

Topline

***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll – January 2018: The Public’s
Priorities and Next Steps for the Affordable Care Act***

January 2018

METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted January 16-21 2018, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,215 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 (433) and cell phone (782, including 497 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. 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 2016 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 2017 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	1215	±3 percentage points
Half Sample A	610	±5 percentage points
Half Sample B	605	±5 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	388	±6 percentage points
Republicans	317	±6 percentage points
Independents	406	±6 percentage points
2018 Election		
Registered voters	1028	±4 percentage points
Voters in competitive elections	298	±7 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)

06/15: Kaiser Family Foundation *Medicare and Medicaid at 50* (April 23-May 31, 2015)

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)

08/13 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *2013 Survey of Americans on the U.S. Role in Global Health* (August 6 -20, 2013)

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)

Q1. While this year's congressional election is still a long way off, I would like to ask you about possible issues that the candidates for Congress might talk about during their upcoming campaigns. How important do you think it is for the candidates to talk about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Is it the most important issue for the candidates to talk about, very important but not the most important, somewhat important, or not too important? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

Based on half sample A (n=610)

	The most important issue	Very important but not the most important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important (Vol.)	Don't know/Refused
a. The economy and jobs	28	50	16	6	*	1
b. The situation with North Korea	24	44	22	8	*	2
c. Health care	29	55	12	4	--	*
d. Climate change	13	34	23	28	1	1
e. Taxes and tax reform	19	43	26	9	*	2
f. Immigration	25	42	22	9	*	1
g. The federal budget deficit	17	47	25	8	*	3

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Based on half sample A who are registered voters (n=511)

	The most important issue	Very important but not the most important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important (Vol.)	Don't know/Refused
a. The economy and jobs	27	49	18	5	*	*
b. The situation with North Korea	24	46	21	8	*	*
c. Health care	29	54	11	5	--	*
d. Climate change	12	35	23	27	1	*
e. Taxes and tax reform	19	43	26	11	*	1
f. Immigration	24	45	22	9	*	*
g. The federal budget deficit	17	47	25	9	*	2

Q2. When you say health care is the most important issue for candidates to talk about, what health care issue are you mainly talking about?

Based on half sample A; those who think health care is the most important issue for candidates to discuss during their upcoming campaigns (n=163)

	01/18
Increase access/decrease number of uninsured	20
Health care costs (NET)	15
Costs/make health care more affordable	12
Prescription drug prices	3
Mention health care law/ACA/Obamacare (NET)	14
Oppose/repeal the health care law (SUBNET)	7
Want government out of health care	3
Repeal health care law	2
Health care law has increased costs	1
Opposed to individual mandate	1
Favor/keep/expand health care law/current system	3
Health care law, general, unclear pro or con	2
Fix/improve health care law	2
Concern about quality of coverage/quality of care	12
Want single-payer system/medicare-for-all/universal health care	9
Medicare/senior concerns	8
Fix/improve health care system (general)/Current system is bad/broken/a mess	5
Want more options/choices/competition/better service	1
Health care personally important/self-family in need of health care	1
Other	16
Don't know/Refused	*

Q2. When you say health care is the most important issue for candidates to talk about, what health care issue are you mainly talking about?

Based on half sample A; those who think health care is the most important issue for candidates to discuss during their upcoming campaigns and are registered voters (n=134)

	01/18
Increase access/decrease number of uninsured	22
Mention health care law/ACA/Obamacare (NET)	15
Oppose/repeal the health care law (SUBNET)	8
Want government out of health care	4
Repeal health care law	1
Health care law has increased costs	1
Opposed to individual mandate	1
Favor/keep/expand health care law/current system	4
Health care law, general, unclear pro or con	3
Fix/improve health care law	1
Concern about quality of coverage/quality of care	13
Want single-payer system/medicare-for-all/universal health care	11
Health care costs (NET)	11
Costs/make health care more affordable	9
Prescription drug prices	2
Medicare/Senior concerns	7
Fix/improve health care system (general)/Current system is bad/broken/a mess	5
Health care personally important/self-family in need of health care	*
Want more options/choices/competition/better service	*
Other	14
Don't know/Refused	*

Q1/2 COMBO TABLE

Based on half sample A (n=610)

	01/18
Health care is the most important issue	29
Increase access/decrease number of uninsured	6
Health care costs (NET)	4
Costs/make health care more affordable	3
Prescription drug prices	1
Mention health care law/ACA/Obamacare (NET)	4
Oppose/repeal the health care law (SUBNET)	2
Repeal health care law	1
Opposed to individual mandate	*
Health care law has increased costs	*
Want government out of health care	1
Favor/keep/expand health care law/current system	1
Fix/improve health care law	*
Health care law, general, unclear pro or con	1
Health care personally important/self-family in need of health care	*
Concern about quality of coverage/quality of care	4
Want single-payer system/Medicare-for-all/universal health care	3
Medicare/Senior concerns	2
Fix/improve health care system (general)/Current system is bad/broken/a mess	1
Want more options/choices/competition/better service	*
Other	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Health care is very important but not the most important	55
Health care is somewhat important	12
Health care is not too important	4
Health care is not at all important (Vol.)	--
Don't know/Refused	*

Q1/2 COMBO TABLE

Based on half sample A who are registered voters (n=511)

	01/18
Health care is the most important issue	29
Increase access/decrease number of uninsured	6
Mention health care law/ACA/Obamacare (NET)	4
Oppose/repeal the health care law (SUBNET)	2
Repeal health care law	*
Opposed to individual mandate	*
Health care law has increased costs	*
Want government out of health care	1
Favor/keep/expand health care law/current system	1
Fix/improve health care law	*
Health care law, general, unclear pro or con	1
Health care personally important/self-family in need of health care	*
Concern about quality of coverage/quality of care	4
Health care costs (NET)	3
Costs/make health care more affordable	3
Prescription drug prices	*
Want single-payer system/medicare-for-all/universal health care	3
Medicare/Senior concerns	2
Fix/improve health care system (general)/Current system is bad/broken/a mess	2
Want more options/choices/competition/better service	*
Other	4
Don't know/Refused	*
Health care is very important but not the most important	54
Health care is somewhat important	11
Health care is not too important	5
Health care is not at all important (Vol.)	--
Don't know/Refused	*

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?] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
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
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

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

ACA continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
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 February 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 2011 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?)”

Q3. I'm going to read you some different things President Trump and Congress might try to do in the coming months. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

Based on half sample B (n=605)

		Top priority	Important but not a top priority	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know/Refused	N
a. Addressing the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic							
	01/18	48	36	9	4	3	(n=605)
	11/17	43	38	12	6	1	603
	Late 04/17 ⁵	50	35	8	5	3	1,171
	12/16 ⁶	45	38	9	5	3	1,204
b. Renewing funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides funding for states to cover uninsured children							
	01/18	68	24	4	2	2	(n=605)
	11/17 ⁷	62	26	5	4	2	603
c. Repealing the 2010 health care law							
	01/18	28	23	11	32	6	(n=605)
	11/17	29	22	9	35	6	598
	Late 04/17	32	18	10	33	7	1,171
	12/16	37	21	7	31	5	1,204
d. Stabilizing the health care marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits							
	01/18	51	36	6	3	3	(n=605)
	11/17 ⁸	48	37	7	6	2	598
e. Passing legislation to allow individuals who came into the country illegally before the age of 16, sometimes known as Dreamers, to legally stay in the U.S.							
	01/18	45	32	10	13	1	(n=605)
	11/17 ⁹	34	35	13	16	2	603
f. Passing federal funding to build a border wall between U.S. and Mexico in order to limit who enters the country							
	01/18	21	17	15	46	*	(n=605)
g. Passing a federal budget in order to prevent a government shutdown							
	01/18	57	25	7	8	3	(n=605)
h. Passing an infrastructure bill with funding to improve U.S. roads and bridges							
	01/18	40	47	9	3	1	(n=605)

⁵ Late April 2017 trend wording was "Dealing with the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic" Intro for December 2016 trend was slightly different: "I'm going to read you some different things Donald Trump and the next Congress might do when it comes to health care"

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⁷ November 2017 trend wording was "Reauthorizing funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides health care coverage for uninsured children"

⁸ November 2017 trend wording was "Stabilizing the marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits"

⁹ November 2017 trend wording was "Passing legislation to allow individuals who came into the country illegally before the age of 16, known as Dreamers, to legally stay in this country"

Q4. To the best of your knowledge, is the Affordable Care Act still in effect, or has it been repealed and is no longer in effect?

Based on half sample A (n=610)

	01/18	11/17	08/17	05/17
Still in effect	68	78	83	74
Has been repealed and is no longer in effect	17	12	8	15
Don't know	14	10	8	9
Refused	*	*	*	1

READ TO HALF SAMPLE A: Thinking more generally about health care...

READ TO HALF SAMPLE B: Thinking specifically about health care...

Q5. Who is currently driving health care legislation in Washington? Is it (READ LIST)? (scramble items 1-3)

	01/18
President Trump	22
Republicans in Congress	34
Democrats in Congress	23
None of these (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	14

Q6. As you may know, the Affordable Care Act required nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. As far as you know, has Congress passed a law repealing this requirement, or not?

Based on half sample B (n=605)

	01/18
Yes	36
No	46
Don't know	18
Refused	*

READ TO HALF SAMPLE A: (IF Q4= 1 INSERT 'As you may know' / IF Q4=2,8,9 INSERT 'Though not everyone has had a chance to hear about it') the Affordable Care Act remains the law of the land...

READ TO HALF SAMPLE B: (IF Q6= 1 INSERT 'As you may know' / IF Q6=2,8,9 INSERT 'Though not everyone has had a chance to hear about it') most of the Affordable Care Act remains the law of the land...

Q7. Which comes closer to your view? (READ LIST) (rotate response options 1-2/2-1, keep Option A and Option B from rotating)

	01/18
Option A: Since President Trump and Republicans in Congress have made changes to the law, they are responsible for any problems with it moving forward	61
Option B: Since President Obama and Democrats in Congress passed the law, they are still responsible for any problems with it moving forward	27
Both are equally responsible (Vol.)	5
Neither of these/someone else is responsible (Vol.)	3
Don't know/Refused	4

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)?

Ask items a & b of half sample A

Ask items g & h of half sample B

Ask items c, d, e, f of all

	Increase spending	Decrease spending	Keep it about the same	Don't know	Refused	N
a. Medicare (IF NEEDED: the government health insurance program for seniors and for younger adults with long-term disabilities)						
01/18	45	7	46	3	*	(n=610)
Late 04/17 ¹⁰	57	6	35	2	1	569
02/17 ¹¹	43	8	47	1	*	1,160
06/15	41	8	48	3	*	1,849
12/08 ¹²	43	6	51	1	--	814
b. Medicaid (IF NEEDED: the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children)						
01/18	38	12	47	3	1	(n=610)
Late 04/17	40	12	47	2	*	602
02/17	36	12	48	2	1	1,160
06/15	37	13	47	3	*	1,849
12/08	34	11	54	1	*	814
c. National defense						
01/18	40	19	39	2	*	(n=1,215)
02/17	39	16	43	1	*	586
06/15	36	19	41	4	*	927
d. Education						
01/18	70	7	23	*	*	(n=1,215)
02/17	67	8	23	1	1	586
06/15	61	10	28	1	--	927
e. Foreign Aid						
01/18	10	43	42	4	*	(n=1,215)
02/17	9	48	38	3	2	574
06/15	10	50	35	4	*	922
f. Social Security						
01/18	50	5	43	2	1	(n=1,215)
02/17	47	7	42	3	1	574
06/15	50	6	43	2	*	922
g. Entitlement programs						
01/18	14	27	45	13	1	(n=605)
h. Welfare programs						
01/18	24	32	42	1	1	(n=605)

¹⁰ 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?"

¹¹ 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)?"

¹² 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?"

READ TO ALL: Now thinking specifically about Medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children.

Q9. Which comes closer to your view? (READ LIST) (rotate response options 1-2/2-1, keep Option A and Option B from rotating)

	01/18
Option A: Medicaid is primarily a government health insurance program that helps people pay for health care	69
Option B: Medicaid is primarily a welfare program	27
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	3

READ TO ALL: Thinking about health care costs...

Q10. Please tell me how concerned, if at all, you are about each of the following. What about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

<i>Ask items a, b, c of half sample A</i> <i>Ask items d, e, f of half sample B</i>	Very/ Somewhat concerned (NET)	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too/ Not at all concerned (NET)	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/ Refused	<i>N</i>
a. Increases in the amount you pay for your health insurance premium	82	57	25	16	7	9	1	<i>(n=610)</i>
b. Increases in the cost of your deductible, or the amount you pay before insurance kicks in	79	51	28	19	12	7	2	<i>(n=610)</i>
c. Increases in your prescription drug costs	78	52	25	21	13	9	1	<i>(n=610)</i>
d. Increases in what the nation as a whole spends on health care	85	47	38	14	9	5	1	<i>(n=605)</i>
e. Increases in government spending on health insurance programs like Medicare and Medicaid	72	38	34	27	19	8	1	<i>(n=605)</i>
f. Increases in the amount employers pay for their employees' health insurance premiums	71	33	38	28	19	9	1	<i>(n=605)</i>

READ TO ALL: As you may know, the open enrollment period for people who purchase their own health insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplaces recently ended.

Q11. How much did you hear or see about the most recent open enrollment period? (READ LIST)

	01/18
A lot/Some (NET)	39
A lot	17
Some	22
A little/None at all (NET)	60
A little	31
None at all	29
Don't know/Refused	1

Q12. Compared to previous years, do you think (MORE), (FEWER), or about the same number of people signed up for health insurance during the most recent open enrollment period? (IF MORE/FEWER READ: Is that a lot or a little (more/fewer)?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	01/18
A lot more	19
A little more	17
A little fewer	18
A lot fewer	13
About the same amount	24
Don't know	9
Refused	*

Q13. In general, do you think the marketplaces for people who purchase their own insurance are collapsing, or not?

	01/18	09/17
Yes	42	50
No	46	35
Don't know/Refused	12	15

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?

Based on half sample A

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

Q15. What if you heard that about one percent of the federal budget is spent on foreign aid? Would you still think that the U.S. is spending (INSERT ANSWER FROM Q14: too much/too little/about the right amount) on foreign aid, or would you now say that the U.S. spends (INSERT OTHER ANSWERS NOT GIVEN IN Q14 IN SAME ORDER AS Q14: too much (OR) /too little (OR)/ about the right amount)?¹³

Based on half sample A

	01/18	03/16 GH	12/14	08/13 GH	02/12 GH
Too much	29	33	31	32	26
Too little	26	29	28	30	38
About the right amount	38	33	37	33	32
Don't know	5	3	4	4	4
Refused	1	1	--	--	--
	(n=610)	(n=1,356)	(n=1,378)	(n=1,416)	(n=1,127)

Q14a/15 COMBO TABLE

	01/18	03/16
Too much (original answer)	49	49
After hearing 1%: Still too much		27
After hearing 1%: Too little	4	5
After hearing 1%: About right	18	15
After hearing 1%: Don't know	2	2
After hearing 1%: Refused	*	*
Too little (original answer)	13	19
After hearing 1%: Too much	1	1
After hearing 1%: Still too little	8	14
After hearing 1%: About right	4	3
After hearing 1%: Don't know	*	*
After hearing 1%: Refused	*	*
About the right amount (original answer)	30	21
After hearing 1%: Too much	3	2
After hearing 1%: Too little	11	7
After hearing 1%: Still about right	15	11
After hearing 1%: Don't know	1	1
After hearing 1%: Refused	*	*
Don't know (original answer)	7	9
After hearing 1%: Too much	1	
After hearing 1%: Too little	2	
After hearing 1%: Still about right	1	
After hearing 1%: Don't know	2	
After hearing 1%: Refused	--	
Refused (original answer)	*	1
After hearing 1%: Too much	--	
After hearing 1%: Too little	*	
After hearing 1%: Still about right	--	
After hearing 1%: Don't know	--	
After hearing 1%: Refused	*	

¹³ Prior to January 2018, asked only of those who gave responses to "Do you think the U.S. is now spending (too much), (too little), or about the right amount on foreign aid?"

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?

Based on half sample B

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

Q16. 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

	01/18	03/16 GH	12/15	02/12 GH
Leading role	24	16	18	17
Major role, but not leading	45	41	47	43
Minor role	21	28	24	26
No role at all	8	9	9	11
Don't know	2	4	2	3
Refused	*	1	--	--
	(n=610)	(n=733)	(n=1,202)	(n=1,205)

Q17. 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

	01/18	03/16 GH
Leading role	13	15
Major role, but not leading	41	46
Minor role	32	31
No role at all	12	6
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*
	(n=605)	(n=775)

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

Q18. 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 items in parentheses)¹⁴

Based on half sample A

	01/18	03/16 GH
Higher priority	5	27
Lower priority	53	11
About the same	36	54
Don't know/Refused (NET)	6	8
Don't know	6	7
Refused	*	1
	(n=610)	(n=1,508)

Q19. 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 items in parentheses)

Based on half sample B (n=605)

	01/18
Higher priority	30
Lower priority	26
About right	43
Don't know/Refused (NET)	2
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Q20. As you may know, recently President Trump and Republicans in Congress passed a tax reform plan aimed at reducing taxes for corporations and some individuals. If you receive a tax refund as a result of this tax plan, what will you do with that tax refund? Will you (READ LIST)? (scramble items 1-3; always show 4 last)

	01/18
Save or invest it	36
Pay off a bill or debt	44
Spend it on something you have put off	7
Something else (NET)	8
Charity/donation	1
Something else	7
Don't know/Refused	5

Q21. What is the main thing that you plan to spend it on?

Based on those who will spend their tax refund on something they have put off (sample size insufficient to report)

¹⁴ GH 2016 trend wording was "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 PARENS)"

Q20/21 COMBO TABLE

	01/18
Save or invest it	36
Pay off a bill or debt	44
Spend it on something you have put off (NET)	7
Home improvements/repairs	1
Travel/vacation	1
Health care spending	1
Vehicle/transportation	1
Other	3
Don't know/Refused	1
Something else (NET)	8
Charity/donation	1
Something else	7
Don't know/Refused	5

RSEX. Are you male or female?

	01/18
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	--
Don't know	--
Refused ¹⁵	*

GENDER VARIABLE

	01/18
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	--

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

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

	01/18
18-29	21
30-49	33
50-64	26
65+	20
Don't know/Refused	1

¹⁵ Refusals were coded by observation

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])?

	01/18
Covered by health insurance	87
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	*

Q22. Thinking about your own health care costs, which of the following do you find to be the greatest financial burden? Is it paying for (READ LIST)? (scramble items 1-5)

Based on those who are insured

	01/18	09/16	06/16	08/15	05/12	07/11
Your health insurance premiums	16	20	20	14	17	21
The deductible you pay before insurance kicks in	13	19	21	17	14	16
Your doctor visits	3	6	6	7	--	--
Your prescription drugs	8	10	12	11	--	--
An unexpected medical bill not covered by your insurance	18	--	--	--	--	--
Some other health care cost	2	4	4	3	5	4
Or is paying for health care and health insurance not a financial burden for you?	35	35	31	44	42	32
Co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs ¹⁶	--	--	--	--	16	19
All equally (Vol.)	3	5	4	3	3	6
Don't know	1	1	1	1	3	2
Refused ¹⁷	*	*	*	--	--	--
	(n=1,111)	(n=1,099)	(n=1,077)	(n=1,078)	(n=1,013)	(n=1,025)

¹⁶ Trend results included an option for "Co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs"

¹⁷ 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

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?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,111)

	01/18
Plan through your employer	36
Plan through your spouse's employer	13
Plan you purchased yourself	8
Medicare	18
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	7
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table based on total

	01/18
Covered by health insurance	87
Employer	31
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	16
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	6
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	*

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on total 18-64 (n=844)

	01/18
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	36
Spouse's employer	13
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	4
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	6
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	--

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

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

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table

Based on those ages 18-64 (n=844)

	01/18
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	36
Spouse's employer	13
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	7
Directly from an insurance company	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	4
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	6
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	--

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 who purchased own insurance plan except those who bought plan through marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF/COVMKT

Based on total 18-64 (n=844)

	01/18
Covered by health insurance (NET)	85
Employer	36
Spouse's employer	13
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]	3
Medicare	4
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	6
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	--

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

	01/18
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	81
Excellent	22
Very good	29
Good	30
Only fair/Poor (NET)	19
Only fair	15
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	01/18
Married	48
Living with a partner	10
Widowed	6
Divorced	9
Separated	2
Never been married	25
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	01/18
Employed (NET)	55
Employed full-time	45
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	6
Retired	19
On disability and can't work	6
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	01/18
Republican	24
Democrat	32
Independent	34
Or what/Other/None/No preference	7
Don't know/Refused	3

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PARTY)

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN based on total

	01/18
Republican/Lean Republican	38
Democrat/Lean Democratic	49
Pure Independent	10
Undesignated	3

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	01/18
Democrat	32
Independent Lean Democratic	17
Independent/Don't lean	9
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	24
Undesignated	4

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

	01/18
Liberal	25
Moderate	34
Conservative	36
Don't know/Refused	4

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

	01/18
Yes	78
No	22
Don't know/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?]

	01/18
Approve (NET)	38
Strongly approve	22
Somewhat approve	16
Disapprove (NET)	58
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	48
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)

	01/18
HS grad or less (NET)	38
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	30
Some college (NET)	31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	19
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	13
College grad+ (NET)	30
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	18
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	*

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

	01/18
Yes	15
No	83
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?)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table based on Total

	01/18
White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White	36
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	2

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

	01/18
U.S.	87
Puerto Rico	*
Another country	13
Don't know/Refused	*

PARENTS. Were either of your parents born in another country, or were both your parents born in the United States?

Based on respondents born in the United States or Puerto Rico (n=1,079)

	01/18
Yes, at least one parent was born in another country	20
No, both parents were born in the U.S.	79
Don't know/Refused	*

Nativity/Parents Combo Table based on Total

	01/18
Total self or parents born in another country	30
Self-born in another country	13
At least one parent born in another country	18
Self and both parents born in U.S.	69
Don't know/Refused	1

FAMOTHCOUNTRY. Do you have any close friends or family members living in another country?

	01/18
Yes	39
No	61
Don't know/Refused	*

INCOME. Last year—that is, in 2017—what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

	01/18
Less than \$20,000	15
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	9
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	20
Don't know/Refused	9



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