Topline

Kaiser Health Tracking Poll - May 2017: The AHCA's Proposed Changes to Health Care

## METHODOLOGY

This Kaiser Health Tracking Poll was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted May 16-22, 2017, 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). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (421) and cell phone (784, including 470 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 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the January-June 2016 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and 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 | 1205 | $\pm 3$ percentage points |
| Party Identification |  |  |
| Democrats | 404 | $\pm 6$ percentage points |
| Republicans | 279 | $\pm 7$ percentage points |
| Independents | 398 | $\pm 6$ percentage points |
| Trump Approval |  |  |
| Approve of President Trump | 446 | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| Disapprove of President Trump | 697 | $\pm 4$ percentage points |

All trends shown in this document come from Kaiser Health Tracking Polls except:
01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress
(January 4-14, 2011)
06/15: Kaiser Family Foundation Medicare and Medicaid at 50 Survey (April 23-May 31, 2015)

1. 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?] [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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 05/17 | 29 | 20 | 13 | 29 | 9 |
| Late 04/17 ${ }^{1}$ | 24 | 24 | 15 | 26 | 12 |
| Early 04/17 | 20 | 26 | 16 | 30 | 9 |
| 03/17 | 21 | 28 | 15 | 29 | 6 |
| 02/17 | 20 | 28 | 15 | 27 | 10 |
| 12/16 | 21 | 22 | 16 | 30 | 11 |
| 11/16 | 19 | 24 | 17 | 28 | 11 |
| 10/16 | 19 | 26 | 13 | 32 | 10 |
| 09/16 | 18 | 26 | 17 | 30 | 9 |
| 08/16 | 19 | 21 | 14 | 28 | 17 |
| 07/16 | 18 | 22 | 17 | 29 | 14 |
| 06/16 | 18 | 24 | 12 | 32 | 14 |
| 04/16 | 15 | 23 | 17 | 32 | 13 |
| 03/16 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 30 | 13 |
| 02/16 | 19 | 22 | 12 | 34 | 14 |
| 01/16 | 21 | 20 | 16 | 28 | 16 |
| 12/15 | 19 | 21 | 13 | 33 | 14 |
| 11/15 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 28 | 17 |
| 10/15 | 21 | 21 | 15 | 27 | 16 |
| 09/15 | 21 | 20 | 15 | 30 | 14 |
| 08/15 | 23 | 21 | 16 | 25 | 14 |
| 06/29/15 | 23 | 20 | 13 | 27 | 17 |
| 06/09/15 | 19 | 20 | 16 | 26 | 19 |
| 04/15 | 22 | 21 | 15 | 27 | 14 |
| 03/15 | 22 | 19 | 15 | 28 | 16 |
| 01/15 | 19 | 21 | 16 | 30 | 15 |
| 12/14 | 18 | 23 | 16 | 30 | 14 |
| 11/14 | 18 | 19 | 16 | 30 | 18 |
| 10/14 | 16 | 20 | 16 | 27 | 20 |
| 09/14 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 32 | 19 |
| 07/14 | 15 | 22 | 18 | 35 | 11 |
| 06/14 | 19 | 20 | 15 | 30 | 16 |
| 05/14 | 19 | 19 | 12 | 33 | 17 |
| 04/14 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 30 | 16 |
| 03/14 | 18 | 20 | 14 | 32 | 15 |
| 02/14 | 16 | 19 | 14 | 33 | 18 |
| 01/14 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 35 | 16 |
| 12/13 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 36 | 18 |
| 11/13 | 15 | 18 | 13 | 36 | 18 |
| 10/13 | 21 | 17 | 13 | 31 | 18 |
| 09/13 | 20 | 19 | 13 | 30 | 17 |
| 08/13 | 17 | 20 | 14 | 28 | 20 |

[^0]Q. 1 continued

|  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 06/13 | 15 | 20 | 13 | 30 | 23 |
| 04/13 | 16 | 19 | 12 | 28 | 24 |
| 03/13 | 17 | 20 | 13 | 27 | 23 |
| 02/13 | 18 | 18 | 13 | 29 | 23 |
| 11/12 | 19 | 24 | 12 | 27 | 19 |
| 10/12 | 20 | 18 | 14 | 29 | 19 |
| 09/12 | 25 | 20 | 12 | 28 | 14 |
| 08/12 | 21 | 17 | 13 | 30 | 19 |
| 07/12 | 20 | 18 | 13 | 31 | 17 |
| 06/12 | 25 | 16 | 11 | 30 | 18 |
| 05/12 | 17 | 20 | 12 | 32 | 19 |
| 04/12 | 20 | 22 | 9 | 34 | 15 |
| 03/12 | 18 | 23 | 11 | 29 | 19 |
| 02/12 | 17 | 25 | 16 | 27 | 15 |
| 01/12 | 18 | 19 | 14 | 30 | 19 |
| 12/11 ${ }^{2}$ | 19 | 22 | 15 | 28 | 17 |
| 11/11 | 17 | 20 | 15 | 29 | 19 |
| 10/11 | 12 | 22 | 20 | 31 | 15 |
| 09/11 | 18 | 23 | 14 | 29 | 16 |
| 08/11 | 16 | 23 | 17 | 27 | 17 |
| 07/11 | 20 | 22 | 12 | 31 | 15 |
| 06/11 | 15 | 27 | 16 | 30 | 12 |
| 05/11 | 19 | 23 | 15 | 29 | 14 |
| 04/11 | 20 | 21 | 14 | 27 | 18 |
| 03/11 | 21 | 21 | 15 | 31 | 13 |
| 02/11 | 16 | 27 | 19 | 29 | 8 |
| 01/11 | 19 | 22 | 16 | 34 | 9 |
| 12/10 | 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 |
| 04/103 | 23 | 23 | 10 | 30 | 14 |

2. To the best of your knowledge, is the Affordable Care Act, sometimes called Obamacare, still in effect, or has it been repealed and is no longer in effect?

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Still in effect | 74 |
| Has been repealed and is no longer in effect | 15 |
| Has been repealed by the House but hasn't passed the Senate (VOL.) | 1 |
| Don't know | 9 |
| Refused | 1 |

[^1]READ IF TO THOSE WHO RESPOND OBAMACARE REPEALED/NO LONGER IN EFFECT: Though not everyone has heard, the 2010 health care law, also known as Obamacare, remains the law of the land.
READ TO ALL OTHERS: As you may know, the 2010 health care law, also known as Obamacare, remains the law of the land.
3. Which comes closer to your view? (READ AND ROTATE; KEEP "OPTION A" AND "OPTION B" FROM ROTATING) or (READ OTHER OPTION) ${ }^{4}$

|  | Late <br> $04 / 17$ | $05 / 17$ | $04 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPTION A: President Obama and Democrats in Congress passed the law and <br> they are responsible for any problems with it moving forward | 26 | 28 | 31 |
| OPTION B: President Trump and Republicans in Congress are now in control of |  |  |  |
| the government and they are responsible for any problems with it moving | 63 | 64 |  |
| forward |  |  |  |
| Both are equally responsible (VOL.) | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Neither of these/someone else is responsible (VOL.) | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 | 2 |

4. How likely do you think it is that the president and Congress will repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?

|  | $05 / 17$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Very/Somewhat likely (NET) | 74 |  |
| $\quad$ Very likely |  | 37 |
| $\quad$ Somewhat likely |  | 36 |
| Not too/Not at all likely (NET) | 24 |  |
| $\quad$ Not too likely |  | 15 |
| $\quad$ Not at all likely |  | 9 |
| Don't know | 2 |  |
| Refused | $*$ |  |

5. As you may know, Congress is currently discussing a health care plan that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Given what you know about this proposed new health care plan, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES] [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health care plan refers to the "American Health Care Act," please answer "yes"]

|  | $05 / 17$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very/Somewhat favorable (NET) | 31 |  |
| $\quad$ Very favorable |  | 12 |
| $\quad$ Somewhat favorable |  | 19 |
| Very/Somewhat unfavorable (NET) | 55 |  |
| $\quad$ Somewhat unfavorable |  | 15 |
| $\quad$ Very unfavorable |  | 40 |
| Don't know | 12 |  |
| Refused | 1 |  |

[^2]6. A health care plan, known as the American Health Care Act, recently passed the U.S. House of Representatives and is now being debated by the Senate. Do you think the Senate should pass this bill as is, make minor changes to it, make major changes to it, or not pass this bill?

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Pass this bill as is | 8 |
| Make minor changes to it | 24 |
| Make major changes to it | 26 |
| Not pass this bill | 29 |
| Don't know | 12 |
| Refused | 1 |

7. Do you think that the health care plan that recently passed the House fulfills all, most, some, or none of the promises President Trump has made about health care?

|  | $05 / 17$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| All/Most (NET) | 14 |  |
| $\quad$ All |  | 4 |
| $\quad$ Most |  | 10 |
| Some/None (NET) | 76 |  |
| $\quad$ Some |  | 40 |
| $\quad$ None |  | 35 |
| Don't know | 10 |  |
| Refused | 1 |  |

8. In general, compared to the current health care law, also known as Obamacare, do you think the health care plan that passed the House will (increase) or (decrease) costs for people who purchase their own insurance, or will their costs stay about the same? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES] ${ }^{5}$

|  | $05 / 17$ | $03 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Increase | 51 | 48 |
| Decrease | 20 | 23 |
| Stay about the same | 22 | 25 |
| Don't know | 6 | 3 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |

9. How about the number of people who have health insurance, do you think the health care plan that passed the House will (increase) or (decrease) the number of people who have health insurance, or will the number of people who have health insurance stay about the same? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES] ${ }^{6}$

|  | $05 / 17$ | $03 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Increase | 16 | 18 |
| Decrease | 49 | 48 |
| Stay about the same | 31 | 30 |
| Don't know | 4 | 3 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |

[^3]10. [FOR FIRST ITEM: If the president and Congress pass the health care plan currently being discussed,] do you think [INSERT AND RANDOMIZE] would get (better), get (worse) or would it stay about the same? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

|  |  | Better | Worse | Stay about <br> the same | Don't <br> know | Refused |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | The quality of your own health care | 15 | 34 | 48 | 2 | $*$ |
| b. | The cost of health care for you and your family | 16 | 45 | 36 | 2 | $*$ |
| c. Your ability to get and keep health insurance | 16 | 34 | 47 | 2 | $*$ |  |

11. I'm going to read you several specific elements included in the health care plan that passed the House. Please tell me if each makes you (more) or (less) likely to support the plan, or does not make much difference. First, the plan [INSERT AND RANDOMIZE]. Does that make you (more) likely to support the plan, (less) likely to support it, or does it not make much difference? Next, the plan [INSERT NEXT ITEM]. Does that make you (more) or (less) likely to support the plan, or does it not make much difference? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

| Items a, c, e, g, i, k based on half sample A Items $b, d, f, h, j$ based on half sample $B$ | More likely to support |  | Not much difference | Don't know | Refused | $N$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Eliminates the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance but allows insurance companies to charge people $30 \%$ higher premiums for a year if they haven't had continuous coverage | 12 | 62 | 24 | 1 | * | 597 |
| b. Makes changes that would generally decrease what younger people pay for insurance and increase what older people pay | 14 | 58 | 28 | 1 | * | 608 |
| c. Decreases the financial help available to lower-income people who buy their own insurance and increases the financial help available to middle- and upper-income people | 15 | 51 | 32 | 2 | 1 | 597 |
| d. Cuts federal funding that was included in the 2010 health care law for states that expanded Medicaid to cover more lower-income people | 23 | 43 | 34 | 1 | -- | 608 |
| e. Changes Medicaid so that instead of matching state spending, the federal government reduces what it pays states and gives states more flexibility to decide who and what services to cover | 23 | 42 | 32 | 2 | * | 597 |
| f. Allows states to require adults without disabilities to be working or looking for work in order to get health insurance through Medicaid | 42 | 28 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 608 |
| g. Stops federal payments to Planned Parenthood clinics for health care services provided to people on Medicaid for one year | 22 | 48 | 30 | * | * | 597 |
| h. Allows states to let health insurance companies cut back on the benefits they cover so they could sell cheaper plans that do not cover benefits like hospitalization, prescription drugs, maternity care, and mental health services | 20 | 60 | 20 | * | * | 608 |
| i. Allows states to decide if health insurance companies can charge sick people more than healthy people if they haven't had continuous coverage | 12 | 65 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 597 |
| j. Provides federal funding for states to cover people with pre-existing conditions through separate high-risk pools | 36 | 32 | 31 | 1 | -- | 608 |
| k. Eliminates the taxes and tax increases on higher-income people imposed by the Affordable Care Act | 18 | 49 | 30 | 2 | 1 | 597 |

READ TO ALL: Moving on...
[ROTATE Q12 and Q13]
12. In general, do you (support) or (oppose) a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Support | 44 |
| Oppose | 52 |
| Don't know | 3 |
| Refused | 1 |

[ROTATE Q12a and Q12b]
12a. What if you heard that allowing health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits would mean sicker individuals would have to pay more for plans that cover the benefits they need? Do you still support this health care plan or do you now oppose it?

Based on those who support a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits ( $n=533$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Still support | 52 |
| Now oppose | 43 |
| Don't know | 3 |
| Refused | 2 |

Summary of Q12 and Q12a based on Total

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Support a health plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans <br> that cost less but cover fewer benefits | 23 |
| Oppose a health plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans <br> that cost less but cover fewer benefits <br> $\quad$ Originally oppose | 71 |
| $\quad$ After hearing it would mean sicker individuals would have to pay | 52 |
| $\quad$ more for plans that cover the benefits they need | 19 |
| Don't know/Refused | 6 |

## [ROTATE Q12a and Q12b]

12b. What if you heard that allowing health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits would mean that people may not have the coverage for services they need if they get sick? Do you still support this health care plan or do you now oppose it?

Based on those who support a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits ( $n=533$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Still support | 53 |
| Now oppose | 42 |
| Don't know | 3 |
| Refused | 2 |

Summary of Q12 and Q12b based on Total

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Support a health plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans <br> that cost less but cover fewer benefits | 24 |
| Oppose a health plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans <br> that cost less but cover fewer benefits <br> $\quad$ Originally oppose | 71 |
| $\quad$ After hearing it would mean that people may not have the coverage |  |
| for services they need if they get sick | 52 |
| Don't know/Refused | 19 |

[ROTATE Q12c and Q12d]
12c. What if you heard that allowing health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits would mean some people who currently don't have health insurance would now be able to afford it? Do you still oppose this health care plan or do you now support it?

Based on those who oppose a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits ( $n=629$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Still oppose | 57 |
| Now support | 40 |
| Don't know | 3 |
| Refused | $*$ |

Summary of Q12 and Q12c based on Total

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Support a health plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans <br> that cost less but cover fewer benefits <br> Originally support | 65 |
| $\quad$After hearing it would mean that some people who currently don't <br> have health insurance would now be able to afford it | 44 |
| Oppose a health plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans <br> that cost less but cover fewer benefits <br> Don't know/Refused | 30 |

## [ROTATE Q12c and Q12d]

12d. What if you heard that allowing health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits would mean healthy people wouldn't have to pay for benefits they don't think they need. Do you still oppose this health care plan or do you now support it?

Based on those who oppose a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits ( $n=629$ )

| 05/17 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Still oppose 68 |  |
| Now support 29 |  |
| Don't know 3 |  |
| Refused * |  |
| Summary of Q12 and Q12d based on Total |  |
|  | 05/17 |
| Support a health plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits | 59 |
| Originally support | 44 |
| After hearing it would mean healthy people wouldn't have to pay for benefits they don't think they need | 15 |
| Oppose a health plan that allows health insurance companies to sell plans that cost less but cover fewer benefits | 36 |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 |

## [ROTATE Q12 and Q13]

13. In general, do you (support) or (oppose) a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage than healthier people? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Support | 20 |
| Oppose | 77 |
| Don't know | 3 |
| Refused | 1 |

[ROTATE Q13a and Q13b]
13a. What if you heard that allowing health insurance companies to charge people with pre-existing conditions more would mean that some people might not be able to afford health insurance and become uninsured? Do you still support this health care plan or do you now oppose it?

Based on those who support a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to charge people with preexisting health conditions more for their coverage than healthier people ( $n=242$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Still support | 60 |
| Now oppose | 33 |
| Don't know | 5 |
| Refused | 2 |

Summary of Q13 and Q13a based on Total
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{lc}\hline \begin{array}{l}\text { Support a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to } \\
\text { charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage }\end{array}
$$ \& 12 <br>

than healthier people\end{array}\right]\)| Oppose a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to |
| :--- |
| charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage |
| than healthier people |$\quad 83$

## [ROTATE Q13a and Q13b]

13b. What if you heard that it would mean that health insurance companies could charge people with conditions such as asthma and heart conditions more for their coverage? Do you still support this health care plan or do you now oppose it?

Based on those who support a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to charge people with preexisting health conditions more for their coverage than healthier people ( $n=242$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Still support | 71 |
| Now oppose | 25 |
| Don't know | 4 |
| Refused | $*$ |

Summary of Q13 and Q13b based on Total

| Support a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to <br> charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage <br> than healthier people | 14 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Oppose a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to <br> charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage <br> than healthier people | 82 |
| $\quad$Originally oppose |  |
| $\quad$After hearing health insurance companies could charge people with <br> conditions such as asthma and heart conditions more for their <br> coverage | 57 |
| Don't know/Refused | 4 |

## [ROTATE Q13c and Q13d]

13c. What if you heard that allowing health insurance companies to charge people with pre-existing conditions more would mean that HEALTHIER people wouldn't have to pay as much for their health insurance? Do you still oppose this health care plan or do you now support it?

Based on those who oppose a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to charge people with preexisting health conditions more for their coverage than healthier people ( $n=924$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Still oppose | 75 |
| Now support | 21 |
| Don't know | 3 |
| Refused | 1 |

Summary of Q13 and Q13c based on Total

| Support a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to <br> charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage <br> than healthier people | 36 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Originally support | 20 |
| After hearing that healthier people wouldn't have to pay as much <br> for their health insurance | 16 |
| Oppose a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to <br> charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage <br> than healthier people | 57 |
| Don't know/Refused | 7 |

## [ROTATE Q13c and Q13d]

13d. What if you heard that the federal government would provide funding to states to allow them to create an insurance option, or high-risk pool, for people with pre-existing health conditions to help them find and buy affordable health insurance? Do you still oppose this health care plan or do you now support it?

Based on those who oppose a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to charge people with preexisting health conditions more for their coverage than healthier people ( $n=924$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Still oppose | 47 |
| Now support | 50 |
| Don't know | 2 |
| Refused | 1 |

Summary of Q13 and Q13d based on Total

| Support a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to <br> charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage <br> than healthier people | 59 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Originally support |  |
| After hearing the federal government would provide funding to <br> states to create high-risk pools for people with pre-existing health <br> conditions to help them find and buy affordable health insurance | 30 |
| Oppose a health care plan that allows health insurance companies to <br> charge people with pre-existing health conditions more for their coverage <br> than healthier people | 36 |
| Don't know/Refused |  |

READ TO ALL: Now thinking specifically about MEDICAID, the program for certain low-income adults and children...
14. How important is Medicaid for you and your family? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

|  | Important (NET) | Very important | Somewhat important | Not important (NET) | Not too important | Not at all important | Don't <br> know | Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 05/17 | 58 | 40 | 18 | 41 | 10 | 31 | * | * |
| 02/17 ${ }^{7}$ | 56 | 35 | 21 | 42 | 14 | 28 | 2 | * |
| 06/15 | 51 | 35 | 16 | 47 | 15 | 32 | 2 | * |
| 01/138 | 61 | 38 | 23 | 38 | 16 | 22 | 1 | * |
| 07/12 ${ }^{9}$ | 52 | 35 | 17 | 46 | 13 | 33 | 2 | --10 |
| 06/12 | 56 | 38 | 18 | 43 | 13 | 30 | 1 | -- |
| 05/11 | 49 | 27 | 22 | 49 | 18 | 31 | 2 | -- |
| 01/11 ${ }^{11}$ | 59 | 39 | 20 | 39 | 16 | 23 | 2 | -- |

[^4]15. Which of these two descriptions comes closer to your view of what Medicaid should look like in the future? [READ] [ROTATE 1-2; KEEP "OPTION A" AND "OPTION B" FROM ROTATING]

|  | $05 / 17$ | $02 / 17^{12}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| OPTION A: Medicaid should largely continue as it is today, with the federal | 63 |  |
| government guaranteeing coverage for low-income people, setting standards for |  |  |
| who states cover and what benefits people get, and matching state Medicaid |  |  |
| spending as the number of people on the program goes up or down | 26 | 32 |
| OPTION B: Medicaid should be changed so that instead of matching state |  |  |
| Medicaid spending, the federal government limits how much it gives states to help | 1 |  |
| pay for Medicaid coverage but lets states decide which groups of people and what | 2 |  |
| health care services they want to cover | 2 | 2 |

16. If lawmakers decide to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law, how important is it to you that a replacement plan makes sure states that received federal funds to expand Medicaid continue to receive those funds? Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

|  | $05 / 17$ |  | $02 / 17$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Important (NET) | 84 |  | 84 |  |
| $\quad$ Very important |  | 58 |  | 55 |
| $\quad$ Somewhat important | 14 |  |  | 15 |
| $\quad$ Not important (NET) |  | 7 |  | 7 |
| $\quad$ Not too important |  | 7 |  | 8 |
| $\quad$ Not at all important | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| Don't know | $*$ |  | 1 |  |
| Refused |  |  |  |  |

17. Which comes closer to your view? [READ] [ROTATE 1-2; KEEP "OPTION A" AND "OPTION B" FROM ROTATING]

|  | 05/17 |
| :--- | :---: |
| OPTION A: Medicaid is more similar to other health insurance programs, like | 60 |
| Medicare, that help people pay for health care | 37 |
| OPTION B: Medicaid is more similar to welfare programs like food stamps that |  |
| help people pay for food | 1 |
| Other (VOL.) | 2 |
| Don't know | $*$ |

[^5]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?

| Male | 49 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Female | 51 |
| Other (VOL.) | -- |
| Refused ${ }^{13}$ | -- |

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)

## 18-29 19

30-49 33
50-64 28
65 and older 20
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])?

Covered by health insurance 88
Not covered by health insurance 12
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 ( $n=1,094$ )
Plan through your employer 36
Plan through your spouse's employer 13
Plan you purchased yourself 10
Medicare 20
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME] 12
Somewhere else 2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.) 5
Don't know/Refused 2

[^6]Summary D4 and D4a based on ages 18-64 ( $n=853$ )
Covered by health insurance
85
Employer
37
Spouse's employer 12
Self-purchased plan 10
Medicare 5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name 12
Somewhere else 2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.) 5
Don't know/Refused 2
Not covered by health insurance 14
Don't know/Refused
18. 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, Q18 based on those ages 18-64 ( $n=853$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Covered by health insurance | 85 |
| Employer | 37 |
| Spouse's employer | 12 |
| Self-purchased plan | 10 |
| Directly from an insurance company | 2 |
| From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME] | 4 |
| Through an insurance agent or broker | 3 |
| Somewhere else (VOL.) | $*$ |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |
| Medicare | 5 |
| Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name | 12 |
| Somewhere else | 2 |
| Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.) | 5 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 14 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |

19. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, is it NOT a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, or are you not sure? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

Based on those who purchased own insurance plan except those who bought plan through marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary D4, D4a, Q18 and Q19 based on those ages 18-64 ( $n=853$ )

| Covered by health insurance | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Employer | 35 |
| Spouse's employer | 12 |
| Self-purchased plan | 10 |
| Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other | 6 |
| Marketplace plan | 1 |
| Non-marketplace plan | 2 |
| Not sure/Refused | 3 |
| From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME] | 5 |
| Medicare | 5 |
| Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name | 12 |
| Somewhere else | 2 |
| Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.) | 5 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 14 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |

20. Have you personally EVER (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?

Items $a, b$ : Based on insured not currently covered by Medicaid ( $n=1,005$ )
Item c: Based on those who are covered by Medicare ( $n=275$ )

|  | Yes | No | Don't <br> know | Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Received health insurance through the Medicaid | 17 | 81 | 1 | $*$ |
| program [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: which may also <br> be known in your state as (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME |  |  |  |  |
| HERE)] |  |  |  |  |
| b. Received (IF RSEX=FEMALE: pregnancy-related care,) <br> home health care, or nursing home care that was paid <br> for in part by Medicaid | 7 | 92 | $*$ | -- |
| c.Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare <br> premiums$\quad 20$ | 77 | 2 | $*$ |  |

Summary D4, D4a, Q20a, Q20b, Q20c based on Total

| Covered by health insurance | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Not currently covered by Medicaid | 88 |
| Ever covered by Medicaid | 78 |
| Never covered by Medicaid/DK/Refused | 17 |
| Currently covered by Medicaid | 61 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 12 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |

IN3. How many children, under age 19, are living in your household?
IN3a. Does any child under the age of 19 in your household currently have health insurance through Medicaid, also known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME], or not?
21. Have you ever had a child get health insurance through Medicaid, also known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME], or not?

Summary IN3, IN3a, and Q21 based on insured who have never received insurance through Medicaid ( $n=835$ )

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| One or more children under age 19 in household | 33 |
| Children currently have health insurance through Medicaid | 5 |
| Do not currently have health insurance through | 29 |
| Medicaid/DK/Refused |  |
| Have ever had a child get insurance through Medicaid | 3 |
| Have never had a child get insurance through Medicaid | 26 |
| Don't know/Refused |  |
| No children under age 19 in household | 66 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

22. To the best of your knowledge, have any of your close friends or family members ever (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not? (FOR ITEM a - IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS, YES FOR MY CHILD, SAY: "Other than for your child") [FOR ITEM a INTERVIEWER NOTE: This includes health insurance through the Medicaid program for any type of medical care.]

Based on insured who have never received insurance through Medicaid ( $n=835$ )

|  | Yes | No | Don't know | Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: which may also be known in your state as (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME HERE)] | 47 | 47 | 6 | -- |
| b. Received pregnancy-related care, home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid | 35 | 60 | 5 | -- |
| c. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay Medicare premiums | 28 | 61 | 12 | -- |

Summary D4, D4a, Q20a, Q20b, Q20c, Q22a, Q22b, Q22c based on Total

| Covered by health insurance | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Not currently covered by Medicaid | 88 |
| Ever personally covered by Medicaid | 78 |
| Never personally covered by Medicaid/DK/Refused | 17 |
| $\quad$ Close friends/family ever covered by Medicaid | 61 |
| Close friends/family never covered by Medicaid/DK/Refused | 34 |
| Currently covered by Medicaid | 12 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 12 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |

## Connection to Medicaid

Summary D4a, Q20a, Q20b, Q20c, IN3a, Q21, Q22a, Q22b, Q22c based on Total

|  | $05 / 17$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Any connection to Medicaid | 62 |
| Self ever covered | 27 |
| Child ever covered | 4 |
| Friends or family ever covered | 30 |
| No connection to Medicaid/Currently uninsured | 38 |

D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET) ..... 81
Excellent ..... 20
Very good ..... 30
Good ..... 31
Only fair/Poor (NET) ..... 19
Only fair13
Poor ..... 5
Don't know/Refused1
23. In general, the term 'pre-existing condition' is used by insurance companies to describe an illness or medical condition that a person had before they began looking for insurance. For example, if you were looking to buy health insurance but had a history of asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure, those would be considered pre-existing conditions, along with illnesses such as cancer. Given that definition, would you say that you or someone else in your household would be considered to have a 'pre-existing condition' of some sort, or not?

| Yes, someone in household has pre-existing condition | 60 |
| :--- | :---: |
| No, no one in household has pre-existing condition | 40 |
| Don't know | $*$ |
| Refused | $*$ |

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?
Married ..... 50
Living with a partner ..... 8
Widowed ..... 6
Divorced ..... 9
Separated ..... 4
Never been married ..... 22
Don't know/Refused ..... *
D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)
Employed full-time ..... 47
Employed part-time ..... 12
Unemployed and currently seeking employment ..... 3
Unemployed and not seeking employment ..... 2
A student ..... 5
Retired ..... 19
On disability and can't work ..... 7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent ..... 6
Don't know/Refused ..... 1

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican 22
Democrat 32
Independent 34
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party 8
Don't know --
Refused 4

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the
Republican Party]?

(ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on Total

Republican/Lean Republican 37

Democrat/Lean Democratic 49

Other/Don't lean/Don't know 15

Five-Point Party ID

Democrat 32

Independent Lean Democratic 17

Independent/Don't lean 14

Independent Lean Republican 15

Republican 22

Other/Undesignated 1

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?
Liberal 25
Moderate 34
Conservative 37
Don't know/Refused 4

D9. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?
Yes 80
No 19
Don't know/Refused 1

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?

Approve (NET)
Strongly approve
Somewhat approve
Disapprove (NET)
Somewhat disapprove 10

## Strongly disapprove <br> 48

Don't know 3
Refused
3

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling) 3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma) 5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate) 32
Some college, no degree (includes some community college) 15
Two year associate degree from a college/university 14
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree 17
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

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 63
Total non-White 34
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic 12
Hispanic 15
Asian, non-Hispanic 3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic 4
Undesignated
3

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?
Based on Hispanics ( $n=134$ )
U.S. 49

Puerto Rico 3
Another country 47
Don't know/Refused 1

D14. Last year-that is, in 2016-what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000 16
$\$ 20,000$ to less than $\$ 30,000 \quad 13$
$\$ 30,000$ to less than $\$ 40,000 \quad 10$
$\$ 40,000$ to less than $\$ 50,000$
$\$ 50,000$ to less than $\$ 75,000 \quad 14$
$\$ 75,000$ to less than $\$ 90,000 \quad 6$
$\$ 90,000$ to less than $\$ 100,000 \quad 5$
$\$ 100,000$ or more 19
Don't know/Refused 8

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

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[^0]:    1 January 2012 to Late April 2017 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010." Late April 2017 included an additional interviewer note: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE for April 2017: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the plan being discussed in Congress last week, please answer "no"]"

[^1]:    2 May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year..."
    3 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?)"

[^2]:    4 Late April 2017 and Early April 2017 included the same intro for all respondents: "As you may know, the 2010 health care law, also known as Obamacare, remains the law of the land."

[^3]:    5 March 2017 was asked of those interviewed March 7-12 ( $\mathrm{N}=1,062$ ) and question wording was slightly different: "In general, compared to the current health care law, do you think the replacement plan will (increase) or (decrease) costs for people who don't get coverage through their employer and who purchase their own insurance, or will their costs stay about the same?"
    ${ }^{6}$ March 2017 question wording was slightly different: "How about the number of people who have health insurance, do you think the replacement plan will (increase) the number of people who have health insurance, (decrease) the number of people who have health insurance, or will the number of people who have health insurance stay about the same?"

[^4]:    7 Trend wording for February 2017 and June 2015 was "How important is Medicaid (or INSERT STATE SPECIFIC NAME) for you and your family? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?"
    8 Trend wording for January 2013 was "How important for you and your family is Medicaid, the government health insurance and long term care program for certain low-income adults and children?"
    9 Trend wording for July 2012, June 2012, and May 2011 was "How important for you and your family is the Medicaid program, which may also be known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME]?"
    ${ }^{10}$ Don't know and Refused were recorded separately for this question and most other questions throughout the survey. Prior, Don't know/Refused was combined into one category. Trend results prior for "Refused" are shown in the "Don't know" category.
    11 Trend wording for January 2011 was "How important for you and your family is Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children?"

[^5]:    12 February 2017 based on half sample A $(n=586)$.

[^6]:    ${ }^{13}$ Refusals were coded by observation.

