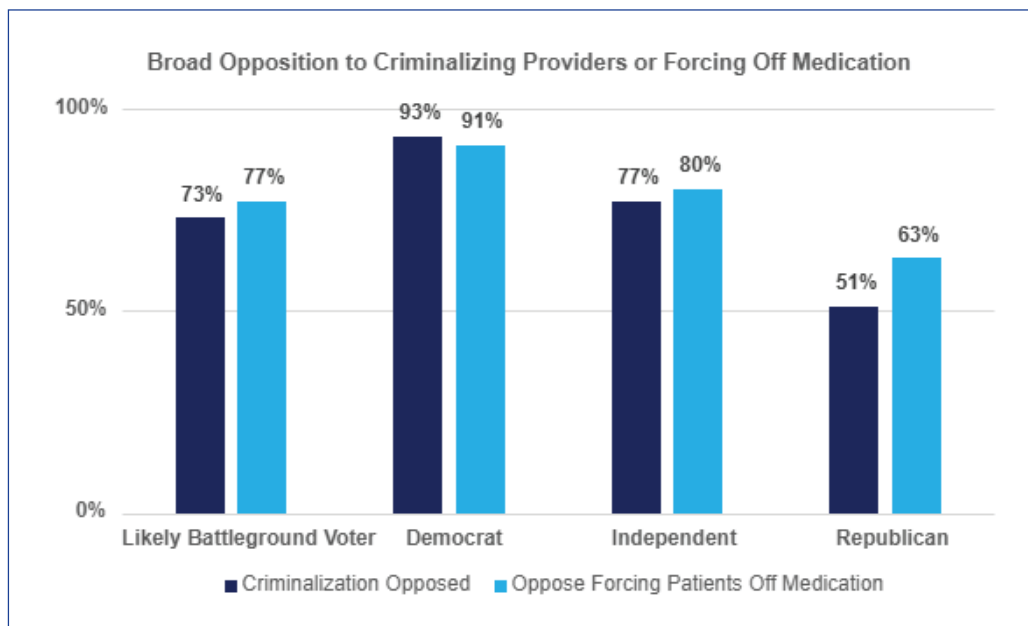


# PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT CRIMINALIZING TRANSITION-RELATED CARE

## PUBLIC OPINION STRONGLY REJECTS CRIMINALIZING GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE

A recent survey of 1,000 voters in U.S. House battleground districts, on behalf of the Human Rights Campaign by Global Strategy Group in summer 2025, shows that laws criminalizing parents and health care providers for providing transgender people with medically recommended care are overwhelmingly unpopular.

**73%** of likely battleground voters say Congress should not pass a law that would jail doctors or parents for providing transition-related care. Furthermore, **77%** of likely battleground voters oppose putting transgender people's health in danger by forcing them off transition-related medication.



**Note:** Data are from a nonprobability poll for U.S. House Battleground States fielded from May 29 to June 5, 2025. Margin of error is 3.0% with a demographically representative sample.

Opposition to criminalization and banning transition-related care is shared by most voters across political spectrums. More than **half (51%)** of the Republicans surveyed oppose criminalizing doctors and parents; **62%** of Republicans surveyed opposed forcing transgender patients off transition-related medications.



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This level of bipartisan alignment is rare in today's political climate. Regardless of personal beliefs about transgender issues, Americans broadly agree that family medical decisions should not be punished with prison time and that people should not be forced off their transition related medication.

## **PUBLIC OPINION IN U.S. HOUSE BATTLEGROUND STATES TRACKS WITH NATIONAL SENTIMENT**

This data mirrors long-standing national sentiments. A SurveyMonkey/19th News [poll](#) of 20,000 Americans found that **52%** oppose lawmakers banning or restricting transition-related care for transgender minors — while only a minority support government intervention in private medical decisions.

This national conversation now coincides with an upcoming U.S. House vote on a proposal from Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green that would make it a felony — with a penalty of imprisonment for up to 10 years - for doctors to provide evidence-based, professionally endorsed care to transgender young people. Parents who facilitate their child's care, including helping to administer prescribed medication, could also be at risk of a felony conviction. This law would entirely strip parents of the right to make private medical decisions with their child's care team.

## **BOTTOM LINE: SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER RIGHTS IS AMERICAN OPINION**

Americans overwhelmingly oppose criminalizing parents and doctors for following established medical guidance. Instead, Americans largely support the equal rights of LGBTQ+ people, including transgender people.

According to the PRRI American Values Atlas, three-quarters (**75%**) of Americans [show broad support](#) for LGBTQ+ nondiscrimination protections. This tracks with HRC's poll, which also found that **75%** of Americans support prohibiting discrimination against LGBTQ people, including against transgender people, including **91%** of Democrats, **74%** of Independents, and **59%** of Republicans.

## **METHODOLOGY**

Global Strategy Group fielded a survey to 1,000 battleground district likely voters from throughout the U.S. on behalf of the Human Rights Campaign from May 29 to June 5, 2025. Margin of error is 3.0% with a demographically representative sample.