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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: April 2012

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 April 4-10, 2012, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,210 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (705) and cell phone (505, including 283 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). Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the person who answered the phone.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population data from the Census Bureau's 2011 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), and region along with data from the 2000 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the January-June 2011 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting. Weighted and unweighted values for key demographic variables are shown in the table below.

Sample Demographics		
	Unweighted	Weight
<u>Gender</u>		
Male	52.6%	50.1%
Female	47.4%	49.9%
<u>Age</u>		
18-24	6.1%	12.0%
25-34	11.3%	15.6%
35-44	13.1%	17.9%
45-54	20.2%	18.5%
55-64	22.1%	16.9%
65+	25.5%	17.7%
<u>Education</u>		
Less than HS Grad.	7.8%	11.9%
HS Grad.	27.3%	34.0%
Some College	23.8%	23.5%
College Grad.	39.8%	29.5%
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>		
White/not Hispanic	71.8%	69.1%
Black/not Hispanic	11.2%	11.7%
Hisp - US born	5.3%	6.5%
Hisp - born outside	5.7%	6.4%
Other/not Hispanic	3.6%	4.3%
<u>Party Identification</u>		
Democrat	32.9%	32.8%
Independent	33.7%	35.0%
Republican	24.1%	22.7%
Other	5.5%	5.7%

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 response rate calculated based on the American Association of Public Opinion Research's Response Rate 3 formula was 24 percent for the landline sample and 21 percent for the cell phone sample.

1. 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? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 ¹	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ²	23	23	10	30	14

¹ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...”

² April 2010 trend wording was “[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)”

2. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) will be (better off) or (worse off) under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: "Will (INSERT ITEM) be (better off) or (worse off) under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?]

		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
a. You and your family						
	04/12	26	32	34	--	8
	03/12	26	33	34	--	7
	02/12	27	25	41	--	7
	01/12	26	33	35	--	6
	12/11	26	31	39	--	5
	11/11	23	31	41	--	5
	10/11	18	31	44	--	6
	09/11	27	32	34	--	7
	08/11	24	33	37	--	6
	07/11	27	29	39	--	5
	06/11	24	34	35	--	7
	05/11	28	28	38	--	6
	04/11	27	28	37	--	8
	03/11	26	30	39	--	5
	02/11	28	31	38	--	3
	01/11	20	32	44	--	4
	12/10	32	33	28	--	7
	11/10	25	31	34	--	9
	10/10	31	29	32	--	7
	09/10	32	28	33	--	7
	08/10	29	30	36	--	5
	07/10	32	29	33	--	6
	06/10	28	28	39	--	5
	05/10	29	30	32	--	9
	04/10	31	32	30	--	8
	03/10 ³	35	32	28	2	3
	02/10	34	32	26	3	5
	01/10	32	33	29	3	4
	12/09	35	27	32	3	3
	11/09	42	24	27	3	4
	10/09	41	27	28	2	3
	09/09	42	23	28	4	3
	08/09	36	31	27	2	4
	07/09	39	21	32	4	3
	06/09	39	16	36	3	5
	04/09	43	14	36	4	4
	02/09	38	11	43	4	3

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³ February 2009 through March 2010 trend wording was "Do you think (INSERT) would be (better off) or (worse off) if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference?"

Q2 continued

		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
b.	The country as a whole					
	04/12	39	38	17	--	6
	03/12	37	38	18	--	7
	02/12	39	32	22	--	7
	01/12	37	36	19	--	8
	12/11	37	37	19	--	7
	11/11	35	36	22	--	7
	10/11	28	36	29	--	7
	09/11	38	36	18	--	8
	08/11	33	37	21	--	9
	07/11	39	35	20	--	6
	06/11	35	39	20	--	6
	05/11	37	38	19	--	6
	04/11	39	35	18	--	9
	03/11	38	35	19	--	7
	02/11	37	39	19	--	5
	01/11	34	38	22	--	5
	12/10	40	37	15	--	8
	11/10	38	36	16	--	10
	10/10	39	34	18	--	9
	09/10	42	34	15	--	9
	08/10	39	37	18	--	6
	07/10	43	35	15	--	7
	06/10	42	32	19	--	6
	05/10	43	35	13	--	9
	04/10	45	35	11	--	9
	03/10	45	34	14	3	4
	02/10	45	34	12	4	5
	01/10	42	37	12	3	5
	12/09	45	31	17	4	3
	11/09	54	27	11	3	5
	10/09	53	28	12	2	4
	09/09	53	26	14	4	4
	08/09	45	34	14	3	4
	07/09	51	23	16	4	6
	06/09	57	16	19	3	5
	04/09	56	15	21	3	5
	02/09	59	12	19	5	5

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

	04/12	03/12	11/11	03/11	04/10
Yes, have enough information	51	39	44	47	43
No, do not have enough information	47	59	55	52	56
Don't know/Refused	1	2	1	1	2

4. During the past 30 days, how much have you personally seen, heard, or read in the news about the health reform law? Have you heard a lot, some, only a little or nothing at all?

	04/12	11/11
A lot	36	18
Some	24	23
Only a little	23	36
Nothing at all	15	22
Don't know/Refused	1	*

5. Has the news coverage you've seen about the health reform law in the past 30 days been mostly (positive), mostly (negative), or about evenly balanced? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who saw, heard, or read at least a little about the health reform law

	04/12	11/11
Mostly positive	7	9
Mostly negative	39	42
About evenly balanced	49	43
Don't know/Refused	5	6
	(n=1,066)	(n=970)

Summary Q4 and Q5 based on total

	04/12	11/11
Heard a lot, some, or only a little about the health reform law	83	77
News coverage has been mostly positive	6	7
News coverage has been mostly negative	33	33
About evenly balanced	41	33
Don't know/Refused	4	5
Heard nothing at all	15	22
Don't know/Refused	1	*

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

	04/12
Yes, saw ads or commercials	34
No, did not see ads or commercials	64
Don't know/Refused	2

7. 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? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who saw or heard ads about the health reform law (n=466)

	04/12
Mainly in support of law	22
Mainly opposed to law	56
Saw a mix of ads in support of and opposed to (VOL.)	20
Don't know/Refused	2

Summary Q6 and Q7 based on total

	04/12
Yes, saw ads or commercials	34
Mainly in support of law	8
Mainly opposed to law	19
Saw a mix of ads in support of and opposed to (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1
No, did not see ads or commercials	64
Don't know/Refused	2

8. 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? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who saw/heard ads about the health reform law (n=466)

	04/12
More positive	13
More negative	24
Didn't have an effect either way	61
Don't know/Refused	2

Summary Q6 and Q8 based on total

	04/12
Yes, saw ads/commercials	34
More positive	5
More negative	8
Didn't have an effect either way	21
Don't know/Refused	1
No, did not see ads/commercials	64
Don't know/Refused	2

9. I'm going to read you a list of specific elements or parts of the law. For each, please tell me whether you think it is included in the health reform law, or not. First, to the best of your knowledge, would you say the health reform law does or does not (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS)? Would you say the law does or does not (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

Items a, c, d, e based on half sample A (n=579)

Items b, f, g, h based on half sample B (n=631)

		Yes, law does this	No, law does not do this	Don't know/Refused
a. Require nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine	04/12	74	18	8
	03/12 omnibus	64	23	14
	11/11	62	27	11
	08/11	65	25	10
	12/10	64	24	11
	06/10 ⁴	67	26	7
	04/10	71	21	8
b. Require nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a fine	04/12	70	22	8
c. Allow children to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26	04/12	67	18	14
	06/10	69	24	7
	04/10	70	21	9
d. Close the Medicare prescription drug "doughnut hole" or coverage gap so seniors will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap	04/12	42	28	30
	11/11	51	27	22
	06/11 ⁵	45	32	23
	07/10	49	30	21

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⁴ Trend wording was: "Require nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine".

⁵ Trend wording for this item was "Gradually close the Medicare prescription drug 'doughnut hole' or 'coverage gap' so people on Medicare will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap".

Q9 continued

		Yes, law does this	No, law does not do this	Don't know/ Refused
e. Prohibit insurance companies from charging women higher premiums than men	04/12	35	39	26
	06/10	48	38	14
	04/10	43	32	25
f. Expand the existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults	04/12	60	26	14
	03/12 omnibus	54	30	16
	11/11 ⁶	53	28	19
	08/11	49	32	19
	12/10	62	20	18
	06/10	66	22	12
	04/10	64	16	20
g. Prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history	04/12	57	28	15
	03/12 omnibus	51	33	15
	11/11 ⁷	58	31	11
	09/11	61	30	9
	12/10	67	25	9
	06/10	70	25	5
	04/10	64	27	10
h. Place a limit on the amount that insurance companies can charge older people compared to younger people	04/12	41	30	29

⁶ Trend wording was "Expand the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children."

⁷ Trend wording was "Prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history or health condition."

10. Next, I'm going to read you several elements of the health reform law. As I read each one, please tell me whether you feel very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable about it. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS). (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Would you say you feel very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable about that?)

Items b, f, g, h based on half sample A (n=579)

Items a, c, d, e based on half sample B (n=631)

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
a.	The law will require nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine					
	04/12	15	15	17	53	1
	03/12	15	17	12	54	2
	11/11	16	19	20	43	2
b.	The law will require nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a fine					
	04/12	15	16	17	51	1
c.	The law allows children to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26					
	04/12	46	25	12	14	2
	06/10	47	24	11	16	2
	04/10	47	27	12	12	1
d.	The law gradually closes the Medicare prescription drug "doughnut hole" or coverage gap so seniors will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap					
	04/12	48	30	10	8	4
	11/11	46	28	10	10	6
e.	The law will prohibit insurance companies from charging women higher premiums than men					
	04/12	45	16	12	24	4
	06/10	42	23	10	23	1
f.	The law will expand the existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults					
	04/12	36	30	15	17	3
	03/12	36	34	12	15	3
	11/11 ⁸	34	35	13	13	6
g.	The law will prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history					
	04/12	42	18	13	23	3
	03/12	45	24	11	17	3
	11/11 ⁹	47	20	12	19	3
h.	The law will place a limit on the amount that insurance companies can charge older people compared to younger people					
	04/12	28	24	19	22	7

⁸ Trend wording was "The law will expand the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children."

⁹ Trend wording was "The law will prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history or health condition."

11. 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?

	04/12
Yes, will have to change health insurance arrangements	28
No, will not have to change	63
Don't know/Refused	9

12. Do you think that change will leave you (better off) or (worse off)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who think they will have to change health insurance arrangements (n=316)

	04/12
Better off	20
Worse off	73
Won't make much difference either way (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	5

Summary Q11 and Q12 based on total

	04/12
Yes, will have to change health insurance arrangements	28
Better off	6
Worse off	20
Won't make much difference either way (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1
No, will not have to change	63
Don't know/Refused	9

13. In what ways will you have to change your health insurance coverage arrangements? (OPEN END)

Based on those who think they will have to change health insurance arrangements (n=316)

	04/12
Will have to buy/get new coverage (NET)	45
Will have to buy/get health insurance	43
Will have to get additional coverage	1
Will have to pay more for current insurance (NET)	12
Premiums will go up/will have to pay more	10
Cost-sharing/co-pays/deductibles will go up	2
Will enroll in Medicaid	10
Will have to pay a fine	9
Quality of coverage (NET)	5
Won't be able to see particular doctor/will have to find new doctor	2
Coverage is going to change (unspecified)	2
Quality of coverage/benefits will go down/Coverage will get worse	1
Coverage will get better (general)	1
Will have to change insurance companies/fewer choices of insurers/insurers will back out of market	5
Will lose coverage you have now/insurance company will drop you	2
Employers will drop/change employees' insurance	1
Other	7
Don't know/Refused	15

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.

Summary Q11 and Q13 based on total

	04/12
Yes, will have to change health insurance arrangements	28
Will have to buy/get new coverage (NET)	12
Will have to buy/get health insurance	12
Will have to get additional coverage	*
Will have to pay more for current insurance (NET)	3
Premiums will go up/will have to pay more	3
Cost-sharing/co-pays/deductibles will go up	1
Will enroll in Medicaid	3
Will have to pay a fine	3
Quality of coverage (NET)	1
Won't be able to see particular doctor/will have to find new doctor	1
Coverage is going to change (unspecified)	*
Quality of coverage/benefits will go down/Coverage will get worse	*
Coverage will get better (general)	*
Will have to change insurance companies/fewer choices of insurers/insurers will back out of market	1
Will lose coverage you have now/insurance company will drop you	1
Employers will drop/change employees' insurance	*
Other	2
Don't know/Refused	4
No, will not have to change	63
Don't know/Refused	9

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.

READ: On another topic...

14. I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one--a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little? What about (INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE)? [READ AS NECESSARY: How much confidence do you have in (ITEM)? A great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little?]

		A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little	None (VOL.)	Don't know/Refused
a. The U.S. Supreme Court	04/12	13	18	40	24	3	2
	03/12	10	13	47	26	3	1
b. Congress	04/12	3	5	34	49	7	2
	03/12	2	4	35	49	8	1
c. The presidency	04/12	20	16	23	32	7	1
	03/12	18	12	28	34	7	1

15. How closely have you been following news about the case before the Supreme Court challenging parts of the health care law? Very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	04/12	03/12
Very closely	17	9
Fairly closely	33	28
Not too closely	30	38
Not at all	20	25
Don't know/Refused	1	1

16. How much impact do you think the Supreme Court’s decision on the case challenging parts of the health care law will have on (INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE)? A lot of impact, some impact, not much impact, or no impact at all? READ FOR 2nd and 3rd items: And how much impact do you think the Supreme Court’s decision will have on (INSERT NEXT ITEM, RANDOMIZE)? [READ IF NECESSARY: A lot of impact, some impact, not much impact, or no impact at all?]

		A lot of impact	Some impact	Not much impact	No impact	Don’t know/ Refused
a. The future of the U.S. health care system	04/12	62	27	5	3	3
	03/12	49	35	7	3	5
b. The country as a whole	04/12	61	26	6	2	5
	03/12	50	38	7	2	3
c. You and your family	04/12	29	35	18	13	5
	03/12	28	36	18	13	6

17. When the Supreme Court rules on the case challenging parts of the health care law, how big of a role do you think each of the following WILL play in their decision? What about (INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE)? Will this play a major role, a minor role, or no role at all in the Justices’ decision on this case? READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM, RANDOMIZE)? [READ AS NECESSARY: Will this play a major role, a minor role, or no role at all in the Supreme Court Justices’ decision on the health care law?]

		Major role	Minor role	No role	Don’t know/ Refused
a. National politics	04/12	49	32	14	4
	03/12	50	35	10	5
b. Whether the Justices’ themselves hold liberal or conservative views	04/12	56	27	11	7
	03/12	51	29	12	7
c. The Justices’ past personal experiences	04/12	39	40	16	6
	03/12	38	39	16	7
d. The Justices’ analysis and interpretation of the law	04/12	65	24	6	5
	03/12	54	31	8	6
e. Whether a Justice was appointed by a Republican or Democratic president	04/12	50	28	17	5
	03/12	44	31	18	6
f. The views of average Americans	04/12	30	36	30	3
	03/12	27	40	30	2

18. Which of these do you think will play the MOST important role in the Justices' decision on this case? (READ ITEMS RATED AS "MAJOR" IN Q17 IN SAME ORDER)

Summary Q17 and Q18 based on total, includes those who rated only one item as "major"

	04/12	03/12
The Justices' analysis and interpretation of the law	30	19
Whether the Justices' themselves hold liberal or conservative views	21	22
Whether a Justice was appointed by a Republican or Democratic president	16	11
National politics	12	16
The views of average Americans	7	9
The Justices' past personal experiences	4	6
None of these/Some other factor (VOL.)	1	1
None will play a major role	8	13
Don't know/Refused	2	3

READ: As you may know, one of the parts of the law that the Supreme Court will rule on is the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance.

19. 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? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	04/12	03/12	01/12
Constitutional	26	28	17
Unconstitutional	51	51	54
Don't know enough to say	21	19	28
Don't know/Refused	2	2	1

20. And do you EXPECT the Supreme Court to rule that the requirement that all Americans have health insurance is (constitutional) or (unconstitutional)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES IN SAME ORDER AS Q19)

	04/12	03/12	01/12
Constitutional	30	33	29
Unconstitutional	59	53	55
Don't know/Refused	11	14	16

21. 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?

	04/12	03/12	01/12
Some parts of the law will still be implemented	54	62	55
Effectively means end of the entire law	37	28	30
Don't know/Refused	10	10	15

22. If the Supreme Court rules that the part of the law requiring all Americans to have health insurance is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, would that make you feel more negatively about the rest of the law, or wouldn't it change your feelings?

Based on those who have a favorable view of the health reform law

	04/12	03/12
Would feel more negatively about the rest of the law	11	14
Wouldn't change your feelings	82	79
Would feel more positively about the rest of the law (VOL.)	2	1
Don't know/Refused	4	5
	(n=505)	(n=496)

Summary Q1 and Q22 based on total

	04/12	03/12
Have favorable view of health reform law	42	41
Would feel more negatively about the rest of the law if ruled that health insurance mandate is unconstitutional	5	6
Wouldn't change feelings	34	32
Would feel more positively about the rest of the law (VOL.)	1	*
Don't know/Refused	2	2
Have unfavorable view of health reform law	43	40
Don't know/Refused	15	19

23. If the Supreme Court rules that the part of the law requiring all Americans to have health insurance is CONSTITUTIONAL, would that make you feel more positively about the law in general, or wouldn't it change your feelings?

Based on those who have an unfavorable view of the health reform law

	04/12	03/12
Would feel more positively about the law in general	7	9
Wouldn't change your feelings	81	80
Would feel more negatively about the law in general (VOL.)	10	8
Don't know/Refused	1	3
	(n=554)	(n=529)

Summary Q1 and Q23 based on total

	04/12	03/12
Have unfavorable view of health reform law	43	40
Would feel more positively about the law in general if ruled that health insurance mandate is constitutional	3	4
Wouldn't change feelings	36	32
Would feel more negatively about the law in general (VOL.)	5	3
Don't know/Refused	1	1
Have favorable view of health reform law	42	41
Don't know/Refused	15	19

24. What if the Supreme Court strikes down the ENTIRE HEALTH CARE LAW. Would you say you would (approve) of that, or (disapprove)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	04/12
Approve	45
Disapprove	49
Would not care (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	5

25. And if the Supreme Court strikes down the entire health care law, how would you feel about this decision? Would you feel (ROTATE ORDER 1-4,4-1)?

	04/12
Angry	15
Disappointed but not angry	33
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	27
Enthusiastic	19
Some other emotion (VOL.)	1
Would not care (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	2

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

D1. Record respondent's sex

Male	50
Female	50

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	4
Retired	19
On disability and can't work	6
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	6
Don't know/Refused	1

D4. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

Covered by health insurance	80
Not covered by health insurance	19
Don't know/Refused	1

D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your or your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,015)

Plan through your/your spouse's employer	54
Plan you purchased yourself	11
Medicare	20
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	6
Some other government program	4
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	1
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary D4 and D4a based on total

Covered by health insurance	80
Employer or spouse's employer	43
Self-purchased plan	9
Medicare	16
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	5
Other government program	3
Somewhere else	1
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	19
Don't know/Refused	1

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...

18-29	18
30-49	35
50-64	28
65 and older	18
Don't know/Refused	1

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican	23
Democrat	33
Independent	35
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	6
Don't know/Refused	4

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	36
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	19

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Democrat	33
Independent Lean Democratic	13
Independent/Don't lean	18
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	23
Undesignated	1

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	24
Moderate	35
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	6

D8c. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement	24
No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement	67
Don't know/Refused	9

D9. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

Yes	78
No	20
Don't know/Refused	1

D10. How often would you say you vote...always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

Based on registered voters (n=1,002)

Always	57
Nearly always	28
Part of the time	10
Seldom	4
Never vote (VOL.)	1
Other (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary D9 and D10 based on total

Yes, registered to vote	78
Always vote	45
Nearly always vote	22
Vote part of the time	8
Seldom vote	3
Never vote (VOL.)	1
Other (VOL.)	*
Don't know how often	*
No, not registered	20
Don't know/Refused	1

D11. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

None, or grade 1-8	3
High school incomplete (grades 9-11)	9
High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	31
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	3
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	24
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	18
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	12
Don't know/Refused	1

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	69
Total non-White	29
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	13
Asian, non-Hispanic	2
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	2
Undesignated	2

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Based on Hispanics (n=133)

U.S.	45
Puerto Rico	3
Another country	50
Don't know/Refused	2

D14. Last year—that is, in 2011—what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	17
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	16
Don't know/Refused	11

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.

Trend Information:

03/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 29 – March 5, 2012)
03/12 omnibus: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll Omnibus Supplement* (March 1-4, 2012)
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12/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 8-13, 2011)
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01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)
12/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 1-6, 2010)
11/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 3-6, 2010)
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