

Election Scenario Planner

Medicare buy-in

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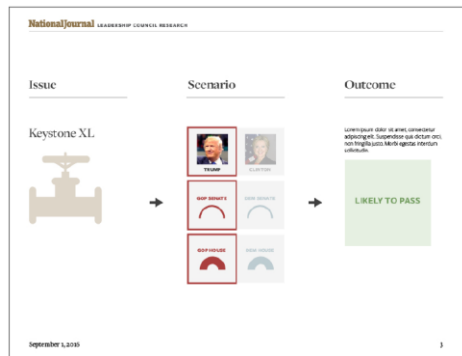
Understanding the Election Scenario Planner

OVERVIEW OF SCENARIOS

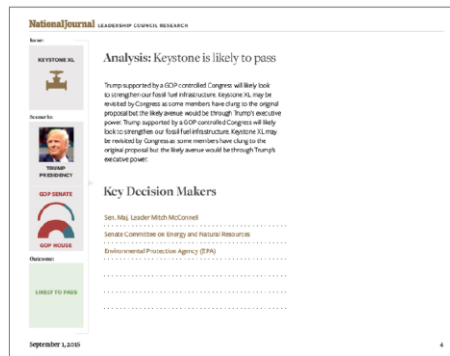


DETAILED ANALYSIS OF EACH SCENARIO

1 Summary



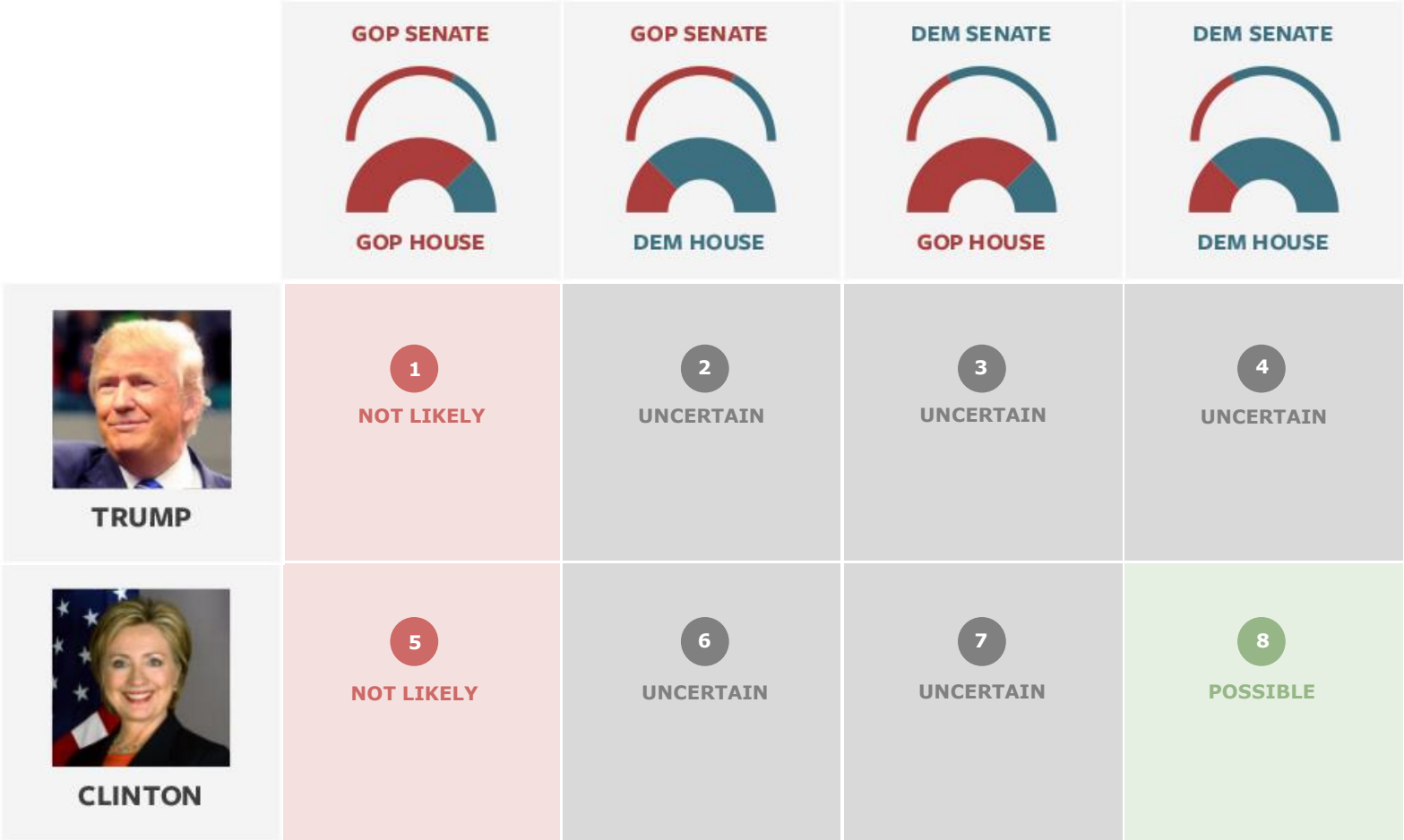
2 Analysis



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Medicare buy-in scenario map

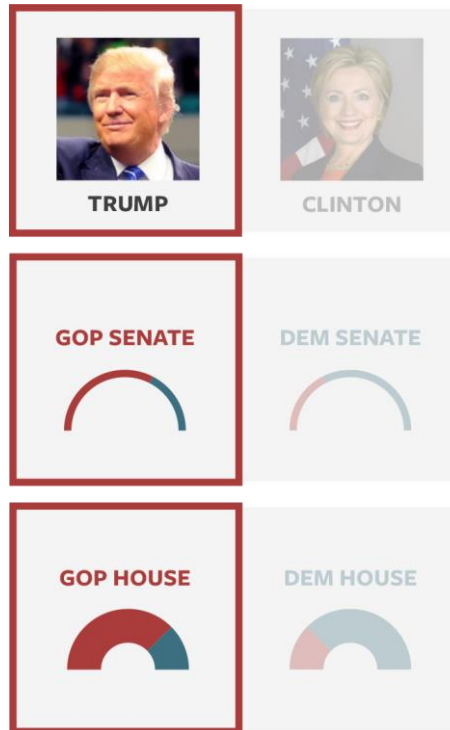


Issue

Medicare buy-in



Scenario 1



Analysis

With Republican majorities in both the House and the Senate, no legislation allowing a buy-in to Medicare is likely to pass


NOT LIKELY

Issue:

MEDICARE BUY-IN




Scenario:



TRUMP PRESIDENCY

GOP SENATE



GOP HOUSE

Outcome:

NOT LIKELY

Analysis: legislation allowing a Medicare buy-in is unlikely to pass

With a majority of Republicans in both chambers of Congress and Trump as President of the United States, it is highly unlikely that an expansion of government-subsidized health insurance would be put forward. An expansion of Medicare would likely be criticized by conservative legislators as a step toward a single-payer health care system. If the GOP held majorities in both chambers, conservative legislators would likely attempt to implement Paul Ryan’s “A Better Way” agenda items

Key Decision Makers

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI)

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Senate Maj. Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

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Issue:

MEDICARE
BUY-IN



Scenario:



TRUMP
PRESIDENCY

GOP SENATE



GOP HOUSE

Outcome:

NOT LIKELY

Checkpoints in the Legislative Process



Trump would be able to approve any bill that makes it past both chambers of Congress on this issue. However, it is unclear how he would approach Medicare reform, as he has no stated policy position on allowing citizens under 65 to buy into Medicare



Rather than focusing on government-based options, the GOP will likely look to market-oriented health care solutions. A Republican majority in the Senate would likely focus on passing initiatives from the "Better Way" agenda, such as increasing use of HSAs and tax credits to help purchase health insurance



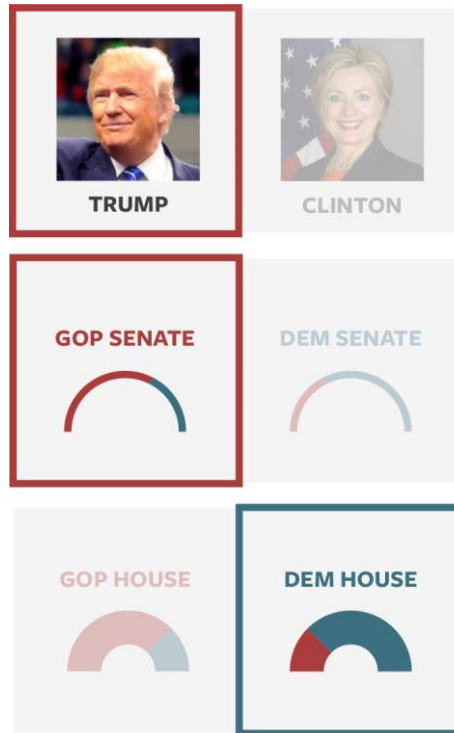
A Republican majority in the House would likely advance the goals set forth within Paul Ryan's "A Better Way" agenda, such as increasing use of HSAs and tax credits to help purchase health insurance. A GOP majority would be unlikely to propose a Medicare buy-in

Issue

Medicare buy-in



Scenario 2



Analysis

With a Democratic majority in the House, a Medicare Advantage buy-in may be seen as an acceptable compromise on health reform; however, the GOP majority in the Senate may find the compromise unpalatable



Issue:

MEDICARE BUY-IN

Scenario:

TRUMP PRESIDENCY

GOP SENATE

DEM HOUSE

Outcome:

UNCERTAIN

Analysis: a Medicare buy-in is uncertain

In the event of a Republican-led Senate and a Democratic-led House, a bill allowing citizens over 55 to buy into Medicare Advantage could be seen as a palatable compromise to enact health care reform. However, implementing such policy would require Democrats to make such a compromise a priority. Further contributing to the uncertainty surrounding this situation, Trump has not expressed any specific policy position regarding Medicare reform or expansion.

Key Decision Makers

Sen. Maj. Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

Future Democratic Speaker of the House

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Issue:

MEDICARE
BUY-IN



Scenario:



TRUMP
PRESIDENCY

GOP SENATE



DEM HOUSE

Outcome:

UNCERTAIN

Checkpoints in the Legislative Process



Trump would be able to approve any bills that make it past both chambers of Congress about this issue. However, it is unclear how he would approach Medicare reform, as he has no stated policy position on allowing citizens under 65 to buy into Medicare



A Republican majority in the Senate would be able to block any legislation containing partisan health care reform initiatives. Legislation allowing people 55 and over to buy into Medicare Advantage could be passed as a compromise



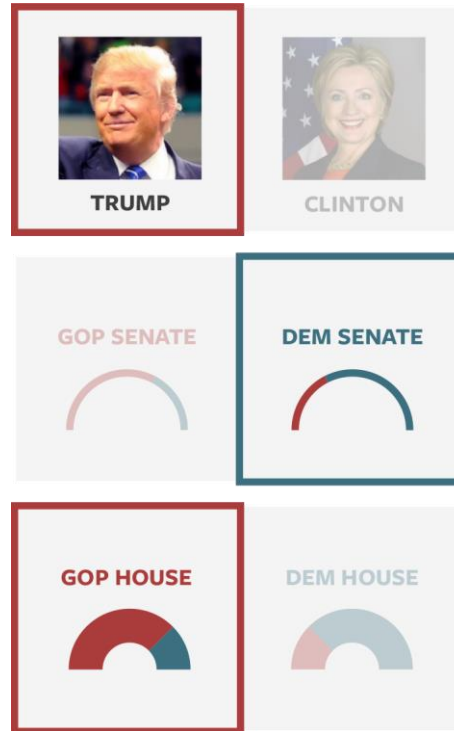
A Democratic House would likely be able to gather the votes necessary to pass legislation allowing people over 55 to buy into Medicare Advantage. However, it is unclear whether House Democrats would be willing to compromise by restricting the expansion to Medicare Advantage plans

Issue

Medicare buy-in



Scenario 3



Analysis

With a GOP majority in the House, legislation containing a Medicare Advantage buy-in could be seen as a compromise with a Democratic majority in the Senate if Congress were to attempt health care reform




Issue:

**MEDICARE
BUY-IN**




Scenario:



**TRUMP
PRESIDENCY**

DEM SENATE



GOP HOUSE

Outcome:

UNCERTAIN

Analysis: a Medicare buy-in is uncertain

In the event of a Democratic-led Senate and a Republican-led House, a bill allowing citizens over 55 to buy into Medicare Advantage could be seen as a palatable compromise to enact health care reform. However, implementing this would require Democrats to make such a compromise a priority. Further contributing to the uncertainty surrounding this situation, Trump has not expressed any specific policy position regarding Medicare reform or expansion.

Key Decision Makers

Future Democratic Senate Maj. Leader

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI)

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Issue:

MEDICARE
BUY-IN



Scenario:



TRUMP
PRESIDENCY

DEM SENATE



GOP HOUSE

Outcome:

UNCERTAIN

Checkpoints in the Legislative Process



Trump would be able to approve any bills that make it past both chambers of Congress about this issue. However, it is unclear how he would approach Medicare reform, as he has no stated policy position on allowing citizens under 65 to buy into Medicare



Barring a filibuster-proof majority, Democratic legislators would need to compromise with Senate Republicans to push Medicare reform through the chamber



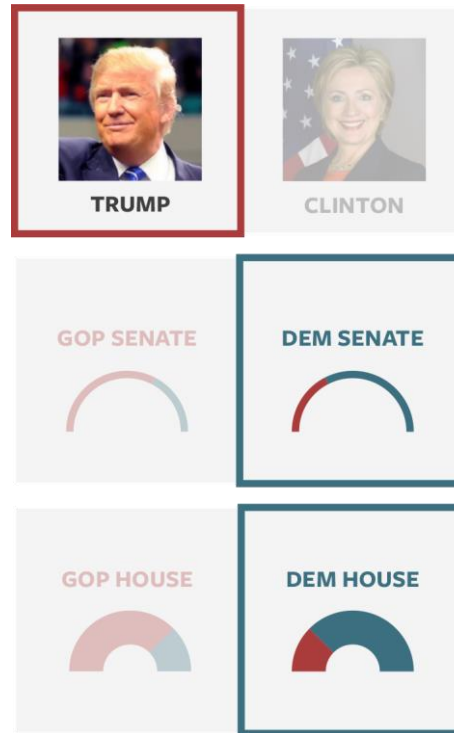
A Republican majority in the House would likely advance the goals set forth within Paul Ryan's "A Better Way" agenda, such as increasing use of HSAs and tax credits to help purchase health insurance. A GOP majority would be unlikely to propose a Medicare buy-in; however, Republicans might be more willing to implement Medicare expansion if it were restricted to Medicare Advantage plans

Issue

Medicare buy-in



Scenario 4



Analysis

Democratic majorities in both chambers of Congress could pass legislation allowing people over 55 to buy into Medicare; however, a President Trump may or may not sign such legislation



Issue:

MEDICARE BUY-IN

Scenario:

TRUMP PRESIDENCY

DEM SENATE

DEM HOUSE

Outcome:

UNCERTAIN

Analysis: a Medicare buy-in is uncertain

If Trump becomes president and both chambers of Congress have a Democratic majority, legislation allowing citizens to buy into Medicare would likely pass; however, as Trump has no opinion on record, it is difficult to predict how he would handle such legislation. His running mate, Mike Pence, expanded Medicaid as Governor of Indiana, so Trump’s administration may be amenable to a compromise on health care reform.

Key Decision Makers

President Donald Trump

Future Democratic Senate Maj. Leader

Future Democratic Speaker of the House

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Issue:

MEDICARE
BUY-IN



Scenario:



TRUMP
PRESIDENCY

DEM SENATE



DEM HOUSE

Outcome:

UNCERTAIN

Checkpoints in the Legislative Process



Trump would be able to approve any bills that make it past both chambers of Congress about this issue. However, it is unclear how he would approach Medicare reform, as he has no stated policy position on allowing citizens under 65 to buy into Medicare



Barring a filibuster-proof majority, Democratic legislators would need to compromise with the Senate Republicans to enact health care reform. A buy-in to Medicare Advantage may be seen as a palatable compromise



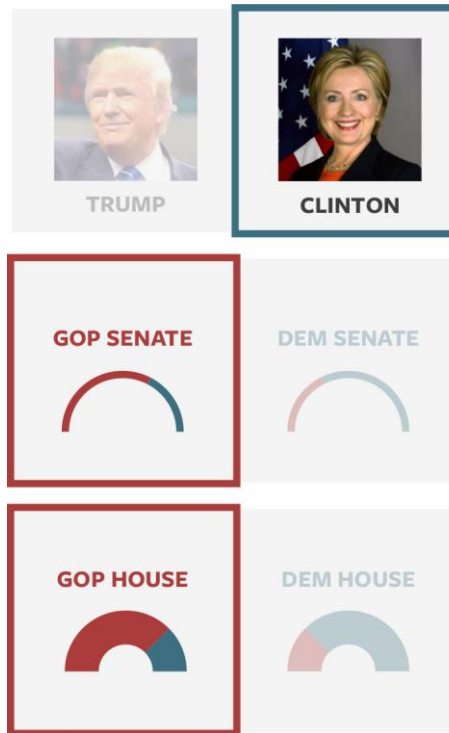
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Issue

Medicare buy-in



Scenario 5



Analysis

With Republican majorities in both the House and the Senate, no legislation allowing a Medicare buy-in is likely to pass

NOT LIKELY

Issue:

MEDICARE BUY-IN

Scenario:

CLINTON PRESIDENCY

GOP SENATE

GOP HOUSE

Outcome:

NOT LIKELY

Analysis: legislation allowing a Medicare buy-in is unlikely to pass

With a majority of Republicans in both chambers of Congress and Clinton as President of the United States, it is highly unlikely that an expansion of government-subsidized health insurance would be put forward. An expansion of Medicare would likely be criticized by conservative legislators as a step toward a single-payer health care system. If the GOP held majorities in both chambers, conservative legislators would likely attempt to implement Paul Ryan’s “A Better Way” agenda items, which a President Clinton might sign.

Key Decision Makers

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI)

Sen. Maj. Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

President Hillary Clinton

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Issue:

MEDICARE
BUY-IN



Scenario:



CLINTON
PRESIDENCY

GOP SENATE



GOP HOUSE

Outcome:

NOT LIKELY

Checkpoints in the Legislative Process



If given the opportunity, President Clinton would likely sign legislation allowing people to buy into Medicare if they are over 55



A Republican majority in the Senate would be able to block any legislation containing partisan health care reform initiatives. Legislation allowing people 55 and over to buy into Medicare Advantage could be passed as a compromise with the Senate Democrats. However, as the legislation would be unlikely to pass in the House, no bill is likely to be put forward in this scenario



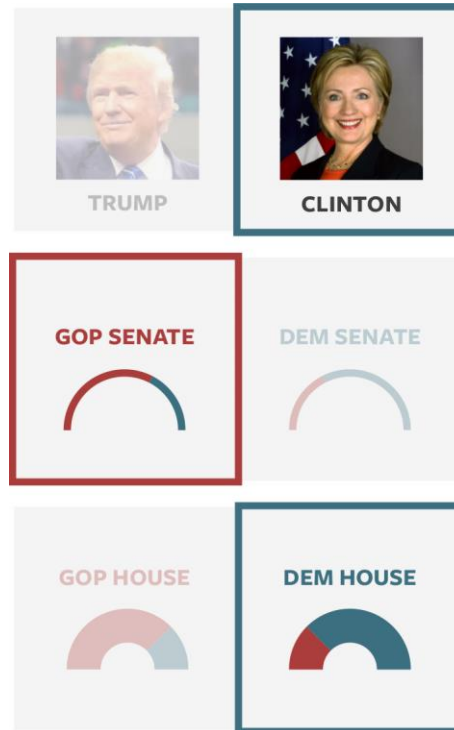
A Republican majority in the House would likely advance the goals set forth within Paul Ryan's "A Better Way" agenda, such as increasing use of HSAs and tax credits to help purchase health insurance. A GOP majority would be unlikely to propose a Medicare buy-in

Issue

Medicare buy-in



Scenario 6



Analysis

With a Democratic majority in the House, a Medicare Advantage buy-in may be seen as a compromise on health reform; however, a GOP majority in the Senate may not agree to such a deal



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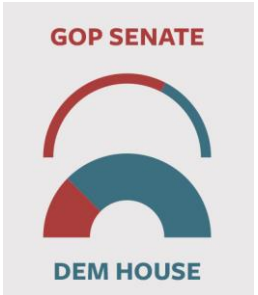


**MEDICARE
BUY-IN**

Scenario:



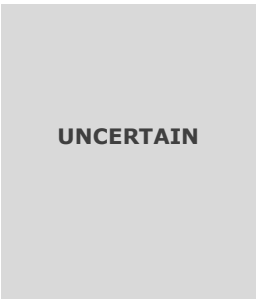
**CLINTON
PRESIDENCY**



GOP SENATE

DEM HOUSE

Outcome:



Analysis: a Medicare buy-in is uncertain

In the event of a Republican-led Senate and a Democratic-led House, a bill allowing citizens over 55 to buy into Medicare Advantage could be seen as a palatable compromise to enact health care reform. However, the Senate may be unable to overcome filibusters to pass a bill

Key Decision Makers

Sen. Maj. Leader Mitch McConnell

Future Sen. Minority Leader

Future Democratic Speaker of the House

HELP committee chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN)

Issue:

MEDICARE
BUY-IN



Scenario:



CLINTON
PRESIDENCY

GOP SENATE



DEM HOUSE

Outcome:

UNCERTAIN

Checkpoints in the Legislative Process



If given the opportunity, President Clinton would likely sign legislation allowing people to buy into Medicare if they are over 55



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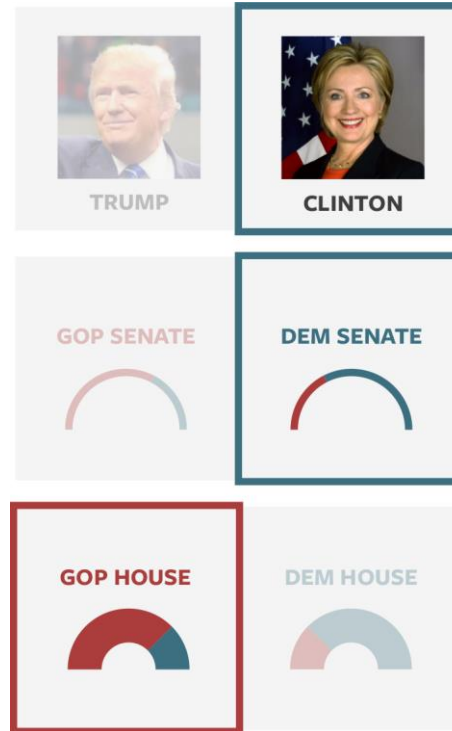
A Democratic House would likely be able to gather the votes necessary to pass legislation allowing people over 55 to buy into Medicare Advantage

Issue

Medicare buy-in



Scenario 7



Analysis

With a Democratic majority in the Senate, a Medicare Advantage buy-in may be seen as a compromise in health reform; however, the GOP majority in the House may block such legislation



Issue:

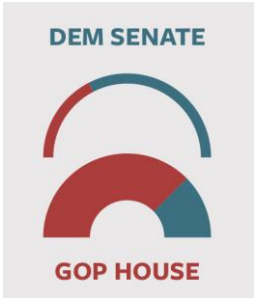


**MEDICARE
BUY-IN**

Scenario:



**CLINTON
PRESIDENCY**



DEM SENATE

GOP HOUSE

Outcome:



UNCERTAIN

Analysis: a Medicare buy-in is uncertain

In the event of a Democratic-led Senate and a Republican-led House, a bill allowing citizens over 55 to buy into Medicare Advantage could be seen as a palatable compromise to enact health care reform. However, the legislation may not be able to make it past committee in the House

Key Decision Makers

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI)

House Maj. Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA)

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Future Democratic Sen. Maj. Leader

HELP Committee

Issue:

MEDICARE
BUY-IN



Scenario:



CLINTON
PRESIDENCY

DEM SENATE



GOP HOUSE

Outcome:

UNCERTAIN

Checkpoints in the Legislative Process



If given the opportunity, President Clinton would likely sign legislation allowing people to buy into Medicare if they are over 55



Barring a filibuster-proof majority, Democratic legislators would need to compromise with Senate Republicans to enact health care reform. A Medicare Advantage buy-in may be seen as a palatable compromise



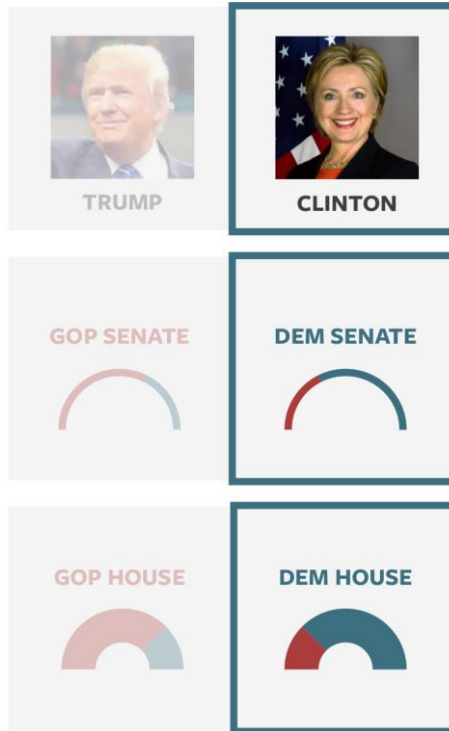
A Republican majority in the House would be unlikely to pass a bill that allows people to buy into traditional Medicare. However, the GOP wishes to strengthen the Medicare Advantage program, and may be able to compromise on allowing people over 55 to buy into the private Medicare insurance systems

Issue

Medicare buy-in



Scenario 8



Analysis

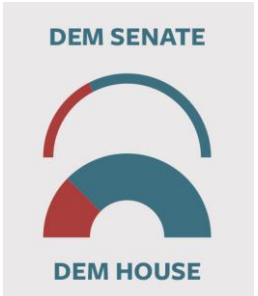
With Democratic majorities in both houses and a President Clinton, Congress may be able to pass a bill creating a public option or allowing Americans over 55 to buy-in to Medicare



Issue:



Scenario:



Outcome:



Analysis: a Medicare buy-in might pass

In the event of a Democratic Congress, legislation allowing Americans over 55 to buy into Medicare may pass. Liberal politicians have expressed their support for a public option; however, a buy-in may be more politically viable than the creation of a public option. Clinton has expressed her support for allowing those over 55 to buy into Medicare, and so would likely sign any legislation that gets to her desk

Key Decision Makers

Future Democratic Sen. Maj. Leader

Future Democratic Speaker of the House

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Senate HELP Committee

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Issue:

MEDICARE
BUY-IN



Scenario:



CLINTON
PRESIDENCY

DEM SENATE



DEM HOUSE

Outcome:

POSSIBLE

Checkpoints in the Legislative Process



If given the opportunity, President Clinton would likely sign legislation allowing people to buy into Medicare if they are over 55



Barring a filibuster-proof majority, Democratic legislators would need to compromise with the Senate Republicans to enact health care reform. A Medicare Advantage buy-in may be seen as a palatable compromise



A Democratic House would likely be able to gather the votes necessary to pass legislation allowing people over 55 to buy into Medicare Advantage

