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WHAT: Texas 2036 discusses [new poll results](#) highlighting voter concerns about health care transparency, accountability, and affordability.

WHO: [Charles Miller](#), Director of Health and Economic Mobility Policy at Texas 2036, a leading voice on health care markets

WHEN: Available for interviews: Thursday, December 12, starting at 10 AM CST

WHERE: Zoom interviews or phone calls upon request (details provided after scheduling).

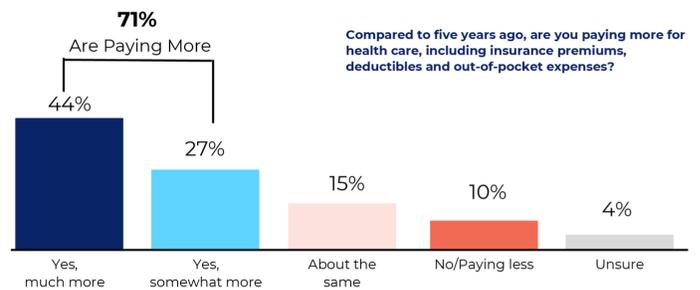
WHY: Texas 2036's new voter poll shows a majority of Texans agree: steps are needed to ensure accountability, affordability and transparency in health care markets.

QUOTE: "It's increasingly clear that for many Americans, our health care system is broken. Texas voters tell us that barriers like a lack of transparency, accountability and limited choices lead to unhealthy outcomes and high medical debt," said Charles Miller, Director of Health and Economic Mobility Policy at Texas 2036.

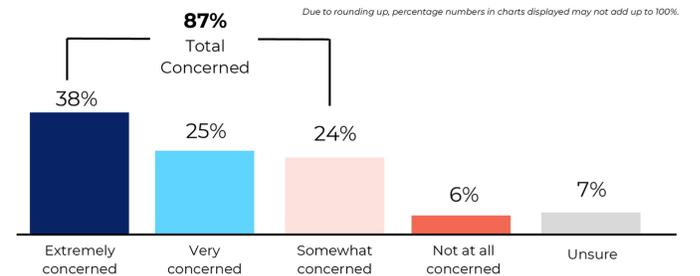
"Our recent poll shows that Texas voters are ready for government action to create healthier markets. Our state policymakers have already started to take steps and could lead the nation in market reforms next year."

4. Health Care Costs & Transparency

Pocketbook issues have been front-and-center this year, making health care affordability a key issue.



In recent years, large investment companies called private equity firms have purchased ownership stakes in doctor's offices and hospitals. Which best describes your level of concern regarding investment groups and financial entities influencing medical decision-making in the doctor's offices and hospitals in which they have an ownership stake?



The full poll can be found at www.texas2036.org/poll.

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About Texas 2036

Texas 2036 is a nonprofit public policy organization committed to building long-term, data-driven strategies to ensure Texas' prosperity up to its bicentennial and beyond. Our solutions are nonpartisan, grounded in thorough research and focus on critical issues that seek to improve lives and opportunities for all Texans.



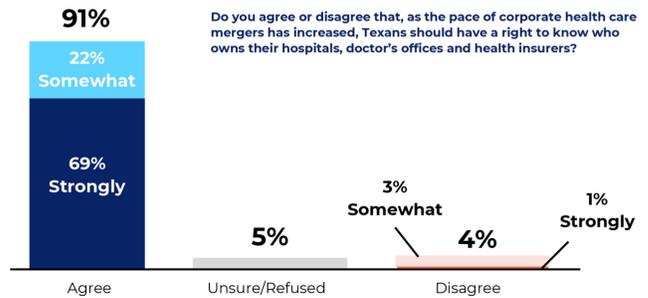
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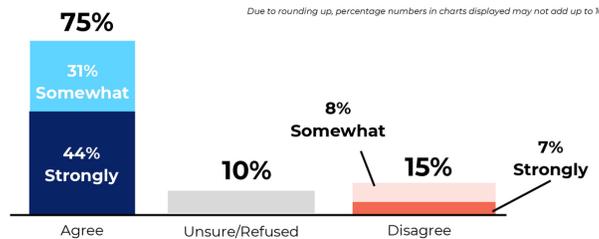
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4. Health Care Costs & Transparency

Texas voters are not just worried about costs — Texans want clarity. 91% believe they have the right to know who owns their hospitals, doctor's offices and health insurers. Also, a large majority of voters agree that the state should more actively regulate health care mergers.



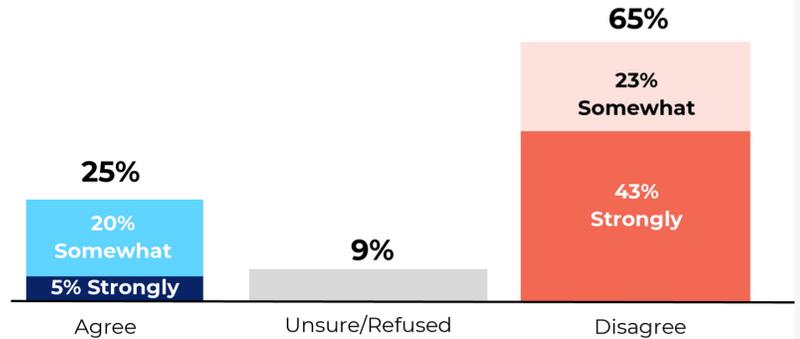
There is evidence that consolidation of health care companies, such as hospitals and medical practices, leads to higher prices and fewer choices. Do you agree or disagree that the Texas state government should more actively regulate health care mergers to ensure the market remains sufficiently competitive?



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Finally, a solid majority (65%) do not agree that hospital-owned medical clinics should be allowed to charge patients facility fees for telehealth visits.

Some hospital-owned medical clinics charge facility fees for virtual telehealth visits, in addition to the doctor's bill. Historically, facility fees have been charged by hospitals at their main facility to cover the operating costs of keeping the building open. Do you agree or disagree that the facilities should be allowed to charge patients these facility fees for telehealth visits?



Due to rounding up, percentage numbers in charts displayed may not add up to 100%.

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