

**NATIONAL SURVEY OF REGISTERED VOTERS
REGARDING HEALTH CARE REFORM**

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Hello, this is _____ with Opinionology, a national public opinion research company. We're talking with people in your area today about some issues facing the country. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation (DO NOT PAUSE).

FOR CELL PHONE SAMPLE:

CELL 1. Have I reached you on a cell phone?

YES.....1 GO TO Q. CELL 2
NO.....2 THANK AND CLOSE

CELL 2. Are you in a place right now where you can safely take the survey?

YES.....1 GO TO Q. A
NO.....2 SCHEDULE CALLBACK
NOT WILLING TO TAKE SURVEY3 THANK AND CLOSE

A. Are you registered to vote in the county in which you live?

YES.....1 GO TO Q. C
NO.....2 GO TO Q. B

B. Is there anyone else in your household who is registered to vote in your county? IF YES, ASK: May I speak with that person, please?

YES.....1 GO TO INTRO
NO.....2 THANK AND CLOSE

C. How likely would you say you are to vote in the elections for President and Congress this year: absolutely certain, very likely, somewhat likely, or not too likely?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN	71%	76%	68%	72%
VERY LIKELY	19%	17%	21%	18%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	5%	4%	6%	5%
NOT TOO LIKELY	4%	2%	5%	5%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%	0%	1%	1%

Results are based on 1000 respondents, MoE = ±3.10 percent. Totals may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

Views of Health Care Reform

1. Do you currently have health insurance coverage? IF YES, ASK: Are you covered through a government program like Medicare or Medicaid, through employer-provided health insurance, or do you pay for your health insurance yourself?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
YES/GOVERNMENT PROGRAM	22%	18%	21%	28%
YES/EMPLOYER-PROVIDED	50%	56%	51%	45%
YES/PAY FOR INDIVIDUALLY	17%	19%	18%	15%
NO, NOT COVERED	10%	6%	10%	11%
DON'T KNOW	1%	1%	0%	0%

2. Overall, how satisfied are you with your health insurance coverage: (ROTATE FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT: very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
VERY SATISFIED	53%	57%	48%	54%
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	36%	36%	39%	33%
SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	6%	3%	7%	8%
VERY DISSATISFIED	4%	4%	5%	3%
DON'T KNOW	1%	1%	1%	2%
SATISFIED	89%	93%	87%	87%
DISSATISFIED	10%	7%	12%	11%
DON'T KNOW	1%	1%	1%	2%

Note: Results based on 896 respondents who have health insurance coverage.

3. Overall, do you support or oppose the health care reform plan that passed in 2010? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) or just somewhat (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
STRONGLY SUPPORT	22%	4%	18%	43%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	16%	5%	17%	24%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	11%	13%	15%	7%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	34%	64%	31%	8%
DON'T KNOW	17%	13%	20%	18%
SUPPORT	38%	9%	35%	67%
OPPOSE	45%	77%	46%	15%
DON'T KNOW	17%	13%	20%	18%

4. Since health care reform was passed in 2010, are your health care costs going up, going down, or staying about the same?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
GOING UP	47%	58%	53%	31%
GOING DOWN	2%	2%	1%	5%
STAYING THE SAME	45%	36%	41%	59%
DON'T KNOW	6%	4%	5%	5%

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Do you think the health care reform law passed in 2010 will increase, decrease, or have no effect on each of the following: (RANDOMIZE)

		<i>INCREASE</i>	<i>DECREASE</i>	<i>NO EFFECT</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
5. Your health care costs	ALL	58%	7%	26%	9%
	REP	77%	2%	15%	7%
	IND	60%	7%	24%	8%
	DEM	39%	11%	40%	10%
6. The federal deficit	ALL	60%	7%	19%	14%
	REP	79%	2%	8%	10%
	IND	64%	7%	17%	12%
	DEM	40%	11%	31%	18%
7. Your health insurance or Medicare premiums	ALL	56%	6%	25%	13%
	REP	75%	2%	14%	9%
	IND	56%	7%	25%	11%
	DEM	39%	7%	38%	16%
8. Your taxes	ALL	59%	4%	26%	11%
	REP	83%	2%	8%	7%
	IND	60%	3%	26%	11%
	DEM	38%	7%	41%	15%
9. The quality of health care you receive	ALL	18%	30%	42%	10%
	REP	13%	49%	29%	8%
	IND	15%	29%	45%	11%
	DEM	25%	13%	52%	10%

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Now I am going to read a list of statements that have been made about the health care reform plan that passed in 2010. For each one, would you please tell me if you think that statement is true or false: (RANDOMIZE)

		<i>TRUE</i>	<i>FALSE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
10. If you like your current health plan, you will be able to keep it.	ALL	64%	27%	9%
	REP	46%	45%	10%
	IND	64%	28%	8%
	DEM	82%	11%	7%
11. The plan will lower health insurance premiums for the average family by two thousand five hundred dollars per year.	ALL	21%	67%	13%
	REP	5%	90%	5%
	IND	18%	68%	14%
	DEM	36%	47%	17%
12. The plan will not increase taxes for anyone who earns under two hundred fifty thousand dollars a year.	ALL	32%	57%	10%
	REP	12%	81%	7%
	IND	31%	57%	11%
	DEM	53%	36%	10%
13. The plan will lower health care costs for individuals, businesses, and the federal government.	ALL	26%	64%	10%
	REP	10%	85%	5%
	IND	21%	71%	9%
	DEM	48%	39%	12%
14. The plan will not lead to a doctor shortage, rationing, or harm the quality of care.	ALL	37%	56%	7%
	REP	17%	77%	5%
	IND	39%	54%	7%
	DEM	54%	39%	7%
15. The plan will not add one dime to the federal budget deficit.	ALL	20%	71%	9%
	REP	8%	89%	3%
	IND	19%	73%	8%
	DEM	32%	53%	15%
16. The plan will not require cuts in Medicare.	ALL	30%	57%	13%
	REP	12%	79%	9%
	IND	31%	56%	13%
	DEM	46%	38%	16%

17. Do you think the federal government does or does not have the authority to require every American to buy health care insurance or pay a fine?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
DOES	24%	8%	22%	41%
DOES NOT	69%	88%	70%	52%
DON'T KNOW	7%	4%	7%	7%

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Repeal and Replace

18. Do you think Congress should or should not repeal and replace the health care reform law passed in 2010?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
SHOULD REPEAL	53%	82%	56%	24%
SHOULD NOT REPEAL	37%	12%	33%	65%
DON'T KNOW	10%	6%	11%	11%

19. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: (ROTATE)

- a) President Obama's health care plan is an important achievement that will allow all Americans to have access to health insurance, and should be implemented as soon as possible.
- b) President Obama's health care plan will add too much to the deficit, raise taxes, and give the government too much power over health care, and should be repealed and replaced.

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.....	40%	7%	36%	73%
SHOULD BE REPEALED	54%	89%	57%	18%
DON'T KNOW	7%	4%	7%	8%

20. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: (ROTATE)

- a) President Obama did the right thing by focusing on passing health care reform his first year in office. Rising health care costs and the uninsured were major problems we could no longer wait to address.
- b) President Obama did the wrong thing by focusing on passing health care reform his first year in office. He should have worked harder to get the economy going and creating jobs before moving on to other issues.

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
DID RIGHT THING	38%	6%	37%	69%
DID WRONG THING	56%	91%	55%	25%
DON'T KNOW	6%	3%	7%	5%

21. Would you be (ROTATE: more likely or less likely) to vote for a candidate for Congress who supported repealing and replacing the 2010 health care reform law, or would the issue have no effect on your support?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
MORE LIKELY	39%	66%	38%	18%
LESS LIKELY	23%	8%	22%	38%
NO EFFECT	30%	21%	33%	36%
DON'T KNOW	8%	5%	8%	8%

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Now I would like to ask you about several other proposals some people have made to reform health care. For each of the following, please tell me if you support or oppose that proposal: (RANDOMIZE)

		<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>OPPOSE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
Reforming Medical Malpractice				
22. Reforming the medical malpractice system to reduce the number of lawsuits against doctors and hospitals.	ALL	71%	20%	9%
	REP	81%	13%	6%
	IND	74%	18%	8%
	DEM	61%	29%	10%
Controlling Costs				
23. Allowing young people to purchase health insurance policies with basic, limited coverage at much lower premiums than currently available.	ALL	84%	10%	6%
	REP	84%	8%	8%
	IND	85%	11%	4%
	DEM	83%	13%	4%
24. Allowing people to purchase health insurance across state lines to increase the number of options in the marketplace.	ALL	78%	15%	7%
	REP	80%	14%	6%
	IND	82%	14%	4%
	DEM	73%	18%	9%
25. Allowing people to purchase health insurance on an a la carte basis, so they could buy a cheaper policy that does not cover things they do not need or want.	ALL	81%	15%	5%
	REP	86%	11%	4%
	IND	84%	11%	5%
	DEM	74%	21%	4%
Ensuring Access to Health Insurance				
26. Allowing individuals to purchase health insurance coverage with pre-tax dollars, so that they can have an insurance policy they own themselves, and can keep if they change jobs.	ALL	86%	9%	6%
	REP	87%	7%	6%
	IND	87%	8%	5%
	DEM	85%	11%	5%
27. Requiring health insurance plans to offer insurance to people who have a pre-existing condition.	ALL	89%	8%	4%
	REP	84%	12%	4%
	IND	89%	8%	4%
	DEM	93%	4%	3%
Improving Flexibility				
28. Expanding health savings accounts that allow people to save money tax-free for use on any medical expenses.	ALL	83%	11%	6%
	REP	89%	7%	4%
	IND	84%	11%	5%
	DEM	79%	15%	7%
29. Using block grants to give states more flexibility on how they administer their Medicaid plans.	ALL	60%	24%	16%
	REP	68%	19%	13%
	IND	61%	24%	15%
	DEM	52%	31%	17%
30. Encouraging health care reform at the state level, rather than the federal level, so that each state can enact reforms that are best for its residents.	ALL	67%	25%	8%
	REP	83%	11%	6%
	IND	69%	25%	5%
	DEM	52%	39%	9%

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		<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>OPPOSE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
Expanding Choice				
31. Allowing seniors who choose to do so to purchase private health insurance coverage with Medicare money, instead of using traditional Medicare.	ALL	62%	27%	11%
	REP	71%	20%	10%
	IND	61%	27%	11%
	DEM	56%	34%	10%
32. Ensuring that patients and doctors can make health care decisions without the interference of government bureaucrats.	ALL	85%	10%	6%
	REP	93%	4%	3%
	IND	87%	8%	6%
	DEM	76%	17%	8%

Demographics

Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

33. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an independent, or a Democrat)?

	ALL
IF "REP" OR "DEM", ASK:	
Would you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?	STRONG REP..... 20%
	NOT-SO-STRONG REP..... 9%
	IND LEAN REP..... 10%
	IND/NO PREF 13%
IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:	
Do you think of yourself as closer to the (ROTATE: Republican or Democratic Party)?	IND LEAN DEM 10%
	NOT-SO-STRONG DEM 11%
	STRONG DEM 23%
	REFUSED 5%

34. When thinking about politics today, do you normally consider yourself to be (ROTATE: very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
VERY CONSERVATIVE	19%	39%	11%	9%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	26%	38%	26%	15%
MODERATE	26%	13%	39%	26%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL.....	16%	5%	15%	30%
VERY LIBERAL.....	8%	2%	5%	16%
NO OPINION	6%	3%	5%	5%

35. Would you please stop me when I read the last level of education you completed?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL	3%	2%	3%	4%
HIGH SCHOOL GRAD	16%	12%	13%	24%
SOME COLLEGE	26%	31%	26%	22%
COLLEGE GRAD	32%	39%	33%	25%
GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL.....	21%	15%	24%	24%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	3%	1%	2%	1%

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36. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
18 TO 34	21%	20%	25%	20%
35 TO 49	34%	41%	36%	25%
50 TO 64	27%	25%	24%	32%
65 OR OLDER.....	18%	14%	15%	23%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	0%	0%	0%	0%

37. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
\$25,000 OR LESS.....	14%	10%	12%	21%
\$25,000 TO \$50,000	16%	13%	20%	17%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000	19%	21%	21%	18%
\$75,000 TO \$100,000	15%	16%	14%	17%
\$100,000 TO \$150,000	13%	16%	15%	10%
\$150,000 TO \$250,000	7%	8%	7%	5%
\$250,000 OR MORE.....	3%	3%	1%	4%
REFUSED	13%	14%	11%	9%

38. Would you call yourself an evangelical Christian or not?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
YES	33%	46%	28%	27%
NO	58%	47%	64%	65%
DON'T KNOW (DNR)	5%	5%	4%	5%
REFUSED (DNR).....	4%	2%	4%	3%

39. Are you or is anyone in your immediate family a member of a labor union?

IF YES, ASK: Is it a government employee or private sector union?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
YES/GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE UNION.....	10%	7%	10%	12%
YES/PRIVATE SECTOR UNION	11%	8%	12%	12%
NO	75%	82%	74%	72%
DON'T KNOW	5%	3%	4%	4%

40. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF NO, ASK: What would you say is your main race: white, African American, Asian, or something else?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
YES/HISPANIC.....	8%	7%	5%	12%
NO/WHITE	75%	91%	82%	57%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	13%	0%	9%	28%
NO/ASIAN.....	1%	0%	1%	2%
NO/OTHER	1%	1%	2%	1%
REFUSED	1%	0%	2%	0%

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41. Gender (from observation):

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM
MALE	47%	46%	53%	40%
FEMALE.....	53%	54%	47%	60%

42. Finally, in what state do you live?

That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

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