I. Informed Consent

This study is being conducted by Emilia Hoppe, who is a student at Dartmouth College.

I am asking you to be in a research study. This form gives you information about the research. Your participation is voluntary and you may decline the survey or withdraw at any time. I am asking you to be in this research because I want to study what people think about health care in the United States. I ask for your attention for the time it takes to complete this survey and I thank you for your attention and your responses. There is a risk of loss of confidentiality if your information or your identity is obtained by someone other than the investigators, but precautions will be taken to prevent this from happening. Any online interaction carries some risk of being accessed. You may feel emotionally uneasy when asked to make judgements based on the information provided in the study. The research has no affiliation with any political candidate or campaign, and has received no financial support from any political candidate or campaign. I estimate that you will spend 8-10 minutes participating in this particular study. Efforts will be made to limit the use and sharing of your personal research information to people who have a need to review this information. I will do my best to keep your participation in this research study confidential.

Participants will receive compensation from the survey firm for participating.

Please contact the head of the research study (principal investigator), Emilia Hoppe at (emilia.r.hoppe.22@dartmouth.edu; Address: Emilia Hoppe, Department of Government, 211 Silsby Hall, 3 Tuck Mall Hanover, NH 03755.) if you have questions or concerns about the research.

INFORMED CONSENT TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH
Your participation implies your voluntary consent to participate in the research.

I have read and understood the above consent form and desire of my own free will to participate in this study.

- Yes
- No

II. Attention Check

For our research, careful attention to survey questions is critical! We thank you for your care.

- I understand
- I do not understand

People are very busy these days and many do not have time to follow what goes on in the government. We are testing whether people read questions. To show that you've read this much, answer both "extremely interested" and "very interested."

- Extremely interested
- Very interested
- Moderately interested
- Slightly interested
- Not interested at all

III. Political Attitudes

Generally, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent
- Something else

IF ANSWER = DEMOCRAT

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

- Strong Democrat
- Not very strong Democrat

IF ANSWER = REPUBLICAN

Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

- Strong Republican
- Not very strong Republican

IF ANSWER = INDEPENDENT or SOMETHING ELSE

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- Closer to the Republican Party
- Closer to the Democratic Party

When it comes to politics, would you describe yourself as liberal, conservative, or neither liberal nor conservative?

- Extremely liberal
- Liberal
- Slightly liberal
- Moderate; middle of the road
- Slightly conservative
- Conservative
- Extremely conservative

Did you vote in the 2020 US presidential election

- Yes
- No
- I don't recall

How closely do you follow the news?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all

IV. Demographic Questions

What is your highest completed level of education?

- Some high school
- High school degree
- Some college
- 2-year college degree
- 4-year college degree
- Post-graduate degree

What is your age in years?

- 18-24
- 25-34

- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 or older

In which state do you live?

- [Dropdown menu]

What is your 5-digit zip code?

- [Text-entry box]

Information about income is very important to understand how people are doing financially these days. The next question is about your household's total income in 2021, before taxes.

What is your best guess of your household's total income in 2021. Your answer to this question will remain confidential.

- [Dropdown menu]

Are you an American citizen or permanent resident?

- Yes
- No

What is your gender?

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary
- Other [with optional text-entry]

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- Yes
- No

Please choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be. (Mark all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other

Select the category which best describes you

- Employed for wages
- Self-employed
- Out of work for 1 year or more
- Out of work for less than 1 year
- A homemaker
- A student
- Retired
- Unable to work

IF ANSWER = EMPLOYED FOR WAGES or SELF-EMPLOYED
Do you have a physical or mental health condition or disability that affects the number of hours of work you perform in a week?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

V. Disability Questions

Please answer the following questions [Matrix]

	Yes	No	Not sure
Some people who are deaf or have serious difficulty hearing use assistive devices to communicate by phone. Are you deaf or do you have serious difficulty hearing?			
Are you blind or do you have serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses?			

Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?			
Do you have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?			
Do you have difficulty dressing or bathing?			
Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?			

Have you ever received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)?

- Yes, I do currently
- Yes, I did in the past
- No, never
- Not sure

Has anyone else in your household ever received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)?

- Yes, currently
- Yes, in the past
- No, never
- Not sure

VI. Treatments

t-expand

Now we would like to ask you about an excerpt from a recent news article. Please read the short text displayed on the next screen carefully and answer the questions that follow. The text is based on a recent news article but has been edited for our research purposes.

Many political experts think that Congress will soon pass a major piece of legislation that would substantially improve health care coverage for Americans with health issues and disabilities. Experts predict that this legislation, which is part of a larger bill that addresses a range of social issues, would result in greatly expanded access to high-quality and affordable medical care for a large number of Americans.

t-restrict

Now we would like to ask you about an excerpt from a recent news article. Please read the short text displayed on the next screen carefully and answer the questions that follow. The text is based on a recent news article but has been edited for our research purposes.

Many political experts think that Congress will soon pass a major piece of legislation that would substantially restrict health care coverage for Americans with health issues and disabilities. Experts predict that this legislation, which is part of a larger bill that addresses a range of social issues, would result in severely diminished access to high-quality and affordable medical care for a large number of Americans.

IF ASSIGNED TO t-expand OR t-restrict: Factual manipulation check

According to the paragraph you just read, what is a potential consequence of the legislation?

- Expanded access to health care for many Americans
- Restricted access to health care for many Americans
- No change for access to health care for many Americans

t-placebo

Now we would like to ask you about an excerpt from a recent news article. Please read the short text displayed on the next screen carefully and answer the questions that follow. The text is based on a recent news article but has been edited for our research purposes.

GPT-2 randomly generated text[1]

t-control

[nothing displayed, skip directly from disability questions to outcome questions]

VII. Outcome Questions

How likely are you to vote in the 2022 US general election?

- Definitely will

[1] See Section 2 of Appendix for more information.

- Probably will
- Probably will not
- Definitely will not

During the next year, how likely are you to… [Matrix, order of scale randomized]

	Definitely will not	Probably will not	Probably will	Definitely will
Attend local political meetings (such as school board or city council)				
Put up a political sign (such as a lawn sign or bumper sticker)				
Work for a candidate or campaign				
Donate money to a candidate, campaign, or political organization				

Please rate how much you agree with the following statements. [Matrix, order of scale for the following two questions randomized in the same direction for each participant]

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel that I could do as good of a job in public office as most other people					
I think I am as well-informed about politics and government as most people					
I don't often feel sure of myself when talking with other people about politics and government					
I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the					

important political issues facing our country					
I consider myself well-qualified to participate in politics					
Sometimes politics and government seems so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on					

Please rate how much you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
There are many legal ways for citizens to successfully influence what the government does					
Under our form of government, the people have the final say about how the country is run, no matter who is in office					
If public officials are not interested in hearing what the people think, there is really no way to make them listen					
People like me don't have any say about what the government does					

We would like to hear about your attitudes towards political participation in your own words.

Please write a few sentences describing what kinds of things motivate you to take political actions or discourage you from engaging in politics [Long response box].

VIII. Debrief

This study is an academic research project designed to study what people think about health care in the US, conducted by Emilia Hoppe in the Government Department at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH.

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Thank you for your time. If you have questions you may contact Emilia Hoppe at emilia.r.hoppe.22@dartmouth.edu.