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November 1 is a day of reckoning. For millions of Americans, it means crushing health care costs. For Trump and Republicans, it means a political disaster of their own making.

When ACA open enrollment begins, [over 20 million](#) Americans will face [sharply higher premiums](#) because Republicans stripped away the tax credits they depend on. Worse, [over 4 million Americans](#) will lose coverage entirely. All year long, Republicans chose billionaire tax breaks over the health care of working families. They even shut down the government rather than fix the problem. After the deadline passes, it will be too late.

The massive health care premium increases that Republicans are allowing is a political problem they can't avoid. They're losing on health care with voters, and they're losing on the shutdown they forced. And the voters getting hurt the most? Republicans.

Democrats Are Winning the Shutdown:

Republicans own the shutdown in the eyes of voters, and the polling shows it across the board.

- **Americans blame Republicans more than Democrats by 7-17 points** across multiple polls conducted during and after the shutdown began. ([CNN](#))
- **50% blame congressional Republicans vs. 43% blame Democrats** in the Reuters-Ipsos poll (October 15-20)
- **53% blame Trump and Republicans vs. 37% blame Democrats** in the CNBC poll (October 8-12)
 - Independents blamed Trump by nearly 3-to-1 margin: 58%-21%

Democrats are Winning on Health Care and Tax Credits:

The American people overwhelmingly support extending health care tax credits, and they will punish Republicans at the ballot box if they let them expire.

- 🇺🇸 **55% of likely voters would be less likely to vote for a candidate who wanted to let the tax credits expire** — according to a poll by McLaughlin and

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Associates (Trump's own pollster) commissioned by Americans for a Balanced Budget. "This poll makes it clear: Preserving the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits isn't just good policy, it's smart politics for Republicans looking to defend their majority in the 2026 midterms," argued the group's president. ([NY Post](#))

- 🗳️ **6 in 10 Americans are "extremely" or "very" concerned about their health costs going up** in the next year, a worry that extends across age groups and includes people with and without health insurance. ([AP News](#))
 - **4 in 10 Americans are "extremely" or "very" concerned** about not being able to pay for health care or medications they need, not being able to access health care when they need it, or losing or not having health insurance.
- 🗳️ **Over half of Americans agree** that "Republicans' healthcare cuts will kick millions off their plans and double healthcare premiums on average for millions more. Democrats in Congress should only vote for a government funding bill that reverses Republican healthcare cuts, even if that means the government shutdown continues." ([Data For Progress](#))
 - **72% are somewhat or very concerned about premiums rising**
- **Over 70% say tax credits that reduce the cost of ACA health insurance plans should be extended.** About three-quarters of Democrats and 55% of independents want Democrats in Congress to demand the extension of premium tax credits even if it extends the shutdown. ([Washington Post](#))
- **Nearly half of battleground constituents agree** that "Congress should let the government shut down to hold the line against funding cuts for healthcare programs and keeping tariffs in place." ([Navigator](#))
- **A majority say Democrats do a better job at reducing the cost of health care.** 57% believe it is the responsibility of the government to provide health insurance coverage to all Americans. ([CNBC](#))
- **More than 75% of adults say Congress should extend the premium tax credits**, including 6 in 10 Republicans. ([KFF](#))
 - **8 in 10 adults who want tax credits extended would blame Trump or Republicans in Congress** if they expire (4 in 10 blame Trump most, 4 in 10 blame congressional Republicans most)

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- **70% of adults who buy their own health insurance said they could not pay nearly doubled premiums** without significantly disrupting their household finances

Republican voters take the biggest hit with the loss of credits:

Republicans are playing with fire because their own voters in red states and red districts rely on ACA coverage more than anyone else.

- **57% of all Marketplace enrollees (more than half) live in Republican congressional districts** — at least 10% of the population is enrolled in ACA Marketplace plans throughout all congressional districts in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina, along with almost all in Texas and Utah. ([KFF](#))
- **In the 10 most competitive districts, there are at least 27,000 ACA Marketplace enrollees in each district** — far more than the margin of victory (fewer than 6,000 votes). Republicans currently represent 5 of these 10 districts. About 9 in 10 enrollees nationwide are voting age.
- **Overall enrollment has more than tripled in six red states since 2021:** Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and West Virginia. Obamacare coverage has become especially widespread in south Florida, where there is a large concentration of low-wage workers and early retirees. ([New York Times](#))
- **77% of the total 24.3 million ACA Marketplace enrollees live in states President Trump won in the 2024 election.** States won by Trump in 2024 have received more ACA premium tax credits, and had more enrollment growth, since the tax credits were expanded. ([KFF](#))
- **The proportion of people in red states benefiting from premium tax credits is nearly three times the rate in blue states.** In Trump-won states, 8.5% of residents have benefitted from an ACA tax credit in 2025, compared to just 3.2% in Harris-won states. ([Third Way](#))