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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll:  
Early Reaction to Supreme Court Decision on the ACA***

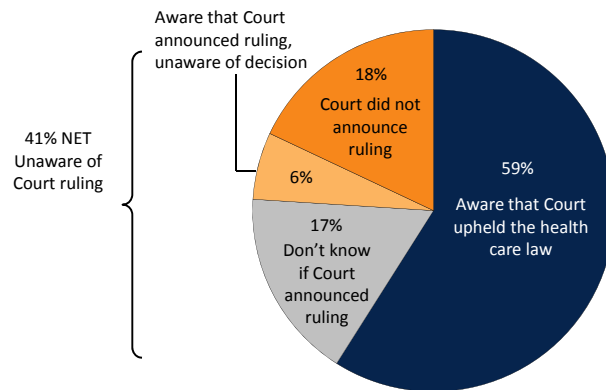
June 2012

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## Six In Ten Aware That Supreme Court Upheld ACA

To the best of your knowledge, has the United States Supreme Court announced their final ruling on the case challenging parts of the health care law, or not? As far as you know did the Supreme Court decide to strike down the health care law or uphold the health care law?



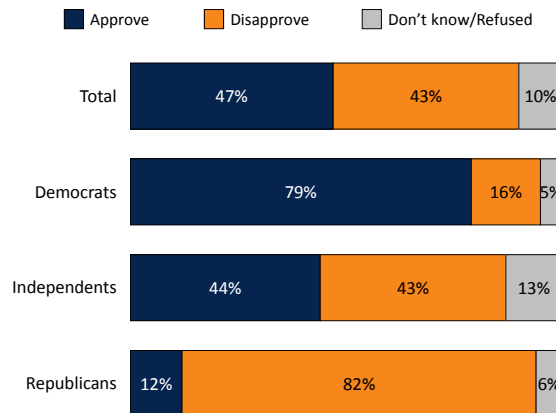
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## Public Divided Along Party Lines On Supreme Court Decision

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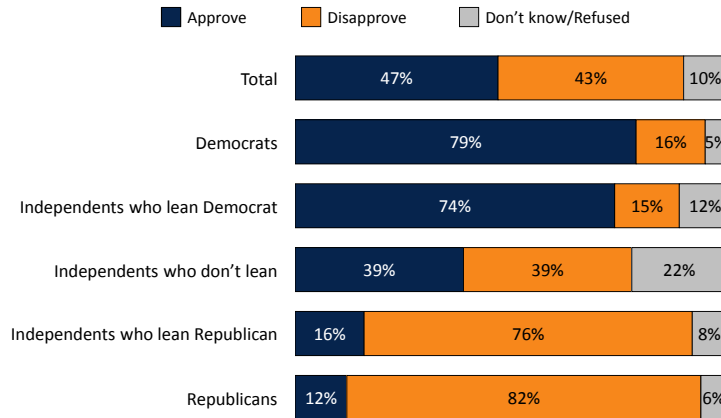
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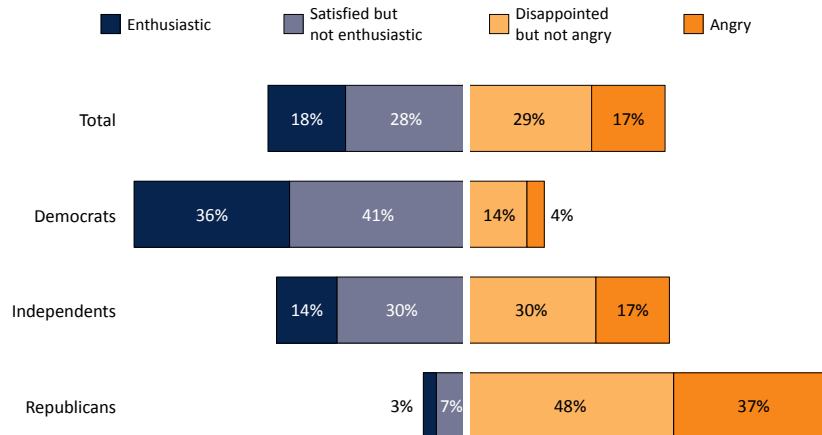
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## Equal Levels Of Democratic Enthusiasm And Republican Anger

Overall, how would you say you feel about the Court's decision?



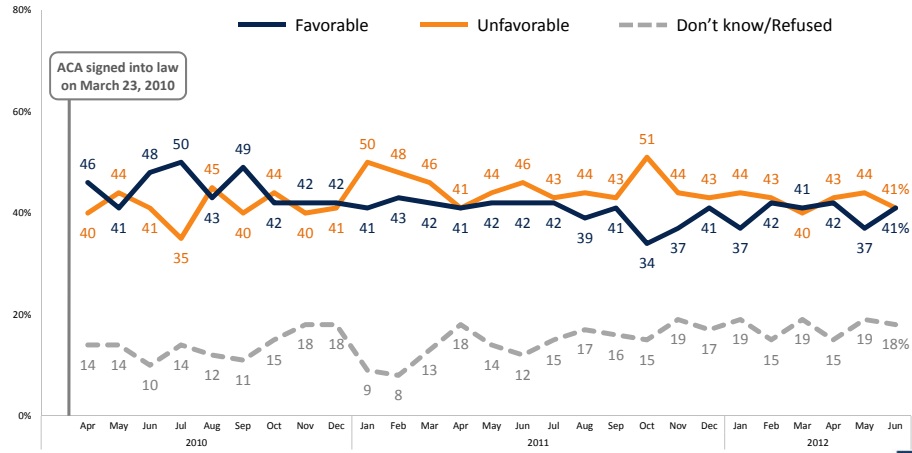
Note: Some other emotion (vol.), Don't care (vol.) and Don't know/Refused answers not shown.  
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## Views On ACA Remain Evenly Split After Supreme Court Decision

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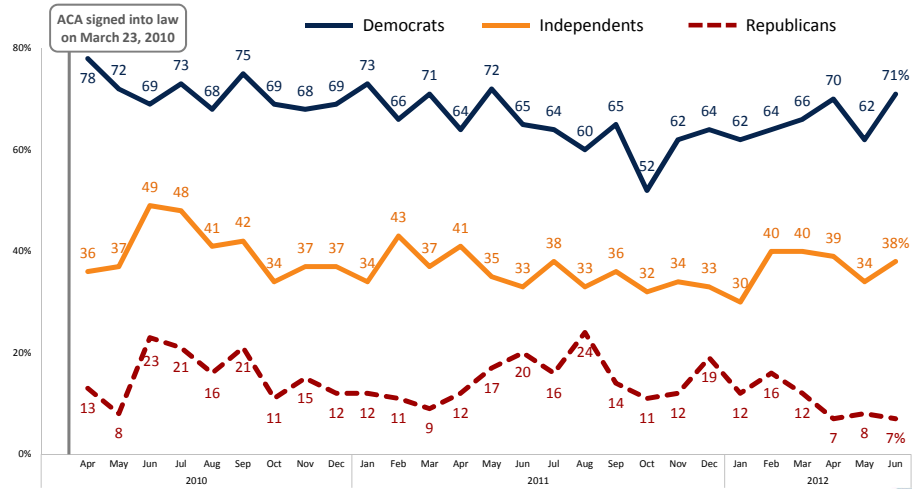
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## Lasting Partisan Divide Continues

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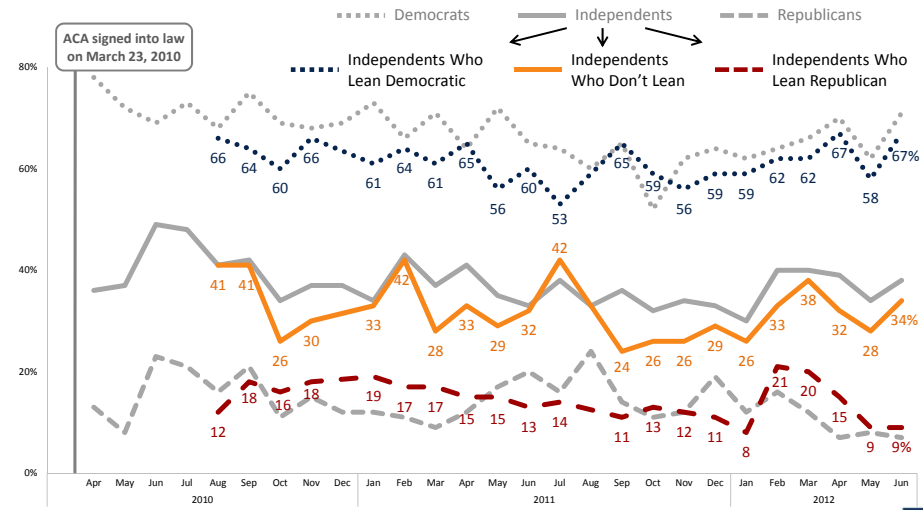


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## On ACA, Independents Who Lean Still Look Like Partisans

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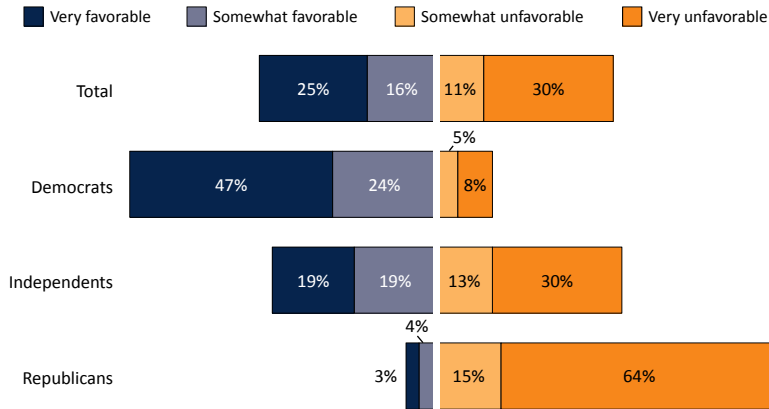


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## Republicans' Intense Opposition Outstrips Democrats' Strong Support

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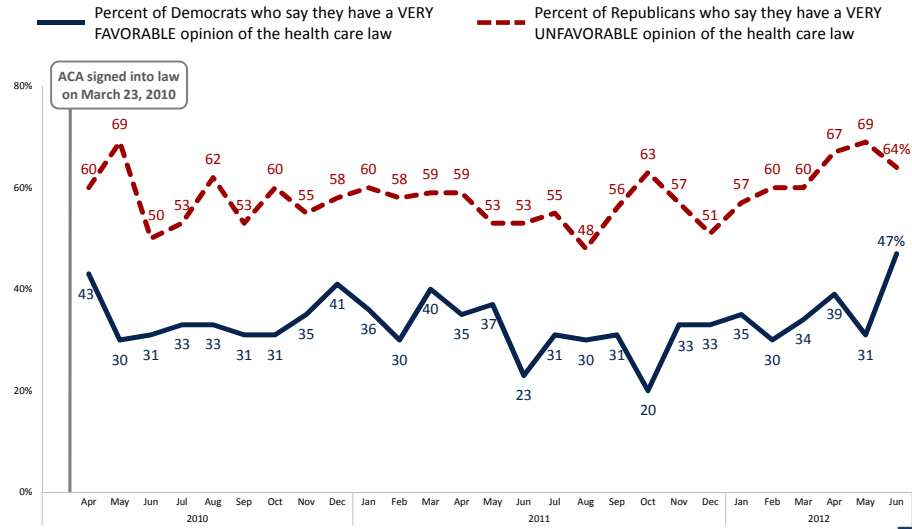
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## Intense Republican Opposition To ACA Continues, But Surge In Democratic Enthusiasm For Law



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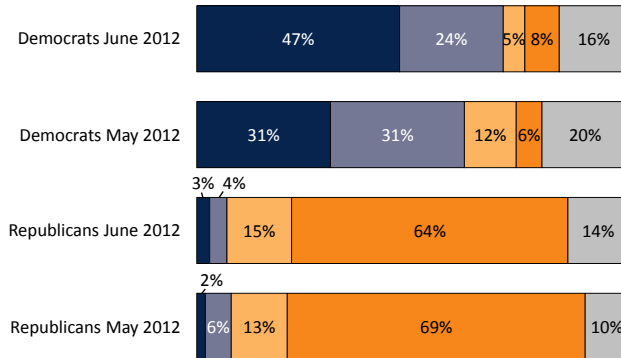


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## More Democrats Feel Strong Support For Law After Supreme Court Decision, Strong Republican Opposition Remains Steady

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Legend:  
 ■ Very favorable ■ Somewhat favorable ■ Somewhat unfavorable ■ Very unfavorable ■ Don't know/Refused



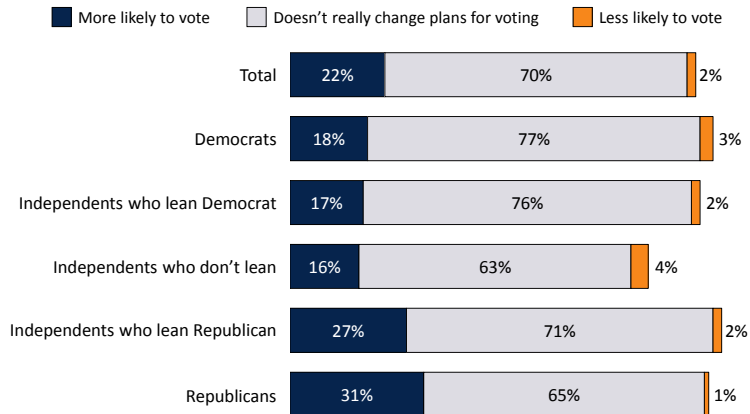
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## Republicans More Likely Than Democrats to Say Court Decision Will Motivate Them to Vote

Does this decision by the Supreme Court make you more likely to vote this November than you otherwise would have been, less likely to vote than you otherwise would have been, or does it not really change your plans for voting?



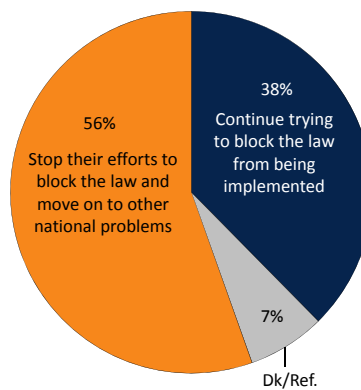
Note: Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote (vol.) and Don't know/Refused answers not shown.  
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## Majority Say Opponents Of ACA Should Move On To Other Issues

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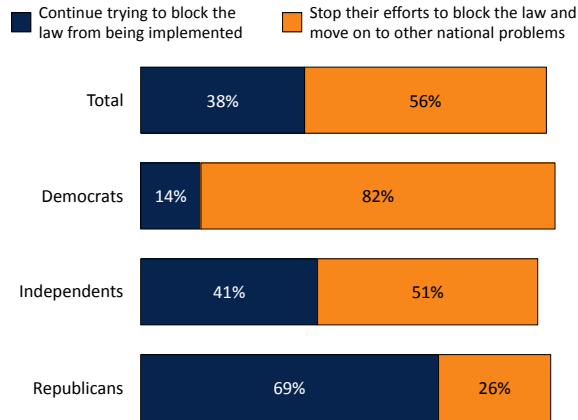


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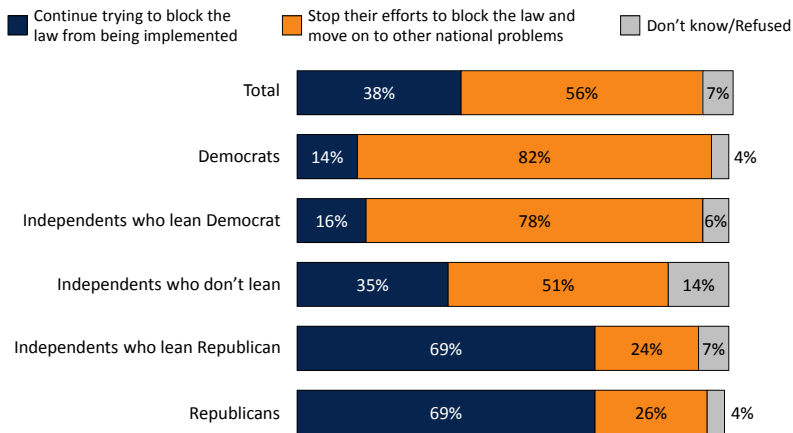


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### Half Of Independents Who Don't Lean Toward Any Party Say Opponents Should Move On To Other National Problems

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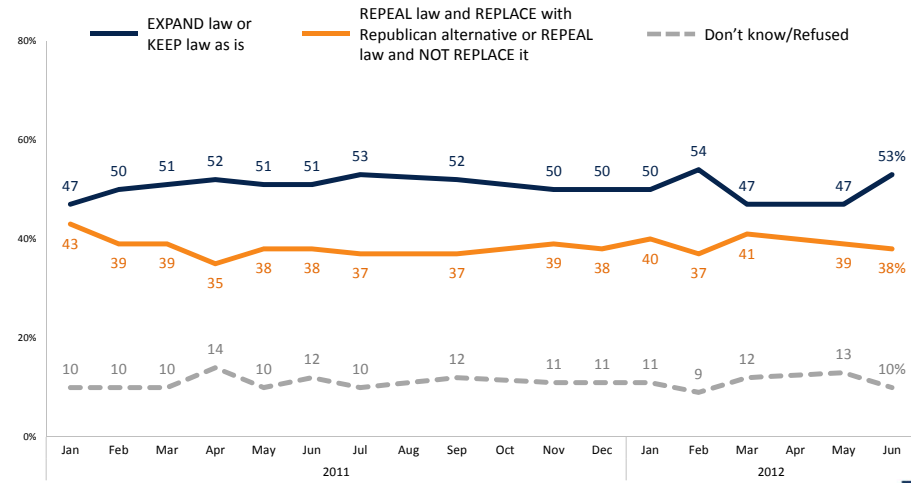




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## After Supreme Court Announcement, Views On Future Of ACA Relatively Steady

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



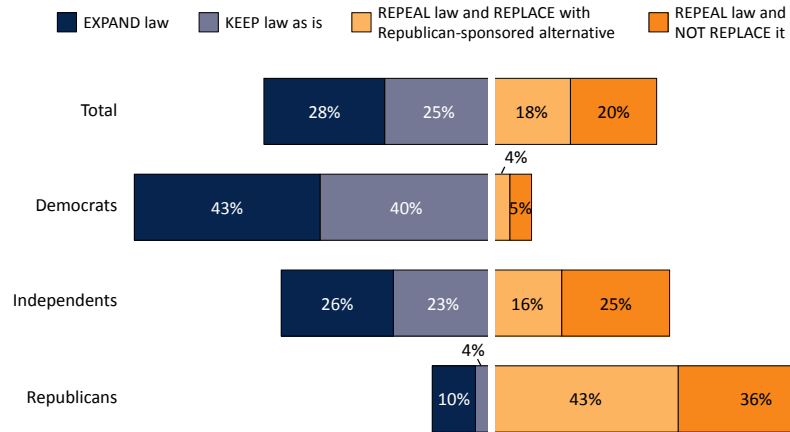
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## Partisans Disagree On Next Steps For Health Reform Law

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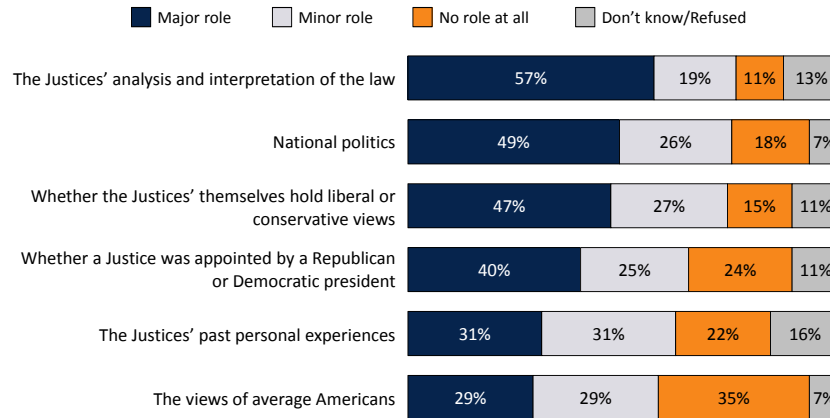
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## Legal Analysis, Politics Played Major Role In Decision; Americans' Views And Justices' Personal Experiences Less So

How big of a role do you think each of the following played in the Supreme Court's decision in the case challenging parts of the health care law?



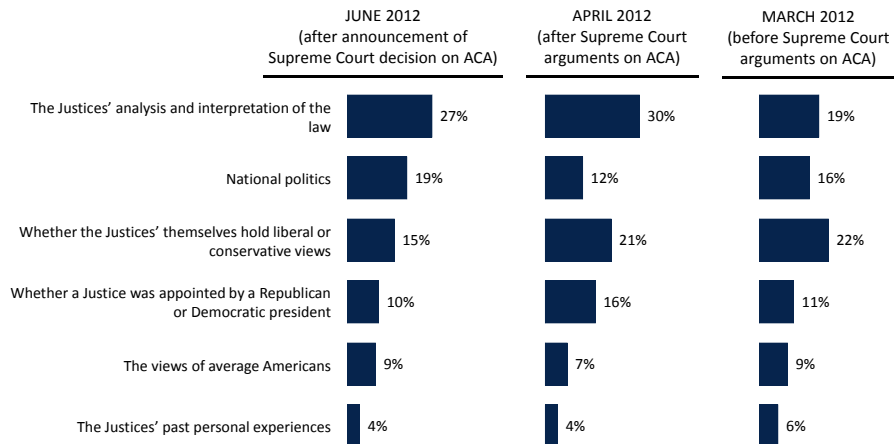
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## Analysis Of Law Most Important Factor In Decision, Politics Second

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



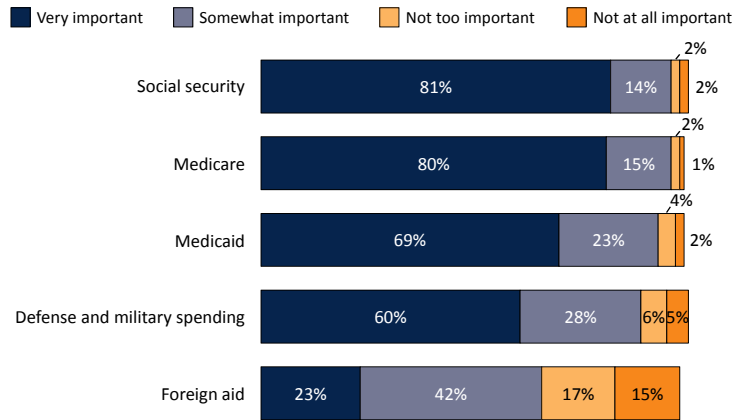
Note: Trend question wording changed from April 2012. See Topline <http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8329.cfm> for question wording. None of these/Some other factor (vol.), None played a major role, and Don't know/Refused answers not shown.

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## Public Overwhelmingly Says Entitlement Programs Are Important

I'm going to read you a list of federal government programs and for each one, please tell me how important you think this program is.



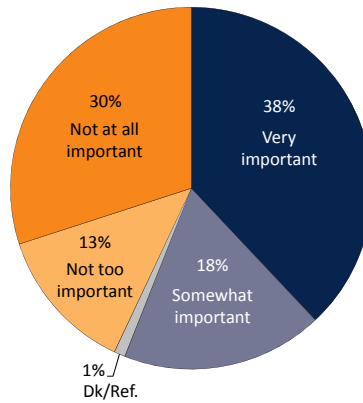
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## Over Half Say Medicaid Is Important To Their Own Family

How important for you and your family is the Medicaid program?

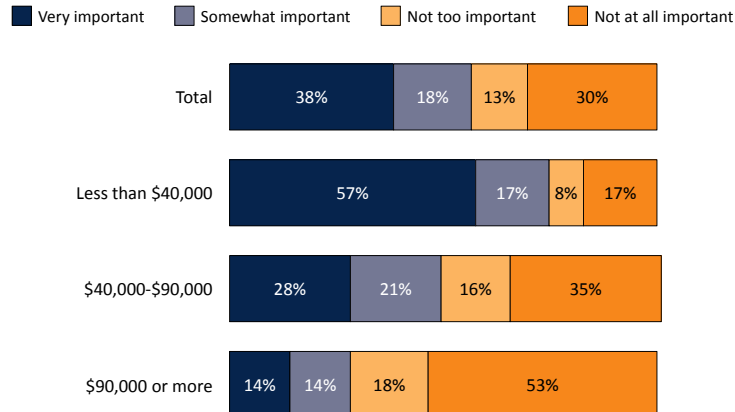


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## Importance Of Medicaid To Own Family Varies By Household Income

How important for you and your family is the Medicaid program?



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## Methodology

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Early Reaction to Supreme Court Decision on the ACA* is the first of two polls to be released this month looking at public opinion on the Affordable Care Act in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in the case challenging the law. The 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 June 28-30, 2012, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,239 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. Interviews conducted by landline (712) and cell phone (527, including 314 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 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 is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on other 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.

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