



## Clinton Edges Trump on Health Care – Everyday Health (blog)

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More Americans believe Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton to do a very good job on health care points than Republican rival Donald Trump, a new *HealthDay/Harris Poll* studies.

However, neither candidate has earned the arrogance of a majority of U.S. adults on the subject of health care, the ballot discovered.

Forty-six % of adults assume Clinton will do a general good job with health care coverage, in comparison with 33 % who really feel the identical means about Trump.

Clinton additionally acquired extra help relating to particular elements of health care:

- 37 % thought she would do a superb or good job making health care affordable, in contrast with 26 % for Trump.
- 36 % believed she might enhance the standard of each health care and health insurance coverage, in contrast with 26 % and 28 %, respectively, for Trump.
- 48 % are an amazing deal or considerably assured she'll do an excellent job dealing with each Medicare and Medicaid, in contrast with 35 % and 32 %, respectively, for Trump.
- 45 % are assured she'll handle the Veteran's health care system (VA) nicely, in contrast with 39 % for Trump.

The ballot concerned 2,027 adults and was carried out on-line in English between Aug. three and 5.

Overall, help seems tepid for each candidates relating to health care, stated Humphrey Taylor, chairman emeritus of the Harris Poll.

“While the public is somewhat less negative about Clinton, the most striking result is how negative attitudes are to both candidates,” Taylor stated. “Less than 50 percent of the public give either of them a positive response in any of the questions.”

This weak help is especially fascinating for Clinton, given her lengthy monitor report on health care points. Clinton led the primary try at health care reform again within the 1990s, in the course of the presidency of her husband, Bill Clinton.

“Given that Clinton has such a long experience in health care policy — more than 20 years — and that Trump has virtually none, it is perhaps surprising that she only has a rather modest advantage on health care issues,” Taylor stated.

Michael Cannon, director of health coverage research for the conservative Cato Institute, agreed.

“Majorities of Americans believe neither Hillary Clinton nor Donald Trump will make health care better,” Cannon stated. “They’re probably right. This is a vote of no confidence in both candidates.”

Both candidates are saddled with excessive general negatives, and that could possibly be influencing how individuals reply when requested about particular coverage questions, stated Karlyn Bowman, a senior fellow and analysis coordinator for the conservative American Enterprise Institute.

“Both of these candidates have very high unfavorable ratings, and I think these ratings on health care may reflect the general negativity there is regarding both candidates,” Bowman stated.

At the identical time, Americans sometimes place health care excessive on the record of points essential to them, and it is telling that a majority belief neither candidate on this significant matter, Bowman stated.

“They think health care has become more expensive, and they aren’t confident that either candidate can make health care affordable for you and me,” she stated.

Despite the shortage of majority help, it should not be ignored that Clinton is far more trusted than Trump on health care coverage, stated Ron Pollack, founding government director of the health shopper advocacy group Families USA.

“There is a clear difference at least in terms of greater confidence about her role in health care than Donald Trump,” Pollack stated. “That’s not surprising, because she has focused on health care for decades and really understands how policy can make a huge difference for consumers. Trump really is a neophyte in this area.”

The ballot outcomes additionally present that this election is partially a referendum on the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the health care reform measure that’s the centerpiece of President Barack Obama’s time period in workplace, Pollack stated.

More than three in 5 Americans (62 %) would belief Hillary Clinton to maintain the ACA, whereas greater than half (56 %) would belief Donald Trump to repeal it, based on the outcomes.

“My theory is that by the latter part of 2017, the debate about the ACA will be over,” Pollack stated. “If Trump wins, the key architecture of the ACA will be repealed, and there will be enormous restructuring of Medicaid. On the other hand, if Secretary Clinton were to win, it puts an end to that debate because everyone will realize it’s futile to talk about repealing the statute.”