

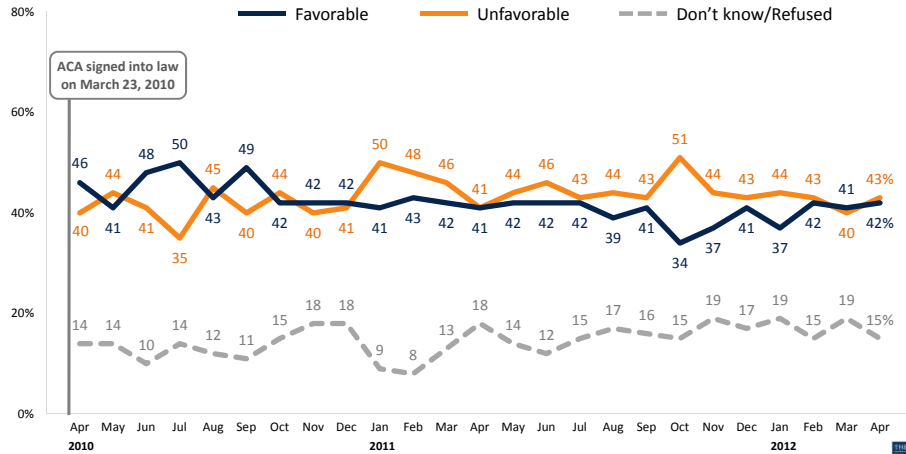
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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: April 2012

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No Change In Overall Views Of ACA After Supreme Court Arguments

As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?



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Favorability Of Provisions Remains Fairly Steady After Oral Arguments

Percent who say they feel favorable about each of the following elements of the health reform law:

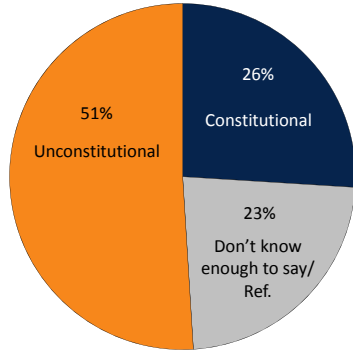
Element of Health Reform Law	April 2012	Before April 2012	Percentage Point Change
Close the Medicare "doughnut hole"	78%	74%**	+4
Extension of dependent coverage	71	71*	0
Individual mandate/penalty	30	32	-2
Medicaid expansion	66	70	-4
Prohibit gender rating	61	65*	-4
Guaranteed issue	60	69	-9
Limit age rating	52	n/a	-

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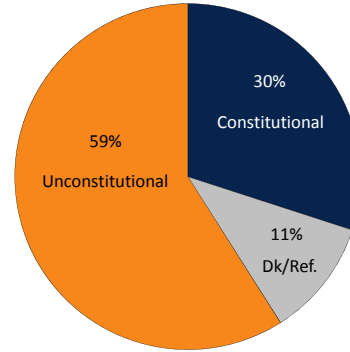


More Than Half Expect Court To Find Mandate Unconstitutional

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?

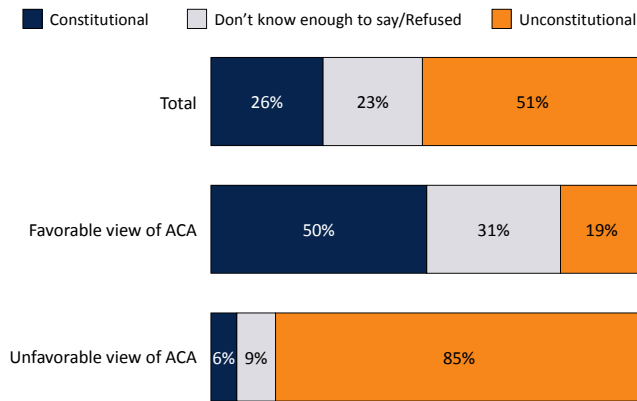


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Opinions On Constitutionality Of Mandate Largely In Line With Views Of ACA

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?



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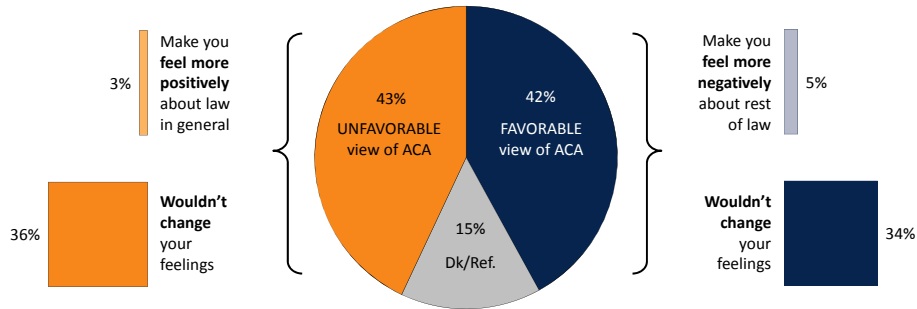


Most Say Court Ruling On ACA Would Not Change Their Views Either Way

Asked of the 43% who have an unfavorable view of the ACA: If the Supreme Court rules that the part of the law requiring all Americans to have health insurance is CONSTITUTIONAL, would that...

Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

Asked of the 42% who have a favorable view of the ACA: If the Supreme Court rules that the part of the law requiring all Americans to have health insurance is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, would that...

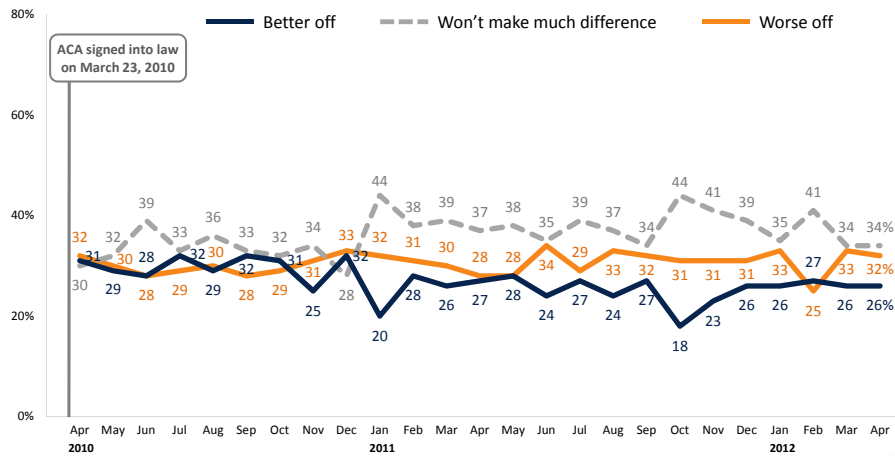


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Public Still Split On Anticipated Personal Impact

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?

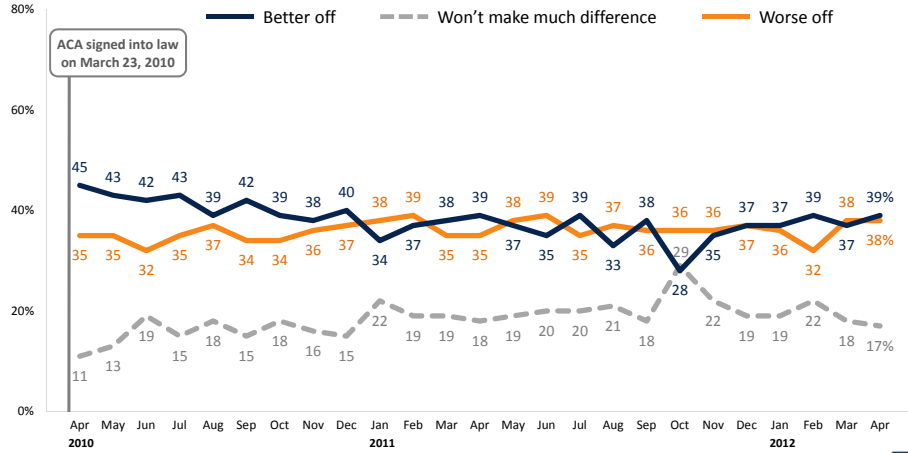


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Will Country Benefit From ACA? Another Lasting Division Of Opinion

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?

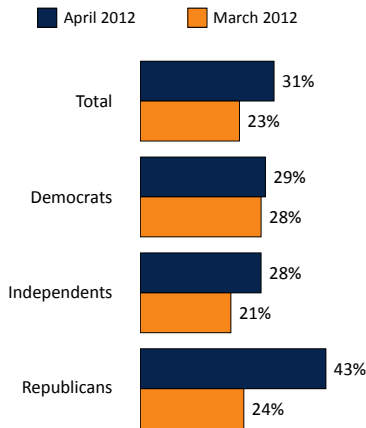


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Confidence In Supreme Court Among Republicans Rises After Oral Arguments

Percent who say they have "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court:



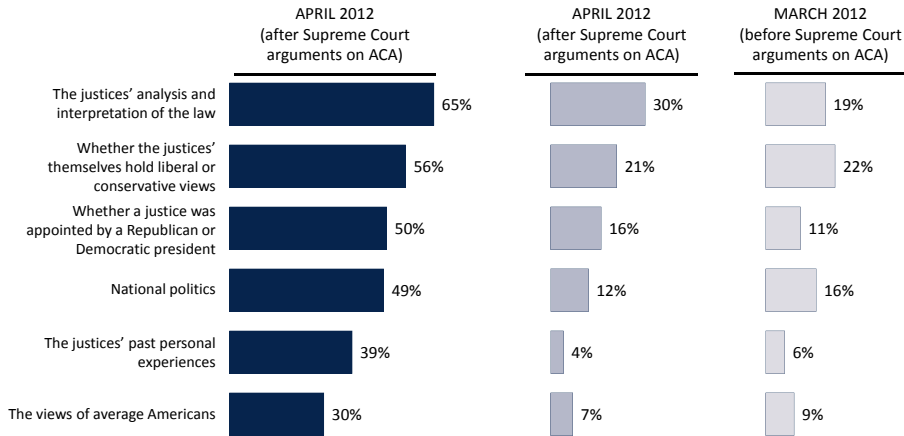
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Public Expects Justices' Analysis Of Law To Play Biggest Role In Decision

Percent who say each of the following will play a MAJOR ROLE in the Supreme Court decision on the case challenging parts of the health care law:

Which of these do you think will play the MOST IMPORTANT ROLE in the Justices' decision on this case?

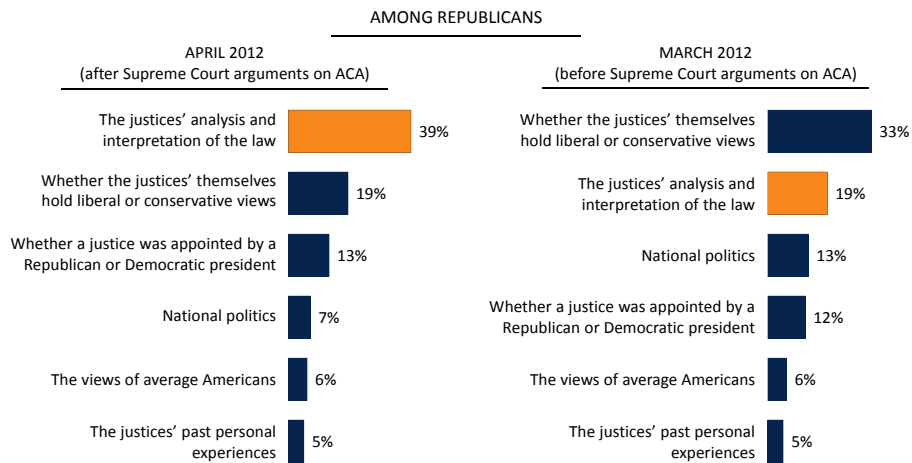


Note: None, Some other factor (vol.) and Don't know/Refused answers not shown.
Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Polls



For Republicans, Belief That Analysis Of Law Will Play Most Important Role In Justices' Decision Doubles

Which of these do you think will play the MOST IMPORTANT ROLE in the Justices' decision on this case?



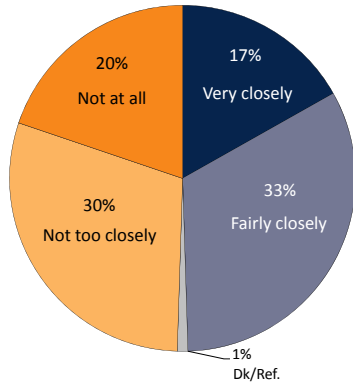
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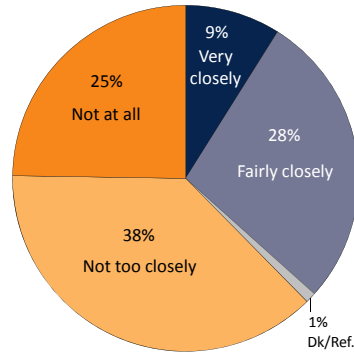
More Following News Of ACA Supreme Court Case

How closely have you been following news about the case before the Supreme Court challenging parts of the health care law?

APRIL 2012
(after Supreme Court arguments on ACA)



MARCH 2012
(before Supreme Court arguments on ACA)

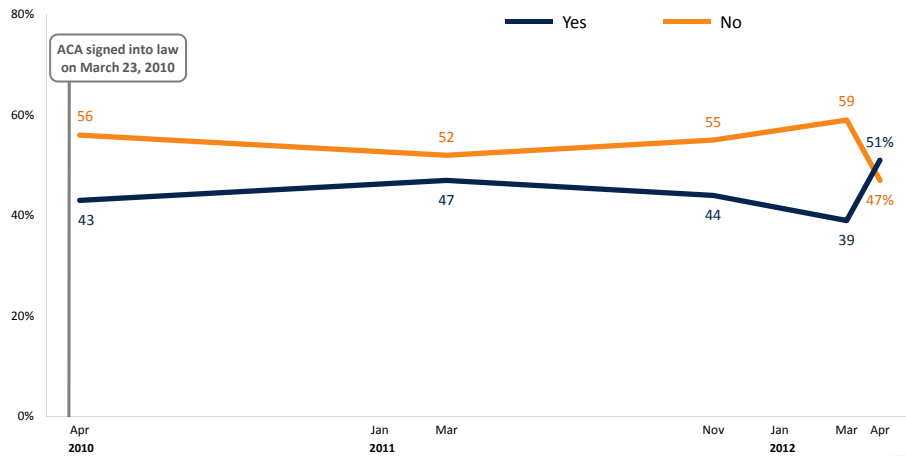


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Month Of High Exposure Leads To Jump In Proportion Who Feel Informed

Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally, or not?



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Change In Awareness Of Some Provisions Of ACA After Arguments

Percent who say that each of the following is included in the health reform law:

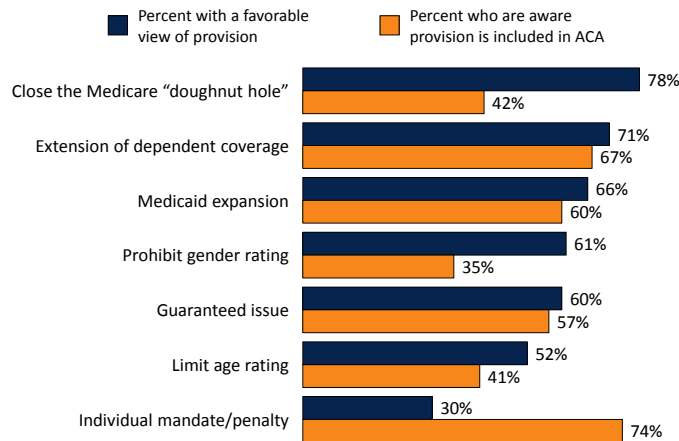
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Individual mandate/penalty	74%	64%	+10
Medicaid expansion	60	54	+6
Guaranteed issue	57	51	+6
Extension of dependent coverage	67	69*	-2
Close the Medicare "doughnut hole"	42	51**	-9
Prohibit gender rating	35	48*	-13
Limit age rating	41	n/a	-

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Comparing Support For Provisions With Awareness Of Their Inclusion In ACA

Percent who say they feel favorable about each of the following and percent who say each is included in the health reform law:

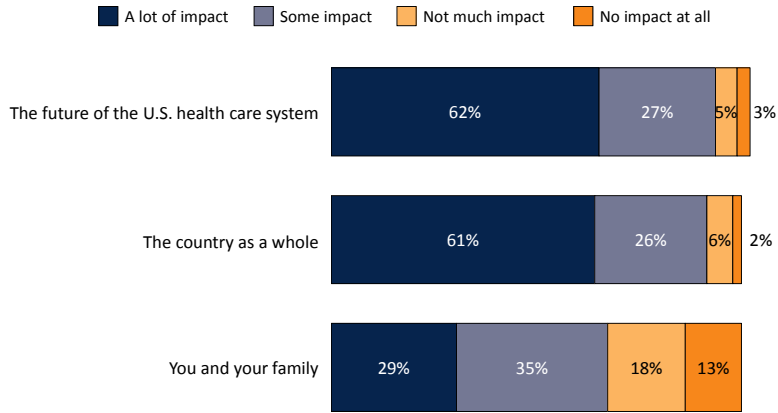


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Few Americans Expect The Supreme Court Decision To Have Big Impact On Their Own Lives

How much impact do you think the Supreme Court's decision on the case challenging parts of the health care law will have on each of the following?

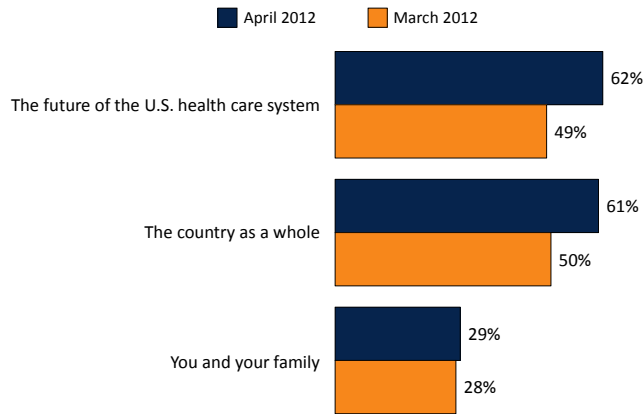


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More Say Case Will Have A Large Impact On Nation, Health Care System

Percent who say they think the Supreme Court's decision on the case challenging parts of the health care law will have "a lot of impact" on each of the following:



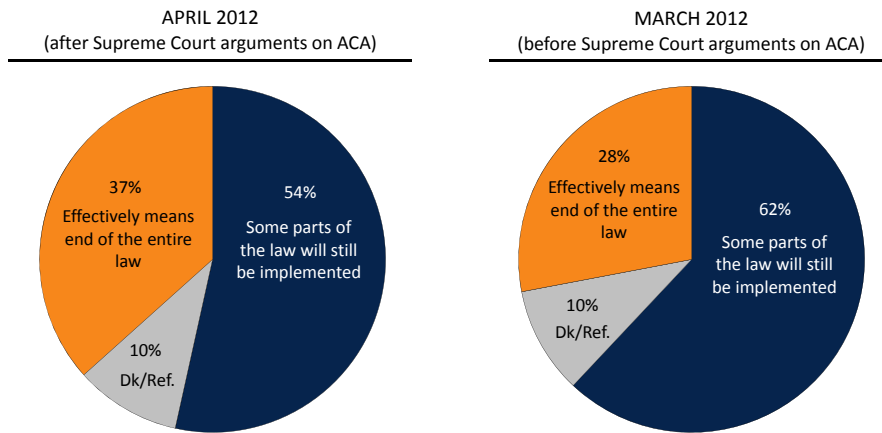
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Fewer, But Still Over Half, Say ACA Will Continue To Be Implemented Even If Court Strikes Down Mandate

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?



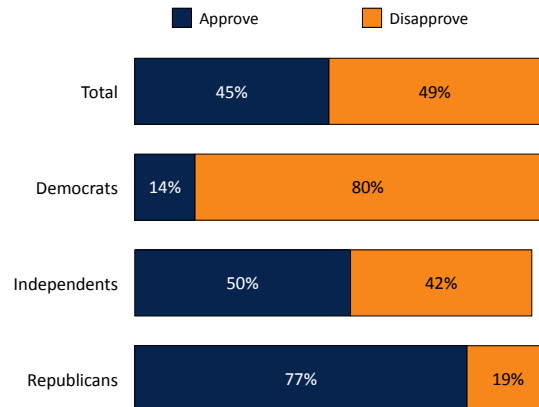
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Hypothetical Reaction To Complete Overturn? Division

What if the Supreme Court strikes down the entire health care law. Would you say you would approve of that, or disapprove?

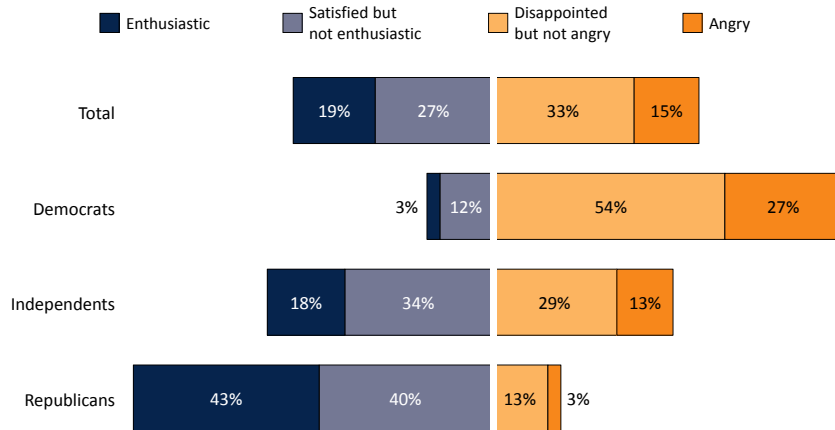


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What If Entire Law Is Struck Down? Public Again Divides On Partisan Lines

If the Supreme Court strikes down the entire health care law, how would you feel about this decision?

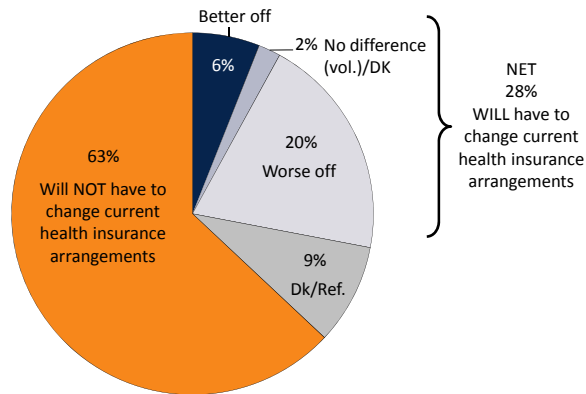


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Among Those Who Expect To Change Current Arrangements, More Say Change Will Leave Them Worse Off Than Better

When the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance goes into effect in 2014, do you think you will have to change your current health insurance arrangements, or not?
 Do you think that change will leave you better off or worse off?



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Half Of Uninsured Say They Will Have To Change Current Health Insurance Arrangements When Mandate Goes Into Effect

When the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance goes into effect in 2014, do you think you will have to change your current health insurance arrangements, or not? Do you think that change will leave you better off or worse off?

	All	Insurance Status	
		Insured <65	Uninsured <65
Will have to change current insurance health arrangements	28%	23%	50%
Better off	6	3	15
Worse off	20	18	30
No difference (vol.)/DK	2	2	5
Won't have to change current health insurance arrangements	63	68	44
Dk/Ref.	9	9	6

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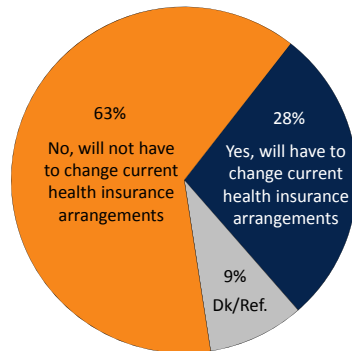


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Those Who Anticipate Change Under Mandate Say They Will Have To Buy Insurance, Pay More For Coverage, Enroll In Medicaid

When the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance goes into effect in 2014, do you think you will have to change your current health insurance arrangements, or not?

Among the 28% who say they will have to change current health insurance arrangements: In what ways will you have to change your health insurance coverage arrangements?



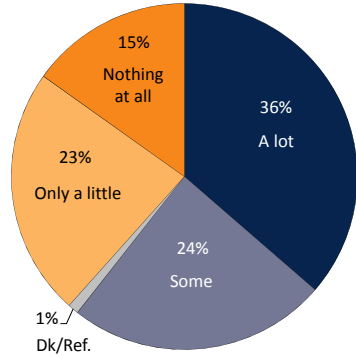
	Percent who mentioned
Will have to buy/get new coverage	45%
Will have to pay more for current insurance	12
Will enroll in Medicaid	10
Will have to pay a fine	9
Quality of coverage	5
Will have to change insurance companies	5

Note: Only responses of 5% or more shown for follow-up question. Other and Don't know/Refused answers not shown.
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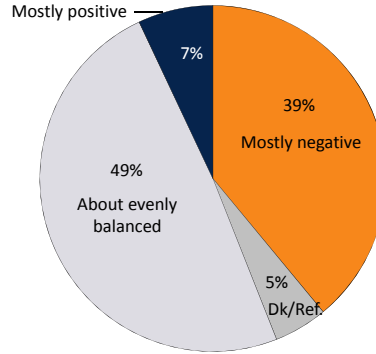


As Supreme Court Hears Arguments, Half Say Media Coverage Of ACA Is Balanced, Four In Ten Say "Mostly Negative"

During the past 30 days, how much have you personally seen, heard, or read in the news about the health reform law?



Among the 83% who have seen, heard, or read at least a little about the health reform law in the news: Has the news coverage you've seen about the health reform law in the past 30 days been...

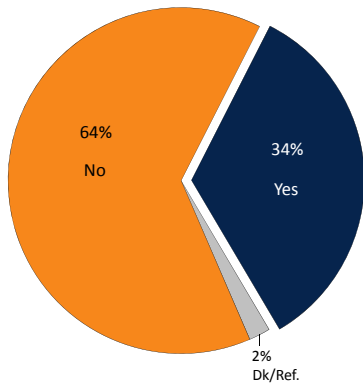


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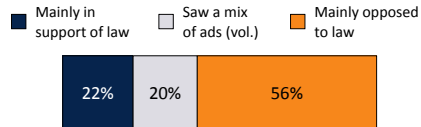
One In Three Saw ACA Ad: More Negative Than Positive

During the past 30 days, did you see or hear any ads or commercials having to do with the health care law, or not?

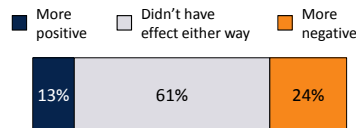


Among the 34% who have seen or heard ads or commercials having to do with the health care law:

As far as you could tell, were those ads mainly in support of the health care law, or mainly opposed to the health care law?



Overall, did those ads about the health care law make you feel more positive about the law, more negative about the law, or did they not have much effect either way?

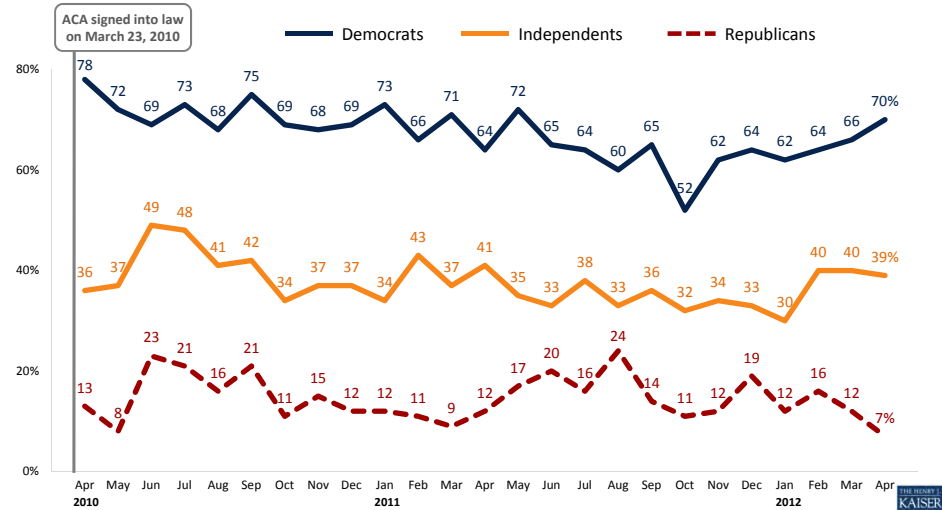


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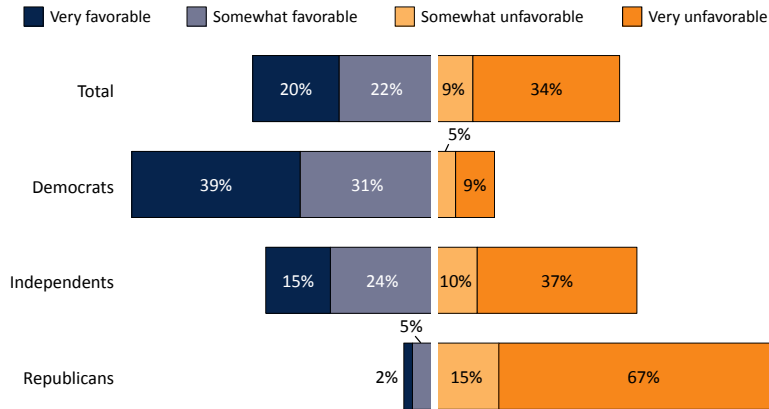
As Election Nears, Partisan Gap Grows Even Wider

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



Republican Opposition Markedly More Intense Than Democratic Support

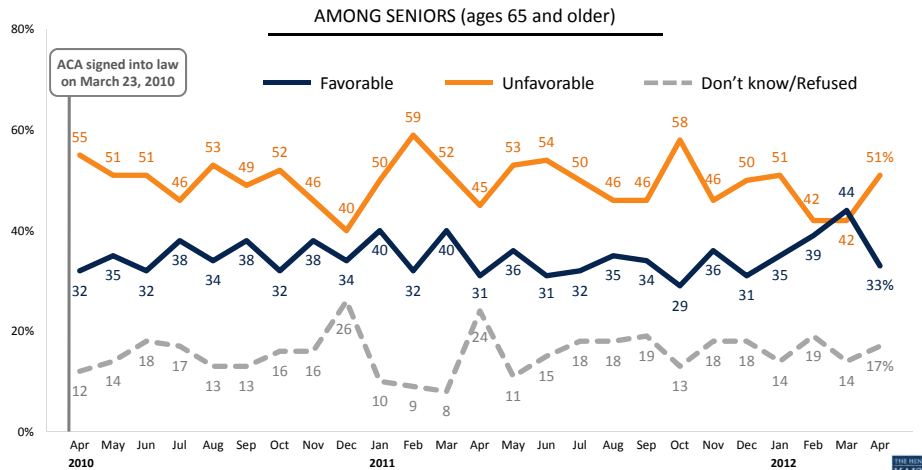
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Negative Views Of ACA Once Again Predominate Among Seniors

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Methodology

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All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting. The margin of sampling error including the design effect is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on 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.

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