

# MENTAL HEALTH AND SCHIZOPHRENIA SURVEY

Interview Schedule



**PUBLIC OPINION  
STRATEGIES**

turning questions into answers



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N=1,000 Registered Voters

N=250+ Clients

N=1,000 Credibility Interval:  $\pm 3.53\%$

N=250 Credibility Interval:  $\pm 7.07\%$

**NATL = Data shown among N=1,000 National Registered Voter sample**

**CLNT = Data shown among N=491 Client sample.**

An asterisk (\*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response.

Note: due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

Please read the list below of names of different groups and organizations. For each one, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable image of that group or organization. If there is a group or organization you don't know too much about, just indicate that and go on to the next one.

	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	VERY FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	VERY UNFAV OPIN	NO HRD	NVR
1. The nation's health care system								
<b>NATL</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>51%</b>	11%	28%	26%	26%	9%	2%
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>76%</b>	3%	13%	31%	45%	6%	1%
2. The private health insurance companies								
<b>NATL</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>46%</b>	12%	32%	23%	23%	10%	1%
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>62%</b>	5%	23%	27%	35%	8%	1%
3. Medicare (A)								
<b>NATL</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>21%</b>	29%	38%	13%	7%	12%	*
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>30%</b>	13%	33%	22%	8%	23%	2%
4. Medicaid (B)								
<b>NATL</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>19%</b>	27%	39%	10%	9%	15%	*
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>26%</b>	16%	36%	17%	9%	22%	1%
5. The mental health care system								
<b>NATL</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>43%</b>	13%	31%	25%	18%	12%	1%
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>78%</b>	6%	12%	25%	53%	3%	*

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For each of the below list of conditions people live with, please indicate how familiar you would say you are with each one. Would you say you are very, somewhat, not very, not at all familiar?

	<b>TOTAL FAMILIAR</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR</b>	<b>Very Familiar</b>	<b>Smwt Familiar</b>	<b>Not Very Familiar</b>	<b>Not At All Familiar</b>
6. Cancer						
<b>NATL</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>	42%	41%	11%	6%
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>	40%	43%	11%	6%
7. Diabetes						
<b>NATL</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>16%</b>	41%	43%	11%	5%
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>23%</b>	36%	41%	16%	7%
8. Heart disease						
<b>NATL</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>23%</b>	29%	49%	16%	7%
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>27%</b>	32%	41%	19%	8%
9. Schizophrenia ( <b>ASK ONLY OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE</b> )						
	<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>	17%	35%	30%	18%
10. Serious mental illness (such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and other psychotic spectrum disorders) ( <b>ASK SAMPLE A OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE, ASK ALL OF CLIENT SAMPLE</b> )						
<b>NATL</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>33%</b>	27%	40%	21%	12%
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1%</b>	90%	9%	1%	*
11. Mental illness ( <b>ASK ONLY SAMPLE B OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE</b> )						
	<b>80%</b>	<b>20%</b>	40%	40%	12%	8%
12. Alzheimer's Disease						
<b>NATL</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>27%</b>	28%	46%	17%	10%
<b>CLNT</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>27%</b>	27%	45%	17%	10%

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE A)**

13/15. In your opinion, how important is the issue of mental illness in the United States today?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
54%	86%	Extremely important
32%	9%	Very important
11%	1%	Moderately important
2%	4%	Slightly important
1%	1%	Not important at all
<b>97%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>
<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE B)**

14/16. In your opinion, how important is the issue of serious mental illness (**NATIONAL PANEL ONLY: such as schizophrenia and other psychosis disorders**) in the United States today?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
46%	88%	Extremely important
37%	10%	Very important
13%	1%	Moderately important
4%	1%	Slightly important
1%	*	Not important at all
<b>96%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>
<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>

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**(ASK ALL)**

17. And, how important do you believe mental health care is compared to physical health care?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
7%	10%	Mental health is much more important
9%	11%	Mental health is somewhat more important
77%	75%	They are equally important
5%	1%	Physical health is somewhat more important
2%	2%	Physical health is much more important
<b>16%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>TOTAL MENTAL</b>
<b>77%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>EQUALLY IMPORTANT</b>
<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>TOTAL PHYSICAL</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE A)**

18. Generally speaking, how would you rate the availability of mental health services in your community?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
6%	2%	Excellent
25%	11%	Very good
35%	36%	Fair
14%	22%	Poor
8%	28%	Very poor
12%	*	Don't Know
<b>30%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>
<b>35%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>FAIR</b>
<b>22%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>TOTAL POOR</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE B)**

19. Generally speaking, how would you rate the availability of mental health services in the country?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
3%	3%	Excellent
14%	3%	Very good
42%	23%	Fair
24%	30%	Poor
10%	38%	Very poor
6%	2%	Don't Know
<b>18%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>
<b>42%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>FAIR</b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>TOTAL POOR</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE A)**

20. And, which of the following two statements comes closer to your view about mental illness, even if neither one is exactly right?

**NATL   CLNT**

83%   97%   Mental illness is primarily a medical condition that requires professional treatment.

...or...

10%   1%   Mental illness is primarily a personal struggle that people need to overcome themselves.

7%   1%   Don't Know

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE B)**

21. And, which of the following two statements comes closer to your view about mental illness, even if neither one is exactly right?

**NATL   CLNT**

89%   98%   Mental health care and support is a basic human need that we should ensure people can have access to.

...or...

8%   1%   Mental health care and support is a private responsibility that everyone should handle themselves.

3%   1%   Don't Know

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22. And, do you believe that health insurance companies should be required to cover mental health care just as they do physical health care?

**NATL   CLNT**

93%   99%   Yes

3%   \*   No

4%   1%   Don't Know

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23. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Policymakers should focus on regulating health insurance practices that make it harder to get the care and treatments we need.

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
39%	54%	Strongly agree
31%	11%	Somewhat agree
6%	1%	Somewhat disagree
25%	33%	Strongly disagree
<b>69%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>
<b>31%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>

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**(Q24 ASK ONLY OF CLIENT SAMPLE)**

24. Moving on, which one of the following best describes your experience with mental illness, or with people with mental illness? Please select only your primary role.

- 27% I am a person living with a mental illness.
  - 49% I am a caregiver of someone with a mental illness.
  - 17% I am close to someone with mental illness (friend, family member, colleague, etc.) and have helped provide for that person.
  - \* I know someone with mental illness (acquaintance, neighbors, community member, etc.).
  - 6% I am a professional working in the field of mental illness (psychiatrist, psychologist, therapist, researcher, etc.).
  - \* I do not have any personal or peripheral experience with mental illness.
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**(DISPLAYED TEXT)**

For much of the rest of this poll, we're going to be talking about what is called "serious mental illness." A person living with serious mental illness typically has one or more mental, behavioral, or emotional disorders like bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and/or other psychosis spectrum disorders, resulting in serious functional impairment. The disorders can often interfere with or limit their ability to carry out daily activities.

Psychosis-spectrum disorders are any mental health condition that presents with psychosis as a primary symptom.

Psychosis is an experience that affects a person's sense of reality. It can involve hallucinations, delusions and disruptions in thinking.

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25. Do you believe that people with serious mental illnesses are getting the treatment and support they need in America today?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
4%	2%	Yes, most are getting adequate care
47%	23%	Some are, but many are not
43%	74%	No, most are not getting adequate care
5%	2%	Not Sure

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26. And, which TWO or THREE of the following do you believe are the biggest barriers to receiving mental health care?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
57%	36%	High cost of treatment and medication
44%	30%	Inadequate insurance coverage
29%	30%	Stigma and discrimination
24%	30%	Lack of public awareness and understanding
23%	33%	Treatment refusal
23%	26%	Long waitlists for services
22%	26%	Lack of early intervention
21%	32%	Insufficient number of providers
11%	18%	Lack of affordable housing
9%	21%	Inability to coordinate specialty care

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27. **(SPLIT SAMPLE A)** How confident are you that serious mental illness can be effectively treated?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
26%	48%	Very confident
54%	39%	Somewhat confident
12%	6%	Not very confident
2%	5%	Not at all confident
6%	1%	Don't Know
<b>80%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONFIDENT</b>
<b>14%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT</b>

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28. **(SPLIT SAMPLE B)** How confident are you that serious mental illness can be effectively managed?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
21%	41%	Very confident
57%	41%	Somewhat confident
14%	11%	Not very confident
4%	4%	Not at all confident
4%	3%	Don't Know
<b>78%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONFIDENT</b>
<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT</b>

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29. In your opinion, do you think the Federal Government spends too much, too little, or just about the right amount on resources for health services for serious mental illnesses?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
3%	*	Too much
75%	90%	Too little
11%	3%	About the right amount
11%	7%	Don't Know

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30. **(SPLIT SAMPLE A)** And, would you support or oppose increasing federal funding for health programs for serious mental illness?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
58%	90%	Strongly Support
29%	5%	Somewhat Support
4%	*	Somewhat Oppose
3%	1%	Strongly Oppose
6%	3%	Don't Know
<b>88%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>
<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>

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31. **(SPLIT SAMPLE B)** And, would you support or oppose increasing federal funding for health programs for serious mental illness if it meant paying higher taxes?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
37%	76%	Strongly Support
41%	14%	Somewhat Support
9%	2%	Somewhat Oppose
5%	2%	Strongly Oppose
9%	6%	Don't Know
<b>77%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>
<b>14%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE A)**

**(ASK IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE IN Q30 / Q30:1-4)**

32. And, what are the most important reasons why you **(Q30: support/oppose)** increasing funding for health programs for serious mental illnesses?

**SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES**

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33. And, would you support or oppose paying higher taxes to increase federal funding for health programs for serious mental illness if the revenue were specifically dedicated to services for serious mental illnesses, like schizophrenia and other psychotic spectrum disorders?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
18%	60%	Definitely Yes
33%	24%	Probably Yes
34%	13%	Depends/Unsure
8%	1%	Probably No
8%	2%	Definitely No
<b>51%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>TOTAL YES</b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>DEPENDS/UNSURE</b>
<b>15%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>TOTAL NO</b>

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**(Q34-35 ASK ONLY OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE)**

34. Now, on a related topic...

Which of the following, if any, best describes your experience with mental illness, or with people with mental illness? Please select as many as may apply.

- 25% I am a person living with a mental illness.
- 7% I am a caregiver of someone with a mental illness.
- 36% I am close to someone with mental illness (friend, family member, colleague, etc.) and or have helped provide care for that person.
- 38% I know someone with mental illness (acquaintance, neighbor, community member, etc.).
- 3% I am a professional working in the field of mental illness (psychiatrist, psychologist, therapist, researcher, etc.).
- 28% I do not have any personal or peripheral experience with mental illness.

**51% TOTAL LIVING WITH/CAREGIVER/CLOSE TO**

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**(IF Q34:1-3, ASK)**

35. Which of the following best describes how you have been impacted, if at all, specifically by schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder?

- 41% A family member or close friend has been diagnosed with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder.
  - 34% I have supported someone (friend, family member) with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder.
  - 29% I am interested in this issue, but I have not been personally affected.
  - 9% I have been diagnosed with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder.
  - 7% I am not particularly interested in the issue of schizophrenia or psychosis spectrum disorder
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**(Q36-37 ASK ONLY OF CLIENT SAMPLE)**

36. Now, focusing specifically on schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders...

Which of the following best describes your experience with schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders... (Please select all responses that accurately describe your situation)

- 25% I am a person living with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder.
- 53% I am a caregiver of someone with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder.
- 25% I am close to someone with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder and have helped provide care for that person (friend, family member, colleague, etc.).
- 10% I know someone with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder. (acquaintance, neighbor, community member, etc.).
- 9% I am a professional working in the field of schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders. (psychiatrist, psychologist, therapist, researcher, etc.).
- \* I do not have any personal or peripheral experience with schizophrenia or other psychosis spectrum disorder.

**95% TOTAL LIVING WITH/CAREGIVER/CLOSE TO/KNOW SOMEONE**

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**(IF Q36:1-4, ASK)**

37. How long have you or the person you know with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder lived with this condition?

- 2% 0-1 years
  - 7% 1-3 years
  - 13% 3-5 years
  - 24% 5-10 years
  - 55% 10+ years
  
  - Don't Know
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**(Q38-40 ASK ALL)**  
**(SPLIT SAMPLE A)**

38. How common do you believe it is for someone to be diagnosed with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
10%	11%	Very common
42%	38%	Somewhat common
29%	37%	Not very common
4%	6%	Not at all common
15%	8%	Don't Know
<b>52%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>TOTAL COMMON</b>
<b>33%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT COMMON</b>
<b>15%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE B)**

39. How common do you believe it is for someone to be living with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
17%	16%	Very common
45%	47%	Somewhat common
26%	27%	Not very common
2%	5%	Not at all common
10%	6%	Don't Know
<b>62%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>TOTAL COMMON</b>
<b>27%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT COMMON</b>
<b>10%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>

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40. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your view about people living with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder, even if neither one is exactly right?

**NATL   CLNT**

86%   91%   With proper treatment and support, most can manage symptoms caused by schizophrenia or other psychosis spectrum disorders and live a productive and meaningful life.

...or...

14%   9%   Due to the severity of this condition, most people with schizophrenia or other psychosis spectrum disorders cannot live a productive and meaningful life.

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**(Q41 ASK ONLY OF CLIENT SAMPLE)**

41. How effective do you believe current treatments are for schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders?

11%   Very effective

54%   Somewhat effective

25%   Not very effective

6%   Not at all effective

3%   Not sure

**65%   TOTAL EFFECTIVE**

**31%   TOTAL VERY EFFECTIVE**

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE A)**

42. Generally speaking, do you believe that Medicare and Medicaid should cover the costs for schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorder treatments, just like it does for cancer treatments?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
85%	96%	Yes
5%	1%	No
10%	3%	Don't Know

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE B)**

43. Generally speaking, do you believe that private health insurance should cover the costs for schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorder treatments, just like it does for cancer treatments?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
90%	95%	Yes
4%	1%	No
6%	3%	Don't Know

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**(Q44-56 ASK ONLY AMONG CLIENT SAMPLE) (Q44-56 ASK ONLY AMONG Q36:1-3)**

44. You indicated earlier that you had personally dealt with psychosis or other psychosis spectrum disorders, or helped provide care for someone with illnesses...

Did you or your loved one require hospitalization?

88%	Yes
11%	No
1%	Don't Know

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**(IF Q44:1, ASK...)**

45. And how long did it take to receive care after first seeking help?

31%	Immediately
21%	A few days
38%	A month or more
6%	Hospital care was not available
3%	Don't Know

**91% TOTAL RECEIVED CARE**

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**(IF Q45:1-3, ASK...)**

46. Were you or your loved one discharged from care with a clear plan for treatment (such as follow-up appointments, medication plan, next steps)?

53% Yes  
44% No  
3% Don't Know

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**(IF Q45:1-3, ASK...)**

47. Were family members included in care decisions when appropriate, or did privacy powers limit communication?

48% Yes  
46% No  
6% Don't Know

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**(IF Q45:1-3, ASK...)**

48. After receiving care, did you or your loved one remain engaged in treatment?

58% Yes  
40% No  
2% Don't Know

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**(IF Q48:2, ASK)**

49. And, what are the main reasons why you/your loved one did not remain engaged in treatment?

**SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES**

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50. And, at any time over the past year, have you been **unable** to access mental health care?

34% Yes  
62% No  
5% Don't Know

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**(IF Q50:1, ASK)**

51. And, what was the primary barrier to you getting care?

**SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES**

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**(IF Q36:2-3, ASK)**

52. Has your loved one's medical provider ever refused to share treatment information with you?

- 59% Yes
  - 38% No
  - 4% Don't Know
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**(Q53-56, ASK ONLY AMONG Q36:1-3)**

53. Specifically, has insurance coverage ever limited your (or your loved one's) access to mental health care? In a sentence or two, please explain what happened.

**SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES**

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54. Generally speaking, have gaps in the mental health system resulted in any of the following for you, your loved one, or a patient:

- 65% Hospitalization
  - 57% Refusal to seek treatment again due to past experiences
  - 50% Job loss (for individual or caregiver)
  - 44% Housing instability
  - 44% Justice system involvement
  
  - 12% None of the above
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55. Have you or your loved one ever had a mental health crisis where you sought outside help?  
Which of the following did you turn to for help?

- 73% Hospital emergency room
- 54% Friends and family members
- 54% In-person or online support groups
- 51% Law enforcement
- 42% Crisis call center like 988
- 37% Mobile crisis center
- 20% Local religious groups or organizations
- 20% Social media
- 12% AI platforms
  
- 3% Have never sought outside help

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**(ASK IF Q55:1-9)**

56. And, how helpful was the response you received?

- 20% Very helpful
- 54% Somewhat helpful
- 19% Not very helpful
- 7% Not at all helpful

**74% TOTAL HELPFUL**  
**26% TOTAL NOT HELPFUL**

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**(Q57-60 ASK ONLY AMONG NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE)**

How comfortable would you feel interacting with someone diagnosed with schizophrenia or another psychosis spectrum disorder in each of the following situations?

	<b>TOTAL COMF</b>	<b>TOTAL UNCOMF</b>	<b>Very Comf</b>	<b>Smwt Comf</b>	<b>Smwt Uncomf</b>	<b>Very Uncomf</b>
<b>Ranked by % Very Comfortable</b>						
60.	As a family member <b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>	44%	39%	12%	5%
59.	As a friend <b>79%</b>	<b>21%</b>	35%	44%	16%	5%
57.	As a co-worker <b>64%</b>	<b>36%</b>	22%	42%	27%	9%
58.	As a neighbor <b>66%</b>	<b>34%</b>	21%	45%	25%	9%

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**(Q61-67 ASK ONLY AMONG NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE)**

Based on what you have seen, read or heard about schizophrenia other psychosis spectrum disorders, please indicate whether each of the following statements are true or not true...

	<b>True</b>	<b>Not True</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
61. Schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders are brain disorders.	63%	7%	31%
62. Schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders cause hallucinations and delusions.	80%	4%	17%
63. Schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders cannot be cured. <b>(A)</b>	35%	31%	34%
64. Recovery from schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders is possible. <b>(B)</b>	60%	14%	26%
65. It is impossible for someone with schizophrenia or other psychosis spectrum disorders to lead a normal life.	19%	63%	17%
66. Schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders affect more than 2.5 million adult Americans.	58%	4%	38%
67. Most Americans who are homeless are suffering from mental illness.	46%	28%	27%

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**(ASK ONLY OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE)**

68. How effective do you believe current treatments are for schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders?

14% Very effective  
55% Somewhat effective  
12% Not very effective  
1% Not at all effective

18% Don't Know

**69% TOTAL EFFECTIVE**  
**13% TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE**  
**18% DON'T KNOW**

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**(Q69-73 ASK ALL)**

69. Which two or three of the following areas need the most increased public funding to better support people with serious mental illness and their families?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
62%	58%	Access to consistent psychiatric care and medication
37%	34%	Crisis intervention and emergency services
34%	52%	Affordable housing and supported living programs
32%	32%	Research into treatments and recovery models
29%	32%	Access to coordinated specialty care
23%	18%	Family education and caregiver support programs
18%	23%	Job training, employment support, and vocational rehabilitation
17%	19%	Anti-stigma public awareness campaigns
16%	22%	Community based resources

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70. Currently, serious mental illnesses like schizophrenia and psychosis spectrum disorder receive significantly less federal government research funding than physical diseases affecting similar numbers of people.

Some people believe that research funding for mental illness should be increased.  
...while...

Other people believe research funding for mental illness should remain the same.

Do you think federal research funding for mental illness should be...

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
39%	86%	Significantly increased
41%	9%	Somewhat increased
10%	1%	Kept at current levels
2%	*	Somewhat decreased
1%	2%	Significantly decreased
8%	2%	Don't Know
<b>79%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>TOTAL INCREASED</b>
<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>TOTAL DECREASED</b>

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71. If Congress were considering legislation to significantly increase funding for services for those living with serious mental illness, would you...

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
55%	93%	Strongly support this legislation
31%	4%	Somewhat support this legislation
4%	1%	Somewhat oppose this legislation
3%	*	Strongly oppose this legislation
8%	1%	Don't Know
<b>85%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>
<b>7%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>

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72. And, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for political office who made mental health care a top priority?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
41%	86%	Much more likely
37%	11%	Somewhat more likely
4%	–	Somewhat less likely
2%	1%	Much less likely
16%	2%	No difference
<b>78%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>TOTAL MORE LIKELY</b>
<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>TOTAL LESS LIKELY</b>

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73. On a different topic, there is a federal policy under the Inflation Reduction Act that allows the government to negotiate the prices of prescription medicines. Some argue this will help make medicines more affordable for people with Medicare coverage. Do you support or oppose this policy?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
40%	53%	Strongly support
28%	13%	Somewhat support
18%	21%	Neutral/Not sure
2%	1%	Somewhat oppose
2%	2%	Strongly oppose
9%	10%	Don't Know
<b>68%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>
<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>

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**(ASK SAMPLE A OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE, ASK ALL OF CLIENT SAMPLE)**

74. Under the same policy, the government can negotiate the prices of some prescription medicines sooner than others. Medicines that are typically taken as pills or tablets are open to price negotiation 4 years sooner than medicines given by infusion or injection at a hospital or from a doctor.

Some people are concerned this could make companies less likely to invest in developing new pill-based medicine, which could reduce future treatment options for mental health in particular, where many medicines are taken in pill form. How concerned are you about this policy?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
17%	30%	Very concerned
39%	38%	Somewhat concerned
19%	10%	Not very concerned
5%	3%	Not at all concerned
20%	20%	Don't Know
<b>56%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONCERNED</b>
<b>25%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT CONCERNED</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>

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**(ASK SAMPLE B OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE ONLY)**

75. Under the same policy, the government can negotiate the prices of some prescription medicines sooner than others. Medicines that are typically taken as pills or tablets are open to price negotiation 4 years sooner than medicines given by infusion or injection at a hospital or from a doctor.

Some people are concerned this could lead to potential increases in what the patient has to pay for their care in the treatment of mental health conditions. How concerned are you about this policy?

15%	Very concerned
47%	Somewhat concerned
13%	Not very concerned
2%	Not at all concerned
22%	Don't Know
<b>62%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONCERNED</b>
<b>24%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT CONCERNED</b>
<b>22%</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>

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**(Q76-78 ASK ALL)**

76. On a different topic, from what you may have seen, read or heard, do you believe there is enough availability in hospitals to treat people with serious mental illness?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
17%	5%	Yes
62%	89%	No
20%	6%	Don't Know

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77. Now, if you learned that based on a 1965 law, the federal government prohibits Medicaid coverage for care in psychiatric hospitals with more than 16 beds, would you favor or oppose keeping this law in place?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
5%	2%	Strongly favor
11%	2%	Somewhat favor
25%	8%	Somewhat oppose
43%	74%	Strongly oppose
16%	14%	Don't Know
<b>16%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
<b>68%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
<b>16%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>

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78. On this same issue...

Some people say that this law is still needed in order to discourage the warehousing of psychiatric patients in mental hospitals, or discharge before they receive care.

Other people say this law should be changed because it is a primary cause of the nationwide psychiatric "boarding" crisis, where patients wait for days in emergency rooms because there aren't enough inpatient beds.

Do you believe this 16-bed limitation should be kept or removed?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
4%	1%	Definitely keep limitation
9%	2%	Probably keep limitation
35%	23%	Probably remove limitation
35%	59%	Definitely remove limitation
18%	14%	Don't Know
<b>12%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>TOTAL KEEP</b>
<b>70%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>TOTAL REMOVE</b>
<b>18%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>

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**(ASK ONLY OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE)**

79. Now, please read the following information about the impact that serious mental illness like schizophrenia and other psychosis spectrum disorders have on homelessness and the criminal justice system, and please indicate which statement concerns you the most...

- 37% 67% of homeless or unsheltered individuals live with a mental health disorder
  - 33% Individuals with untreated serious mental illnesses are 16 times more likely to be involved in fatal encounters with law enforcement.
  - 20% It is estimated that nearly two-thirds of incarcerated people with mental health challenges do not receive treatment while behind bars.
  - 11% More than 40% of those in local jails and fully one-third of those in state prisons have a history of mental health issues.
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Now, in this section, we are collecting general data for statistical purposes only. As a reminder, the data are anonymous and your responses will be kept completely confidential. Thinking some more about you...

D1. In what year were you born?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
5%	1%	18 - 24
19%	9%	25 - 34
15%	11%	35 - 44
15%	16%	45 - 54
21%	26%	55 - 64
25%	36%	65 AND ABOVE

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D3A. What is the last grade you completed in school?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
*	*	Some Grade School (Grades 1-8)
3%	1%	Some High School (Grades 9-11)
25%	4%	Graduated High School (Grade 12)
7%	3%	Technical/Vocational School
26%	15%	Some College
25%	36%	Graduated College (e.g. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science)
14%	40%	Post-graduate (e.g. PhD, MD, JD, Ma)
<b>28%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS</b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>SOME COLLEGE</b>
<b>39%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>COLLEGE+</b>

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D4A. In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
21%	7%	Strong Republican
10%	3%	Not-so-strong Republican
11%	9%	Lean towards the Republicans
18%	29%	Something else/Independent
10%	16%	Lean towards the Democrats
8%	6%	Not-so-strong Democrat
23%	30%	Strong Democrat
<b>41%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
<b>41%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>

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**(ASK IF D4A:1-3)**

D4T. Do you consider yourself to be more of a supporter of Donald Trump or more of a supporter of the Republican Party?

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
32%	15%	More of a supporter of Donald Trump
46%	60%	More of a supporter of the Republican Party
21%	25%	Both

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D6A. What is your main racial or ethnic heritage? Is it...

<b>NATL</b>	<b>CLNT</b>	
70%	81%	Caucasian or White
13%	5%	African American or Black
10%	4%	Hispanic, Latino or some other Spanish speaking background
5%	5%	Asian or Pacific Islander
1%	*	American Indian or Alaskan Native
2%	4%	Other/Mixed Race

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D5A. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be...

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
16%	7%	Very conservative
20%	13%	Somewhat conservative
35%	33%	Moderate
16%	25%	Somewhat liberal
13%	23%	Very liberal
<b>36%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE</b>
<b>29%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>TOTAL LIBERAL</b>

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**(ASK ONLY OF NATIONAL PANEL SAMPLE)**

D8A. For whom did you vote in the 2024 Presidential election...

<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>VOTED</u></b>	
44%	49%	Donald Trump
43%	48%	Kamala Harris
		...Or...
3%	3%	Someone else?
10%	-	Did not vote

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D16A. Do you have children at home under the age of 18 you are responsible for raising who are not yet in college or the workforce?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
20%	11%	Yes
80%	89%	No

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D10J. Which one of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
32%	39%	A health plan provided through your employer or your spouse's employer
29%	32%	Medicare
19%	9%	Medicaid
9%	11%	A health plan you purchase yourself
2%	1%	Your parents' health plan ( <b>SHOW IF AGE 18-26</b> )
2%	3%	Some other way
1%	1%	Veteran's Health Administration (VA)
*	2%	Tricare
6%	3%	You do not have health insurance coverage

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D2B. Please record your gender.

<b><u>NATL</u></b>	<b><u>CLNT</u></b>	
48%	19%	Male
52%	79%	Female
*	2%	Non-binary or identify in some other way

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**AFTER COMPLETION OF SURVEY:**

**Once again, thank you for taking the time to provide your input for this important research project.**

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