

Topline

***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll – September 2017: What’s
Next for Health Care?***

September 2017

METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted September 13-18, 2017, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,179 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 (404) and cell phone (775, including 496 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	1179	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	352	±6 percentage points
Republicans	280	±7 percentage points
Independents	413	±6 percentage points
Trump Approval		
Approve of President Trump	471	±5 percentage points
Disapprove of President Trump	661	±5 percentage points

Notes for reading the topline:

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

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

- 01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)
 12/08: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the New President and Congress* (December 4-14, 2008)

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
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 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 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. Congress has limited time on its calendar this fall and may have to choose between different priorities. I'm going to read you a list of priorities that Congress may work on, and I'd like to know how important you think it is for Congress to work on this now. What about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN IF NECESSARY: Is that extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important for them to work on now?) (scramble items a-d)

	-EXTREMELY/VERY IMPORTANT-			SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT/NOT -----IMPORTANT-----			Don't Know/Refused
	NET	Extremely important	Very important	NET	Somewhat important	Not important for them to work on now	
a. Continuing efforts to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law	47	21	26	50	17	32	3
b. Reforming the tax code, which may cut taxes for some individuals	49	21	28	48	31	16	3
c. Reauthorizing funding for the State of Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides health care coverage for uninsured children	75	36	40	22	16	6	2
d. Passing legislation to stabilize the Affordable Care Act marketplaces in order to minimize premium increases and encourage more insurers to offer health plans	69	29	41	28	18	10	2

Q4. Of the priorities you said were important for Congress to work on, which one of them would you say is the MOST important for them to work on now? (READ LIST) (rotate items in parentheses in order asked in Q3)

Based on those who say more than one priority at Q3 is extremely important for Congress to work on now (n=392)

	09/17
Continuing efforts to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law	20
Reforming the tax code, which may cut taxes for some individuals	19
Reauthorizing funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program	27
Passing legislation to stabilize the marketplaces to minimize premium increases and encourage more insurers to offer health plans	29
All equally important (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	*

Q3/Q4 COMBO TABLE

Summary of Q3 and Q4 based on total– Q4 items were asked only of those who rated the items as extremely important in Q3. Q4 was not asked of those who only rated one item as extremely important and that item was subsequently recorded as the most important priority

Based on respondents who say at least one priority at Q3 is extremely important (n=740)

	09/17
Continuing efforts to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law	19
Reforming the tax code, which may cut taxes for some individuals	17
Reauthorizing funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program	36
Passing legislation to stabilize the marketplaces to minimize premium increases and encourage more insurers to offer health plans	25
All equally important (Vol.)	3

Q3/Q4 COMBO TABLE

Summary of Q3 and Q4 based on total– Q4 items were asked only of those who rated the items as extremely important in Q3. Q4 was not asked of those who only rated one item as extremely important and that item was subsequently recorded as the most important priority

Based on total (n=1,179)

	09/17
Combined most important/extremely important priority for Congress to work on (NET)	62
Continuing efforts to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law	12
Reforming the tax code, which may cut taxes for some individuals	11
Reforming the tax code, which may cut taxes for some individuals	22
Passing legislation to stabilize the marketplaces to minimize premium increases and encourage more insurers to offer health plans	15
All equally important (Vol.)	2
Doesn't think any of these are the most important priority for Congress to work on	38
Don't know/Refused	*

Q5. Do you think Democrats in Congress should focus their efforts on (improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working) or should they focus their efforts on (trying to pass a national health care plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan)? (rotate items in parentheses) (rotate Q5 & Q5a)

	09/17
Improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working	51
Trying to pass a national health care plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan	34
Neither of these/something else (Vol.)	11
Don't know/Refused	4

Q5a. Do you think Republicans in Congress should focus their efforts on (improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working) or should they focus their efforts on (repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act)? (rotate items in parentheses) (rotate Q5 & Q5a)

	09/17
Improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working	64
Repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act	31
Neither of these/something else (Vol.)	2
Don't know/Refused	2

Q7. 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) (rotate items in parentheses 1-2/2-1) (rotate Q7 & Q8)

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

Q8. Currently the federal government sets nationwide rules, including who is eligible for government financial help to buy insurance and which benefits insurance plans must cover. Do you (favor) or (oppose) Congress passing legislation that would relax these protections and give states more flexibility to make changes to their health insurance programs? (rotate items in parentheses) (rotate Q7 & Q8)

	09/17
Favor	63
Oppose	31
Don't know/Refused	6

Q8a. What if you heard that states can already modify their programs as long as the changes don't decrease the number of people covered, change what is covered by insurers, or make insurance unaffordable. Do you still favor Congress passing legislation that would relax these protections and give states more flexibility to make changes, or do you now oppose it? (ask Q8a immediately after Q8)

Based on those who favor Congress passing legislation that would relax these protections and give states more flexibility to make changes to their health insurance programs (n=724)

	09/17
Still favor	69
Now oppose	27
Don't know/Refused	4

Q8/Q8a COMBO TABLE

Based on total (n=1,179)

	09/17
Still favor	43
Oppose (NET)	48
Originally	31
Once heard argument	17
Don't know/Refused (NET)	8

Q8b. What if you heard that some state leaders say it is currently too difficult to make changes that they believe will be better for their state. Do you still oppose Congress passing legislation that would relax these protections and give states more flexibility to make changes to their health insurance programs, or do you now favor it? (ask Q8b immediately after Q8)

Based on those who oppose Congress passing legislation that would relax these protections and give states more flexibility to make changes to their health insurance programs (n=387)

	09/17
Still oppose	73
Now favor	22
Don't know/Refused	6

Q8/Q8b COMBO TABLE

Based on total (n=1,179)

	09/17
Still oppose	23
Favor (NET)	70
Originally	63
Once heard argument	7
Don't know/Refused (NET)	8

Q10. As you may know, under the Affordable Care Act, people who don't get health insurance at work can buy private insurance and then get government subsidies to help pay their premiums depending on their income. Do you (favor) or (oppose) letting people use those subsidies to buy health insurance through state MediCAID programs instead of purchasing a private insurance plan? (rotate items in parentheses)

	09/17
Favor	66
Oppose	26
Don't know/Refused	7

Q11. As you may know, people become eligible for health insurance through MediCARE when they turn 65. Do you (favor) or (oppose) letting some people under the age of 65 buy insurance through the Medicare program? (rotate items in parentheses same order as Q10)

	09/17
Favor	63
Oppose	33
Don't know/Refused	4

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 employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits.

Q15. How well would you say the health insurance (IF ITEM A READ: marketplaces are/ IF ITEM B READ: marketplace is) working in (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well? (scramble items a-b)

		-----VERY/SOMEWHAT WELL-----			NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL			Don't know	Refused
		NET	Very well	Somewhat well	NET	Not too well	Not at all well		
a. The nation, overall									
	09/17	41	6	35	53	31	21	6	*
	06/17	46	8	38	46	28	19	7	1
	Late 04/17	47	8	39	47	28	20	5	1
	09/16	44	7	37	49	26	23	7	*
b. Your state									
	09/17	52	13	39	39	23	16	8	1
	06/17	54	15	39	38	22	17	7	*
	Late 04/17 ⁵	53	12	40	39	25	14	7	1
	09/16 ⁶	48	11	38	43	26	18	7	1

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

	09/17
Yes	50
No	35
Don't know/Refused	15

Q17. Thinking ahead, how confident are you that the marketplace for people purchasing their own insurance in your area will continue to exist 3 years from now? (READ LIST)

	09/17
Very confident/Somewhat confident (NET)	47
Very confident	14
Somewhat confident	33
Not too confident/Not at all confident (NET)	50
Not too confident	32
Not at all confident	18
Don't know/Refused	3

⁵ Late April 2017 trend wording was "How well would you say the health insurance marketplaces, [IF THERE IS A STATE EXCHANGE NAME: also known as (INSERT STATE EXCHANGE NAME)], are working in your state? Very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well?"

⁶ September 2016 trend wording was "How well would you say the health insurance marketplaces are working in your state? Very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well?"

Q19. Thinking about your local area... Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) is a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem in your local area? (rotate items A-B)

	A big problem	A small problem	Not a problem	Don't know/Refused
a. Health insurance companies choosing not to sell insurance plans in the marketplace	46	27	21	6
b. Health insurance premium increases for people buying insurance through the marketplace	54	26	15	5

Q20. In some marketplaces around the country, there is only one insurance company offering to sell health plans. Do you think this is a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem for people buying insurance in those marketplaces?

	09/17
Big problem	78
Small problem	13
Not a problem	7
Don't know/Refused	2

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?

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

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

(READ TO ALL: Moving onto another health care topic...)

Q12a. Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a national health plan – or a single-payer 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?) (rotate items in parentheses)

Based on Half Sample A respondents (n=598)

	-----STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT FAVOR-----			-----STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE-----			Don't know/ Refused
	NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	
09/17	53	32	21	43	14	28	4
06/17	53	31	22	43	16	26	4
09/09 ⁷	40	17	23	56	19	37	5
08/09	48	24	24	49	14	34	3
07/09	50	24	27	44	17	27	5
06/09 ⁸	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

Q12b. Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a national health plan – or Medicare-for-all- in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?) (rotate items in parentheses)

Based on Half Sample B respondents (n=581)

	-----STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT FAVOR-----			-----STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE-----			Don't know/ Refused
	NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	
09/17	55	33	22	43	12	31	3
06/17	57	34	23	38	12	26	5

⁷ December 2008 through September 2009 trend wording was asked as items following the stem "Now I'm going to read you some different ways to increase the number of Americans covered by health insurance. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it."

⁸ 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"

Q12a. What is the MAIN reason you (IF Q12=1 OR 2: favor/IF Q12=3 OR 4: oppose) such a plan?

Based on those who favor a national health plan (n=604)

	09/17
Improves access to health care/insurance	21
Will decrease the cost of health care/insurance	13
WORK IN OTHER COUNTRIES (NET)	10
Other countries have universal health care/universal health care works well in other countries	8
Seen it work in other places	2
Will help at risk individuals	9
General approval	8
Equality across the board/everybody will have the same care	8
IMPROVEMENT OVER CURRENT SYSTEM (SUB NET)	8
It would be simpler/easier	4
Current system is broken	2
More effective than current system	1
Other improvement over current system mentions	1
Health care is right	4
Eliminates the role of insurance companies	2
Increases the role of government	1
Other favorable mentions	7
Unfavorable mentions	2
Don't know enough about it/need more information	1
No reason	1
Don't know/Refused	4

Based on those who oppose a national health plan (n=533)

	09/17
DON'T WANT GOVERNMENT INVOLVED (NET)	28
Too much government control	8
Government screws up everything	6
Don't want to be controlled by/dictated to by the government/the government telling me what I can or can't do	5
Too much government power	4
Don't want socialist health care	3
Other don't want government involved mentions	1
Lack of choice	18
Won't work	7
Prefer free-market system	7
Increased taxes	4
Decreases access	4
Doesn't work in other countries	4
Increases costs	3
Country can't afford it	2
Unconstitutional	1
The government ACA/Obamacare/ is already bad enough/caused enough problems	1
General unfavorable	11
Don't know enough about it/need more information	4
Favorable mentions	2
No reason	1
Don't know/Refused	4

Q12b. If a national health plan was put into place, do you think it would make (INSERT & RANDOMIZE) better, worse or would it stay about the same? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? [IF NEEDED: Do you think it would make (INSERT ITEM) better, worse or would it stay about the same if a national health plan was put into place?]⁹ (scramble items a-d)

		Better	Worse	Stay the same	Don't know/Refused
a. The quality of your own health care	09/17	19	28	48	5
	02/16	20	29	47	5
	09/08 ¹⁰	25	31	38	6
b. The availability of health care treatments to you and your family	09/17	26	29	43	3
	02/16	20	32	44	4
	09/08	29	31	35	5
c. The cost of health care for you and your family	09/17	30	28	37	5
	02/16	24	32	37	7
	09/08	33	25	33	9
d. Your choice of doctors and hospitals	09/17	22	29	44	5
	02/16	18	34	43	6
	09/08	21	34	39	6

Q13. What if you heard that opponents say such a plan would (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Would you still favor it, or would you now oppose it?¹¹ (scramble items a-c)

Based on those who favor a national health plan (n=604)

		Still Favor	Now Oppose	Don't know/Refused
a. Give the government too much control over health care	09/17	61	33	6
	06/17	55	39	6
b. Eliminate the role of employers in health care	09/17	62	31	6
c. Require many Americans to pay more in taxes	09/17	56	42	1
	06/17	62	35	3

⁹ February 2016 trend wording was "If guaranteed universal coverage through a single government plan was put into place, do you think it would make (INSERT & RANDOMIZE) better, worse or would it stay about the same? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? [IF NEEDED: Do you think it would make (INSERT ITEM) better, worse or would it stay about the same if guaranteed universal coverage through a single government plan was put into place?]"

¹⁰ September 2008 trend question wording was "Do you think a universal health insurance system would make (INSERT & RANDOMIZE) better, worse or would it stay about the same?"

¹¹ June 2017 trend wording was "What if you heard that opponents say guaranteed universal coverage through such a plan would (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Would you still favor it, or would you now oppose it? (scramble items a-c)"

Q12/Q13a COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	09/17	06/17
Still favor	33	31
Oppose (NET)	61	62
Originally	43	40
Once heard argument	18	21
Don't know/Refused (NET)	6	8

Q12/Q13b COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	09/17
Still favor	34
Oppose (NET)	60
Originally	43
Once heard argument	17
Don't know/Refused (NET)	7

Q12/Q13c COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	09/17	06/17
Still favor	30	34
Oppose (NET)	66	60
Originally	43	40
Once heard argument	23	19
Don't know/Refused (NET)	4	6

Q14. What if you heard that supporters say such a plan would (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Would you still oppose it, or would you now favor it?¹² (scramble items a-c)

Based on those who oppose a national health plan (n=533)

		Still Oppose	Now Favor	Don't know/Refused
a. Ensure that all Americans have health insurance	09/17	58	38	5
	06/17 ¹³	57	40	3
b. Reduce health insurance administrative costs	09/17	63	32	6
	06/17	53	42	4
c. Reduce the role of all private health insurance companies in health care	09/17	72	21	7
	06/17	71	24	5

¹⁰ June 2017 trend wording was "What if you heard that supporters say guaranteed universal coverage through such a plan would (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Would you still oppose it, or would you now favor it?" (scramble items a-c)

¹³ June 2017 trend wording was "ensure that all Americans have health insurance as a basic right."

Q12/Q14a COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	09/17	06/17
Still Oppose	25	23
Favor (NET)	70	71
Originally	54	55
Once heard argument	16	16
Don't know/Refused (NET)	5	6

Q12/Q14b COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	09/17	06/17
Still Oppose	27	21
Favor (NET)	67	72
Originally	54	55
Once heard argument	14	17
Don't know/Refused (NET)	6	6

Q12/Q14c COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	09/17	06/17
Still Oppose	31	29
Favor (NET)	63	65
Originally	54	55
Once heard argument	9	9
Don't know/Refused (NET)	6	7

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

	09/17
18-29	22
30-49	30
50-64	28
65+	20
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])?

	09/17
Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	13
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=1,064)

	09/17
Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	21
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table based on total

	09/17
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	33
Spouse's employer	9
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	18
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	8
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	1

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on total 18-64 (n=815)

	09/17
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	9
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	7
Don't know/refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Based on those 18-64 who get insurance from somewhere else (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)

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

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

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table based on those ages 18-64 (n=815)

	09/17
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	9
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELFOTHER/COVSELF Combo Table based on those ages 18-64 (n=815)

	09/17
Covered by health insurance (NET)	84
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	9
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	4
Yes, purchased plan yourself	2
No, did not purchase plan yourself	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	16
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=815)

	09/17
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	9
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

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?¹⁴ (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?

¹⁴ 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]"

- 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?
- 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?

	09/17
Male	48
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know	--
Refused ¹⁵	*

GENDER VARIABLE

	09/17
Male	48
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*

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

	09/17
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	81
Excellent	21
Very good	31
Good	29
Only fair/Poor (NET)	18
Only fair	12
Poor	6
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	09/17
Married	47
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	7
Divorced	10
Separated	3
Never been married	25
Don't know/Refused	1

¹⁵ Refusals were coded by observation

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

	09/17
Employed (NET)	60
Employed full-time	50
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	3
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	5
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	8
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?

	09/17
Republican	21
Democrat	30
Independent	36
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

	09/17
Republican/Lean Republican	37
Democrat/Lean Democratic	49
Pure Independent	10
Undesignated	4

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	09/17
Democrat	30
Independent Lean Democratic	19
Independent/Don't lean	9
Independent Lean Republican	15
Republican	21
Undesignated	6

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

	09/17
Liberal	29
Moderate	30
Conservative	36
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?]

	09/17
Approve (NET)	38
Strongly approve	20
Somewhat approve	18
Disapprove (NET)	57
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)

	09/17
HS grad or less (NET)	39
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	4
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	4
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	31
Some college (NET)	31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	19
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	1
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?

	09/17
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

	09/17
White, non-Hispanic	63
Total non-White	37
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	2

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

Based on Hispanics (n=147)

	09/17
U.S.	48
Puerto Rico	4
Another country	45
Don't know/Refused	3

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)

	09/17
Less than \$20,000	16
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	18
Don't know/Refused	10



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