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**To:** Interested Parties  
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The following key findings and data come from Centerline Liberties' recent national survey of 800 registered voters conducted September 12-16, 2024 via mixed mode methodology (cell phones, landlines, online and text-to-web). The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3%.

## **KEY FINDINGS**

### **CONTRACEPTION**

1. **More than 7 out of 10 say public funding of contraception is a good thing:** 73% say that public funding for programs that increase access to contraceptives and family planning services is generally a good thing for our society. This includes strong majorities of Republicans (61%) and Independents (73%).
2. **Universal, bipartisan support for affordable contraception:** An incredible 91% of all voters agree that *"All people in the United States should be able to both afford and have access to contraception. They should also be able to obtain information on what method of contraception would be best for them."* Indeed, 60% strongly agree with this statement, underscoring its incredible popularity, including 47% of Republicans who strongly agree.
3. **In-vitro fertilization (IVF) has broad appeal:** 79% of registered voters favor protecting access to IVF, a type of fertility treatment where eggs are combined with sperm outside the body in a lab to form an embryo. Nearly half of the country (48%) strongly favors it. Support is consistently high across all partisan groups: 74% of R's, 84% of D's and 77% of Independents.

### **MATERNAL HEALTH**

1. **Nearly half of registered voters want more done on maternal health:** Fully 45% of voters say that the government is not doing enough when it comes to *"expanding access to maternal health care."* Meanwhile only 4% say it is doing too much, and fewer than a third (31%) are satisfied with their current efforts.
2. **8 out of 10 voters want the Federal government spending more here:** 78% agree that *"The federal government should be doing and spending more on maternal health programs aimed at improving the well-being of mothers, infants and toddlers."* This is a cross-partisan issue, with 71% of both Republicans and Independents agreeing (as well as fully 89% of Democrats).

3. **Support holds even in the face of taxes and service cuts:** When offered the ability to choose between two competing statements on government support for maternal health initiatives, an overwhelming number of voters remain supportive, even when the opposition statement invokes the specter of tax increases and cuts in essential services. Specifically 71% agree that *“Improving maternal health in the United States is a crucial government investment that will result in healthier families and communities, potentially saving lives and reducing healthcare costs in the long term.”* This includes a majority of Republicans (56%) and more than two-thirds of Independents (67%).

## MENTAL HEALTH

1. **6 out of 10 voters want more from the government on mental health:** 59% of registered voters believe the government should be doing more to expand “access to mental health care” - the strongest performance of all the issues we tested in the survey. This includes half of all Republicans.
2. **Near universal support for mental health insurance requirements:** 90% support requiring insurers to cover needed mental health care when prescribed by a patient's doctor (65% strongly!). This is a non-partisan issue; there are no significant differences in support levels by partisanship.
3. **Americans want bureaucrats out of the way of mental healthcare:** 92% agree that *“Insurance companies need to stop getting in-between patients, their doctors, and their healthcare, including mental healthcare. If a doctor prescribes a patient mental health services, insurance company bureaucrats should not be able to deny coverage for it.”* (67% strongly). Both Democrats (94%) and Republicans (89%) overwhelmingly support this statement.
4. **Many voters have personal experience with mental health coverage difficulties:** nearly 4 out of 10 registered voters know someone that has been affected by an insurer making it difficult to access mental health care, with about 1 in 10 saying it was “extremely difficult.”

## PRIMARY ELECTION REFORM

1. **The top-two primary system and open primaries are extremely popular:** Of the three reforms tested, the one with the most support was the top-two primary system: 61% support and only 24% opposition. A very close second behind that was open primaries, supported by 58% of registered voters (27% opposition).
2. **Ranked choice voting has plurality support:** With a net support of +6, ranked choice voting does enjoy more support than opposition. But support is below fifty percent (45%), while opposition is 39%.

3. **Most of these reforms enjoy cross-party support, even among strong partisans:** Open primaries are supported by 55% of Independents, 66% of Democrats and 51% of Republicans. Top-two primaries have the backing of 52% of Independents, 70% of Democrats and 59% of Republicans. The only exception can be found among Republicans and ranked choice voting, where it has the support of only 36% - though opposition does not break fifty percent, and 15% are unsure. Independents are a little hesitant here as well, supporting ranked choice 44% to 37% and 20% unsure.

Looking only at strong partisans - those who might be the most concerned about partisan primary reform - we still see strong support: 66% support for open primaries among strong Democrats and 51% support among strong Republicans. 71% support for top-two elections for strong Democrats and 57% support among Strong Republicans.

## CLEAN ENERGY

1. **Reducing carbon pollution is a high priority:** Across all the issues tested in the Centerline survey, clean energy initiatives were one of the top concerns, with 41% saying the government isn't doing enough to reduce "carbon pollution through expanded access to clean energy."
2. **Majority support for recently enacted clean energy initiatives:** When directly asked whether Congress should keep funding recently enacted clean energy initiatives (grid improvements, tax credits for clean power, etc.) or stop their funding, 58% would like to see funding continue.
3. **Most foresee positive impacts for both their state and country.** A 54% majority believe these laws will have a positive impact on their state (25% seeing a major positive impact). Republicans are optimistic about the impact of these programs in their state, with a majority (53%) believing they will have a positive effect, and only 35% worried it will be negative.

## ESG & GOV CONTRACTING

1. **Voters clearly want the government to keep politics out of contracting decisions:** an overwhelming 70% want state officials to prioritize "*the quality, cost and reputation of the product and company they are contracting with*" over "*The decisions that the company has made on current political issues, such as their positions on climate change, their investments in fossil fuels, or their relationship with China*" (27%). Republicans are aligned here with the country, as 74% believe cost and quality should take precedence.
2. **Support dips, but remains very high, when "woke-ism" is invoked.** Providing voters with a choice between two competing statements on this issue, 63% still side with the statement that begins: "*The state should not choose what companies it does business with based on ideology and politics...*" This includes a majority of Republicans, 52% of whom support this statement.