

# Republican “Toss-Up” Battleground Congressional Districts Survey

**Method:** Landline, Mobile & Text-to-Web Interviews

**Universe:** Likely Voters

**Sample Size:** 1,000

**Margin of Error:** +/- 3.1%

**Field Dates:** October 15-19, 2025

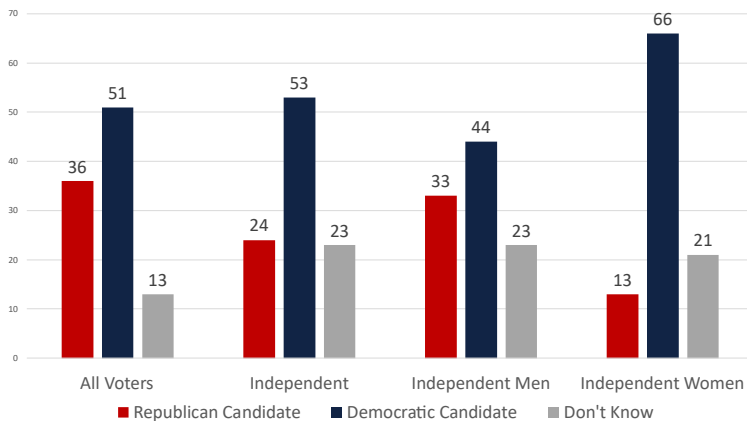


## Healthcare Tax Credits Are Critical to Protecting Republican House Majority

This battleground survey in eight Republican “toss-up” districts highlights preserving the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits will be a critical factor in whether or not Republicans protect their majority control in congress.

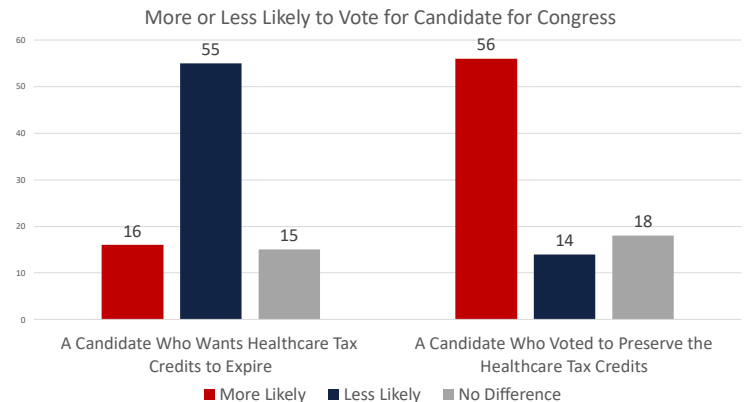
### Republicans Have Edge on Shutdown; Democrats Should End the Shutdown; But Republicans Must Avert Health Care Tax Hike or Risk Losing House Majority

- The majority (53% to 36%) believes “Democrats should compromise with Republicans to reopen the government so congress can work together to preserve the Enhanced Premium Healthcare Tax Credits and prevent a healthcare tax hike on hardworking Americans and small businesses.” By a 27-point margin, half of undecided voters for congress agree (49% to 22%).
- Democrats get blamed slightly more than Republicans for the federal government shutdown overall: 39% blame Democrats, 36% blame Republicans, and 23% blame both parties. Among undecided voters for Congress, the blame tilts more towards Democrats (20% to 12%), but two-thirds (65%) blame both parties, signaling frustration with Washington dysfunction and a desire for Congress to reopen government and get back to work on addressing important issues like averting a looming healthcare tax hike.
- Protecting the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits could be a major wedge issue in the midterm elections. If Republicans refuse to protect the healthcare tax credits, they will be giving Democrats a big election issue advantage. The majority of voters (51% to 36%) are more likely to vote for “a Democratic candidate who fought to preserve and protect the Enhanced Premium Healthcare Tax Credits for working Americans” rather than “a Republican candidate who refused to protect the Enhanced Premium Healthcare Tax Credits and wanted them to expire.” The majority of Independents (53% to 24%) would vote for the Democratic candidate. The Democratic candidate advantage expands among Independent women (66% to 13%).



- Reinforcing the political downside, the majority (55%) would be less likely to vote for a candidate for congress who wanted the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits to expire, resulting in a healthcare tax hike. The majority of Independents (55%) would be less likely to vote for this candidate. A candidate for congress who let the healthcare tax cuts expire would also be vulnerable to more pointed messages:

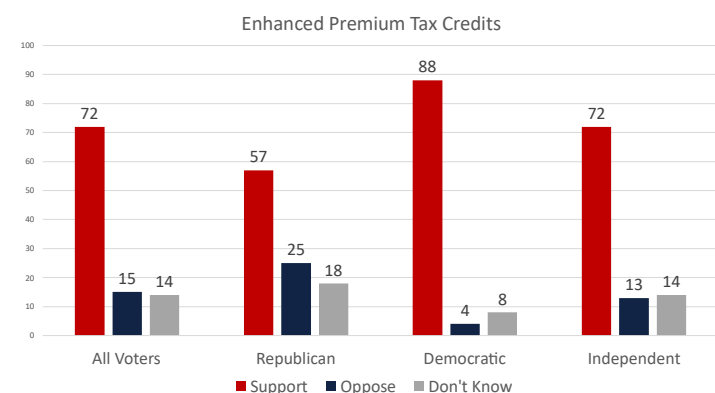
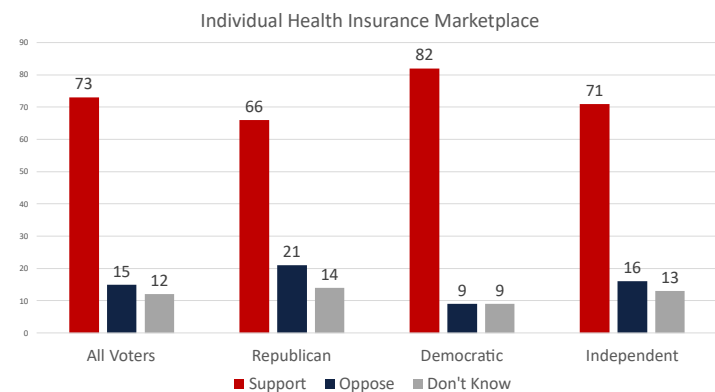
- 57% less likely to vote for a candidate who let the Healthcare Tax Credits expire, causing monthly insurance premiums to skyrocket by an average of 75% for hardworking Americans and small businesses.
- 56% less likely to vote for a candidate who let the Healthcare Tax Credits for working class Americans to expire, causing approximately 4 million Americans to lose their health insurance.



- On the other hand, Republicans can neutralize a Democratic wedge issue and capitalize by voting to protect the healthcare tax credits. An equal majority (56%) would be more likely to vote for a candidate for congress who voted to preserve the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits, protecting millions of working-class Americans from a healthcare tax hike. The majority (55%) of Independents would be more likely to vote for this candidate.

## The Individual Health Insurance Marketplace & Enhanced Premium Tax Credits Are Popular

- Essentially three-quarters (73% to 15%) support the Individual Health Insurance Marketplace that allows individuals and families to compare and purchase health plans. There is majority bipartisan support among Republicans (66%), Democrats (82%) and Independents (71%).
- Likewise, the overwhelming majority (72% to 15%) supports the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits. Although the support is higher among Democrats (88%), the majority of Republicans (57%) support the healthcare tax credits. The healthcare tax credits are popular (72%) among Independents who will cast the deciding votes in these toss-up congressional districts.
- By greater than a 2 to 1 ratio (55% to 23%), the majority considers the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits to be tax credits that lower the cost of healthcare rather than subsidies that increase government spending.



**Methodology:** This survey was conducted in The Cook Political Report’s 8 Republican “toss-up” battleground congressional districts among 1,000 likely voters between October 15-19, 2025. Interviews were divided equally (n125) in each district: AZ 1, AZ 6, CO 8, IA 1, MI 7, PA 7, PA 10 and WI 3. The survey included a mix of landline phone, mobile phone, and text-to-web interviews. Interview selection was at random within predetermined election units. The accuracy of the sample of 1,000 likely voters is within +/- 3.1% at a 95% confidence interval. The numbers in this memorandum have been rounded and may not equal 100%.

| Party:      |     | Gender:  |     | Education:     |     |
|-------------|-----|----------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Republican  | 39% | Male     | 48% | Less/Bachelors | 57% |
| Democratic  | 33% | Female   | 52% | Bachelors/PG   | 43% |
| Independent | 28% |          |     |                |     |
| Age:        |     | Race:    |     |                |     |
|             |     | White    | 83% |                |     |
| 18-34       | 17% | Hispanic | 10% |                |     |
| 35-44       | 16% | Black    | 3%  |                |     |
| 45-54       | 16% | Asian    | 3%  |                |     |
| 55-64       | 19% | Other    | 1%  |                |     |
| 65+         | 33% |          |     |                |     |