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KFF Health Tracking Poll – September 2019

METHODOLOGY

This *KFF Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted September 3rd – 8th 2019, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,205 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). The sample included 290 respondents reached by calling back respondents that had previously completed an interview on the KFF Tracking poll at least nine months ago. Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (305) and cell phone (900, including 634 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. To efficiently obtain a sample of lower-income and non-White respondents, the sample also included an oversample of prepaid (pay-as-you-go) telephone numbers (25% of the cell phone sample consisted of prepaid numbers) as well as a subsample of respondents who had previously completed Spanish language interviews on the SSRS Omnibus poll ($n=6$). 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 2017 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 2018 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, and design modifications, namely, the oversampling of prepaid cell phones and likelihood of non-response for the re-contacted 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	1,205	±3 percentage points
Registered voters	1,023	±4 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	353	±6 percentage points
Republicans	312	±6 percentage points
Independents	405	±6 percentage points
Democrats/Democratic-leaning independents/Independents with no leaning	644	±5 percentage points
Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents	524	±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:

03/12: PSRAI Omnibus Survey (Week 1, March 1-4, 2012)

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

Q1. I'm going to read you a couple different things Congress could do next year when it comes to health care. First, (INSERT FIRST ITEM) 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)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done?) (scramble items a-g)¹

	Top priority/ Important but not top priority (NET)	Top priority	Important but not top priority	Not too important/ Should not be done (NET)	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know/ Refused
a. Repealing and replacing the 2010 Affordable Care Act							
09/19	54	30	24	38	12	26	8
04/19	53	27	26	42	10	32	5
b. Lowering prescription drug costs for as many Americans as possible							
09/19	93	70	23	6	4	2	1
04/19	93	68	25	6	3	3	1
c. Expanding government financial help for those who buy their own insurance coverage on the Affordable Care Act marketplace to include more people							
09/19	70	32	38	26	12	14	4
04/19	66	26	39	28	13	15	6
d. Protecting people with health insurance from surprise high out-of-network medical bills							
09/19	88	56	32	11	6	4	2
04/19	86	50	36	12	6	6	2
e. Implementing a national Medicare-for-all plan, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan							
09/19	54	30	23	44	9	35	3
04/19	58	31	26	40	7	32	3
f. Making sure the Affordable Care Act's protections for people with pre-existing health conditions continue							
09/19	91	69	22	7	3	4	2
04/19	89	64	25	10	5	5	1
g. Lowering what people pay for health care							
09/19	91	64	27	8	4	4	1

¹ April 2019 trend wording was "I'm going to read you a couple different things Congress may try to do in the coming months."
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Q2. Which do you think is more important for Congress to work on? (Making sure all Americans have health insurance coverage) or (Lowering the amount people pay for their health care premiums, deductibles, and prescription drugs)? (rotate items in parentheses)

	09/19
Making sure all Americans have health insurance coverage	44
Lowering the amount people pay for their health care premiums, deductibles, and prescription drugs	50
Neither (Vol.)	2
Both (Vol.)	3
Don't know/Refused	1

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?]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
09/19	29	24	15	26	7
07/19	26	22	12	29	12
06/19	27	19	13	27	12
04/19	29	21	11	27	13
03/19	27	23	11	28	11
02/19	28	22	12	25	12
01/19	29	22	12	28	10
11/18	28	25	14	26	8
09/18	23	26	15	27	9
08/18	26	24	13	27	10
07/18	28	20	12	28	11
06/18	26	24	13	28	8
04/18	27	22	15	28	9
03/18	26	24	15	28	7
02/18	33	21	12	30	5
01/18	27	23	12	30	8
11/17	29	21	17	29	5
10/17	29	22	13	27	9
09/17	27	19	14	30	10
08/17	30	22	10	29	8
07/17	28	22	12	32	6
06/17	29	22	14	27	8
05/17	29	20	13	29	9
Late 04/17 ²	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

ACA continued...

² January 2012 through Late April 2017 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010..."
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	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 ³	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 ⁴	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 ⁵	23	23	10	30	14

³ 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?)”

⁴ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year...”

⁵ 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?)”

ACA1. 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)

	Helped	Hurt	No direct impact	Both helped and hurt (VOL.)	Don't know/Refused
09/19	23	23	52	1	*
06/16	18	29	50	1	2
03/16	18	28	52	1	1
12/15	17	29	51	1	1
06/29/15	19	24	53	1	2
06/09/15	19	24	54	1	2
04/15	19	22	56	1	2
03/15	19	22	57	*	2
01/15	16	25	57	1	1
11/14	16	24	59	*	1
10/14	16	26	56	1	1
09/14	14	27	56	1	1
07/14	15	28	56	*	1
05/14	14	24	60	*	2

ACA2. What would you say is the MAIN way the health care law has helped you and your family? Has it... (READ LIST) (rotate response options 1-3/3-1; always keep item 4 last)

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

	09/19	06/16	12/15	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Allowed someone in your family to get or keep health coverage	40	48	45	46	40	42	46	36
Lowered your health care or health insurance costs	19	15	16	19	19	18	12	19
Made it easier for you to get the health care you need	31	29	31	27	29	29	25	26
Helped in some other way (specify)	6	4	4	3	6	6	6	14
Don't know	4	2	3	5	6	5	10	5
Refused ⁶	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	n=250	n=227	n=220	n=264	n=219	n=224	n=220	n=203

⁶ Don't know and Refused were recorded separately for this question and some other questions throughout the survey. For trend questions before 2016, Don't know/Refused was combined into one category. Trend results for "Refused" are shown in the "Don't know" category.

ACA3. What would you say is the MAIN way the health care law has hurt you and your family? Has it... (READ LIST) (rotate response options 1-3/3-1; always keep item 4 last)

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

	09/19	06/16	12/15	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Caused someone in your family to lose their insurance	7	11	8	10	7	7	10	8
Increased your health care or health insurance costs	65	57	67	62	62	58	59	60
Made it more difficult for you to get the health care you need	20	21	18	17	16	20	18	12
The mandate/paying a fine	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hurt in some other way (<i>specify</i>)	4	9	6	10	12	11	10	18
Don't know	*	1	1	2	3	4	3	2
Refused	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	n=283	n=364	n=354	n=357	n=360	n=402	n=422	n=385

ACA1/ACA2/ACA3 Summary Table

Based on total

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses

	09/19	06/16	12/15	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Helped/Both helped and hurt	24	19	18	19	16	15	15	15
Allowed someone in your family to get or keep health coverage	10	9	8	9	6	6	7	5
Lowered your health care costs	5	3	3	4	3	3	2	3
Made it easier for you to get the health care you need	8	6	6	5	5	4	4	4
Helped in some other way	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Hurt/Both helped and hurt	24	30	30	22	24	28	28	24
Caused someone in your family to lose their insurance	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	2
Increased your health care costs	16	17	20	14	15	16	17	14
Made it more difficult for you to get the health care you need	5	6	5	4	4	6	5	3
The mandate/paying a fine	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hurt in some other way	1	3	2	2	3	3	3	4
Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1
No direct impact	52	50	51	57	59	56	56	60
Don't know/Refused	*	2	1	2	1	1	1	2

ACA4. I'm going to read a list of specific elements or parts of the 2010 health care law. For each, please tell me whether you think it is something the law does, or not. First, to the best of your knowledge, would you say the 2010 health care law does or does not (INSERT ITEM)? Would you say the health care law does or does not (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (scramble items a-n)⁷

Items a, c, e, g, i, k, m: Based on half sample A

Items b, d, f, h, j, l, n: Based on half sample B

	Yes, law does this	No, law does not do this	Don't know	Refused	
a. Allow young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26					
09/19	77	16	8	*	n=620
03/17	83	14	3	*	n=609
03/14	71	18	11	-	n=738
03/13 ⁸	69	20	11	-	n=593
04/12	67	18	14	-	n=579
06/10	69	24	7	-	n=620
04/10	70	21	9	-	n=581
b. Provide financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage					
09/19	59	32	8	*	n=585
03/17	69	27	3	1	n=609
03/15	65	29	6	-	n=1,503
01/15	63	30	6	-	n=1,503
12/14	67	26	8	-	n=1,505
10/14	54	31	16	-	n=1,503
03/14	63	28	9	-	n=1,504
01/14	63	29	9	-	n=1,506
03/13	62	29	9	-	n=593
08/12	57	29	13	-	n=609
03/12 omnibus	56	28	17	-	n=506
11/11	64	30	6	-	n=620
08/11	58	32	10	-	n=1,201
12/10	72	18	10	-	n=1,207
06/10	72	21	7	-	n=620
04/10	75	17	8	-	n=627
c. Require employers with 50 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance					
09/19	64	22	13	*	n=620
03/13	71	17	11	-	n=593
03/12 omnibus	53	24	23	-	n=506
11/11 ⁹	65	21	13	-	n=620

⁷ March 2013 and previous trend question wording was "I'm going to read you a list of specific elements or parts of the law. For each, please tell me whether you think it is included in the health reform law, or not..."

⁸ April 2010 to March 2013 trend wording for this item was "Allow children to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26".

⁹ November 2011 trend wording was "Require employers with 50 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance to their workers".

d. Give states the option of expanding their existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults

09/19	57	31	12	*	n=585
03/17	65	27	8	*	n=597
03/15	60	25	15	-	n=1,503
12/14	62	27	11	-	n=1,505
03/14	60	25	15	-	n=1,504
01/14	58	27	15	-	n=1,506
03/13	59	25	17	-	n=611
04/12 ¹⁰	60	26	14	-	n=631
03/12 omnibus	54	30	16	-	n=503
11/11	53	28	19	-	n=589
08/11	49	32	19	-	n=1,201
12/10	62	20	18	-	n=1,207
06/10	66	22	12	-	n=620
04/10	64	16	20	-	n=581

e. Create health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where small businesses and people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits

09/19	66	24	10	*	n=620
03/15	66	25	8	-	n=1,503
01/15	63	28	8	-	n=1,503
12/14	67	25	8	-	n=1,505
03/13	58	29	13	-	n=593
08/12	56	28	16	-	n=609
06/10	62	29	9	-	n=587
04/10	62	21	17	-	n=627

f. Increase the Medicare payroll tax on earnings for upper income Americans

09/19	48	34	18	*	n=585
03/14	46	32	23	-	n=738
03/13	54	27	19	-	n=611
09/12	47	33	20	-	n=764
11/11	52	29	19	-	n=589
06/11	43	37	19	-	n=XXX
07/10	58	25	17	-	n=XXX
06/10 ¹¹	62	26	12	-	n=587
04/10	66	20	14	-	n=627

¹⁰ March 2012 to April 2012 trend wording for this item was "Expand the existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults". April 2010 through November 2011 wording was "Expand the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children".

¹¹ April 2010 through June 2010 trend wording for this item was "Increase the Medicare payroll tax for upper income Americans as a way to help pay for health reform".

g. Require insurance companies that spend too little money on health care services and too much on administrative costs and profits to give their customers a rebate

09/19	39	42	18	1	n=620
03/14	44	37	19	-	n=738
03/13	40	37	23	-	n=611
08/12	42	34	24	-	n=609
03/12 omnibus	35	34	30	-	n=506
11/11	38	42	20	-	n=620
04/10 ¹²	37	32	31	-	n=581

h. Gradually close the Medicare prescription drug “doughnut hole” or “coverage gap” so people on Medicare will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap

09/19	35	42	22	1	n=585
03/14	40	34	26	-	n=766
03/13	46	31	22	-	n=593
09/12	48	30	22	-	n=764
06/11	45	32	23	-	n=582
07/10	49	30	21	-	n=1,504
06/10	59	27	13	-	n=587
04/10	56	23	21	-	n=627

i. Prohibit insurance companies from setting lifetime limits on the total amount they will spend on a person's health care

09/19	42	41	17	*	n=620
09/11	48	34	18	-	n=1,207
06/10	59	28	13	-	n=620
04/10	56	25	20	-	n=627

j. Place a limit on the amount that insurance companies can charge older people compared to younger people

09/19	39	44	16	*	n=585
04/12	41	30	29	-	n=631

k. Establish a government panel to make decisions about end-of-life care for people on Medicare

09/19	38	43	18	*	n=620
12/14	41	41	19	-	n=1,505
03/14	34	44	23	-	n=738
03/13	40	39	21	-	n=611
09/12	39	39	22	-	n=764
11/11 ¹³	35	53	12	-	n=620
06/11	31	48	20	-	n=582
12/10	40	45	15	-	n=1,207
07/10	41	43	16	-	n=1,504

¹² April 2010 trend wording for this item was “Require insurance companies that are spending too little of their customer’s money on health care services and too much on administrative costs and profits to give those customers a rebate”.

¹³ September 2010 through November 2011 trend wording was “Allow a government panel to make decisions about end-of-life care for people on Medicare”.

l. Allow undocumented immigrants to receive financial help from the government to buy health insurance

09/19	42	42	16	*	n=585
03/17	50	39	11	*	n=597
12/14	43	38	19	-	n=1,505
03/14	46	32	22	-	n=766
03/13	47	33	21	-	n=611
02/13	42	35	23	-	n=1,209
12/10	41	42	16	-	n=1,207

m. Cut benefits for people in the traditional Medicare program

09/19	33	50	16	*	n=620
03/17	40	53	7	*	n=597
09/13	42	40	18	-	n=1,503
03/13	44	43	14	-	n=593
09/12	35	44	21	-	n=770

n. Create a new government run insurance plan to be offered along with private plans

09/19	44	42	14	*	n=585
09/13	52	32	16	-	n=1,503
03/13	57	28	15	-	n=593
03/12 omnibus	52	30	18	-	n=503
11/11	56	31	13	-	n=589
12/10	59	27	14	-	n=1,207

(rotate M4ALL and Q3 with PUBLICOPTION and Q4; Q3 always comes after M4ALL and Q4 always comes after PUBLICOPTION)

M4ALL. 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? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	Strongly/ Somewhat favor (NET)	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat/ Strongly oppose (NET)	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused	
09/19	53	31	21	45	12	33	2	n=1,205
07/19	51	29	21	42	9	34	7	n=608
04/19	56	36	20	38	10	28	6	n=1,203
03/19	56	35	21	39	8	30	5	n=1,211
02/19	57	33	24	37	11	26	6	n=1,440
01/19	56	34	22	42	10	32	2	n=1,190
03/18	59	37	22	38	10	28	3	n=1,212
09/17	55	33	22	43	12	31	3	n=581
06/17	57	34	23	38	12	26	5	n=611

Q3. How much, if anything, have you heard about a national Medicare-for-all plan? (READ LIST)

	09/19
Have heard at least some (NET)	51
A lot	25
Some	26
A little	26
Nothing at all	22
Don't know/Refused	*

PUBLICOPTION. Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a government-administered health plan, sometimes called a public option, that would compete with private health insurance plans and be available to all Americans? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	09/19	07/19
Strongly/Somewhat Favor (NET)	69	65
Strongly favor	38	40
Somewhat favor	31	26
Somewhat/Strongly Oppose (NET)	28	31
Somewhat oppose	9	10
Strongly oppose	19	21
Don't know/Refused	3	4
	<i>n=1,205</i>	<i>n=588</i>

Q4. How much, if anything, have you heard about a government-administered health plan, sometimes called a public option? (READ LIST)

	09/19
Have heard at least some (NET)	35
A lot	14
Some	22
A little	26
Nothing at all	38
Don't know/Refused	1

Q5. Do you think a national Medicare-for-all plan and a public option government-administered health plan are (READ LIST)? (rotate response options 1-4/4-1)

	09/19
Very/Somewhat similar (NET)	47
Very similar	10
Somewhat similar	37
Somewhat/Very different (NET)	44
Somewhat different	29
Very different	15
Don't know/Refused	10

READ TO ALL: I am now going to ask you some questions about unexpected or surprise medical bills, which are bills that patients owe when they receive care from a provider that is not in their health plan's network either during a medical emergency or unintentionally when receiving planned care.

SB1. Some lawmakers are proposing legislation that would protect patients from having to pay the cost not covered by their insurance when they receive care from a provider or hospital who is not in their network. Do you (support) or (oppose) legislation protecting patients from paying for these types of surprise medical bills? (rotate items in parentheses)

	09/19
Support	78
Oppose	20
Don't know/Refused	2

SB2. What if you heard that opponents say that this legislation would lead to doctors and hospitals getting paid less for services provided? Do you still support such legislation or do you now oppose it?

Based on those who support surprise medical bill legislation

	09/19
Still support	73
Now oppose	22
Don't know/Refused	5

SB1/SB2 Combo Table

Based on total

	09/19
Support legislation that would protect patients from having to pay surprise medical bills	78
Still support if heard that opponents say that this legislation would lead to doctors and hospitals getting paid less for services provided	57
Now oppose if heard that opponents say that this legislation would lead to doctors and hospitals getting paid less for services provided	17
Don't know/Refused	4
Oppose legislation that would protect patients from having to pay surprise medical bills	20
Don't know/Refused	2

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

	09/19
Republican	23
Democrat	30
Independent	34
Or what/Other/None/No preference	10
Don't know	3
Refused	1

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (rotate items in parentheses in same order as PARTY)

Based on those who are not Republican or Democrat

	09/19
Republican	36
Democratic	32
Independent/don't lean to either party (Vol.)	23
Other party (Vol.)	1
Don't know	6
Refused	2
	<i>n=540</i>

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN

Based on total

	09/19
Republican/Lean Republican	40
Democrat/Lean Democratic	45
Pure Independent	12
Undesignated	3

Five-Point Party ID

	09/19
Democrat	30
Independent Lean Democrat	15
Independent/Don't lean	11
Independent Lean Republican	17
Republican	23
Undesignated	4

Q6. Generally, would you say you know a lot, some, a little, or nothing at all about the Democratic candidates' positions on (INSERT ITEM)? (scramble items a-h)

Table I

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents/Independents with no leaning

	A lot/Some (NET)	A lot	Some	A little/ Nothing at all (NET)	A little	Nothing at all	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Health care 09/19	63	33	31	36	28	9	*	n=644
b. The economy and jobs 09/19	58	23	35	42	31	11	*	n=644
c. Climate change 09/19	63	37	26	37	23	14	*	n=644
d. Gun policy 09/19	64	36	28	35	24	12	1	n=644
e. Immigration 09/19	67	37	31	32	24	9	*	n=644
f. Taxes 09/19	52	19	33	47	32	15	1	n=644
g. International trade and tariffs 09/19	41	11	30	59	33	26	1	n=644
h. Foreign policy or national security 09/19	47	12	35	53	33	20	*	n=644

Table II

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents

	A lot/Some (NET)	A lot	Some	A little/ Nothing at all (NET)	A little	Nothing at all	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Health care 09/19	66	35	31	34	26	8	*	n=524
b. The economy and jobs 09/19	59	24	36	41	31	10	-	n=524
c. Climate change 09/19	65	40	26	35	22	13	-	n=524
d. Gun policy 09/19	67	37	30	32	22	10	1	n=524
e. Immigration 09/19	69	37	33	31	24	7	-	n=524
f. Taxes 09/19	54	20	34	46	33	13	*	n=524
g. International trade and tariffs 09/19	43	12	31	57	31	25	*	n=524
h. Foreign policy or national security 09/19	49	12	37	51	33	18	*	n=524

Q7. (Would you like to know more) about the Democratic candidates' positions on health care, or (do you feel you've heard enough)? (rotate items in parentheses)

Table I

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents/Independents with no leaning

	09/19
Would like to know more	48
Feel like you've heard enough	51
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=644</i>

Table II

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents

	09/19
Would like to know more	51
Feel like you've heard enough	48
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=524</i>

Q8. What specifically would you like to know more about? (OPEN-END; RECORD RESPONSE VERBATIM) (ALLOW UP TO 2 RESPONSES)

Table I

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents/Independents with no leaning and would like to know more about the Democratic candidates' positions on health care

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses

	09/19
The candidates' health plan/specific details of their plan	15
How a national Medicare-for-all plan would work	12
How the candidates will implement their plan	10
How they plan to bring down health care costs	9
How the candidates plan to pay for their plan/where the money will come from	8
Coverage	5
How a national Medicare-for-all plan would differ from a public option	4
How they plan to improve access to coverage	4
How they plan to improve coverage for low-income people/Medicaid	4
How they plan to bring down prescription drug costs	4
How they plan to improve health care for seniors/Medicare	3
How they plan to improve the ACA	3
How a public option would work	2
The role of private health insurance companies in their plan	2
How their plans would affect me/my family	1
General mentions of health care	14
Unrelated to health care	9
Other	11
No answer	2
Don't know/Refused	6
	<i>n=330</i>

Table II

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents and would like to know more about the Democratic candidates' positions on health care

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses

	09/19
The candidates' health plan/specific details of their plan	15
How a national Medicare-for-all plan would work	13
How the candidates will implement their plan	11
How the candidates plan to pay for their plan/where the money will come from	8
How they plan to bring down health care costs	8
How they plan to improve coverage for low-income people/Medicaid	5
Coverage	4
How they plan to improve access to coverage	4
How they plan to bring down prescription drug costs	4
How a national Medicare-for-all plan would differ from a public option	3
How they plan to improve the ACA	3
The role of private health insurance companies in their plan	3
How they plan to improve health care for seniors/Medicare	3
How a public option would work	2
How their plans would affect me/my family	1
General mentions of health care	16
Unrelated to health care	10
Other	9
No answer	1
Don't know/Refused	6
	<i>n=287</i>

Q7/Q8 Combo Table I

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents/Independents with no leaning

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses

	09/19
Would like to know more about the Democratic candidates' positions on health care	48
The candidates' health plan/specific details of their plan	7
How a national Medicare-for-all plan would work	6
How the candidates will implement their plan	5
How the candidates plan to pay for their plan/where the money will come from	4
How they plan to bring down health care costs	4
Coverage	2
How they plan to improve access to coverage	2
How a national Medicare-for-all plan would differ from a public option	2
How they plan to improve the ACA	2
How they plan to improve coverage for low-income people/Medicaid	2
How they plan to bring down prescription drug costs	2
How they plan to improve health care for seniors/Medicare	1
How a public option would work	1
The role of private health insurance companies in their plan	1
How their plans would affect me/my family	*
General mentions of health care	7
Unrelated to health care	4
Other	5
No answer	1
Don't know/Refused	3
Feel you've heard enough about the Democratic candidates' positions on health care	51
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=644</i>

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses

	09/19
Would like to know more about the Democratic candidates' positions on health care	51
The candidates' health plan/specific details of their plan	8
How a national Medicare-for-all plan would work	7
How the candidates will implement their plan	6
How the candidates plan to pay for their plan/where the money will come from	4
How they plan to bring down health care costs	4
How a national Medicare-for-all plan would differ from a public option	2
How they plan to improve health care for seniors/Medicare	2
How they plan to improve coverage for low-income people/Medicaid	2
Coverage	2
How they plan to improve access to coverage	2
How they plan to bring down prescription drug costs	2
How they plan to improve the ACA	1
The role of private health insurance companies in their plan	1
How a public option would work	1
How their plans would affect me/my family	*
General mentions of health care	8
Unrelated to health care	5
Other	5
No answer	1
Don't know/Refused	3
Feel you've heard enough about the Democratic candidates' positions on health care	48
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=524</i>

- Q9. Thinking about the Democratic candidates' approach to health care. Would you prefer to vote for a candidate who wants to expand coverage and lower costs by (replacing the Affordable Care Act with a national Medicare-for-all plan) or who wants to expand coverage and lower costs by (building on the existing Affordable Care Act)? (rotate items in parentheses)

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents

	09/19
Replacing the Affordable Care Act with a national Medicare-for-all plan	40
Building on the existing Affordable Care Act	55
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	3
	<i>n=524</i>

- Q10. (Would you consider voting for a candidate who wants to expand coverage and lower costs by building on the existing Affordable Care Act), or (would you ONLY vote for a candidate who wants to replace the Affordable Care Act with a national Medicare-for-all plan)? (rotate items in parentheses)

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents and prefer to vote for a candidate who wants to expand coverage and lower costs by replacing the Affordable Care Act with a national Medicare-for-all plan

	09/19
Would vote for a candidate who wants to build on Affordable Care Act	56
Only vote for a candidate who wants to replace the Affordable Care Act with national Medicare-for-all plan	35
Don't know/Refused	10
	<i>n=191</i>

Q9/Q10 Combo Table

Based on those who are Democrats/Democratic-leaning Independents

	09/19
Would prefer to vote for a candidate who wants to expand coverage and lower costs by replacing the Affordable Care Act with a national Medicare-for-all plan	40
Would consider voting for a candidate who wants to build on the existing Affordable Care Act	22
Would only vote for a candidate who wants to replace the Affordable Care Act with a national Medicare-for-all plan	14
Don't know/Refused	4
Would prefer to vote for a candidate who wants to expand coverage and lower costs by building on the existing Affordable Care Act	55
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	3
	n=524

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

Q11. (FOR ITEMS A AND C, INSERT "have", FOR ITEM B, INSERT "has") How big of a problem (have/has) (INSERT ITEM) been for you and your family over the past several years? A major problem, a minor problem, or has this not been a problem for you and your family? (scramble items a-c)

	A problem (NET)	Major problem	Minor problem	Not at problem	Don't know/ Refused
a. Your wages or income not keeping up with the rising cost of living					
09/19	70	36	34	30	1
b. Paying for your out-of-pocket health care costs like co-pays, deductibles and premiums					
09/19	66	26	40	33	*
c. Household expenses other than health care					
09/19	65	25	39	34	1

Q12. And which one of these is the BIGGEST problem for you and your family? Is it (INSERT ITEM)

Q11/Q12 Biggest Problem Combo Table

Based on total

	09/19
Wages or income not keeping up with the rising cost of living	26
Paying for your out-of-pocket health care costs like co-pays, deductibles and premiums	14
Household expenses other than health care	7
None of these	52
Don't know/Refused	*

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?

	09/19
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know	-
Refused	-

AGE. What is your age?

AGE2. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

REAGE2 VARIABLE

	09/19
18-29	21
30-49	34
50-64	25
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])?

	09/19
Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know	1
Refused	*

AGECOV VARIABLE

	09/19
Insured less than 65	84
Uninsured less than 65	16

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? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R SAYS THEY GOT INSURANCE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV, OBAMACARE, OR A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE/EXCHANGE, CODE AS 3].

Based on those who are insured

	09/19
Plan through your employer	39
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	6
Medicare	22
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	5
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know	*
Refused	*
	<i>n=1,092</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table

Based on total

	09/19
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	33
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan	6
Medicare	19
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	1

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on those ages 18-64

	09/19
Covered by health insurance	83
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	6
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=822</i>

COVSELF. 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 purchase their own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table

Based on those ages 18-64

	09/19
Covered by health insurance	83
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	6
Directly from an insurance company	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=822

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 ages 18-64 who purchased insurance through non-marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF/COVMKT

Based on those ages 18-64

	09/19
Covered by health insurance (NET)	83
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	6
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	4
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	1
Not sure/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=822

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

	09/19
Married	49
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	6
Divorced	10
Separated	2
Never been married	25
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Q13. (IF COVTYPE=1, INSERT "your employer"/"your wages"; IF COVTYPE=2, INSERT "your spouse's employer"/"your spouse's wages")
If (your employer/your spouse's employer) did not have to pay as much as they do now for the cost of your health insurance, do you think they would increase (your wages/your spouse's wages) , or would (your wages/your spouse's wages) stay the same?

Based on those who are less than 65 years old and are insured through their employer or their spouse's employer

	09/19
Increase wages	32
Wages would stay the same	63
Don't know/Refused	5
	n=476

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today? [READ IN ORDER]

	09/19
Employed (NET)	57
Employed full-time	47
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	3
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	6
Retired	18
On disability and can't work	8
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent	6
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	09/19
Liberal	25
Moderate	34
Conservative	36
Don't know	3
Refused	1

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

	09/19
Yes	79
No	20
Don't know	1
Refused	*

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)?]

	09/19
Approve (NET)	41
Strongly approve	25
Somewhat approve	16
Disapprove (NET)	54
Somewhat disapprove	9
Strongly disapprove	45
Don't know/Refused	5

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? [DO NOT READ LIST] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

	09/19
HS grad or less (NET)	39
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	2
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	32
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)	30
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	17
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused	*

HISPANIC. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	09/19
Yes	16
No	84
Don't know	*
Refused	*

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? CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF RESPONDENTS REFUSED TO PICK WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, RECORD HISPANIC AS "OTHER," CODE 97)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table

Based on total

	09/19
White, non-Hispanic	62
Total non-White	38
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	16
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	3

NATIVITY. Were you born in the United States (IF HISPANIC=1 INSERT, on the island of Puerto Rico), or in another country?

Based on Hispanics

	09/19
U.S.	53
Puerto Rico	*
Another country	47
Don't know	-
Refused	-
	<i>n=123</i>

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2018 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [READ LIST]

	09/19
Less than \$20,000	11
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	15
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	9
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	19
Don't know/Refused	7



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