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## Tracking Public Opinion on National Health Plan: Interactive

## ABOUT INTERACTIVE

For many years, Kaiser Family Foundation has been tracking public opinion on the general idea of a national health plan as well as more incremental changes to public programs like Medicare and Medicaid ([Public Opinion on Single-Payer, National Health Plans, and Expanding Access to Medicare Coverage](#)). This interactive tracks the public's view of a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, since 2016. By collecting data from various public surveys of adults in the U.S. conducted by KFF and others, we show how the public's support for the idea of a national health plan has changed since the 2016 presidential primary, when Sen. Bernie Sanders' made Medicare-for-all a prominent feature of his campaign for the Democratic nomination. The interactive nature of this tool allows users to explore how views vary by party identification as well as changes to question wording.

Throughout 2019, KFF polling has found no change in public support for the idea of a national Medicare-for-all plan, including the [most recent KFF Health Tracking poll](#) which finds nearly six in ten Americans (56 percent) favor such a plan. A majority of Democrats (78 percent) continue to favor such a plan while most Republicans oppose it (71 percent). A larger share of independents express favorable views (54 percent) than unfavorable ones (39 percent). While KFF has included Medicare-for-all in the question wording for the past year, other organizations do not and these polls find a more divided public. For example, in February 2019, a Fox News poll found attitudes more closely divided with equal share saying they favor and oppose (47 percent).

Note: This interactive includes nationally representative polls of adults<sup>1</sup> that ask about views of the idea of a national health plan. It does not include tradeoffs and arguments for and against tested in KFF polls and reported in the press, as these have not been widely examined in other polls to date. See the interactive table for variations in question wording as well as the individual polls included.

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<sup>1</sup> When reporting the poll, we include results from all adults living in the U.S. If the poll results only include self-reported registered voters, we include those estimates. On average, 80 percent of adults self-identify as registered voters.

Org	Subsample	Field period	Question wording	Medicare-for-all	(NET) Favor	Strongly/ Very favor	Some what favor	(NET) Oppose	Some what oppose	Strongly/ Very oppose	Dk/Ref.
CNN	Total	January 30-February 2, 2019	Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	54			41			5
CNN	Democrats	January 30-February 2, 2019	Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	87			9			4
CNN	Independents	January 30-February 2, 2019	Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	51			45			4
CNN	Republicans	January 30-February 2, 2019	Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	20			75			5
KFF	Total	January 9-14, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	56	34	22	42	10	32	2
KFF	Democrats	January 9-14, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	81	55	26	17	7	9	2
KFF	Independents	January 9-14, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	53	30	23	44	13	31	3

			insurance from a single government plan?								
KFF	Republicans	January 9-14, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	23	12	11	74	12	62	3
Fox News	Total	August 19-21, 2018	In general, do you favor or oppose the U.S. moving to a national single-payer health plan, often called Medicare for all?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	46			31			23
Fox News	Democrats	August 19-21, 2018	In general, do you favor or oppose the U.S. moving to a national single-payer health plan, often called Medicare for all?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	59			17			24
Fox News	Independents	August 19-21, 2018	In general, do you favor or oppose the U.S. moving to a national single-payer health plan, often called Medicare for all?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	42			27			31
Fox News	Republicans	August 19-21, 2018	In general, do you favor or oppose the U.S. moving to a national single-payer health plan, often called Medicare for all?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	31			48			20
KFF	Total	March 8-13, 2018	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	59	37	22	38	10	28	3
KFF	Democrats	March 8-13, 2018	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	75	51	24	22	10	12	3
KFF	Independents	March 8-13, 2018	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	58	37	21	40	10	29	2

KFF	Republicans	March 8-13, 2018	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	36	18	18	60	12	47	5
KFF	Total	September 13-18, 2017	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?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	53	32	21	43	14	28	4
KFF	Democrats	September 13-18, 2017	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?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	70	49	21	26	17	10	4
KFF	Independents	September 13-18, 2017	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?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	61	33	28	37	14	23	2
KFF	Republicans	September 13-18, 2017	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?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	22	10	12	72	11	61	6
KFF	Total	September 13-18, 2017	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	55	33	22	43	12	31	3
KFF	Democrats	September 13-18, 2017	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan - or Medicare-for-all- in which all Americans would get their	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	71	43	28	26	13	13	4

			insurance from a single government plan?								
KFF	Independents	September 13-18, 2017	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	57	36	21	41	13	28	2
KFF	Republicans	September 13-18, 2017	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	25	11	14	72	12	61	2
Politico/ Harvard	Total	August 30- September 3, 2017	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with a taxpayer-funded national plan like Medicare, which would cover all Americans?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	66			28			6
Politico/ Harvard	Democrats	August 30- September 3, 2017	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with a taxpayer-funded national plan like Medicare, which would cover all Americans?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	80			15			5
Politico/ Harvard	Independents	August 30- September 3, 2017	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with a taxpayer-funded national plan like Medicare, which would cover all Americans?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	67			28			5
Politico/ Harvard	Republicans	August 30- September 3, 2017	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with a taxpayer-funded national plan like Medicare, which would cover all Americans?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	44			48			8
Politico/ Harvard	Total	August 30-	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health	Does not include	45			47			8

		September 3, 2017	insurance system in the United States with a single-payer system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one national government plan?	"Medicare-for-all"							
Politico/Harvard	Democrats	August 30-September 3, 2017	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with a single-payer system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one national government plan?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	60			35			5
Politico/Harvard	Independents	August 30-September 3, 2017	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with a single-payer system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one national government plan?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	42			50			8
Politico/Harvard	Republicans	August 30-September 3, 2017	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with a single-payer system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one national government plan?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	32			62			6
CNN	Total	August 3-6, 2017	Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	58			39			3
CNN	Democrats	August 3-6, 2017	Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	81			18			2

CNN	Independents	August 3-6, 2017	Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	58			38			4
CNN	Republicans	August 3-6, 2017	Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	31			67			3
KFF	Total	June 14-19, 2017	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?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	53	31	22	43	16	26	4
KFF	Democrats	June 14-19, 2017	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?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	64	40	24	30	15	15	6
KFF	Independents	June 14-19, 2017	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?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	55	35	21	42	15	26	3
KFF	Republicans	June 14-19, 2017	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?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	28	14	14	67	21	46	5
KFF	Total	June 14-19, 2017	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	57	34	23	38	12	26	5



KFF	Democrats	June 14-19, 2017	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	76	49	26	20	11	9	4
KFF	Independents	June 14-19, 2017	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	58	32	26	38	12	26	4
KFF	Republicans	June 14-19, 2017	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?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	35	19	16	60	9	50	6
KFF	Total	February 10-18, 2016	Do you favor or oppose having guaranteed health insurance coverage in which all Americans would get their insurance through a single government plan?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	50	27	23	43	13	30	7
KFF	Democrats	February 10-18, 2016	Do you favor or oppose having guaranteed health insurance coverage in which all Americans would get their insurance through a single government plan?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	70	39	31	22	12	10	8
KFF	Independents	February 10-18, 2016	Do you favor or oppose having guaranteed health insurance coverage in which all Americans would get their insurance through a single government plan?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	54	27	27	40	14	26	6
KFF	Republicans	February 10-18, 2016	Do you favor or oppose having guaranteed health insurance coverage in which all Americans would get their insurance through a single government plan?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	20	10	9	78	15	63	2

Gallup	Total	November 2-8, 2017	As you may know, some senators have proposed a "Medicare-for-all," single-payer health insurance program that would be administered by the federal government and financed through taxes. Please tell me if you favor or oppose this proposal, or if you don't know enough to say?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	17			21			61
NBC/Wall Street Journal	Total	September 14-18, 2017	Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan that is financed by taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	47			46			7
Associated Press-NORC	Total	January 12-16, 2017	Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	38	19	19	39	14	25	1
CBS News	Total	February 12-16, 2016	Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan that is financed by taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	44			47			9
CBS News	Democrats	February 12-16, 2016	Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan that is financed by taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	62			29			9
CBS News	Independents	February 12-16, 2016	Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan that is financed by taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	46			45			9

CBS News	Republicans	February 12-16, 2016	Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan that is financed by taxes?	Does not include "Medicare -for-all"	19			71			10
Politico/ Harvard	Total	September 4-16, 2018	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with an insurance program in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government insurance plan like Medicare that is financed by taxpayers?	Includes "Medicare -for-all"	46			49			5
Politico/ Harvard	Democrats	September 4-16, 2018	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with an insurance program in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government insurance plan like Medicare that is financed by taxpayers?	Includes "Medicare -for-all"	70			24			6
Politico/ Harvard	Republicans	September 4-16, 2018	Would you favor or oppose replacing the current health insurance system in the United States with an insurance program in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government insurance plan like Medicare that is financed by taxpayers?	Includes "Medicare -for-all"	21			76			3
KFF/ Washington Post	Total	January 24- February 22, 2018	Do you support 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?	Does not include "Medicare -for-all"	51			43			6

KFF/ Washington Post	Democrats	January 24- February 22, 2018	Do you support 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?	Does not include “Medicare -for-all”	74			21			5
KFF/ Washington Post	Independents	January 24- February 22, 2018	Do you support 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?	Does not include “Medicare -for-all”	54			40			6
KFF/ Washington Post	Republicans	January 24- February 22, 2018	Do you support 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?	Does not include “Medicare -for-all”	16			80			3
Fox News	Total	February 10-12, 2019	Do you favor or oppose the United States implementing a national health insurance program for all Americans that would be run by the federal government and paid for through taxes?	Does not include “Medicare -for-all”	47			47			6
Fox News	Democrats	February 10-12, 2019	Do you favor or oppose the United States implementing a national health insurance program for all Americans that would be run by the federal government and paid for through taxes?	Does not include “Medicare -for-all”	75			18			6
Fox News	Independents	February 10-12, 2019	Do you favor or oppose the United States implementing a national health insurance program for all Americans that would be run by the federal government and paid for through taxes?	Does not include “Medicare -for-all”	45			46			9

Fox News	Republicans	February 10-12, 2019	Do you favor or oppose the United States implementing a national health insurance program for all Americans that would be run by the federal government and paid for through taxes?	Does not include "Medicare-for-all"	18			77			5
KFF	Total	February 14-24, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	57	33	24	37	11	26	6
KFF	Democrats	February 14-24, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	78	53	26	15	10	5	7
KFF	Independents	February 14-24, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	58	27	30	36	13	23	6
KFF	Republicans	February 14-24, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	24	9	16	70	10	60	5
KFF	Total	March 13-18, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	56	35	21	39	8	30	5
KFF	Democrats	March 13-18, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	78	54	25	17	7	9	5

			all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?								
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KFF	Republicans	March 13-18, 2019	Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?	Includes "Medicare-for-all"	24	11	13	71	11	61	5