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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: April 2015***

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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 April 8-14, 2015, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,506 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 (601) and cell phone (905, including 529 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 2013 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 January-June 2014 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	1,506	±3 percentage points
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrats	480	±5 percentage points
Republicans	372	±6 percentage points
Independents	469	±5 percentage points
<b>Insurance Status</b>		
Uninsured, ages 18-64	111	±10 percentage points
Insured, ages 18-64	981	±4 percentage points
<b>Opinion of ACA</b>		
Favorable	656	±5 percentage points
Unfavorable	668	±4 percentage points
<b>Half Samples</b>		
Half Sample A	726	±4 percentage points
Half Sample B	780	±4 percentage points

**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)

1. 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
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
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 <sup>1</sup>	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14

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

Q.1 continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 <sup>2</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

2. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	04/15	03/15	01/15	12/14	11/14
Expand what the law does	24	23	23	24	22
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	22	23	19	21	20
Scale back what the law does	12	10	14	12	17
Repeal the entire law	29	30	32	31	29
None of these/ something else (VOL.)	5	7	5	4	5
Don't know/Refused	8	7	7	7	8

3. 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)

	04/15	03/15	01/15	11/14	10/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Helped	19	19	16	16	16	14	15	14
Hurt	22	22	25	24	26	27	28	24
No direct impact	56	57	57	59	56	56	56	60
Both helped and hurt (VOL.)	1	*	1	*	1	1	*	*
Don't know/ Refused	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2

4. Before the health care law went into effect, the independent Congressional Budget Office estimated how much it would cost the government. Do you know if the health care law is now costing the government (more) than originally estimated, (less) than originally estimated, or is it costing about the same as originally estimated? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	04/15
More than originally estimated	50
Less than originally estimated	8
About the same as originally estimated	18
Don't know/ Refused	23

5. As far as you know, when someone gets financial help from the government to pay their health insurance premium, is it possible they would end up owing money to the government if their income or family size changes during the year, or not?

	04/15	03/15
Yes	52	55
No	26	23
Don't know/Refused	22	22

<sup>2</sup> April 2010 trend wording was “[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)”

6. As you may know, the law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine when they file their taxes. As far as you know, did the requirement to report your health insurance status on your tax return take effect last year, that is for filing 2013 taxes, this year, that is for filing 2014 taxes, or does it take effect next year for 2015 taxes?

	04/15	03/15
Last year, 2013 taxes	14	11
This year, 2014 taxes	50	53
Next year, 2015 taxes	18	20
Some other year (VOL.)	1	1
Don't know/Refused	18	16

7. (IF Q6=2 read: As you know/If Q6 NE 2 read: You may not know that) the requirement to report your health insurance status on your tax return took effect this year, for filing 2014 taxes. How easy or difficult was it for you to report your health insurance status on your taxes this year? Was it very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to report your health insurance status on your taxes this year?

	04/15
Very easy	48
Somewhat easy	19
Somewhat difficult	5
Very difficult	4
Not sure if reported health insurance status (VOL.)	4
Did not file taxes yet/not required to file taxes (VOL.)	13
Don't know/ Refused	7

READ: On another topic...

8. I'm going to read you some different things the President and Congress might do when it comes to health care. As I read each one, tell me if you think that should be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important or should it not be done?

First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important or should it not be done? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? Should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important or should it not be done?

*Items a-h based on half sample A (n=726)*

*Items i-p based on half sample B (n=780)*

	Top priority	Imp. but not top	Not too imp.	Should not be done	Don't know/Refused
a. Making information about the price of doctors' visits, procedures, and tests, such as hip replacements and MRIs more available to patients	55	35	5	3	2
b. Reducing the number of people that are able to get financial help from the government to purchase health insurance under the health care law to save the government money	28	29	14	26	3
c. Repealing the requirement that employers with 100 or more workers pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance	39	25	11	22	3
d. Government action to lower prescription drug prices	60	28	6	5	1
e. Protecting people from being charged high prices when they visit hospitals covered by their health plan but are seen by a doctor not covered by their plan	56	29	6	6	4
f. Making sure health plans have sufficient provider networks	55	31	5	4	4
g. Helping people with moderate incomes pay high out-of-pocket costs for medical care	44	32	7	14	3
h. Repealing the entire health care law	36	18	10	34	3
i. Making information comparing the quality of health care provided by doctors and hospitals more available to patients	54	35	7	3	2
j. Changing current eligibility rules so that financial help under the health care law to purchase health insurance is available to more people	50	29	8	9	4
k. Repealing the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance or else pay a fine	37	19	10	31	3
l. Making sure that high-cost drugs for chronic conditions, such as HIV, hepatitis, mental illness and cancer, are affordable to those who need them	76	20	1	2	2
m. Making information about what doctors and hospitals are covered under different health insurance plans more available	54	31	8	5	3
n. Making the notes doctors take about patients routinely available to patients	45	36	10	7	2
o. Eliminating a tax on the most expensive employer-sponsored health plans, also called Cadillac plans, that helps pay for the health care law	26	31	14	18	10
p. Requiring all states to expand their Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults	50	22	10	14	4

READ: 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)...

	04/15
18-29	21
30-49	34
50-64	27
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])?

	04/15
Covered by health insurance	88
Not covered by health insurance	11
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=1,387)*

	04/15
Plan through your employer	37
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	11
Medicare	20
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	8
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2

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

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

Summary D4, D4a, Q9 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,096)

	04/15
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	11
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	5
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	8
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Summary D4, D4a, Q9, and Q10 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,096)

	04/15
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	11
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	6
Marketplace plan	2
Non-marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	5
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	8
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	*



11. Generally, how confident are you that you have enough money or health insurance to pay for the usual medical costs that you and your family require? Would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	04/15	03/11	05/10	04/05
Very confident	35	28	29	33
Somewhat confident	33	41	38	33
Not too confident	15	16	15	14
Not at all confident	15	15	16	19
Don't know/Refused	2	1	2	1

12. How confident are you that you would have enough money or health insurance to pay for a major illness, such as a heart attack, cancer, or a serious injury that required hospitalization? Would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	04/15	03/11	05/10	04/05
Very confident	26	27	27	25
Somewhat confident	29	35	33	34
Not too confident	21	16	18	17
Not at all confident	23	21	20	23
Don't know/Refused	1	1	2	1

13. 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 OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

*Based on those who are insured*

	Any ins. 04/15	18-64 Private ins. 04/15	Any ins. 05/12	18-64 Private ins. 05/12	Any ins. 07/11	18-64 Private ins. 07/11	Any ins. 03/11	18-64 Private ins. 03/11
Going up	46	53	47	52	52	59	50	54
Going down	4	4	2	1	1	1	2	2
Holding steady	40	36	38	35	38	34	40	37
Don't pay anything towards premiums (VOL.)	6	3	8	7	6	3	6	4
Don't know/Refused	4	3	4	5	3	2	2	2
	(n=1,387)	(n=772)	(n=1,013)	(n=593)	(n=1,025)	(n=592)	(n=1,075)	(n=675)

14. [IF PREMIUMS HAVE BEEN GOING UP OR DOWN] Would you say it has gone [Q13=1: up/Q13=2: down] (a lot) or (a little)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Summary of Q13 and Q14 based on those who are insured

	Any insurance 04/15	18-64 Private insurance 04/15	Any insurance 05/12	18-64 Private insurance 05/12
Premiums have been going up	46	53	47	52
A lot	24	28	24	27
A little	22	25	23	24
Don't know how much	1	1	1	1
Premiums have been going down	4	4	2	1
A lot	1	1	1	1
A little	2	2	1	1
Don't know how much	*	*	--	--
Premiums holding steady	40	36	38	35
Don't pay anything towards premiums (VOL.)	6	3	8	7
Don't know/Refused	4	3	4	5
	(n=1,387)	(n=772)	(n=1,013)	(n=593)

15. 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 OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES IN SAME ORDER AS IN Q13)

*Based on those who are insured*

	Any ins. 04/15	18-64 Private ins. 04/15	Any ins. 05/12	18-64 Private ins. 05/12	Any ins. 07/11	18-64 Private ins. 07/11	Any ins. 03/11	18-64 Private ins. 03/11
Going up	39	44	37	42	43	51	40	42
Going down	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2
Holding steady	52	51	53	49	50	44	52	53
Don't know/Refused	6	2	8	6	5	2	5	3
	(n=1,387)	(n=772)	(n=1,013)	(n=593)	(n=1,025)	(n=592)	(n=1,075)	(n=675)

16. [IF OUT OF POCKET COSTS HAVE BEEN GOING UP OR DOWN] Would you say it has gone [Q15=1: up/Q15=2: down] (a lot) or (a little)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Summary of Q15 and Q16 based on those who are insured

	Any insurance 04/15	18-64 Private insurance 04/15	Any insurance 05/12	18-64 Private insurance 05/12
Out of pocket costs have been going up	39	44	37	42
A lot		22	19	22
A little		17	17	20
Don't know how much		*	*	*
Out of pocket costs have been going down	3	3	3	3
A lot		1	1	1
A little		2	2	2
Don't know how much		--	--	--
Out of pocket costs holding steady	52	51	53	49
Don't know/Refused	6	2	8	6
	(n=1,387)	(n=772)	(n=1,013)	(n=593)

17. In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford to pay (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? IF NECESSARY: Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

*Based on those who are insured (n=1,387)*

	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Don't have to pay (vol.)	Don't know/Refused
a. The cost of health insurance each month	27	36	19	8	8	2
b. The deductible you pay for care before insurance kicks in	22	35	22	11	8	2
c. Co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs	33	36	16	8	5	2

18. Suppose you had an unexpected medical bill, and the amount (IF D4=1: NOT covered by your insurance) came to \$500. Based on your current financial situation, how would you pay the bill? Would you... (READ LIST WITH CODE NUMBERS)

	04/15
1, Pay the bill right away by cash or check	30
2, Put it on a credit card and pay it off in full at the next statement	15
3, Put it on a credit card and pay it off over time	20
4, Borrow money from a bank, a payday lender, or friends or family to pay the bill, OR	7
5, Would you not be able to pay the bill at all?	20
Arrange a payment plan with doctor/provider/hospital (VOL.)	6
Other (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	2

19. Now suppose you had an unexpected medical bill, and the amount (IF D4=1: NOT covered by your insurance) came to \$1,500. Based on your current financial situation, would you...(READ LIST WITH CODE NUMBERS)

	04/15
1, Pay the bill right away by cash or check	16
2, Put it on a credit card and pay it off in full at the next statement	10
3, Put it on a credit card and pay it off over time	27
4, Borrow money from a bank, a payday lender, or friends or family to pay the bill, OR	10
5, Would you not be able to pay the bill at all? <sup>3</sup>	26
Arrange a payment plan with doctor/provider/hospital (VOL.) <sup>4</sup>	9
Other (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	2

20. In general, how easy or difficult would you say it is to find out how much medical treatments and procedures provided by different doctors or hospitals would cost you? Would you say it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

	04/15	08/08
Very easy	10	11
Somewhat easy	23	20
Somewhat difficult	35	33
Very difficult	29	31
Don't know/Refused	3	5

21. Information comparing different doctors, hospitals, and health insurance plans is available in different places. For example, it might be given out at work, come to your home by mail, appear in a newspaper or magazine, or be found on an Internet web site. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, do you remember seeing ANY information comparing different doctors, hospitals or health plans?

	04/15	08/08
Yes	31	36
No	68	63
Don't know/Refused	1	1

<sup>3</sup> Includes those who say they could not pay \$500 bill in Q18.

<sup>4</sup> Includes those who say they would arrange a payment plan for a \$500 bill.

ROTATE Q22-25 BLOCK WITH Q26-29 BLOCK

22. Did you see ANY information comparing the QUALITY among different (INSERT – READ ITEMS IN ORDER) in the past 12 months, or not? (REPEAT ENTIRE QUESTION FOR EACH ITEM)

*Based on those who have seen any info in past 12 months*

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Doctors	04/15	34	65	2	(n=486)
	08/08	34	64	1	(n=585)
b. Hospitals	04/15	41	59	--	(n=486)
	08/08	54	44	1	(n=585)
c. Health insurance plans	04/15	49	50	1	(n=486)
	08/08	61	38	1	(n=585)

23. Did you personally USE the information you saw comparing quality among doctors in making any decisions about doctors, or not?

*Based on those who saw information comparing the quality among doctors in the past 12 months*

	04/15	08/08
Yes, used	61	48
No, did not use	39	51
Don't know/Refused	--	1
	(n=162)	(n=198)

24. Did you personally USE the information you saw comparing quality among hospitals in making any decisions about hospitals, or not?

*Based on those who saw information comparing the quality among hospitals in the past 12 months*

	04/15	08/08
Yes, used	35	37
No, did not use	65	62
Don't know/Refused	*	1
	(n=209)	(n=333)

25. Did you personally USE the information you saw comparing quality among health insurance plans in making any decisions about health plans, or not?

*Based on those who saw information comparing the quality among health plans in the past 12 months*

	04/15	08/08
Yes, used	41	41
No, did not use	59	57
Don't know/Refused	*	2
	(n=246)	(n=352)

Summary Q21/Q22/Q23/Q24/Q25 based on total

	04/15
Have seen information in past 12 months	31
Comparing quality among doctors	10
Used information	6
Did not use	4
DK/Ref.	--
Comparing quality among hospitals	13
Used information	4
Did not use	8
DK/Ref.	*
Comparing quality among health plans	15
Used information	6
Did not use	9
DK/Ref.	*
Have not seen information in past 12 months	68
Don't know/Refused	1

26. Did you see ANY information comparing the PRICES among different (INSERT – READ ITEMS IN ORDER) in the past 12 months, or not? (REPEAT ENTIRE QUESTION FOR EACH ITEM)

*Based on those who have seen any info in past 12 months (n=486)*

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Doctors	20	79	1
b. Hospitals	19	80	1
c. Health insurance plans	59	41	*

27. Did you personally USE the information you saw comparing prices among doctors in making any decisions about doctors, or not?

*Based on those who saw information comparing prices among doctors in the past 12 months (sample size insufficient to report)*

28. Did you personally USE the information you saw comparing prices among hospitals in making any decisions about hospitals, or not?

*Based on those who saw information comparing prices among hospitals in the past 12 months (sample size insufficient to report)*

29. Did you personally USE the information you saw comparing prices among health insurance plans in making any decisions about health plans, or not?

*Based on those who saw information comparing prices among health plans in the past 12 months (n=306)*

	04/15
Yes, used	50
No, did not use	50
Don't know/Refused	--

Summary Q21/Q26/Q27/Q28/Q29 based on total

	04/15
Have seen information in past 12 months	31
Comparing prices among doctors	6
Used information	3
Did not use	4
DK/Ref.	*
Comparing prices among hospitals	6
Used information	2
Did not use	4
DK/Ref.	--
Comparing prices among health plans	18
Used information	9
Did not use	9
DK/Ref.	--
Have not seen information in past 12 months	68
Don't know/Refused	1

30. 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. The Supreme Court case about the health care law and its potential effect on some states	16	25	27	32	1
b. The impact of the health care law on filing taxes	15	26	27	31	1
c. Proposed laws in various states placing restrictions on abortion	18	23	25	33	1
d. Congressional efforts to avoid cutting Medicare payments to doctors	12	20	28	39	1
e. Congressional Republican budget proposals	12	23	26	38	1
No item f					
g. Negotiations over Iran's Nuclear Program	26	27	23	23	1
h. The Germanwings plane crash in the French Alps	26	33	22	19	1
i. A new religious freedom law in Indiana that allows business owners to refuse service to gay customers	27	27	17	28	1
j. A white police officer charged with murder of an unarmed black man in South Carolina	38	35	16	11	1
k. A terrorist attack by Islamic militants at a university in Kenya	23	30	22	25	1

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

31. How long have you been uninsured – less than three months, three months to less than a year, one year to less than two years, or 2 years or more?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=111)*

	04/15
Less than 3 months	11
3 months to less than a year	18
1 year to less than 2 years	14
2 years or more	58
Don't know/Refused	--

Summary of D4 and Q31 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,096)

	04/15
Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	13
Less than 3 months	1
3 months to less than a year	2
1 year to less than 2 years	2
2 years or more	8
Don't know/Refused	--
Don't know/Refused	*

32. 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 guess, do you think you will get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured?)

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured*

	Will get insurance	Remain uninsured	Don't know/Refused	
04/15	55	42	4	(n=111)
03/15	51	44	5	(n=133)
01/15	56	39	5	(n=149)
12/14	57	35	8	(n=131)
11/14	49	41	10	(n=154)
10/14	59	38	3	(n=145)
02/14	49	44	7	(n=137)
01/14	50	40	10	(n=173)
11/13	58	34	8	(n=151)
08/13	58	32	10	(n=178)

Summary of D4 and Q32 based on those ages 18-64

	Covered	----- Not covered (NET) -----			DK/Ref.	Don't know/Refused	
		Not Covered (NET)	Will get insurance	Remain uninsured			
04/15	86	13	7	6	*	*	(n=1,096)
03/15	85	15	7	6	1	1	(n=1,132)
01/15	82	17	10	7	1	1	(n=1,077)
12/14	84	15	9	5	1	1	(n=1,099)
11/14	81	18	9	7	2	1	(n=1,027)
10/14	83	17	10	6	1	1	(n=1,061)
02/14	83	16	8	7	1	1	(n=1,054)
01/14	81	19	9	7	2	*	(n=1,122)
11/13	79	21	12	7	2	*	(n=843)
08/13	80	20	11	6	2	*	(n=1,101)

D1.	Record respondent's sex	
	Male	49
	Female	51
D2b.	Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?	
	Married	48
	Living with a partner	9
	Widowed	6
	Divorced	10
	Separated	3
	Never been married	24
	Don't know/Refused	1
D3.	What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)	
	Employed full-time	46
	Employed part-time	12
	Unemployed and currently seeking employment	3
	Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
	A student	6
	Retired	15
	On disability and can't work	8
	Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	7
	Don't know/Refused	1
D8.	In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?	
	Republican	24
	Democrat	31
	Independent	31
	Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	10
	Don't know/Refused	5
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)	
	<u>Summary D8 and D8a based on total</u>	
	Republican/Lean Republican	36
	Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
	Other/Don't lean/Don't know	18
	<u>Five-Point Party ID</u>	
	Democrat	31
	Independent Lean Democratic	15
	Independent/Don't lean	17
	Independent Lean Republican	13
	Republican	24
	Undesignated	*



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

Liberal	24
Moderate	35
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	7

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)	4
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	19
Two year associate degree from a college/university	13
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 (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	34
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	1

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

*Based on Hispanics (n=173)*

U.S.	47
Puerto Rico	4
Another country	49
Don't know/Refused	1

D14. Last year—that is, in 2014—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	20
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	15
Don't know/Refused	9

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



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