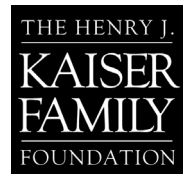




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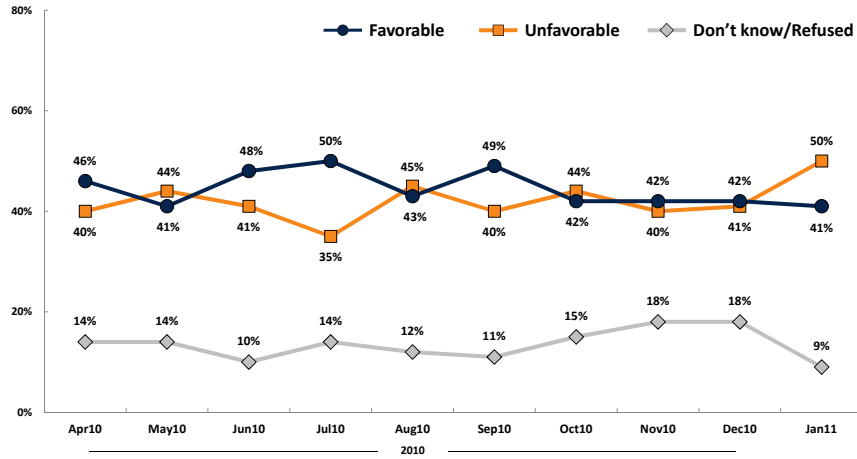
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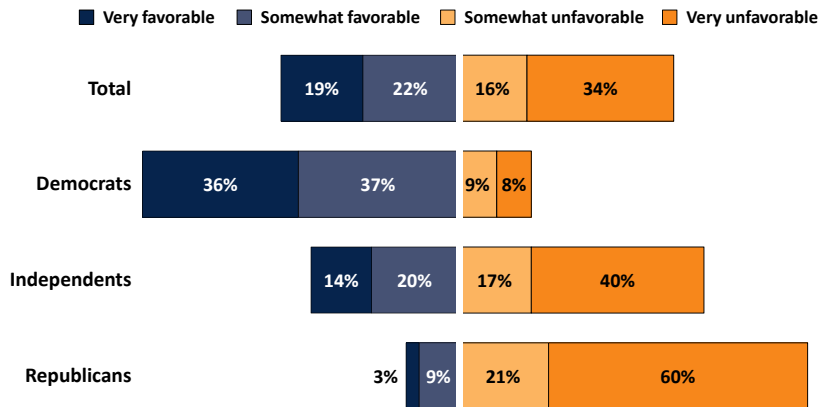
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SLIDE 2

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

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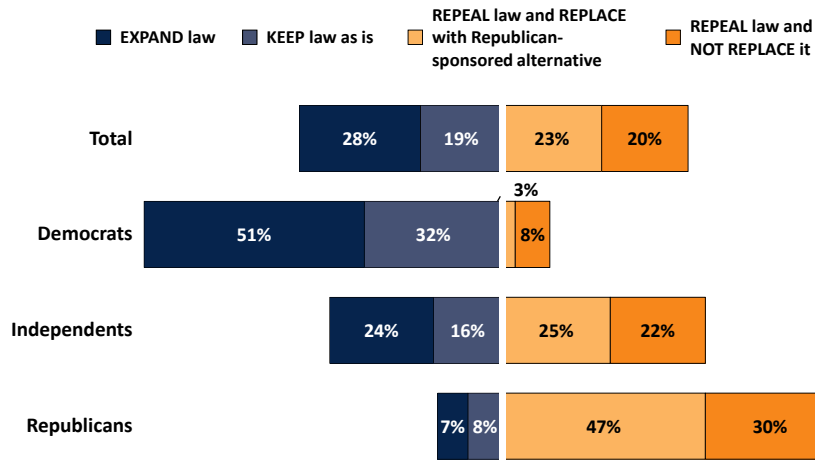
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SLIDE 3

Divided as to 'What Next' for Health Reform

What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law?



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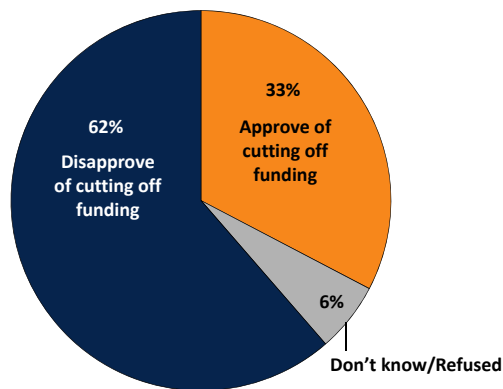
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SLIDE 4

Almost Two-Thirds Disapprove of Cutting Off Funding As Way To Stop Health Reform

Some lawmakers who oppose the health reform law say that if Congress isn't able to repeal the law, they should try to stop it from being put into place by cutting off funding to implement it. Whether or not you like the health reform law, would you say you approve or disapprove of cutting off funding as a way to stop some or all of health reform from being put into place?



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SLIDE 5

Who Approves or Disapproves of Cutting Health Reform Funding

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Percent who approve/disapprove of cutting off funding among...	Approve	Disapprove
Republicans	57%	38%
Independents	32	62
Democrats	13	84
Those with <i>favorable</i> view of law	11%	88%
Those with <i>unfavorable</i> view of law	52	41
Those who favor repeal	56%	38%
Those who would leave as is/expand	13	85

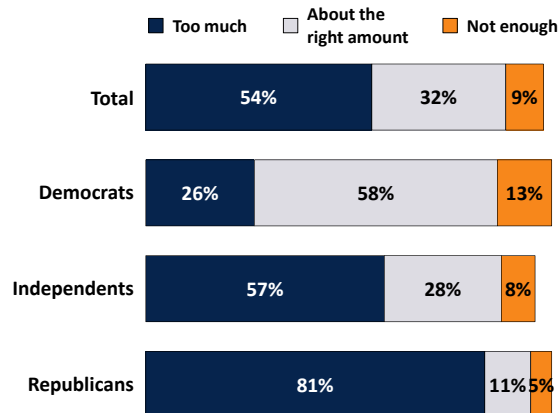
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SLIDE 6

Views on Government Involvement in Health Care Are Partisan

Do you think the health care law will lead to too much government involvement in the health care system, not enough government involvement in the health care system, or about the right amount of government involvement in the health care system?



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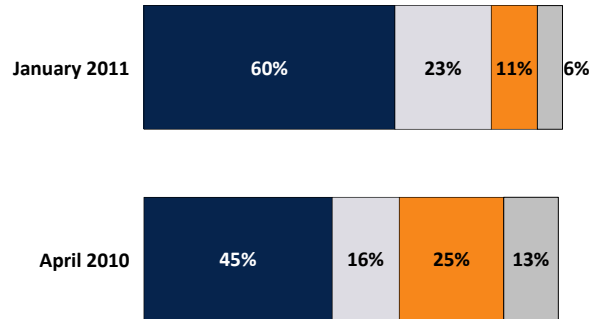


SLIDE 7

Impact of Health Care Reform on Federal Budget Deficit

As far as you know, will the health reform law increase the federal budget deficit over the next ten years, decrease the deficit over the next ten years, or is it not expected to have much impact on the deficit?

■ Increase deficit □ Not much impact ■ Decrease deficit □ Don't know/Refused



Note: April 2010 question wording different. See Topline: <http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8067.cfm> for full question wording. Don't know/Refused answers not shown.

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SLIDE 8

Early Deliverables Remain Popular

I'm going to read you a list of specific elements of the health reform law that are scheduled to be implemented within the next year. Please tell me whether your opinion of it is favorable or unfavorable.

	Favorable	Unfavorable
50% discount on drugs in Medicare doughnut hole	85%	14%
CLASS act (voluntary long-term care insurance program)	76	22
Medical loss ratio	66	33
Eliminating cost sharing for many preventive services under Medicare	65	30
Bonus to primary care physicians treating Medicare patients	61	37
Reduce payments to Medicare Advantage plans	56	35
Increasing Medicare premiums for some higher-income seniors	53	45
Changing rules for HSAs/FSAs to exclude over-the-counter drugs	42	51

Note: Items based on half sample. Response wording abbreviated. See Topline: <http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8134.cfm> for full wording. Don't know/Refused answers not shown.

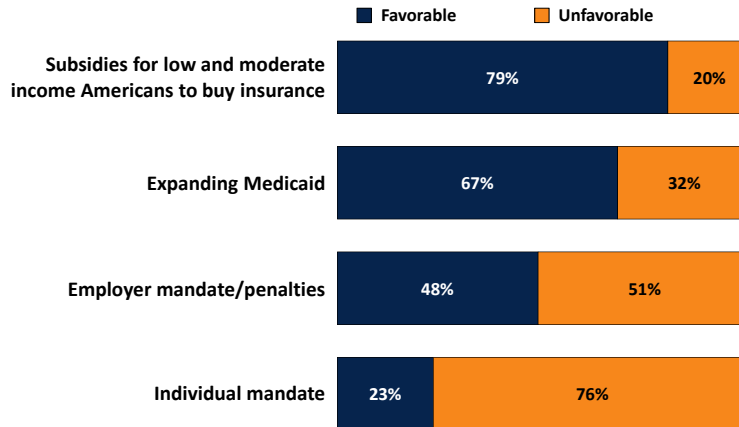
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SLIDE 9

Coverage Expansion Popular, Mandate Not

I'm going to read a short list of elements of the health reform law that are scheduled to be implemented further in the future. Please tell me whether your opinion of it is...



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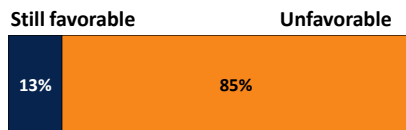
Views on Individual Mandate Somewhat Malleable

Please tell me whether your opinion of requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine is favorable or unfavorable:



Those favorable about the law were asked:

What if you heard that requiring all Americans to have health insurance could mean that some people would be required to buy health insurance that they find too expensive or did not want? Would you still have a favorable view?



Those unfavorable about the law were asked:

What if you heard that without such a requirement, insurance companies would still be allowed to deny coverage to people who are sick? Would you still have an unfavorable view?



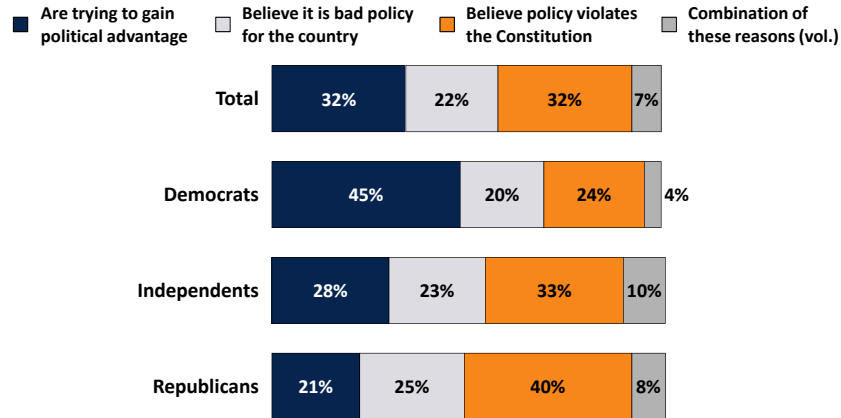
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SLIDE 11

Views on State Challenges to Individual Mandate Differ by Party

As you may know, some state authorities are challenging the federal government's right to require all Americans to have health insurance. Which of the following do you think is the MAIN reason they are doing this?



Note: Some other reason (vol.) and Don't know/Refused answers not shown.

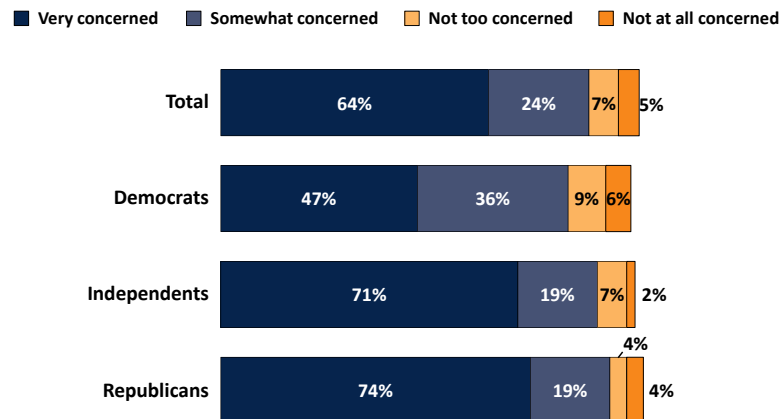
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SLIDE 12

Bipartisan Concern Over Deficit; Most Intense Among Independents and GOP

How concerned, if at all, are you about the size of the federal budget deficit?



Note: Don't know/Refused answers not shown.

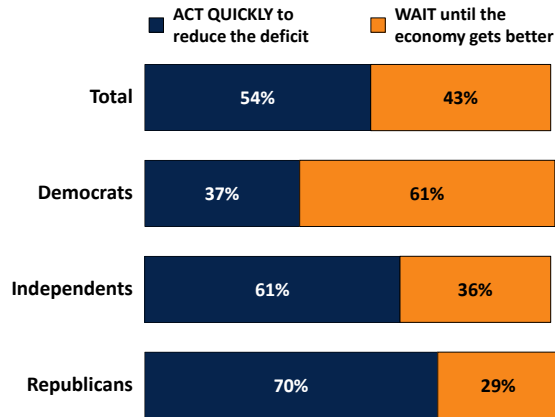
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SLIDE 13

Partisan Division Over When to Tackle Deficit

Do you think the new Congress should act quickly to reduce the federal budget deficit, or do you think they should wait until the economy gets better before tackling the deficit?



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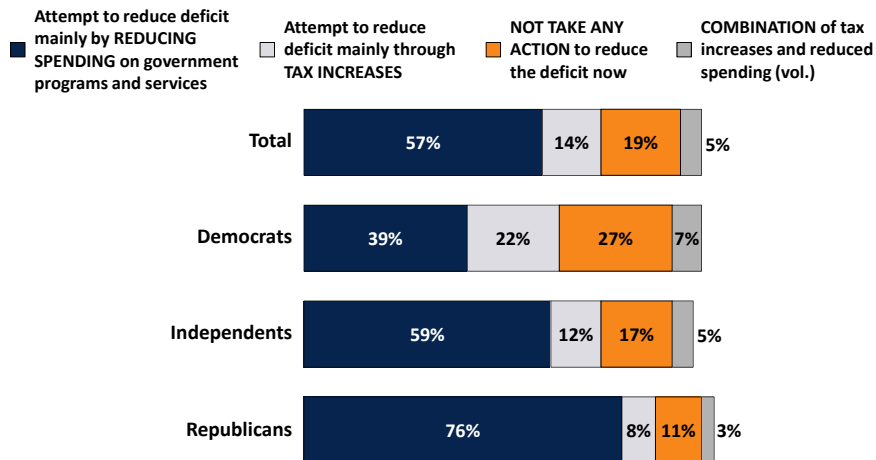
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SLIDE 14

Partisan Division Over How to Tackle Deficit

Which of the following would you prefer to see the next Congress do about the federal budget deficit?



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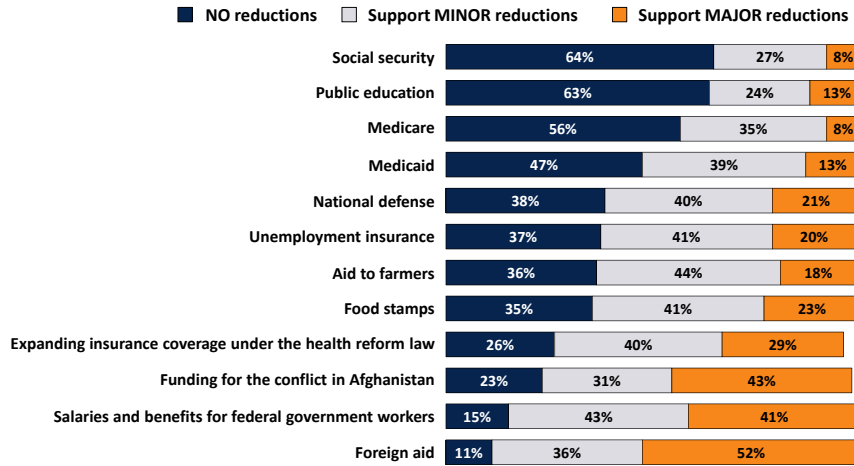
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SLIDE 15

Over Half Oppose Cuts to Medicare, Social Security, and Education; About Half To Medicaid

If Congress decides to reduce the deficit by reducing spending on federal programs and services, I'd like to know in which programs you would be willing to see spending reduced. For each program, tell me if you would support major spending reductions, minor spending reductions or no reductions at all.



Note: Don't know/Refused answers not shown.

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SLIDE 16

Some Agreement Among Partisans About Areas to Protect

Percent saying they would support "no reductions at all" in each of the following areas as a way to reduce the deficit:

	Among Democrats	Among Independents	Among Republicans
Social Security	69%	63%	59%
Public education	71	62	53
Medicare	65	53	48
Medicaid	58	46	35
National defense	31	34	52
Unemployment insurance	48	36	24
Aid to farmers	35	37	33
Food stamps	45	34	23
Expanding insurance coverage under health law	38	22	16
Funding for the conflict in Afghanistan	16	23	33
Salaries and benefits for federal government workers	22	15	9
Foreign aid	14	9	8

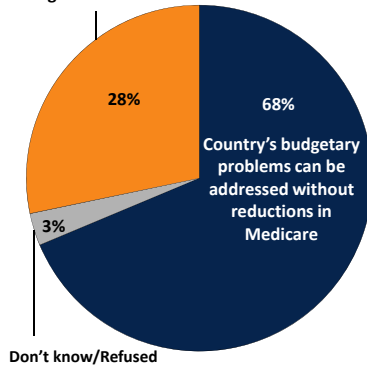
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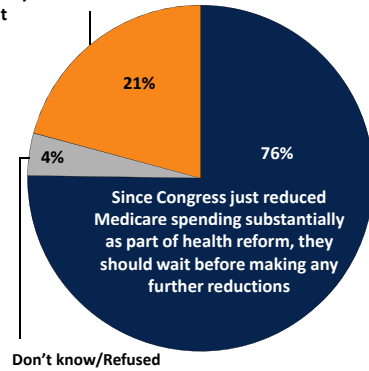
Medicare and the Federal Budget Deficit

Which of the following views about the role Medicare should play in reducing the federal deficit comes closest to your view?

Reductions in Medicare should be part of any discussion about reducing the federal deficit



Congress needs to consider further reducing Medicare spending because it would be virtually impossible to substantially reduce the federal deficit without it



Note: Questions asked of separate half samples.

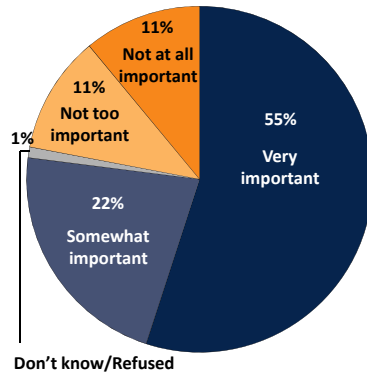
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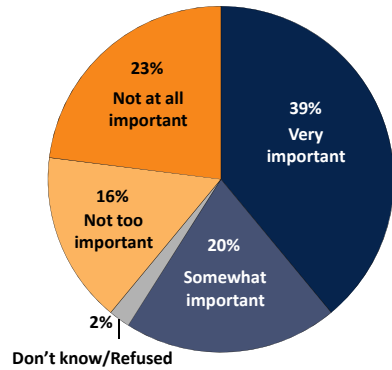
The Personal Importance of Medicare and Medicaid

How important for you and your family are each of the following government programs?

MEDICARE, the government health program for people 65 and older and certain people with long-term disabilities



MEDICAID, the government program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income adults and children

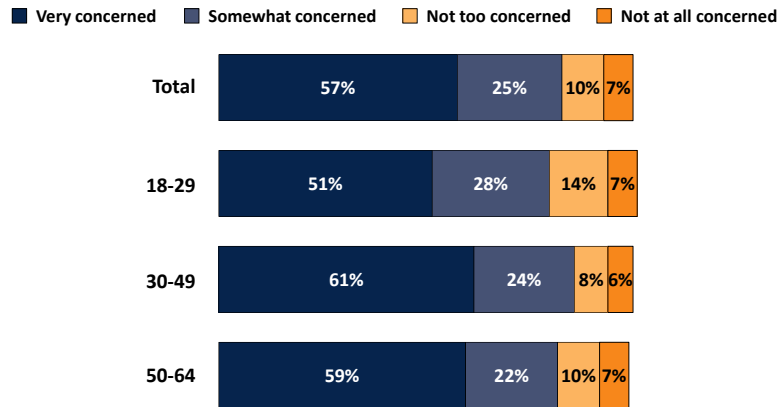


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Overwhelming Majority Concerned About Availability of Medicare in Future

How concerned are you that the Medicare benefits seniors have today will not be available for you when you retire?

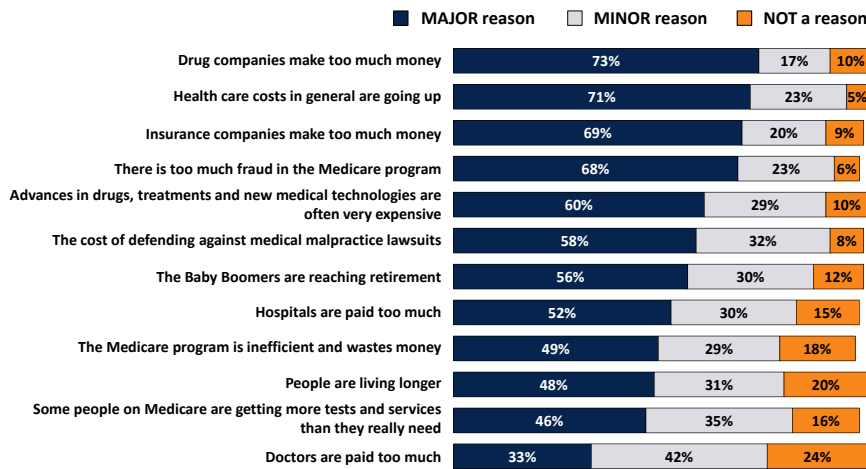


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Reasons For Rising Medicare Costs

In general, Medicare costs are rising faster than the cost of living. For each of the following, please tell me if you think it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why Medicare's costs are growing so rapidly.

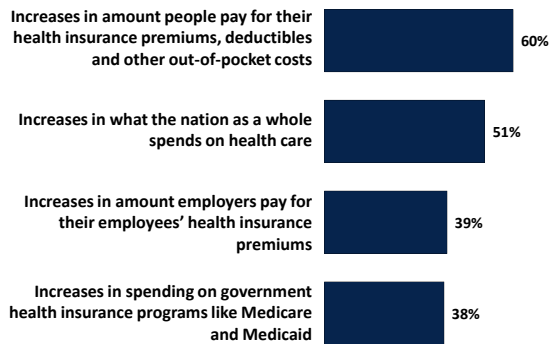


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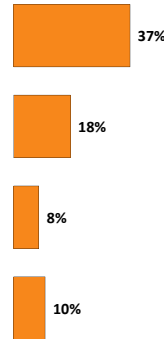


Public Very Concerned About Rising Health Care Costs

Percent who say they are 'very concerned' about each of the following when it comes to rising health care costs.



Among those who are 'very concerned,' percent who say they are MOST concerned about... when it comes to rising health care costs.



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