

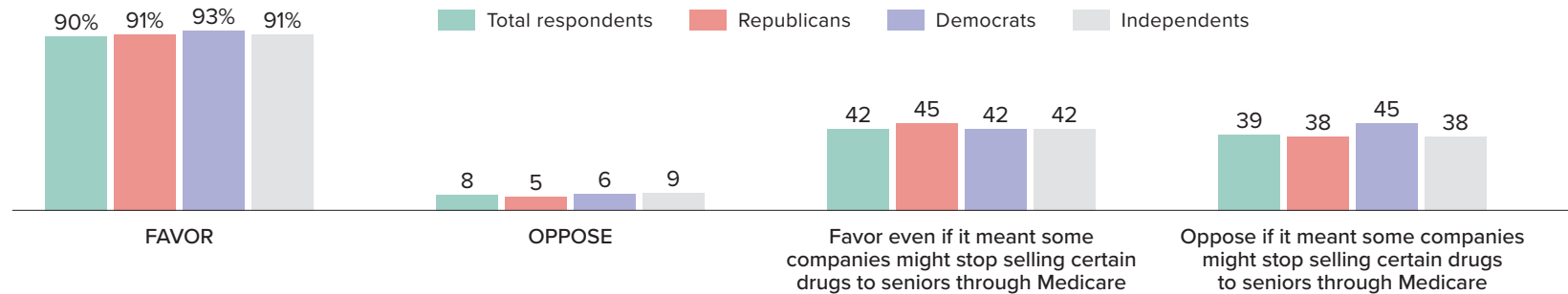
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POLITICO-HARVARD T.H. CHAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH POLL

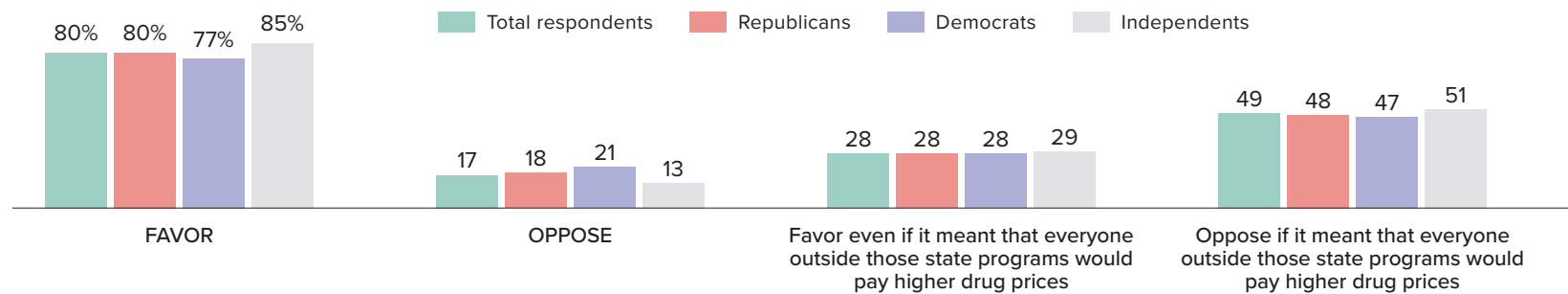
## Americans Want Government to Crack Down on Drug Pricing

Americans say they want the government to crack down on drug pricing — that is, until they consider the potential side effects, according to a new POLITICO-Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health poll.

**Q: ON MEDICARE NEGOTIATING DRUG PRICES**  
Would you favor or oppose the federal government negotiating with pharmaceutical companies to lower the prices of prescription drugs for seniors on Medicare? Would you still favor this if it meant some pharmaceutical companies might stop selling certain prescription drugs to seniors through Medicare because of these lower prices, or would you now oppose these negotiations?



**Q: ON REQUIRING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES TO SELL DRUGS TO STATE HEALTH PROGRAMS AT LOWER PRICES**  
Do you favor or oppose requiring pharmaceutical companies to sell drugs to state health programs for the same price paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs, or V.A., which typically pays the lowest prices on medicines? Would you still favor this if it meant that everyone outside those state programs would pay higher drug prices, or would you now oppose such a requirement?



Note: Responses do not sum to 100 percent because respondents who did not have an answer or refused to answer are not shown.

This survey was conducted for POLITICO and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted via telephone (cellphone and landline) from Feb. 21-25, 2018, among a nationally representative sample of 1,007 randomly selected U.S. adults. The margin of error is  $\pm 5.2$  percentage points for the above questions, which were asked of half-samples. The data were weighted to reflect the demographics of the national adult population as described by the U.S. Census. The questions were developed jointly by a Harvard research team and editors at POLITICO Pro.

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