

# GOP Primary Voters Support Closing the Medicaid Coverage Gap



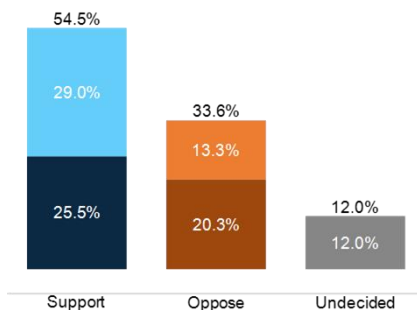
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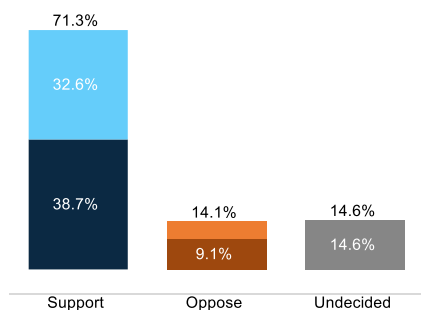
**DATE:** Thursday, February 22, 2024  
**TO:** American Cancer Society Action Network  
**FROM:** Brent Buchanan, President & Founder, Cygnal  
**RE:** Survey of n600 Likely Republican Primary Election Voters in Mississippi

## ***A majority of Republican primary voters support expanding Medicaid to close the coverage gap for hardworking Mississippians.***

- **55%** of Republican primary voters **support Medicaid expansion** to cover individuals who earn less than the poverty line – there is **limited opposition**.
- **50%** of Republican primary voters **hold a favorable opinion of Medicaid** with less than a third of voters holding an unfavorable opinion.
- Almost **60%** of Republican primary voters **think healthcare is unaffordable** in the state.



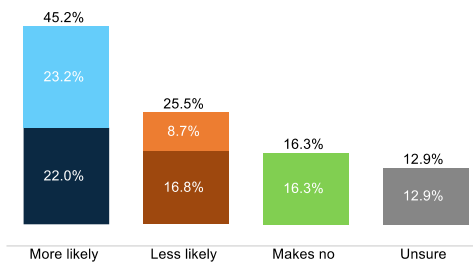
## ***GOP voters are unaware of Mississippi tax dollars leaving the state, so they support bringing that money home.***



- **Nearly two-thirds** of Republican primary voters **were unaware** that over a billion Mississippi tax dollars are spent subsidizing other states' Medicaid programs.
- **71% of Republican primary voters support** a program that allows more of Mississippi's federal tax dollars to be spent on getting hardworking Mississippians access to critical healthcare services.
- **62% say that closing the coverage gap would have a positive impact** on the state's economy.

## ***Republican primary voters are more likely to vote for elected officials who support closing the coverage gap.***

- **45%** of primary voters **are more likely to vote for an elected official who supports Medicaid expansion** and closing the coverage gap, and only 26% are less likely support them.
- This means **supporting Medicaid expansion isn't something that would hurt a legislator in a primary** (and would likely help them in a general election)
- **Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann** (55% favorable - 27% unfavorable) is viewed positively by Republican primary voters, so his support will be helpful for getting Medicaid expansion passed.



**Methodology:** On behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, this probabilistic survey was conducted February 19 – 20, 2024, with 600 likely Republican primary election voters in Mississippi. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.96\%$ . Known registered voters were interviewed via live phones and SMS. This survey was weighted to a likely Republican primary election voter universe.



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