

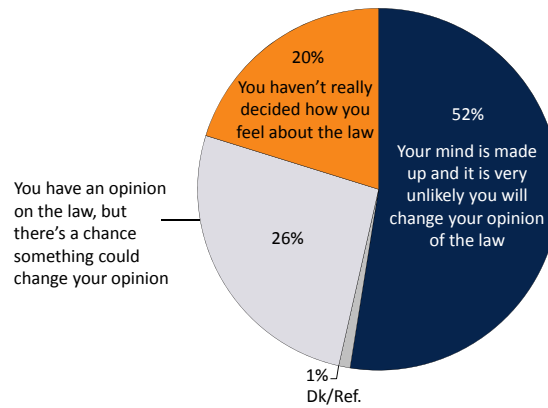
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## *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: July 2012*

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## Half Say Mind Is Made Up On ACA, But Still Room For Persuasion

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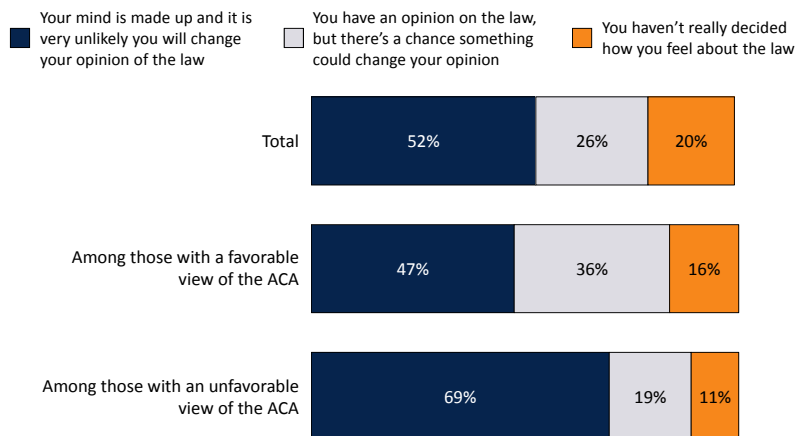
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## Opponents More Likely To Say They Won't Change Their Mind On ACA

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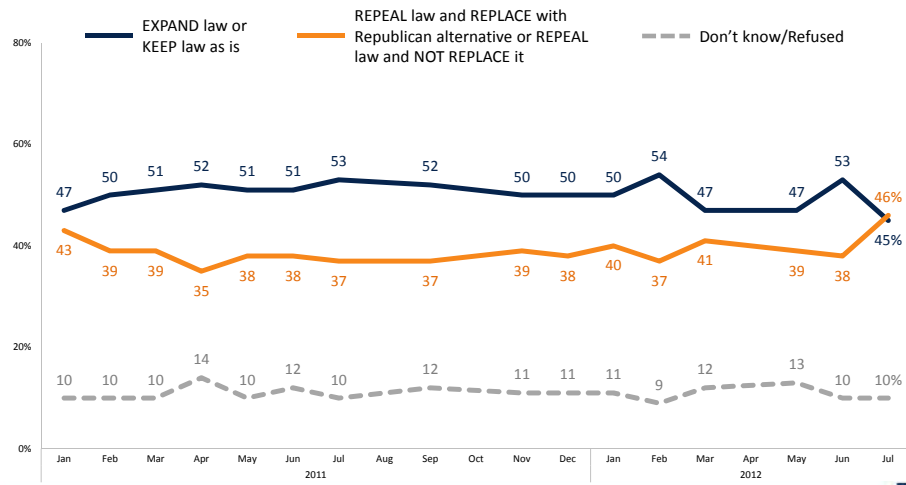
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## Views On Congress' Next Steps Evenly Split This Month

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



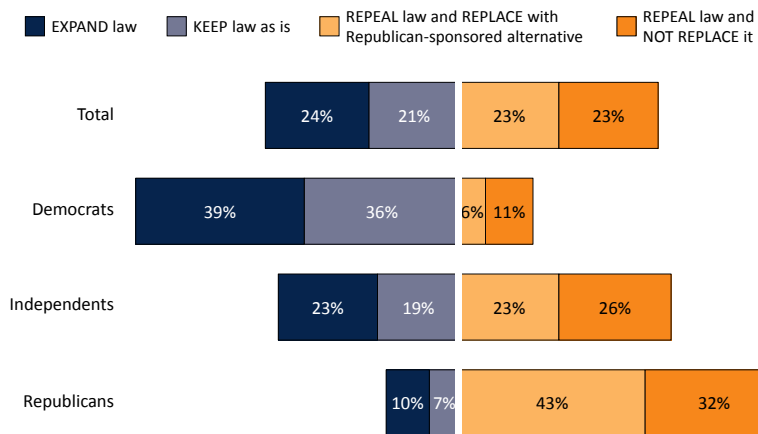
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## Partisans Disagree On Next Steps For Health Reform Law

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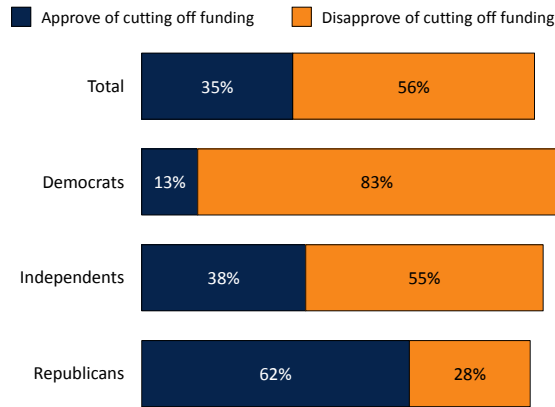
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## Majority Disapprove Of Cutting Off Funding For Implementation

Some lawmakers who oppose the health reform law say that if Congress isn't able to repeal the law, they should try to stop it from being put into place by cutting off funding to implement it. Whether or not you like the health reform law, would you say you approve or disapprove of cutting off funding as a way to stop some or all of health reform from being put into place?



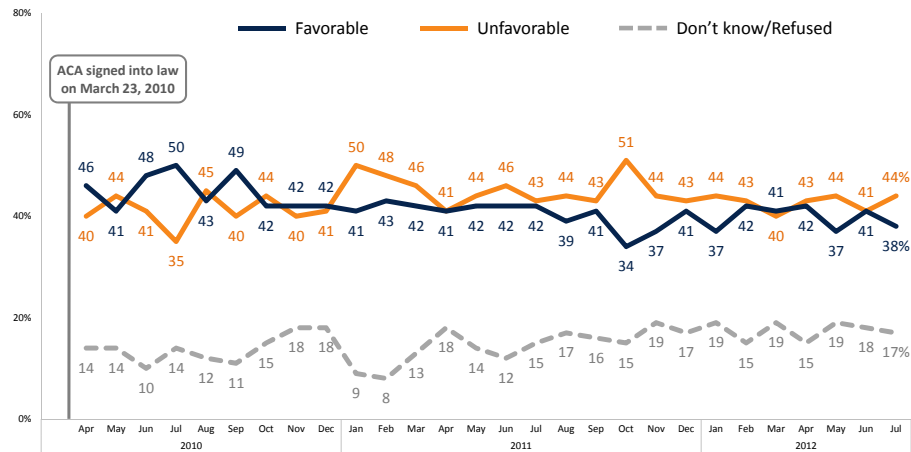
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## Still Divided On ACA, But Unfavorable Views Slightly Outweigh Favorable

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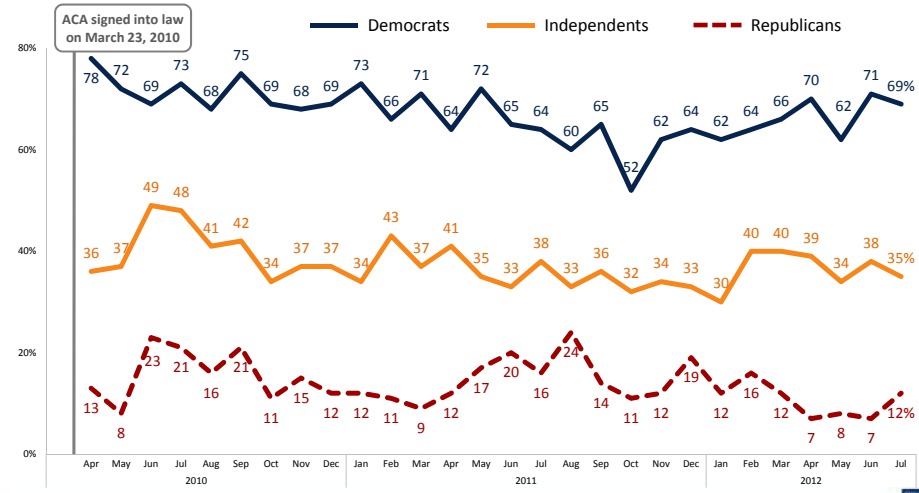
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## Chronic Partisan Divide Over ACA

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



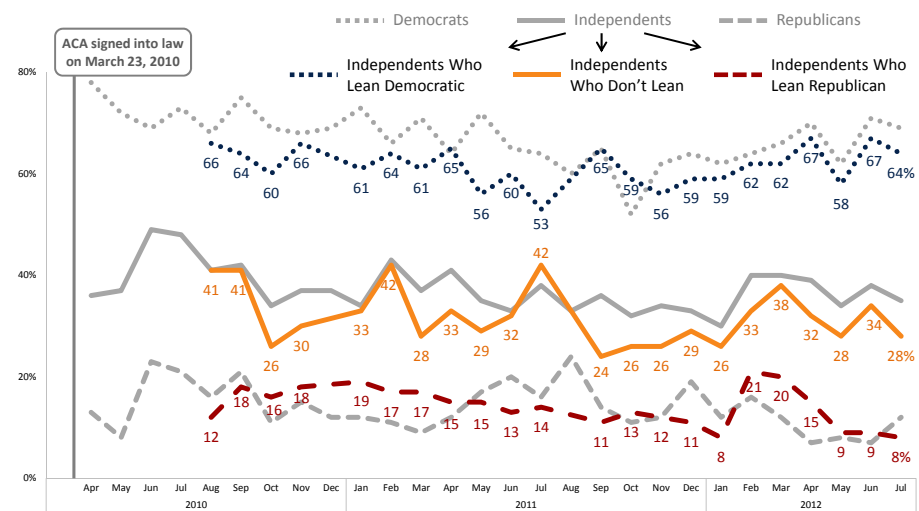
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## On ACA, Independents Who Lean Still Look Like Partisans

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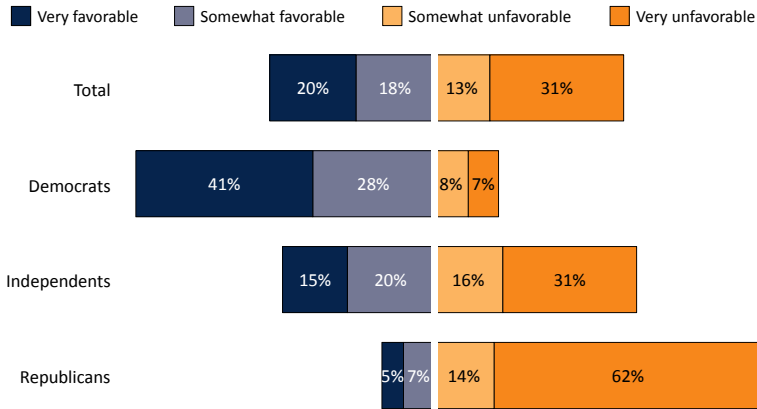


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## Large Share Of Republicans Intense In Their Opposition To ACA

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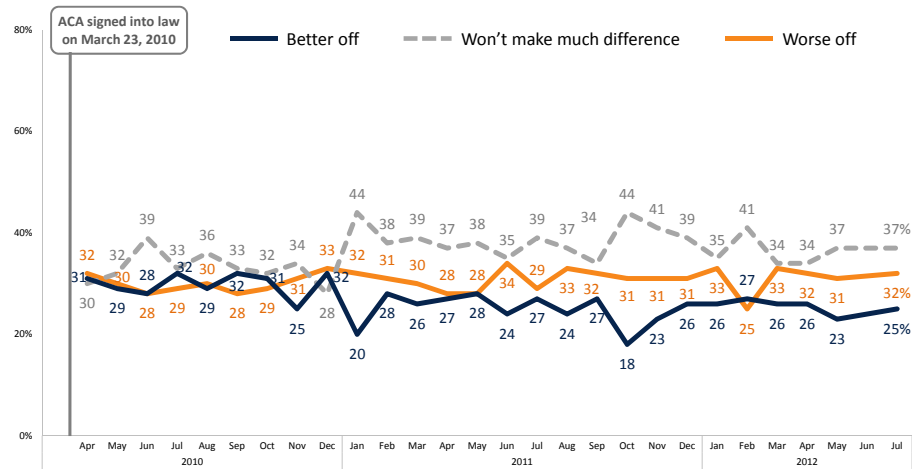


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## Plurality Anticipate No Personal Impact

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?

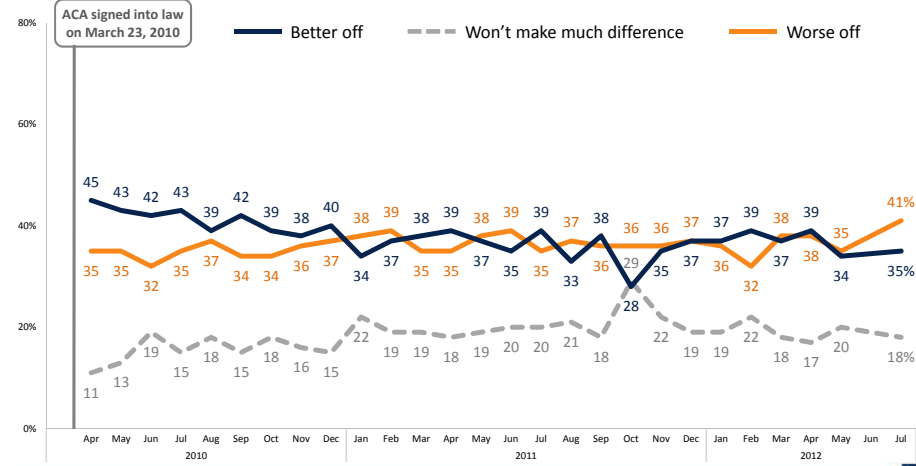


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## Will Country Benefit From ACA? Another Lasting Division Of Opinion

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?

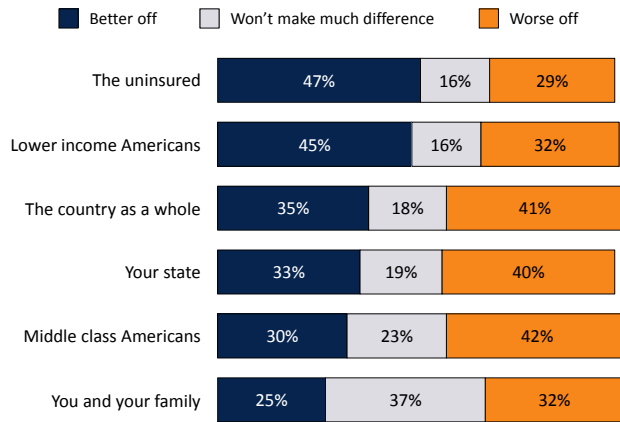


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## Uninsured And Low-income Seen As Most Likely To Benefit

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?



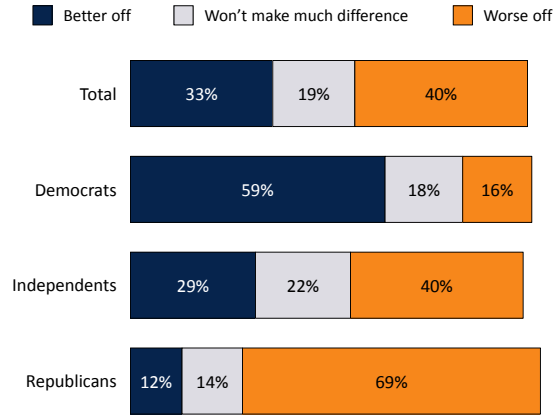
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## Most Democrats Expect Their State Will Be Better Off Under ACA, Most Republicans Say Worse Off

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



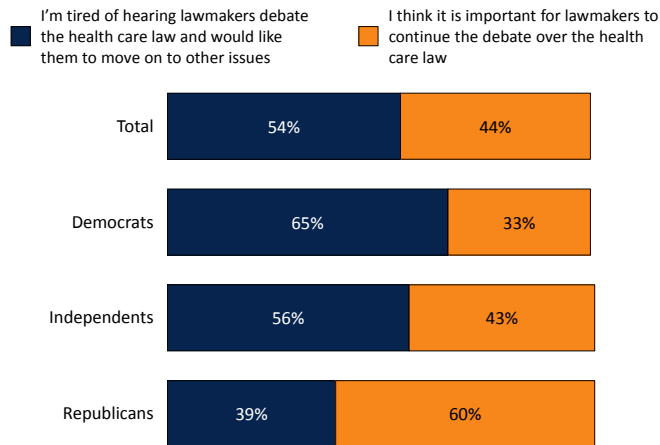
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## Should Debate End Now? By Party ID

Which comes closer to your view:



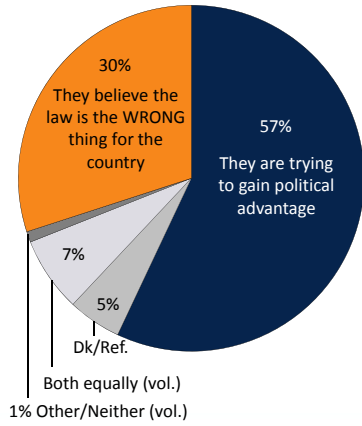
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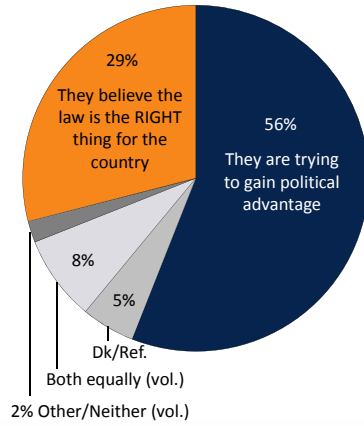


## Most Americans See Lawmakers On Both Sides As In It For Themselves

When lawmakers who **OPPOSE** the health care law speak out against it, do you think they are doing so more because:



When lawmakers who **SUPPORT** the health care law speak out in favor of it, do you think they are doing so more because:

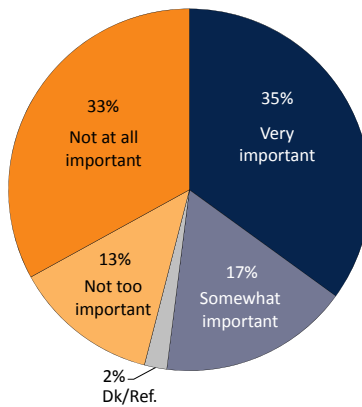


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## Half Say Medicaid Is Important To Their Own Family

Next, I'd like to ask you some questions about Medicaid, which is the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children. How important for you and your family is the Medicaid program?\*



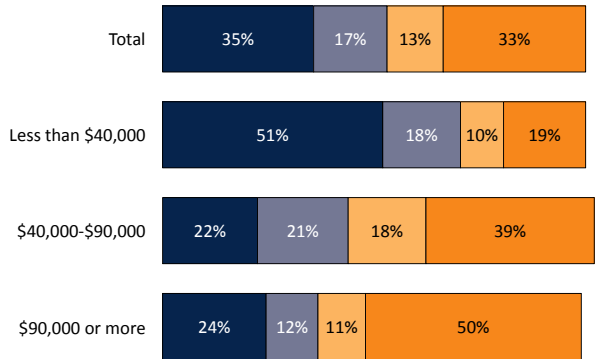
\*Respondents were asked about "the Medicaid program, which may also be known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME]" since actual Medicaid program names and insurance options vary from state to state.  
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## Importance Of Medicaid To Own Family Varies By Household Income

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

Very important    Somewhat important    Not too important    Not at all important

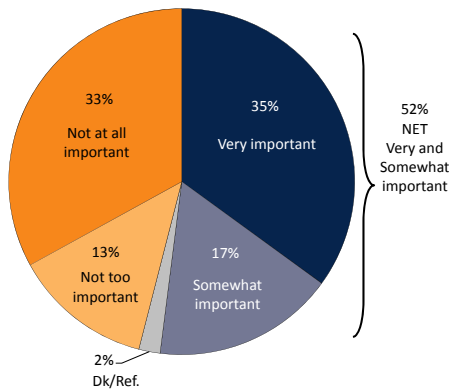


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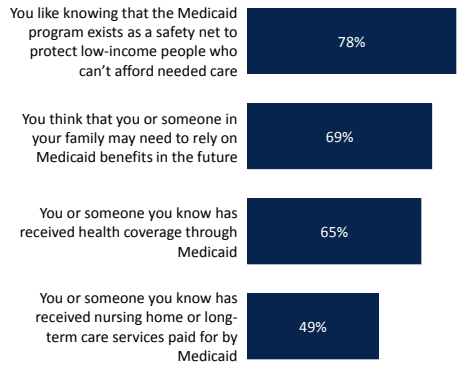


## Promise Of Safety Net Tops Reasons For Valuing Medicaid

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



Among the 52% who say Medicaid is very or somewhat important to their family, the percent who say each of the following is a major reason why Medicaid is important:

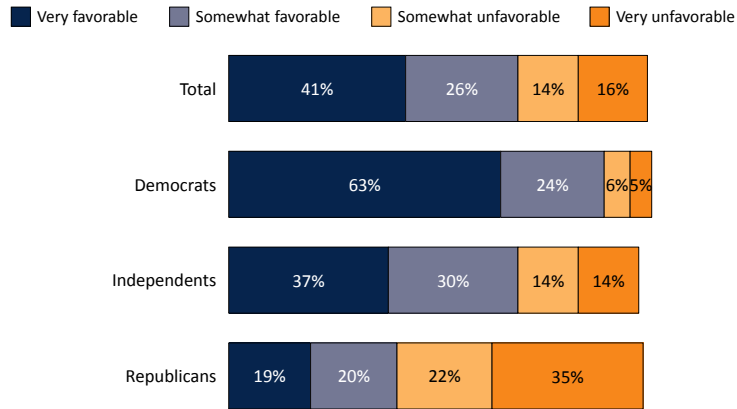


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## Most Support Medicaid Expansion As General Concept

The health reform law will expand the existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults. Would you say you feel very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable about that?

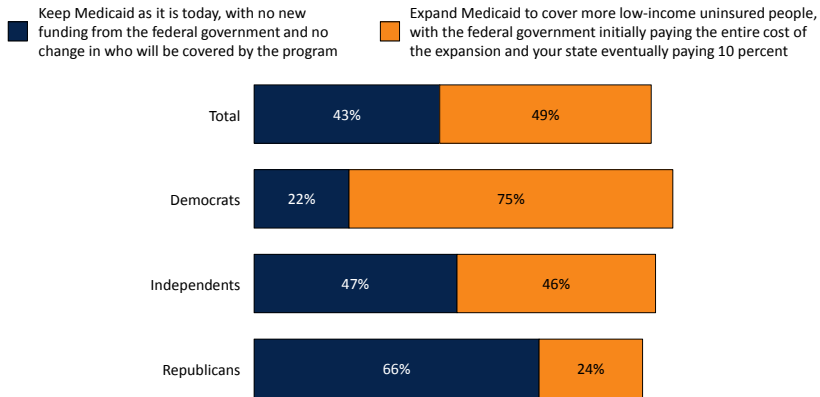


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## Views On Whether Own State Should Expand Medicaid Under ACA

As you may know, the health care law expands Medicaid to provide health insurance to more low-income uninsured adults, including adults with no children whose incomes are below about \$16,000 a year. The federal government will initially pay the entire cost of this expansion, and after several years, states will pay 10 percent and the federal government will pay 90 percent. The Supreme Court ruled that states may choose whether or not to participate in this expansion. What do you think your state should do?



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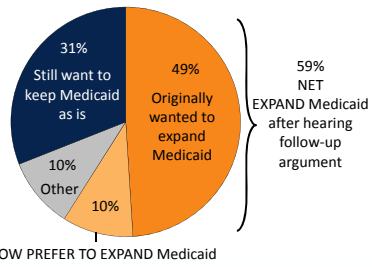
## Some Room To Move On Views Of State Medicaid Expansion

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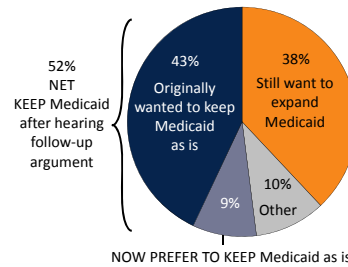
**ASKED OF THOSE WHO WANT TO KEEP MEDICAID AS IT IS TODAY:**

What if you heard that this would mean many low-income people in your state would be left without health insurance, and your state would be giving up additional federal dollars for covering its uninsured residents? Would you still prefer to keep Medicaid as it is today, or would you prefer to expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people in your state?



**ASKED OF THOSE WHO WANT TO EXPAND MEDICAID:**

What if you heard that this expansion would require your state to spend more money on Medicaid, even though the federal government would be picking up most of the cost? Would you still prefer to expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people in your state, or would you now prefer to keep Medicaid as it is today?

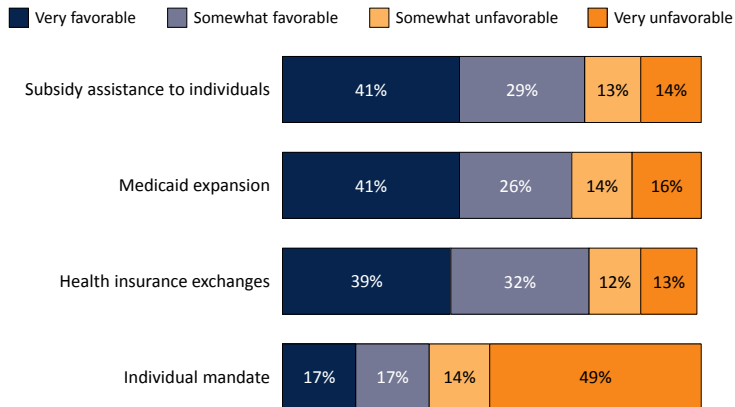


Note: "Other" includes Other/Neither (vol.) and Don't know/Refused answers combined.  
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## Exchanges, Subsidies, Medicaid Expansion Receive Majority Support; But Most Continue To Oppose Individual Mandate

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.



Note: Response wording abbreviated. See Topline: <http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8339.cfm> for complete wording. Don't know/Refused answers not shown.  
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## Support For Individual Provisions By Party ID

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

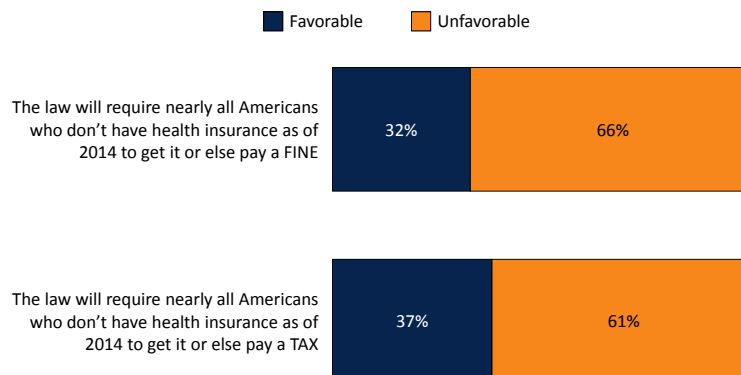
	Total	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Health insurance exchanges	71%	86%	70%	56%
Subsidy assistance to individuals	70	90	70	45
Medicaid expansion	67	87	67	39
Individual mandate	34	59	30	18

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## Views On Individual Mandate Don't Change Whether Called 'Fine' Or 'Tax'

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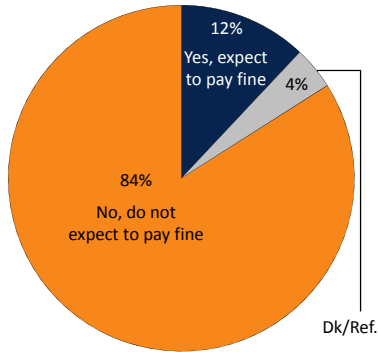
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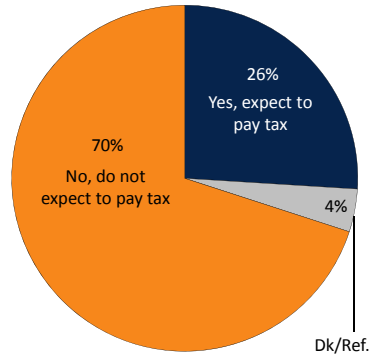
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## Most Don't Expect To Pay Penalty, But More Expect To When Framed As A Tax

When the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance or else pay a FINE goes into effect in 2014, do you expect to have to pay that FINE, or not?



When the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance or else pay a TAX goes into effect in 2014, do you expect to have to pay that TAX, or not?



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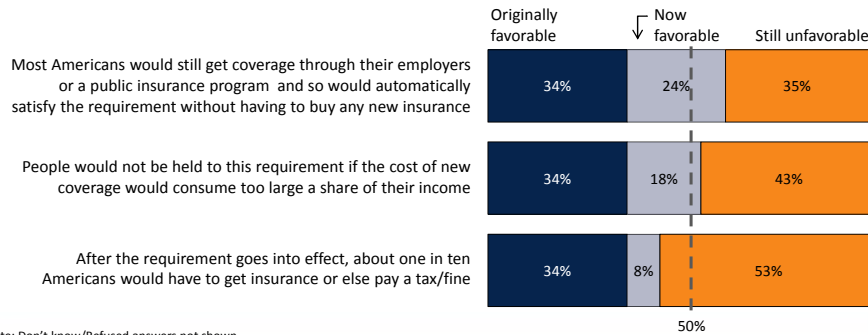
## Some Arguments Move Opinion On Individual Mandate

The health reform law will require nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine/tax. Would you say you feel favorable or unfavorable about that?



ASKED OF THOSE WHO HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF THE INDIVIDUAL MANDATE:  
What if you heard that... Would you still have an unfavorable view of that requirement or would you now have a favorable view?

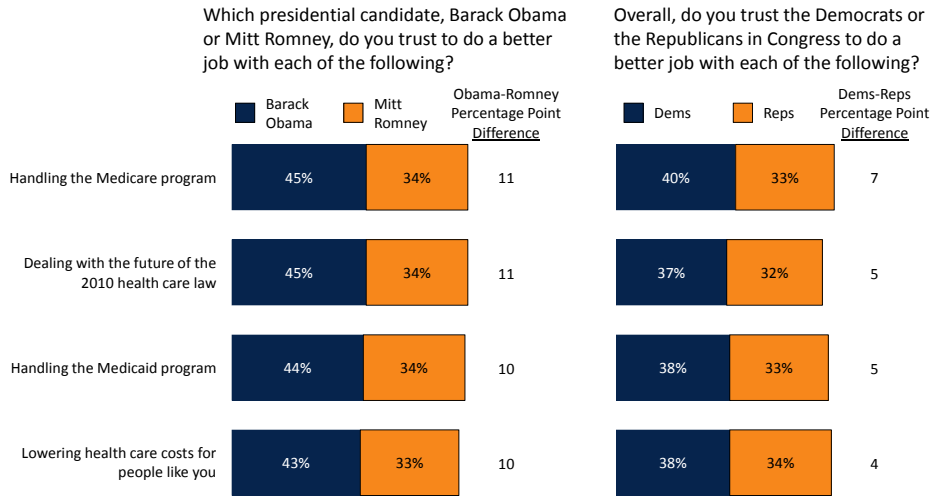
Results for total after follow-up argument:



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## Which Candidate, Party Trusted To Handle Health Policy Issues?



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## Methodology

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* is the second 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 July 17-23, 2012, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,227 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 (703) and cell phone (524, including 292 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.

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