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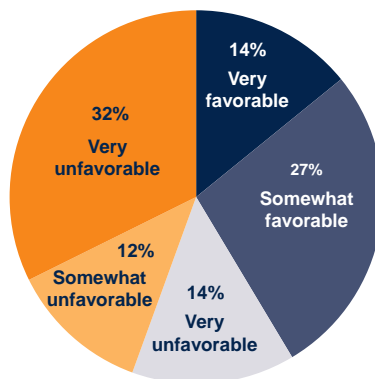
Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: May 2010

May 2010

CHART 1

Views of New Health Reform Law

As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted May 11-16, 2010)

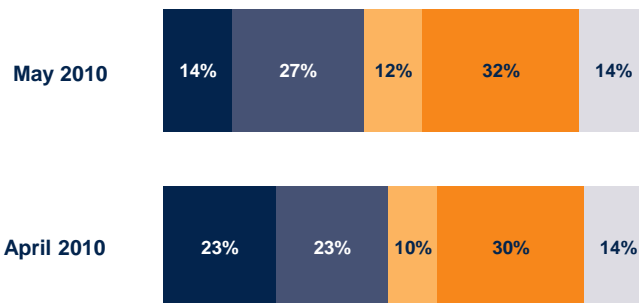


CHART 2

Views of New Health Reform Law: Now, April

As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable Don't know/Refused



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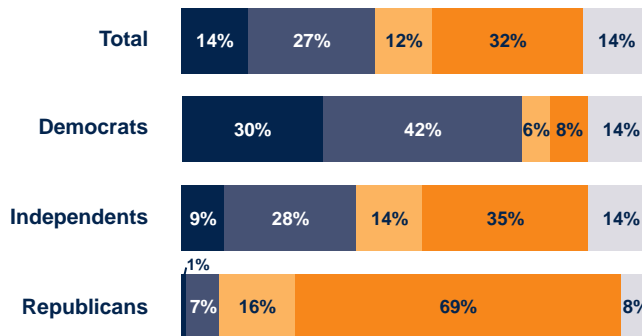


CHART 3

Views of New Health Reform Law: By Party ID

As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable Don't know/Refused



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CHART 4

Favorable Views

Could you tell me in your own words what is the main reason you have a favorable opinion of the new health reform law?	% who mentioned each	Example of response in FAVORABLE category
Expanding access (NET)	47%	
Expanding access to health insurance	23	"People die without health insurance. Everybody should have insurance." "Because it is long overdue. There are too many people unemployed and not having health coverage."
Expanding access to health care	15	"Because everyone should have a right to go to a doctor and get medical help. Isn't the American dream about helping everyone?"
Will help self or family	4	"I have been unemployed for a while and don't have insurance, but that hasn't stopped me from needing to go to the doctor. And from what I understand, the new law will make it easier for me to get coverage until I can find work."
Will help low income families	3	"I like that it helps low income families. It is a progressive bill."
Adult children will be able to get health insurance	2	"I have a daughter going to grad school and she is covered by the new reform law."
Will make health care more affordable/control costs	12%	"Because a lot of people can't afford health care and prescriptions right now."
Country will be better off generally	6%	"Because it takes care of the people."
Insurance reform (NET)	5%	
Will help people with pre-existing conditions	4	"I have a rare kidney disease, and if something happens to my insurance it is good to know I can't be rejected."
Insurance reform generally	1	"I think change was needed, because insurance companies are horrible."
A step in the right direction	4%	"Something should have been done decades ago. It's not perfect but it's a good working instrument. I compliment the politicians who have put it into place."

Note: Only responses of four percent or more shown. Don't know/Refused answers not shown. See topline (www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8075.cfm) for full list.

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CHART 5

Unfavorable Views

Could you tell me in your own words what is the main reason you have an UNfavorable opinion of the new health reform law?	% who mentioned each	Example of response in UNFAVORABLE category
Financial and cost considerations (NET)	27%	
Will cost too much/Not paid for	15	"I don't think the country can afford it right now." "Because Obama didn't give enough money to pay for anything."
Health insurance and health care will become more expensive	6	"I believe it will increase costs."
Taxes will go up	5	"It is going to raise federal taxes and they are already high enough for all citizens working to support their families."
Government-related issues	17%	
Harm to seniors/Medicare	6%	"The government can't get my mail to me. Why would I trust them with health care?" "My concern is about government control of private enterprise."
Individuals should pay for their own insurance/ People will freeload	5%	"It's not going to help us older people. [We're] going to have trouble getting health care." "Because I paid for my health care for the last 30 years, and now you are giving it for free. That is unfair. I don't want to pay for anybody else's health care. Why can't everybody else be responsible for paying for their own health care like I did?"
Against individual mandate	5%	"I don't think the government should have the right to force me to buy insurance."
Opposed to process	4%	"The way it was passed. It was rammed down our throats. It has good aspects, but it was not the way to do it."
Don't understand law/Don't know enough about it	4%	"It's too big, hard to understand. Too ambiguous."
Concerned about impact on own situation	4%	"I already have good health insurance and it will cause problems for me and my business."

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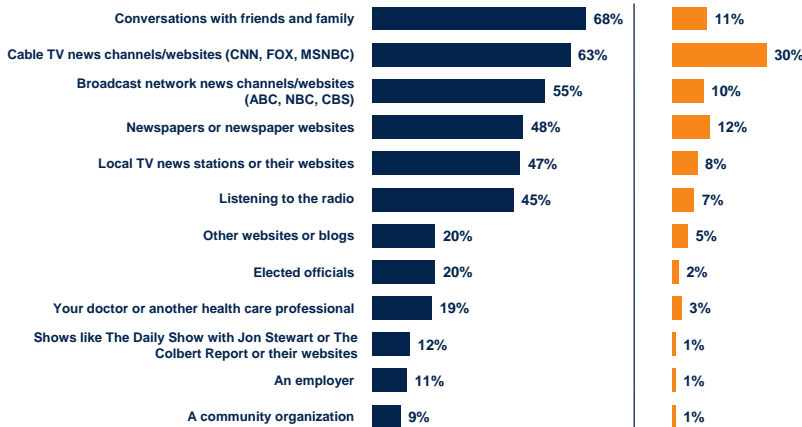


CHART 6

Most Important Source of Information on Health Reform

We're interested in how people are learning about the health reform law and how it will affect them. Have you gotten any information about the health reform law from any of the following?

Which would you say has been your most important source of news and information about the health reform law?*



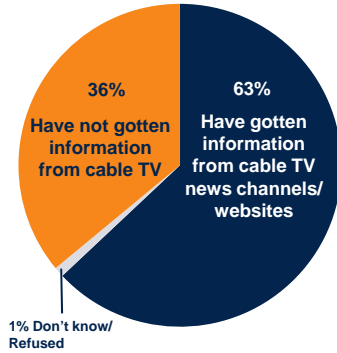
*Note: Other responses not shown include: Don't know/Refused, Something else, None have been a source.
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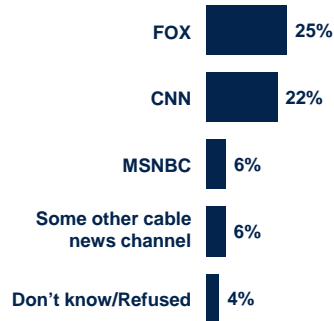
CHART 7

Health Care Reform and Cable TV News: The Specifics

Have you gotten information about the health reform law from cable TV news channels such as CNN, FOX, or MSNBC, or their websites?



Percent who say they are mainly getting information from CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, or some other cable news channel.



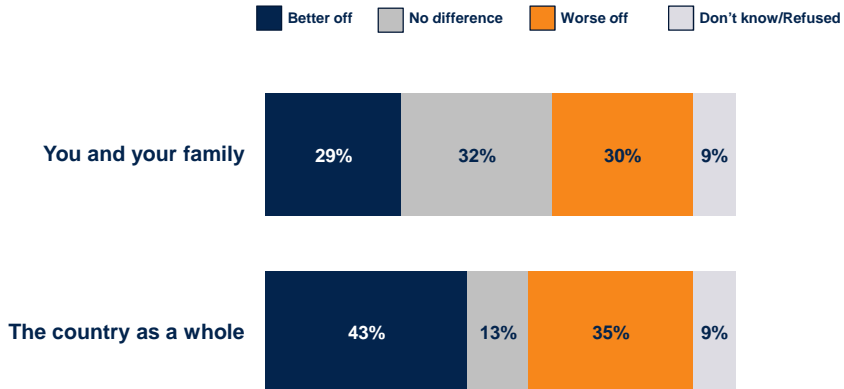
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CHART 8

Impact of Health Reform: Personal and National

Do you think (you and your family / the country as a whole) will be better or worse off under the new health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?



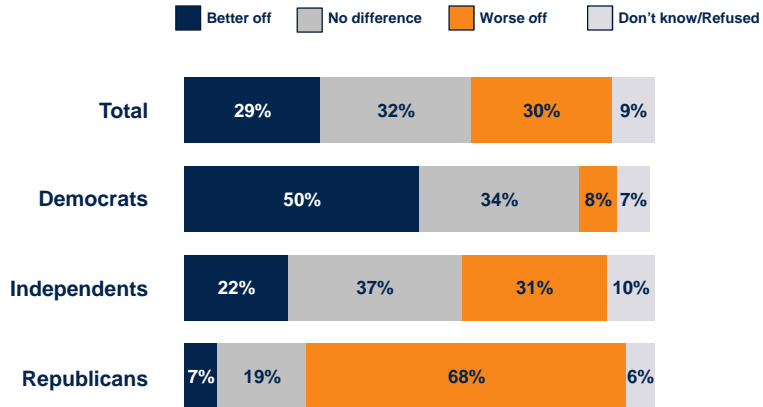
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CHART 9

Personal Impact of Health Law: By Party ID

Do you think you and your family will be better or worse off under the new health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?



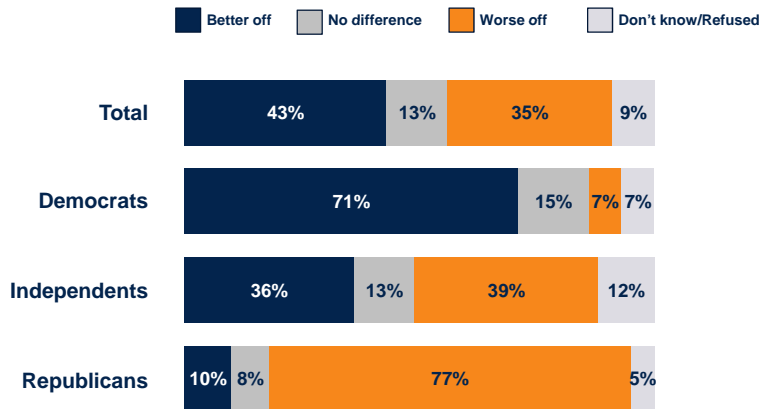
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CHART 10

Impact of Health Law on Nation: By Party ID

Do you think the country as a whole will be better or worse off under the new health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?



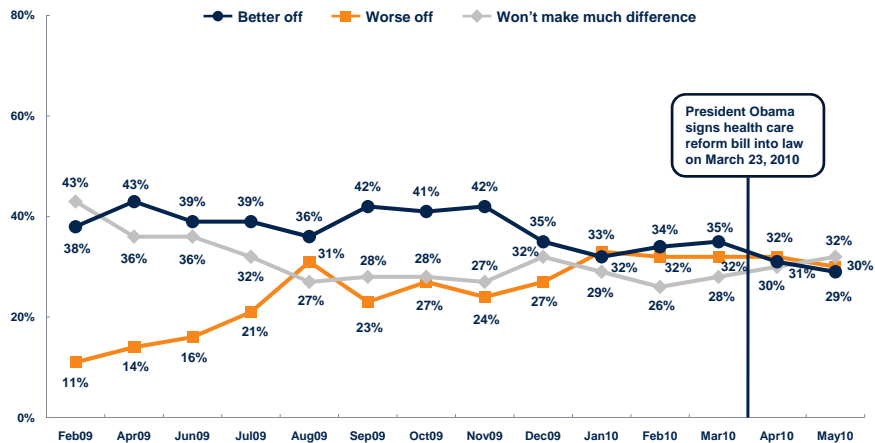
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CHART 11

Personal Impact of Health Reform Law Over Time

Do you think you and your family will be better or worse off under the new health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?



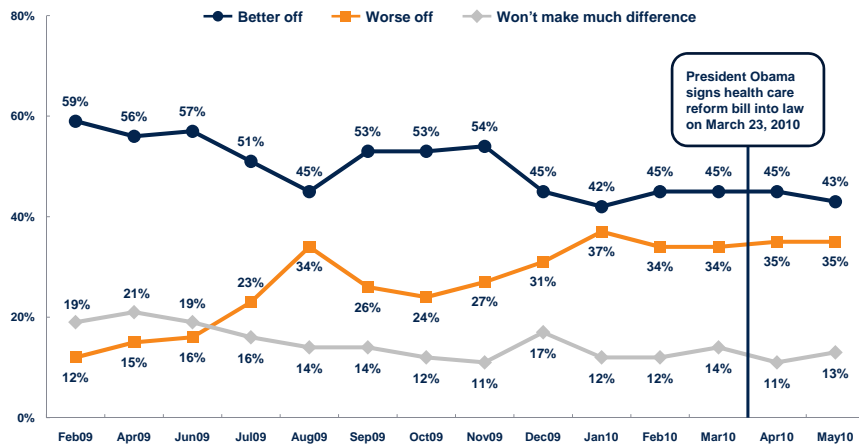
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CHART 12

Impact of Health Reform Law on the Nation Over Time

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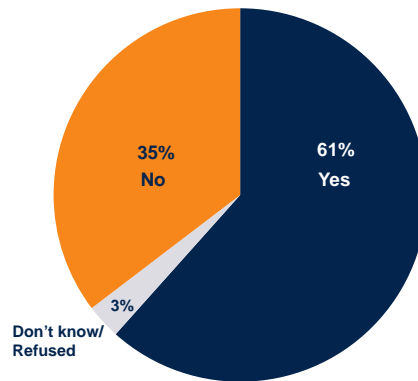
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CHART 13

Understanding the Personal Impact of Health Reform

Do you feel you understand what the impact of the health reform law will be on you and your family, or not?



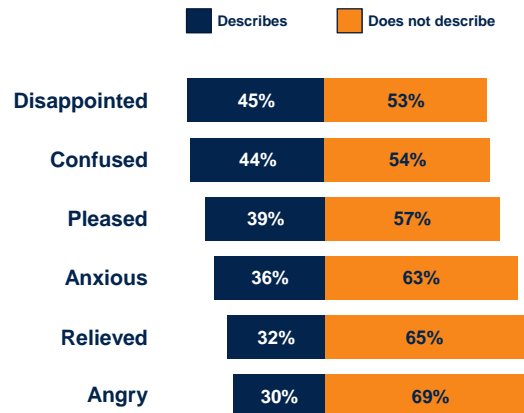
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CHART 14

Emotional Reaction to Health Law

Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about the health reform law:



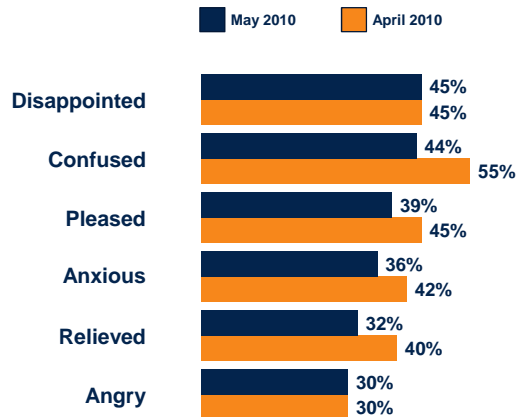
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CHART 15

Emotional Reaction to Health Law: Now, April

Percent who said that each of the following does describe their feelings about the health reform law:



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CHART 16

Methodology

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Claudia Deane, Carolina Gutiérrez, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted May 11 through May 16, 2010, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,210 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (803) and cell phone (407, including 125 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

"VOL" indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.





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