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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: July 2012

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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). 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	Weighted
Gender		
Male	53.2%	49.5%
Female	46.8%	50.5%
Age		
18-24	9.2%	11.7%
25-34	13.9%	17.1%
35-44	12.7%	16.6%
45-54	20.0%	18.6%
55-64	20.3%	16.4%
65+	21.3%	17.2%
Education		
Less than HS Grad.	6.8%	11.2%
HS Grad.	27.0%	33.4%
Some College	24.4%	24.8%
College Grad.	40.6%	29.4%
Race/Ethnicity		
White/not Hispanic	74.1%	68.1%
Black/not Hispanic	7.8%	11.0%
Hisp - US born	7.2%	6.4%
Hisp - born outside	3.5%	5.9%
Other/not Hispanic	5.5%	6.6%
Party Identification		
Democrat	27.6%	28.9%
Independent	36.4%	35.6%
Republican	27.5%	25.0%
Other	5.5%	6.7%

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 13 percent for the landline sample and 12 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
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
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						
	07/12	25	32	37	--	6
	05/12	23	31	37	--	9
	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?"

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		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
b.	The country as a whole					
	07/12	35	41	18	--	7
	05/12	34	35	20	--	11
	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
c.	Your state					
	07/12	33	40	19	--	9
	05/11	34	39	18	--	8
d.	Lower income Americans					
	07/12	45	32	16		6
	03/12	49	28	17	--	6
	11/11	49	28	16	--	7
	05/11	52	29	14	--	5
	02/11	51	29	18	--	3
	01/11	48	27	21	--	4
	09/10	60	21	14	--	5
	04/10	64	19	9	--	8

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		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/Refused
e. Middle class Americans	07/12	30	42	23	--	6
	03/12	30	42	19	--	9
	11/11	31	37	25	--	7
	05/11	31	38	25	--	5
	02/11	32	40	24	--	5
	01/11	27	42	27	--	4
	09/10	38	38	18	--	7
	04/10	34	36	21	--	8
f. The uninsured	07/12	47	29	16	--	8
	03/12	51	24	16	--	9
	01/12	53	25	14	--	8
	11/11	51	23	17	--	9
	08/11	49	20	22	--	9
	05/11	55	25	15	--	5
	09/10	57	20	15	--	8
	04/10	67	15	10	--	8

3. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? They should expand the law, they should keep the law as is, they should repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative, (or) they should repeal the law and not replace it? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4, 4-1. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	Expand law	Keep law as is	Repeal and replace with Republican alternative	Repeal and NOT replace	Don't know/Refused
07/12	24	21	23	23	10
06/12	28	25	18	20	10
05/12	27	20	18	21	13
03/12	28	19	18	23	12
02/12	35	19	18	19	9
01/12	31	19	18	22	11
12/11	30	20	16	22	11
11/11	32	18	15	24	11
09/11	33	19	16	21	12
07/11	33	20	16	21	10
06/11	31	20	19	19	12
05/11	30	21	19	19	10
04/11	33	19	15	20	14
03/11	30	21	18	21	10
02/11	30	20	19	20	10
01/11	28	19	23	20	10

4. Which comes closer to how you feel about the health care law: (ROTATE 1-3, 3-1)?

	07/12
Your mind is made up and it is very unlikely you will change your opinion of the law	52
You have an opinion on the law, but there's a chance something could change your opinion	26
You haven't really decided how you feel about the law	20
Don't know/Refused	1

ROTATE Q5 and Q6

5. When lawmakers who oppose the health care law speak out against it, do you think they are doing so more because (they are trying to gain political advantage) or more because (they believe the law is the wrong thing for the country)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	07/12
They are trying to gain political advantage	57
They believe the law is the wrong thing for the country	30
Both equally (VOL.)	7
Other/Neither (VOL.)	1
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5

ROTATE Q5 and Q6

6. When lawmakers who support the health care law speak out in favor of it, do you think they are doing so more because (they are trying to gain political advantage) or more because (they believe the law is the right thing for the country)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	07/12
They are trying to gain political advantage	56
They believe the law is the right thing for the country	29
Both equally (VOL.)	8
Other/Neither (VOL.)	2
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5

7. Which comes closer to your view: (READ AND ROTATE)

	07/12
I'm tired of hearing lawmakers debate the health care law and would like them to move on to other issues	54
I think it is important for lawmakers to continue the debate over the health care law	44
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	2

8. 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?

	07/12	05/12	05/11	04/11	03/11	02/11	01/11
Approve of cutting off funding	35	32	33	30	30	34	33
Disapprove of cutting off funding	56	58	63	64	64	61	62
Don't know/Refused	8	9	4	6	6	5	5

9. As you may know, last month the Supreme Court ruled that the health care law is constitutional, upholding most of its provisions. Do you approve or disapprove of the Court's decision in this case?

	07/12	06/12 ⁴
Approve	45	47
Disapprove	47	43
Don't know/Refused	8	10

⁴ June 2012 trend wording was "(Though not everyone has had a chance to hear about it/As you noted), the Supreme Court recently decided to uphold the health care law. Do you approve or disapprove of the Court's decision in this case?"

10. Overall, how would you say you feel about the Court's decision? Would you say you feel (ROTATE ORDER 1-4, 4-1)?

	07/12	06/12
Angry	15	17
Disappointed but not angry	35	29
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	31	28
Enthusiastic	12	18
Some other emotion (VOL.)	3	3
Don't care (VOL.)	2	2
Don't know/Refused	3	3

11. 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? (ROTATE WORDS IN PARENTHESES)

	07/12	06/12
More likely to vote	19	22
Less likely to vote	3	2
Doesn't really change plans for voting	74	70
Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote (VOL.)	3	3
Don't know/Refused	1	2

ROTATE Q12 AND Q13

12. Does this decision by the Supreme Court make you more likely to vote for (Barack Obama) for president this November, more likely to vote for (Mitt Romney), or does it not really change your plans for who to vote for?

	07/12
More likely to vote for Barack Obama	19
More likely to vote for Mitt Romney	21
Doesn't really change plans for who to vote for	54
Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	2

ROTATE Q12 AND Q13

13. Does this decision by the Supreme Court make you more likely to vote for the (Democratic) candidate for Congress in your district this November, more likely to vote for the (Republican) candidate, or does it not really change your plans for who to vote for?

	07/12
More likely to vote for Democratic candidate	18
More likely to vote for Republican candidate	18
Doesn't really change plans for who to vote for	60
Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	2

14. Which comes closer to your view? Now that the Supreme Court has ruled to uphold the health care law, opponents of the law should (READ AND ROTATE)...

	07/12	06/12
Continue trying to block the law from being implemented	37	38
Stop their efforts to block the law and move on to other national problems	58	56
Don't know/Refused	5	7

15. 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?) Next, (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

Item a based on half sample A (n=612)

Item b based on half sample B (n=615)

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
a. The law will require nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a fine						
	07/12	16	16	15	51	2
	04/12	15	16	17	51	1
b. The law will require nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a tax						
	07/12	18	19	14	47	3
a/b. Summary based on total: The law will require nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a fine/tax						
	07/12	17	17	14	49	2
c. The law will expand the existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults						
	07/12	41	26	14	16	4
	04/12	36	30	15	17	3
	03/12	36	34	12	15	3
	11/11 ⁵	34	35	13	13	6
d. The law will create health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where small businesses and people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits						
	07/12	39	32	12	13	4
	12/11	42	37	10	9	2
	06/10	54	33	4	7	2
e. The law will provide financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage						
	07/12	41	29	13	14	3
	03/12	43	28	10	15	4
	11/11	44	31	11	12	2

16. When the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance or else pay a (IF HALF SAMPLE A: fine/IF HALF SAMPLE B: tax) goes into effect in 2014, do you expect to have to pay that (IF HALF SAMPLE A: fine/IF HALF SAMPLE B: tax), or not?

	07/12 Total	Half sample A ("fine")	Half sample B ("tax")
Yes, expect to pay fine/tax	19	12	26
No, do not expect to pay fine/tax	77	84	70
Don't know/Refused	4	4	4

⁵ November 2011 trend wording for this item was "The law will expand the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children."

17. Earlier you said that you have an unfavorable opinion of the requirement that nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 get it or else pay a (IF HALF SAMPLE A: fine/IF HALF SAMPLE B: tax). What if you heard that (INSERT AND ROTATE)? Would you still have an unfavorable view of requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or would you now have a favorable view of that requirement?

Based on those who have an unfavorable view of individual mandate (n=759)

		Still unfavorable	Now favorable	Don't know/Refused
a. Most Americans would still get coverage through their employers or a public insurance program and so would automatically satisfy the requirement without having to buy any new insurance	07/12	55	38	7
	12/11 ⁶	51	42	6
b. After the requirement goes into effect, about one in ten Americans would have to get insurance or else pay a (IF HALF SAMPLE A: fine/IF HALF SAMPLE B: tax)	07/12	83	12	5
c. People would not be held to this requirement if the cost of new coverage would consume too large a share of their income	07/12	68	28	4

Summary of Q15a/Q15b and Q17a based on total

	07/12
Favorable towards requiring nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a fine/tax	58
Originally	34
Once heard argument (Most Americans would still get coverage through their employers or a public insurance program and so would automatically satisfy the requirement without having to buy any new insurance)	24
Still unfavorable towards requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance	35
Don't know/Refused	6

Summary of Q15a/Q15b and Q17b based on total

	07/12
Favorable towards requiring nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a fine/tax	42
Originally	34
Once heard argument (After the requirement goes into effect, about one in ten Americans would have to get insurance or else pay a fine/tax)	8
Still unfavorable towards requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance	53
Don't know/Refused	5

Summary of Q15a/Q15b and Q17c based on total

	07/12
Favorable towards requiring nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a fine/tax	52
Originally	34
Once heard argument (People would not be held to this requirement if the cost of new coverage would consume too large a share of their income)	18
Still unfavorable towards requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance	43
Don't know/Refused	5

⁶ December 2011 trend wording for this item was "Under the reform law, most Americans would still get coverage through their employers and so would automatically satisfy the requirement without having to buy any new insurance"

18. Thinking about the provision in the health care law that will require nearly all Americans who don't have health insurance as of 2014 to get it or else pay a (IF HALF SAMPLE A: fine/IF HALF SAMPLE B: tax). What if you heard that the (IF HALF SAMPLE A: fine/IF HALF SAMPLE B: tax) for not having health insurance would start off at about \$100 per person and eventually be about \$700 per person. Would that make you feel (more favorable) or (less favorable) about the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance, or does it not make a difference either way? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	7/12 Total	Half sample A ("fine")	Half sample B ("tax")
More favorable	11	10	13
Less favorable	53	56	50
Doesn't make a difference	32	31	34
Don't know/Refused	4	4	4

READ: 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 ...

19. How important for you and your family is the Medicaid program, which may also be known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME]? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	07/12	06/12	05/11	01/11 ⁷
Very important	35	38	27	39
Somewhat important	17	18	22	20
Not too important	13	13	18	16
Not at all important	33	30	31	23
Don't know/Refused	2	1	2	2

20. Please tell me if each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you feel the Medicaid program is important for you and your family. First, (RANDOMIZE ITEMS). [Read first time, then as necessary: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why Medicaid is important for you and your family?]

Based on those who say Medicaid is 'very' or 'somewhat' important (n=574)

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know/ Refused
a. You or someone you know has received health coverage through Medicaid	07/12	65	17	17	1
	05/11	58	22	18	1
b. You or someone you know has received nursing home or long-term care services paid for by Medicaid	07/12	49	18	33	1
	05/11	43	22	32	3
c. You think that you or someone in your family may need to rely on Medicaid benefits in the future	07/12	69	16	14	1
	05/11	63	24	12	1
d. You like knowing that the Medicaid program exists as a safety net to protect low-income people who can't afford needed care	07/12	78	16	5	2
	05/11	71	21	7	2

⁷ January 2011 trend wording was "How important for you and your family is Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children?"

21. If you were uninsured, needed health care, and qualified for Medicaid, would you enroll in the Medicaid program, or not?

	07/12	05/11	05/05 ⁸
Yes	79	81	78
No	16	15	17
Don't know/Refused	5	3	6

22. 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? (READ AND ROTATE)

	07/12
Keep Medicaid as it is today, with no new funding from the federal government and no change in who will be covered by the program (or)	43
Expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people, with the federal government initially paying the entire cost of the expansion and your state eventually paying 10 percent	49
Other/Neither (VOL.)	2
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6

23. 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?

Based on those who want to keep Medicaid as it is today (n=566)

	07/12
Still prefer to keep Medicaid as it is today	72
Prefer to expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	23
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5

Summary of Q22 and Q23 based on total

	07/12
Prefer to expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	59
Originally	49
Once heard argument (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)	10
Still prefer to keep Medicaid as it is today	31
Other/ Neither	2
Don't know/Refused	8

⁸ May 2005 trend wording was "If you needed health care and qualified would you enroll in the Medicaid program, or not?"

24. 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?

Based on those who want to expand Medicaid (n=558)

	07/12
Still prefer to expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	79
Prefer to keep Medicaid as it is today	18
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	3

Summary of Q22 and Q24 based on total

	07/12
Prefer to keep Medicaid as it is today	52
Originally	43
Once heard argument (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)	9
Still prefer to expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	38
Other/ Neither	2
Don't know/Refused	8

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

25. Which presidential candidate, (Barack Obama) or (Mitt Romney), do you trust to do a better job (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (NEXT ITEM)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: Do you trust (Barack Obama) or (Mitt Romney) to do a better job (INSERT ITEM)?]

		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither/Other	Don't know/Refused
a. Dealing with the future of the 2010 health care law	07/12	45	34	2	11	7
	05/12	50	31	1	10	8
b. Handling the Medicaid program	07/12	44	34	2	12	8
c. Handling the Medicare program	07/12	45	34	2	11	8
d. Lowering health costs for people like you	07/12	43	33	2	14	8

26. Overall, do you trust the (Democrats) in Congress or the (Republicans) in Congress to do a better job (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (NEXT ITEM)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: "Do you trust the (Democrats) in Congress or the (Republicans) in Congress to do a better job (INSERT ITEM)?]

		Democrats	Republicans	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't know/Refused
a. Dealing with the future of the 2010 health care law	07/12	37	32	4	20	6
	05/12	38	29	4	19	10
	02/12 ⁹	46	34	2	12	6
b. Handling the Medicaid program	07/12	38	33	4	18	7
c. Handling the Medicare program	07/12	40	33	3	17	6
d. Lowering health costs for people like you	07/12	38	34	3	19	7

⁹ February 2012 trend wording was "Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job dealing with the future of the 2010 health care law?"

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

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	82
Not covered by health insurance	17
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=1,058)

Plan through your/your spouse's employer	55
Plan you purchased yourself	11
Medicare	16
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	8
Some other government program	4
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary D4 and D4a based on total

Covered by health insurance	82
Employer or spouse's employer	45
Self-purchased plan	9
Medicare	13
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	6
Other government program	4
Somewhere else	1
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
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	21
30-49	33
50-64	28
65 and older	17
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Republican	25
Democrat	29
Independent	36
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	7
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	39
Democrat/Lean Democratic	44
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	16

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Democrat	29
Independent Lean Democratic	15
Independent/Don't lean	16
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	25
Undesignated	1

D8e. Would you call yourself a strong (IF D8=2: Democrat/IF D8=1: Republican) or not a very strong (IF D8=2: Democrat/IF D8=1: Republican)?

Summary of D8 and D8e based on total

Republican	25	
Strong		15
Not strong		9
Don't know/Refused		*
Democrat	29	
Strong		18
Not strong		10
Don't know/Refused		*
Independent/Other	46	
Lean Republican		14
Lean Democratic		15
Other/Don't know/Refused		16

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

Liberal	21
Moderate	35
Conservative	38
Don't know/Refused	5

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

Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement	23
No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement	66
Don't know/Refused	10

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

Yes	81
No	18
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=1,071)

Always	57
Nearly always	26
Part of the time	10
Seldom	4
Never vote (VOL.)	2
Other (VOL.)	-
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary D9 and D10 based on total

Yes, registered to vote	81
Always vote	46
Nearly always vote	21
Vote part of the time	8
Seldom vote	3
Never vote (VOL.)	2
Other (VOL.)	-
Don't know how often	*
No, not registered	18
Don't know/Refused	1

D10b. Thinking ahead to the election for president that will be held this November, have you already decided which candidate you will vote for, or have you not yet made up your mind?

Decided who to vote for	63
Have not made up mind	30
Don't plan on voting (VOL.)	7
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)	8
High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	29
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	5
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	25
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)	11
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	68
Total non-White	30
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	12
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	3
Undesignated	2

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

Based on Hispanics (n=115)

U.S.	45
Puerto Rico	7
Another country	48
Don't know/Refused	-

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	11
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	15
Don't know/Refused	11

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

Trend Information:

- 06/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Early Reaction to Supreme Court Decision on the ACA* (June 28-30, 2012)
- 05/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 8-14, 2012)
- 04/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 4-10, 2012)
- 03/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 29 – March 5, 2012)
- 02/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 13-19, 2012)
- 01/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (January 12-17, 2012)
- 12/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 8-13, 2011)
- 11/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 10-15, 2011)
- 11/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 13-18, 2011)
- 09/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 7-12, 2011)
- 08/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 10-15, 2011)
- 07/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 13-18, 2011)
- 06/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 9-14, 2011)
- 05/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 12-17, 2011)
- 04/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 7-12, 2011)
- 03/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 8-13, 2011)
- 02/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 8-13, 2011)
- 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)
- 10/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 5-10, 2010)
- 09/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 14-19, 2010)
- 08/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 16-22, 2010)
- 07/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 8-13, 2010)
- 06/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 17-22, 2010)
- 05/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 11-16, 2010)
- 04/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 9-14, 2010)
- 05/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser 2005 Medicaid Survey* (April 1-May 1, 2005)



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