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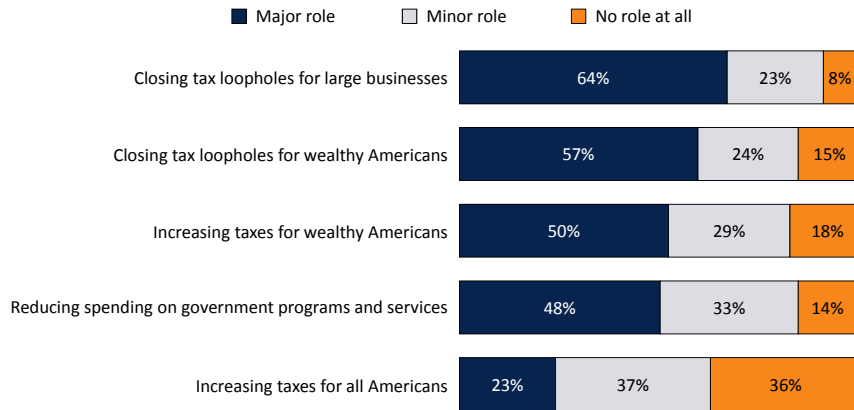
Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: July 2011

July 2011

SLIDE 1

Most Say Tax Increases And Spending Reductions Should Both Play A Role In Deficit Reduction Strategy

Thinking about different approaches to reducing the federal budget deficit, I'd like to know how big a role you think each of the following should play in an overall deficit reduction strategy.



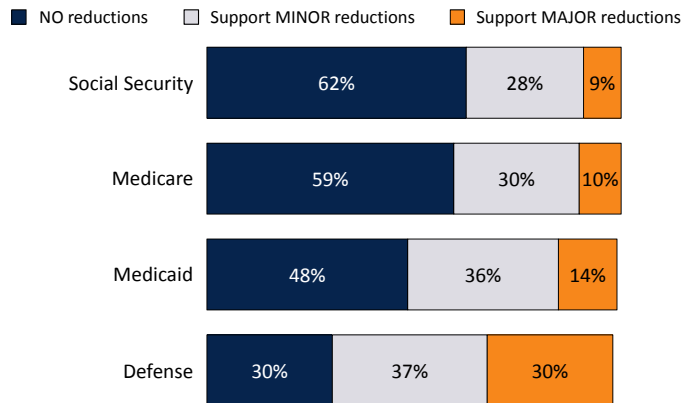
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SLIDE 2

Little Appetite For Spending Reductions In Social Security And Medicare To Reduce Deficit

If Congress decides to reduce the deficit by reducing federal spending, I'd like to know in which areas you would be willing to see spending reduced. For each area I name, please tell me if you would support major spending reductions, minor spending reductions or no reductions at all as a way to reduce the federal deficit.



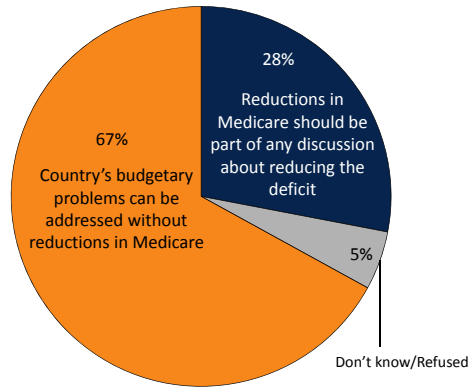
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SLIDE 3

Most Say Budget Problems Can Be Addressed Without Cutting Medicare

Do you think reductions in Medicare spending should be part of any discussion about reducing the federal deficit over the long term, or do you think the country's budgetary problems can be addressed without reductions in Medicare spending?



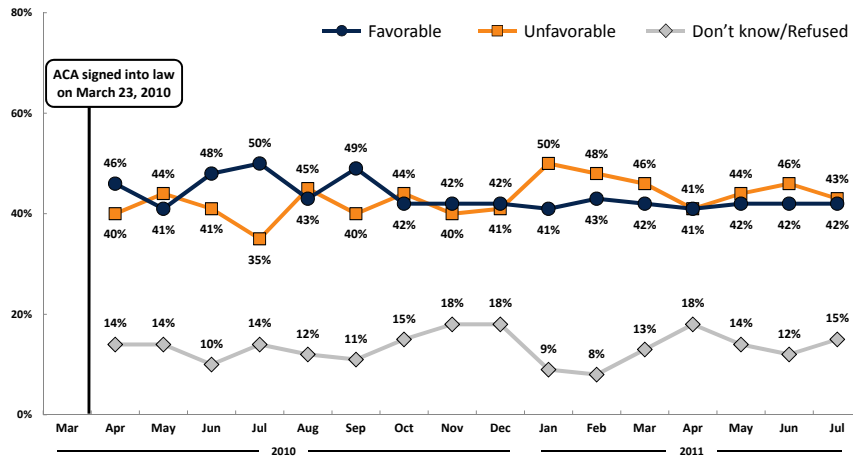
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Views On Health Reform Remain Divided

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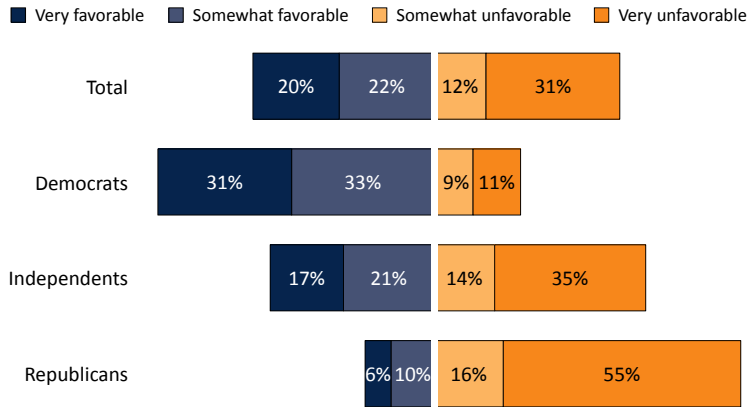


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Views On Health Reform Law Differ Sharply By Party Self-Identification

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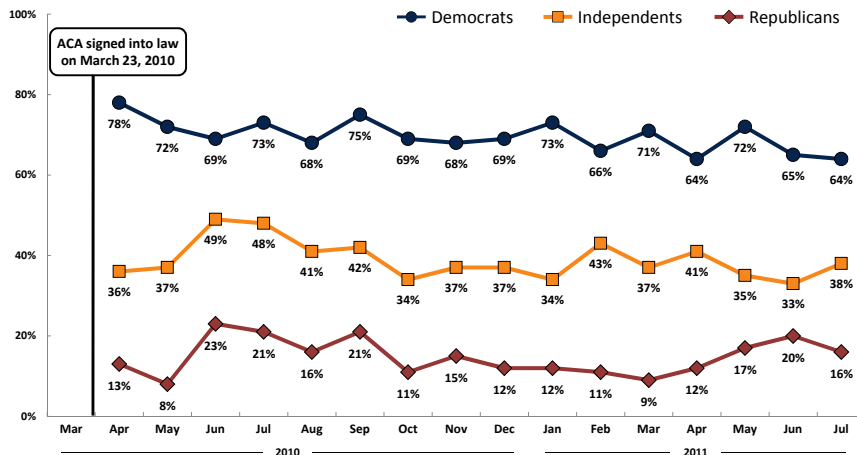


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Partisan Disagreement Over ACA Continues

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



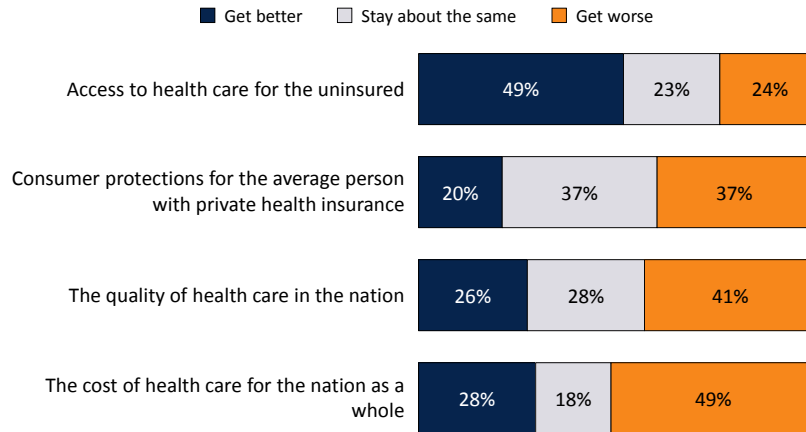
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SLIDE 7

Half Expect Access For Uninsured To Get Better, But Fewer Think The Same About Consumer Protections, Quality Or Costs For The Nation

Under the health reform law, do you think each of the following will get better, worse or will it stay about the same?



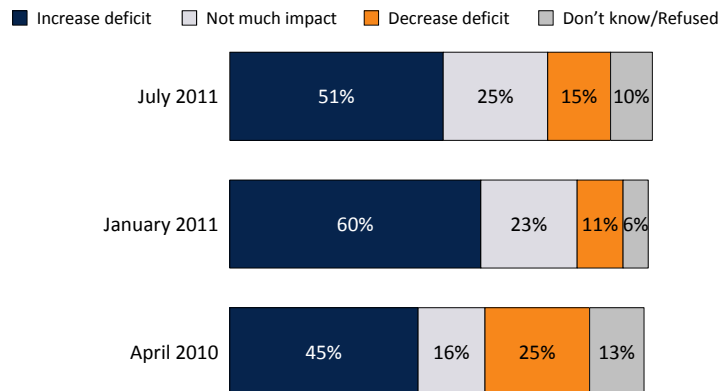
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SLIDE 8

Perceived Impact Of Health Reform Law On Federal Budget Deficit

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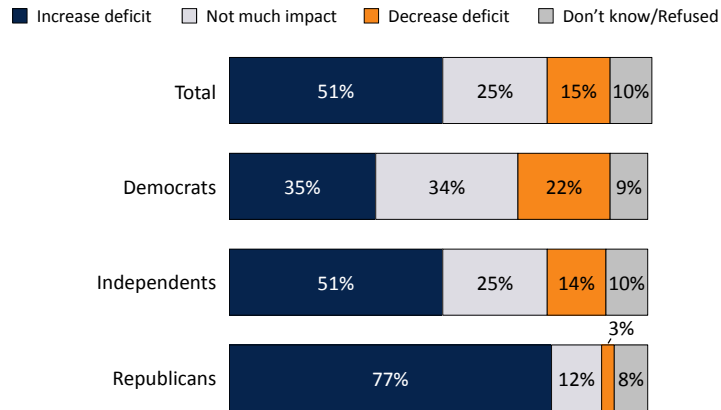
Note: April 2010 question wording was slightly different. See Topline: <http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8209.cfm> for full question wording.
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Partisan Differences In Perceived Impact Of ACA On Deficit

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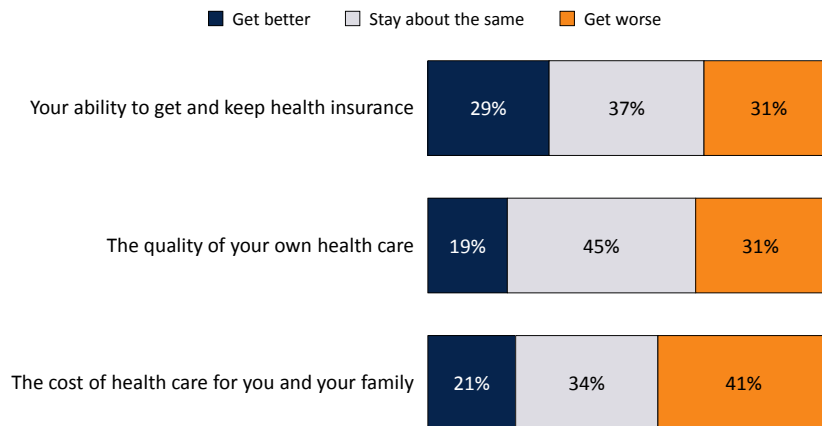
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Public Divided On ACA Impact On Their Own Access, More Expect Negative Impact On Cost

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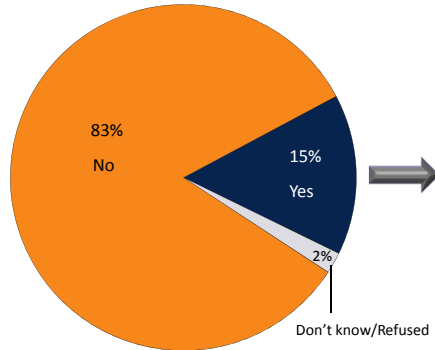
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Better Access To Care Most Commonly Cited Benefit Of Law

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	39%
Lower health care costs	16
Extension of dependent coverage	13
Help dealing with pre-existing conditions	7
Health reform will help in general	5
Help for seniors/close Medicare doughnut hole	4

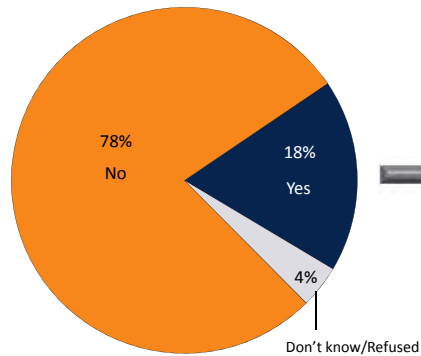
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Cost Most Frequently Cited Negative Effect Of Law

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

Among the 18% 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?



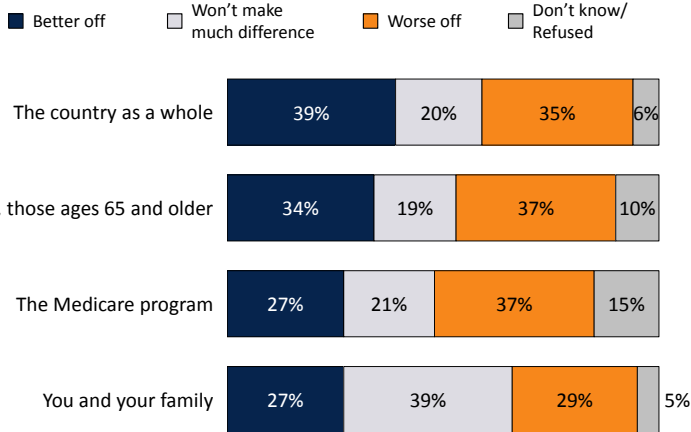
Negative Effect	Percent who mentioned
Cost	52%
Cuts to benefits/fewer options	18
Unable to get/dropped by insurance	11
Declining quality of care	5
Harm to Medicare/seniors	4
Bad for business/jobs	3

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Public Split On Law's Impact On Country; Plurality Expect No Personal Impact

Do you think each of the following will be better off or worse off under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?

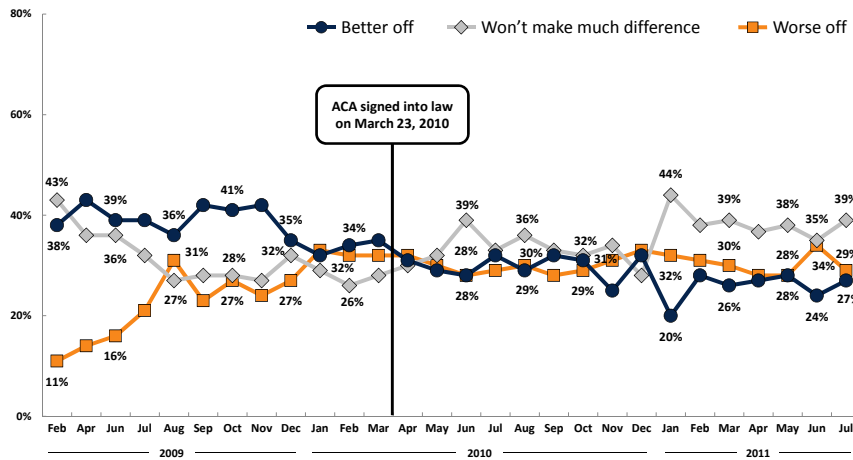


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Trend In Perception Of Personal Impact Of Law

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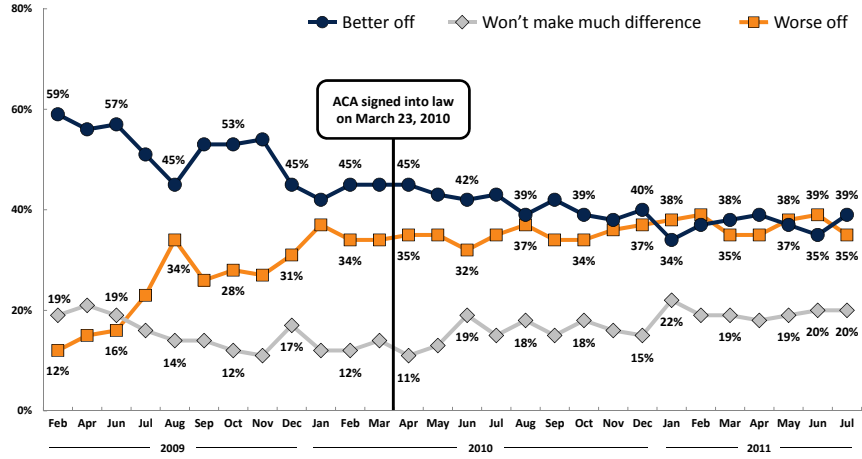


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No Agreement As To Whether Country Will Benefit

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

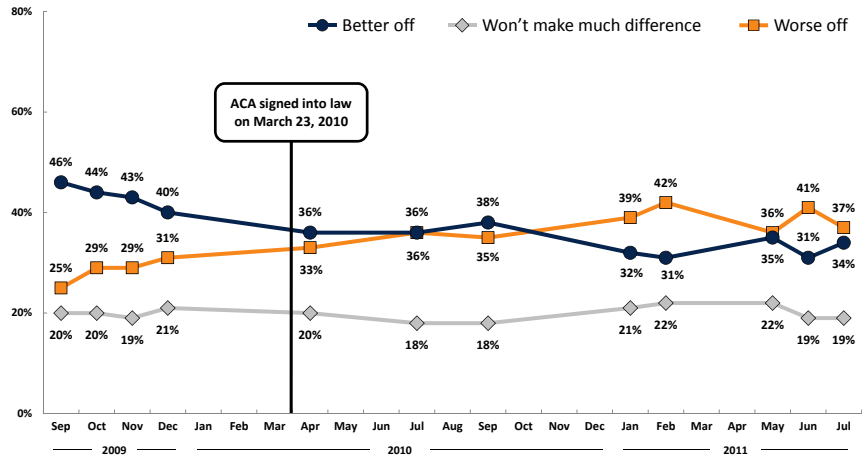


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Perception Of ACA's Impact On Seniors

Do you think seniors, that is those ages 65 and older, will be better off or worse off under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?

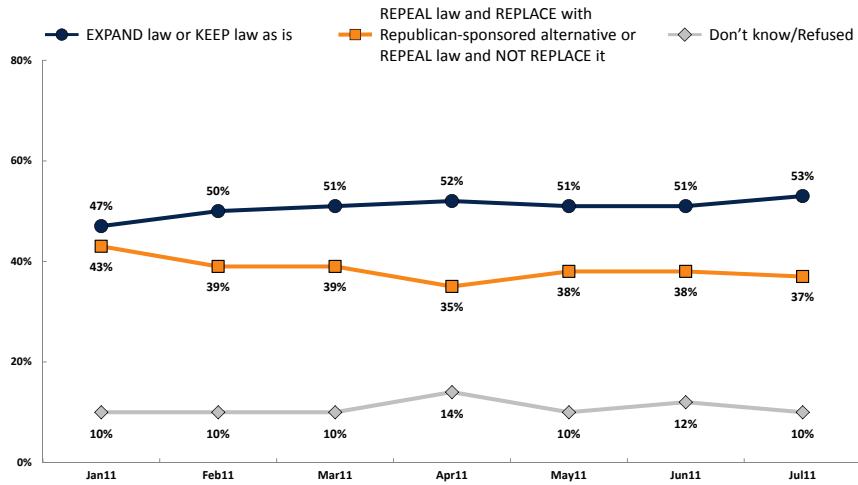


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Half Want Health Care Law Kept As Is Or Expanded

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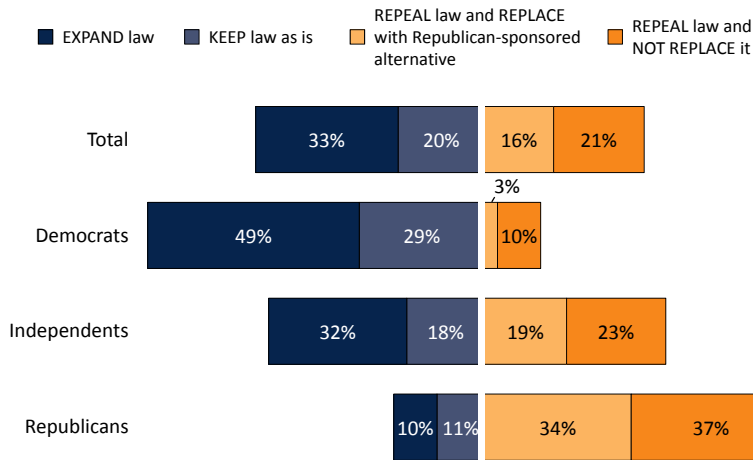


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Partisan Divisions As To 'What Next' For Health Reform

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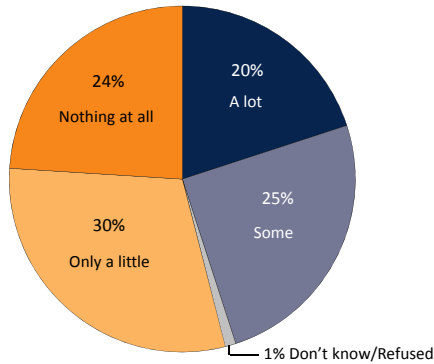


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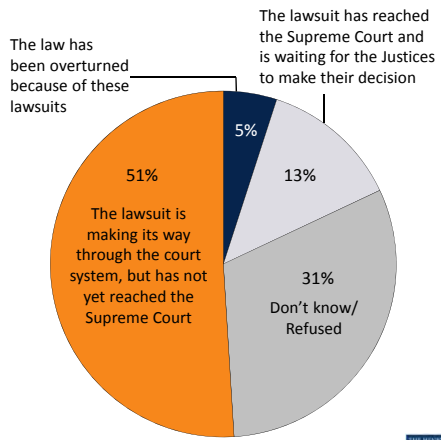


Public Awareness Of State Lawsuits Challenging Individual Mandate

As you may know, some state authorities have filed lawsuits challenging the federal government's right to require all Americans to have health insurance as part of the health reform law. How much would you say you've heard about these lawsuits?



As far as you know, which comes closest to the current status of the lawsuits filed by state authorities in opposition to the health reform law:

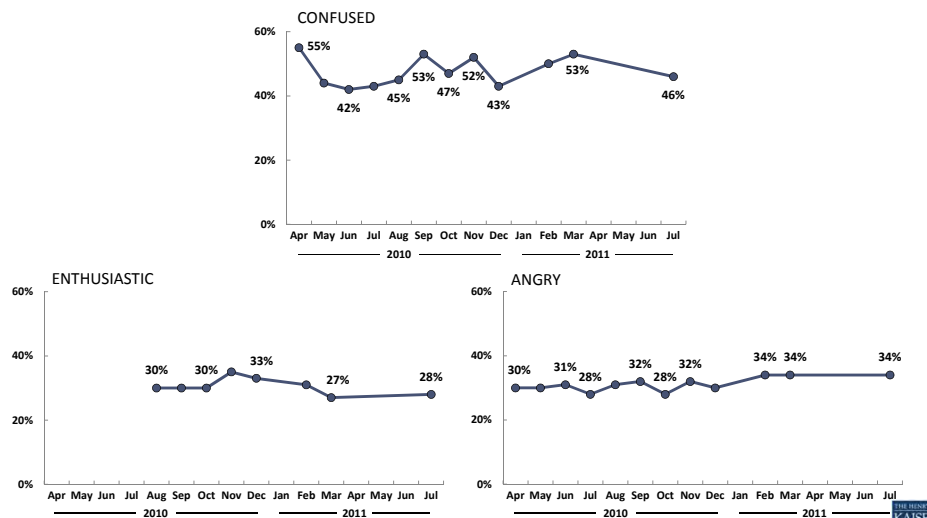


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About Half Remain Confused About ACA; Three In Ten Enthusiastic Or Angry

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

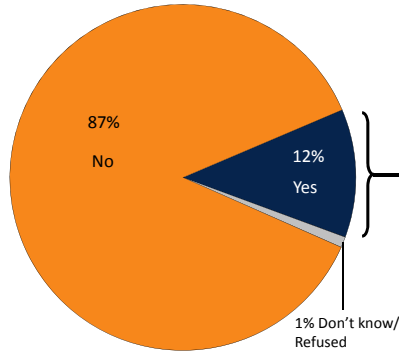


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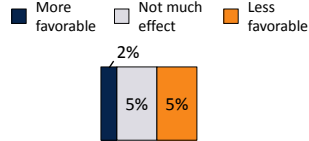
One In Eight Report Discussing Health Reform With A Doctor

Has any doctor you have come in contact with during the past 12 months talked to you about the health reform law, or not?

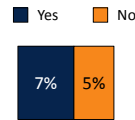


Asked of those who say they have talked to a doctor about the health reform law:

Did your conversations with this doctor make your opinion of the law more favorable, less favorable, or did they not have much effect either way?



Do you feel you have a better understanding of the health reform law after discussing it with a doctor, or not?



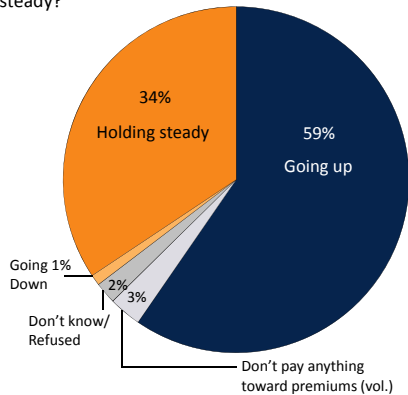
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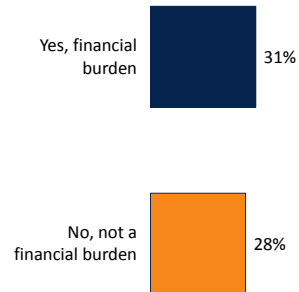
Most Of Those With Private Insurance Say Premiums Are Going Up

BASED ON THOSE AGES 18-64 WHO HAVE PRIVATE INSURANCE

Thinking about your health insurance premiums—that is, the amount you pay each month for your health insurance coverage. Does it seem to you that your health insurance premiums have been going up lately, going down, or holding steady?



Asked of those who say their health insurance premiums have been going up:
Has this increase been a financial burden for you, or not?



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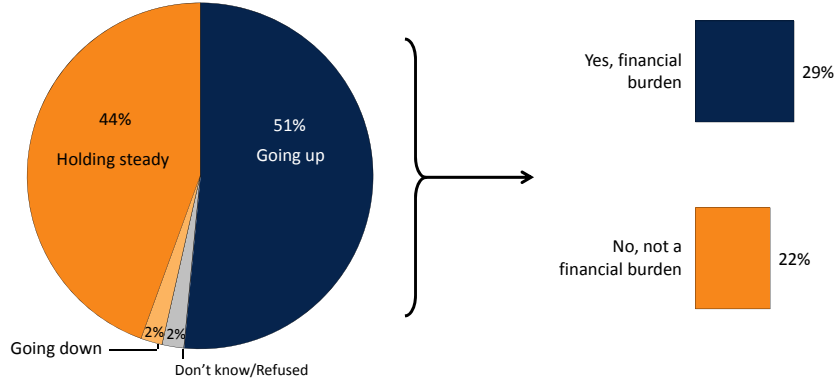


Half of Privately Insured Say Deductibles And Co-Pays Going Up

BASED ON THOSE AGES 18-64 WHO HAVE PRIVATE INSURANCE

Thinking about your deductible and co-pay—that is, the amount you have to pay for medical services above and beyond what insurance covers. Does it seem to you that your deductible and co-pay expenses have been going up lately, going down, or holding steady?

Asked of those who say deductible and co-pays have been going up: Has this increase been a financial burden for you, or not?



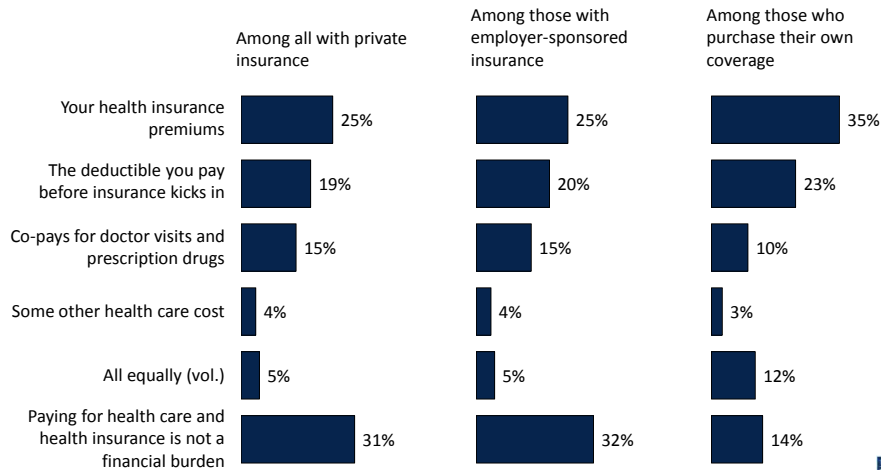
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Premiums a Bigger Burden Among Those Who Purchase Own Coverage

Thinking about your own health care costs, which of the following do you find to be the greatest financial burden? Is it paying for:

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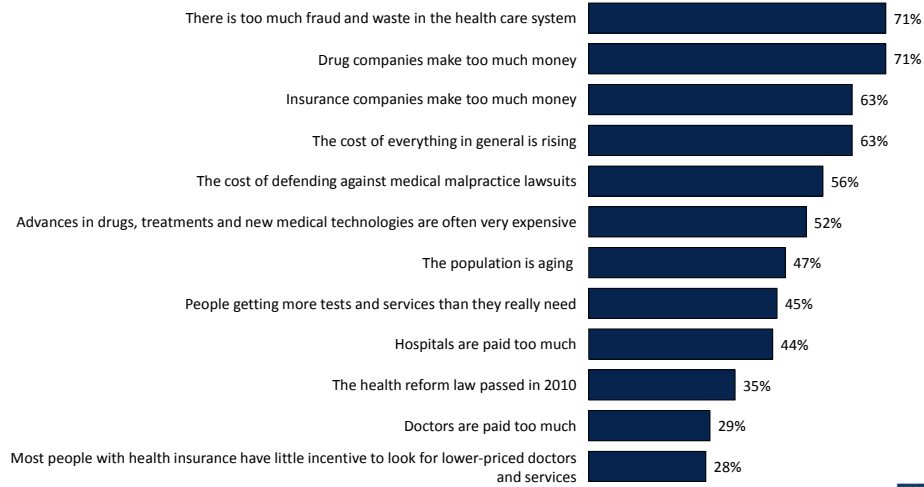


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Fraud/Waste, Drug And Insurance Company Profits Seen As Biggest Drivers Of Rising Health Care Costs

Percent who say each is a “major reason” for rising health care costs:



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Methodology

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