they set their drug prices ([Kaiser April 2017 Poll](#))
- 78% of Americans support limiting the amount drug companies can charge for high-cost drugs for illnesses like hepatitis or cancer ([Kaiser April 2017 Poll](#))
- 80% of Americans say prescription drug costs are unreasonable ([Kaiser March 2018 Poll](#))
- 76% of older Americans, including 74% of Trump voters, believe that prescription drug prices are the result of big drug company monopolies or the deals their lobbyists make ([AARP 2017 Poll](#))
- Two-thirds of Americans favor making prescription drugs public goods paid for by the federal government ([Lake Research Partners 2016 Poll](#))
- 75% of Americans favor shortening the length of monopoly granted on prescription drugs so that cheaper generic drugs are made available sooner ([Lake Research Partners 2016 Poll](#))
- Americans went from seeing the pharmaceutical industry favorably by four points in 2014 to unfavorably by 17 points in 2016 (Gallup [2016](#) & [2017](#) Polls)
- Nearly 9 out of 10 small business owners think prescription drug prices in America are too high, and 84% also believe the prices of specialty or lifesaving drugs are too high ([Small Business Majority 2016 Poll](#))
- 90% of small business owners believe that prescription drugs developed with taxpayer dollars should be made affordable to every American ([Small Business Majority 2016 Poll](#))
- 88% of small business owners agree that it should be illegal for a drug company to pay another company that makes generic drugs to delay the release of a generic drug ([Small Business Majority 2016 Poll](#))