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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: October 2010***

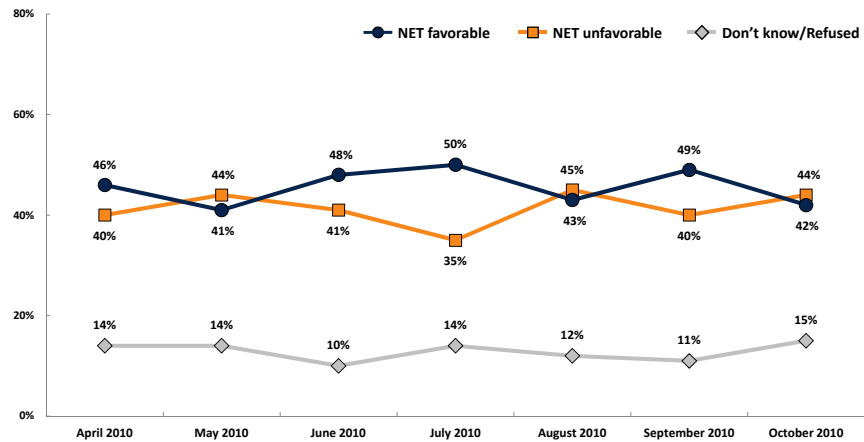
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CHART 1

### Views on Health Reform: Remains Divided

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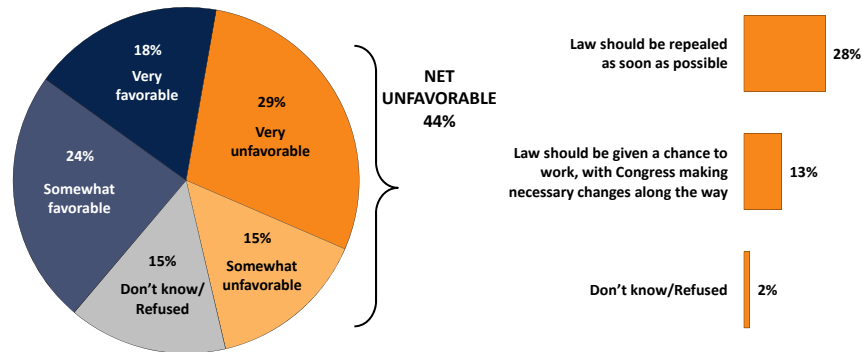


CHART 2

### Roughly Three in Ten Back Repeal

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?

Given that you have an unfavorable view of the health reform law, which comes closer to your view of what should happen now:



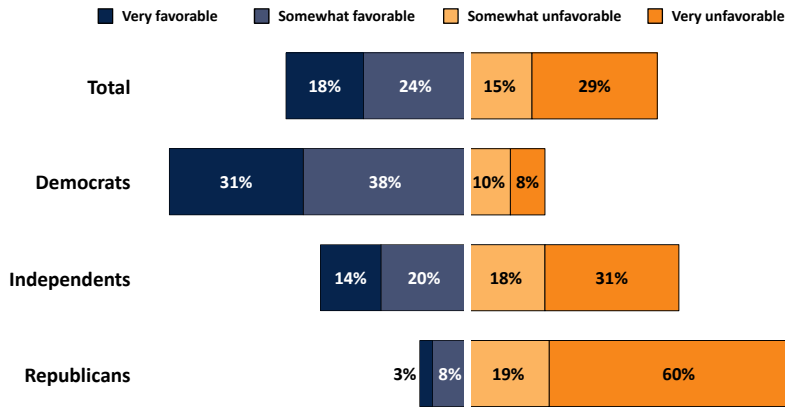
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CHART 3

### Views on Health Reform Law Continue to be Strongly Partisan

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CHART 4

### Partisan-Leaning Independents Look Like Democrats, Republicans

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	All	Democrat	Independent			Republican
			Leans Democrat	Doesn't lean	Leans Republican	
NET Favorable	42%	69%	60%	26%	16%	11%
NET Unfavorable	44	18	25	43	79	79
Don't know/Refused	15	13	15	32	4	10

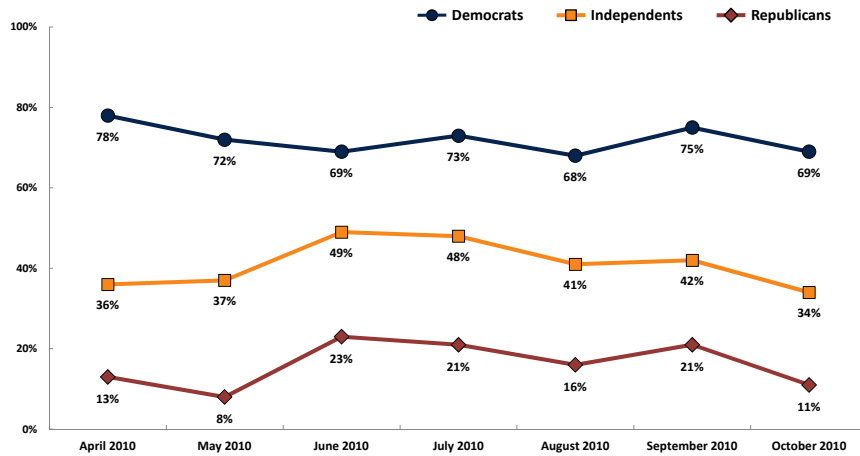
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CHART 5

## Support for Health Reform by Party ID, Over Time

Percent who say they have a favorable opinion of the new health reform law:



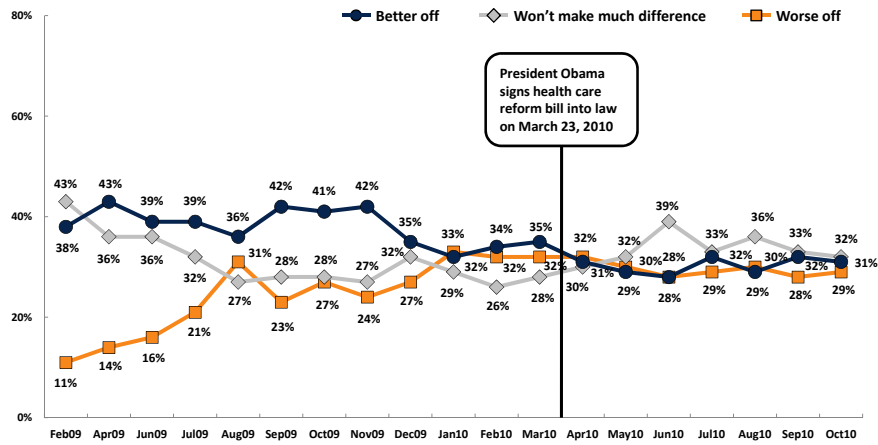
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CHART 6

## Americans Remain Divided as to Personal Impact

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



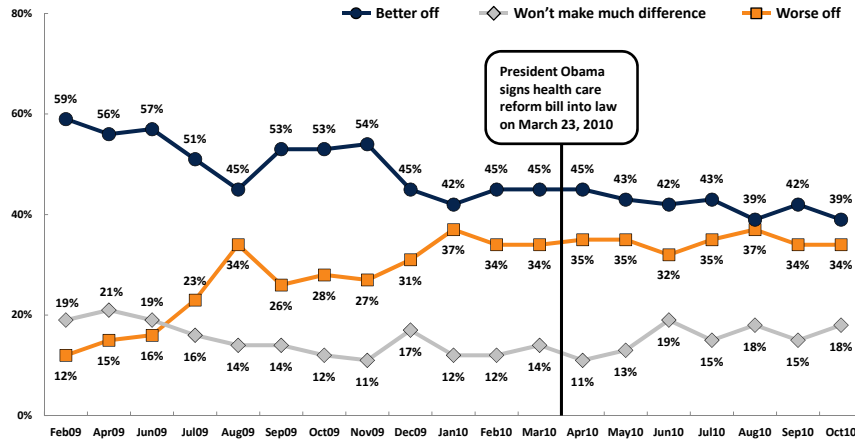
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CHART 7

## No Agreement as to Whether Country Will Benefit

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



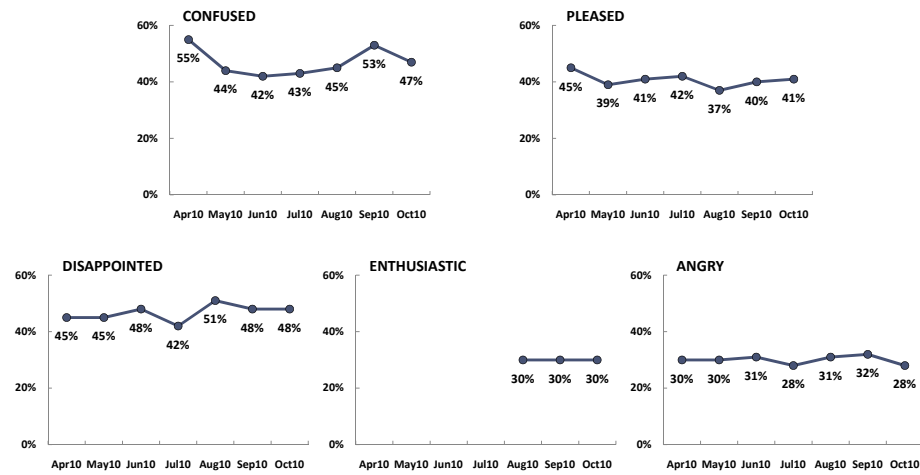
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CHART 8

## Emotional Reactions to Health Reform: Confusion Down

Percent who say that each of the following describes their feelings about the health reform law:



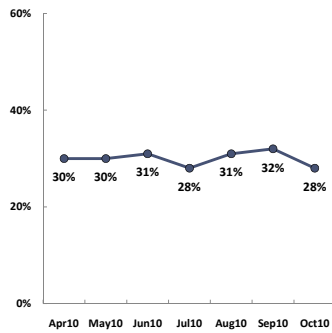
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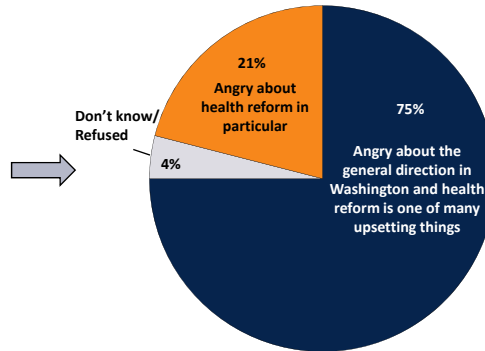
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## Anger More General Than Specific to Health Reform

Percent who say that 'angry' describes their feelings about the health reform law:



Among the 28% who feel 'angry' about the health reform law: Would you say you are angry about health reform in particular, or would you say that you are angry about the general direction in Washington and health reform is one of many things upsetting you?



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CHART 10

## Economy Continues to Lead the List of Voting Issues

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?

Most important issue to their vote	All Likely Voters	Registered Voters			
		All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
The economy and jobs	33%	35%	41%	34%	29%
Dissatisfaction with government	12	10	3	12	18
<i>Health care reform</i>	11	10	10	9	10
The war in Afghanistan	9	8	9	8	9
The budget deficit	7	6	3	8	8
Taxes	6	5	6	6	4
Immigration	3	4	3	3	5
Energy policy	2	2	3	2	<1

Note: None/Other, Not voting, and Don't know/Refused responses not shown.  
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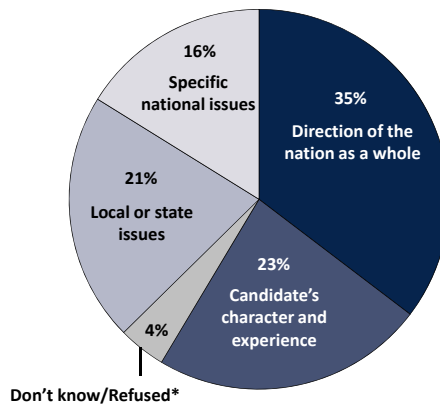


CHART 11

## Direction of the Country Most Cited Factor in Vote

What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district:

AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS



\*Don't know/Refused includes Don't vote/don't plan to vote, All, None/other, and Don't know/Refused responses.  
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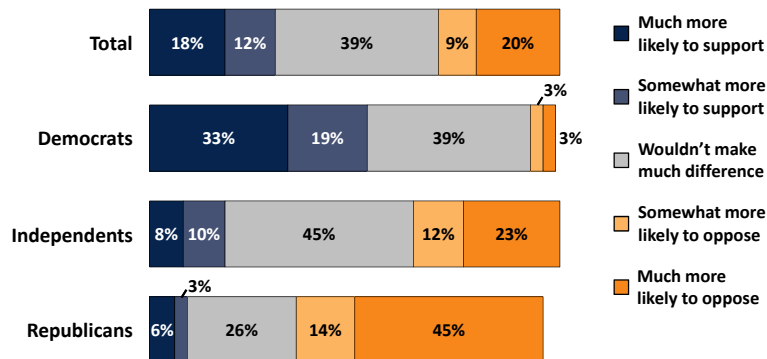


CHART 12

## Congressperson's Health Care Vote A Plus for Some, A Minus for Others

Say a candidate for Congress voted for the health reform law. Would that make you more likely to support that candidate for Congress, more likely to oppose that candidate for Congress, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS



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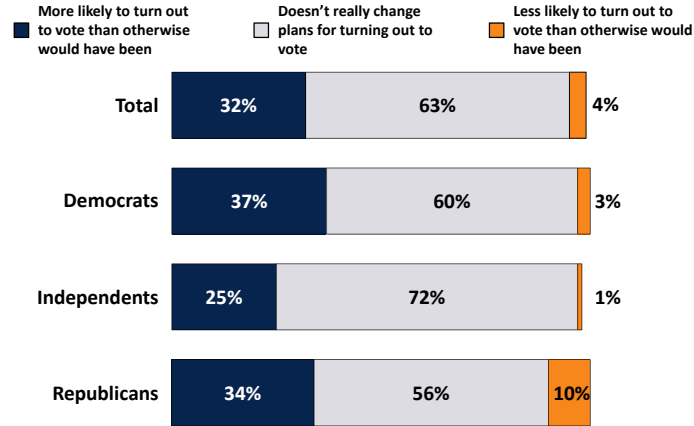


CHART 13

## A Third of Voters Report Being Motivated to Polls by Health Reform

Does the fact that Congress passed health care reform this year make you:

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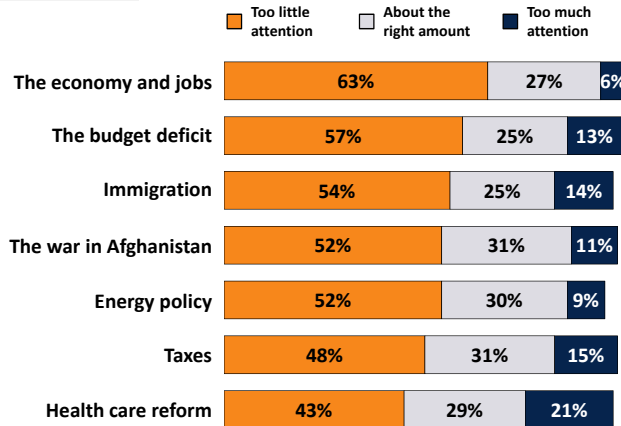


CHART 14

## Voters Feel Candidates Paying Too Little Attention To Key Issues

Have the candidates running in your area paid too much attention, too little attention or about the right amount of attention to each of the following:

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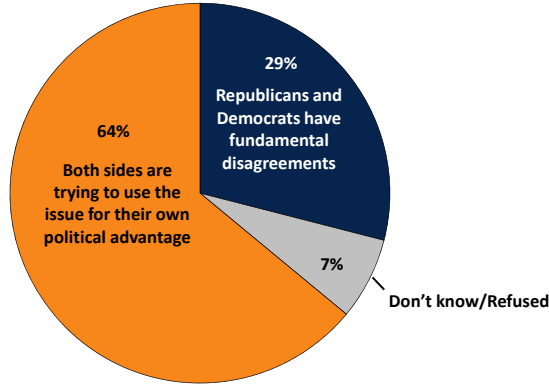




CHART 15

### Americans See Political More Than Policy Disagreements

To the extent that candidates for Congress from different parties are still debating the merits of the health reform law, do you think this is more because Republicans and Democrats fundamentally disagree about the right policy for the country, or more because both sides are trying to use the issue for their own political advantage?



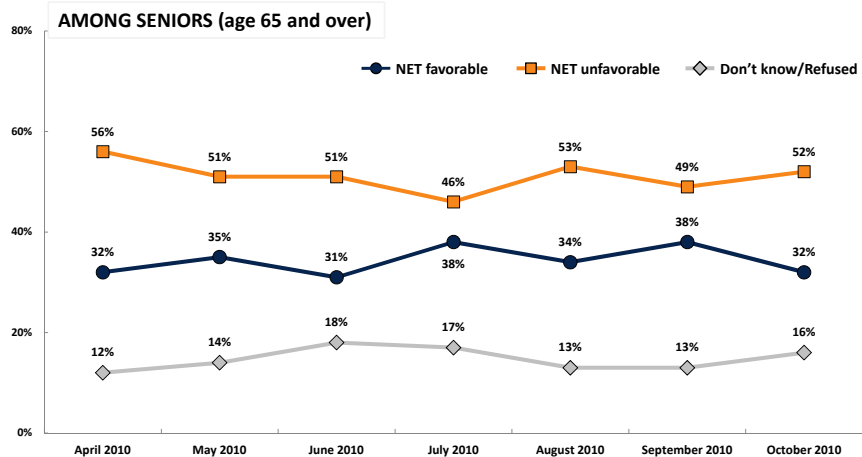
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CHART 16

### Views on Health Reform Law Among Seniors, Over Time

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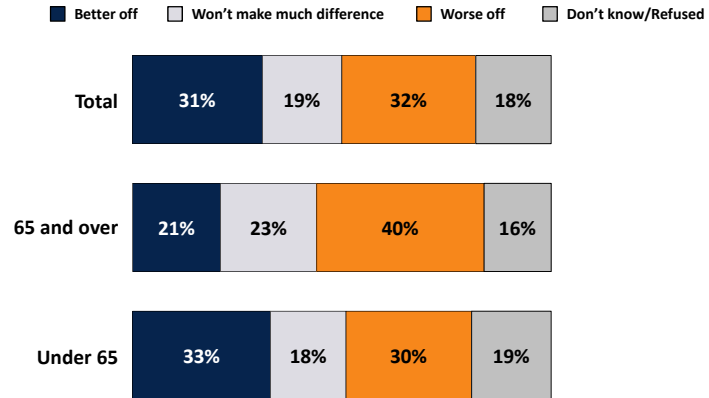
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CHART 17

### Seniors More Likely to See Harm to Medicare

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



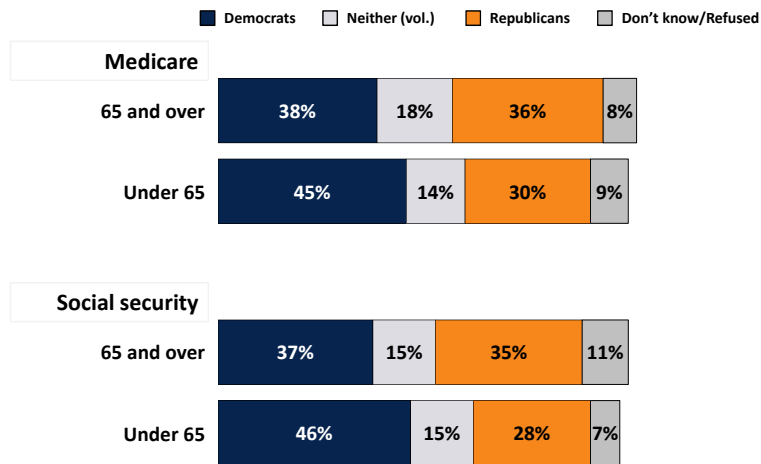
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CHART 18

### Which Party Do Seniors Feel Will Do A Better Job?

Overall, which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job handling each of the following going forward?



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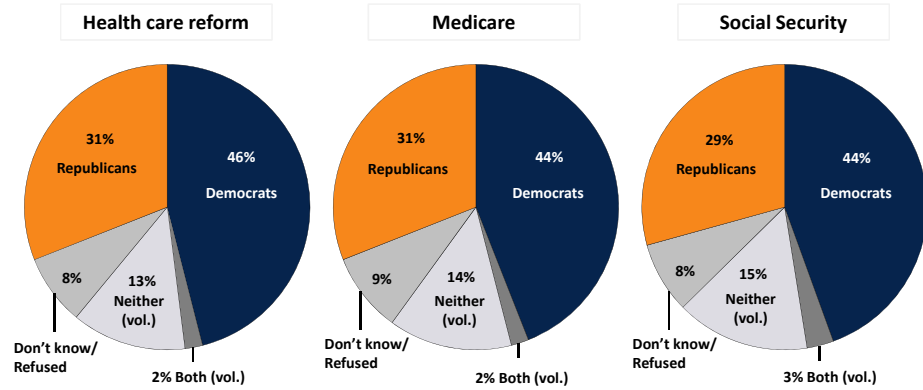
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## Democrats Hold Advantage on Health Reform, Medicare & Social Security

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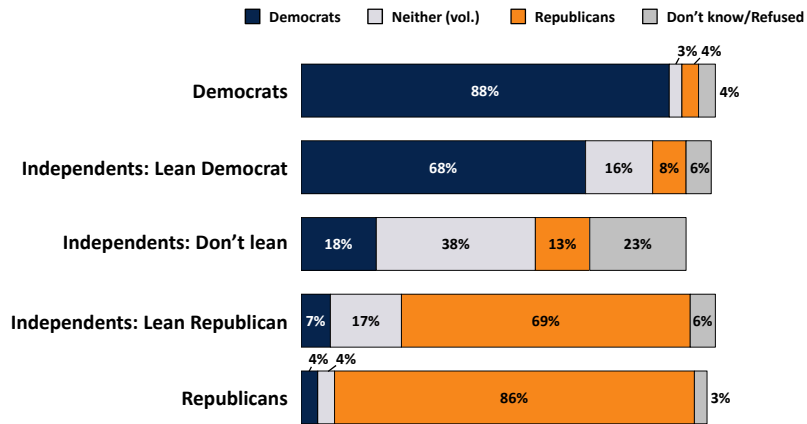
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CHART 20

## Which Party Does Public Feel Will Do A Better Job?

Overall, which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job handling health care reform going forward?



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## 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, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted October 5 through October 10, 2010, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,202 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,073 adults who say they are registered to vote. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (801) and cell phone (401, including 172 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. Margin of sampling error for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on other 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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