

Support for Policies Related to Public Health Among U.S. Adults

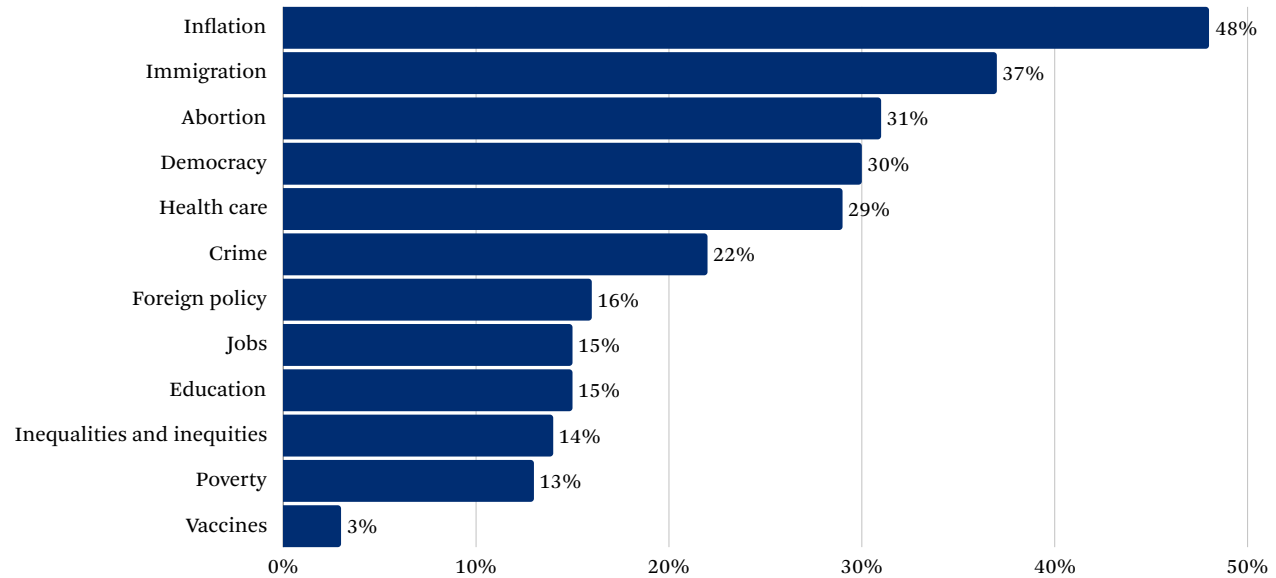
Preliminary Data from a Nationally Representative Survey Fielded After the 2024 Presidential Election

A new national public opinion study led by researchers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and supported by the Bloomberg American Health Initiative found broad public support for a range of public health policies after the 2024 presidential election. The researchers surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,236 U.S. adults aged 18 and older using the NORC AmeriSpeak Omnibus online panel. Data were collected from November 21 to 25, 2024, to assess opinions on public health following the election, including support for various policies and the top issues that mattered to voters during the 2024 presidential election.

Support for Policies Related to Public Health

Policies	% of Americans who strongly support or support this policy
Ensuring veterans have access to comprehensive health benefits	86%
Coordinating care for older Americans with multiple chronic health conditions	82%
Imposing stricter standards for safe drinking water	81%
Prohibiting health insurance companies from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions	81%
Ensuring that school meals meet nutrition standards to help reduce childhood obesity	81%
Requiring health insurance to provide cancer screening at no cost to patients	80%
Programs that provide people with low incomes access to safe and nutritious food	80%
Greater access to treatment for drug addiction	78%
Providing a legal way to temporarily remove guns from people who are behaving dangerously and at risk of being violent	77%
Protections for teenagers from harms of social media	75%
Requiring a permit and registration to purchase a firearm	75%
Reducing the amount of air pollutants that a specific source (like a car or factory) can release in the air	74%
Continue government support for safe and effective vaccines	74%
Redesigning roads to be safer for people walking, biking, and driving	74%
Including sensors in cars to prevent a driver who is impaired from driving	65%
Increasing enforcement against illegal vaping products	65%
Requiring health insurance to provide over the counter birth control at no cost to patients	64%
Raising the price of tobacco and nicotine products to reduce youth use	61%
Adding fluoride to public drinking water to reduce dental cavities	47%
Permitting access to raw milk	25%
Removing pollution controls on US businesses	24%
Removing school vaccination requirements for children	20%

Issues that mattered to Americans during the 2024 election



Key Preliminary Findings: Strong Support for Public Health Strategies Among U.S. Adults

- A large majority of adults support public health strategies across a range of issues including access to health care for veterans, safer roads, and clean air and water.
- Over 80% of adults support programs that provide low-income individuals with access to safe and nutritious food or ensure school meals meet nutrition standards to help reduce childhood obesity.
- Support for policies designed to keep people safe in their homes and communities are also popular. 77% of adults support providing a legal way to temporarily remove guns from people who are behaving dangerously and are at risk of being violent.
- There is much less support (25% or fewer of U.S. adults) for policies not supported by evidence of public health benefits, including permitting access to raw milk, removing pollution controls on U.S. businesses, or removing school vaccination requirements for children.

Data were weighted to the latest Current Population Survey benchmarks developed by the U.S. Census Bureau and are balanced by gender, age, education, race and ethnicity, and region. By political affiliation the sample was: 44% Democrat, 17% Independent, 39% Republican. Respondents could choose up to three issues that mattered to them during the election. These data will be further analyzed to determine differences by demographics, who respondents voted for, and socio- and political identities.