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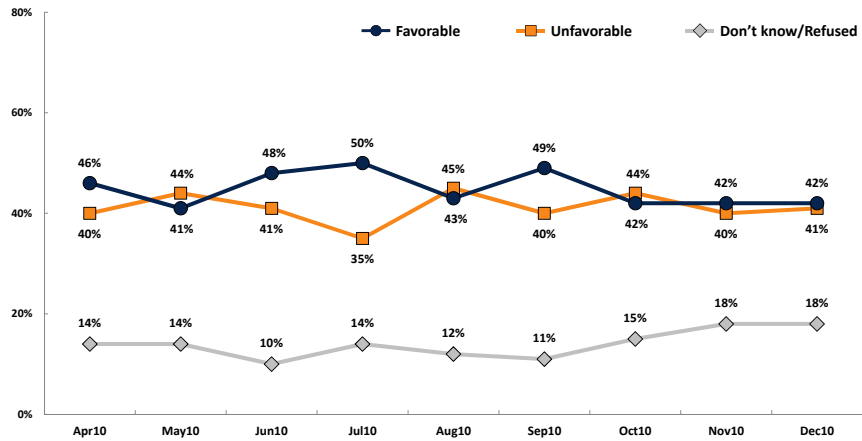
Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: December 2010

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Views on Health Reform Remain Divided

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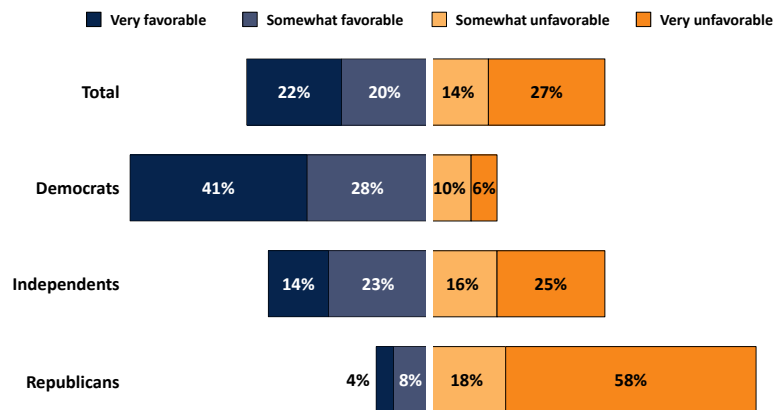
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Views on Health Reform Law Differ Sharply by Party Self-Identification

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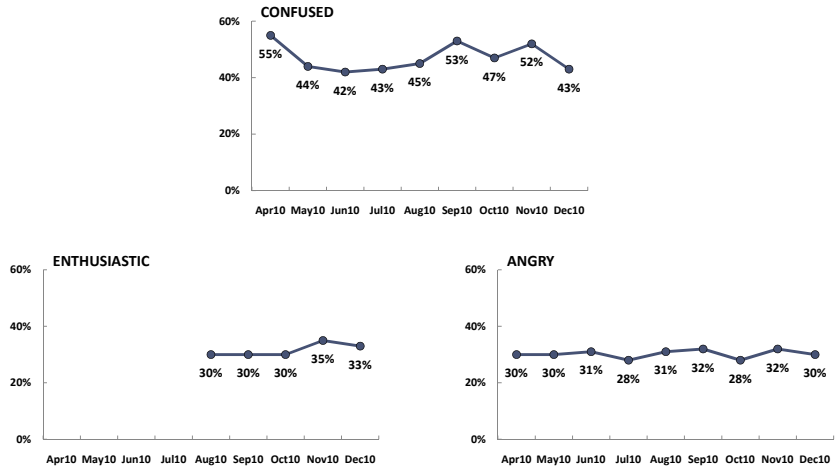
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Confusion Ticks Back Down

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



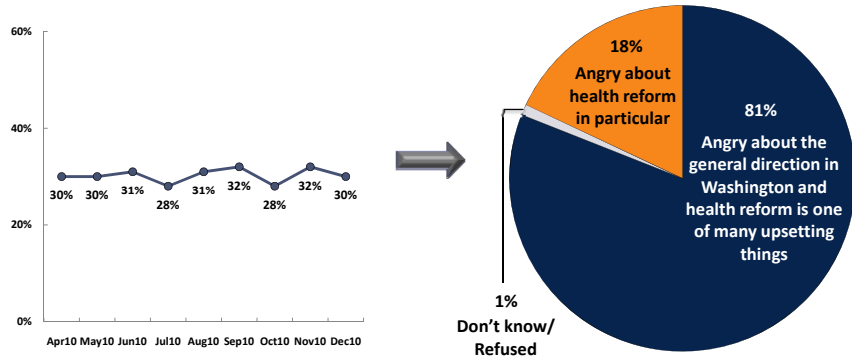
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Anger More General Than Specific to Health Reform

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

Among the 30% 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?

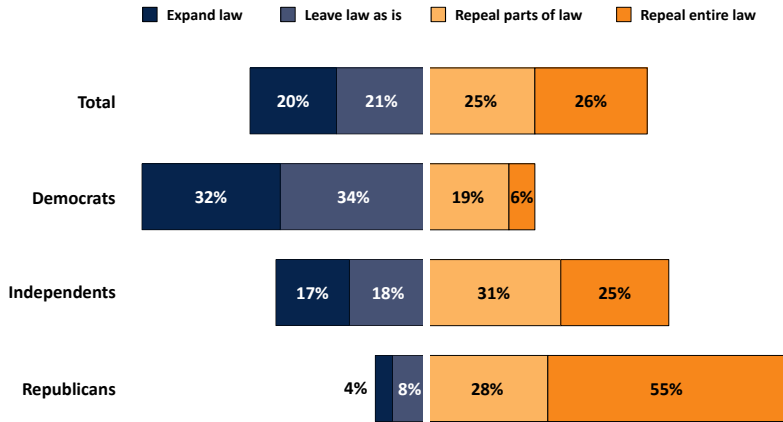


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Divided as to 'What Next' for Health Reform

Which of the following comes closest to your view of what lawmakers in Washington should do with the new health reform law:

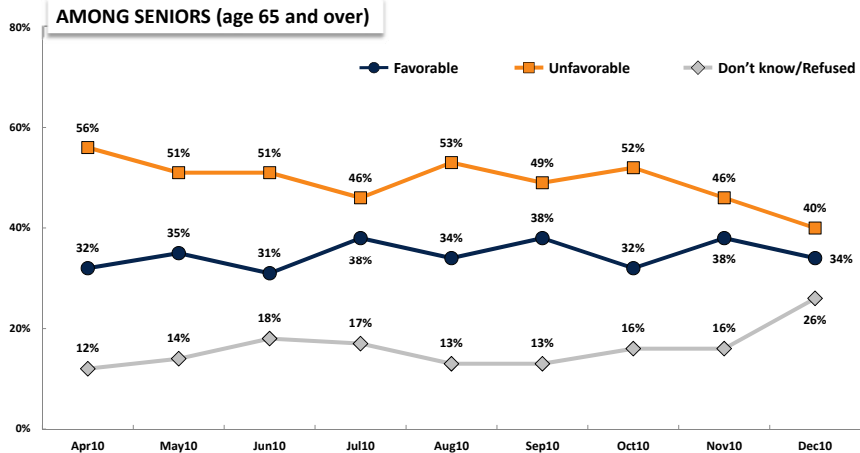


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Unfavorable Views of Health Reform Among Seniors at New Low

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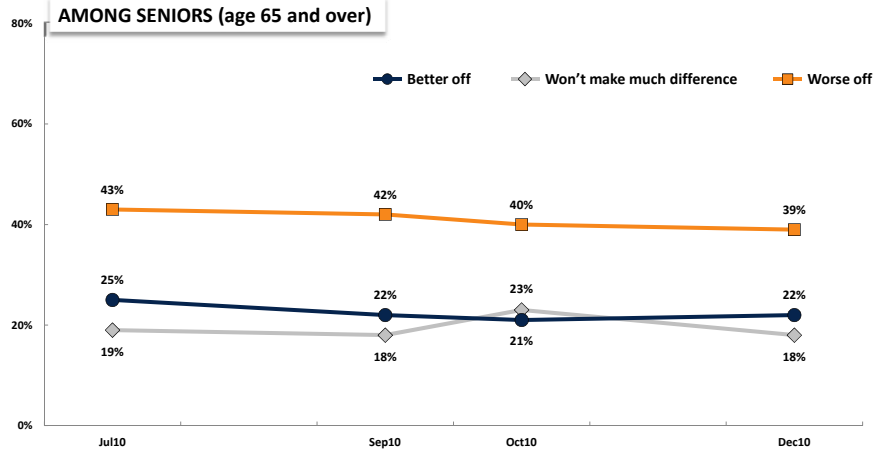
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Seniors' Perception of Health Reform's Impact on Medicare

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?



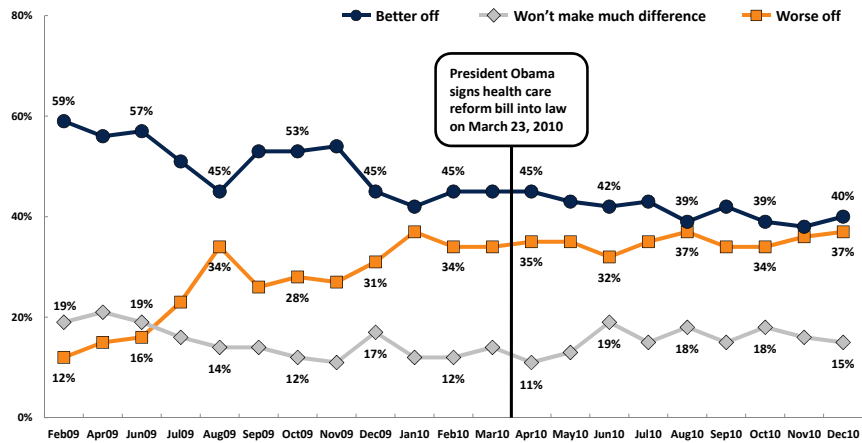
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No Agreement as to Whether Country Will Benefit

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?

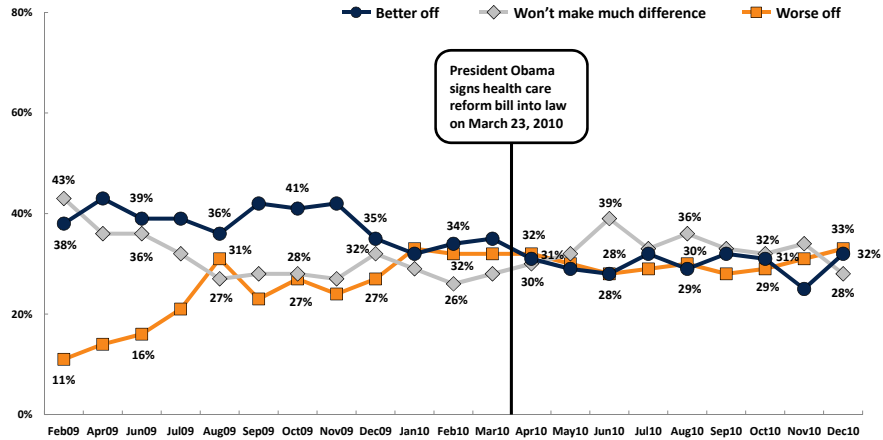


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Perception of Positive Personal Impact Back Up to Pre-Election Level

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?



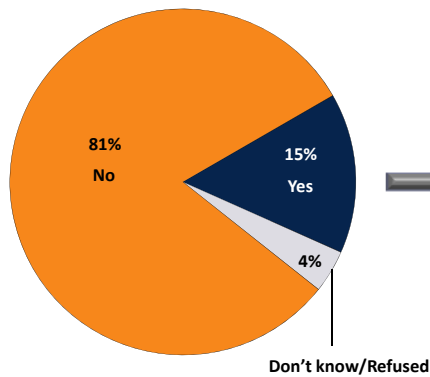
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Access to Benefits Positive Experience of Health Reform Law

So far, would you say you and your family have personally benefited from the health reform law, or not?

Among the 15% who say they have benefited from the health reform law: In what ways would you say you have benefited from the health reform law?



Benefit	Percent who mentioned
Access to health care	36%
Lower health care costs	19%
Extension of dependent coverage	14%
Health reform will help – general	7%
Other insurance reforms	6%
Help dealing with pre-existing conditions	5%

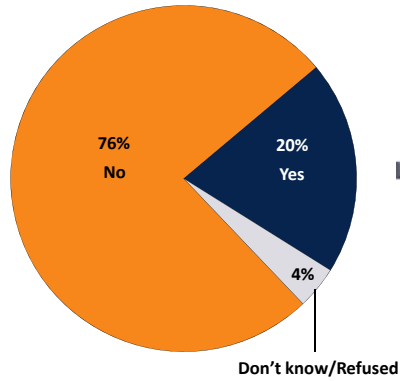
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Cost Most Frequently Cited Negative Effect of Health Reform Law

So far, would you say you and your family have been negatively affected by the health reform law, or not?

Among the 20% who say they have been negatively affected by the health reform law: In what ways would you say you have been negatively affected by the health reform law?



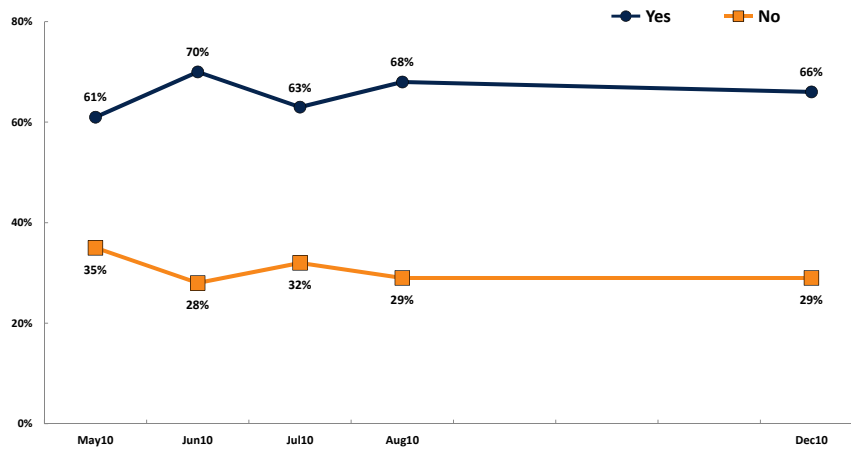
Negative Effect	Percent who mentioned
Cost	45%
Cuts to benefits/fewer options	15
Unable to get/dropped by insurance	8
Bad for businesses	7
Harm to Medicare/seniors	3
Declining quality of care	3

Note: Only responses of 3% or more shown. 'Other' and Don't know/Refused answers not shown.
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Most Say They Understand 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?

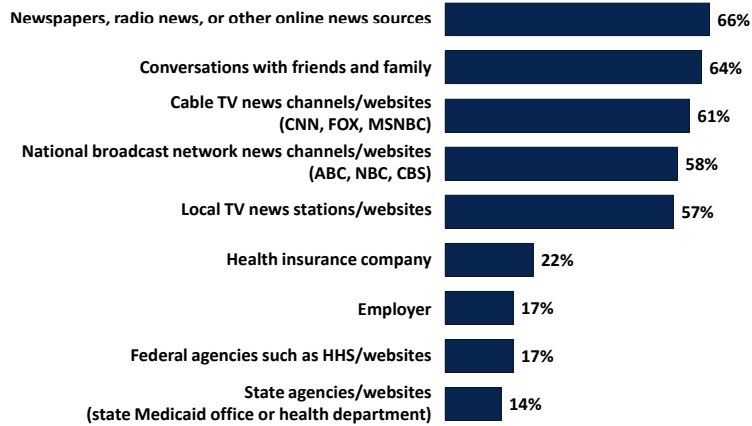


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Sources of Health Reform Information

Percent who say they have gotten any information about the health reform law from each of the following:

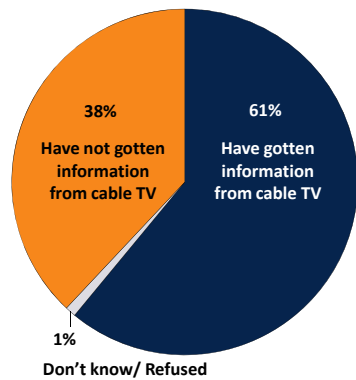


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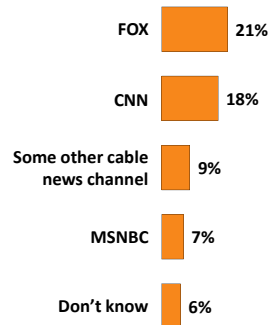


Health Care Reform and Cable TV News: The Specifics

Have you gotten any information about the health reform law from cable TV news channels such as CNN, FOX, or MSNBC, or their websites, or not?



Would you say you are mainly getting information from CNN, FOX News, MSBNC, or some other cable news channel?

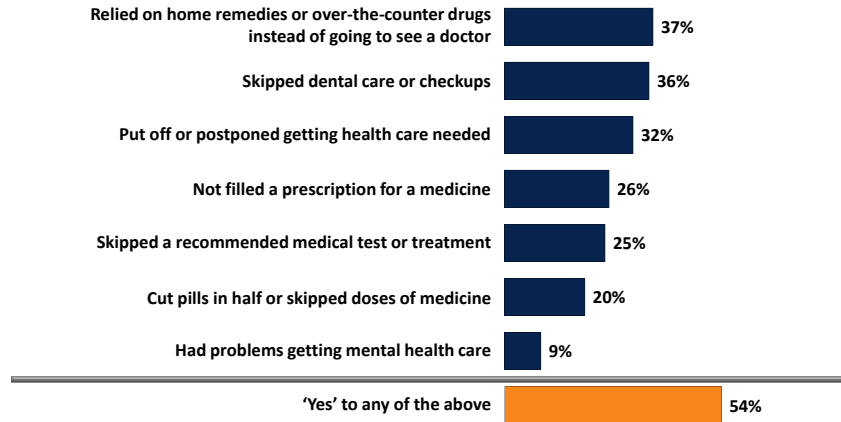


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Many Put Off Care Due to Cost

Percent who say they or another family member living in their household, have done each of the following because of the cost:

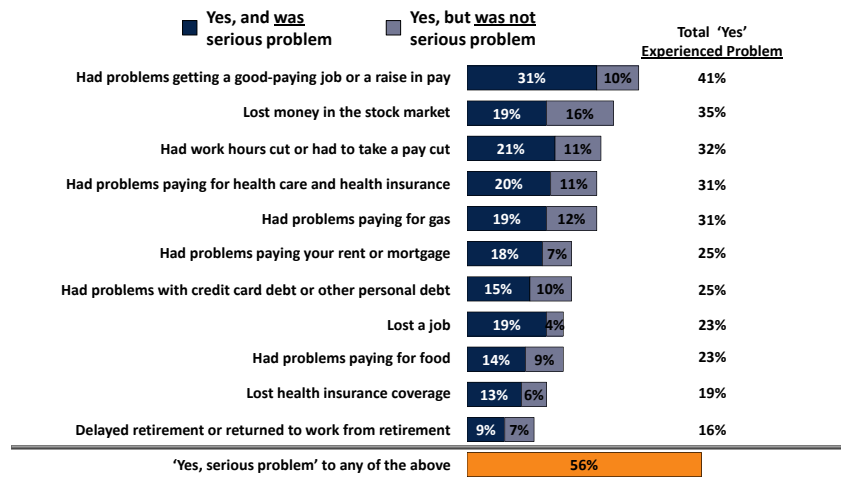


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Families Experiencing Multiple Problems in Face of Economic Downturn

Have you or your family experienced any of the following problems as a result of the economic downturn, or not?



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Economic Problems Widespread Among the Uninsured and Low-Income

Percent who report...	All	Lower income Americans	Uninsured (under age 65)
Problems paying medical bills	25%	36%	48%
Putting off needed care because of cost	54	66	85
Any serious economic problem	56	67	82

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted December 1-6, 2010)



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 December 1 through December 6, 2010, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,207 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (803) and cell phone (404, including 142 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates. The margin of sampling error 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.

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