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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: January 2012***

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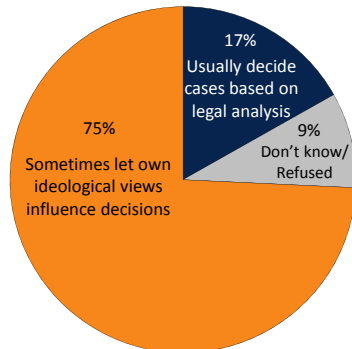
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## Most Think Justices' Ideology Plays A Role In Decision-Making

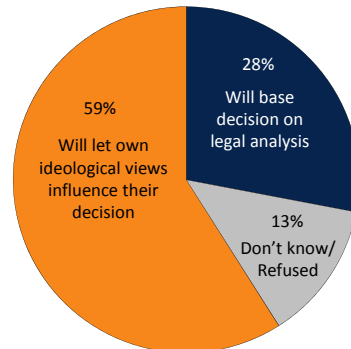
### IN GENERAL

Do you think the Supreme Court Justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to politics and ideology, or do you think they sometimes let their own ideological views influence their decisions?



### IN CASE CHALLENGING ACA'S MANDATE

In ruling on this case, do you think the Supreme Court Justices will base their decision on legal analysis without regard to ideology or politics or do you think they will let their own ideological views influence their decision?



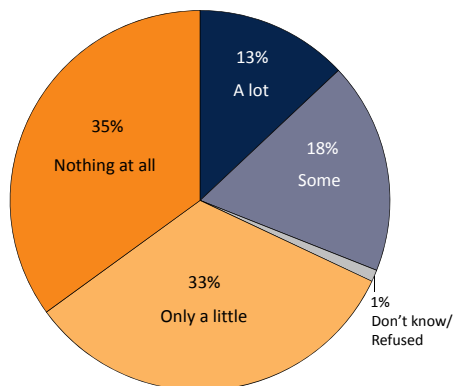
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## Three In Ten Report Hearing At Least "Some" About Supreme Court Case

As you may know, lawsuits challenging the federal government's authority to require all Americans to have health insurance as part of the health reform law have been filed in the U.S. courts. The Supreme Court has announced they will hear arguments in the case later this year. How much would you say you've heard about these lawsuits?



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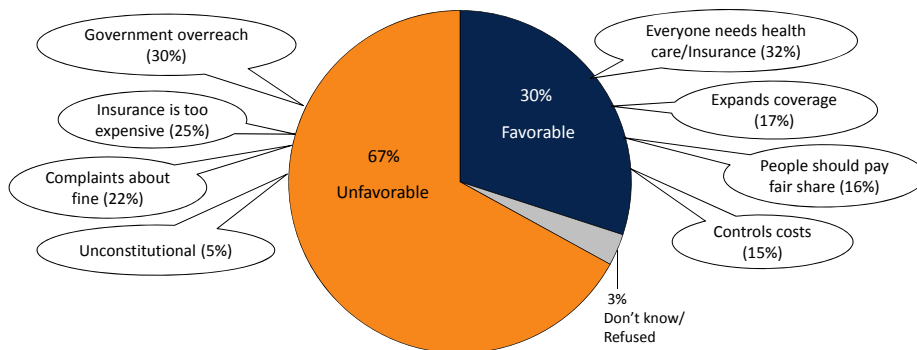


## Two-Thirds Have Unfavorable View Of Individual Mandate/Fine

As you may know, the health reform law will require nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine. Would you say you feel very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable about that provision of the law? Could you tell me in your own words what is the main reason you have a favorable/unfavorable opinion?

REASONS FOR UNFAVORABLE OPINION  
(among the 67% with unfavorable view)

REASONS FOR FAVORABLE OPINION  
(among the 30% with favorable view)



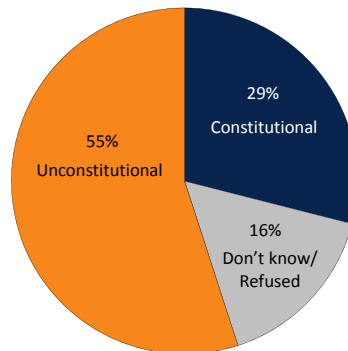
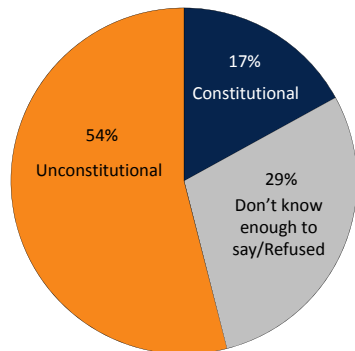
Note: Only the top 4 responses for each opinion listed.  
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## More Than Half Expect Court To Find Mandate Unconstitutional

**In your own opinion**, do you think the Supreme Court should rule that it is constitutional or unconstitutional for the federal government to require all Americans to have health insurance, or do you not know enough to say?

**Do you expect** the Supreme Court to rule that the requirement that all Americans have health insurance is constitutional or unconstitutional?



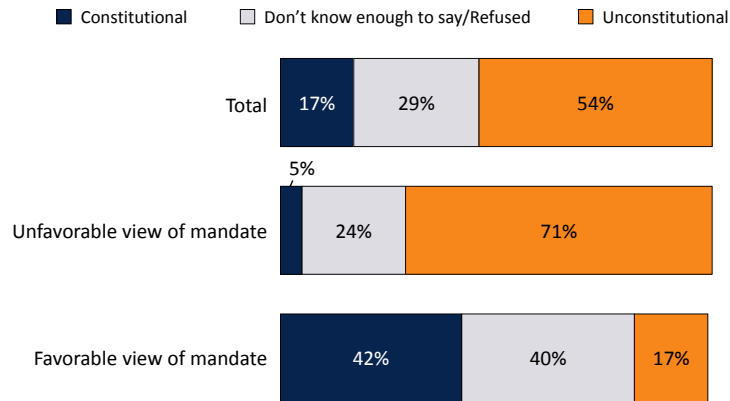
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## Mandate's Opponents Want Court To Rule It Unconstitutional; Supporters More Divided

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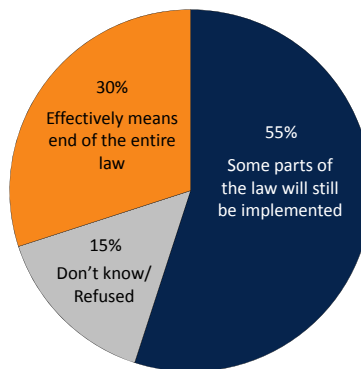
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## What Happens If Court Strikes Down The ACA's Mandate?

If the Supreme Court rules that the federal government cannot require Americans to have health insurance, do you expect some parts of the health care law will still be implemented, or do you think this will effectively mean the end of the entire law?



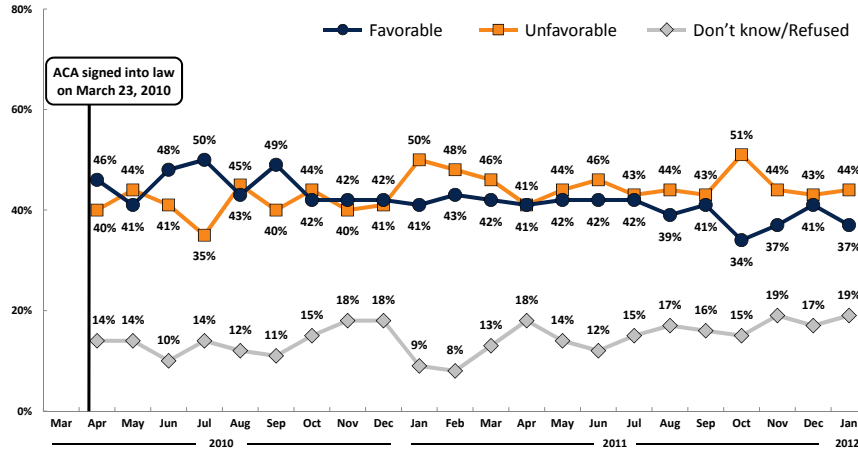
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## Public Remains Largely Split On ACA

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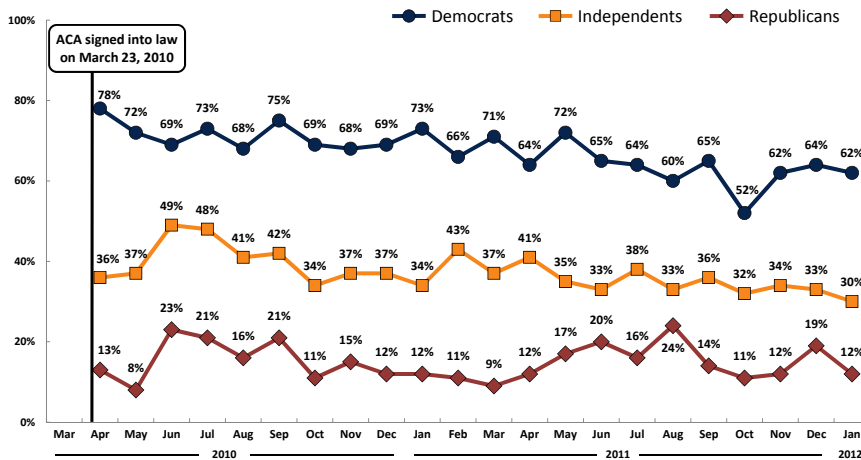
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## Lasting Partisan Gap On ACA Favorability

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



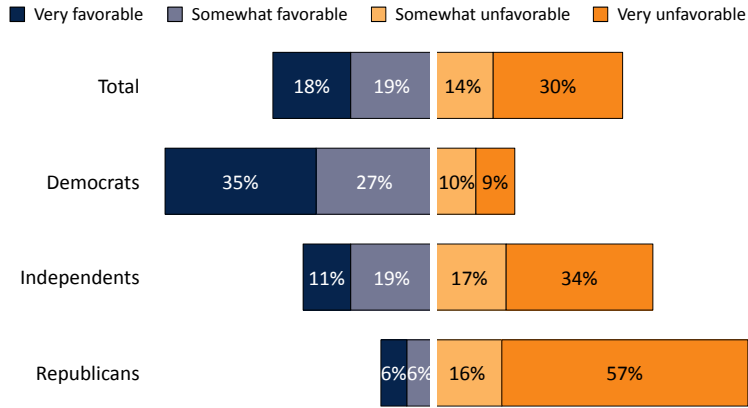
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## Republican Opposition More Intense Than Democratic Support

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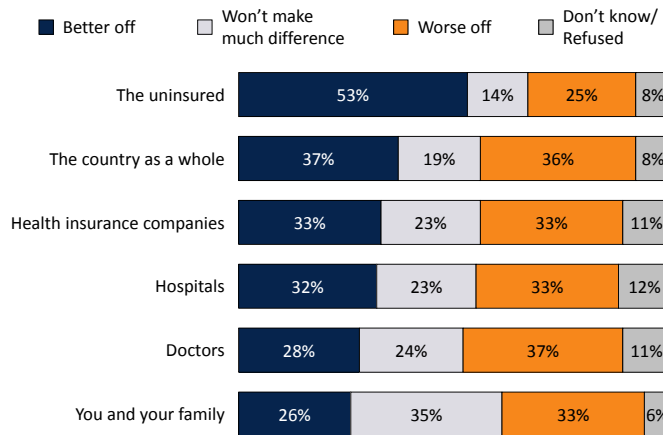
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## Most See Uninsured As Likely To Benefit

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?



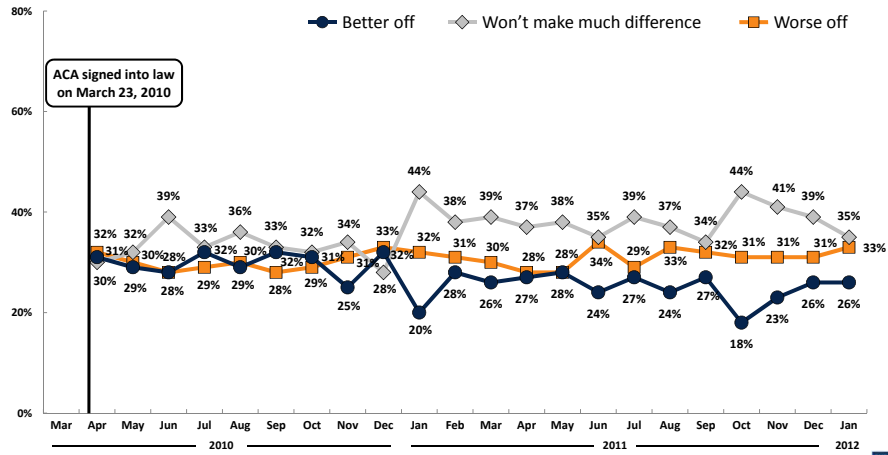
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## Trend In Perception Of Personal Impact Of Law

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



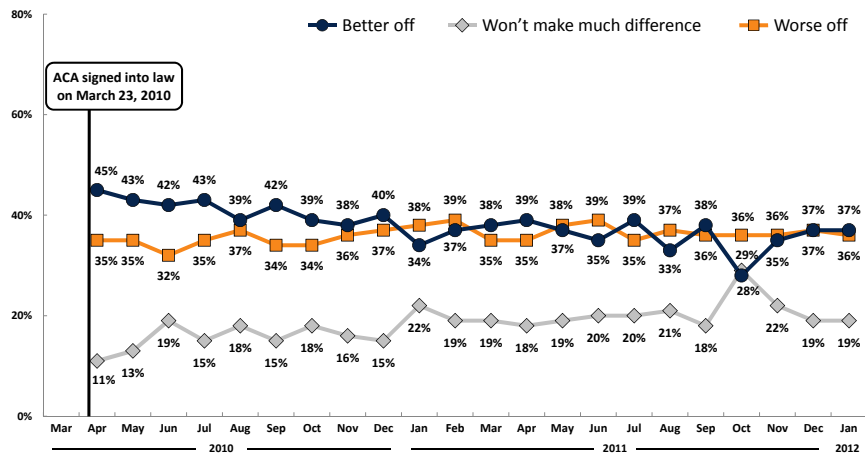
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## Trend In Perception Of Impact Of Law On Country As A Whole

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?



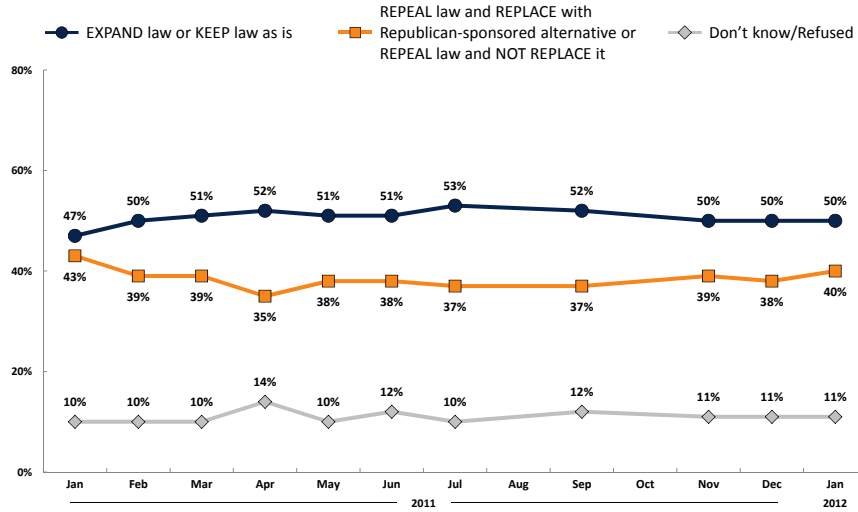
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## Half Want Health Care Law Kept As Is Or Expanded

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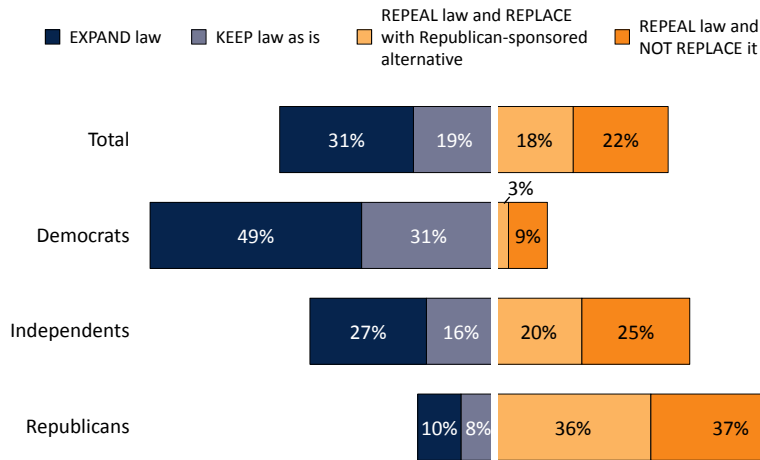
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## Partisan Divisions As To 'What Next' For Health Reform

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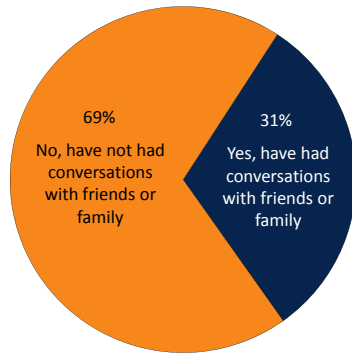
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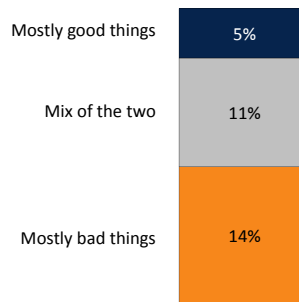


## Reported Conversations About Health Care Law Mostly Negative

During the past 30 days, have you had any conversations with friends or family about the health care law, or not?



Asked of those who say they have had conversations with friends and family: In these conversations about the health care law, have you heard mostly good things about the law, mostly bad things, or a mix of the two?



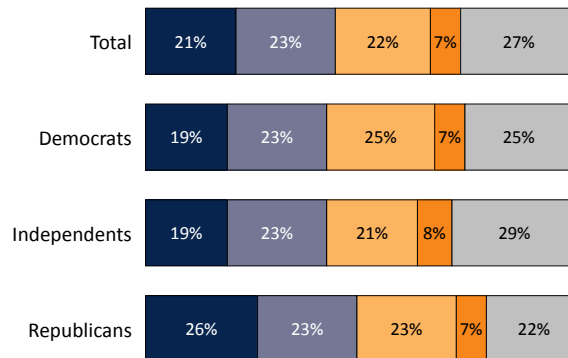
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## More Say Obama And Romney's Views On Health Are Different, Than Similar

Do you think Mitt Romney and Barack Obama have views on health care policy that are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different, or very different?

Very different
  Somewhat different
  Somewhat similar
  Very similar
  Don't know/Refused

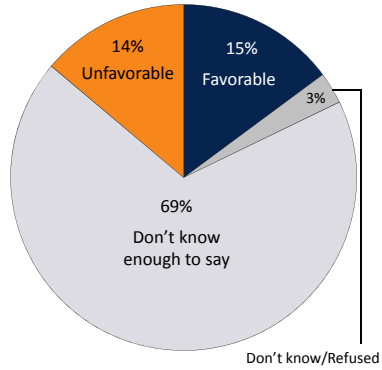


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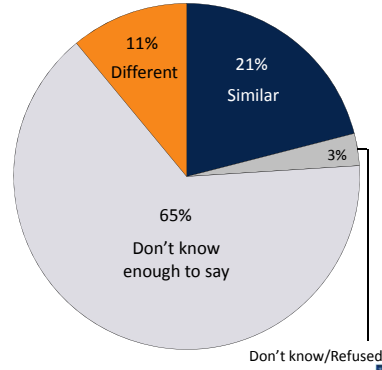


## Public Unfamiliar With Massachusetts's Health Law

As you may know, the state of Massachusetts passed a health reform law in 2006 when Mitt Romney was the state's governor. Given what you know about it, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of the Massachusetts health reform law, or do you not know enough to say?



How similar or different do you think the Massachusetts law is from the national health reform law passed last year? Would you say the two plans are similar, different, or do you not know enough to say?



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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 Liz Hamel, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted January 12-17, 2012, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,206 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (703) and cell phone (503, including 275 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Braun Research, Inc. under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI).

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match census estimates for the national population data on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), region, and telephone usage. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margin of sampling errors for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

The full question wording and methodology of the poll can be viewed online at:

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