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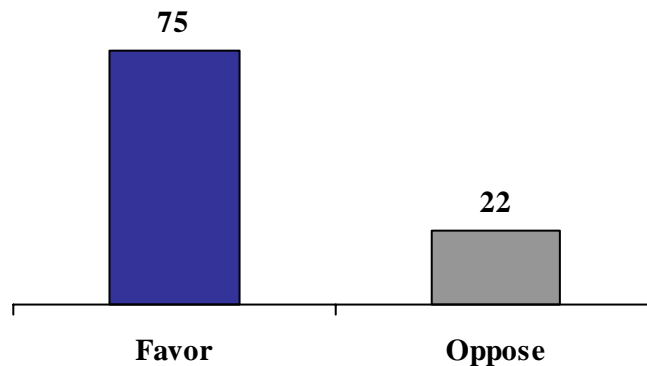
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Voters Oppose Government Negotiation of Medicare Prescription Drug Prices Once They Learn Details

Voters initially favor having the government negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies.

- **Approximately three-fourths favor the idea regardless of party identification, ideology, gender, or age.**

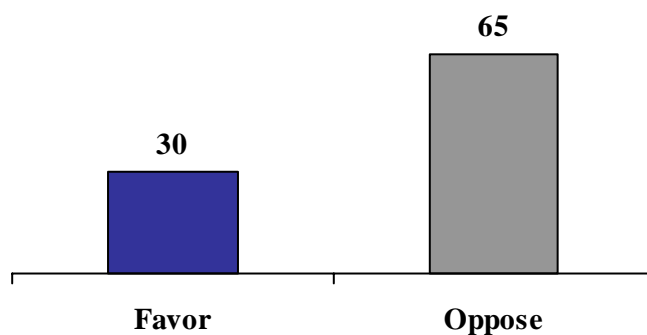
“Some have proposed allowing the government to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies to get lower Medicare prescription drug prices. What about you, would you favor or oppose having the government negotiate for lower prices.”



Support plummets when voters hear more details, with just 30% in favor and 65% opposed.

- **After hearing details, just 28% of Republicans, 31% of independents, and 32% of Democrats favor the plan.**
- **Support declines particularly dramatically among voters age 65 and older, to just 21%.**

“What if you knew that this proposal would mean you would only be able to choose from a limited list of government-approved prescription drugs. Knowing this, would you favor or oppose the plan?”



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