

Topline

***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll - April 2017: The Fall of the  
AHCA and Next Steps for the ACA***

April 2017

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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 March 28- April 3, 2017, 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). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (422) and cell phone (781, including 475 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 2015 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 2016 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	1203	±3 percentage points
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrats	403	±6 percentage points
Republicans	315	±6 percentage points
Independents	376	±6 percentage points
<b>Trump Approval</b>		
Approve of President Trump	497	±5 percentage points
Disapprove of President Trump	662	±4 percentage points

All trends shown in this document come from 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)

- 1a. Do you feel things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	04/17
Right direction	32
Wrong track	62
Don't know	4
Refused	2

1. When it comes to HEALTH CARE, do you feel things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES, SAME ORDER AS Q1a)

	04/17	03/17	02/17
Right direction	31	32	30
Wrong track	62	62	62
Don't know	6	4	5
Refused	1	2	3

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"] [INTERVIEWER NOTE for April 2017: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the plan being discussed in Congress last week, please answer "no"] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

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

Q.2 continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>1</sup> May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...”

<sup>2</sup> 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?)”

NO QUESTION 3

4. During Donald Trump's (2016) presidential campaign, he said under his administration Americans will get better health care at a lower cost than they pay now. How confident are you that he will be able to deliver on his campaign promise? Very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	04/17	12/16
Very/Somewhat confident (NET)	37	47
Very confident	15	19
Somewhat confident	22	29
Not too/Not at all confident (NET)	61	51
Not too confident	16	19
Not at all confident	45	32
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*

5. How closely have you been following discussions in Washington about efforts to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law, known as the Affordable Care Act and sometimes referred to as Obamacare? Very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not at all?

	04/17	01/10 <sup>3</sup>	12/09	11/09	10/09	09/09	08/09	07/09	04/09	02/09
Very/Somewhat closely (NET)	74	71	77	74	78	81	78	73	72	69
Very closely	35	28	34	28	34	36	33	27	25	23
Somewhat closely	39	42	42	47	44	45	45	46	47	46
Not too closely/Not at all (NET)	25	29	23	25	22	19	22	26	28	30
Not too closely	17	19	16	21	16	15	15	19	21	21
Not at all	9	10	7	5	5	4	7	7	6	9
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	1
Refused	--	-- <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

6. To the best of your knowledge, have the president and Congress repealed the 2010 health care law, or not?

	04/17
Yes, they have repealed the law	9
No, they have not repealed the law	82
Don't know	9
Refused	*

7. (Read if Q6=2: As you may know/Read if Q6=1,8,9: Though not everyone has had a chance to hear about it), Congress recently debated a bill to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law, but it did not have enough support to pass. In general, do you think it is a (good thing) or a (bad thing) that Congress did not pass the bill? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESIS)

	04/17
Good thing	64
Bad thing	29
Don't know	5
Refused	1

<sup>3</sup> February 2009 through January 2010 trend wording was "How closely have you been following discussions in Washington about health care reform".

<sup>4</sup> Don't know and Refused were recorded separately for this question and some other questions throughout the survey. Prior to October 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.

8. Do you feel it is a good thing mainly because you do not want the 2010 health care law repealed, or mainly because you support efforts to repeal and replace the law but you had concerns about the particular bill they were debating?

*Based on those who think it is a good thing that Congress did not pass the bill (n=797)*

	04/17
You do not want the health care law repealed	48
You support efforts to repeal and replace the law but you had concerns about the particular bill they were debating	45
Don't know	5
Refused	2

Summary of Q7 and Q8 based on total

	04/17
Good thing	64
Do not want the health care law repealed	31
Support efforts to repeal and replace the law but had concerns about the particular bill they were debating	29
Don't know	3
Refused	1
Bad thing	29
Don't know	5
Refused	1

9. Thinking about Congress NOT passing a bill to repeal and replace Obamacare, would you say you feel (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not? How about (NEXT ITEM)? [READ IF NECESSARY: Would you say you feel (INSERT) about Congress not passing a bill to repeal and replace Obamacare, or not?]

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a. Happy	44	52	3	1
b. Relieved	52	45	2	1
c. Disappointed	40	57	2	*
d. Angry	20	79	1	*

10. Which of the following comes closer to your view of what President Trump and Republicans in Congress should do next? Should they (READ AND ROTATE; KEEP "OPTION A" AND "OPTION B" FROM ROTATING) or (READ OTHER OPTION)?

	04/17
OPTION A: Keep working on a plan to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law	45
OPTION B: Stop working on health care and move on to other priorities	49
Something else (VOL.)	4
Don't know	2
Refused	1

11. Do you think not being able to pass the health care bill is (unique to this specific bill and doesn't say much about Republicans' ability to act on other issues) or is it (a sign of bigger problems Republicans have governing)? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)

	04/17
Is unique to this specific bill and doesn't say much about Republicans' ability to act on other issues	39
Is a sign of bigger problems Republicans have governing	52
Don't know	6
Refused	3

12. Do you think the health care bill did not pass mostly because of (disagreements between Republicans and Democrats) or mostly because of (disagreements within the Republican party)? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)

	04/17
Disagreements between Republicans and Democrats	45
Disagreements within the Republican party	49
Don't know	4
Refused	2

13. Who do you think is most to blame for the fact that the health care bill did not pass? (President Trump), (Republicans in Congress), or (Democrats in Congress)? (RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	04/17
Republicans in Congress	33
President Trump	28
Democrats in Congress	24
All share the blame equally (VOL.)	8
Someone else is to blame (VOL.)	2
Don't know	4
Refused	1

14. And among Republicans in Congress, who do you think is most to blame for the fact that the health care bill did not pass? (House Speaker Paul Ryan), (the conservative Freedom Caucus), or (moderate Republicans)? (RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	04/17
House Speaker Paul Ryan	27
The conservative Freedom Caucus	27
Moderate Republicans	22
All share the blame equally (VOL.)	5
Someone else is to blame (VOL.)	1
Don't know	16
Refused	2

15. Please tell me if you think each of the following was a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor in Congress being unable to pass a health care bill. (First/Next,) what about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (READ FIRST TIME THEN AS NECESSARY: Was this a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor in Congress being unable to pass a health care bill?)

	Major/Minor Factor (NET)	Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor	Don't know	Refused
a. Lack of leadership from President Trump	70	47	23	27	3	*
b. Lack of leadership from Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan	77	41	36	18	5	1
c. Lack of support from Republicans in the conservative House Freedom Caucus	84	53	31	9	6	1
d. Lack of support from moderate Republicans in Congress	83	47	36	12	4	*
e. Lack of support from Democrats in Congress	84	55	29	14	2	*
f. Protestors at town hall meetings who were upset about the bill's potential effects	73	37	35	24	3	*
g. Lack of support from doctors, hospitals, and other interest groups	75	43	32	18	6	1

16. Do you think the health care bill did not pass mainly because it (didn't go far enough to end Obamacare) or mainly because it (went too far in cutting existing programs)? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)

	04/17
It didn't go far enough to end Obamacare	35
It went too far in cutting existing programs	55
Did not pass for some other reason (VOL.)	5
Don't know	5
Refused	1

17. Moving forward, do you think President Trump and his administration should (do what they can to make the current health care law work) or should they (do what they can to make the current health care law fail so they can replace it later)? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)

	04/17
Do what they can to make the law work	75
Do what they can to make the law fail so they can replace it later	19
Don't know	4
Refused	3

NO QUESTIONS 18-19

20. As you may know, the 2010 health care law, also known as Obamacare, remains the law of the land. Which comes closer to your view? (READ AND ROTATE; KEEP "OPTION A" AND "OPTION B" FROM ROTATING) or (READ OTHER OPTION)?

	04/17
OPTION A: President Obama and Democrats in Congress passed the law and they are responsible for any problems with it moving forward	31
OPTION B: President Trump and Republicans in Congress are now in control of the government and they are responsible for any problems with it moving forward	61
Both are equally responsible (VOL.)	3
Neither of these/someone else is responsible (VOL.)	2
Don't know	2
Refused	*



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 <sup>5</sup>	--

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	23
30-49	31
50-64	28
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	87
Not covered by health insurance	13
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=1,086)*

Plan through your employer	34
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	21
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2

Summary D4 and D4a based on ages 18-64 (n=842)

Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

<sup>5</sup> Refusals were coded by observation.

21. 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)*

Summary D4, D4a, Q21 based on those ages 18-64 (n=842)

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	8
Directly from an insurance company	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

22. 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)*

Summary D4, D4a, Q21 and Q22 based on those ages 18-64 (n=842)

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	8
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-marketplace plan	1
Not sure/Refused	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	80
Excellent	24
Very good	26
Good	30
Only fair/Poor (NET)	20
Only fair	14
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Married	44
Living with a partner	8
Widowed	7
Divorced	10
Separated	3
Never been married	26
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	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	6
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	8
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Republican	24
Democrat	33
Independent	32
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	39
Democrat/Lean Democratic	49
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	13

Five-Point Party ID

Democrat	33
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	12
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	24
Undesignated	1

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

Liberal	29
Moderate	33
Conservative	35
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	*

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?

Approve (NET)	41
Strongly approve	23
Somewhat approve	18
Disapprove (NET)	55
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove	44
Don't know	3
Refused	1

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)	5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	33
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	17
Two year associate degree from a college/university	14
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	17
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	64
Total non-White	35
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
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=141)*

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

D14. Last year—that is, in 2016—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	17
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	12
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	17
Don't know/Refused	11

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



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