

Topline

***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll – October 2017: Open Enrollment and the ACA Marketplaces***

October 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 October 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2017, 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 (429) and cell phone (786, including 502 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Media, 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 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 July-December 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	1,215	±3 percentage points
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrats	369	±6 percentage points
Republicans	330	±6 percentage points
Independents	378	±6 percentage points
<b>Trump Approval</b>		
Approve of President Trump	497	±5 percentage points
Disapprove of President Trump	674	±4 percentage points

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
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 <sup>1</sup>	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

<sup>1</sup> January 2012 to 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 <sup>2</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 <sup>3</sup>	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>4</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>2</sup> 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?)”

<sup>3</sup> May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year...”

<sup>4</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?)”

Q1. 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 items in parentheses)

	10/17	08/17	Early 04/17
Do what they can to make the law work	71	78	75
Do what they can to make the law fail so they can replace it later	21	17	19
Don't know	6	4	4
Refused	2	2	3

Q2. Which comes closer to your view? (READ LIST)

	10/17	02/16	10/15	06/15	01/15	03/14
I'm tired of hearing about the debate over the health care law and I think the country should focus more on other issues (or)	42	49	44	45	45	53
I think it is important for the country to continue the debate over the health care law	54	46	50	49	50	42
Don't know/Refused	4	5	5	7	5	6

READ TO ALL: As you may know, the 2010 Affordable Care Act created health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employer can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits.

Q16. In general, do you think the marketplaces for people who purchase their own insurance are collapsing, or not?

	10/17	09/17
Yes	46	50
No	34	35
Don't know/Refused	19	15

Q21. How confident are you that President Trump and Congress will be able to work together to make improvements to the Affordable Care Act marketplaces? Very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	10/17	09/17
Very confident/Somewhat confident (NET)	30	30
Very confident	8	8
Somewhat confident	22	22
Not too confident/Not at all confident (NET)	69	69
Not too confident	27	28
Not at all confident	43	42
Don't know/Refused	1	1

Q22. Do you think actions taken by President Trump and his administration are generally (helping) or (hurting) the way the marketplaces are working, or are they not having much impact? (rotate items in parentheses)

	10/17	09/17
Helping	19	20
Hurting	40	41
Not having much impact	34	34
Don't know/Refused	7	5

Q3. Do you think it is more important for President Trump and Congress to (work on legislation to stabilize the marketplaces in order to minimize premium increases and encourage more insurers to participate) or (continue efforts to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law)? (rotate items in parentheses)

	10/17
Work on legislation to stabilize the marketplaces in order to minimize premium increases and encourage more insurers to participate	66
Continue efforts to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law	29
Don't know/refused	4

Q4. The Trump administration has made a number of changes related to the health insurance marketplaces. I'm going to read you a list of actions and please tell me if you (approve) or (disapprove) of this action by the Trump administration? (rotate items in parentheses) (scramble items a-d)

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't/Refused
Decreased federal funding to organizations that help people enroll in health insurance through the marketplaces 10/17	35	61	4
Decreased federal spending on advertisements that encourage people to sign up for health insurance in the marketplaces 10/17	50	46	4
Limited federal involvement in community events held by states that encourage enrollment in coverage 10/17	43	50	7
Suggested the federal government may stop enforcing the requirement that all individuals have insurance or pay a fine 10/17	50	47	3

Q5. Do you think health insurance companies choosing not to sell insurance plans in certain marketplaces will affect (READ LIST)? (scramble items 1-3)

*Based on Half Sample A Respondents (n=631)*

	10/17	08/17
Everyone who has health insurance	59	60
Only those who get health insurance through their employer	10	7
Only those who buy health insurance on their own	22	26
Don't know/Refused	9	7

Q6. Do you think health insurance companies charging higher premiums in certain marketplaces will affect (READ LIST)? (scramble items 1-3)

*Based on Half Sample B Respondents (n=584)*

	10/17	08/17
Everyone who has health insurance	59	76
Only those who get health insurance through their employer	12	3
Only those who buy health insurance on their own	23	17
Don't know/Refused	6	3

Q7. As you may know, currently the federal government pays insurance companies to cover the cost of lowering deductibles and copayments for low-income people who buy insurance on their own. The Trump Administration has said they may stop making these payments, and insurance companies say in response that they would raise premiums or stop selling insurance on the marketplaces. Which comes closer to your view? (READ LIST)<sup>5</sup>

	10/17	09/17
Congress should guarantee the funds to continue these payments to help stabilize the insurance market	60	66
These payments amount to a bailout of insurance companies and should be stopped	33	28
Don't know/Refused	6	6

Q8. Some lawmakers are working on bipartisan legislation to help stabilize the marketplaces. Under their plan, Congress would guarantee the funds to continue these payments to insurers and in return, states would be given more flexibility in the types of plans that can be sold on their state marketplaces. Do you (support) or (oppose) this compromise? (rotate items in parentheses)

	10/17
Support	69
Oppose	24
Don't know/Refused	7

Q9. Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a national health plan 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?<sup>6</sup>) (rotate items in parentheses)

	-----STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT FAVOR-----			-----STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE-----			Don't know/Refused
	NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	
10/17	53	30	23	44	13	31	3
09/17	54	32	22	43	13	29	3
06/17	55	33	23	40	14	26	4
06/09 <sup>7</sup>	47	28	19	49	14	36	4
04/09	49	29	19	47	17	30	4
12/08	46	28	18	53	14	39	2

<sup>5</sup> September 2017 trend wording was "Currently the federal government pays insurance companies to cover the cost of lowering deductibles and copayments for low-income people who buy insurance on their own. The Trump Administration has said they may stop making these payments, and insurance companies say in response that they would raise premiums or stop selling insurance on the marketplaces if that happens. Which comes closer to your view? (READ LIST)"

<sup>6</sup> September 2017 trend wording was "Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a national health plan – or (a single-payer plan/ 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?)"

<sup>7</sup> December 2008 through June 2009 trend wording was "Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?"

Q10. If a national health plan was put into place, do you think you and your family would (INSERT ITEM), or not? (scramble items a-c)

		Yes, would	No, would not	Don't/Refused
Be able to keep your current health insurance	10/17	47	42	11
Have to pay more in taxes to cover the cost of health insurance	10/17	75	19	6
Be able to access the health care that you need	10/17	61	33	7

Q11. What do you think would be the best thing about having a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?

*Based on those who favor having a national health plan (n=592)*

	10/17
Access to health care for everyone (NET)	30
Universal coverage	25
Health care is right	5
Other access to healthcare for everyone	*
Finance health care more fairly	20
General positive mentions	6
Make health care more affordable	6
Get rid of out-of-pocket health care costs/reduce medical bills	5
Reduce health spending	4
Eliminate profits in health care sector	2
Country would be healthier	2
Unfavorable	2
Other favorable	15
Don't know/Refused (NET)	8
Don't know	7
Refused	1



Q12. What do you think would be the worst thing about having a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?

*Based on those who oppose having a national health plan (n=586)*

	10/17
Decreased access to doctors, health care (NET)	31
Would take away choice/lack of options/rights taken away	15
Quality of care would decrease/suffer/lack of care	7
Long waits to see doctors/lack of access to timely care/delays in service	5
Lack of access to healthcare/coverage	5
Increased costs (NET)	14
Would be unaffordable/too costly/cost would be out of control/cost would rise	7
Would pay more taxes	4
No way to control costs	1
Other increased costs	3
Don't want federal involvement in healthcare	10
Lack of competition (NET)	7
Lack of competition/monopoly/no free market	6
Lack of competition would raise cost of health care/no competitive pricing	1
Other lack of competition	*
Government incompetent (NET)	6
Government incompetence/health care not their place	3
Government would have to spend too much money/go bankrupt	2
Government inefficiency would cause costs to rise	1
Other government incompetent	*
Issues with coverage	4
Favorable	1
Other negative mentions	18
Don't know/Refused (NET)	7
Don't know	7
Refused	--

READ TO ALL: Moving on...

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

	10/17
18-29	21
30-49	34
50-64	26
65+	19
Don't know/Refused	*

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])?

	10/17
Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

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=1,099)*

	10/17
Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	21
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	5
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table based on total

	10/17
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	32
Spouse's employer	9
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	18
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

*Based on total 18-64 (n=852)*

	10/17
Covered by health insurance	83
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	7
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1

COVSELFOTHER. Regardless of your source of health insurance coverage, did you purchase your plan yourself?

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

SMBIZ. Are you or your spouse a small business owner, or not?

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

BIZINS. Is the health insurance that you purchase for yourself part of a plan that also covers non-related employees of your business, or is the plan just for yourself and your family?

*Based on those 18-64 who are small business owners (sample size insufficient to report)*

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table based on those ages 18-64 (n=852)

	10/17
Covered by health insurance	83
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
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	7
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELFOTHER/COVSELF Combo Table based on those ages 18-64 (n=852)

	10/17
Covered by health insurance (NET)	83
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
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	7
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Yes, purchased plan yourself	2
No, did not purchase plan yourself	2
Don't know/Refused	--
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1

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=852)*

	10/17
Covered by health insurance (NET)	83
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	4
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Medicare	7
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1

SUBSIDY. As far as you know, are you personally getting financial help from the government, such as a premium tax credit or premium assistance, to help pay your monthly premium for health insurance, or not?

*Based on those 18-64 who have marketplace plans or don't know if their plan is a marketplace plan or not (sample size insufficient to report)*

QUESTIONS 23-49 WERE INCLUDED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THESE QUESTIONS, SEE THE TOPLINE FOR NON-GROUP ENROLLEES (<https://www.kff.org/health-reform/poll-finding/kaiser-health-tracking-poll-october-2017-experiences-of-the-non-group-marketplace-enrollees>)

- Q23. Thinking about your health insurance premiums – that is, the amount you pay each month for your health insurance coverage. Does it seem to you that your health insurance premiums have been (going up) lately, (going down), or holding steady? (rotate items in parentheses)
- Q24. Would you say your premium has gone (up/down) (a lot) or (a little)? (rotate items in parentheses)
- Q25. Thinking about your deductible and co-pay – that is, the amount you have to pay for medical services above and beyond what insurance covers. Does it seem to you that your deductible and co-pay expenses have been (going up) lately, (going down), or holding steady? (rotate items in parentheses)
- Q26. Would you say your deductible and copay expenses have gone (up/down) (a lot) or (a little)? (rotate items in parentheses)
- Q27. Thinking about next year, in 2018 do you expect the amount you pay for your health insurance premium to (increase), (decrease), or stay about the same? (rotate items in parentheses)
- Q28. Do you expect it to (increase/decrease) (a lot), or (a little)? (rotate items in parentheses)
- Q29. Will that be a major financial burden, a minor financial burden, or will it not be a financial burden for you and your family?
- Q30. As far as you know, did (your employer/your spouse's employer) offer you a choice of different health plans, or only one plan?
- Q31. When you signed up for your current health plan, did you have a choice of health plans from different insurance companies, or was there only one insurance company selling plans in your area?
- Q32. How satisfied were you with the health plan (IF Q30=1 OR COVTYPE=3 OR COVSELFOTHER=1: choices) available to you? (READ LIST)

- Q33. Thinking about enrolling in a health plan for 2018, how worried are you, if at all, that (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried? (READ LIST) (scramble items A-F)
- a. Your health insurance premiums will increase so much that you won't be able to afford the plan you have now
  - b. Your copays and deductibles will become so high that you won't be able to afford to get the health care you need
  - c. Your current insurance company will stop selling plans in your area
  - d. There will be no insurance companies left selling plans in your area
  - e. Your employer will cut back on the health plan choices available to you
  - f. Your employer will stop offering health insurance to you
- Q34. What's the MAIN reason you do not currently have health insurance?
- Q35. Have you tried to get health insurance for yourself in the past 6 months, or not?
- Q35a. As you may know, under the health care law there are specific open enrollment periods each year when individuals can sign up for new insurance or change their current health insurance plans. Do you happen to know when the next open enrollment period begins?
- Q36. And do you happen to know when the next open enrollment period ends?
- Q37. During the past 30 days, did you see or hear any ads or commercials (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?<sup>8</sup> (rotate items a-b)
- a. From an insurance company attempting to sell health insurance
  - b. That provided information about how to get health insurance under the health care law
- Q38. Thinking about the open enrollment period for 2018 health insurance that will begin this November, are you planning to sign up for health insurance for 2018, or not?
- Q39. What is the MAIN reason you are not planning to sign up for insurance for 2018?
- Q40. Do you plan to shop around for a new health insurance plan for 2018, or would you prefer to renew your current plan if it's available?
- Q41. Do you plan to get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE ONCE: We realize there is still some uncertainty, but if you had to say now, do you think you will get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured?)
- Q42. Where do you plan to get health insurance? Will you purchase it on your own either from a state or federal marketplace or from an insurance company, get it through an employer, from Medicaid, Medicare, or somewhere else?
- Q43. Over the past few months, have you tried to seek out more information about getting health insurance, or not?
- Q44. In the past 6 months, have you tried to figure out if you qualify for Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME], or not?
- Q45. In the past 6 months, have you tried to figure out if you qualify for financial assistance to purchase health insurance, or not?
- Q46. As you may know, the health care law passed in 2010 – known as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare – required nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. As far as you know, is this requirement still in effect, or not?

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<sup>8</sup> November 2014 trend wording was "During the past 30 days, did you see or hear any ads or commercials (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not? [REPEAT STEM EACH TIME]"

- Q47. Do you happen to know the amount of the fine you would personally have to pay if you do not get health insurance in 2018?
- Q48. Is the fact that the law requires you to have health insurance or else pay a fine a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you chose to purchase your own insurance?
- Q49. If the government stopped enforcing the fine for people who don't have health insurance, would you continue to buy your own insurance, or would you choose to go without coverage?

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?

	10/17
Male	48
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	--
Don't know	--
Refused <sup>9</sup>	*

GENDER VARIABLE

	10/17
Male	48
Female	52
Other (Vol.)	--

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

	10/17
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	78
Excellent	19
Very good	29
Good	30
Only fair/Poor (NET)	22
Only fair	16
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	10/17
Married	45
Living with a partner	9
Widowed	7
Divorced	9
Separated	3
Never been married	27
Don't know/Refused	1

<sup>9</sup> Refusals were coded by observation

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

	10/17
Employed (NET)	59
Employed full-time	50
Employed part-time	9
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	4
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	10/17
Republican	24
Democrat	31
Independent	31
Or what/Other/None/No preference	9
Don't know/Refused	4

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

	10/17
Republican/Lean Republican	38
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Pure Independent	12
Undesignated	3

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	10/17
Democrat	31
Independent Lean Democratic	15
Independent/Don't lean	11
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	24
Undesignated	5

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

	10/17
Liberal	27
Moderate	35
Conservative	34
Don't know/Refused	5



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?]

	10/17
Approve (NET)	38
Strongly approve	20
Somewhat approve	18
Disapprove (NET)	58
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	45
Don't know/Refused	4

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

	10/17
HS grad or less (NET)	39
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	5
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)	32
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	20
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12
College grad+ (NET)	28
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	15
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	12
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?

	10/17
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?)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table based on Total

	10/17
White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White	36
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	1

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

*Based on Hispanics (n=140)*

	10/17
U.S.	50
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	47
Don't know/Refused	1

INCOME. 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)

	10/17
Less than \$20,000	17
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	3
\$100,000 or more	18
Don't know/Refused	10



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