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Public Policy Polling conducted a telephone exit poll election survey of voters who cast ballots in Arizona's 8th Congressional District special election yesterday. Voters who voted in the contest were asked about the role of health care in their decision.

In this overwhelmingly Republican district, the exit poll shows that health care was a top priority issue to voters and that they believed Democrats' views were more in step with theirs on the issue. That's a big part of why the race was so much closer than expected based on the history of the district.

In 2016, voters in this district backed Donald Trump by 21 points and, in 2012, they backed Mitt Romney by 25 points. GOP Governor Doug Ducey won the district by 27 points in 2014.

-Health care was a top issue to voters. Health care was ranked as a top issue for 58% of voters (20% saying it was the most important issue and another 38% saying it was very important). Only 17% said it was not that important or not important at all.

- Hiral Tipirneni won big especially among voters for whom health care was a top priority. Among voters who said health care was the most important issue for them, Tipirneni beat Lesko 65-33.

- On health care, voters said Tipirneni better reflected their views by 2 points (45% to 43%) over Lesko. With independents, that gap widened to 30 points with 57% saying Tipirneni's health care views were more in line with theirs to only 27% for Lesko.

- Voters were less likely to support Lesko because of the Republican health care agenda. Lesko's support of the Republican health care agenda made 40% of voters less likely to vote for her and only 33% more likely to support her.

-Voters in this heavily Republican district disapproved of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 5 points (49% to 44%).

- Only 41% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 54% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.

PPP surveyed 516 AZ-08 voters on April 24th. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This survey was a project of *Protect Our Care*.





Arizona CD 8 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

Approve 53%
Disapprove..... 44%
Not sure 2%

Q2 Did you vote in the special election for Congress, or not?

Yes.....100%
No..... 0%

Q3 In the special election for Congress, did you vote for Democrat Hiral Tipirneni or Republican Debbie Lesko?

Hiral Tipirneni..... 47%
Debbie Lesko..... 51%
Not sure 2%

Q4 When it comes to advertisements for the candidates, would you say you mostly saw ads for Hiral Tipirneni, mostly saw ads for Debbie Lesko, you saw ads for both candidates, or did you not see any ads for either candidate?

Mostly saw ads for Hiral Tipirneni..... 16%
Mostly saw ads for Debbie Lesko 20%
Saw ads for both candidates..... 62%
Didn't see any ads for either candidate..... 2%
Not sure 0%

Q5 How important was the issue of healthcare when deciding who to vote for in this special election – was it the most important issue, a very important issue, a somewhat important issue, not that important an issue, or not an important issue at all?

The most important issue..... 20%
A very important issue 38%
A somewhat important issue 24%
Not that important an issue..... 12%
Not an important issue at all 5%
Not sure..... 0%

Q6 Which candidate for Congress was more in step with your views on the issue of healthcare – Hiral Tipirneni, Debbie Lesko, both equally, or neither?

Hiral Tipirneni..... 45%
Debbie Lesko..... 43%
Both equally..... 5%
Neither 7%
Not sure..... 0%





Q7 Which of the following would you most like to see the Congress do about the Affordable Care Act, given the choices of keeping what works and fixing what doesn't, or repealing it and starting over with a new healthcare law?

- Keep what works and fix what doesn't*..... 54%
- Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law*..... 41%
- Not sure* 5%

Q8 Do you approve or disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act?

- Approve* 44%
- Disapprove*..... 49%
- Not sure* 8%

Q9 Did Debbie Lesko's support for the Republican health care agenda make you more likely or less likely to vote for her, or did it not make a difference?

- More likely*..... 33%
- Less likely* 40%
- Didn't make a difference* 26%
- Not sure* 1%

Q10 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, or someone else or did you not vote in the election?

- Donald Trump* 54%
- Hillary Clinton*..... 38%
- Someone else / Did not vote*..... 8%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

- Woman* 54%
- Man*..... 46%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

- Democrat* 29%
- Republican*..... 53%
- Independent / Other*..... 19%

Q13 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

- Hispanic / Latino* 9%
- White* 85%
- Other*..... 5%

Q14 If you are 18 to 65 years old, press 1. If you are older than 65, press 2.

- 18 to 65*..... 50%
- Older than 65*..... 50%



	Base	Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote					Not sure
		The most important issue	A very important issue	A somewhat important issue	Not that important an issue	Not an important issue at all	
Trump Approval							
Approve	53%	35%	41%	67%	79%	91%	56%
Disapprove	44%	63%	59%	29%	14%	9%	44%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	4%	7%	-	-

	Base	Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote					Not sure
		The most important issue	A very important issue	A somewhat important issue	Not that important an issue	Not an important issue at all	
Tipirneni / Lesko							
Hiral Tipirneni	47%	65%	60%	32%	22%	9%	44%
Debbie Lesko	51%	33%	40%	62%	77%	91%	56%
Not sure	2%	2%	-	6%	1%	-	-

	Base	Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote					Not sure
		The most important issue	A very important issue	A somewhat important issue	Not that important an issue	Not an important issue at all	
Candidate Saw Ads For the Most							
Mostly saw ads for Hiral Tipirneni	16%	21%	14%	19%	8%	19%	-
Mostly saw ads for Debbie Lesko	20%	27%	19%	19%	13%	11%	100%
Saw ads for both candidates	62%	51%	64%	60%	78%	71%	-
Didn't see any ads for either candidate	2%	1%	3%	2%	-	-	-
Not sure	0%	1%	-	-	1%	-	-

	Base	Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote					Not sure
		The most important issue	A very important issue	A somewhat important issue	Not that important an issue	Not an important issue at all	
Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote							
The most important issue	20%	100%	-	-	-	-	-
A very important issue	38%	-	100%	-	-	-	-
A somewhat important issue	24%	-	-	100%	-	-	-
Not that important an issue	12%	-	-	-	100%	-	-
Not an important issue at all	5%	-	-	-	-	100%	-
Not sure	0%	-	-	-	-	-	100%

	Base	Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote					Not sure
		The most important issue	A very important issue	A somewhat important issue	Not that important an issue	Not an important issue at all	
Candidate More in Step With Healthcare Views							
Hiral Tipirneni	45%	65%	60%	28%	13%	9%	44%
Debbie Lesko	43%	23%	36%	59%	51%	76%	-
Both equally	5%	6%	1%	10%	7%	-	56%
Neither	7%	5%	3%	2%	29%	15%	-
Not sure	0%	1%	-	1%	-	-	-

	Base	Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote					Not sure
		The most important issue	A very important issue	A somewhat important issue	Not that important an issue	Not an important issue at all	
Congressional Action on ACA							
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	54%	72%	62%	43%	35%	23%	44%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	41%	19%	35%	51%	59%	74%	56%
Not sure	5%	9%	2%	7%	6%	3%	-

	Base	Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote					Not sure
		The most important issue	A very important issue	A somewhat important issue	Not that important an issue	Not an important issue at all	
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Approval							
Approve	44%	24%	32%	55%	66%	98%	56%
Disapprove	49%	66%	63%	34%	26%	2%	44%
Not sure	8%	10%	5%	11%	8%	-	-

	Base	Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote					Not sure
		The most important issue	A very important issue	A somewhat important issue	Not that important an issue	Not an important issue at all	
Lesko Support for Republican Health Care More/Less Likely Vote							
More likely	33%	25%	31%	39%	30%	55%	56%
Less likely	40%	50%	53%	28%	22%	6%	44%
Didn't make a difference	26%	23%	15%	33%	47%	40%	-
Not sure	1%	2%	0%	-	1%	-	-



	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Trump Approval				
Approve	53%	94%	3%	18%
Disapprove	44%	4%	96%	72%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	9%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Tipirneni / Lesko				
Hiral Tipirneni	47%	6%	98%	81%
Debbie Lesko	51%	92%	1%	13%
Not sure	2%	2%	0%	6%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Candidate Saw Ads For the Most				
Mostly saw ads for Hiral Tipirneni	16%	16%	16%	17%
Mostly saw ads for Debbie Lesko	20%	22%	18%	15%
Saw ads for both candidates	62%	60%	64%	65%
Didn't see any ads for either candidate	2%	1%	2%	3%
Not sure	0%	1%	-	-

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote				
The most important issue	20%	15%	27%	20%
A very important issue	38%	28%	53%	39%
A somewhat important issue	24%	31%	16%	19%
Not that important an issue	12%	18%	4%	13%
Not an important issue at all	5%	8%	0%	8%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	-





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Candidate More in Step With Healthcare Views				
Hiral Tipirneni	45%	4%	98%	66%
Debbie Lesko	43%	77%	2%	8%
Both equally	5%	8%	0%	9%
Neither	7%	10%	0%	17%
Not sure	0%	1%	-	-

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Congressional Action on ACA				
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	54%	21%	95%	82%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	41%	72%	3%	11%
Not sure	5%	7%	2%	6%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Approval				
Approve	44%	76%	2%	23%
Disapprove	49%	13%	95%	69%
Not sure	8%	11%	3%	8%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Lesko Support for Republican Health Care More/Less Likely Vote				
More likely	33%	58%	2%	8%
Less likely	40%	5%	85%	67%
Didn't make a difference	26%	36%	13%	25%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	-

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Trump Approval			
Approve	53%	54%	53%
Disapprove	44%	43%	46%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Tipirneni / Lesko			
Hiral Tipirneni	47%	46%	48%
Debbie Lesko	51%	53%	49%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%





	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Candidate Saw Ads For the Most			
Mostly saw ads for Hiral Tipirneni	16%	17%	15%
Mostly saw ads for Debbie Lesko	20%	21%	18%
Saw ads for both candidates	62%	60%	64%
Didn't see any ads for either candidate	2%	1%	2%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote			
The most important issue	20%	24%	15%
A very important issue	38%	37%	40%
A somewhat important issue	24%	24%	24%
Not that important an issue	12%	11%	14%
Not an important issue at all	5%	4%	6%
Not sure	0%	0%	-

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Candidate More in Step With Healthcare Views			
Hiral Tipirneni	45%	43%	47%
Debbie Lesko	43%	43%	43%
Both equally	5%	5%	5%
Neither	7%	8%	5%
Not sure	0%	1%	-

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Congressional Action on ACA			
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	54%	51%	58%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	41%	42%	38%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%





	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Approval			
Approve	44%	44%	43%
Disapprove	49%	47%	51%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Lesko Support for Republican Health Care More/Less Likely Vote			
More likely	33%	31%	35%
Less likely	40%	37%	45%
Didn't make a difference	26%	31%	20%
Not sure	1%	1%	0%

	Base	Party		
		Democr- at	Republica- n	Independe- nt / Other
Trump Approval				
Approve	53%	12%	82%	35%
Disapprove	44%	85%	17%	60%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democr- at	Republica- n	Independe- nt / Other
Tipirneni / Lesko				
Hiral Tipirneni	47%	90%	18%	62%
Debbie Lesko	51%	9%	79%	34%
Not sure	2%	0%	2%	4%

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Saw ads for both candidates	62%	57%	63%	69%
Didn't see any ads for either candidate	2%	1%	1%	5%
Not sure	0%	-	0%	1%





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		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote				
The most important issue	20%	31%	15%	16%
A very important issue	38%	50%	32%	38%
A somewhat important issue	24%	15%	27%	32%
Not that important an issue	12%	4%	18%	9%
Not an important issue at all	5%	1%	7%	4%
Not sure	0%	-	0%	-

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Candidate More in Step With Healthcare Views				
Hiral Tipirneni	45%	87%	18%	57%
Debbie Lesko	43%	8%	68%	27%
Both equally	5%	1%	6%	8%
Neither	7%	4%	8%	6%
Not sure	0%	-	-	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Congressional Action on ACA				
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	54%	84%	33%	69%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	41%	11%	62%	26%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Approval				
Approve	44%	11%	68%	26%
Disapprove	49%	85%	24%	65%
Not sure	8%	4%	9%	10%





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Lesko Support for Republican Health Care More/Less Likely Vote				
More likely	33%	6%	52%	20%
Less likely	40%	76%	16%	55%
Didn't make a difference	26%	17%	31%	24%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic / Lat...	White	Other
Trump Approval				
Approve	53%	31%	56%	46%
Disapprove	44%	61%	42%	54%
Not sure	2%	7%	2%	-

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic / Lat...	White	Other
Tipirneni / Lesko				
Hiral Tipirneni	47%	65%	45%	54%
Debbie Lesko	51%	31%	53%	46%
Not sure	2%	4%	2%	-

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Not sure	0%	-	0%	-





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More likely	33%	17%	35%	29%
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	Base	Age	
		18 to 65	Older than ...
Trump Approval			
Approve	53%	52%	55%
Disapprove	44%	46%	43%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Age	
		18 to 65	Older than ...
Tipirneni / Lesko			
Hiral Tipirneni	47%	50%	44%
Debbie Lesko	51%	48%	54%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Age	
		18 to 65	Older than ...
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Saw ads for both candidates	62%	61%	63%
Didn't see any ads for either candidate	2%	2%	2%
Not sure	0%	-	1%





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		18 to 65	Older than ...
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Not that important an issue	12%	11%	13%
Not an important issue at all	5%	5%	5%
Not sure	0%	-	0%

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		18 to 65	Older than ...
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Hiral Tipirneni	45%	46%	44%
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Neither	7%	7%	6%
Not sure	0%	1%	0%

	Base	Age	
		18 to 65	Older than ...
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	Base	Age	
		18 to 65	Older than ...
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Approval			
Approve	44%	40%	47%
Disapprove	49%	51%	47%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%





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		18 to 65	Older than ...
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Not sure	1%	-	1%

