

RFK Jr. Nomination to lead HHS

HCPs' views

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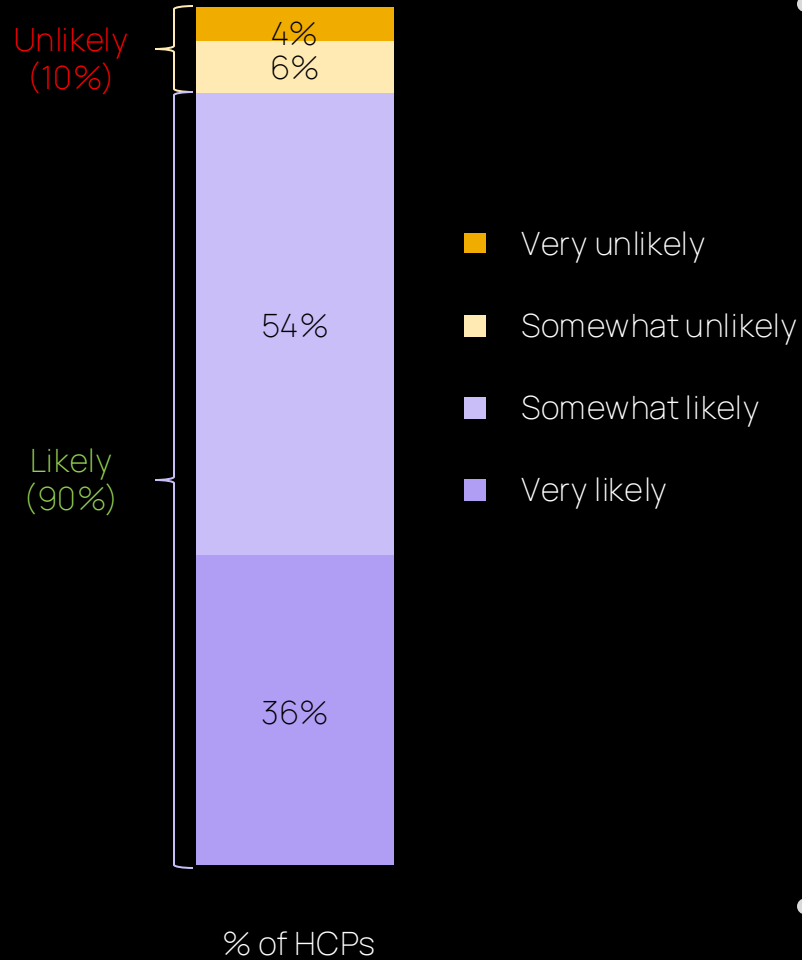


HCPs show concern over Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

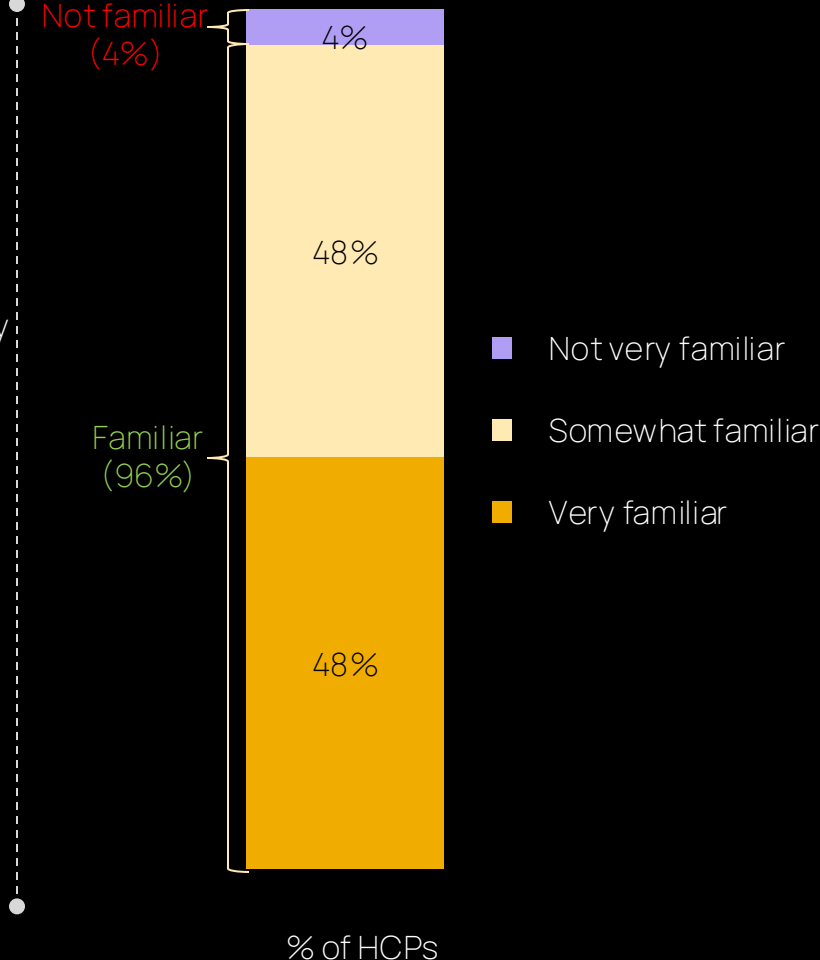
- Most HCPs anticipate his confirmation, but two-thirds express reservations about the nomination.
- Nearly all HCPs are familiar with RFK Jr's health-related views, and they predominantly indicate a critical stance.
- HCPs voiced apprehensions on his perceived qualifications to lead the department, his potential impact on national vaccination policies and maintaining public trust in health organizations such as the CDC and FDA.

Most HCPs think RFK Jr. will be confirmed as HHS Secretary; being familiar with his views on health-related topics, majority oppose the nomination

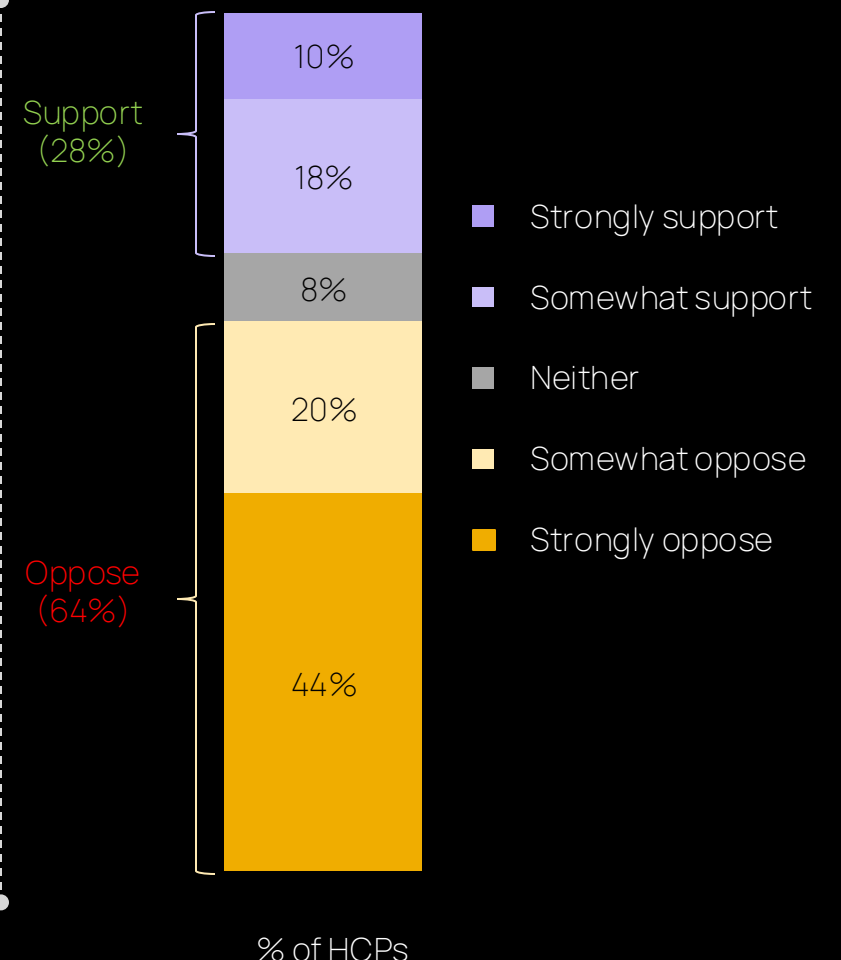
Likelihood of Senate confirming RFK Jr. as HHS Secretary (n=50)



Familiarity to RFK Jr.'s Views on Health-related Topics (n=50)

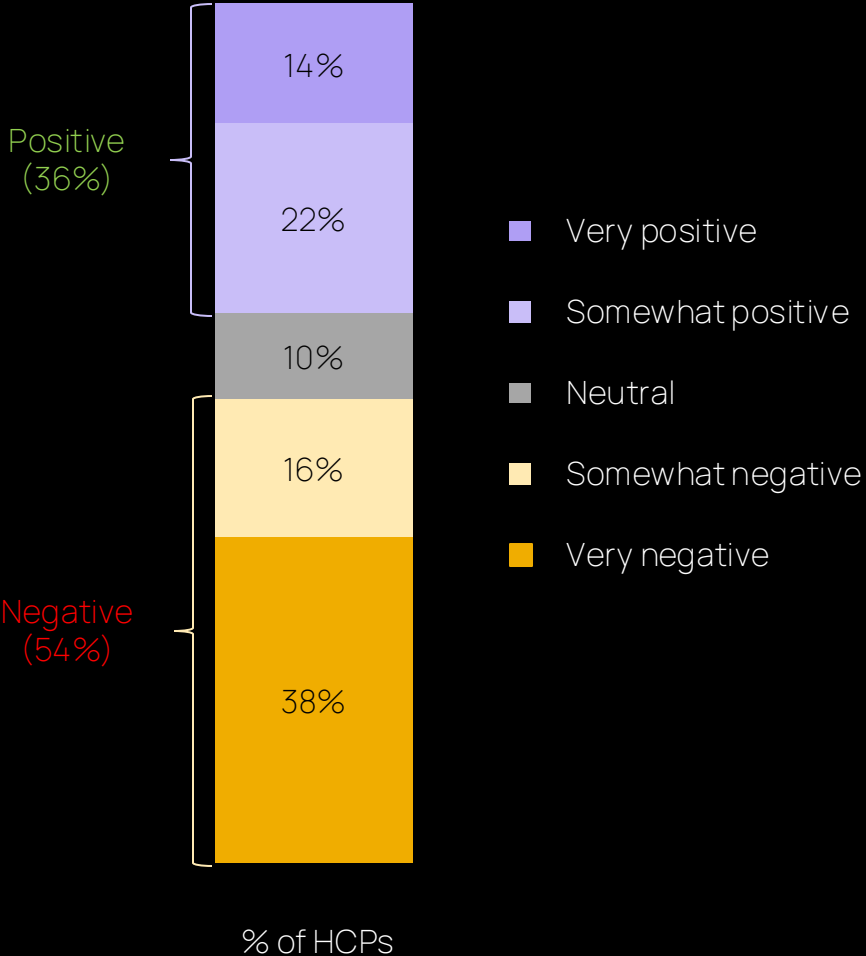


HCPs Perception on RFK Jr.'s nomination as HHS Secretary (n=50)



HCPs are split on his nomination: Majority carried a negative outlook, but a few viewed things to change for good

Reaction to RFK Jr.'s Nomination as HHS Secretary
(n=50)



WHAT PHYSICIANS ARE SAYING



*I think Robert F. Kennedy will have a strong influence on **eliminating some of the artificial and toxic food additives** that are pervasive in just about every food product that is being sold to the American public and which I believe are a leading cause of the chronic disease epidemic.*



*There will be **more strict guidelines** on approval of new vaccines to make sure of its safety vs benefits to the general population.*



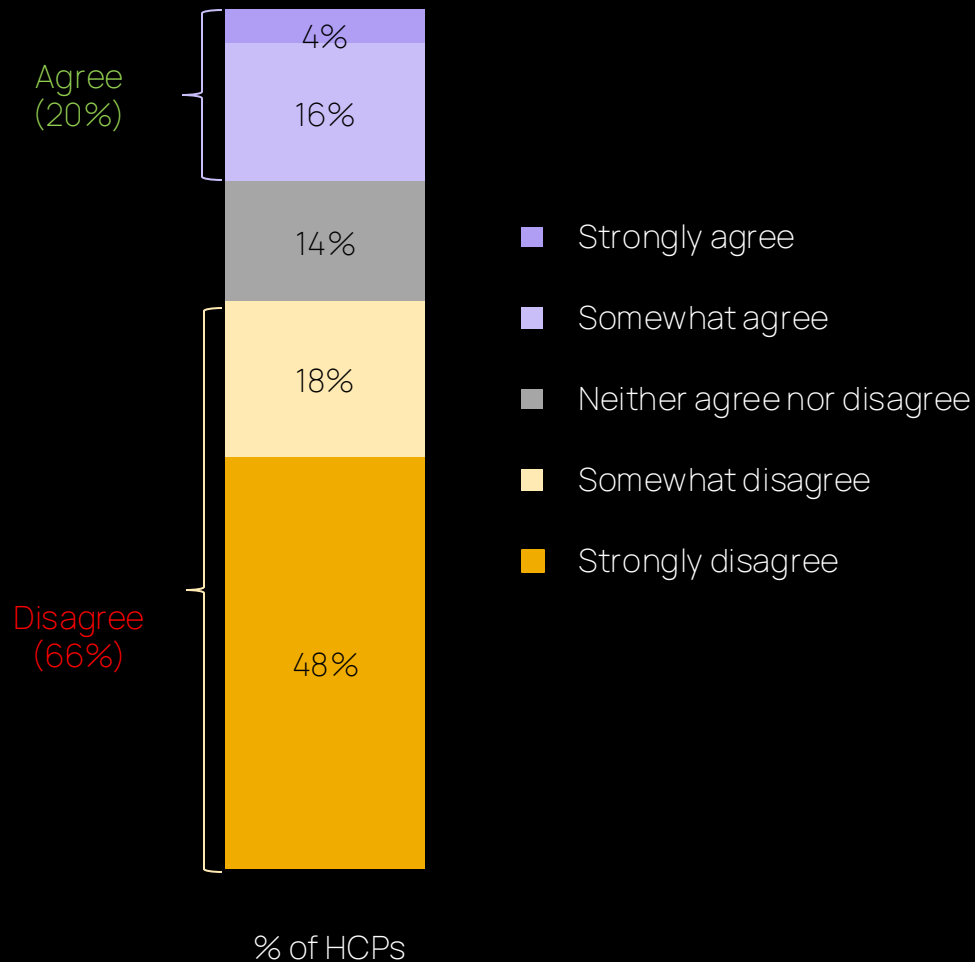
*His personal opinion, **not based on scientific evidence** would have a detrimental effect on the American health and wellbeing.*



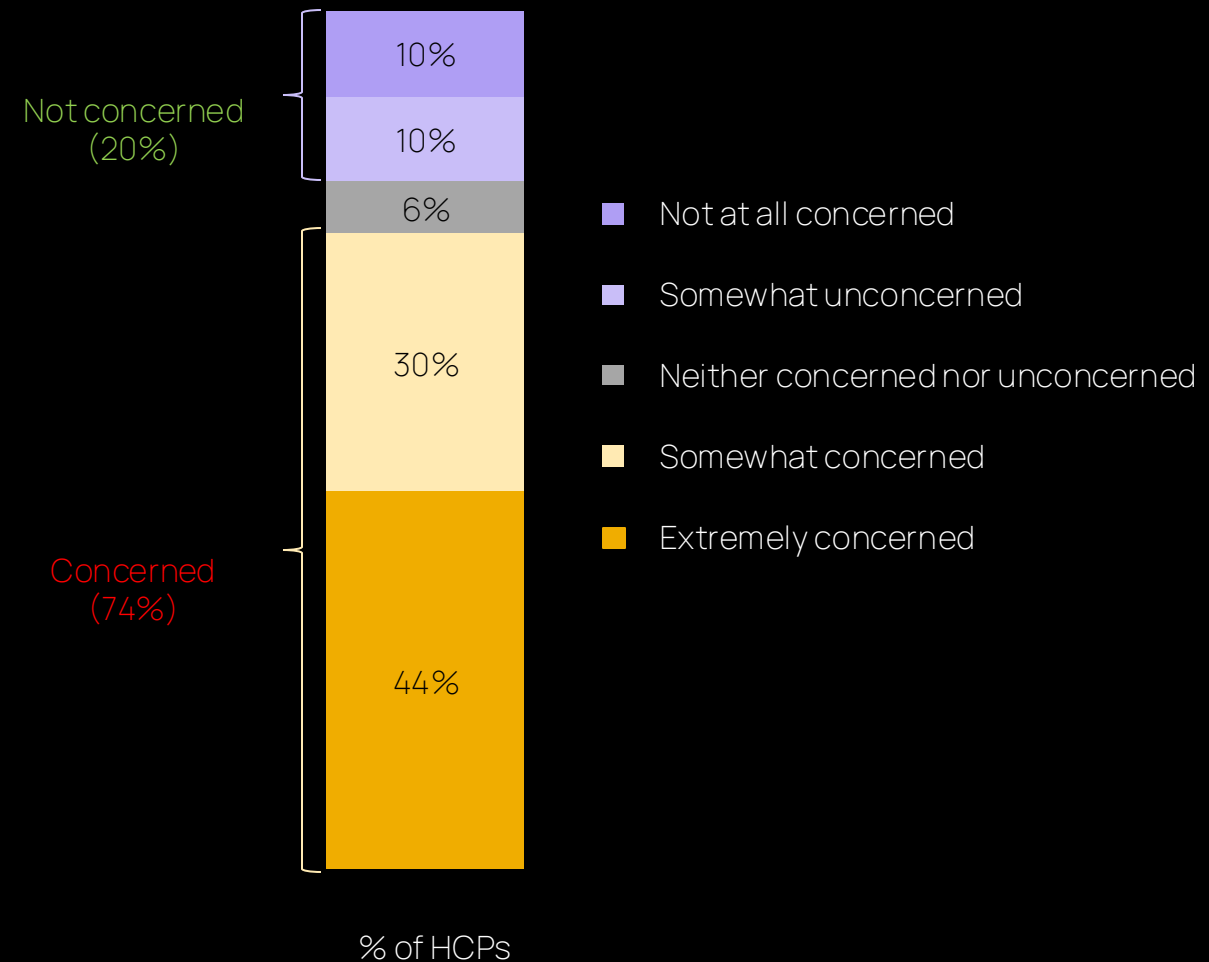
*Robert has a history of **false statements and beliefs** in debunked conspiracy theories on subjects like HIV and AIDS, antidepressants and autism.*

HCPs do not believe he is qualified enough to lead HHS driving elevated levels of concern about him leading

Opinions on RFK Jr.'s Qualifications to Lead HHS
(n=50)

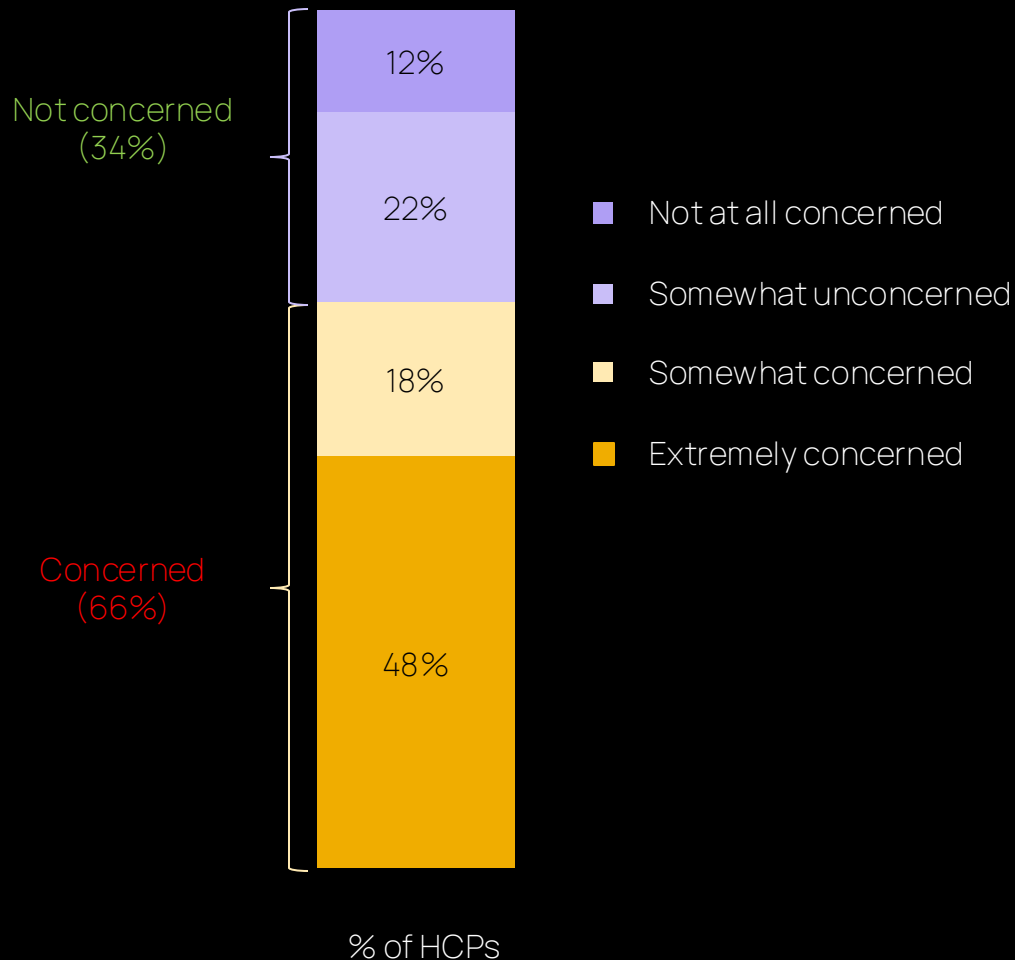


Level of Concern with RFK Jr. Leading HHS
(n=50)



The elevated concerns are stemming from him potentially influencing the national vaccination policies ...

Concern about his vaccination policy
(n=50)



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There will be a huge gap in the vaccination rates especially among children which will lead to unnecessary deaths



Mistrust in vaccines leading to lower rates of vaccination in children and an emergence of preventable illnesses. speeding drugs through the FDA leading to unsafe and unproven medications.



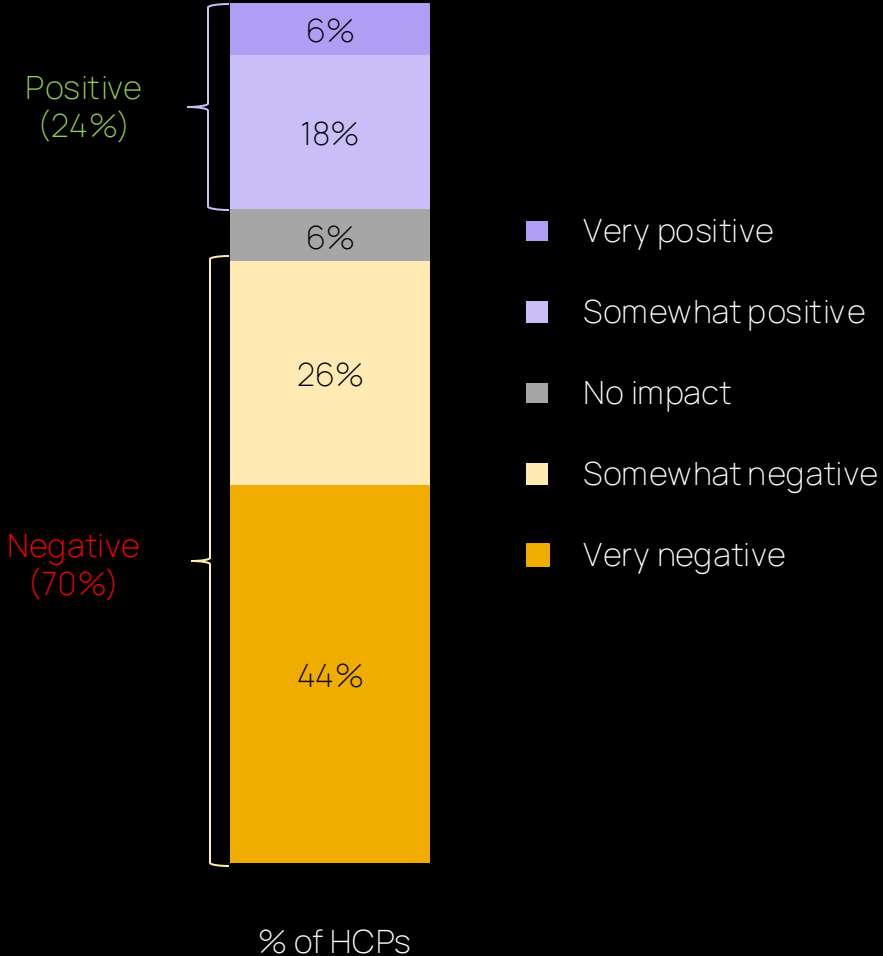
One of the biggest risks is his history of being an anti-vaxer and taking a more radical view on healthcare and conspiracies that Big Pharma is the enemy.



He may cause problems for vaccine manufacturers getting new vaccines approved and not back general immunizations for the public citizens for any vaccines.

... and the potential loss of public trust in health institutions like CDC and FDA

Impact of Public's trust on CDC and FDA
(n=50)



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The biggest risk is undermining the peoples' trust in public health agencies



Lack of public trust in health care enabling uninformed people to have influence over public health



US healthcare and the health of population will be in worse shape with ripple effect on the whole economy



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