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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: October 2014

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METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted October 8-14, 2014, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,503 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 (751) and cell phone (752, including 411 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the July-December 2013 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margin of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margin of sampling errors for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1,503	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	509	±5 percentage points
Republicans	369	±6 percentage points
Independents	446	±5 percentage points
Race/Ethnicity		
White	1064	±3 percentage points
Black	147	±9 percentage points
Hispanic	163	±8 percentage points
Education		
High school graduate or less	479	±5 percentage points
Some college	415	±6 percentage points
College graduate or more	601	±5 percentage points
Gender		
Men	738	±4 percentage points
Women	765	±4 percentage points
Insurance Status		
Uninsured, ages 18-64	145	±9 percentage points
Insured, ages 18-64	910	±4 percentage points
Registered Voters (RV)		
Registered Voters (RV)	1,268	±3 percentage points
Party Identification (among RV)		
Democrats	449	±5 percentage points
Republicans	346	±6 percentage points
Independents	360	±6 percentage points
Opinion of ACA (among RV)		
Favorable opinion of the ACA	485	±5 percentage points
Unfavorable opinion of the ACA	591	±5 percentage points
Senate Races (among RV)		
States with competitive senate races	219	±8 percentage points
States with a non-competitive or no Senate race	1,049	±4 percentage points

Trend Information:

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

NOTE: Throughout this topline, the abbreviation "RVs" stands for "registered voters."

1. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, please answer “yes”] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 ¹	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ²	23	23	10	30	14

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

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

2. Thinking ahead to the November elections for the U.S. House and Senate, how important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress this year? First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)... (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Will that be extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important to your vote for Congress this year?) How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

		Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	(VOL.) Don't vote/ Not registered/ Don't plan to vote	Don't know/ Refused
a.	The economy and jobs						
	10/14 Total	36	45	12	2	5	*
	10/14 RVs	38	46	12	2	2	*
b.	The situation in Iraq and Syria						
	10/14 Total	30	38	19	6	5	2
	10/14 RVs	31	40	18	6	2	2
c.	The 2010 health care law, also known as the Affordable Care Act and sometimes referred to as Obamacare						
	10/14 Total	25	34	22	12	5	2
	10/14 RVs	27	35	22	12	2	2
d.	Dissatisfaction with government						
	10/14 Total	31	34	19	9	5	3
	10/14 RVs	33	36	18	9	2	2
e.	Immigration						
	10/14 Total	24	33	25	12	5	1
	10/14 RVs	25	33	27	13	2	1
f.	Education						
	10/14 Total	34	42	14	4	5	*
	10/14 RVs	36	42	15	5	2	*
g.	Taxes						
	10/14 Total	23	40	25	7	5	1
	10/14 RVs	24	41	26	7	2	1
h.	The federal budget deficit						
	10/14 Total	26	35	21	10	5	2
	10/14 RVs	28	36	22	10	2	2
i.	Climate change						
	10/14 Total	14	23	27	29	5	2
	10/14 RVs	15	22	28	32	2	2

3. Of the issues you said would be extremely important to your vote for Congress in November, which one would you say will be MOST important? (READ ITEMS RATED EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN Q2 IN ORDER)³

	10/14 Total	10/14 RVs
The economy and jobs	15	16
Dissatisfaction with government	11	12
Education	9	10
The situation in Iraq and Syria	9	9
The 2010 health care law	7	8
Immigration	6	6
The federal budget deficit	4	4
Climate change	2	2
Taxes	2	2
None/Other (VOL.)	1	1
None of these issues rated extremely important (VOL.)	32	29
Don't know/Refused	1	1

READ: Thinking again about the health care law that was passed in 2010...

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

	10/14 Total	10/14 RVs	09/14 Total	09/14 RV	05/14 Total	05/14 RV
I'm tired of hearing candidates for Congress talk about the health care law and I think they should focus more on other issues (or)	52	53	49	48	53 ⁴	51
I think it is important for candidates for Congress to continue the debate over the health care law (or)	44	44	46	47	40	43
Don't know/Refused	5	3	5	5	7	6

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

	10/14	09/14	07/14	05/14	04/14
They should work to improve the law	64	63	60	59	58
They should work to repeal the law and replace it with something else	33	33	35	34	35
Neither of these/they should do something else (VOL.)	2	2	2	3	3
Don't know/Refused	2	2	2	4	4

³ Question only asked of respondents who said more than one issue is 'extremely important'. Table includes those who said only one or no issue is 'extremely important', and thus is based on total.

⁴ Trend wording for the first category was "I'm tired of hearing candidates for Congress talk about the health care law and I think they should focus more on other issues like jobs".

6. Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you and your family, or not?

	Yes, have enough information	No, do not have enough information	Don't know/Refused
10/14	64	35	1
06/14	57	40	3
03/14	52	46	2
02/14	59	39	2
01/14	54	44	2
12/13	54	44	2
11/13	52	46	2
10/13	55	44	2
09/13	47	51	2
08/13	47	51	2
04/13	49	49	2
03/13 ⁵	41	57	2
04/12	51	47	1
03/12	39	59	2
11/11	44	55	1
03/11	47	52	1
04/10	43	56	2

7. 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)

	10/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Helped	16	14	15	14
Hurt	26	27	28	24
No direct impact	56	56	56	60
Both helped and hurt (VOL.)	1	1	*	*
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	2

8. As you may know, the law creates health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits. How much would you say you know about this new health insurance marketplace, also known as healthcare.gov [IF STATE HAS STATE-RUN EXCHANGE: or [INSERT STATE EXCHANGE NAME] in your state)]? Would you say you know a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all about this marketplace?

	10/14	03/14	02/14
A lot	21	8	15
Some	27	21	30
Only a little	31	40	33
Nothing at all	20	30	21
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1

9. As you may know, the health care law gives states the option of expanding their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults. As far as you know, has your state expanded its Medicaid program, or not?

	10/14	03/14
Yes, state has expanded	28	23
No, state has not expanded	35	41
State is pursuing or using federal money for alternative to Medicaid expansion, or "private option" (VOL.)	1	1
Don't know/Refused	37	35

⁵ April 2010 through March 2013 trend wording was "Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally, or not?"

10. To the best of your knowledge, would you say the health reform law does or does not provide financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage?

	Yes, law provides	No, does not provide	Don't know/Refused
10/14	54	31	16
03/14	63	28	9
01/14	63	29	9
03/13	62	29	9
08/12	57	29	13
03/12 omnibus	56	28	17
11/11	64	30	6
08/11	58	32	10
12/10	72	18	10
06/10	72	21	7
04/10	75	17	8

11. As you may know, under the health care law there are specific open enrollment periods each year when individuals can sign up for new insurance or change their current health insurance plans. Do you happen to know when the next open enrollment period begins? (OPEN-ENDED, DO NOT READ CATEGORIES. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

	10/14
November 15 th 2014, mid-November, or just "November"	17
Some other time in 2014 or sometime this year	11
2015 or later or sometime next year	8
Enrollment period already passed	1
Can enroll anytime	1
Don't know/Refused	62

12. In the past 6 months, have you been personally contacted by anyone about the health care law through a phone call, email, text message, or door to door visit, or not?

	10/14	03/14	02/14	09/13	08/13
Yes, been contacted about the health care law	14	12	13	9	10
No, have not been contacted about the health care law	86	88	87	91	90
Don't know/Refused	1	1	*	*	*

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

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. From an insurance company attempting to sell health insurance				
	10/14	44	55	2
	09/14	41	58	1
	07/14	42	57	1
	04/14	46	53	1
	03/14	46	53	1
	02/14	51	48	1
b. That provided information about how to get health insurance under the health care law				
	10/14	33	65	2
	09/14	31	68	1
	07/14	35	64	1
	04/14	55	44	1
	03/14	58	42	*
	02/14	59	41	1
c. That were in support of the health care law				
	10/14	29	67	3
	09/14	26	72	2
	07/14	27	71	2
	04/14	43	55	2
	03/14	41	58	1
	02/14	41	57	1
d. That were opposed to the health care law				
	10/14	38	60	2
	09/14	35	64	2
	07/14	34	65	1
	04/14	43	56	1
	03/14	37	62	1
	02/14	43	56	1
e. Trying to influence your vote for a particular political candidate because of their position on the health care law				
	10/14	44	55	2
	09/14	30	67	2
	07/14	34	65	*
	04/14	35	64	1
	03/14	30	69	1
	02/14	29	70	1

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

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

	10/14	09/14	07/14	04/14	03/14	02/14
More ads in support of the health care law	10	13	14	23	27	22
More ads opposed to the health care law	39	35	37	29	27	33
About equal numbers of both	45	45	46	45	42	43
Don't know/Refused	6	6	4	4	3	3
	(915)	(773)	(819)	(989)	(936)	(920)

Summary of Q13c, d, e, and Q14 based on total

	10/14	09/14	07/14	04/14	03/14	02/14
Saw ads in support of, ads opposed to, or ads that tried to influence vote	58	50	53	64	60	59
More ads in support of the health care law	6	7	7	15	16	13
More ads opposed to the health care law	23	18	19	18	16	19
About equal numbers of both	26	24	24	28	25	25
Don't know/Refused	3	2	2	2	2	2
Did not see these ads/Don't know	42	50	47	36	40	41

READ TO ALL: Switching topics, I'd like to ask you some questions about the disease Ebola...

15. How worried are you, if at all, that (INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE)? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
a. The U.S. will see a large number of Ebola cases in the next 12 months	31	32	20	16	1
b. You or someone in your family will get sick from Ebola	24	21	25	29	1

16. To the best of your knowledge, have there been any cases of Ebola diagnosed in the United States, or not?

	10/14
Yes, there have been cases of Ebola diagnosed in the United States	89
No, no cases of Ebola have been diagnosed in the United States	9
Don't know/ Refused	2

17. [IF Q16=1: As you just indicated/IF Q16=2 OR 9: Though many people have not yet heard about it], at least one case of Ebola has been diagnosed in the United States. Which do you think is more likely? (Ebola will be contained to a small number of cases in the U.S.), or (Ebola will spread and there will be a widespread outbreak in the U.S.)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	10/14
More likely Ebola will be contained to a small number of cases in the U.S.	73
More likely Ebola will spread and there will be a widespread outbreak in the U.S.	22
Don't know/ Refused	6

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

		Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/ Refused
a. The Ebola outbreak in West Africa	10/14	24	39	22	14	1
	09/14	30	32	22	15	1
b. The diagnosis of the first Ebola case in the United States	10/14	32	37	21	9	1

19. Do you think the U.S. government is doing ENOUGH or NOT DOING ENOUGH to fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa?

Based on half sample A (n=782)

	10/14
Doing enough	45
Not doing enough	40
Should not be involved (VOL.)	2
Don't know/ Refused	12

20. Do you think the U.S. government is doing ENOUGH or NOT DOING ENOUGH to protect Americans from Ebola?

Based on half sample B (n=721)

	10/14
Doing enough	48
Not doing enough	44
Should not be involved (VOL.)	*
Don't know/ Refused	8

21. If a case of Ebola were diagnosed in your area, how much confidence would you have in each of the following to contain the disease and prevent it from spreading? First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) - would you have a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? [READ AS NECESSARY: Would you have a great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or no confidence at all in [ITEM] to contain Ebola and prevent it from spreading?]

	Great deal	Fair amount	Not too much	No confidence	Don't know/ Refused
a. Your local hospitals	24	40	22	13	1
b. Your state or local health department	19	43	24	11	2
c. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC	28	45	17	8	2

22. Do you think the U.S. news media has spent {ROTATE: (too much), (too little)}, or about the right amount of time covering the Ebola outbreak in Africa? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on half sample A (n=782)

	10/14
Too much	19
Too little	22
About the right amount	54
Don't know/ Refused	5

23. Do you think the U.S. news media has spent {ROTATE: (too much), (too little)}, or about the right amount of time covering cases of Ebola in the U.S.? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on half sample B (n=721)

	10/14
Too much	23
Too little	17
About the right amount	56
Don't know/ Refused	4

24. As I read each of the following, please tell me if, as far as you know, a person can become infected with Ebola this way or not. (First/Next) how about...(INSERT ITEMS - RANDOMIZE). [READ FOR FIRST ITEM AND THEN AS NECESSARY: Can a person become infected with Ebola this way, or not?]

Based on half sample A (n=782)

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Shaking hands with someone who has been exposed to Ebola but does not have symptoms	37	55	8
b. Direct contact with blood or body fluids of a person who is sick with Ebola and showing symptoms	97	1	3
c. Through the air	25	66	9

25. As far as you know, if a person is infected with Ebola, can they transmit the disease to others before they are showing symptoms, or can they only transmit the disease once they are showing symptoms of Ebola?

Based on half sample B (n=721)

	10/14
They can transmit the disease to others before they are showing symptoms	48
They only transmit the disease once they are showing symptoms of Ebola	36
Don't know/ Refused	16

26. From what you have heard or read, do you think the Ebola outbreak in West Africa is mostly under control, or is it not under control?

	10/14
Mostly under control	10
Not under control	86
Don't know/ Refused	4

27. Do you think the U.S. should take the leading role in fighting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, take a major role, but not the leading role, take a minor role, or take no role at all in fighting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa?

	10/14
Leading role	16
Major role	49
Minor role	25
No role	7
Don't know/ Refused	3

28. Do you think the United States SHOULD or SHOULD NOT (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) to help fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa? How about...(INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

	U.S. Should	Should not	Don't know/ Refused
a. Provide financial aid	73	24	4
b. Provide medical supplies	93	6	1
c. Send medical personnel to train and assist doctor	81	16	3
d. Send U.S. troops and military personnel to help move supplies and set up treatment facilities	54	42	4
e. Invest more money in Ebola research	83	15	2

29. Do you think the U.S. contribution of money, resources, and personnel to help fight the Ebola outbreak in Africa (INSERT ITEMS – RANDOMIZE), or does it not have much impact?

	Yes, helps	Not much impact	Don't know/ Refused
a. Helps improve the U.S. image around the world	56	41	3
b. Helps protect the health of Americans by limiting the spread of Ebola to the U.S.	68	30	2
c. Helps the U.S. economy by averting an economic crisis in Africa	36	57	7

30. Next, I'm going to read you some reasons why the U.S. might contribute money, resources, and personnel to help fight the Ebola outbreak in Africa, and I'd like you to tell me which you think is the MOST important reason. Here's the list... (READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-5. READ NUMBERS WITH THE OPTIONS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE RESPONDENT).

READ IF NECESSARY: Which of these do you think is the MOST important reason for the U.S. to contribute money, resources, and personnel to help fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa?

	10/14
To help protect the health of Americans	39
To save lives in the African countries affected	37
To help ensure U.S. national security	10
To improve the U.S.'s image around the world	5
To help protect the U.S. economy	4
Other/None of these (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	2

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

		Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/ Refused	
a.	News that some people who failed to verify their immigration status will lose health insurance coverage they obtained under the health care law	10/14	10	18	28	43	1
b.	An appeals court decision upholding a Texas law that requires abortion clinics to meet the same standards as hospital-style surgical center	10/14	10	19	23	47	1
c.	The release of a federal database detailing payments to doctors and teaching hospitals from drug companies and medical device manufacturers	10/14	6	14	25	55	1
d.	Airstrikes by the U.S. and others against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria	10/14	32	36	18	14	1
e.	Cases of alleged domestic violence and child abuse by professional football players in the NFL	10/14	24	33	24	19	1
f.	The Supreme Court's decision not to review same-sex marriage cases from 5 states, meaning such marriages are now legal in those states	10/14	19	29	24	27	1
g.	An intruder who jumped the fence and entered the White House	10/14	22	31	24	21	1

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

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...?

	10/14
18-29	21
30-49	33
50-64	29
65 and older	18
Don't know/Refused	*

D4. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	10/14
Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=145)

	10/14
Less than 3 months	21
3 months to less than a year	20
1 year to less than 2 years	11
2 years or more	46
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary of D4 and 32 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,061)

	10/14
Covered by health insurance	83
Not covered by health insurance	17
Less than 3 months	4
3 months to less than a year	3
1 year to less than 2 years	2
2 years or more	8
Don't know/Refused	*
Don't know/Refused	1

33. Do you plan to get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE ONCE: We realize there is still some uncertainty, but if you had to guess, do you think you will get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured?)

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	10/14	02/14 ⁶	01/14	11/13 ⁷	08/13
Will get health insurance	59	49	50	58	58
Will remain uninsured	38	44	40	34	32
Don't know/Refused	3	7	10	8	10
	(n=145)	(n=137)	(n=173)	(n=151)	(n=178)

Summary of D4 and 33 based on those ages 18-64

	10/14	02/14	01/14	11/13	08/13
Covered by health insurance	83	83	81	79	80
Not covered by health insurance	17	16	19	21	20
Will get health insurance	10	8	9	12	11
Will remain uninsured	6	7	7	7	6
Don't know/Refused	1	1	2	2	2
Don't know/Refused	1	1	*	*	*

34. Which of the following is the MAIN reason you think you will remain uninsured? It is because (you don't think you will be able to find an affordable plan), (you don't think you need coverage), (you would rather pay the fine for not having coverage than pay for insurance), (you don't want to be forced to buy anything), or some other reason? (RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS) {Jan 2014, mod}

Asked of those who say they will remain uninsured (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary of 33 and 34 based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=145)

	10/14
Will get health insurance	59
Will remain uninsured	38
You don't think you will be able to find an affordable plan	18
You don't want to be forced to buy anything	9
You would rather pay the fine for not having coverage than pay for insurance	3
You don't think you need coverage	1
Other (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	3

⁶ Trend wording was "As you may know, the health care law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance by the end of March or else pay a fine. Do you think you will obtain health insurance, or do you think you will remain uninsured?"

⁷ Trend wording was "As you may know, the health care law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine. Do you think you will obtain health insurance in 2014, or do you think you will remain uninsured?"

35. Which of the following is the MAIN reason you plan to get insurance? Is it because (the law requires it), (you don't want to pay the penalty for not having insurance), (you are eligible for government financial help), (a new insurance option has become available to you), or some other reason? (RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS)

Asked of those who say they will get insurance (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary of 33 and 35 based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=145)

	10/14
Will get health insurance	59
A new insurance option has become available to you	10
You don't want to pay the penalty for not having insurance	8
You are eligible for government financial help	7
The law requires it	5
Other reason (Vol.)	25
Don't know/Refused	4
Will remain uninsured	38
Don't know/Refused	3

36. Do you think you will get coverage from Medicaid (or [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), through an employer, from a private health insurance company, from the marketplace known as [Healthcare.gov or [INSERT STATE MARKETPLACE NAME], or are you not sure where you will get insurance? {Jan 2014}

Asked of those who say they will get insurance (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary of 33 and 36 based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	10/14	01/14
Will get health insurance	59	50
Medicaid/[state-specific Medicaid name]	8	8
An employer	15	6
Private health insurance company	3	4
Marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or state-specific marketplace)	7	6
Will buy it myself – not specified whether through private insurer or marketplace (VOL.)	5	8
Somewhere else (VOL.)	1	--
Don't know/Refused	21	17
Will remain uninsured	38	40
Don't know/Refused	3	10
	(n=145)	(n=173)

- 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=1,346)

	10/14
Plan through your employer	36
Plan through your spouse's employer	13
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	19
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	11
Somewhere else	3
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	2

37. 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)

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

Based on purchased through an agent or broker (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary D4, D4a, Q37, and Q38 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,061)

	10/14
Covered by health insurance	83
Employer	36
Spouse's employer	13
Self-purchased plan	7
Directly from an insurance company	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Plan purchased from a state or federal marketplace	*
Plan purchased directly from an insurance company	1
Don't know/Refused	*
Somewhere else (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1

D1. Record respondent's sex

Male	49
Female	51

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

Excellent	25
Very good	32
Good	24
Only fair	15
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	*

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	47
Living with a partner	8
Widowed	7
Divorced	10
Separated	4
Never been married	24
Don't know/Refused	1

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	44
Employed part-time	13
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	6
Retired	16
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	34
Independent	30
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	9
Don't know/Refused	5

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	34
Democrat/Lean Democratic	50
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	16

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Democrat	34
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	16
Independent Lean Republican	12
Republican	22
Undesignated	1

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

Liberal	25
Moderate	36
Conservative	33
Don't know/Refused	6

D8c. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement	19
No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement	73
Don't know/Refused	8

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

Yes	79
No	21
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Based on registered voters (n=1,268)

Absolutely certain to vote	66
Probably vote	16
Chances 50-50	11
Less than that	4
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	32
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	19
Two year associate degree from a college/university	12
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	15
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	65
Total non-White	33
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	14
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	2

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

Based on Hispanics (n=163)

U.S.	48
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	50
Don't know/Refused	--

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

Less than \$20,000	19
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	12
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	16
Don't know/Refused	11

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



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