

Topline

KFF Health Tracking Poll – April 2019

METHODOLOGY

This *KFF Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted April 11th-16th 2019, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,203 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). The sample included 290 respondents reached by calling back respondents that had previously completed an interview on the KFF Tracking poll more than nine months ago. Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (301) and cell phone (902, including 624 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. To efficiently obtain a sample of lower-income and non-White respondents, the sample also included an oversample of prepaid (pay-as-you-go) telephone numbers (25% of the cell phone sample consisted of prepaid numbers) as well as a subsample of respondents who had previously completed Spanish language interviews on the SSRS Omnibus poll ($n=10$). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group (MSG). 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 2017 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 January-June 2018 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, and design modifications, namely, the oversampling of prepaid cell phones and likelihood of non-response for the re-contacted 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	1,203	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	342	±6 percentage points
Republicans	273	±7 percentage points
Independents	437	±6 percentage points
Democratic-leaning independents	199	±8 percentage points
Republican-leaning independents	181	±8 percentage points

Notes for reading the topline:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- "Vol." indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.

All trends shown in this document come from the Kaiser Health Tracking Polls except:

- 01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)
- 12/08: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *Post-Election Survey* (conducted Dec 4-14, 2008)
- 03/16 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *2016 Survey of Americans on the U.S. Role in Global Health* (March 1-26, 2016)
- 06/15: Kaiser Family Foundation *Medicare and Medicaid at 50* (April 23-May 31, 2015)
- 08/13 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *2013 Survey of Americans on the U.S. Role in Global Health* (August 6-20, 2013)
- 08/12: Kaiser Family Foundation/The Washington Post *Dimensions of Partisanship Survey* (July 25-August 5, 2012)
- 02/12 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *2012 Survey of Americans on the U.S. Role in Global Health* (February 2-12, 2012)
- 08/10 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *2010 Survey of Americans on the U.S. Role in Global Health* (August 3-16, 2010)
- 10/09 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *2009 Survey of Americans on the U.S. Role in Global Health* (October 21-28, 2009)
- 03/09 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *2009 Survey of Americans on the U.S. Role in Global Health* (January 26-March 8, 2009)
- 05/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Survey of Americans on HIV/AIDS* (March 15-May 11, 2004)
- 06/02: Kaiser Family Foundation/The Washington Post/Harvard University *National Survey on the Public's Attitudes towards HIV/AIDS in the U.S. and the World* (June 13-23, 2002)

ACA. As you may know a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. 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?]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
04/19	29	21	11	27	13
03/19	27	23	11	28	12
02/19	28	22	12	25	13
01/19	29	22	12	28	10
11/18	28	25	14	26	8
09/18	23	26	15	27	9
08/18	26	24	13	27	10
07/18	28	20	12	28	11
06/18	26	24	13	28	8
04/18	27	22	15	28	9
03/18	26	24	15	28	7
02/18	33	21	12	30	5
01/18	27	23	12	30	8
11/17	29	21	17	29	5
10/17	29	22	13	27	9
09/17	27	19	14	30	10
08/17	30	22	10	29	9
07/17	28	22	12	32	6
06/17	29	22	14	27	8
05/17	29	20	13	29	9
Late 04/17 ¹	24	24	15	26	12
Early 04/17	20	26	16	30	9
03/17	21	28	15	29	6
02/17	20	28	15	27	10
12/16	21	22	16	30	11
11/16	19	24	17	28	11
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

¹ January 2012 through Late April 2017 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010..."

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	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
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
12/11 ²	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 ³	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 ⁴	23	23	10	30	14

² January 2011 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the 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?)”

³ May 2010 through December 2010 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year...”

⁴ 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?)”

READ TO ALL: Next, I am going to ask you about a different health care proposal.

M4ALL. Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	Strongly/ Somewhat favor (NET)	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat/ Strongly oppose (NET)	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused	
04/19	56	36	20	38	10	28	6	n=1,203
03/19	56	35	21	39	8	30	5	n=1,211
02/19	57	33	24	37	11	26	6	n=1,440
01/19	56	34	22	42	10	32	2	n=1,190
03/18	59	37	22	38	10	28	3	n=1,212
09/17	55	33	22	43	12	31	3	n=581
06/17	57	34	23	38	12	26	5	n=611

Q1. I'm going to read you a couple different things Congress may try to do in the coming months. First, (INSERT ITEM) should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done? (scramble items a-f)

	Top priority/ Important but not top priority (NET)	Top priority	Important but not top priority	Not too important/ Should not be done (NET)	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know/ Refused
a. Repealing and replacing the 2010 Affordable Care Act	53	27	26	42	10	32	5
b. Lowering prescription drug costs for as many Americans as possible	93	68	25	6	3	3	1
c. Expanding government financial help for those who buy their own insurance coverage on the ACA marketplace to include more people	66	26	39	28	13	15	6
d. Protecting people with health insurance from surprise high out-of-network medical bills	86	50	36	12	6	6	2
e. Implementing a national Medicare-for-all plan, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan	58	31	26	40	7	32	3
f. Making sure the Affordable Care Act's protections for people with pre-existing health conditions continue	89	64	25	10	5	5	1

Q2. I am going to read you a list of terms. Please tell me if you have a positive or negative reaction to each term. First/Next, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), do you have a positive or negative reaction to this, or not? (scramble items a-e)

Items b, c: Based on total

Items a, e: Based on half sample A

Item d: Based on half sample B

	Very/ Somewhat positive (NET)	Very Positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat/ Very negative (NET)	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Neutral/ Neither positive or negative (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Socialized medicine									
04/19	46	20	25	44	12	31	4	7	n=600
11/17	44	18	26	44	17	26	4	9	n=603
02/16	38	15	23	49	19	30	4	8	n=1,202
b. Medicare-for-all									
04/19	63	41	22	34	10	23	2	1	n=1,203
11/17	62	34	28	34	14	19	2	2	n=1,201
02/16	64	36	27	29	15	14	3	3	n=1,202
c. Single payer health insurance system									
04/19	49	21	28	32	14	18	8	11	n=1,203
11/17	48	18	30	32	17	15	6	14	n=1,201
02/16	44	15	29	40	21	19	5	12	n=1,202
d. Universal health coverage									
04/19	63	45	18	31	12	20	3	3	n=603
11/17	61	34	27	33	13	20	1	4	n=598
02/16	57	28	29	38	15	22	3	3	n=1,202
e. National health plan									
04/19	59	33	26	36	12	24	3	3	n=600
11/17	57	27	29	34	14	20	2	7	n=603

Q11. As you may know, some insurance companies are selling a type of insurance plan called a short-term plan that lasts up to 12 months. These plans cost significantly less but provide fewer benefits and do not cover some pre-existing conditions. Do you think the federal government should (allow insurance companies to sell these types of plans) or do you think the federal government should (require plans to provide a certain set of benefits and cover pre-existing conditions)? (rotate 1-2/2-1)

	04/19
The federal government should allow insurance companies to sell these types of plans	26
The federal government should require health insurance plans to cover a certain set of benefits and cover pre-existing conditions	67
It depends (Vol.)	2
Don't know	4
Refused	1

READ TO ALL: As you may know, the 2010 health care law established protections for people with pre-existing conditions that prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person’s medical history. This may have led to increased insurance costs for some healthy people.

Q3. How important is it to you that the provision that (INSERT) remains law?

Item a: Based on half sample A

Item b: Based on half sample B

		Very/ Somewhat important (NET)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/ Not at all important (NET)	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know/Refused	
a. Prohibits health insurance companies from charging sick people more									
	04/19	86	64	22	13	7	6	2	<i>n=600</i>
	11/18	84	62	22	13	7	6	4	<i>n=618</i>
	08/18	91	72	19	7	4	3	2	<i>n=616</i>
	06/18	89	72	17	9	5	4	2	<i>n=907</i>
b. Prohibits health insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person’s medical history									
	04/19	89	70	19	11	4	6	1	<i>n=603</i>
	11/18	87	65	22	12	5	7	1	<i>n=583</i>
	08/18	90	75	15	9	4	5	2	<i>n=585</i>
	06/18	90	76	15	8	4	4	2	<i>n=899</i>

READ TO ALL: As you may know, a federal judge ruled that the 2010 Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional and should not be in effect. This ruling is currently being appealed and some say it will go to the Supreme Court.

Q4a. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will lose health insurance coverage in the future if the Supreme Court overturns the health care law's protections for people with pre-existing health conditions? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

Based on half sample A

	04/19
Very/Somewhat worried (NET)	57
Very worried	39
Somewhat worried	18
Not too/Not at all worried (NET)	42
Not too worried	16
Not at all worried	26
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=600</i>

Q4b. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will lose health insurance coverage in the future if the Supreme Court overturns the entire health care law? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

Based on half sample B

	04/19
Very/Somewhat worried (NET)	56
Very worried	39
Somewhat worried	17
Not too/Not at all worried (NET)	43
Not too worried	14
Not at all worried	30
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=603</i>

Q5a. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will not be able to afford coverage in the future if the Supreme Court overturns the health care law's protections for people with pre-existing health conditions? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

Based on half sample A

	04/19
Very/Somewhat worried (NET)	62
Very worried	44
Somewhat worried	18
Not too/Not at all worried (NET)	37
Not too worried	16
Not at all worried	21
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=600</i>

Q5b. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will not be able to afford coverage in the future if the Supreme Court overturns the entire health care law? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

Based on half sample B

	04/19
Very/Somewhat worried (NET)	63
Very worried	46
Somewhat worried	17
Not too/Not at all worried (NET)	36
Not too worried	13
Not at all worried	23
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=603</i>

Q6. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn the 2010 health care law (READ IF NECESSARY: Known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare), or not?

Based on half sample C

	04/19	07/18 ⁵
Yes, overturn	39	41
No, do not want to see it overturned	54	52
Don't know/Refused	7	7
	<i>n=616</i>	<i>n=593</i>

Q7. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn the protections for people with pre-existing conditions established by the 2010 health care law (READ IF NECESSARY Known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare), or not?

Based on half sample D

	04/19	07/18 ⁶
Yes, overturn	27	27
No, do not want to see it overturned	68	64
Don't know/Refused	5	9
	<i>n=587</i>	<i>n=607</i>

⁵ July 2018 trend was asked of half sample A.

⁶ July 2018 trend was asked of half sample B.

Q8. Currently, Congress is debating spending in a number of different areas. Do you want to see Congress increase spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) decrease spending, or keep it about the same? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (scramble items a-h)

Items c, e, g: Based on half sample A

Items d, f, h: Based on half sample B

Items a, b: Based on total

		Increase spending	Decrease spending	Keep it about the same	Don't know	Refused	
a. Medicare (IF NECESSARY: the government health insurance program for seniors and for younger adults with long-term disabilities)							
	04/19	47	7	44	2	*	n=1,203
	01/18	45	7	46	3	*	n=610
	Late 04/17 ⁷	57	6	35	2	1	n=569
	02/17 ⁸	43	8	47	1	*	n=1,160
	06/15	41	8	48	3	*	n=1,849
	12/08 ⁹	43	6	51	1	-	n=814
b. Medicaid (IF NECESSARY: the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children)							
	04/19	42	12	43	2	*	n=1,203
	01/18	38	12	47	3	1	n=610
	Late 04/17	40	12	47	2	*	n=602
	02/17	36	12	48	2	1	n=1,160
	06/15	37	13	47	3	*	n=1,849
	12/08	34	11	54	1	*	n=814
c. Border security							
	04/19	39	19	40	1	*	n=600
d. Education							
	04/19	70	9	20	1	-	n=603
	01/18	70	7	23	*	*	n=1,215
	02/17	67	8	23	1	1	n=586
	06/15	61	10	28	1	-	n=927
e. Foreign Aid							
	04/19	13	43	40	4	*	n=600
	01/18	10	43	42	4	*	n=1,215
	02/17	9	48	38	3	2	n=574
	06/15	10	50	35	4	*	n=922

⁷ Late April 2017 trend wording for both items a and b was "As you know, the federal government has many competing spending priorities. Thinking about health priorities in the federal budget, do you want to see the president and Congress increase spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), decrease spending, or keep it about the same? How about on (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: Do you want to see the president and Congress increase spending, decrease spending, or keep it about the same?"

⁸ June 2015 through February 2017 trend wording was "As you know, there are many competing spending priorities facing the president and Congress. Thinking about the federal budget, do you want to see the president and Congress increase spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), decrease spending, or keep it about the same? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?"

⁹ December 2008 trend wording was "As you know, the federal government has a substantial budget deficit and there are many competing spending priorities facing the next president and Congress. Thinking about the federal budget, do you want to see the next president and Congress increase spending on (INSERT), decrease spending, or keep it about the same?"

Q8 continued...

		Increase spending	Decrease spending	Keep it about the same	Don't know	Refused	
f. Social Security							
	04/19	51	6	41	2	1	n=603
	01/18	50	5	43	2	1	n=1,215
	02/17	47	7	42	3	1	n=574
	06/15	50	6	43	2	*	n=922
g. Efforts to improve health for people in developing countries							
	04/19	22	30	45	2	*	n=600
	Late 04/17	19	33	46	1	*	n=569
h. Efforts to improve health around the world							
	04/19	35	24	39	2	*	n=603

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a: (Republican), (Democrat), an Independent, or what? (rotate items in parentheses)

	04/19
Republican	21
Democrat	29
Independent	36
Or what/Other/None/No preference	10
Don't know	2
Refused	1

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (rotate items in parentheses in same order as PARTY)

Based on those who are not Republican or Democrat

	04/19
Republican	28
Democratic	33
Independent/don't lean to either party (Vol.)	30
Other party (Vol.)	2
Don't know	4
Refused	2
	n=588

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Based on total

	04/19
Republican/Lean Republican	36
Democrat/Lean Democratic	45
Pure Independent	17
Undesignated	3

	04/19
Democrat	29
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	15
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	21
Undesignated	4

- Q9. Some Republicans in Congress have proposed plans that would reduce funding to states for Medicaid and reduce financial help for those who buy their own insurance coverage on the ACA marketplace. These plans would give states more flexibility in how to spend the funding and in deciding who to cover and what protections should be in place for consumers. Do you (support) or (oppose) such a proposal? (rotate 1-2/2-1)

Table I

Based on those who are Republican/lean Republican

	04/19
Support	60
Oppose	31
Don't know/Refused (NET)	9
Don't know	8
Refused	1
	<i>n=454</i>

Table II

Based on those who are Republican

	04/19
Support	59
Oppose	32
Don't know/Refused (NET)	9
Don't know	9
Refused	*
	<i>n=273</i>

Table III

Based on those who are Republican-leaning independents

	04/19
Support	60
Oppose	30
Don't know/Refused (NET)	9
Don't know	8
Refused	2
	<i>n=181</i>

Q10. Do you think Democrats in Congress should focus their efforts on (improving and protecting the 2010 Affordable Care Act) or should they focus their efforts on (passing a national Medicare-for-all plan)? (rotate 1-2/2-1)

Table I

Based on those who are Democrat/lean Democrat

	04/19	03/19	01/19 ¹⁰	03/18 ¹¹	09/17 ¹²
Improving and protecting the 2010 Affordable Care Act	52	41	47	46	54
Passing a national Medicare-for-all plan	39	49	44	48	40
Neither of these/something else (Vol.)	2	3	2	1	3
Both (Vol.)	4	3	2	NA	NA
Don't know/Refused	3	3	5	5	3
	<i>n=541</i>	<i>n=550</i>	<i>n=539</i>	<i>n=568</i>	<i>n=563</i>

Table II

Based on those who are Democrat

	04/19	03/19	01/19	03/18	09/17
Improving and protecting the 2010 Affordable Care Act	52	44	51	46	52
Passing a national Medicare-for-all plan	39	46	38	48	43
Neither of these/something else (Vol.)	2	2	2	1	3
Both (Vol.)	3	4	2	NA	NA
Don't know/Refused	3	4	6	5	3
	<i>n=342</i>	<i>n=380</i>	<i>n=347</i>	<i>n=384</i>	<i>n=352</i>

Table III

Based on those who are Democratic-leaning Independents

	04/19	03/19	01/19	03/18	09/17
Improving and protecting the 2010 Affordable Care Act	51	36	39	46	58
Passing a national Medicare-for-all plan	38	57	54	48	35
Neither of these/something else (Vol.)	2	4	2	1	3
Both (Vol.)	6	1	3	NA	NA
Don't know/Refused	3	2	3	4	4
	<i>n=199</i>	<i>n=170</i>	<i>n=192</i>	<i>n=184</i>	<i>n=211</i>

¹⁰ January 2019 trend wording was “Do you think Democrats in the House should focus their efforts on (improving and protecting the 2010 Affordable Care Act) or should they focus their efforts on (passing a national Medicare-for-all plan)?”

¹¹ March 2018 trend answer options consisted of- “Improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working” and “Trying to pass a national health care plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single-government plan, or Medicare-for-all”

¹² September 2017 trend answer options consisted of- “Improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working”/“Trying to pass a national health care plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single-government plan”

READ TO ALL: I am now going to ask you some questions about unexpected or surprise medical bills, which are bills that patients owe when they receive care from a provider that is not in their health plan's network.

Q12. Sometimes, a patient receives a surprise medical bill when (INSERT ITEM). Should the federal government take action to protect patients from having to pay the cost not covered by their insurance for care received in this situation, or is this not something the federal government should take action on? (scramble items a-c)

	Yes, should take action	No, should not take action	Don't know	Refused
a. They plan to receive care at a hospital that is in their health plan's network but are treated by a doctor or specialist who is not in their network	76	22	2	*
b. They are having a medical emergency and are taken to a hospital that is not in their health plan's network	78	20	2	*
c. They are having a medical emergency and are taken to an emergency room by an ambulance that is not in their health plan's network	78	20	2	*

Q12 Summary Table

Based on total

	04/19
Federal government should take any action	86
Federal government should take no action	14
Don't know/Refused	*

Q13. If the government takes action to protect patients from having to pay the cost not covered by their insurance for care received in these instances, who should cover the cost of the care? Should it be the (insurance company), the (doctor or provider), or both? (rotate 1-2/2-1)

	04/19
Insurance Company	43
Doctor or Provider	5
Both	47
Someone else (Vol.)	2
Government shouldn't take action (Vol.)	1
Don't know	1
Refused	*

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

Q14a. Do you think the U.S. is now spending (too much), (too little), or about the right amount on foreign aid? (rotate 1-2/2-1)

Based on half sample A

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	Don't know	Refused ¹³	
04/19	49	13	27	10	1	n=600
01/18	49	13	30	7	*	n=610
03/16 GH	49	19	21	9	1	n=1,508
12/14	56	11	24	9	-	n=1,505
08/13 GH	61	13	18	7	-	n=1,507
02/12 GH	54	17	24	6	-	n=1,205
08/10 GH	61	10	22	7	-	n=1,213
10/09 GH	47	15	27	10	-	n=1,205
03/09 GH	52	19	17	11	-	n=1,234
05/04 ¹⁴	62	10	18	11	-	n=1,470
06/02	56	8	22	14	-	n=1,402

Q14b. Do you think the U.S. is now spending (too much), (too little), or about the right amount on efforts to improve health for people in developing countries? (rotate 1-2/2-1)

Based on half sample B

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	Don't know	Refused	
04/19	29	29	31	11	1	n=603
01/18	33	30	29	7	*	n=605
03/16 GH	18	32	38	11	1	n=1,508
12/15	30	26	34	9	-	n=1,202
12/14	26	27	36	11	-	n=1,505
08/13 GH	30	31	30	9	-	n=1,507
02/12 GH	21	32	34	12	-	n=1,205
08/10 GH	28	23	42	7	-	n=1,213
10/09 GH	25	34	32	9	-	n=1,205
03/09 GH	23	26	39	12	-	n=1,234

¹³ Trend results prior to 2016 for "Refused" are shown in the "Don't know" category.

¹⁴ June 2002 through May 2004 trend wording was "Turning to the issue of foreign aid, do you think the United States is now spending..."

Q15. I would like you to think about the role the U.S. should play in trying to solve international problems. Do you think the U.S. should take the leading role in world affairs, take a major role, but not the leading role, take a minor role, or take no role at all in world affairs?

Based on half sample A

	04/19	01/18	03/16 GH	12/15	08/12	02/12 GH
Leading role	20	24	16	18	14	17
Major role, but not leading	49	45	41	47	48	43
Minor role	20	21	28	24	27	26
No role at all	9	8	9	9	9	11
Don't know	2	2	4	2	3	3
Refused	*	*	1	-	-	-
	<i>n=600</i>	<i>n=610</i>	<i>n=733</i>	<i>n=1,202</i>	<i>n=3,130</i>	<i>n=1,205</i>

Q16. I would like you to think about the role the U.S. should play in improving health for people in developing countries. Do you think the U.S. should take the leading role in improving health for people in developing countries, take a major role, but not the leading role, take a minor role, or take no role at all in improving health for people in developing countries?

Based on half sample B

	04/19	01/18	03/16 GH
Leading role	14	13	15
Major role, but not leading	43	41	46
Minor role	27	32	31
No role at all	14	12	6
Don't know	1	1	1
Refused	1	*	*
	<i>n=603</i>	<i>n=605</i>	<i>n=775</i>

READ TO HALF SAMPLE A: Now thinking specifically about the health of people in developing countries...

Q17. Compared with previous administrations, do you think President Trump and his administration have made improving health for people in developing countries a (higher) priority, a (lower) priority, or is it about the same? (rotate 1-2/2-1)

Based on half sample A

	04/19	01/18
Higher priority	5	5
Lower priority	46	53
About the same	38	36
Don't know	10	6
Refused	1	*
	<i>n=600</i>	<i>n=610</i>

Q17 TREND QUESTION FOR COMPARISON

Compared with previous presidential administrations, do you think President Obama and his administration have made improving health for people in developing countries a (higher) priority, a (lower) priority, or is it about the same? (rotate items in parentheses)

	03/16 GH
<i>Higher priority</i>	27
<i>Lower priority</i>	11
<i>About the same</i>	54
<i>Don't know</i>	7
<i>Refused</i>	1
	<i>n=1,508</i>

Q18. Would you like to see President Trump and his administration make improving health for people in developing countries a (higher) priority, a (lower) priority, or is the current priority level about right? (rotate 1-2/2-1)

Based on half sample B

	04/19	01/18
Higher priority	36	30
Lower priority	23	26
About right	37	43
Don't know	4	2
Refused	*	*
	n=603	n=605

Q23. Which comes closer to your opinion? When giving aid to improve health in developing countries... (INSERT ITEM): (rotate 1-2/2-1)

	04/19	03/16 GH	12/15	8/13 GH	02/12 GH ¹⁵	08/10 GH	10/09 GH
The U.S. should participate in international efforts, so other countries will do their fair share and efforts will be better coordinated	67	69	68	62	63	57	55
The U.S. should operate on its own, so the U.S. has more control over how the money is spent and gets more credit and influence in the country receiving aid	26	28	25	31	30	35	39
Both/Neither (Vol.)	3	2	4	4	4	6	-
Don't know	3	1	4	2	3	2	6
Refused	1	*	-	-	-	-	-
	n=1,203	n=1,508	n=1,202	n=1,507	n=1,205	n=1,213	n=617

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?

	04/19
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	-
Don't know	*
Refused	*

AGE. What is your age?

AGE2. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

RECA2 VARIABLE

	04/19
18-29	20
30-49	33
50-64	26
65+	20
Don't know/Refused	*

¹⁵ 10/09 GH through 02/12 GH trend wording was "When giving aid to improve health in developing countries... It is best for the U.S. to participate in international efforts, so that other countries will do their fair share and these efforts will be better coordinated (or) It is best for the U.S. to do so on its own, so that the U.S. has more control over how the money is spent and will get more credit and influence in the country receiving aid?"

COVERAGE. 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])?

	04/19
Covered by health insurance	85
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know	*
Refused	*

AGECOV VARIABLE

	04/19
Insured less than 65	82
Uninsured less than 65	18

COVTYPE. 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? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R SAYS THEY GOT INSURANCE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV, OBAMACARE, OR A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE/EXCHANGE, CODE AS 3].

Based on those who are insured

	04/19
Plan through your employer	40
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	8
Medicare	20
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know	1
Refused	1
	<i>n=1,051</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table

Based on total

	04/19
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	9
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	17
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on those ages 18-64

	04/19
Covered by health insurance	82
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	18
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=816</i>

COVSELF. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: or (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME)], or through an insurance agent or broker?

Based on those ages 18-64 who purchase their own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table

Based on those ages 18-64

	04/19
Covered by health insurance	82
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	7
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	18
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=816</i>

COVMKT. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, is it NOT a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, or are you not sure? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased insurance through non-marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)

Based on those ages 18-64

	04/19
Covered by health insurance (NET)	82
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	7
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	18
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=816</i>

Q19. Was there a time in the past two years when you or a family member received care from a doctor, hospital, or lab you thought was covered, and your health plan did not cover the bill at all, or paid less than you expected, or not?

Based on those ages 18-64 and are insured

	04/19
Yes	41
No	58
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	<i>n=674</i>

Q20. Did the health plan say they were not covering the bill or paying less because the provider was not in the plan's network, or was it for some other reason?

Based on those ages 18-64 and are insured whose health plans covered less than expected

	04/19
Not in the plan's network	46
Some other reason	46
Don't know/Refused	8
	<i>n=280</i>

Based on those ages 18-64 and are insured

	04/19
Health plan covered less than expected	41
Provider was not in plan's network	19
Some other reason	19
Don't know/Refused	3
No, health plan did not cover less than expected	58
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=674

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

	04/19
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	78
Excellent	20
Very good	30
Good	28
Only fair/Poor (NET)	22
Only fair	16
Poor	6
Don't know/Refused	*

PREXa. The term pre-existing condition is used to describe a medical condition that a person had before they got health insurance like a history of asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure, or cancer. Would you say that you or someone else in your household have a pre-existing condition of some sort, or not?

	Yes, someone in household has pre-existing condition	No, no one in household has pre-existing condition	Don't know	Refused	
04/19	57	42	*	*	n=1,203
02/19	55	44	1	*	n=1,440
01/19	55	44	*	1	n=1,190
11/18	58	41	1	*	n=1,201
10/18 ¹⁶	53	46	*	1	n=1,201
08/18 ¹⁷	60	39	1	*	n=1,201
06/18	57	42	1	*	n=1,492
03/18	61	37	1	1	n=1,212
02/18	59	40	1	-	n=1,193
06/17	59	39	1	1	n=1,208
05/17	60	40	*	*	n=1,205
12/16	56	44	*	*	n=1,204
11/16	53	46	1	*	n=1,202
08/16	53	46	*	*	n=1,211

¹⁶ Results for October 2018 included combined results of questions using current and previous trend wording. Trend reported after October 2018 uses the following question wording: "The term pre-existing condition is used to describe a medical condition that a person had before they got health insurance like a history of asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure, or cancer. Would you say that you or someone else in your household have a pre-existing condition of some sort, or not?"

¹⁷ September 2009 through August 2018 trend wording was "In general, the term 'pre-existing condition' is used by insurance companies to describe an illness or medical condition that a person had before they began looking for insurance. For example, if you were looking to buy health insurance but had a history of asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure, those would be considered pre-existing conditions, along with illnesses such as cancer. Given that definition, would you say that you or someone else in your household would be considered to have a 'pre-existing condition' of some sort, or not?"

PREXa continued...

	Yes, someone in household has pre-existing condition	No, no one in household has pre-existing condition	Don't know	Refused	
09/14	50	49	1	-	n=1,505
07/14	53	45	2	-	n=1,507
06/14	53	45	2	-	n=1,202
05/14	50	48	2	-	n=1,505
04/14	53	46	1	-	n=1,504
03/14	56	43	1	-	n=1,504
01/14	53	46	1	-	n=1,506
12/13	57	41	2	-	n=1,206
11/13	53	45	1	-	n=1,204
10/13	53	46	1	-	n=1,513
09/13	57	42	1	-	n=1,503
08/13	57	42	1	-	n=1,503
06/13	51	48	1	-	n=1,505
04/13	47	51	2	-	n=1,203
03/13	57	41	1	-	n=1,204
03/12	52	45	3	-	n=1,208
09/11	52	47	1	-	n=1,207
09/09	57	41	2	-	n=1,203

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

	04/19
Married	45
Living with a partner	9
Widowed	7
Divorced	8
Separated	3
Never been married	26
Don't know	*
Refused	*

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today? [READ IN ORDER]

	04/19
Employed (NET)	61
Employed full-time	52
Employed part-time	9
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	4
Retired	17
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	4
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	04/19
Liberal	26
Moderate	35
Conservative	35
Don't know	3
Refused	1

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

	04/19
Yes	81
No	19
Don't know	1
Refused	*

TrumpApprove. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? [GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Do you strongly or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?]

	04/19
Approve (NET)	41
Strongly approve	25
Somewhat approve	16
Disapprove (NET)	55
Somewhat disapprove	12
Strongly disapprove	44
Don't know/Refused	3

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? [DO NOT READ LIST] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

	04/19
HS grad or less (NET)	38
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	4
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	28
Some college (NET)	31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	17
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	13
College grad+ (NET)	31
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	19
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	10
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	04/19
Yes	15
No	84
Don't know	*
Refused	1

RACE. 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? CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF RESPONDENTS REFUSED TO PICK WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, RECORD HISPANIC AS "OTHER," CODE 97)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table

Based on total

	04/19
White, non-Hispanic	63
Total non-White	37
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	2
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	6
Undesignated	2

NATIVITY. Were you born in the United States (IF HISPANIC=1 INSERT, on the island of Puerto Rico), or in another country?

Based on Hispanics

	04/19
U.S.	50
Puerto Rico	3
Another country	48
Don't know	-
Refused	-
	<i>n=157</i>

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2018 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [READ LIST]

	04/19
Less than \$20,000	15
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	21
Don't know/Refused	10



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