

New Research Shows GOP Health Overhaul is Unpopular in All Fifty States

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As Congress debates the new health care bill, it remains one of the least popular pieces of legislation amongst voters in decades. In fact, according to a new poll by David Broockman and Christopher Warshaw, not one state supports it.

In a recent oped in the <u>New York Times</u>, Broockman and Warshaw estimate public opinion on the new health care bill in each state. As the authors note in an interviews with <u>KCUR Public Radio</u> and <u>Charleston Gazette-Mail</u>, they find that lack of support for the legislation in states like Missouri, Kansas, and West Virginia means a vote for the healthcare bill will likely hurt Republicans vying for reelection.

Other SSN scholars drew from Broockman and Warshaw's report to weigh in on the likely impact of the bill, particularly in Wisconsin. J. Celeste Lay cited the findings in her commentary on <u>Wisconsin Public Radio</u>. And in <u>The Cap Times</u>, Philip Rocco writes that the repeal legislation reveals how private interests — rather than voters at the ballot box — shape what government does, and how the healthcare industry can push back.

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