

Topline

Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: October 2016

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METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted October 12-18, 2016, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,205 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (424) and cell phone (781, including 476 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the July-December 2015 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1205	±3 percentage points
Half Sample A	583	±5 percentage points
Half Sample B	622	±5 percentage points
Registered Voters		
Total RV	1029	±4 percentage points
Democratic RV	368	±6 percentage points
Republican RV	259	±7 percentage points
Independent RV	331	±6 percentage points
Trump Supporters (RV)	394	±6 percentage points
Clinton Supporters (RV)	525	±5 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	408	±6 percentage points
Republicans	285	±7 percentage points
Independents	402	±6 percentage points
Opinion of Public Health Insurance Option		
Favor public option	739	±4 percentage points
Oppose public option	393	±6 percentage points

Trend Information:

01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress (January 4-14, 2011)

1. Thinking about the campaign for the presidential election in 2016, what is the single most important issue in your vote for president? IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE ISSUE PROBE FOR SECOND: Is there another issue that's nearly as important? (OPEN-END. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE IN ORDER OF MENTION. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

	10/16 Total	10/16 RVs	06/16 Total	06/16 RVs	02/16 Total	02/16 RVs
Presidential candidates (NET)	29	30	24	26	20	21
Candidate personal characteristics, such as leadership/character/values/experience	15	16	12	14	9	11
Other mention of presidential candidates	7	6	5	5	5	6
For or against specific candidate/party (SUBNET)	5	5	5	5	4	4
Specifically for Clinton/against Trump	3	3	--	--	--	--
Specifically for Trump/against Clinton	2	2	--	--	--	--
A candidate's platform/stance on issues	4	4	4	4	2	2
Economy/Jobs (NET)	27	30	27	30	25	27
Economy	19	22	20	22	15	16
Jobs/Unemployment	9	9	5	6	9	9
Income inequality	3	2	2	2	3	4
Cares about the middle class	*	1	1	1	1	1
Jobs moving overseas/Bring jobs back	*	*	*	*	*	*
Trade policies	*	*	--	--	--	--
Foreign Policy (NET)	20	22	25	28	14	16
National security/Terrorism/ISIS	12	14	16	19	9	10
War/Peace/Troops/Military/Veterans	5	5	3	4	3	3
Foreign policy/World affairs	4	4	6	7	3	4
Immigration/Border control	14	11	12	8	8	6
Social issues/Morals (NET)	8	9	9	9	6	6
Abortion/Pro-choice	1	1	1	2	1	1
Morals/Religion/Ethics	1	2	1	1	2	2
Gay marriage/LGBT rights	*	*	1	1	*	*
Social issues – general or other	6	6	6	6	3	3
Health Care (NET)	7	7	8	7	8	8
Health care (general)	5	6	6	6	5	6
Opposed to/want to repeal ACA/Obamacare	1	*	*	*	*	*
Universal health care/Single-payer/Medicare-for-all	*	*	1	*	*	1
Cost of care	*	*	*	*	1	1
Medicare	*	*	*	*	*	*
Uninsured/Access to care	*	*	*	*	*	*
In favor of/want to keep ACA/Obamacare	*	*	*	*	1	*
Medicaid	--	--	--	--	1	*
Dissatisfied with politics/government/candidates/Would not vote for candidates	6	6	1	1	2	2
Education/Costs/Student loans	5	5	4	4	4	4
Gun control/rights	3	4	8	9	1	2
Taxes	3	3	3	3	3	4
Supreme Court nominations	2	3	1	1	*	1
Women's issues (NET)	2	2	2	2	1	1
Women's issues (general)	2	2	1	2	1	1
Women's health	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Security	2	2	2	2	1	2
Environment/Energy	2	2	1	1	1	1
Budget Deficit/Spending/National debt	1	2	3	3	4	5
Cares about seniors	1	1	1	1	1	2
Financial regulation	*	*	1	1	*	*
Other	6	6	4	4	4	4
Don't vote/None/No one single issue	*	--	1	*	3	2
Don't know	5	4	14	11	11	8
Refused	2	1	--	--	--	--
	(n=1,205)	(n=1,029)	(n=1,201)	(n=993)	(n=1,202)	(n=983)

Note: Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple response.

2. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, please answer “yes”] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
10/16	19	26	13	32	10
09/16	18	26	17	30	9
08/16	19	21	14	28	17
07/16	18	22	17	29	14
06/16	18	24	12	32	14
04/16	15	23	17	32	13
03/16	21	20	17	30	13
02/16	19	22	12	34	14
01/16	21	20	16	28	16
12/15	19	21	13	33	14
11/15	19	19	17	28	17
10/15	21	21	15	27	16
09/15	21	20	15	30	14
08/15	23	21	16	25	14
06/29/15	23	20	13	27	17
06/09/15	19	20	16	26	19
04/15	22	21	15	27	14
03/15	22	19	15	28	16
01/15	19	21	16	30	15
12/14	18	23	16	30	14
11/14	18	19	16	30	18
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19

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	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
12/11 ¹	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ²	23	23	10	30	14

3. What would you like to see the next president and Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	10/16
Expand what the law does	31
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	18
Scale back what the law does	9
Repeal the entire law	32
None of these/Something else (VOL.)	6
Don't know	3
Refused	1

¹ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year..."

² April 2010 trend wording was "[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

4. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) (is/are) (better off) or (worse off) as a result of the health care law, or has it not made much difference? How about (INSERT ITEM)? [READ IF NECESSARY: "(Is/Are) (INSERT ITEM) (better off) or (worse off) as a result of the health care law, or has it not made much difference?"] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES; Insert "is" for item b; insert "are" for items a, c, d, e, f, g and h)

		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	Don't know	Refused ³
a. You and your family	10/16	19	29	50	1	*
	12/14	17	25	56	3	--
	06/14	18	26	53	4	--
	01/14	12	24	62	2	--
b. The country as a whole	10/16	39	39	20	3	*
	12/14	32	36	26	6	--
	06/14	33	40	21	6	--
	01/14	27	40	27	6	--
c. The uninsured	10/16	44	32	20	4	*
	12/14	45	28	19	8	--
	06/14	43	29	17	11	--
	01/14	42	30	20	8	--
d. People who get health insurance through an employer	10/16	26	32	36	6	*
	12/14	26	32	33	8	--
	06/14	26	31	35	8	--
e. People who buy health insurance on their own	10/16	27	44	21	7	1
	12/14	32	37	21	10	--
	06/14	31	37	20	13	--
f. Lower-income people	10/16	50	32	13	5	1
<i>Item g based on half sample A (n=583)</i>						
g. Small employers	10/16	21	52	17	8	1
	12/14	18	51	18	12	--
<i>Item h based on half sample B (n=622)</i>						
h. Large employers	10/16	23	33	31	12	1
	12/14	22	32	31	15	--

READ ALL: Thinking more generally about health care in the country...

5. Do you think (Hillary Clinton) and (Donald Trump) have (ROTATE 1-4,4-1) views on what should be done on health care? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	10/16
Similar (NET)	8
Very similar	2
Somewhat similar	6
Different (NET)	86
Somewhat different (or)	14
Very different	72
Don't know	6
Refused	*

³ Don't know and Refused were recorded separately for this question and some other questions throughout the survey. Prior to 2016, Don't know/Refused was combined into one category. Trend results prior to 2016 for "Refused" are shown in the "Don't know" category.

6. How well, if at all, would you say you understand what (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) is proposing to do on health care if (IF a: she IF b: he) wins the 2016 presidential election? Very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well?

	Well (NET)	Very well	Some- what well	Not well (NET)	Not too well	Not at all well	Don't know	Refused
a. Hillary Clinton	69	28	42	28	14	14	2	*
b. Donald Trump	47	19	28	50	17	33	2	1

7. I'm going to read you some different things the next president and Congress might do when it comes to health care. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) should that be a top priority, or important but not a top priority, or not too important or should it not be done? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? Should that be a top priority, or important but not a top priority, or not too important or should it not be done?

<i>Items a-g based on half sample A</i> <i>Items h-m based on half sample B</i>		Top priority	Important but not top	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know	Refused	N
a. Making information about the price of doctors' visits, tests, and procedures such as hip replacements and MRIs more available to patients	10/16	50	39	7	3	1	*	583
	10/15 ⁴	56	32	9	2	2	--	604
	04/15	55	35	5	3	2	--	726
b. Reducing the amount of financial assistance available to help people buy health insurance in order to save the government money	10/16	25	28	15	30	2	1	583
	10/15	29	26	10	31	4	--	604
c. Repealing the requirement that employers with 50 or more workers pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance	10/16	29	35	13	20	3	1	583
	10/15 ⁵	38	28	9	20	4	--	604
	04/15	39	25	11	22	3	--	726
d. Government action to lower prescription drug prices	10/16	63	28	2	5	1	*	583
	10/15	63	24	6	6	1	--	604
	04/15	60	28	6	5	1	--	726
e. Protecting people from being charged high prices when they visit hospitals or outpatient clinics covered by their health plan but are seen by a doctor not covered by their plan	10/16	54	32	8	5	1	1	583
	10/15	56	28	7	5	3	--	604
	04/15 ⁶	56	29	6	6	4	--	726

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⁴ 2015 question wording was "I'm going to read you some different things the President and Congress might do when it comes to health care. As I read each one, tell me if you think that should be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important or should it not be done?"

⁵ Trend wording for this item was "Repealing the requirement that employers with 100 or more workers pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance".

⁶ Trend wording for this item was "Protecting people from being charged high prices when they visit hospitals covered by their health plan but are seen by a doctor not covered by their plan".

Q7 continued

		Top priority	Important but not top	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know	Refused	N
f.	Making sure health plans have sufficient provider networks of doctors and hospitals							
	10/16	57	33	5	4	1	1	583
	10/15	58	30	5	5	2	--	604
	04/15 ⁷	55	31	5	4	4	--	726
g.	Repealing the entire health care law							
	10/16	37	18	6	35	3	1	583
	10/15	37	21	7	32	4	--	604
	04/15	36	18	10	34	3	--	726
h.	Helping people with moderate incomes pay high out-of-pocket costs for medical care							
	10/16	44	34	6	14	1	*	622
	10/15	48	34	7	10	2	--	599
	04/15	44	32	7	14	3	--	726
i.	Making information comparing the quality of health care provided by doctors and hospitals more available to patients							
	10/16	53	35	8	3	1	1	622
	10/15	53	37	7	2	*	--	599
	04/15	54	35	7	3	2	--	780
j.	Repealing the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance or else pay a fine							
	10/16	38	21	10	30	1	1	622
	10/15	38	23	12	24	3	--	599
	04/15	37	19	10	31	3	--	780
k.	Making sure that high-cost drugs for chronic conditions, such as HIV, hepatitis, mental illness and cancer, are affordable to those who need them							
	10/16	74	21	2	2	1	*	622
	10/15	77	20	1	1	1	--	599
	04/15	76	20	1	2	2	--	780
l.	Making information about what doctors and hospitals are covered under different health insurance plans more available							
	10/16	49	39	8	3	1	*	622
	10/15	50	41	7	2	1	--	599
	04/15	54	31	8	5	3	--	780
m.	Eliminating a tax on higher cost employer-sponsored health plans, also called Cadillac plans, that helps pay for the health care law							
	10/16	24	36	16	15	8	1	622
	10/15	30	34	12	13	10	--	599
	04/15 ⁸	26	31	14	18	10	--	780

⁷ Trend wording for this item was "Making sure health plans have sufficient provider networks".

⁸ Trend wording for this item was "Eliminating a tax on the most expensive employer-sponsored health plans, also called Cadillac plans, that helps pay for the health care law".

READ ALL: Moving on to another topic...

8. Compared to 12 months ago, do you think the (INSERT AND ROTATE) is currently higher or lower than it was 12 months ago? How about the (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? READ AS NECESSARY: Is this currently higher or lower than it was 12 months ago?

	Higher	Lower	Same (VOL.)	Don't know	Refused
a. Unemployment rate, that is the share of people who are unemployed	38	50	7	5	*
b. Uninsured rate, that is the share of people who do not have health insurance	39	47	4	10	*
c. Inflation rate, that is the rising cost of goods and services	70	14	11	5	*
d. Cost of gasoline	28	61	10	2	*

9. Earlier you said that you have an unfavorable opinion of the health care law. I'm going to read some reasons people give for viewing the law unfavorably. After I read each one, please tell me if it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you have an unfavorable view of the law. First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you have an unfavorable view of the law? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)?

Based on those who have an unfavorable view of health care law (n=540)

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
a. The government is spending too much on health care	55	22	21	2	*
b. The law gives government too big a role in the health care system	74	18	8	*	*
c. The law doesn't go far enough in expanding coverage	38	30	29	2	*
d. The law increased health care costs	81	11	5	2	1
e. The health care law is just one of many indications that President Obama took the country in the wrong direction	65	17	17	1	*

Summary of Q2 and Q9a based on total

	10/16
Favorable view of health care law	45
Unfavorable view of health care law (The government is spending too much on health care)	45
Major reason	25
Minor reason	10
Not a reason	10
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	10

Summary of Q2 and Q9b based on total

	10/16
Favorable view of health care law	45
Unfavorable view of health care law (The law gives government too big a role in the health care system)	45
Major reason	33
Minor reason	8
Not a reason	4
Don't know/Refused	*
Don't know/Refused	10

Summary of Q2 and Q9c based on total

	10/16
Favorable view of health care law	45
Unfavorable view of health care law (The law doesn't go far enough in expanding coverage)	45
Major reason	17
Minor reason	13
Not a reason	13
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	10

Summary of Q2 and Q9d based on total

	10/16
Favorable view of health care law	45
Unfavorable view of health care law (The law increased health care costs)	45
Major reason	37
Minor reason	5
Not a reason	2
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	10

Summary of Q2 and Q9e based on total

	10/16
Favorable view of health care law	45
Unfavorable view of health care law (The health care law is just one of many indications that President Obama took the country in the wrong direction)	45
Major reason	29
Minor reason	8
Not a reason	7
Don't know/Refused	*
Don't know/Refused	10

10. What is the MAIN reason why you have an unfavorable view of the health care law? Is it because (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE 1-5)?

Based on those who have an unfavorable view of health care law (n=540)

	10/16
The law gives government too big a role in the health care system	32
The health care law is just one of many indications that President Obama took the country in the wrong direction	26
The law increased health care costs	25
The law doesn't go far enough in expanding coverage	11
The government is spending too much on health care	5
Some other reason (VOL.)	1
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Summary of Q2 and Q10 based on total

	10/16
Favorable view of health care law	45
Unfavorable view of health care law	45
The law gives government too big a role in the health care system	14
The health care law is just one of many indications that President Obama took the country in the wrong direction	12
The law increased health care costs	11
The law doesn't go far enough in expanding coverage	5
The government is spending too much on health care	2
Some other reason (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Don't know/Refused	10

11. As you may have heard, the share of Americans who DO NOT have health insurance is at the lowest rate ever (IF NEEDED: Meaning a larger share of Americans have health insurance than ever before). After hearing this, do you (still have an unfavorable view of the health care law), or do you (now have a favorable view of the health care law)? (ROTATE CHOICES IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who have an unfavorable view of health care law (n=540)

	10/16
Still have an unfavorable view of the health care law	91
Now have a favorable view of the health care law	7
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Summary of Q2 and Q11 based on total

	10/16
Still have an unfavorable view of the health care law	41
Have a favorable view of the health care law	49
Originally favorable	45
Now favorable after hearing the share of Americans who do not have health insurance is at the lowest rate ever	3
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	10

12. Earlier you said that you have a favorable opinion of the health care law. As you may have heard, some health insurance companies have decided to no longer sell health insurance through the exchanges or marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance. After hearing this, do you (still have a favorable view of the health care law), or do you (now have an unfavorable view of the health care law)? (ROTATE CHOICES IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who have a favorable view of health care law (n=563)

	10/16
Still have a favorable view of the health care law	77
Now have an unfavorable view of the health care law	20
Don't know	3
Refused	1

Summary of Q2 and Q12 based on total

	10/16
Still have a favorable view of the health care law	35
Have an unfavorable view of the health care law	55
Originally unfavorable	45
Now unfavorable after hearing some health insurance companies have decided to no longer sell health insurance through the exchanges or marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance	9
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	10

NO QUESTION 13

14. During the past 30 days, have you gotten any information about the health care law from (READ AND RANDOMIZE, a-c first, then d, then e-j), or not? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM) [READ AS NECESSARY: Have you gotten any information about the health care law from (INSERT ITEM) in the past 30 days, or not?

Based on half sample A

		Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	N
a. Cable TV news channels such as CNN, FOX News, or MSNBC, or their websites	10/16	32	67	1	*	583
	04/13 ⁹	30	69	2	--	1203
b. National broadcast network news channels such as ABC, NBC, or CBS, or their websites	10/16	28	72	--	*	583
	04/13	24	74	2	--	1203
c. Local TV news stations or their websites	10/16	27	73	--	*	583
	04/13	19	80	1	--	1203
d. Newspapers, radio news, or other online news sources	10/16	45	55	--	--	583
	04/13	36	62	2	--	1203
e. Conversations with friends and family	10/16	56	43	*	*	583
	04/13	40	58	1	--	1203
f. Federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services, or their websites	10/16	15	85	*	*	583
	04/13	9	90	*	--	1203
g. A health insurance company	10/16	22	78	*	--	583
	04/13	11	88	1	--	1203
h. An employer	10/16	15	84	1	*	583
	04/13	11	88	1	--	1203
i. Your doctor or another health care professional	10/16	21	78	*	*	583
	04/13	11	88	1	--	1203
<i>Item j based on October 13-18 interviews (n=507)</i>						
j. Your own personal experience	10/16	46	52	1	1	507

- 14a/15. During the past 30 days, have you gotten any information about the health care law from Cable TV news channels such as CNN, FOX News, or MSNBC, or their websites, or not? Would you say you are mainly getting information from (CNN), (FOX News), (MSNBC), or some other cable news channel? (ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES)

Summary of Q14a and Q15 based on half sample A

	10/16	04/13
Yes, have gotten information from cable TV news	32	30
Mainly CNN	10	7
Mainly FOX News	8	10
Mainly MSNBC	4	5
Mainly some other cable news channel	6	4
Don't know where mainly get information from	3	3
No, have not gotten information from this source	67	69
Don't know	1	2
Refused	*	--
	(n=583)	(n=1203)

⁹ April 2013 trend based on total sample.

16. There are many places people are turning to for information about the health care law. For each place I name, tell me how much you would trust information from that source. First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE): how much would you trust information about the health care law from (INSERT)? A lot, some, only a little, or not at all? What about information about the health care law from (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? [IF NECESSARY: Would you trust that information a lot, some, only a little or not at all?]

Based on half sample B

		A lot/ Some (NET)	A lot	Some	A little/ Not at all (NET)	Only a little	Not at all	Don't know	Refused	N
a. The news media	10/16	37	8	29	62	25	37	*	*	622
	08/13 ¹⁰	42	8	34	57	29	28	1	--	1503
b. Friends and family	10/16	60	23	37	40	25	15	*	--	622
	08/13	56	18	38	42	29	13	1	--	1503
c. Federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services	10/16	69	43	26	31	17	13	1	*	622
	08/13	64	34	30	34	17	17	2	--	1503
d. A health insurance company	10/16	59	23	36	41	24	17	*	--	622
	08/13	51	15	36	47	27	21	1	--	1503
e. An employer	10/16	68	21	46	30	19	11	2	*	622
	08/13	58	21	37	36	21	15	6	--	1503
f. Your doctor or nurse	10/16	80	49	31	19	13	6	1	*	622
	08/13	80	44	36	18	11	7	1	--	1503
g. Your local pharmacist	10/16	70	33	36	30	18	12	*	*	622
	08/13	69	30	39	28	19	9	3	--	1503
h. Social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter	10/16	14	2	12	85	28	57	1	*	622
	08/13	19	3	16	77	28	49	5	--	1503
i. Your local church or place of worship	10/16	48	22	26	48	20	28	2	2	622
	08/13	49	21	27	47	22	24	5	--	1503

¹⁰ August 2013 trend based on total sample.

17. Next, thinking about news media coverage... Thinking about the health care law and what you've seen, how much has been about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? [READ AS NECESSARY: Has most, some, just a little, or none of the news media coverage been about this?]

	Most/ Some (NET)	Most	Some	Just a little/ None (NET)	Just a little	None	Don't know	Refused
a. The politics and controversies of the law	64	32	32	34	18	15	2	*
b. The health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits	38	9	28	58	30	28	4	1
c. The cost of premiums in plans purchased through the law	47	16	32	48	24	23	4	*
d. The number of people who are getting health insurance	51	15	36	45	28	18	3	1
e. The number of people who are losing health insurance	38	12	26	57	26	31	4	*

NO QUESTION 18

READ ALL: Moving onto another health policy topic that has gained some attention recently...

19. Do you favor or oppose (INSERT ITEM)? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)
- a. Creating a government-administered public health insurance option to compete with private health insurance plans in the Affordable Care Act marketplaces (IF NEEDED: The health insurance exchanges where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits)

Based on half sample A (n=583)

	10/16
Favor (NET)	53
Strongly favor	25
Somewhat favor	29
Oppose (NET)	41
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	27
Don't know	5
Refused	1

- b. Creating a public health insurance option to compete with private health insurance plans in the Affordable Care Act marketplaces (IF NEEDED: The health insurance exchanges where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits)

Based on half sample B (n=622)

	10/16
Favor (NET)	70
Strongly favor	34
Somewhat favor	36
Oppose (NET)	24
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	15
Don't know	5
Refused	1

20. What if you heard that (INSERT AND ROTATE) under a public health insurance option? Would you still favor that proposal, or would you now oppose that proposal?

Based on those who favor public health insurance option (n=739)

	Still favor	Oppose	Don't know	Refused
a. Doctors and hospitals would be paid less	63	33	2	1
b. The government would have an unfair advantage over private insurance companies	51	44	5	1

Summary of Q19a-b and Q20a based on total

	10/16
Still favor public health insurance option	39
Oppose public health insurance option	55
Originally opposed	32
Now oppose after hearing doctors and hospitals would be paid less	21
Don't know/Refused	2
Don't know	5
Refused	1

Summary of Q19a-b and Q20b based on total

	10/16
Still favor public health insurance option	31
Oppose public health insurance option	63
Originally opposed	32
Now oppose after hearing the government would have an unfair advantage over private insurance companies	27
Don't know/Refused	3
Don't know	5
Refused	1

21. What if you heard that a public health insurance option could (INSERT AND ROTATE)? Would you still oppose that proposal, or would you now favor that proposal?

Based on those who oppose public health insurance option (n=393)

	Still Oppose	Favor	Don't know	Refused
a. Provide more choice to people getting insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplaces	59	35	5	*
b. Help drive down costs because private insurers would be competing with the public plan	57	39	3	1
c. Be the only health insurance option for people living in areas where private health insurance companies may not be offering coverage through the Affordable Care Act marketplace	62	32	5	*

Summary of Q19a-b and Q21a based on total

	10/16
Still oppose public health insurance option	19
Favor public health insurance option	75
Originally favored	62
Now favor after hearing it could provide more choice to people getting insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplaces	11
Don't know/Refused	2
Don't know	5
Refused	1

Summary of Q19a-b and Q21b based on total

	10/16
Still oppose public health insurance option	19
Favor public health insurance option	76
Originally favored	62
Now favor after hearing it could help drive down costs because private insurers would be competing with the public plan	13
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know	5
Refused	1

Summary of Q19a-b and Q21c based on total

	10/16
Still oppose public health insurance option	20
Favor public health insurance option	72
Originally favored	62
Now favor after hearing it could be the only health insurance option for people living in areas where private health insurance companies may not be offering coverage through the Affordable Care Act marketplace	11
Don't know/Refused	2
Don't know	5
Refused	1

22. Next, please tell me how closely you have followed these stories that have been in the news recently. (First/Next,) (INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Did you follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

		Closely (NET)	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not closely (NET)	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/ Refused	
a.	Republican candidate Donald Trump's presidential campaign								
		10/16	70	40	30	30	14	15	*
		09/16	69	40	29	30	14	16	*
		08/16	68	35	33	31	16	16	1
b.	Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign								
		10/16	73	41	33	26	15	12	*
		09/16	70	41	30	29	14	15	1
		08/16	67	34	33	33	18	15	1
c.	The ongoing heroin and prescription painkiller addiction epidemic in the U.S.								
		10/16	59	28	31	41	21	20	1
		09/16	56	25	30	44	25	19	1
		08/16	43	17	26	56	32	24	1
		07/16	52	25	27	48	23	25	*
		06/16	54	30	25	45	22	23	1
d.	The Zika virus outbreak								
		10/16	64	29	35	36	22	14	*
		09/16	61	23	38	38	25	14	*
		08/16	60	22	38	39	26	13	1
		07/16	52	21	31	47	29	18	*
		06/16	57	26	31	42	22	19	1
		04/16	61	29	32	38	20	18	1
		03/16	54	23	31	45	22	23	1
		02/16	57	20	37	41	21	20	1
e.	The increase in cost for an Epinephrine injection, otherwise known as the EpiPen								
		10/16	61	34	28	38	17	21	1
		09/16	58	31	27	41	16	25	1
	<i>No item f</i>								
g.	The conflict in Aleppo, Syria								
		10/16	51	23	28	48	22	26	1
		09/16 ¹¹	49	19	29	51	23	28	1
h.	Damage caused by Hurricane Matthew								
		10/16	72	37	35	27	18	9	*
i.	Former President Bill Clinton's comments about the ACA [IF NEEDED: Affordable Care Act]								
		10/16	33	16	17	67	22	45	1

¹¹ Trend wording for this item was "The U.S. and Russia brokered cease-fire to the conflict in Aleppo, Syria".

READ TO ALL: Now I have a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

RSEX. Are you male or female?

Male	49
Female	51
Other (VOL.)	--
Refused ¹²	--

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

18-29	21
30-49	33
50-64	27
65 and older	18
Don't know/Refused	*

D4. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

Covered by health insurance	88
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,114)

Plan through your employer	36
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	11
Medicare	20
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	2

Summary D4 and D4a based on ages 18-64

Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	37
Spouse's employer	13
Self-purchased plan	9
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

¹² Refusals were coded by observation.

24. When you filed your 2015 taxes, did you have to pay a fine for not having health insurance, or did you not have to pay a fine?

Yes, had to pay a fine	6
No, did not pay a fine	92
Don't know	1
Refused	1

D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent/very good/good (NET)	80
Excellent	22
Very good	30
Good	27
Only fair/poor (NET)	20
Only fair	16
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	--

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	50
Living with a partner	6
Widowed	6
Divorced	10
Separated	3
Never been married	24
Don't know/Refused	1

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	45
Employed part-time	11
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	5
Retired	17
On disability and can't work	8
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent	6
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican	22
Democrat	32
Independent	36
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	8
Don't know	--
Refused	3

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	37
Democrat/Lean Democratic	47
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	16

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Democrat	32
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	15
Independent Lean Republican	15
Republican	22
Undesignated	1

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	27
Moderate	32
Conservative	38
Don't know/Refused	3

D9. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

Yes	79
No	20
Don't know/Refused	1

D10. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

Based on registered voters (n=1,029)

Absolutely certain to vote	80
Probably vote	8
Chances 50-50	6
Less than that	2
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	1
Already voted (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary D9 and D10 based on total

Yes, registered to vote	79
Absolutely certain to vote	64
Probably vote	6
Chances 50-50	5
Less than that	2
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	1
Already voted (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1
No, not registered	20
Don't know/Refused	1

Vote1. If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Hillary Clinton, the Democrat) and (Donald Trump, the Republican), for whom would you vote? (RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES - RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST TO MATCH QUESTION)

Vote2. (IF OTHER UNNAMED/NEITHER/DK/REF) Would you lean toward (Clinton) or toward (Trump)? (ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS IN PARENTHESES IN SAME ORDER AS VOTE1- RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST TO MATCH QUESTION)

Based on registered voters (n=1,029)

Clinton/Lean Clinton	49
Trump/Lean Trump	38
Other (VOL.)	3
Neither (VOL.)	3
Would not vote (VOL.)	1
Don't know	2
Refused	2

Vote3. IF ALREADY VOTED: In the election for U.S. president, did you vote for [RANDOMIZE (Donald Trump, the Republican) or (Hillary Clinton, the Democrat)]?

Sample size insufficient to report

Summary of Vote1, Vote2, and Vote3 based on registered voters

Clinton supporter	50
Trump supporter	38
Other/Neither/Refused	12

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	4
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	33
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	20
Two year associate degree from a college/university	11
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	15
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	12
Don't know/Refused	*

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	63
Total non-White	35
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	2

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Based on Hispanics (n=154)

U.S.	48
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	50
Don't know/Refused	--

D14. Last year—that is, in 2015—what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	16
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	18
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.



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