Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: August-September 2014

## METHODOLOGY

This Kaiser Health Tracking Poll was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted August 25-September 2, 2014, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,505 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 (753) and cell phone ( 752 , including 424 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 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), 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 2013 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 margin 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 margin of sampling errors 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.

| Group | N (unweighted) | M.O.S.E. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 1,505 | $\pm 3$ percentage points |
| Party Identification |  | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| Democrats | 473 | $\pm 6$ percentage points |
| Republicans | 368 | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| Independents | 510 | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| Opinion of ACA | 544 | $\pm 4$ percentage points |
| Favorable Opinion of the ACA | 698 | $\pm 3$ percentage points |
| Unfavorable Opinion of the ACA |  | $\pm 3$ percentage points |
|  | 1,239 | $\pm 7$ percentage points |
| Registered Voters (RV) | 1,056 | $\pm 6$ percentage points |
| Likely Voters | 265 | $\pm 6$ percentage points |
| "More Enthusiastic" Voters | 401 | $\pm 6$ percentage points |
| Party Identification (among RV) | 329 | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| Democrats | 400 | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| Republicans |  |  |
| Independents | 457 | $\pm 8$ percentage points |
| Opinion of ACA (among RV) | 598 | $\pm 4$ percentage points |
| Favorable Opinion of the ACA |  |  |
| Unfavorable Opinion of the ACA | 212 |  |
| Senate Races (among RV) | 1,027 |  |
| States with competitive Senate races |  |  |
| States with a non-competitive or no Senate race |  |  |

Trend Information:
01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress (January 4-14, 2011)

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Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Would you say it is excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

|  | $09 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Excellent | 37 |
| Good | 45 |
| Only fair | 14 |
| Poor | 5 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |

Thinking ahead to the November elections for the U.S. House and Senate, what is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? And what is the second most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? (OPEN-END. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)


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"] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

|  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
| 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 ${ }^{1}$ | 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 ${ }^{2}$ | 23 | 23 | 10 | 30 | 14 |

[^0]READ: Thinking again about the upcoming Congressional election in November...
3. Would you prefer to see (the Senate Democrats stay in the majority) in the U.S. Senate, or do you want to see (the Senate Republicans in the majority)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS)

|  | $09 / 14$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0otal | RV |
| Prefer to see Senate Democrats stay in the majority | 43 | 43 |
| Prefer to see Senate Republicans in the majority | 36 | 40 |
| Neither/Other/No preference (VOL.) | 15 | 13 |
| Don't know/Refused | 6 | 4 |

4. Compared to previous Congressional elections, this year are you (more) enthusiastic about voting than usual, (less) enthusiastic, or about the same as in previous elections? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS)

|  | $09 / 14$ | $09 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | RV |
| More enthusiastic | 20 | 20 |
| Less enthusiastic | 18 | 20 |
| About the same as previous elections | 56 | 57 |
| Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote (VOL.) | 4 | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 | 2 |

5MORE. What is the main reason you are more enthusiastic than usual about voting in this year's Congressional election compared to previous years? (OPEN-END. ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE)

Based on those who say they are more enthusiastic about voting this year

|  | 09/14 <br> Total | $09 / 14$ <br> RVs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opposition to Democrats/Elect more Republicans/Republican control of Congress/Senate | 10 | 13 |
| Important to participate/want vote counted/more knowledgeable/involved this election | 10 | 10 |
| Change who's in office/get rid of incumbents/get the right person in the job | 9 | 10 |
| Desire for change (general) | 9 | 8 |
| Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET) | 8 | 8 |
| Don't like the way things are going/what government is doing (general) | 4 | 3 |
| Government dysfunction/Need to break gridlock/Get things done | 3 | 4 |
| Lack of leadership | * | * |
| Politicians are out for themselves/don't care about the people/Lie | * | * |
| Way things are going/Direction of the country | 7 | 8 |
| Able to vote/First time voting | 5 | 4 |
| Oppose Obama | 4 | 5 |
| Opposition to Republicans/Elect more Democrats/Democratic control of Congress/Senate | 4 | 4 |
| Issues - general/other | 3 | 4 |
| Health care/ACA/Obamacare | 2 | 3 |
| State/local issues/governor's race | 2 | 3 |
| Good/better candidates/enthusiastic about particular candidate | 2 | 2 |
| Party control of Senate/Congress (no specific party mention) | 2 | 2 |
| Party - other | 2 | 2 |
| Economy | 2 | 2 |
| Immigration | 2 | 1 |
| Military/war/foreign policy/bring home our troops | 1 | 1 |
| Obama - other | 1 | 1 |
| Personal reasons | 1 | * |
| Budget/Deficit/Government spending | * | 1 |
| Support Obama | * | * |
| No good candidates/Don't like candidates | * | * |
| Don't like the advertising/Negative advertising | * | * |
| Other | 7 | 6 |
| Don't know/Refused | 3 | 3 |
|  | (309) | (265) |

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses

5LESS. What is the main reason you are less enthusiastic than usual about voting in this year's Congressional election compared to previous years? (OPEN-END. ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE)

Based on those who say they are less enthusiastic about voting this year

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 09/14 } \\ \text { Total } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 09 / 14 \\ \text { RVs } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET) | 32 | 31 |
| Politicians are out for themselves/don't care about the people/Lie | 13 | 12 |
| Government dysfunction/Need to break gridlock/Get things done | 11 | 11 |
| Don't like the way things are going/what government is doing (general) | 8 | 7 |
| Lack of leadership | * | 1 |
| No good candidates/Don't like candidates | 16 | 16 |
| Vote doesn't matter/Nothing will change | 11 | 11 |
| Don't know enough/Not informed/lack of information | 7 | 8 |
| Way things are going/Direction of the country | 3 | 4 |
| Just don't care/Don't feel like it | 3 | 3 |
| Don't like the advertising/Negative advertising | 3 | 3 |
| Personal reasons | 2 | 2 |
| Party - other | 2 | 2 |
| Obama - other | 2 | 1 |
| Don't like either party/No difference between parties | 1 | 2 |
| Health care/ACA/Obamacare | 1 | 2 |
| Candidates don't represent us/our best interests/keep promises | 1 | 1 |
| Oppose Obama | 1 | 1 |
| Issues - general/other | 1 | 1 |
| Opposition to Republicans/Elect more Democrats/Democratic control of Congress/Senate | 1 | * |
| Opposition to Democrats/Elect more Republicans/Republican control of Congress/Senate | * | * |
| Change who's in office/get rid of incumbents/get the right person in the job | * | * |
| Desire for change (general) | * | * |
| State/local issues/governor's race | * | * |
| Good/better candidates/enthusiastic about particular candidate | * | * |
| Economy | * | * |
| Immigration | * | * |
| Never voted | * | -- |
| Budget/Deficit/Government spending | * | -- |
| Other | 6 | 6 |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 | 4 |
|  | (288) | (247) |

[^1]6. What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress: (national issues), (local or state issues), (the candidate's character and experience), or (the candidate's political party)? (If more than one, ask: Well, which is most important?) [ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES]

|  | $09 / 14$ | $09 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | RV |
| Specific national issues | 33 | 34 |
| Local or state issues | 25 | 24 |
| Candidate's character and experience | 22 | 23 |
| Candidate's political party | 10 | 11 |
| Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote (VOL.) | 3 | 1 |
| All (VOL.) | 2 | 2 |
| None/other (VOL.) | 2 | 3 |
| Don't know/Refused | 3 | 3 |

7. Say a candidate for Congress (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Would that make you (more likely) to vote for that candidate, (less likely), or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote? [ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES]

|  | More likely | Less <br> likely | No difference | (Vol.) Don't vote | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Voted FOR the health care law |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 29 | 34 | 32 | 2 | 3 |
| 09/14 RV | 29 | 38 | 29 | 1 | 3 |
| b. Voted to REPEAL the health care law |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 38 | 29 | 27 | 2 | 4 |
| 09/14 RV | 41 | 30 | 24 | 1 | 4 |
| c. Supports a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 27 | 40 | 27 | 2 | 4 |
| 09/14 RV | 25 | 44 | 26 | 1 | 4 |
| d. Supports increasing the minimum wage |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 51 | 17 | 29 | 2 | 2 |
| 09/14 RV | 48 | 19 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| e. Supports President Obama |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 22 | 37 | 37 | 2 | 3 |
| 09/14 RV | 24 | 40 | 34 | * | 2 |

8. Which political party, the (Democratic party) or (Republican party), do you trust to do a better job (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (NEXT ITEM)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: Do you trust the (Democratic party) or (Republican party) to do a better job (INSERT ITEM)?]

|  | Dem Party | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rep } \\ \text { Party } \end{gathered}$ | (Vol.) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (Vol.) Both | Neither/ Other | Don't know/ Refused |
| a. Dealing with the future of the 2010 health care law |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 43 | 37 | 1 | 13 | 7 |
| 09/14 RV | 42 | 39 | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| b. Handling the Medicaid program |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 42 | 33 | 1 | 15 | 8 |
| 09/14 RV | 42 | 35 | 1 | 15 | 7 |
| c. Handling the Medicare program |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 43 | 34 | 1 | 15 | 7 |
| 09/14 RV | 42 | 36 | 1 | 15 | 6 |
| d. Lowering health costs for people like you |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 43 | 35 | 1 | 14 | 7 |
| 09/14 RV | 42 | 36 | 1 | 14 | 6 |

READ: Thinking again about the health care law that was passed in 2010, also referred to as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare...
9. Is your impression of the health care law based mainly on (your own experience), (what you've seen and heard on television, radio, and in newspapers), (what you've learned from friends and family), or some other source? (READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

|  | $09 / 14$ | $06 / 14$ | $02 / 14$ | $02 / 13$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What you've seen and heard on television, radio, and newspapers | 37 | 37 | 44 | 45 |
| Your own experience | 26 | 26 | 23 | 22 |
| What you've learned from friends and family | 22 | 22 | 18 | 14 |
| Personal research (online, read the law, books, etc.) (VOL.) | 4 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| Combination/All of the above (VOL.) | 3 | 1 | 3 | -- |
| Some other source | 3 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 | 7 | 5 | 8 |

10. Which would you rather see your representative in Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ AND ROTATE)

|  | $09 / 14$ | $07 / 14$ | $05 / 14$ | $04 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| They should work to improve the law | 63 | 60 | 59 | 58 |
| They should work to repeal the law and replace it with something | 33 | 35 | 34 | 35 |
| else | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Neither of these/they should do something else (VOL.) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 |

11. So far, would you say the health care law has directly (helped) you and your family, directly (hurt) you and your family, or has it not had a direct impact? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

|  | $09 / 14$ | $07 / 14$ | $05 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helped | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| Hurt | 27 | 28 | 24 |
| No direct impact | 56 | 56 | 60 |
| Both helped and hurt (VOL.) | 1 | $*$ | $*$ |
| Don't know/ Refused | 1 | 1 | 2 |

12. What would you say is the MAIN way the health care law has helped you and your family? Has it... (READ LIST, RANDOMIZE 1-3, KEEP 4 ALWAYS LAST)

Based on those who say the health care law has helped or both helped and hurt them

| Allowed someone in your family to get or keep health coverage | $09 / 14$ | 42 | 46 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lowered your health care or health insurance costs | 18 | 12 | 36 |
| Made it easier for you to get the health care you need | 29 | 25 | 26 |
| OR has it helped in some other way? | 6 | 6 | 14 |
| Don't know/ Refused | 5 | 10 | 5 |
|  | $(224)$ | $(220)$ | (203) |

13. What would you say is the MAIN way the health care law has hurt you and your family? Has it... (READ LIST, RANDOMIZE 1-3, KEEP 4 ALWAYS LAST)

Based on those who say the health care law has hurt or both helped and hurt them

|  | $09 / 14$ | $07 / 14$ | $05 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Caused someone in your family to lose their insurance | 7 | 8 |  |
| Increased your health care or health insurance costs | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| Made it more difficult for you to get the health care you need | 20 | 18 | 12 |
| OR has it hurt in some other way? | 11 | 10 | 18 |
| Don't know/ Refused | 4 | 3 | 2 |
|  | $(402)$ | $(422)$ | (385) |

Summary of Q11, Q12, and Q13 based on total

|  | 09/14 | 07/14 | 05/14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helped/Both helped and hurt | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Allowed someone in your family to get or keep health coverage | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Lowered your health care costs | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Made it easier for you to get the health care you need | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Helped in some other way | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Don't know/ Refused | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Hurt/Both helped and hurt | 28 | 28 | 24 |
| Caused someone in your family to lose their insurance | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Increased your health care costs | 16 | 17 | 14 |
| Made it more difficult for you to get the health care you need | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| Hurt in some other way | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Don't know/ Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| No direct impact | 56 | 56 | 60 |
| Don't know/ Refused | 1 | 1 | 2 |

14. Thinking about what you're hearing from candidates running for elected office this November, including in their advertising, speeches, and other materials... How much, if anything, have you heard from political candidates about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) - a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all? What about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? READ IF NECESSARY: Have you heard a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

|  | A lot | Some | Only a little | Nothing at all | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. The health care law |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 33 | 18 | 30 | 18 | 1 |
| 09/14 RV | 32 | 19 | 30 | 18 | 1 |
| b. The issue of immigration |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 34 | 18 | 28 | 18 | 1 |
| 09/14 RV | 35 | 19 | 28 | 17 | 1 |
| c. The economy and jobs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 30 | 23 | 28 | 18 | 2 |
| 09/14 RV | 32 | 24 | 27 | 16 | 1 |
| d. Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 17 | 20 | 38 | 24 | 1 |
| 09/14 RV | 16 | 22 | 37 | 23 | 1 |
| e. State and local issues |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 Total | 19 | 23 | 35 | 20 | 1 |
| 09/14 RV | 21 | 25 | 34 | 18 | 1 |

15. Which comes closer to your view? (READ AND ROTATE)

|  | 09/14 <br> Total | $09 / 14$ <br> RV | $05 / 14$ <br> Total |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I'm tired of hearing candidates for Congress talk about the health care law and I <br> think they should focus more on other issues (or) | 49 | 48 | $53^{3}$ | 51 |
| I think it is important for candidates for Congress to continue the debate over the <br> health care law (or) | 46 | 47 | 40 | 43 |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 |

[^2]16. During the past 30 days, did you see or hear any ads or commercials (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE, ask items a and $b$ first in random order, then items $c$, $d$, and e in random order), or not? [REPEAT STEM EACH TIME]

|  | Yes | No | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. From an insurance company attempting to sell health insurance |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 41 | 58 | 1 |
| 07/14 | 42 | 57 | 1 |
| 04/14 | 46 | 53 | 1 |
| 03/14 | 46 | 53 | 1 |
| 02/14 | 51 | 48 | 1 |
| b. That provided information about how to get health insurance under the health care law |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 31 | 68 | 1 |
| 07/14 | 35 | 64 | 1 |
| 04/14 | 55 | 44 | 1 |
| 03/14 | 58 | 42 | * |
| 02/14 | 59 | 41 | 1 |
| c. That were in support of the health care law |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 26 | 72 | 2 |
| 07/14 | 27 | 71 | 2 |
| 04/14 | 43 | 55 | 2 |
| 03/14 | 41 | 58 | 1 |
| 02/14 | 41 | 57 | 1 |
| d. That were opposed to the health care law |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 35 | 64 | 2 |
| 07/14 | 34 | 65 | 1 |
| 04/14 | 43 | 56 | 1 |
| 03/14 | 37 | 62 | 1 |
| 02/14 | 43 | 56 | 1 |
| e. Trying to influence your vote for a particular political candidate because of their position on the health care law |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 30 | 67 | 2 |
| 07/14 | 34 | 65 | * |
| 04/14 | 35 | 64 | 1 |
| 03/14 | 30 | 69 | 1 |
| 02/14 | 29 | 70 | 1 |

17. In the past 30 days, would you say you have seen (more ads in support of the health care law), (more ads opposed to the health care law) or about equal numbers of both (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)?

Based on those who saw ads in support of, ads opposed to, or ads that tried to influence vote

|  | 09/14 | 07/14 | 04/14 | 03/14 | 02/14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| More ads in support of the health care law | 13 | 14 | 23 | 27 | 22 |
| More ads opposed to the health care law | 35 | 37 | 29 | 27 | 33 |
| About equal numbers of both | 45 | 46 | 45 | 42 | 43 |
| Don't know/Refused | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
|  | (773) | (819) | (989) | (936) | (920) |
| Summary of Q16c, d, e, and Q17 based on total |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 09/14 | 07/14 | 04/14 | 03/14 | 02/14 |
| Saw ads in support of, ads opposed to, or ads that tried to influence vote | 50 | 53 | 64 | 60 | 59 |
| More ads in support of the health care law | 7 | 7 | 15 | 16 | 13 |
| More ads opposed to the health care law | 18 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 19 |
| About equal numbers of both | 23 | 24 | 28 | 25 | 25 |
| Don't know/Refused | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Did not see these ads/Don't know | 50 | 47 | 36 | 40 | 41 |

18. Next, please tell me how closely you have followed these stories that have been in the news recently. (First/Next,) (INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Did you follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

|  | Very closely | Fairly closely | Not too closely | Not at all closely | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Legal action challenging the health care law's subsidies to help individuals buy insurance |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 10 | 19 | 28 | 41 | 2 |
| b. Controversy over an expensive new drug to treat hepatitis C |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 65 | 2 |
| c. The release of 2015 health insurance premium rates by insurers in some states |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 8 | 12 | 23 | 55 | 3 |
| 07/14 | 10 | 20 | 24 | 45 | 1 |
| 06/14 | 8 | 19 | 25 | 46 | 1 |
| d. The passage of a bill in Congress to overhaul the Veterans Affairs, or V.A. health system |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 24 | 27 | 21 | 27 | 1 |
| e. News about fraud and abuse in Medicare |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 14 | 21 | 26 | 38 | 1 |
| f. The Ebola outbreak in West Africa |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 30 | 32 | 22 | 15 | 1 |
| g. The death of actor Robin Williams |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 27 | 31 | 23 | 17 | 2 |
| h. Conflicts between police and protestors in Ferguson, Missouri following the police shooting of a black teenager |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 40 | 33 | 15 | 12 | 1 |
| i. Military and political conflict between Israel and Hamas |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 34 | 30 | 18 | 18 | 1 |
| 07/14 | 33 | 33 | 17 | 16 | 1 |
| j. The conflict between Ukraine and Russia |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 28 | 33 | 19 | 19 | 1 |
| 05/14 | 30 | 35 | 17 | 17 | 1 |
| 04/14 | 28 | 37 | 18 | 15 | 1 |
| 03/14 | 36 | 32 | 12 | 19 | 1 |
| k. The execution of an American journalist by Islamic State militants |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09/14 | 34 | 29 | 20 | 17 | 1 |

READ TO ALL: Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...
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)...?

|  | $09 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $18-29$ | 22 |
| $30-49$ | 33 |
| $50-64$ | 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])?

|  | $09 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Covered by health insurance | 85 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 15 |
| 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 ( $n=1,337$ )

|  | $09 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Plan through your employer | 39 |
| Plan through your spouse's employer | 9 |
| Plan you purchased yourself | 9 |
| Medicare | 21 |
| Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME] | 9 |
| Somewhere else | 3 |
| Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.) | 6 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |

19. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or [INSERT STATESPECIFIC 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)
20. Do you know if the plan you purchased through a broker was a plan from the state or federal health insurance marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME]), or was it a plan purchased directly from an insurance company and not through an exchange or marketplace?

Based on purchased through an agent or broker (sample size insufficient to report)
Summary D4, D4a, Q19, and Q20 based on those ages 18-64 ( $\mathrm{n}=1,080$ )

| Covered by health insurance | $09 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Employer | 32 |
| Spouse's employer | 9 |
| Self-purchased plan | 8 |
| Directly from an insurance company | 3 |
| From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME] | 2 |
| Through an insurance agent or broker | 2 |
| Plan purchased from a state or federal marketplace | 1 |
| Plan purchased directly from an insurance company | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |
| Somewhere else (VOL.) | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |
| Medicare | 6 |
| Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name | 9 |
| Somewhere else | 3 |
| Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.) | 7 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 17 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |

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

|  | $09 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, someone in household has pre-existing condition | 50 |
| No, no one in household has pre-existing condition | 49 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

D1. Record respondent's sex

Male 49
Female 51

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

| Excellent | 21 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Very good | 32 |
| Good | 30 |
| Only fair | 12 |
| Poor | 4 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?
Married 48
Living with a partner ..... 6
Widowed ..... 6
Divorced ..... 10
Separated ..... 3
Never been married ..... 25
Don't know/Refused ..... 1
D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)
Employed full-time ..... 46
Employed part-time ..... 10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment ..... 5
Unemployed and not seeking employment ..... 2
A student ..... 7
Retired ..... 16
On disability and can't work ..... 7
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 ..... 23
Democrat ..... 31
Independent ..... 34
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party ..... 7
Don't know/Refused ..... 4

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 ..... 40
Democrat/Lean Democratic ..... 45
Other/Don't lean/Don't know ..... 14
Five-Point Party ID
Democrat ..... 31
Independent Lean Democratic ..... 14
ndependent/Don't lean ..... 13
Independent Lean Republican ..... 17
Republican ..... 23
Undesignated ..... 1

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?
Liberal ..... 22
Moderate ..... 37
Conservative ..... 34
Don't know/Refused ..... 6
Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement ..... 19
No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement ..... 72
Don't know/Refused ..... 9

D9. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

| Yes | 77 |
| :--- | :---: |
| No | 22 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

D10. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the congressional election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

Based on registered voters ( $n=1,239$ )

| Absolutely certain to vote | 61 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Probably vote | 19 |
| Chances 50-50 | 13 |
| Less than that | 6 |
| Don't think will vote (VOL.) | $*$ |
| Don't know/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) 6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate) 32
Some college, no degree (includes some community college) 20
Two year associate degree from a college/university 11
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree 16
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree 1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree 11
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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 | 65 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total non-White | 33 |  |
| Black or African-American, non-Hispanic | 12 |  |
| Hispanic | 15 |  |
| Asian, non-Hispanic | 4 |  |
| Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic | 2 |  |

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?
Based on Hispanics ( $n=189$ )
U.S. 45

Puerto Rico 3
Another country 50
Don't know/Refused 2

D14. Last year-that is, in 2013-what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than $\$ 20,000 \quad 18$
$\$ 20,000$ to less than $\$ 30,000 \quad 13$
$\$ 30,000$ to less than $\$ 40,000 \quad 13$
$\$ 40,000$ to less than $\$ 50,000 \quad 8$
$\$ 50,000$ to less than $\$ 75,000 \quad 13$
$\$ 75,000$ to less than $\$ 90,000$
$\$ 90,000$ to less than $\$ 100,000 \quad 4$
$\$ 100,000$ or more 15
Don't know/Refused 11

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

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[^0]:    1 May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...."
    2 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?)"

[^1]:    Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses

[^2]:    3 Trend wording for the first category was "I'm tired of hearing candidates for Congress talk about the health care law and I think they should focus more on other issues like jobs".

